Harold Washington
a Product of this
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"Not only could be
(Washington) speak the
King's English, but he had a
wonderful knowledge of the
47th Street dialect.
Oh, yes he could...
He never left home."
Ed, Herbert
Martin, Mayor
Washington's Pastor,
Progressive Baptist
Church, 4th
Wabash

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 59th & 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 agency representatives met for 2 days developing a Strategic Plan for Drug Prevention CEPADA coalition, said. Widespread abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs has caused in the Mid-South communities.

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 Aid. Preckwinkle's office.

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 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 am 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 residents and 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" initiative forward.

The ordinance would establish a permanent Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Coordinating Council of 39 members. 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."

CHA Resident Management: A Wave of the Future for CHA residents.

Dearborn/Wentworth Homes make the move.

Taylor Homes uncertain

Dearborn Homes Resident Management Corporation (DHRM) and Wentworth Gardens Management Corporations (WGRMC) chart a promising course for residents while the future of Robert Taylor Homes is a cause for concern. From Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) developments involving into Resident Management corporation activities. It seems the direction of CHA will neither be private or residents management.

In idi B Wells the development has four private management corporations 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 DHRM, the resident management program at Dearborn Gardens was years in the making and was preceded byignant councils established to maintain and improve various buildings.

Not far off Dearborn Homes, west of the Dan Ryan a dual resident managed process is taking place at Wentworth Gardens on 47th and Wentworth. They will start their resident management training this May.

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 Maintenance resident; Marcella Carter, Director of RGRMC. 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 small size, higher percentage of employed residents and low vacancy rate.

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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 sure good citizens with a worthy course on a worthy goal.

Ed Gardner of Soft Sheen was seen on 4th 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 forces under the same roof at 231 E. 35th St. at the Washington Park Empowerment Center are Washington Park Community Coalition, Crusaders for Justice, New Structure Organization, Washington Park Advisory Council and Joel Tillman as the Research Network.

This one for the State Lottery people from SJJ--An African American has won the Lotto, while out for a stroll he bought a ticket. The sole winner of a $1 million dollar prize--not in-30 Million-dollar area, but congratulations...now how about an ad Lottery folks.

In State Senator Margaret Smith or State Rep Lou Jones going to run-for-election, someone ruined the race to know. Because two of them can only be hit if they run for each others seats.

Farwell to the president of Armour Square Senior Housing his 4x4. dressed causal talking on his mobile phone.

No pictures from former 20th ward candidate, Helen Latimore of Woodlawn, with her 4x4. She used to be a member of the South Area Community Coalition, Crusaders for Justice Community and the Research Network.

The Easter Bunny will be at 43rd S. Cottage Grove Ave.

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honor of Ada McKinley, who was the first Black Mayor who beat the system. We will print others as it is of interest to them.

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Alderwoman 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 seconds went to vote in that category. Whether Alderman Haithcock will run against Congressman Bobby Rush for Second Ward Commissioner 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 protege 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. Recent Congressman Rush was the sole Illinois Democrat appointed to the House Commerce Committee. Chicago political and business leaders hope that the appointment can bring economic stimulus and job development to the First Congressional District and Second Ward. Laury has moved to the right are Thelma J. Smith, president and CEO, Illinois Service; Lew Collens, president, Illinois Institute of Technology; and Gwendolyn P. Robinson, executive vice president and coo. Illinois Service Federal.

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: Theria 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 sides. Through IIT’s vision and a McCormick Tribune Foundation grant, the Mid-South Planning Group was formed. This group has grown to include 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 Gop 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 contracts 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 Theria Smith, ISF president and chief executive officer. "We believe that IIT’s investment in ISF is a reinvestment in building successful South Side communities with whom 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, 66 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, State Street on the east and Lake Shore Drive 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 the 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 3:30pm, 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, 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 offer an identification component which is connected with the Chicago Police Department, where the clients wear bracelets with an emergency number 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 overall 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 curbside service to and from their homes the clients must be certified by RTA to qualify for free transportation.

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

The Harris YWCA has operated its program for over twelve years, the participants are affectionately referred to as the Harris YWCA 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 2020. The proportion of older minorities is growing faster than older while 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 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 part-time jobs 12% have left full work force. Another 23% have considered quitting their jobs. Children 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.
Free Training And Job Placement by YMCA Training Alliance

The Training Alliance of Chicago will offer administrative 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 Mayor's 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, our participants 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 excellent 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) 580-1919.

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 land-mark 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 after- noon of lively entertainment.

Performance by the Defiance High School Choir, Performance by jazz musician Malachi Thompson, and performance by the Coleman School Band. There will be a presentation of the "Bronzeville House 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 Sun-
day, 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.

This exhibition has funded in part by the Joyce Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation with additional support from the Irvin Stern Foundation and Equinox Advertising Inc.

The Chicago Historical Society also gratefully acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support for our public activities.

Mid-South Suits

Face 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. Daniel tau er maintained that a multi-cultural approach to treatment was necessary to highlight the number of African Americans who completely 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. William Green, founding director of the African American Comprehensive Project, has developed a Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention C7 certified treatment plan addresses addiction, 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. Brunner, a board-certified rheumatologist and geriatrician, is a faculty member of the Department of General Medicine, University of Chicago Hospitals. Drs. Lawler and Smith, both board-certified physicians, are specialists in physical medicine and rehabilitation, are on the medical staff at Chicago hospitals. They also are affiliated with faculty members at the University of Chicago Hospitals, Dr. Lawler and Smith in the Department of General Medicine and Dr. Lawler in the Department of Neurosurgery.

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Washington worked closely with the late Congressman Ralph Metcalfe (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, as State Senator from 1976 to 1980. He then served as State Senator (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 he knew then it was time.

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, they protests, "...enough is enough!" The leaders knew then it was time.

Washington was drafted 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 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 46th and Washag.

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 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

Daley

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 members of the Council will be to guide the allocation of the $100 million in federal funds for 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 is designed to focus on the prevention of poverty and the revitalization of these 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, 62 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 big bloc opposition. The Black Caucus is too small as well. In fact, I don't see anything they have done." Read continued, "These are the kind of times where people have to take measure on 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, Tremaine, Troutman and Preckwinkle were unavailable for comment. Bob Anderson of Haltleox's office (2nd Ward) said, "Nothing is still in the negotiation stage this was just the first step." He continued, "They are 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 Donohue took 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 apply for 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.
CHA Resident Management

South State. Residents say they are victims of criminal mismanagement according to Washington. She places the blame on Chairman Lane whom she calls a "sneaky operator" 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 the American Community was 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 adage 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 gardens. "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 together to help themselves, Taylor is going to be demolished". It is predicted that HUD is expected to cut back a great deal by 1996. Cuts that will effect improvement for the developments.

Mayor Eugene Sawyer, chairman of Resident Management, told the CHA Residents Association that he is allowing the developments to deteriorate.

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House Black Caucus Elects New Officers

The Illinois House Black Caucus recently elected 8's new officers. The Caucus elected State Representative Coy Pugh (D-10) Chairman and 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 Illinois Black 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 for the concerns of African Americans," Howard said.

Thousdands of individuals in the state would have been in jeopardy if the Senate legislation creating Employment Training Act, but House Republican Leaders refused to call it according to House Republican Leader Kenner (D-Chicago), the bill's chief sponsor.

Kenner, miffed at what he sees as brash treatment of Democrats on the floor of the House by House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago), said that Republicans demanded that they are more interested in passing 'Fast Track' legislation than making bills such as the House Black Caucus Elects New Officers...
Dr. Sokoni Karenga, a man who understands the complexities of community development. It is apparent in the quiet but strong tone of his voice as well as his unwavering belief in his mission. 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 worked to establish the National Black Studies Program (NBSP) and the Seven Virtues of Man in the heart and minds of the African American families that pass through the Center for New Horizons door. Founded in 1971, CSNPH 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 two 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 Adai Stevenson Fellow and is currently a MacArthur Fellow, MacArthur Foundation.

Married to Ayesha 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 service organization? Karenga: (laughs) We call it a human and community development method.

Reed: Can you define that? Karenga: What we try to do is put families at the center of everything that we do, and then deal with all of the social 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 individually and the 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: It will be an independent organization. It is called the Enginias Burns Hope Center for the Study and Development of New World Communities.

Reed: How did this come about? Karenga: Well it's something we've been talking about doing for the last ten years. You see, it is becoming increasingly clear that we have to get to begin to create opportunities for new leadership in the community. That is the focus of it all.

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 S. King Drive is renovated, we will be housed there.

Reed: What is 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, and 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.

Problems of what we have envisioned for it, in terms of community involvement. Karenga: Well, one of the things that I ask people that there is lots of people to help in the transformation of this community and as far as I know there are about 15, maybe 20 collaborators going on in Grand Boulevard. All of them are essential to the end product and a new organization 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 ??? 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's relevancy in their lives. What would you say that the community organizations failed in their operations for fear of getting the information in the public? 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.

Reed: So that they can participate and gain power resources that are coming from the community? You know I am very fearful of the Empowerment Zone, if it is controlled by people who are not in the community. (Dr. Karenga had just been informed prior to this interview that Mayor Daley had control of the Empowerment Zone was incorrect, it was later corrected by the politicians, and the people were not empowered. A lot of agencies benefited, but not the people.

Reed: And my fear is that, if the vote goes as it appears to happen, then it will not be controlled by a city and a group of people in the community won't have a voice nor will they be manipulated 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 CSNPH began? Karenga: Well no, as a matter of fact, I think we've been off the ball and that was the case with many other groups too. 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 tens, not funded to solve the problems. 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 object of problems, that's the reason we started talking about creating an institute that would get people trained to organize in order to step up against stuff like what's going on Washington D.C. I mean we shouldn't be allowing those

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Reed: What is a leader? Karenga: I think a leader...has a set of values and principles that are absolutely clear. That doesn't mean they have to get in front of folks, it means they work with folks wherever they are and folks turn to them because they know they can get the truth.

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 do 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 DCF's for children, DASA to address the drug problem, IDPA, that affects folks' rice bowl, you know they get a check once a month, Department of Aging to address the seniors. None of it comes together anywhere 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 somewhere, do you know anymore 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 80 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 Eugene Burns Hope Center will allow us to help people build themselves to the point where they can take control of something.

Reed: Is Center For New Horizons a social action or service organization? Karenga: (laughs) We call it a human and community development method.

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Reed: Meet Mid-South's quiet storm, Dr. Sokoni Karenga.
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 an organization that they have no control over the people receiving the money. So now nearly sixteen months of effort and energy by community organizations and the residents who proposed the project nothing. The government changed Bobby Rush's old phrase "Political to the People" into "Empowerment Zone". Rush doesn't even mention it. This is like Richard Nixon giving the Black Stone Rangers federal money in the streets.

On Monday, March 14, 1994 community groups from Mid-South met at Center for Inner City Studies (CICS) to complete an application to the city which would qualify the mid south to get the 100 million dollar empowerment initiative designed to assist in reversing economic decline in distressed urban and rural areas.

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 the people were not going to care if the city using the money but that they did not have the marketing resources to make the information available on a large scale.

This ordinance was approved by the President, the city, and the organizations began to try to organize themselves, amidst accusations of foul play, espionage and treachery. The coalitions in was not fully organized for the 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 computer and control oriented.

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/EO/CC. The two main functions of the council are to interpret the rules of the $100 million dollar Title XIX 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 for the city.

So it seems while the community organizations were meeting on setting dates and who's in charge, the city has gotten on the "Fast Track". Meaning that it about $42 million dollars of Empowerment Zone money has already been spent, and only three million dollars is 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 dollars is targeted to the Mid-South communities EZ.

What is necessary is a true bottom's up process, one where the community is allowed to fight for its own Empowerment. It is time to organize the 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 Elder Read, Leon Fimmus, Bobby Rush, Deborah Charles, Geter, Maurice Perkins, Mattie Butler, Ethel Washington, Combo Reynolds, Dr. Sokani Carama, Dr. Barbara Norman, Rev. Sardon, Esther Barnett, Shirley Newsom, 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 last election. Alderman participation in the election process with the exception of Alderman Hallock's announcement of the 2nd ward's participation (see SSI 12/27/94).

Alderman Toutman 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 EZ what it is supposed to be - Bottoms Up decision on programs and the funds.

Amnesty
International and the Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty

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 uncompromising in its opposition to 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 moment. The time is now full of compassion. It is a time to touch, down through repression and suppressed emotions. 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 of love in ourselves and others. For others tonight's vigil is a continuing communion of souls seeking an end to the turmoil and the process of reaching 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 they seem to our Greater Grand Boulevards, West Garfield Parks, Pilpens and Englewoods.

Anger must be replaced by purpose, hopelessness with promise and pride, rooted individualism with a collective spirit, empathy 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 others who have been begotten 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

Dr. Margaret Burroughs, Commissioner

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 to elect Harold Washington as Chicago's first Mayor of color. People of all ethnic descents were happy that they 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 us 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 said that he was going to see me (or anyone else who may have been listening), "We ust our own self's Mayor now." Thus the title of this book.

Dr. Margaret Burroughs

Leave a comment...
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 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 a 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 archeon congregation will want to visit your church firsthand. Place your order of service in 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.

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 my spirit was rising 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, in Jesus. Suddenly, she heard a familiar voice breaking the dark, silent silence.

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Oh! What a blessing to know that that same Jesus still speaks to us, and provides a voice to the nations.

HAPPY EASTER!!!

From the Obituary

Bishop Louis Henry Ford

Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle
Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
1914-1995

Bishop Louis Henry Ford was born on October 25, 1900, as "Louis Henry Ford Day in Chicago", the Charles Harrison Mount Award, the Church Federation of Chicago award and the most outstanding alumna 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 a energetic leader who was devoted to God. This devotion was shown through his love for his church and his many efforts to further the faith. He was in every walk of life 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, Zodie; three sisters, Laura, Beatrice, and Rosie; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends. Among the Saint Paul Church Of God in Christ Family, the Illinois First Jurisdiction and the Church Of God in Christ Family around the world.
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 Community Part of developing the plan are; Center for New Horizons, The Chicago Housing Authority combating Alcohol and Drug through Rehabilitation and Education (CARES) programs Damenb, Stateway, and Wells Sites, The Chicago Police Department's Community Area Policing program (CAPS), The Elliot Donnelly Chicago Youth Center, Fulfilling Rehabilitation and Education During Focus (W.C.I.); The Youth Planning and Development Commission, The Parkway Community Center, The Wells Youth Initiative (W.C.I.). The Youth Community 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 in the help of the Metropolitan Inc., killed off a "Start to Stop Underage Drinking" campaign. The campaign focuses on the prevention of underage youth who are purchasing and abusing alcohol.

Organizers from the program points out though undergraduate 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 dosage 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.

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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?

Karenga: I can't say I have always felt this way... I am afraid we 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: Yes I'm not sure why, they gave me that empowerment zone thing. It has really blown me away. I am afraid we're about to go back the same way...

Reed: But 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 Engrails 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 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.

**The Voting Wave of the Mid-South Communities Wards**

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**South Street Journal**

**Drugs and Alcohol**

not which is culturally specific to the African American community. AAF trains those who provide counseling services, in culturally diverse settings.

The program was originally designed for community residents as well as the many chemical dependency professionals who attend the three phase, fifteen work courses. In the programs infancy Green appeared many community organizations and local elected officials trying to establish an opportunity.

**Dysfunctional By Design**

**The Rebirth of Cultural Survivors**

by William Green

with foreword by William L. White

A Must Read for Anyone Who Has Known The Pain and Devastation of Substance Abuse or Those Who Love Them

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**EDUCATION Columnist**

**Student See High Schools out side area as their Choice**

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 their 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."

Anthemé Gisonti picked Curie over King. "I go to Curie because it has the resources I need," she said. "It visually impaired. It has a better program than King. It's more equipped and has more computers." Another student whose neighborhood school is DeSable chose Curie. Markoth 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 and attending Curie have. He would like them to get extra support. After all, even the students come from the Mid-South area, a lot of the students 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 aldermen 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 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.

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**HEALTH Columnist**

**The Body Beautiful**

By Raymond J. Mason

Hello everyone out there. How so happy and proud am I to do this. A Health & Fitness/nutrition column for such a great newspaper as the Mid South Street Journal. And at the same time I am able to share with my brothers & sisters the importance of being healthy and fit. Especially the 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 our goal of success which we so desire. So then 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 there are all the fruits and vegetables we're inclined to being health destructive than health conscious.

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 column I will share with you how to live up to the stereotypes that we oppressors has specifically designed for us continually patrolling the legs and grocery stores are invariably owned and operated by people that don't have our self interests in mind, some even one day this vicious cycle has got to stop!!

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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 apartments 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 more 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 cityowner 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.)

How the City Acquires

Land Property

The city has a project that is termed The Demolition Process, in which property that is in violation of building/safety city codes (Bad Wiring, Land, Paint, Asbestos Siding, Etc.) will be targeted. The city gives the property owner approximately 6 months to correct code violation(s). If violation are not bought to city codes, a notice will be issued to the owner stating that the city will mark the property as Unsafe and it will be demolished on a such said date. The owner does have the right to Appeal this decision in court. If no appeal is filed the city will demolish the property and the cost of the demolition will go to the owner of the building. The owner will have one last chance of keeping the property, by paying for the demolition cost, taxes, and most times the code violations the building had before it was demolished. This must take place within 6 months of demolition. If that does not happen the city takes possession of the property.

Ildre Carter
The Mid-South Communities

Avoiding 2,300 Vacant Lots

REALESTATE
Columnist

Do you live, work and/or play in this part of the city? Sure, you know someone who does.

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Real Estate Transactions in the Mid-South Communities

Readers: Here are the property transfers in South Street Journal's Mid-South Communities (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 county. Display of the "v" symbol next to a listing indicates that information supplied on the State Real Estate Transfer Declaration was incomplete or incorrect. South Street Journal will publish this information in each issue.

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Alcohol Awareness Month

was formed by the Chicago Department of Public Health. A grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and out of IDASA out of state allocation Washington D.C.

Chicago was divided into 9 Prevention Service Areas (PSAs). Each PSA hired a community organizer through a Lead Agency to build community based conditions 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 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 any young people they should join the Brass Foundation, CEPADA/Communities Empowered to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse) PSA 5, IDASA 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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