

Harold Washington a Product of this Community; Grand Boulevard

"Not only could he (Washington) speak the King's English, but he had a working knowledge of the 47th Street dialect. Oh, yes he could... He never left home."

Rev. B. Herbert Martin, Mayor Washington's Pastor, Progressive Baptist Church, 48th Wabash



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

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

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

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

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

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Daley Introduces Empowerment Zone Ordinance

South-Side Representatives Question the Bottom-up Theory

Chicago took an important step toward implementation of its Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) plans with the introduction today by Mayor Daley and ten alderman representing the three EZ areas of an



Mayor Richard Daley

ordinance that would establish a governance structure for managing the EZ/EC program. The ordinance is based on the recommended structure proposed last week by the interim Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Coordinating Council, an advisory body to the City composed of community and business leaders, and City officials.

Mayor Daley thanked the interim Coordinating Council for its recommendation and for its months of hard work and cooperation. "I'm supportive of the Coordinating Council's recommendation," said

mayor Daley. "This ordinance is the direct result of an unprecedented collaborative effort among community residents, businesses and all levels of government."

However, the reaction from the community organizations was not one of celebration. Pat Marsh, WECAN, declined to comment on the ordinance but could not contain her dismay over the apparent disregard for the "Bottoms Up" process.

Daley continued, "As you know, an ordinance was introduced in the City Council today which, if enacted, would create the structure for a permanent Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Coordinating Council (EZ/EC CC). The ordinance supports the structure recommended by the EZ/EC CC and is a tribute to our many months of hard work and dedication in a collaborative process to move the EZ/EC initiative forward.

The ordinance would establish a permanent Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Coordinating Council of 39 mem-

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CHA Resident Management:

A Wave of the Future for CHA residents.

Dearborn/Wentworth Homes make the move,
Taylor Homes uncertain

Karen Brazil-Brashears
SSJ Staff Writer

The Dearborn Homes Resident Management Corporation (DHRMC) and Wentworth Gardens Management Corporations (WGRMC) charts a promising course for its residents while the future of Robert Taylor Homes is a cause for concern.

As 19 Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) developments city-wide are involving into Resident Management corporation activities. It seems the direction of CHA will neither be private or residents management.

In Ida B. Wells the development has four private management agencies there and the 706 E. 36th building is going to resident management.

Dearborn Homes residents entered into contact for full management of their development in February of this year. According to Naomi McMiller, President of the DHRMC, the resident management program at Dearborn Homes was years in the making and was preceded by tenant councils established to maintain and improve various buildings.

Not far from Dearborn Homes, west of the Dan Ryan a dual resident managed process is taking place at Wentworth Gardens on 39th and Wentworth. They will start their resident management training this May.

Marcella Carter, the director of



Residents of Wentworth Gardens are ready to "Rock and Roll", in the dual residents management role to take place in May as a Resident Management Corporation. Standing left to right are, Anni Steward; Tecoa Butler, Outreach and Membership Committee; Mary Rias, Chairman of Outreach and management; and Marcella Carter, Director of RGRMC.

WGRMC says "We are ready to Rock and Roll". Ms. Carter added that, "We have been working at this since 1989, it's been hard, but it's here."

WGRMC will go in training to manage 422 units with a staff of four to six people and maintenance people. A training process that will take one year before they take full management responsibility.

At Dearborn there will be forty-two positions on the DHRMC staff, several of which will be reserved for residents. There are 2,045 residents and all are members of the Resident Management Corporation.

The RMC collects rents and signs contracts. McMiller stated that Dearborn Homes has been a

"relatively safe development" compared to its much larger neighbor, Taylor Homes. Dearborn Homes is a mid-high rise development with long-term residents. McMiller attributes Dearborn Homes progress to its smaller size, higher percentage of employed residents and low vacancy rate.

Constructed in 1962, Taylor Homes presents a stark contrast to Dearborn Homes which was built in 1949. Taylor Homes is comprised of 28 sixteen-story buildings with a total of 4,419 units. Recent CHA data show that there are 12,320 residents in Taylor Homes. Twenty-one percent of the units are vacant and 4.3% of the households have one

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Alcohol Awareness Month

As the Illinois Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) has declared April, Alcohol Awareness Month throughout the State of Illinois. In September of 1994, at Lake Park Place on 39th & Lake Park over 40 community residents and agency representatives met for 2 days developing a Strategic Plan for Drug Prevention completing strategic plan to the Dept. of Public Health for insertion into a City-Wide Strategic Plan. The plan present effective solutions to the problems that alcohol and drugs caused in the Mid-South communities.

Phillip Hampton, Assistant Director of UJIMA in Kenwood and a member of the CEPADA coalition, said, "Widespread abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs has contributed to many of the social ills that are present in our communities. This horrifying fact alone supports the need for comprehensive, action-oriented, community

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Taking part in the planning for Alcohol Awareness Month in the Mid-South communities and beyond are left, Pierre Clark, David Lilly of the Brass Foundation, Lewis Wright, and Al Kindle of 4th Ald. Preckwinkle's office.

The UnZip

By Jabar

No it is not true Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (4) is not running for Con. Bobby Rush seat. That just may be Ald. Haithcock (2).

Brothers on the corner better get to some of Empowerment Zone meetings. If the Black Stone Rangers and Ollie North can get some Government money surely good citizens with a worthy cause can....with a worthy cause.

Ed Gardner of Soft Sheer was seen on 46th and King Drive in his 4x4 dressed casual talking on his mobile phone.

Following-up from last issue UnZip, Washington Park community organizations are developing into a power base as their neighboring communities Woodlawn and Grand Boulevard. Joining forcing under the same roof at 231 E. 55th St. as the Washington Park Empowerment Center are Washington Park Community Coalition, Crusaders for Justice, New Structure Organization, Washington Park Advisory Council and Joe Tillman as the Research Network.

Finally.. This one for the State Lottery people from SSI.- An African American has won the Lotto, while out for a stroll he stopped at the store on 78th and Cottage Grove and purchased a quick pik lottery ticket making him the sole winner of a \$2 million dollar prize... not in Mid-South area, but congratulation..now how about an ad Lottery folks.

Is State Senator Margaret Smith or State Rep Lou Jones going to run for reelection, someone really wants to know. Because two of them can only be beat if they run for each others seat.

Farewell to the president of Armour Square Senior Housing president on 32nd and Wentworth. Confirmed to a wheel chair his moves represented the tenants of his building well. John DeVough you have more work to do.

No word on SSI Photographer Donna Hodge trip to Germany yet, however she's in Floria now and look for her on Cable Access Ch. 19, Thursday 30, 7:30 pm....and Ald. Dorothy Tillman should be glad to know SSI publisher is out of town as well.

No pictures from former 20th ward candidate, Helen Latimore of people unzipping in cars on 61st and Ingleside.

Surprising, Eddie Read, sitting in for Lu Palmer on WVON is more objective on the radio than Lu. A place many would prefer him oppose to on the streets.

Community Brief

Crusaders of Justice Community

Contractors work held up Rev. Joe Bell, director of the Crusaders of Justice is charging Omar Shaiff a contractor and president of the African American Contractors Association with foul play on work done at 53rd and King Drive. Reports from Rev. Bell is that Shreiff did not complete said construction work that other ethnics had to come in and complete the job due to Shaiff slow performance. Bell charged that SHAiffT underpaid community workers and received.

Teacher Recruitment African Teacher Corps of the Council of Independent Black Institutions (CIBI) is currently recruiting teacher candidates for the 1995-96 school year. Experienced teachers, prospective college graduates and other interested candidates should be willing to attend a CIBI Teacher Training Institute. Applications and further information can be obtained from the: CIBI Public Relations Office 846 East 100th Place Chicago, IL 60628 Attn.: African Teacher Corps.

"The Community Reserves The Right To Preserve, Record And Document Our History"

The Sutherland Community Arts Initiative (SCAI) and Travel's & Immigrants Aid (TIA) have developed a Mural project for the Sutherland's Ballroom entrance space. The members of SCAI, as artists, who are involved with developing cultural programming, feel that a mural depicting the jazz music history of the Sutherland would be an appropriate addition to this historic site.

The artists committed to the project include; muralist, Keila Smith and painters, Arlene Turner-Crawford, Chester Smith and photographer, Eseti Ray.

TIA and SCAI have already established a Special Project Bank account for this effort. They are seeking contributions for the project through the solicitation of contributions. Businesses, organizations, agencies and individuals can contribute, any amount. \$100 or more- your name or organization's name will be listed on a plaque to be mounted by the finished mural. \$50. or more- Two (2) tickets to "Jazz Fest 95". \$25. or more- your choice of a Print or CD signed by the artist. Under \$25. our undying gratitude and appreciation. Checks should be made payable to SCAI Special Projects. Contribution are tax-deductible.

Entrepreneur's Club

The Entrepreneur's Club is continuing with its monthly success

solutions (TM) networking event on Tuesday's event will be Mr. Julius Washington, VP Community Business Development for Bank of America. The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) is reemphasizing cooperative economics as part of its 60-year anniversary celebration. Success solution utilize information as a key to wealth for entrepreneurs. By sharing money making ideas and news, entrepreneurs build on past achievements. The club believe strengthening individuals entrepreneurs assures long-term growth and stability for all businesses. Reciprocity is a blueprint for business/community relations. The networking is at the Cotton Club. For ticket information contact Dani's LTD., at 312-274-6414.

Streets & Sanitation crews will be making a special push this spring to remove graffiti on traffic signs with a new cleaning solution as part of Mayor Daley's "Graffiti Blasters" program. Commissioner Eileen Carey urged local residents to report such vandalized signs by calling Daley's anti-graffiti 24-hour hotline at 744-5000.

The South Area District of the Boy Scouts and the Museum of Science and Industry Sponsoring Pinewood Derby, an annual car race for scouts of all ages. Scouts will race their custom built 5 ounce wooden cars along a 32-foot racing track and compete for district prizes. The event will also serve as a membership drive for young boys ages 5-12. The South Area District and the Museum of Science and Industry invite all families to come out.

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Calendar of Events



April

Thur. 13

Music by the Imperial Del Maracas special program by Sultan A. Latif "genetic Memory" author of "Psychic Trauma" The Scene at the Sutherland will take place every Thursday at The Historic Sutherland Ballroom 4659 S. Drexel Blvd. 7 to 11pm, followed by an open mic segment. Free Admission Sponsored by: Sutherland Community Arts Initiative & Travellers and Immigrants Aid.

Jackson Park Present A Speech Tournament Age Groups: 10 & Under 3-5 minutes 11-13 14-15 5-10 minutes 16-17 10-15 minutes 5:30 p.m. 6401 S. Stony (312) 747-6187 contact: Van Jackson

The Easter Bunny visits King Center, 2:30 pm - 5 pm 43rd S. Cottage Grove Ave.

Sat. 29

Washington Park Community Coalition There Is A Job To Be Done It's Up To You And Me To Make This Better Community issues that need our attention *Empowerment Zone Monies *Superstation Design and Usage *Improved Education and Recreation *Landmark Status and Environment *Better Housing and Jobs Where: Washington Park Fieldhouse 5531 S. King Dr. Time: 2:00 p.m.

Sat. 15

Crusaders of Justice regular community meeting at 12 noon, at Holiness Temple Church 56th & Indiana. Every Saturday.

Support for Sexual Assault Survivors Share your fears and feelings, give and receive support and gain new control over your life 10:30 - 12 noon for Adults 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Adolescents Harris YWCA 6200 S. Drexel 955-3100 ext. 36. This group is for

women only and there is no charge. Every Saturday.

Mon. 17

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.

New Structure Organization

weekly meeting begins at 6:30 PM at 5659 S. Indiana Ave. Call J. Thomas at 324-5256.

Tues. 18

Mid-South Planning and Development Commission's Committee Meeting at the King Center 4314 So. Cottage Grove begins at 6:30 p.m. Every 3rd Tues.

Task Force for Black Political Empowerment meets at Inner City

Studies, 39th and Oakwood. Every Tuesday

Freedom Now Center holds its weekly meeting at 6359 So. Cottage Grove.

The Harris YWCA Invites You To Come Rolling On The River on the Empress Riverboat Casino. \$18.50 fee covers round trip, transportation, entry fee, continental breakfast, and lunch. Proceeds to benefit the YWCA's Activity department.

Wed. 19

Washington Park Advisory Council meeting at Washington Park Field House on 55th and King Drive. Every 3rd Wednesday

South Cluster Empowerment Zone meeting at Inner City Studies. 39th and Oakwood. 6:30 pm. Every Wednesday.

Sat. 22

Behold Of Faith Missionary Baptist Church 1651 West

63rd Street Chicago, IL 60617 Present The Spiritualities at the Grand Ballroom 6351 South Cottage

Sun. 23

The Ada S. McKinley Community Services will dedicate a monument on honor of Ada McKinley, social worker, visionary, advocate for the poor and funder of Ada S. McKinley community services at Oak Woods Cemetery, 1035 E. 67th St. Services 3:pm, Recept. 4:40 - 6:30. at the DuSable Museum, 740 East 56th Place. RSVP by April 17

Tues. 25

West Woodlawn Council of Block Clubs Beat 321 meeting at Parkway Community House, 500 E. 67th St. 7:00 pm. Meets 4th Tues. of each month. For information call T. Harris 493-1306 &

3rd District 747-7004 for other meeting dates

Wed. 26

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

Next issue: South Street Journal, Deadline for material is May 11, 1995

SSJ will publish notices of community meetings, events and programs. Any organization or person in the SSJ circulation area may submit material. We will print others as it relate to the area. Send material one week in advance to SSJ 4305 S.

King Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60653. We reserve the right to refuse and edit material.

Sat. 29

South Street Journal board of Advisors meeting, for information call Hildre Carter 924-0461.

Washington Park Community Coalition,

addressing issues on Empowerment Zone, "EI" Superstation, Education & Recreation, Landmark Status, Housing and Jobs, at the Washington Park Fieldhouse, 5531 S. King Dr. 2 pm. Held last Sat. of each month.

May

Tues. 2

Mid south Planning and Development Commission, General meeting,

South Street Journal

Photo View

This month is Harold Washington Birthday. What are your memories of him and how you see the community today?



He was a great leader, a great speaker he was the first Black Mayor who beat the system. We have no leaders for mayor all have is the Washington Party to remind us. But that is not enough we need another Harold Washington. Eugene Geno & Sams Shoe Repair 47th & Vinesses



How together as a people were we also focused as a group. We have no leaders we can rally behind. Dr. William J. Williams (D.D.S.) 54 & Wentworth

Alderman Madeline Haithcock Successfully Met Geraldine Laury's

Laury's challenge for the Second Ward aldermanic seat in the April 4, 1995, run-off election was close with Haithcock receiving 5,334 votes. Laury, a political unknown, was able to garner 4,339 votes. The 6,644 votes cast for mayoral candidates show that hundreds of second ward residents chose not to vote in that category. Whether Alderman Haithcock will run against Congressman Bobby Rush for Second Ward Committeeman or support another candidate has not yet been decided, according to Mary Turner, spokesperson for the alderman. It is well known that Alderman Haithcock was once a protegee of Congressman Rush.

Evidence that she is no longer in his camp was shown by Laury's challenge for Haithcock's seat. Laury is a sister of the Congressman. Recently, Congressman Rush was the sole Illinois Democrat appointed to the House Commerce Committee. Chicago political and business leaders realize that the appointment can bring economic stimulus and job development to the first Congressional District and Second Ward.

Haithcock and Rush voice similar concerns for jobs and economic development as well as adequate and affordable housing for constituents. Can they work together? They will have to as a result of the Republican-dominated Congress passage of the "Contract on America" cutting federal spending for housing for the poor and other programs that will affect mid-south side residents in the First Congressional District and Second Ward. The alderman will have to take a second look at her plans for improving ABLA and Rockwell Gardens public housing developments. Housing shortages will also be affected by the spill-over into the second ward of tenants displaced in the federal court sanctioned demolition of Henry Horner Homes.



Photo by Eric Werner

Grand Boulevard—April 12, 1995—Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) put its money where the community is, depositing \$150,000 into Illinois Service Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago, the only savings and loan association to be founded, owned and managed by African Americans. Standing from left to right are Thelma J. Smith, president and CEO, Illinois Service Federal; Lew Collens, president, Illinois Institute of Technology; and Gwendolyn P. Robinson, executive vice president and coo, Illinois Service Federal.

Illinois Of Institute of Technology Invests \$150,000 In Its Community

Grand Boulevard—Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) is putting its money where its community is, depositing \$150,000 in Illinois/Service Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago (ISF), the only savings and loan association in Illinois to be founded, owned and managed by African Americans.

Since its inception in March 1934, ISF, located at 4619 S. King Drive, has built a reputation as a strong resource management institution, maintaining high liquidity and profitability for its 14,000-member customer base.

The deposit is part of IIT's effort to help revitalize Chicago's Near and Mid-South side. Through IIT's vision and a McCormick Tribune Foundation grant, the Mid-South Planning Group was formed. This group has grown to involve area community organizations, development corporations, other academic and medical institutions, the City of Chicago, and historic preservation groups.

IIT, along with the Homebuilders Association of Chicago, organized the nation's first Urban Parade of Homes in 1992. That initiative, which

now serves as a model for similar programs across the city, has resulted in over 30 new homes in the Gap community near IIT, representing an investment of over \$5 million dollars. In addition, the university hosts community events such as local science fairs, tutoring programs, and trade fairs to help minority, female, and small business owners learn about IIT contract and purchasing procedures. The trade fair has resulted in over \$2 million worth of contracts being awarded to minority and female-owned businesses.

"We believe that there is a strong interdependent relationship between the university and our neighbors. By adhering to a philosophy of cooperation, we can continue to strive and successfully work toward a future of shared growth and achievement on the Near and Mid-South Side," says IIT President Lew Collens.

"The deposit from IIT symbolizes a joining of like missions; a common bond in fulfilling the dreams of people, ISF in home ownership and IIT in education," says Thelma Smith, ISF president and chief executive officer. "We believe that IIT's investment in ISF is a reinvestment in building successful South Side communities—constituencies we both serve."

IIT is a private teaching and research university dedicated to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education in technology and the professions with programs in engineering, law architecture, design, liberal arts, science, and business.

Wendell Phillips Family /Community Resource Center

The Youth Consortium of Greater Grand Boulevard has been awarded one of the six Youthnet centers in the city of Chicago. This presents a unique opportunity for this collaborative organization to offer a comprehensive range of services to youth between the ages of 10 and 18 and their

families. The 2nd Ward Police District Youthnet will be located within the Grand Boulevard Community. The center will be called Wendell Phillips Family and Community Resource Center and will be open initially on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. During the week of Spring Break, April 17-21, we will be providing a myriad of activities for youth and their families throughout the community. All activities will occur between 1-5 pm each day.

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Harris YWCA Addresses Senior Needs With Adult Day Care

Adult day care at the Harris YWCA is a structured program of coordinated social and health services in a group setting. It provides direct care and supervision to persons aged 60 years and over, who due to physical, social or mental impairments require a community based service. It is an alternative to premature nursing home placement.

The program currently serves 32 senior citizens, 26 female and 6 male ranging in age from 70 to 97 years old..

The Adult day care program is funded by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), The Department of Agriculture and the YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

Clients are typically from an area of the city bounded by 79th Street on the South, 43rd Street on the north, Lake Michigan on the east and State Street on the west. Current clients must meet IDOA programs eligibility requirements. Those requirements include being a moderate income senior with some level of impairment preventing the person from living independently. This is especially important as people's life spans increase.

The goal of providing quality care is actualized by a professionally trained staff. From Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 5:30pm, they assist the clients with reality orientation, daily living tasks, spiritual enrichment, body conditioning, table games, arts and crafts and outdoor activities when weather permits. Most importantly it offers these seniors the chance to interact with other persons their own age in a supervised pleasant environment. A nutritionally balanced lunch and snack foods complete the well-rounded program.

Charlotte Dunn says of the program, "I really enjoy the friendly and professional staff and the relationships that I have formed with some of the other seniors here at the YWCA".

The programs also offers an identification component which is connected with the Chicago Police Department, where the clients wear bracelets with an number inscribed which will allow the client to be easily identified as a client with the Adult Day Care Program.

The Program is designed to encourage active interesting life experiences and to nurture the potential of each participant, to enhance the over all quality of life and to provide information, referral and follow-up services to the participants and their

families. Transportation is another issue that has been confronted at the YWCA for the seniors. Transportation is provided for the clients via RTA Special Services. Providing curb service to and from their homes the clients must be certified by RTA to qualify for free transportation.

Senior Adult day care is a cost effective humane care method for the elderly. As America ages the need for this type of programming will increase.

The Harris Ywca has operated its program for twelve years, the participants are affectionately referred to as the Harris Seniors. Their success is validated by the fact that most of the clients continue to come to the center for a period of two years or more.

Theresa Mims, the program director has been with the program since its inception in 1982, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in human services. She is often consulted by other organizations wishing to start adult day care programs. The staff is experienced in working with the elderly and meet IDOA educational requirements.

Care for seniors is something that affects everyone since the average life expectancy is 78.3 for women and 71.5 for men. It is projected that one in four Americans will be over 65 by the year 2050. The proportion of older minorities is growing faster

than older white Americans yet their health (minorities) is poorer. According to Newsweek, more than 6 million elderly Americans need help with such basics as getting out of bed, eating, dressing, bathing and using the bathroom. 1.7 million live in nursing homes with an average cost of \$30,000 per person. It is estimated that 25-40% of these people are in nursing homes because



Charlotte Dunn (white sweater) is joined for lunch by several members of the Adult Day Care program at Harris YWCA

their caregivers are unaware of alternatives. Women comprise 75% of those caring for their elderly and more than 50% of women caring for elderly relatives work outside the home. Nearly 40% of women responsible for elderly loved ones are still raising children. 14% of caregivers to elderly have switched from full to part-time jobs 12% have left work force. Another 23% have considered quitting their jobs. Childcare needs are known in advance; caring for the elderly frequently comes on quickly and produces extreme stress.

The vision is to create a dual track adult day care program where the seniors get the respect and individual attention they need. The ideal funding through would come through lobbying for increases in public support and increasing their private support base.

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Third Annual "An Expo for today's Black Woman"

"An Expo for Today's Black Woman," the nation's premiere exposition targeted to all woman of African descent, at McCormick Place, 23rd Street & Lake Shore Drive. A presentation of WVAZ Radio (V103), the Expo was coordinated by creator/producer Merry Green Promotions Group as a celebration of the aspirations and achievements of black women everywhere. Presenting sponsors for 1995 are Walgreens's and Pepsi.

"Our distinguished Advisory Panel exceed the 1994 attendance of over 50,000 people," said Merry Green, Expo producer. "We've expanded considerably in this third year, including the addition of The Healing Tree Pavilion and the Bridal Pavilion. The Expo was more informative and more joyful than ever before."

The Expo presented continuous entertainment, book signing with best-selling authors, and a range of provocative seminars and panel discussions on topics relevant to the Black community. It also was a show case for entrepreneurs and a gathering place for writers, lecturers, educators, and stateswomen.

The Expo will kick-off with '95 GALA Awards Celebration featuring a leading female keynote speaker and live entertainment. Proceeds from the event will go towards a local charity. The '94 GALA featured Susan L. Taylor, Editor-in-Chief featured Susan L. Taylor, Editor-in-Chief of Essence, with proceeds from the event going to People Abused and Battered United (P.A.B.U.). For further info, call (312)360-9000.



Photo by Frank Laos

Taking part of the Expo are members of the Notations, standing far left and right. Also included are Beverly Reed; General Manager of South Street Journal, V103 Radio Personality, Herb Kent (background) and Jeffrey Davis (kneeling) Advertising Manager SSJ. SSJ was present at the Expo with their booth. The Notations are scheduled to perform at the SSJ 2nd Annverary Affair, titled, the UnZip Roast to the Community in September.

Free Training And Job Placement by YMCA Training Alliance

The Training Alliance of Chicago will offer administrative support training courses beginning April 17th and May 8th. Program participants will have the opportunity to obtain proficiency in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, and Lotus 1-2-3. The program curriculum also includes instruction in typing, 10-key calculation, business communications, and customer service training. Upon program completion, on-staff job developers provide participants with professional guidance in carrying out an effective job search, and obtaining employment.

Located in Chicago's Loop, affiliated with the YMCA and funded through the Mayors Office of Employment and Training, the Training Alliance has been an active member of the business community for 20 years.

Recently, The Training Alliance has been selected as a founding member of the CBO-Managed Linkage & Referral Network. "As a member of this on-line network, The Training Alliance will be connected to available employment opportunities, and the staffing needs of local employers, like never before!" Claire O'Grady, Employment Director of the Training Alliance, describes the network as "a powerful tool in a participants job search. This type of networking will give program participants and graduates of the Training Alliance an added edge in an increasingly competitive job market. It is also an ex-

cellent opportunity for employers to advertise their staffing needs to a select market."

Whether you are an employer in need of a professional, computer literate individual to join your organization, or you are someone interested in updating your skills to further your career, you need to contact the Training Alliance of Chicago at (312) 580-1911.

THE PAST AND THE PROMISE



Members of the Douglas/Grand Boulevard community and the Chicago Historical society will hold a landmark exhibition: THE PAST AND THE PROMISE Community Opening. This landmark exhibition is the culmination of a year-long collaboration between the Chicago Historical Society and members of the Douglas/Grand Boulevard community. The public is invited to join in celebrating the past, present, and future of Bronzeville with an afternoon of lively entertainment:

Performance by the DuSable High School Choir, Performance by jazz musician Malachi Thompson, and performance by the Coleman School Band. There will be a presentation of the "Bronzeville Honor Roll" honoring community elders. "Mayor of Bronzeville" competition kick-off. Ribbon-cutting and cake cutting ceremonies. Cake provided by the students of the Dawson Technical Institute. Exhibition preview and videos

Storytelling and craft activities for children.

The event will take place Sunday, April 30, 1995, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Chicago Historical Society, Clark Street at North Avenue. Free Admission after 4:00 p.m. Free bus transportation from several sites in Douglas/Grand Boulevard. To reserve space, call 312/642-5035 ext. 271 before April 24.

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Mid-South Sets Pace for Multi-Cultural Drug and Alcohol Treatment

During a recent presentation at the 21st Annual Third World Conference, Professor Arthur Durant discussed the lack of comprehensive treatment available to African American substance abusers.

Citing the 85 to 90 percent failure rate for African Americans in Alcoholics Anonymous, Dr. Durant maintained that a multi-cultural approach to treatment was necessary to heighten the number of African Americans who complete substance abuse treatment.

Until recently, multi-cultural drug and alcohol treatment has not been readily available to the thousands who suffer from the disease of addiction in the Mid-South Community.

William Green, founding director of the African American Communitarian Project, has developed a Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Prevention C? A? certified

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Hospitals Collaborate To Help Geriatric Patients At RIC At Windermere House

Hyde Park-In a unique collaborative effort between two of the area's leading hospitals, geriatric patients with arthritis or musculoskeletal problems are being seen by doctors from the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) and the University of Chicago Hospitals at an outpatient clinic in Hyde Park.

At RIC at Windermere House, 5548 S. Hyde Park Blvd., team evaluations are given by Daniel Brauner, MD, Mary Lawler, MD, and Joanne Smith, MD.

With an emphasis on care, education and prevention, the medical team evaluates the patient's physical condition and designs a personalized treatment program to accomplish that person's specific goals. The treatment plan addresses not only the physical aspects of a condition but also the psychological and social effects it has on the person's life.

Dr. Brauner, a board-certified rheumatologist and geriatrician, is a faculty member of the Department of General Medicine, University of Chicago Hospitals. Dr. Lawler and Smith, both board-certified physiatrists (Specialists in physical medicine and rehabilitation), are on the medical staff at RIC. They also are clinical faculty members at the University of Chicago Hospitals, Dr. Smith in the Department of General Medicine and Dr. Lawler in the Department of Neurosurgery.

For more information about RIC at Windermere House call (312) 908-9554.



Photo by Joseph Figner

Medical team that evaluates geriatric patients with arthritis or musculoskeletal problems at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) at Windermere House, 55th and Hyde Park Blvd., consists of: (standing from left) Mary Lawler, MD, Daniel Brauner, MD, and Joanne Smith, MD; (seated) Donna McGregor, RN. Drs. Lawler and Smith are members of RIC's medical staff and clinical faculty at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

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Harold Washington: Grand Boulevard

He attended Northwestern law school in 1948.

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

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

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

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

Washington was drafted to run to run as

Mayor at Bethel A.M.E. church on 45th and Michigan. Led by Lu Palmer and the Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC), located on East 37th Street, as well as other organizations in the area, such as the Chicago United Front, the movement for Chicago's first Black Mayor was on full speed.

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

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

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

In the Grand Boulevard Community, streets and sidewalks were suddenly found worthy of repair. Social services were delivered to the community as the

new direction of the city was unfolded. Known as a reformer, his political agenda pulled a city coalition together.

Mature campaign support from Mid-South ward aldermen, (then) Alderman Bobby Rush (2), Dorothy Tillman (3), and Timothy Evans (4), along with other supportive city alderman, helped keep Washington's agenda soaring forward. This three alderman, as conversal as the spit may have been, they worked together to form the Harold Washington Party.

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

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

We miss you, Harold.

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members, a majority of whom will be community residents or representatives of businesses or organizations located in the EZ/EC areas.

All non-governmental members -29 of the 39 members-would be selected via a community driven nomination process. These members would be appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council.

The two main functions of the Council will be to guide the allocation of the \$100 million in Title XX Federal funds and the implementation of the strategic plan that won the designation.

Mayor Daley encouraged the City Council to review quickly this important piece of legislation. "The Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community program is critical to the health and vitality of Chicago's communities and businesses. The passage of this ordinance will allow us to start implementing our projects immediately, creating jobs and a better life for our residents."

Currently, 42 million of the 100 million dollars has been spent on projects already in the planning stage by the city. Of the 42 million only three million has been earmarked for the South Side Cluster of the Empowerment Zone which at 51% is the largest segment

of the three clusters. Pilsen, and Westside will benefit from the bulk of the first round of allocations.

Many Mid-South community leaders expressed outrage and disbelief at the blatant disregard of the South Side Cluster. Eddie Read told South Street Journal, "We are headed towards a police state and monarchy. We now have to resort to other tactics" "I am not surprised at the outcome but, I am surprised at the culpability of our apparent allies." Addressing the city council members who stood with Daley on the ordinance Read said, "There is no one I see mounting a consistent and sustaining charge against Mayor Daley. I don't see a large bloc opposition. The Black Caucus is too little, too late. In fact, I don't see anything they have done." Read concluded, "These are the kind of times where people have to take measure into their own hands. When the people have had enough they will move."

South Street Journal contacted the offices of the city council members serving the Mid-South community, Tillman, Troutman and Preckwinkle were unavailable for comment. Bob Anderson of Haithcock's office (2nd Ward) said, "Everything is still in the negotiation stage this was just the first step." He continued, "They are still working with community organizations to determine the final outcome." Chicago was one of six urban areas designated as an empowerment zone on December

21, 1994 by President Clinton. The EZ/EC program is designed to create jobs and revitalize communities around the country with a combination of Federal funds and tax incentive to businesses.

Greg Longini of the Department of Planning was unavailable for comment, however his assistant Olga Domchenko took down the questions to forward to Mr. Longini.

The \$100M in EZ funds will be used for job training, social service coordination and community investment. The tax incentives are designed to help businesses in the EZ expand and create jobs. City efforts are already underway to apprise businesses

of benefits offered under the EZ program.

Cecilia Butler expressed concern for the plight of the South Side Cluster and is committed to fighting for fair representation of the area.

Chicago also submitted applications for three enterprise communities, but these were not designated by the Federal Government. The City, however, remains committed to these areas and the Ordinance includes representation of the enterprise communities on the Coordinating Council.

Introduction of the ordinance closely follows more than \$3 billion in commitments to the Empowerment Zone by Chicago financial institutions.

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CHA Resident Management

employed member.

While Dearborn Homes initiated self-management, no such program is envisioned for Taylor Homes. Kelly McGrath, an aid to CHA Vince Lane indicated that no redevelopment or resident management plans are anticipated for Taylor Homes. This is despite reports that U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary recently stated that Taylor Homes may not be salvageable. Taylor Homes residents believe that the management failure to make routine repairs is purposeful.

"The city within a city," is how Ethel Washington has resided in Taylor Homes 25 years and is in the second year of her three-year term for President of the Local Advisory Council for the 16 buildings known as Taylor B. Last year, Washington and three other tenants obtained a federal court injunction stopping Chairman Lane from conducting "sweeps" of CHA apartments. Washington maintains that the illegal "sweeps" continue despite the federal court injunction.

A few weeks ago illegal "sweeps" and arrests were made at 4947 South Federal and 4844

South State. Residents say they are called "swoops" now, charging they are victims of criminal mismanagement according to Washington. She places the blame on Chairman Lane whom she calls a "slum

landlord" who is allowing the buildings to deteriorate.

However, supporters of Chairman Lane argue that he is doing a decent job.

Chairman Lane's first contact with CHA occurred when his family migrated to Chicago from their native West Point, Mississippi. He was yet an infant when his parents moved their family into an apartment across the street from the then newly constructed Wentworth Gardens development.

Mayor Eugene Sawyer appointed Lane to the positions of Chairman and Executive Director of CHA. Opponents viewed

Lane's private real estate enterprises as a potential conflict and unsuccessfully demanded that Lane withdraw his involvement. In 1991, Lane relinquished his position as Executive Director of CHA to establish American Community Housing Associates, Inc., (ACHA) through specializing in federally subsidized commercial

and residential projects, Lane became a multi-millionaire.

Washington believes that Resident management for Taylor is far from even consideration, the agenda of Lane is to demolish Taylor

Homes, displace the tenants and redevelop the land for high income residents.

The same concern is shared by Carter at Wentworth. "The people over there (Taylor) need to be aware of the direction coming from Washington D.C." said Carter, "If the residents do not get organized to help themselves, Taylor is going to be demolished". It is predicated that HUD is ex-

pected to cut back a great deal by 1998. Cuts that will effect improvement for the developments.

Ms. Washington would like Taylor management to follow HUD rules and regulations and for Chairman Lane to come to Taylor Homes and talk directly with the residents.

Washington and Dorothy Shelton, the LAC President of Taylor "A" raised the same serious concerns about conditions at Taylor Homes. Both women denounce the recent rash of illegal entries into apartments by police and arrest of residents for criminal trespass to property. Shelton suggested that the harassment is politically motivated with the intent of reducing voter turnout.

Formidable advocates for the rights of Taylor Homes residents, Washington and Shelton unflinchingly state their case. These women identify many accomplishments of Taylor Home residents and show a real pride of place.

Carter states nothing can be better than tenant management. "It was hard work getting to where we are today and it will be tough making it work. But, I feel good about what we are doing," adding that, "Residents are the sole purpose of WGRMC. There is a lot we want to do from youth business programs to total resident input in improving Wentworth Gardens." Carter stress highly, "Tenant management is the direction for public housing, it is a wave of the last effort to establish public housing in Chicago. But what is needed more is the help from the residents here to be part of it."

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Ethel Washington, President of Robert Taylor 'B' see the development as "A city within a city". Washington tenant management at Taylor is not even considers, believing that the CHA intends to demolish Taylor Homes, displace the tenants and redevelop the land for high income residents.

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Smith Bill To Help Identify Cases Of Child Abuse

Springfield—In an effort to identify cases of child abuse, State Senator Margaret Smith (D-Chicago) has introduced legislation requiring funeral home directors and their employees to report suspected incidents of child abuse. "Under the state's Abused and Neglected Child reporting Act, certain professions include health care workers, physicians and coroners," Smith said. "I want to require persons who work at funeral homes to also take such reports, because their jobs are such they may be able to find evidence of abuse that others miss," Smith said. "Their efforts could prevent future cases of abuse from occurring against other children and also could help lead to the punishment of child abusers." Smith said she introduced the legislation on the recommendation of the National Child Safety Network. The legislation, SB 846, is currently awaiting a hearing before the Senate's Judiciary Committee.

Kenner's Employment Training Bill Steamrollered By G.O.P. Fast Track

Thousands of individuals in the state would have benefited from legislation creating the Employment Training Act, but House Republican Leaders refused to call it according to State Representative Howard Kenner (D-Chicago), the bill's chief sponsor. Kenner, miffed at what he sees as brash treatment of Democrats at the hands of Republican Leaders said that they are more interested in passing 'Fast Track' legislation than meaningful bills such as the



House Black Caucus Elects New Officers

The Illinois House Black Caucus recently elected its new officers. The Caucus elected State Representative Coy Pugh (D-10) Chairman. Representative Connie Howard (D-32) and Howard Kenner (D-24) were elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. "We will work together to support or oppose legislation and policies important to the African American community," Pugh stated. "The gains minorities have made over the last forty years are in jeopardy under the new Republican majority. The Caucus will unite and fight to protect the rights of minorities," Kenner said. "In today's political climate it is more important than ever for the Caucus to stand and fight for the concerns of African Americans," Connie Howard said. Priorities for the Caucus includes advocating economic development in urban areas, fighting for increased school funding and ensuring that minorities receive their fair share of state contracts and job

Employment Training Act. "A sizeable number of people lose their jobs every year due to the implementation of new technologies," Kenner said. "The Employment training Act would provide a pool of funds specially dedicated to retrain these people." HB 1772, recently introduced by Kenner, would increase contributions to the unemployment fund by one-tenth of one percent. Revenues generated by the fund would be earmarked to train unemployed individuals in the state. According to the Department of Employment individuals in the state. According to the department of Employment Security, Kenner's measure would secure nearly \$35 Million for the fund. "Republicans with their so called 'Fast Track' are taking children and families off welfare without providing them with alternative program," Rep. Kenner said. "I have offered a positive solution to prepare many of these individuals for employment, but they are refusing to let this bill out for a floor vote." The legislation, HB 1772, is pending in the House of Representative.

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Interview with Sokoni Karenga Providing a Bridge from Youth to Responsibility

By Beverly A. Reed

Photos by Donna Hodge

Dr. Sokoni Karenga, is a man who exemplifies the spirit of humility. It is apparent in the quiet but strong tone of his voice as well as his unwavering belief in the endurance of his people. People he has devoted the past 23 years of his life to creating a strengthened family structure.

It is through the Center for New Horizons that Dr. Karenga, Founder and Director, has work to establish the Nguzo Saba (The Seven Principles) and the Seven Cardinal Virtues of Ma'at in the heart and minds of the African American families that pass through the Center for New Horizons doors. Founded in 1971 CFNH is a culture based education and economic development organization serving over 2,000 families per day.

Born in Topeka Kansas, Karenga received his B.A. in Psychology from Washburn University in 1961. He then went on to acquire three Masters Degrees (Experimental Psychology, Social Work, and Community Planning) and a PhD in Urban Planning & Economics from Brandeis University by 1979.

Dr. Karenga spent two years studying in Tanzania, East Africa and is a former Adlai Stevenson Fellow and is currently a MacArthur Fellow, MacArthur Foundation.

Married to Ayana Karenga they have four daughters and three grandchildren.

Meet Mid-South's quiet storm, Dr. Sokoni Karenga....

Reed: Is Center For New Horizons a social action or social service organization?

Karenga: (laughs) We call it a human and community development method.

Reed: Meaning?

Karenga: What we try to do is put families at the center of every thing that we do, and then deal with all of our human service activities around the family so that the family is strengthened and achieves what we call Kugichagalia (self-reliance). In that sense it is social action and in another sense it is human,

social service. The focus is really about strengthening families and community.

Reed: We understand you are developing an organizing institute. Is that correct?

Karenga: Yes.

Reed: Will the institute be an offshoot of Center For New Horizons?

Karenga: No, it will be an independent organization. It is called the Eugenia Burns Hope Center for the Study and Development of New World Communities.

Reed: How did this endeavor come into existence?

Karenga: Well it's something we've been talking about doing for the last ten years. You see, it is becoming increasingly clear we've got to begin to create opportunities for new leadership in the community. That's what it's all about.

Reed: How does this differ from the plan that some Mid-South ministers along with other city wide leaders (Chicago Metropolitan Sponsors) have announced to implement a six year organizing project.

Karenga: I don't know about that, my focus is to create an institute that will help people develop their skills, their leadership skills, their organizing skills to work in their community to begin to take on leadership roles and implement their responsible interest in their community.

Reed: Where will it be located?

Karenga: Right now we have a temporary location at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Once the Elam House which is located at 4726 So. King Drive is renovated, we will be housed there.

REED: Was the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission originally intended for this purpose?

KARENGA: No, MSPDC's purpose was initially to create a plan for the community a comprehensive community development plan for the Greater Grand Boulevard area that was the original purpose, it was originally called the Mid-South Planning Commission. Once the plan was complete. They changed the name to MSPDC.

REED: The plan was moved from theory to practice?

KARENGA: That is correct.

REED: Was the idea to become involved....

KARENGA: Right, to actually try to implement the plan that had been created.



REED: Is the present state of MSPDC what you had envisioned for it, in terms of community involvement.

KARENGA: Well, one of the things that I say to people is that there a lot of people to help in the transformation of this community and as far as I know there are about 15 maybe 20 collaboration going on in Grand Boulevard. All of them are essential to the end product which is a renewed community where people take responsibility for their own lives. So, the MSPDC makes a contribution by virtue of having completed a plan. Which most communities in this city do not have. That is an outline for how to s??? the community for ????? goals that will hopefully contribute to our revitalization.

REED: A recent survey done by South Street Journal, revealed that the average resident of the Mid-South Community was not aware of the Empowerment Zone relevance in their lives. Would you say that the community organizations failed in their operations as far as getting the information to the residents? Was there a false bottom on this bottoms up process that prevented the residents from being as involved as they should have been.

KARENGA: Well, I think that is probably true of everything that goes on in the community. There are people who are simply not aware of what goes on. One of the responsibilities of any organizations like ours and all the other organizations, is to be about the business of making groups aware of what is going on in the

community. So that they can participate and gain whatever resources that are coming.

You know I am very fearful of the Empowerment Zone, if it is controlled by people who are not the people in the community. (Dr. Karenga had just been informed prior to this interview that Mayor Daley had control of the Empowerment Zone money) What I saw happen in the Sixties is that the money was eventually controlled by the politicians, and the people were not empowered. A lot of agencies benefitted, but not the people.

And so my fear is, that if the vote goes as it appears to have gone, then it will be controlled by the city and people in the community won't have a voice nor will they have a mechanism over time to help in their transformation.

REED: How could this have happened?

KARENGA: I don't know, I don't know but I will get more details and let you know.

Reed: What is the ultimate goal for Center for New Horizons?

Karenga: We focus our interest on families and the strengthening of families, so that those families can contribute to the rebuilding of this community.

Reed: Have you achieved the goals you set out to reach when CFNH began?

Karenga: Well no, as a matter of fact, I think we're worse off than we were in terms of what I envisioned for this community. I think we're in real difficulty and things have been going downhill since the early seventies for the African-American community. Several things have happened, one, a lot of the "middle income" people left the community. Two, crack was introduced into the community during the eighties. Then all of a sudden we've got this wasteland where people sort of ran from here. So we have a very high concentration of people living in public housing and very few homeowners. Also very few people that are gainfully employed. So, in that sense it would seem we have not done our job. The way our program is funded, for example to address education, foster care etc., we are funded to serve the ills, not funded to solve the problem. Its kind of a contradiction we are set up to address some

problems that are set up by a system that has sort of "dissed" the Black man. we are really not funded to address the subject of problems, that's the reason we started talking a long time ago about how do we establish an institute that would get people trained to organize in order to rise up against stuff like what's going on in Washington D.C. I mean we shouldn't be allowing those



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to do that stuff to us, in Washington D.C. or Springfield either. That's the reason I think we haven't done a good job.

Reed: My observation is that you are one of those rare people, who does not equate the success of your organization with the number of grant dollars you receive.

Karenga: Well, we employ a lot of people if that means anything but I mean in terms of impacting how the people in 4120 and all along State Street corridor are living, as far as they are concerned we don't really impact. I don't think the funding is set up for us to allow it.

Reed: Is that by design?

Karenga: Well, you see the way the system is set up it is set up to fund categorical programs. You know like DCFS for children, DASA to address the drug situation, IDPA, that affects folk's rice bowl, you know they get a check once a month, Department of Aging to address the seniors. None of it comes together anyplace to help people solve the problems, build infrastructure within the community, so that you create something. Instead all of the infrastructures are built outside the community. So that we have to put our children that are pushed out of their families someplace, do you know anyplace they can go here? There are very few places, maybe Ada S. McKinley has a couple of spots. Why can't we have those facilities right here? There is no reason, except that its never thought of as being the place to solve the problem, in the community where the kid resides. So they go below, south of I80 to prison or to the suburbs to some Foster Home. That is very devastating in my mind, I mean if we're going to solve these problems, we are going to have to solve them here. And the people here are going to have to provide the leadership and that is what I am hoping the Eugenia Burns Hope Center will allow us to help people to build themselves to the point where they can take control of something.

Reed: What is a leader?

Karenga: I think a leader has a set of values and principles that people understand and she will do whatever that they will do it based on that. That doesn't mean they have to be in front of folks it means they work with folks turn to them because they know they can get the truth.

Reed: In that sense, I think you are just a little bit misinformed about what a leader is. It seems that you are an example.

Karenga: (laughs) You are talking about officials?

Reed: Well, yes actually.

Karenga: I think elected officials are about what it is they are not have a clue as to what they are servants of the people are kings and queens.

Reed: What is your opinion on manipulation and the their portrayal of Brad Pitt?

Karenga: I work in Grand Boulevard going to say, I work in Grand Boulevard. **Reed:** Well our office is in Grand Boulevard and your point is well the Center For New Horizons is a successful organization- you loved that fell through. **Karenga:** We had an election right there? (points to a shelf across it).

Reed: Yes.

Karenga: We started in Grand Boulevard. That was one of the centers that allowed us to get to the point where we can teach them about themselves get letters all the time from the children who are now in college in the public school system.

Reed: What is the purpose of the system?

Karenga: See the real problem is many educators can not read and tell them that they lack patience nor do they have a clue. The result is they do not understand and yet they are the unfortunate and very desperate to do in that situation, children that got pushed around. I am a member at Phillips High School with Mrs. Tucker to me



I think elected officials are just mistaken about what they are supposed to do. They don't have a clue as to what they are supposed to be, they are servants and they view themselves as kings and queens.

Editorial

The Empowerment Zone, First You Don't See It, Now You Don't Get It

What group of people in their right mind is going to give another group of people \$100,000,000 in the name of "power to the people", and then not have retain control over the people receiving the money. So now nearly sixteen months of effort and energy by community organizations could be reduced to nothing. The government changed Bobby Rush's old phrase "Power to the People" into "Empowerment Zone". Rush doesn't even use his term any more. This is like Richard Nixon giving the Black Stone Rangers federal money in the sixties.

On Monday, March 14, 1994 community groups from Mid-South met at Center for Inner City Studies (CIC) to complete an application to the city which would qualify the area to be part of a 100 million dollar empowerment initiative designed to assist in reversing economic decline in distressed urban and rural areas. The Community Workshop for Economic Development (CWED), a technical assistance organization was instrumental in working with the organizations on the application process.

The most attractive feature of Clinton's plan was its unique approach to dispersing the funds within the community- "The Bottoms Up" process implied that the residents would be able to identify and implement the direction that the money would take in their area.

The organizations met consistently in their own communities as well as holding weekly meetings at CICS. Finally, sometime last spring it was announced that President Clinton had approved the application and Mid South was one of three areas in Chicago that had been designated as an Empowerment Zone.

Immediately, positioning, posturing and politics came into play. The Bottoms Up process began to reveal the trap doors that lay in wait for the actual residents of the South Side Cluster.

The organizations when contacted would espouse their commitment to community involvement, yet most of the residents of Mid-South have no idea what the Empowerment Zone means. The wave of the community indicates a lack of concern or knowledge about what

was at stake. When asked about the lack of information on the residential level, some organizations inferred that this was the responsibility of the city using the excuse that they did not have the marketing resources to make the information available on a large scale.

Once the money had been approved by the President, the city, and the organizations began to try to organize themselves, amidst accusations of foul play, espionage and treason. The damage was in not fully exposing residents being organized to be informed. Meanwhile the city had a plan already in place that did not include the term Bottoms Up.

It was not a surprise that the city was holding out for fiscal control. What was, however, was that even at this late stage of the game the residents had not been organized to represent themselves. Organizations are still trying to negotiate with a system that is inherently methodical in its conquer and control techniques. Mayor Daley has issued his ordinance to create the structure for a permanent EZ/EC Coordinating Council. This ordinance is based on key motions approved at an April 5, 1995 meeting by the current interim EZ/EC/CC. The two main functions of the new council will be to guide the allocation of the \$100 million in Title XX Federal funds and the implementation of the strategic plan that won the designation. What else is left, it seems that it is business as usual after all.

So it seems while the community organizations were out meeting on meeting dates and who's in charge the city has gotten on the "Fast Track". Meaning that about \$42 million dollars of Empowerment Zone money has already been spent with a measly three million dollars

going to the South Side Cluster. Three million dollars going to the largest segment (51%) of the entire Empowerment Zone. How can this be justified? The only way the process will be fair is that \$50 million should be targeted to the Mid-South communities EZ.

What is necessary is a true bottoms up process, one where the community is allowed to fight for its own Empowerment. It is time to call in the



Ron Carter
Publisher & Editor



troops, all of the south side leaders to come out and defend the honor of the community, the residents have been raped by those who lied and manipulated for their vote while selling them to the highest bidder (the city).

Roll calling for Eddie Read, Leon Finney, Bobby Rush, Deborah Charles, Gator, Maurice Perkins, Mattie Butler, Ethel Washington, Cosmo Reynolds, Dr. Sokoni Karenga, Dr. Barbara Norman, Rev. Sardon, Esther Barnett, Shirley Newson, Lauren Allen, Angelo Rose and the rest.

It seems incredible that the EZ issue was not on the agenda of any of the candidates who participated in the past election. Aldermanic participation in the arduous process with the exception of Alderman Haithcock's announcement of the 2nd ward's participation (see SSJ 12/29 - 1/11). Alderman Troutman made an appearance at Congressman Bobby Rush's EZ Workshop. Now it's time for all those that endorsed the Mayor in hope of a special favor to call him up. If that is not the case then the community has no choice but to leave it alone. Unless the community makes a united effort to make the Empowerment Zone what it is supposed to be: Bottoms Up decisions on programs and the funds.

Letters To The Editor

Amnesty International and the Illinois Coalition against the Death Penalty

The execution of Hernando Williams and James Free on March 22, marked the first time in more than forty years that the State has executed two persons on the same day. The death penalty is not a deterrent to crime. Imposition of the death penalty is arbitrary and racially discriminatory. If the State of Illinois goes forward with these executions it joins the ranks of such countries as the People's Republic of China, Iran and Iraq.

The case of Hernando Williams is an example of racial discrimination. Williams was a black man, who was sentenced to death by an all-white jury in Cook County after the prosecutor had excluded all 26 prospective black jurors from jury service. As such he was executed on the basis of a death sentence imposed by an unconstitutionally selected jury.

The crime for which Mr. James Free was executed for, was his first and only serious violent offense. Furthermore, he was on the serious mind altering drug, PCP, when he committed the offense.

The execution of Hernando Williams and James Free is a grave miscarriage of justice. Amnesty International and the Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty called upon Governor Edgar to commute the sentences of Hernando Williams and James Free.

Amnesty International is unconditionally opposed to the death penalty in all cases and works for its worldwide abolition. The Illinois Coalition Against the death penalty is a group of organizations and individuals in Illinois opposed to capital punishment in Illinois. The death penalty is the ultimate form of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment, and violation of the sanctity of human life.

The blatant racial discrimination in the case of Hernando Williams and the arbitrary and capricious application of the death penalty in the case of James Free.

Vigil Against Violence

Dear Editor:
Good evening. Winter turns to spring. And with the advent of spring comes a rebirth and an opportunity to seize the power to change our lives to lives full of compassion. It is a time to touch, down through repressed and suppressed emotions, what is real and fundamental. Today's vigil for children taken too

soon from this earth by violence provides some of us with a starting point in this process of discovering the worth in ourselves and others. For others, tonight's vigil is a continuing communion of souls seeking an end to the turmoil and strife gripping our communities and every other place on the planet.

We must regain our character. And we begin as we stand together here in this place by remembering the children, hearing their names and reclaiming their worth. This is the beginning of change in self which can transform our Greater Grand Boulevards, West Garfield Parks, Pilsens and Englewoods.

Anger must be replaced by purpose, hopelessness with promise and pride, rugged individualism with a collective spirit, apathy with passion, and death with life.

So like the seasons, we too have the power to change. As we read the names of those who have made their transition to a better life, let us remember that there are only two bequests we can really give our children, one is roots, the other wings.

Patricia Dowell-Cerasoli,
Executive Director,
Mid-South Planning and
Development Commission

Dr. Margaret Burroughs

donates book to South Street Journal

To Beverly Reed and South Street Journal;

It was a day after all the people of good will who were truly concerned about the future of the City of Chicago had gone to the polls and voted overwhelmingly to elect Harold Washington as Chicago's first Mayor of color. People of all ethnic descents were happy and proud that they all had gone to the polls and did the right thing that resulted in this startling victory for our City's native son.

People openly and in a friendly manner communicated to and shared their joy and pride with each other as they walked down the street or went in and out of the stores. I was walking down 39th street when I encountered this elderly Black man. He smiled at me and I smiled back at him. Then he said to me (or anyone else who may have been listening), "Us we got our own self's Mayor now." Thus the title of this book

Dr. Margaret Burroughs
Commissioner
Chicago Park District
P.S. you have my permission to reprint any of the poems in this book.

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Spiritual Food

A Message From the Staff at South Street Journal

South Street Journal is pleased to re-introduce its "Spiritual Food" page to our readers. Our vision of presenting the diversity of African American worship has not changed. We believe that our community was built on a solid spiritual foundation. It is becoming increasingly apparent that we must return to this foundation in order to regain the pride, dignity and respect for self and neighbor that was once the hallmark of the African American family.

As a community newspaper we have an obligation to create a bridge between those who have information and those who require it.

There are many people in the community who may not attend church regularly, but still maintain a sincere belief and strong desire for spiritual enlightenment. We would like to offer the ministers of Mid-South an opportunity to utilize the "Spiritual Food" section as a unique instrument that will bring the message to a brand new congregation.

Take advantage of this new platform by submitting your sermon, church activities, and news to South Street Journal for publication. In addition, we would like to create a spiritual education column which would provide a space for history, lectures and interviews.

With all of this to offer it is only a matter of time before your armchair congregation will want to visit your church firsthand. Place your order of service in our church directory.

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Church News:

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Progressive Community Church, 48th & Wabash, has a full schedule for its Holy Week Celebration. A Holy Week Revival service will be held 4/11-4/14 at 7:00p.m. featuring **Guest Evangelist Rev. Dr. Floyd Davis, Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church.** Also scheduled are a 7:00a.m. Sunrise Service and 11:00a.m. Resurrection Service and Holy Baptism on Easter Sunday.

Behold of Faith Missionary Baptist Church 1651 W. 63rd St. Present the Spiritualities Saturday, April 22, 7 pm, at the Grand Ballroom 6351 S. Cottage Grove. donation:\$7:00

Reflections of Easter Morning

Rev. P David Saunders, pastor
Quinn Chapel AME Church

Today I was awakened by the sweet chirping sound of birds singing against the quiet backdrop of the morning. It was very early; the day had not begun to unfold she was yet asleep, but yawning in her attempt to break the hold of the night. The day sought to grab hold of the horizon, as the quiet of the sun began to speak to the clouds of darkness saying, "Move over, I'm about to bring forth a new and glorious Day."

I sat in the stillness of my personal sanctuary in prayer, meditation, and reflection and gave thanks, unto God. A new day, full of new hope, new dreams, new jobs, and new blessings yet to unfold, In the moment, my mind began to reflect upon a woman who got up early to meet the uncertainty of her day, Her mind heavy laden with the pain and anguish of the events of previous days, she sat weeping outside the open tomb of her friend, Jesus, Suddenly, she heard a familiar voice breaking the dark, sullen silence. He called her name, Suddenly, she heard a familiar voice breaking the dark, sullen silence. He called her name, and immediately she knew she was in the presence of the risen Lord.

Oh! What a blessing to know that that same Jesus still meets where we are, wipers away our tears, brings peace and joy amidst the fears and stresses of our lives. Take heart my friend, HE LIVES! Start with Him each morning, He'll stay with you all day.

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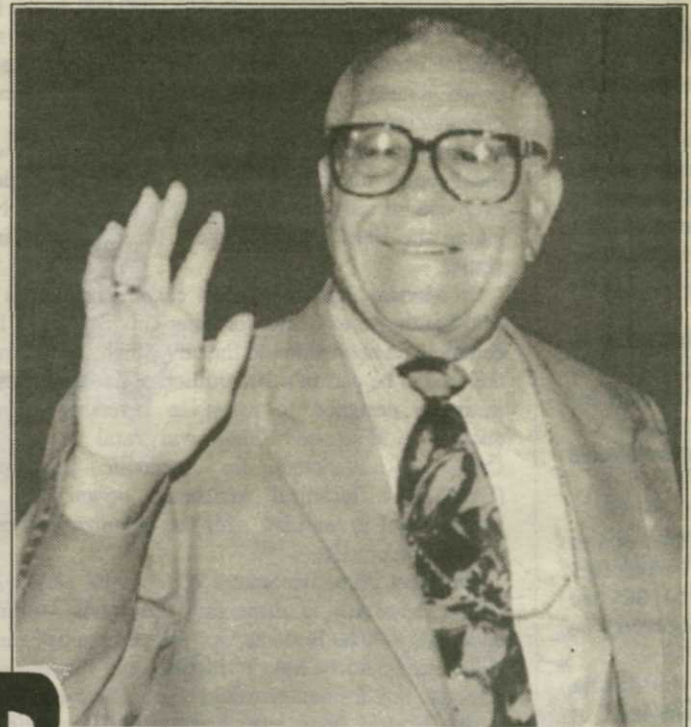
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"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over, shall men give unto your bosom, for with the same measure that you see it, it will be measured back to you."

ST. LUKE 6:38

From the Obituary of
Bishop Louis Henry Ford
Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle
Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
1914 -1995



Born in seeming obscurity, no one knew the tremendous mission that God had planned for his life. He began this mission after having completed his formal training at Saints College in Lexington, Mississippi. It was in 1926, that he committed his life to Christ and shortly thereafter received his call to ministry, having been led of the Lord to go to Chicago in 1933, it was there that he was ordained by the late Bishop William Robert's, Prelate of Illinois. As his ministry grew, he and those he served as shepherd, established the Saint Paul Church Of God in Christ on 45th and Wabash. His service to this one congregation extended to more than sixty years. After the demise of Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., in 1989, Bishop Ford became Presiding Bishop of the church. This elevation came about through his election by the General Assembly in its session on April 5, 1990, making him the spiritual and titular head of the more than four million congregants of the church. Among the highlights of his administration were his influence in getting the President William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States of America, to visit the annual Holy Convocation in 1993, and the President's invitation to him in January of this year to be his overnight guest in the White House. He received numerous awards and citations in this lifetime, however, among those he treasured most was when the Mayor of Chicago named October 25, 1990, as "Louis Henry Ford Day in Chicago". the Charles Harrison Mason Award, the Church Federation of Chicago award and the Most outstanding alumnus Award by Saints College. he has been recognized by state legislatures and cities across America. Additionally, Bishop Ford, for many years, has been cited by Ebony magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Blacks in America. The final chapter in the book of Life for Bishop Louis Henry Ford has been written. He was an energetic leader who was devoted to God. This devotion was shown through his love for his church and his many efforts to his fellowman. He was in everyway the epitome of a humanitarian. The service he rendered while here in earth shall never be forgotten, but will remain forever a memorial to a life well lived. Among those who shall have fond and loving memories of this great man are his wife, Margaret Ford; his son and daughter-in-law, Charles Harrison Mason Ford and Marlene; his daughter, Janet Oliver Hill, and her husband, Zedie; three sisters, Laura, Bea and Rosie; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; nieces; nephews; many other relatives and friends including the Saint Paul Church Of God In Christ Family, the Illinois First Jurisdiction and the Church Of God In Christ Family around the world.

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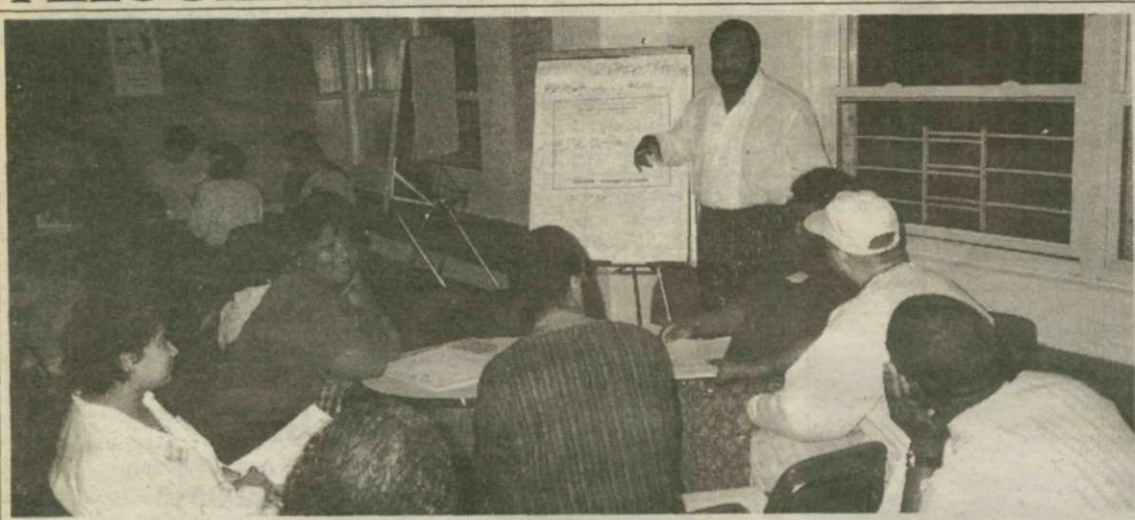
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Quinn Chapel mass Choir will present the seven last words of Christ morning worship service on Easter Sunday School morning 9:30 am / Easter sunrise 6:00 am

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Alcohol Awareness Month



As the community representatives break into groups to work out objectives for April activities, Al Kindle, (standing) chairs one group in it's planning.

based substance abuse prevention programs within the communities."

Organizations in the Mid-South Communities part of developing the plan are; Center for New Horizons, The Chicago Housing Authority combating Alcohol and Drug through Rehabilitation and Education (CADRE) programs Dearborn, Stateway, and Wells Sites, The Chicago Police Department: Community Area Policing program (CAPS), The Elliot Donnelly Chicago Youth Center, Fulfilling Our Responsibilities Unto Mankind (F.O.R.U.M.), The Mid South Planning and Development Commission, The Parkway Community Center, The Wells Community Initiative (W.C.I.), The Youth Consortium of Greater Grand Boulevard, UJIMA AHEC, Lake Park Place Resident, and Volunteers of the Fourth Ward Aldermanic Office and the Brass Foundation.

Communities statewide are conducting public awareness campaigns highlighting the dangers of alcohol to youth, adults and families. DASA is also with the help of Media Strategies Inc., kicked off a "Start to Stop Underage Drinking" campaign. The campaign focuses on the rising number of underage youth who are purchasing and abusing alcohol.

Organizers from the program points out though underage drinking is not a new phenomenon, it is generating tremendous cause for concern.

There is currently a grass roots effort to stop Union Liquor Distributors from marketing two/ kool-aid colored potent alcohol (70%) beverages, in one shot dosages going by the name Tooter's and Tumblers. The shape of the containers are similar to a toy test tube and a Jello pudding cup. Due to public pressure, these products are not on the shelves of many "Food and Liquor" stores in the African-American Community.

"Alcohol Awareness in the African-American community should not only be in the month of April" says Jacqueline Thibodeaux, a local community resident, "but year

round".

In 1994, 8,000 people sought help for treatment of alcohol and drugs, but only about 1,000 beds were available. In the Mid-South communities it has been identified as the highest concentration of people in need for treatment. Marion Fields, a Prevention Specialist with the BRASS Foundation Inc. said, "Alcohol is one of the most destructive substances in our community. Historically it has caused more illness, abuse, violence, death and broken families in the African-American community than crack, cocaine, marijuana and heroin combined".

During focus group interviews conducted with CAPS Officers from the 2nd Police District, stated, " 80-90% of the criminal arrest in the African-American community are alcohol and drug related

The Brass Foundation, a Drug Treatment and Drug Prevention Agency mission is to reduce the negative impact of chemical dependency on the equality of life of the individual family and community.

"Alcohol, Tobacco and Other (ATOD) abuse in the community is on the rise," stated David Lilly, a coordinator for the Brass Foundation. "This fact is clearly indicated by the increase in the number of new alcoholic beverages marketed in our communities and the subsequent increase in the number of people seeking treatment for alcoholism and substance abuse."

Lilly points out that with the advent of more potent beer type products called "40 ounces" (over 60 brands marketed in the Black community) and the smoking of Phillie "Blunt" (cigars stuffed with marijuana), "we are seeing devastating effects upon our young Black Male."

There has been a steady increase in the levels of anti-social behavior among youth as well as, more many

random acts of violence in the communities of Mid South, Lilly points out.

During focus group interviews conducted with CAPS Officers from the 2nd Police District, stated, "80%-90% of the criminal arrest in the African-American community are alcohol and drug related they also added.

"There are entirely too many liquor stores in the area which leads to the increase presence of large crowds of individuals "hanging out". They are mainly gang members, drug dealers, alcoholics and drug users. The loitering filters down the block where drug transactions take place in front of the stores and in front of the homes of area residents. The resultant crime leads to a general fear of the streets by most concerned citizens." Reported Sergeant Powell.

One of the most alarming observations is the fact that from dawn until the late hours of the night, a large number of these individuals are school age youth. This clearly shows the need for family planning and involvement in a child's positive activities, which aids in the prevention of ATOD among our youth.

"We must remember that the prevention of ATOD abuse us a community issue that must be addressed

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through our collective efforts." Said Lilly.

This process of community awareness has started on the south-side of Chicago through the Communities Empowered to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CEPADA)/InTouch.

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Karenga

with Mrs. Tucker to make some of this stuff happen there. There are many teachers there who are committed, but, there are others who just don't think the kids have what it takes to make it. Still we have to stay with it and work with our children to ensure that they do not fall through or are pushed out of the system.

Reed: What has been your most humbling experience?

(There is a long moment of silence as Dr. Karenga contemplates his answer)

Karenga: Just being here, being able to do the work. It is an awesome task and it never ceases to be a challenge. I am honored to be a part of the solution.

Reed: You were honored by the Boy Scouts as Man of the Year?

Karenga: Yes I'm not sure why, they gave me that eagle *(points to a beautiful statue behind his desk)*. I've been given a lot of awards lately, I think the folks just want to say keep doing the work. I don't know why I am so moved today, I guess it is this empowerment zone thing. It has really blown me



away. I am afraid we're about to go back the same way....

Reed: And it hurts, it feels like a blow to the stomach.

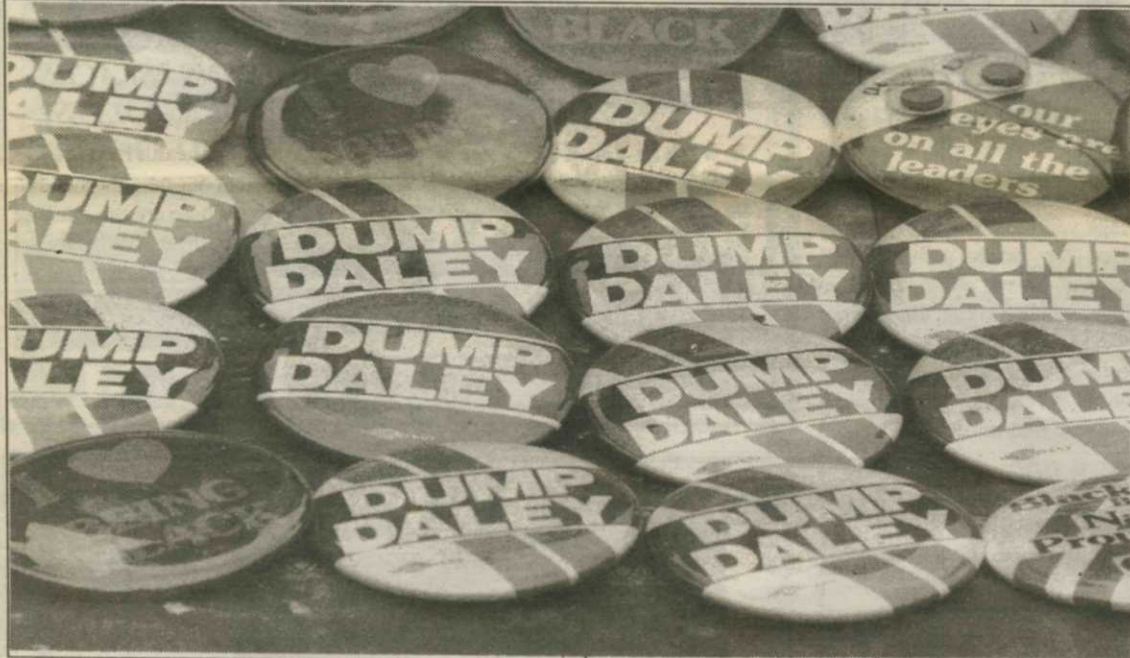
Karenga: Yes, I really hope we don't digress...

Reed: We won't because we have the Eugenia Burns Hope Center, South Street Journal and more. We will work and fight to empower ourselves - It is not over yet.

South Street

Buttons

Buttons has been a major tool in marketing candidates during election time. However the past primary and general elections voter turnout continued to be at its low, needing more than buttons. Less than 1/3 of the Mid-South community wards made input in both elections.



The Voting Wave of the Mid-South Communities Wards

Mayor By Ward in Mid-South Communities					Total Registered Voters	
Ward	Wardngl (R)	Daley(D)	Redmon(HW)	Burris (I)	Votes Casted	
2	161	5,272	92	1,119	6,635	31,877
3	90	1,853	213	7,321	9,477	30,205
4	105	2,940	163	7,718	10,926	30,875
5	106	3,552	126	8,667	12,451	31,532
20	57	1,904	160	7,325	9,443	30,883

Run-Offs

Ward	Votes	Per.
Ward 2		
Madeline Haithcock	5,495	54
Geraldine Laury	4,669	46
Ward 3		
Dorothy Tillman	6,420	66
Wallace Bradley	3,379	34
Ward 5		
Janet G. Oliver-Hill	6,055	48
Barbara Holt	6,538	52

Mayor citywide (99% report)

	Votes	Per.
Raymond Wardngley	16,539	3
Richard M. Daley	358,689	60
Lawrence C. Redmon	5,140	1
Roland W. Burris	216,148	36

City Clerk (99% report)

	Votes	Per.
Edward G. Howlett	62,603	12
James J. Laski, Jr.	384,685	74
Aracely Munoz	71,351	14

City Treasurer (99% reporting)

	Votes	Per.
Patricia Rogers	46,408	9
Miriam Santos	444,320	82
Arleather Branch	48,494	9

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Drug and Alcohol

mat which is culturally specific to the African American community. AACP trains those who provide counseling services, in culturally diverse settings.

The program was originally de-

signed for community residents as well as the many chemical dependency professionals who attend the three phase, fifteen week courses. In the programs infancy Green approached many community organizations and local elected officials trying to establish an opportunity.

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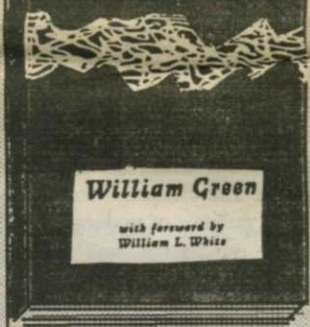
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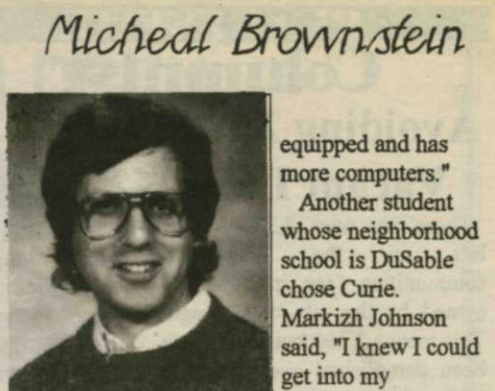
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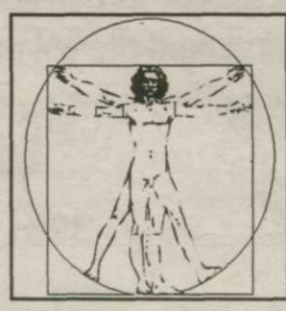
A number of Mid South communities high school students do not attend neighborhood schools and this has become a cause of concern for a few of their teachers. Ron McGowan, the choral director and vocal music teacher at Curie High School, 4959 S. Archer Dr., is one of them.
"Some of our students cannot afford the uniforms we have our students wear when they present concerts in schools around the area," he said. "We have quite a number of concerts in the Grand Boulevard area, and we would like all of our students to have the same uniform."
"We would like to develop some kind of connection with the South Street Journal area and create a sponsorship program for our students. Too often they have to travel a distance to get here, and we want them to be as full a part of our school community as we can, even if they do live outside of our boundaries. Sometimes just a simple ride from school is a lot of help."
Curie High School specializes in the fine arts. That's why Julian Allen picked it for his high school. "Curie is a fine arts school," he said, "and that's what I like to do."
Ameenah Ghosten picked Curie over King. "I go to Curie because it has the resources I need," she said. "I'm visually impaired. It has a better program than King. It's more equipped and has more computers."
Another student whose neighborhood school is DuSable chose Curie. Markizh Johnson said, "I knew I could get into my neighborhood high school. I wanted to see if I could go elsewhere. Curie has a lot of opportunities. It helps me to prepare for the future. I wanted to be focused and I wanted a chance to be in a school with a lot of students from all kinds of backgrounds."
McGowan wants the students to have all of the resources the students living around Curie have. He would like them to get extra supports. After all, even though the students come from the Mid-South area, they are students of Curie. It is time for us to give all of our children the very best we can offer—everyone of us from the alderman to the shop keepers to the community activist.
McGowan's ideas are right on target. We should support the Curie students living in our neighborhood. After all, they are our neighbors and friends. They do return to their neighborhood schools to offer performances. In fact, McGowan has recently won a Dodge Celebration to Teaching Grant and he plans to use it through a mentoring program where Curie students assist students at schools throughout our area.
If you can offer assistance or wish to sponsor one student or a complete performance group, please call Ron McGowan at (312) 535-2100.

HEALTH Columnist The Body Beautiful



By Raymond J. Mason
Hello everyone out there. How so happy and proud I am to be able to debut. A Health & Fitness/nutrition column for such a great newspaper as the *Mid South Street Journal*. And at the same time being able to share with my brothers & sisters the importance of being healthy and fit, Especially as a result of the unique stress that we are subjected to day in and day out.
As a nutritionist and personal fitness trainer/body builder it seems to me, that we can move forward, if we would just recognize the set backs that hold us up to keep us down. If we are not healthy we cannot achieve one iota of success what so ever. So than now we discover that there is definitely truth to the adage that your health is your wealth.
As we quickly approach the 21st century were besieged in our neighborhoods with drugs, alcohol and junk foods. It seems that on every corner there is a liquor store, in every neighborhood, a drug pusher and in every grocery store junk food. Where are all the fruits and vegetables

stands? Where are all the health food stores in our neighborhoods? Where are the exercise facilities? Why are we more beat on being health destructive than we're inclined to being more health conscious.
I say that we are living up to the stereotypes that we oppressors has specifically designed for us continually patronizing the liquor and grocery stores that are invariably own and operated by people that don't have our self interests in mind, anyway. I for one say this vicious cycle has got to stop!!!
We as African Americans have the highest death rate and lowest life expectancy due to high blood pressure, alcohol resumption, drug addiction, bad diets, and sexual promiscuity.
In my next dolmen I will share with you positive alternatives to keeping the body beautiful.
For comments, Inquiries and Information pertaining to my specialized fitness and nutrition programs, please write me in care of the body beautiful, Raymond J. Mason c/o South Street Journal 4305 S. King Drive Chicago, IL. 60653. Please send all Tax-Deductible donations to: The Dr. IRA M. Mason Foundation 47 W. Division-Suite 3830 Chicago, IL. 60610



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REAL ESTATE Columnist

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Avoiding 2,300 Vacant Lots

There are over 2,300 vacant lots in the Mid-South communities (see map below) owned by the city of Chicago. This means 2,300 buildings have been demolished over a course of time.

The city well knows that most property in the poorer areas of Chicago will by no means have a way to pay for the super costs combined by a demolition, taxes, and code violations in a 6 month period given by the city. The very same property would probably be used for high cost condominiums priced well out of the current communities reach.

What happens to the property owners who cannot afford the cost to reclaim the property and the residents who cannot afford

the cost of the new renovated apartments?

A good solution for both the city and property owner would go something like this. Instead of demolishing the building why not subsidize it? Not like a section 8, but for the city to allocate a renovation cost to the owner, a semi-mandatory loan with a reasonable interest rate and enough time to repay. With only two clauses to the contract that he not raise the rent any nigher than 20% within 5 years (this will help him pay for the loan at the same time not strangle the tenants that reside there.)

The second clause, a joint city/owner lease agreement (This could be used for verification to the city for housing and owner income proof.) To keep the funds going to the right place (The building).

the renovation loan would go directly to companies doing such said work. This would actually keep everyone happy, for 1: The advantage to the property owner is that he not only is able to keep his property but it is being renovated at the same time. He also has enough time to pay for it. 2: The tenants are not forced to move, but needed improvements are addressed, and maybe a chance at a job with the construction company. 3: The city gets to keep homeless down, improve job opportunity, get a little interest on the loan, and 4: This community will not have so many abandoned properties, waiting for the land grab.

Data and information compiled by
Hildre' Carter

Real Estate Transactions in the Mid-South Communities



Readers: Here are the property transfers in *South Street Journal's* circulation area (Generally on page 14), according to the latest report released by Jesse White, Cook County Recorder of Deeds. For your convenience transfer listings are organized by the community. Display of the "=" symbol next to a listing indicates that information supplied on the State Real Estate Transfer Declaration may be incomplete or incorrect. South Street Journal will publish this information in each issue.

Address	Rec'd Date	Sale Price
Woodlawn		
6147-49 South Greenwood, Fred Knight To Shirley J. Roper	3-16	165,000
6323 South Ingleside, William Levy To Sharon Boldon	3-20	35,000
6609 South Evans, John D. Barron & Catherine Brown to Anthony Morris	3-3	58,000
6350, South. Ingleside Ave., Laverne Carpenter to Melvin Moore	3-8	80,000
6223 South. St. Lawrence, John S. Mondschean To David A. Berry	2-14	36,000
6354 South. Langley, Brenda L. Brown To Lawyer Jackson Jr.	2-14	48,000
6745 South. Champlain, Standard Bank and Trust To Pamela Jones	2-15	68,500
316 E. 69th Place, Ernest Edwards to Kenneth Edwards	1-5	55,000
Kenwood		
1418 E. 48th Street, Kenwood Gateway L.P. To Van D. Epinger	3-7	332,000
4800 South Lake Shore Drive, Unit 2413 N, Mary Clinch To Shirley Overy	2-23	59,500
4721 B. S. Woodlawn Ave., James D. Jackson and Donna M. Jackson To Constance W. McCargo.	2-28	221,000
4326 South. Greenwood Ave. Donald McPhan To Ocie Brown	2-14	58,500
4548 South. Lake Park, Laurence A. Dowdy North To Donald Blount	1-18	100,000
1640 E. 50th Street, Apt. 2c, Audrey J. Sebastian To Renee Minner Stein	1-18	70,000
4800 South. Lake Shore Drive, Unit 2408S, Beach Partners, Ltd. To R. Peque	1-5	40,000
1150 E. 46th Street/4550-52 S. Woodlawn, First National Bank Of Blue Island to Thrush Development Company	1-5	100,000
4800 Chicago Beach Drive, Christopher Watts To Michelle T. Stiger	3-7	66,540
Hyde Park		
5718 South Dorchester, Unit 6, Arnold B. Hartley and Edna M. Hartley To William J. Hartley	3-20	125,000
1700 E. 56th Street, Unit 310,	3-7	151,000
56th and Hyde Park Partnership to Willa F. Morgan	1-10	31,000
1160 E. 54th Street, Cosmo P. Campoli and Kathryn Campoli To Mark A. Rogers and Debra A. Hass	3-8	252,000
5230 A South Cornell Ave., Unit 6, Lynn A. San and Louis James San II To Tai T. Nguyen and E. Pham	3-8	312,000
5410 S. Harper, Lance J. Rips and Julie W. Johnson To Addison D. Braendel and Catherine Yachnin Braendel	2-23	325,000
5710 S. Dorchester, Colleen C. Schneemann To Michael A. Weiss and Carol J. Weiss	2-24	118,135
1700 E. 56th Street, Unit 308, 56th and Hyde Park Partnership to Carol A. Brown	3-7	66,540
1700 E. 56th Street, unit 1205, 56th and Hyde Park Partnership To Robert F. Mayer	1-17	80,835
5331 S. Cornell Ave, Unit 3 Thomas G. Weber and Anne Nicholson Weber to Neil S. Neroutsos and Michelle L. Kaiser	1-17	80,000
1617 E. Hyde Park, Peggy Ann Spieth To David Weathington	1-17	99,500
5021 South Woodlawn, Corinne S. Asher To Robert A. Balzekas	1-18	190,000
5444 South Dorchester, Cole Taylor Bank To Robert J. Chaskin	3-7	173,500
Grand Boulevard		
4630 South Cottage Grove, Robert O'Donnell to Barbara E. Leja	2-15	151,000
4552 South Michigan Ave, Betty Martin To Katherine Brie Young	1-5	65,000
5014-16 South Prairie, Clarence Blowe to Johnnie Lee		75,000

Vacant Land for SALE by the City of Chicago In the Mid-South Communities

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4918 S. Forrestville Ave.	17 x 125	\$5,100.00
4920 S. Forrestville Ave.	17 x 125	\$5,100.00
4925-27 S. Forrestville Ave.	47 x 125	\$14,400.00
4926 S. Forrestville Ave.	25 x 125	\$7,500.00
4932 S. Forrestville Ave.	25 x 125	\$7,500.00
4935-37 S. Forrestville Ave.	44 x 125	\$13,200.00
4940 S. Forrestville Ave.	24 x 125	\$7,200.00
4941 S. Forrestville Ave.	25 x 125	\$7,500.00
4958 S. Forrestville Ave.	32 x 111	\$8,525.00
4929-31 S. Martin Luther King Drive	50 x 150	\$3,600.00
Fuller Park		
4233 S. Wells	25 x 122	\$1,840.00
Kenwood		
544-550 E. 46th Pl. P.S. #41	75 x 130	\$8,480.00

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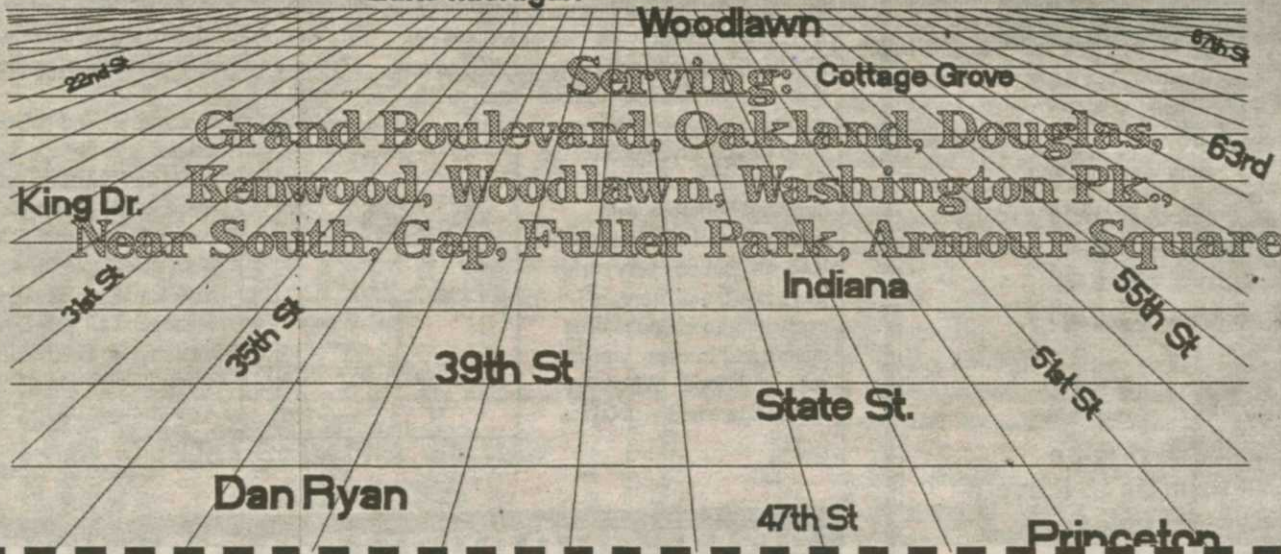
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Chicago was divided into 9 Prevention Service Areas (PSA's). Each PSA hired a community organizer through a Lead Agency to build community based coalitions focused on drug prevention, as the name CEPADA implies.

Mid-South communities area is in PSA 5 whose boundaries extend from the Dan Ryan to the Lake Front and Roosevelt road to 79th Street. The Lead Agency for this area is the Brass Foundation Inc. Which was founded in 1969 and whose mention.

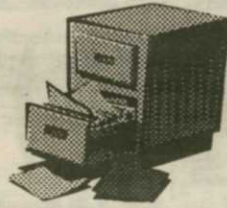
Since May of 1994, a grass roots

coalition of interagency councils resident councils youth agencies and community residents have attended monthly community meetings to plan ways of gaining control over their environment, having greater access to knowledge, technical assistance and resources to make informed decisions concerning ATOD prevention.

"If anyone is interested in preventing the abuse of alcohol by our young people they should join the Brass Foundation, CEPADA/Communities Empowered to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse) PSA 5, DASA and the Dept. of Illinois of Public Health in making April the start of a lifetime of Community Alcohol Awareness. We don't have one life to lose!" Stressed Lilly.

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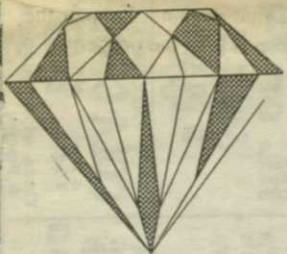
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