

Washington Park/Woodlawn Cites Issue with the El

East 63rd Street El Proposed for Demolition

Woodlawn—63rd Street El once a major transportation port for the south side, its future is in question among the Woodlawn leadership. As a proposal to demolish the El east of Cottage Grove is moving ahead it is also picking up opposition. The Freedom Now Center, located on 63rd and Cottage Grove will be holding a community meeting Saturday September 15th to address the issue in opposing the closure.



Dino McNeal

"We are holding this meeting to get a fair assessment if this is the right thing to demolish this El", said Dino McNeal, director of the Freedom Now Center.

Various groups from Woodlawn have been working to use a Empowerment Zone waiver process for the CTA's obligation to payback the

U.S. government the funds obtained to repair the Green Line station for the demolition cost. A cost quoted at \$13 million.

The groups submitted a letter to Secretary Pena, of the Dept. of Transportation consisted of Ald. Arenda Troutman (20), Bishop Authur Brazier, Rev. Leon Finney, The Fund, United Business Association of Woodlawn and Mount Carmel High School.

Mattie Butler of the WECAN opposing the demolition stated, "The powers to be aren't going to like this, but why don't they just say what it is, to move the present residents out." Butler suggested. "Next they will be building the Cu De Sac creating a separation of different classes of people. I can think of a whole lot of good \$13 million can be use for...The El is the heart of Woodlawn, I am oppose to it and have always

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The Green Line El on 63rd Street is proposed for demolition by a group in Woodlawn, with the backing of Bishop Authur Brazier. Citing another concern is Sam Zyyad of Top Value Foods, which has suffered from the streets being cut off during construction. The El is also focus in the Washington Park community at 55th Street for a Super Station.

Superstation at 55th Street El"

Washington Park/Woodlawn— On September 9, a Town Hall meeting held at Harris YMCA residents met to discuss the Super EL Station proposed at 55th Street El in Washington Park. The meeting was called by Alderman Arenda Troutman (20).

Along with an official from C.T.A., and a team from the Dept. of Planning led by Bill Clark, Troutman and the department officials were on hand to explain the plans for the one of a kind multimillion dollar station.

"I see the new El creating economic development for residents who have hung tough in this community, and them being a part of the building blocks for this plan." Said Alderman Troutman, "This plan is the cornerstone of redevelopment that will attract investors, government money, and a logical process for review of what may be developed on vacant land."

The process of what will be determined to go into this El station will be influenced by community input. While, the Alderman and C.T.A. ensured the community that nothing would be implemented without the residents input, preliminary plans for the station include a three level atrium affect with retail stores, a day care center, and a police substation.

Although this is the first time it was introduced to the constituents of the 20th Ward. These plans are far from new. According to Troutman's office, she and C.T.A. officials have been in discussion on this issue for three years.

Because of the vacant land that is available in the Washington Park area, Alderman Troutman chose the 55th street location opposed to 51st because of the extensive opportunity to develop in the heart of Washington Park where it is so desperately needed.

However, according to Cecilia Butler, the Washington Park Community Coalition (WPCC) members testified before the Dept. of Planning in May 1994, identifying 55th Street as a Superstation. In May 1995 the Coalition

met at the Washington Park Refectory to begin the first of nine planning sessions for the Superstation and the area surrounding within a nine mile radius.

The recent release of a 45 page document prepared by the WPCC Development Corporation, with technical assistance from The Center for Neighborhood Technology, encompasses the planning process from development methodology to expected outcomes.

One member of Washington Park expressed her dismay over the closed rank syndrome prevalent in the meeting. Betty Russell told South Street Journal, "four of us from Perry Ave. had heard about the meeting on the Superstation, so we decided to attend to find out what we could. People were there from transportation telling us about plans including the kind of restaurants they were going to have.

At that time Ms. Butler interjected to remind them that there is already a McDonalds, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Popeyes Chicken and Checkers in the community. Alderman Troutman then called Butler a "monstrous person" and told her repeatedly to get out.

"I was greatly surprised at her (the alderman's) behavior and at that time we left." said Ms. Russell, "I had wrote a letter to the Alderman This is the second experience I have had, I had written a letter to her asking her to come to a meeting and sent a copy to the Mayor she sent an acceptance letter and then did not show up. When are we are going to start treating each other with dignity and respect.

Troutman reminded the residents that, "The very special thing about this project is that the



Ald. Troutman



Cecilia Butler

community has been offered control of this project, which is so rarely seen in economically disadvantaged communities." Troutman added, "The process starts today, listen, think, react, question, and suggest. Participate. You will only get in the community that which you demand, we will only get in the community

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In Wake of Residents position Ald. Haithcock Opposes Indiana Cul de Sac

Douglas—Alderman Haithcock (2), after hearing testimony from area residents and attending meetings on Illinois College of Optometry (ICO) proposal to cut 33rd and Indiana off to



Ald. Haithcock

traffic, the alderman presented to over 150 residents at Pilgrim Baptist Church, on September 7, her position opposing ICO Cul de Sac.



Lu Palmer

She made her position known in a letter to the president of ICO, Dr. Boyd Banwell her opposition.



Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Davis

In her letter to Dr. Banwell, the

"Near South Activists" Organization is Formed

Alderman advised him that at a community meeting on Wednesday, August 16, at the Hartzell United Methodist Church, the community was overwhelmingly against the proposed cul de sac on Indiana Avenue.

The letter went on to state that because of this opposition, the current plan will not have her support and that the college should seek other options to connect their buildings together, such as an over-the-street pedestrian walkway.

Dr. Banwell, however, said to South Street Journal (Aug. 16), the plan of ICO was in the making for a long time (over a year) and that "This is the Master Plan", they are going on with their plans. South Street Journal, has made attempts to contact Dr. Banwell since then without any avail.

The issue was a proposal

presented to the Alderman by the ICO, calling for a cul de sac between 32nd and 33rd streets on Indiana Avenue. ICO recently completed a two-hundred (200) bed student resident building at that location.

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The college is seeking to create a campus environment for its students.

During the meeting, residents of the Near South area discussed numer-

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South Street Life



Mid-South residents peruse through the remains of a burned out food and liquor store at 51st & King Dr. The entire corner block was burned beyond repair in a suspicious fire several weeks ago. Pekin Cleaner at 41st & State is advising customers of the cleaners located at the site of the fire to contact the Better Business Bureau amid reports that customers are being sent to their location to be reimbursed. The owner stated he sold that business eight years ago.

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The UnZip



David Dunlap of Woodlawn has signed on as the Host for the UnZip Affair, Community Feud Contest, tailored after the Family Feud. He said Woodlawn will be well represented at the Affair on Nov. 4....And Peggy Cotton has been nominated for a Community character Award.

Alderman Dorothy Tillman is without a Chief of Staff, Angelo Rose's top community organizer comrade Andrea Smith is no longer top hat for Tillman. And no word for who will replace her... In addition, the homeless shelter on 57th and Lafayette of the Alderman is getting some flake by people wanting to close it down.

Pat Dowell-Cerasoli of Mid-South organization former boss Valerie Jarrett, Department of Planning Commissioner, is rumored to leave her post, even Mayor Daley's top assistant don't know what the lady is going to do. Interested people can find out if they attend Mid-South Housing fair at IIT on Sept. 23rd.

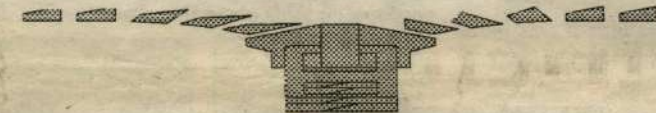
Looks like a rent party is due this time for Cecilia Butler's Empowerment Center in Washington Park. They needs some green to keep the doors open, and they mean dollars not the grass in the park. Meanwhile Butler's cousin, Antonio Chappel, of Fuller Park is looking for office space for Fuller Park Advisory Council. Maybe funds from the same folks funded the Washington Park center.

Derek McNeal, Attorney, Talk radio host, community activist and brother of Dino McNeal has tossed his hat into the ring for the Illinois Senate race. Cecilia Butler of Washington Park has signed on as his campaign manager....Is it true Dino McNeal has a contract with the Mayor's MET program?

Gerri Oliver of the Palm Tavern on 47th Street is pissed off at a certain group of women poets came to the Palm Tavern to debut their reading series but have now moved on to greener pastures without so much as a thank you...it seems the manipulation of the community extends into the literary circle.

And now for the golden Apple Award. As UnZip unzipped Walgreen's charging customers higher prices for cigarettes and glue on 55th and Wentworth and 51st and Cottage, compared to Hyde Park locations with lower prices. A reader of SSSJ confronted Walgreens....And the Rotten Apple. Walgreens manager told the reader they have to pay rent.

Happy birthday to, Hyde Parker Donna Hodge and Saturday 9/9 she turnedCount the dots, which be off a few.



Community Briefs

SSJ Writer Running for Judge

Attorney Karen Brazil-Breashears, a Hyde Parker recently is a candidate for Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in the March 19, 1996 Primary Election.

Backed by R. Eugene Pincham as her Chairman, Pincham said, "The essential premise of Karen's campaign is that every litigant is entitled to present his or her case to a fair judge. Karen will be such a judge." He added, "I have firsthand knowledge of Karen's outstanding legal abilities, her masterful writing skills, her impeccable integrity, her unyielding dedication to people, and her compassionate judicial temperament."

Brazil-Breashears was a staff attorney for the Research Dept. of the First District (Cook) County of the Illinois Appellate Court when Pincham served as a Justice.

She is also a staff writer for South Street Journal.



Karen Brazil-Breashears



R. Eugene Pincham



Charles Hayes

hereby petition the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to withhold federal empowerment zone funding from the City of Chicago, until such time as the Chicago City

Council passes legislation to guarantee shared decision-making authority with the community. We believe that the recently passed Daley administration plan violates the intent of the federal empowerment zone legislation.

Washington Park Scattered Site

at 4155 Lake Park is scheduled for an agreement with residents of the area headed by Izola Davis, for the rehabilitation of the buildings. The agreement is in line with the Memorandum of Accord with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The meeting was scheduled for August 1st, but was canceled at the last minute.

Bynum "Adventure Playland" in Washington Park.

The Bynum adventure Playland in Washington Park, an island playground has been closed for two years. All the equipment had to be replaced because of unsafe conditions. The Washington Park Advisory Council is conducting planning sessions for the island. A meeting will take place to share residents suggestions on Wed. Sept. 20, 1995 at 7p.m. at the Washington Pk. Fieldhouse 5531 S. King Dr.

Gus Savage, Charles Hayes and Times Square

Former Congressman Gus Savage was on hand September 9, paying tribute to former Congressman Charles Hayes at the newly formed DuSable Community Trust, Inc dedication to Hayes. The DuSable Trust is raising up to \$2 million to rehabilitate the old Times Square, aka Bacon's Casino, aka the Packinghouse Center, soon to be known as the "Charles Hayes packinghouse Center at 48th & Wabash across the street from DuSable High School.

Petitions in the Neighborhood: In Washington Park;

PETITION

We, the residents of the Washington Park Community (Area 40), petition Alderman Arenda Troutman of the 20th Ward to meet with us in the community to discuss the planning of our community. We, the residents, have been strategically planning for the community for several months. We respect the position of our elected officials and we request their support for our plans.

Please meet with our delegation before October 1, 1995 to show unity in our community.

On the Empowerment Zone;

PETITION

We, the undersigned residents of the City of Chicago, do

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Calendar of Events



Sept.

"Ghana Live" an exhibit of field photographs and a dazzling array of Ghanaian cultural objects is now on display at the DuSable Museum of African American History, through September 30. at 740 E. 56 Place. The Museum is open Monday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults. \$2 for seniors and children. Thursdays are FREE to everyone.

Tues. 12

34/35 King Dr. Block Club Meetings: Spring Beautification Program. Lawn/Flower Beautification Presentation for the The meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 at Congressman Rush's Office.

Task Force for Black political Empowerment meets every Tuesday at Center's for Inner City Studies, 39th & Oakwood.

47th Street Merchant Association meeting. 7:30 at the 113 Club meeting room, 113 E. 47th Street. for information call 924-0461

Wed 13

Southside Empowerment Zone meeting at 700 Oakwood Blvd at Center for Inner City Studies 6 - 7 pm

"Gift of Recovery"

Produced by Gloria Satterfield will air on Channel 21 at 7:30 p.m. hosted by Calvine Johnson.

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You are cordially invited to attend a Media Luncheon Topic "Let's Build A Relationship" 12:00 P.M.- 2:00 P.M. At South Side YMCA 6330 S. Stony Island.

R.S.V.P. by September 6, 1995 for more information contact Suzanne Loveless (312) 947-0700

Tenant Relations: Managing Your Tenants Seminar

Harris Bank and the Fund for community Redevelopment & Revitalization free seminar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the YMCA-South Side, 6330 S. Stony Island Ave. Lunch is included. Space is limited. For information, call Demetra James 461-4005.

The 35th Street-Gateway Citizens Committee:

Monthly meeting at Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church, 3330 S. King Drive. Meetings are held 2nd Wed. and are open residents of the Near south and Grand Boulevard areas. call 548-2000 or 924-0014 Grove Ave. 7:00.

Sat. 16

Adolescents Harris YWCA 6200 S. Drexel 955-3100 ext. 36. This group is for

women only and there is no charge. Every Saturday.

Crusaders For Justice

regular community meeting at 12 noon, at Holiness Temple Church 56th and Indiana. Every Saturday.

Women Support Group

has been designed to helping women over come compulsive/addictive attitudes and behaviors. Meetings held Every Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 500 E. 67th St. Parkway Community Center. For more information contact Frances Brown 312-723-4665.

Mon. 18

Provident Hospital will hold a Senior Health and Wellness Fair, 9:30 until 12 noon, Free Health screenings, blood ressure, diabetes cholesterol, vision and mamography. For infor call 572-2718

Taifa Black Awareness Group

holds classes in Black history, leadership,

conflict, resolution and more every Monday from 6 to 7:30 pm at Woodlake Community room 4514 S. Lake.

New Structure Organization

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

Women's Auxiliary Meeting

of the West Woodlawn Council of Block Clubs at the Parkway community Center, 500 East 67th Street, 1:00 pm.

Wed. 21

2nd Ward Community Meeting at 6 pm.

Hartzel Memorial United Methodist Church, 3330 S. King Drive, Presentation by, City Dept. Transportation on Proposed Cul De Sac at Indiana Ave. between 32nd and 33rd Street, sponsored by Ald. Madeline Haithcock.

Near South Activist

Organization meets at 7:30 SSJ will publish notices of community meetings, events and program in the SSJ circulation area, others may submit material as it relate to the area. Send material by deadline to SSJ 4305 S. King Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60653. We reserve the right to refuse and edit material

Sat. 23

Housing Workshop & Expo

Join us for a housing workshop and Expo for the latest information on home ownership and rhab 8:30 AM-5:00PM IIT Herman Hall, 3241 S. Federal Street

Washington Park Advisory Council

meeting at Washington park, 55th and King Drive.

Sun. 24

Wordsongs presents An Oral Anthology

The mystery the magic and the Madness of 47th Street with Malachi Ajaya, Marian Hayes, Quraysh Ali and Beverly Reed. Hosted

by Harold Lucas music by the Right Notes \$5.00 2.00 open mike registration call 924-0461 for details

Tues. 26

Clubs Beat 321 meeting at Parkway Community House, 500 E. 67th St. 7:00 pm. Meets 4th Tue. of each month. For information call T. Harris 493-1306 & 3rd District 747-7004 for other meeting dates.

47th Street Merchants Association

meeting at 113th Club meeting room, 113 E. 47th Street. Meets everyother week at 7:30 pm

Oct. 3

Tuesday

Mid South Planning and Development Commission,

General meeting, at King Center 43rd & Cottage.6:30 pm. held every 1st Tuesday

UnZip Affair

South Street Journal 1995 UnZip Character Awards Ballot

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Heritage Tourism Review

By Harold L. Lucas

SUPREME LIFE BUILDING RESTORATION



Congratulations and all due respect to the honorable Madeline Haitcock, Alderman of the 2nd Ward. In a time of corrupt politicians looking to enrich themselves through back room deals and taking money under the table, Alderman Haitcock has moved forward of support the community's vision for economic empowerment.

On August 30th, 1995, the Liquidators for the Illinois Department, of Insurance came before Chancery Court Judge Aaron Jaffe with an emergency petition for demolition of the landmark Supreme Life building, 3501 S. King Drive. Fortunately, through our development corporation and legal council, the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BMCTC) caught wind of the proposed demolition and was in court to ask Judge Jaffe to stay the order for demolition. Also present in supported of preserving the Supreme Life building were Paula Robinson of Integrated Renewal Strategies Development Corp., Pat Dowell-Cerasoli of Mid-South Planning & Development Commission (MSPDC), Mary Steward of New Phase C.D.C. and Tim Samuelson of the Chicago Commission on Historic Landmarks.

Judge Jaffe granted seven (7) days for BMCTC to organize a business collaborative that could purchase the buildings and stop it's demolition would be contingent upon approval from Alderman Haitcock. BMCTC immediately called on the Alderman to seek her support for a community-based initiative to restore the Supreme Building as a National Heritage Tourism Destination. After careful consideration of critical issues affecting the building and discussing development strategies with BMCTC, Alderman Haitcock sent a letter to Cheryl Thomas, Commissioner, Department of Buildings requesting a hold on demolition for 30 days.

This pro community empowerment decision by Ms. Haitcock

is clear indicator that the 2nd Ward Alderman supports the goodwill of community leadership over pressure from outside developers.

BMCTC and MSPDC were successful in fighting off other outside developers who did not appreciate the cultural significance that the Supreme Life Building played in the history of Black Chicagoans. The building is the "Crown Jewel" and anchor structure in the development of the Gateway to Black Metropolis. The Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority has made a \$10 Million appropriation towards a street promenade from McCormick Place south to a Black Metropolis Gateway at 35th & King Drive.

A Three (3) year community planning process that culminated in a Mid-South Strategic Plan targets the historic structure for restoration and adaptive reuses as

a Bronzeville Visitors Center, with commercial, retail and residential rental spaces.

Therefore, BMCTC is now moving forward to purchase the Supreme life Building.

BMCTC has launched a petition drive and is working closely with Alderman

Haitcock to convene a public meeting on proposed plans for community reuse. BMCTC has also gained broad-based support for this community-based initiative from Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, Commission on Historical Landmarks, Landmark Preservation Council of Illinois and 1994 Preservationists of the year, Albert Friedman of J.A. Friedman & Associates.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is working with the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and BMCTC to preserve this structure, have it designed as a Historic Landmark and opened in time to host a reception for participants in the 50th Annual National Trust Conference being hosted by Chicago in October, 1996.



Harold Lucas

\$1 Million targeted in Empowerment Zone for fight against Drug Gangs

Community Leaders Questions the target

As the Mid-South communities wait for grant approvals of the \$100 million Empowerment Zone funding, Mayor Richard M. Daley welcomed Chicago's designation by White House National Drug policy Director Lee Brown with a grant of \$1 million for the "Empowerment Zone High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area". The designation includes the Mid-South and West side communities.

The Mayor said the funding is an effort that will help law enforcement agencies better coordinate their targets and efforts in fighting drug gangs. A claim Mattie Butler of the Woodlawn's WECAN organization says its money targeted the wrong area.

"They must be crazy," said Butler, "They need to target the supply cut off and go to Hoffman Estate and the big boys."

As the funds are not related to the 39 drug arrest primary on the south side, Mayor Daley said, "as the indictments against members of the Gangster Disciples indicate, Chicago is facing increasing organized and sophisticated

drug gangs. "The drug dealing operations of today are sophisticated criminals who combine high-tech capitalism with brutal violence to ravage our children."

With a six month plan the funds will be targeted for law enforcement in the form of arrest and money laundary. Butler charged that, "What its all about is supporting the criminal justice industry. They are getting ready to house (put in jail) Black youth for \$40,000 a year and put Black babies in the foster care industry." Butler continued stressing, "With that money we can prevent drugs. This defeats the Empowerment Zone concept, to try and save our youth with positive projects not aiding to house them in jails."

Jim Riely of the Mayor's office stated, "We look at the high crime areas over a year around the city and have targeted the city's South Side and West Side as the high intensity areas



Mayor Richard Daley



Mattie Bulter

of drugs." He added "The area's being Empowerment Zones only help the efforts of the community representative Clusters as they plan economic development. It's pretty hard to get reinvestment programs going in the area when drugs are hampering the community."

Butler insisted that the city's priority is all wrong. "The city must go to the root of the problem. These young men do not have the resources to bring these drugs in the community and the law enforcers know it."

The city hoped to receive \$10 to 12 million the next go around where treatment and prevention funds can be used. Amounts Atlanta and Philadelphia received this time.

Riely said he could not state where the focus will be, but did say the

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Jesse Jackson Jr.

Jesse Jackson Jr. Announces Bid for 2nd Congressional District Seat

Pullman—Jesse Jackson Jr. has officially announced his candidacy for the Illinois 2nd Congressional District.

The mid-day rally which was held at Salem Baptist Church, on 118th and Indiana before a full church was part political and part tent revival as family members took the podium, one by one, to express their love, support, and endorsement of the 30-year old son of human rights activist and politician, Jesse Jackson.

Against a backdrop of American flags, and red, white and blue balloons,

Jesse Jr. quickly began to define his new public image by saying he would neither run nor run away from his name. "God has blessed me with a good

name...whose good works I intend to work to form a covenants of service with you, and I want to be the next Congressman

of the 2nd Congressional District. Jackson's message was one of economic development, and he promised a campaign that would put people first. "People who have jobs, generate revenue, pay taxes, and when taxes are paid, deficits go down, interest rates go down people buy cars, houses and refrigerators." As he continued, Jesse, Jr. also summed up the plight of urban

America. "People who own houses don't write graffiti on them."

Jackson has been vocal on several issues affecting the African American

Community including the protest against the hand-ling of the murder of Joseph Gould.

The race for the 2nd congressional District seat promises to

be a hot issue as State Rep. Monique Davis and State Senators Alice Palmer (13) has announced their candidacy, and State Senator Emil Jones (14) is expected with the host of other community leaders and politicians prepare to toss their hat in the ring. A congressional seat made famous by former Congressman Gus Savage, who lost to Mel Reynolds four years ago.

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Jackson Jr./Larry Hoover
Million Man March/Public
Enemy # 1 -- Plus,
Jackson Jr. on Mel Reynolds**

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Cul de Sac

ous traffic-related issues that the Alderman pledge to review and further study. The community listed the high speed traffic on King Drive and other streets such as Prairie Avenue.

The meeting at Pilgrim Baptist Church, where Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Davis, is the Pastor, who was elected as Chairman of the newly formed "Near South Activists", stated, "Indiana Avenue is a main through fare to the loop. I think it shows a great insensitivity, on the part of the college to even propose to the Cul De

Sac." Rev. Davis went on to say, "We, at Pilgrim, see this plan only as a means of closing the campus to the neighborhood. We see this move as "Mental Segregation." You are isolating "The Big House" (I.C.O.) so that no one can pass through its grounds. We therefore vigorously oppose any plans to Cul De Sac Indiana Avenue."

Echoing, residents concern was Lu Palmer, Chicago Black United Communities, who said the residents need to make sure nothing of this nature happen again and proposed they form an community organization to follow-up on their concerns.

After, five or so recommendations the group named themselves Near South Activist. Their boundaries are generally from 18th Street to 43rd Street, after a resident from 43rd Street imposed, she want to be include in the groups efforts.

The next meeting of the organization will be September 21, 6:30 pm at Pilgrim Church, where a letter to the Mayor is to be sent following Haithcock's letter to him opposing the street closure. Another follow-up will be addressing the tax assessment of homes in the area.

Lu Palmer who followed one residents concerns on the high increased of taxes stated how his taxes has been increased higher than normal.

Palmer stress the importance of the new organization saying, "This is to give notice to Banwell and any one else, we will not allow any one to dictate the course of our community."

Haithcock proposed that community organizations such as The GAP, Mid-South Planning and others form committees to study the issues related to the impact of the McCormick Place expansion and the Lake Shore Drive reconstruction. She proposed concerns from De LaSalle High School, Illinois Institute of Technology (which Leroy Kennedy address the schools concerns) the and ICO's agendas for proposed development.

The Alderman pointed out the following agreements should be worked out with the presidents of the schools: Involvement of the community in the university and high school long range plans; the employment and hiring practices; Support of local public elementary schools; Community banking; Hiring minority architects and planners; Hiring minority contractors.

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Grand Boulevard Resident to head Housing Development Study in South Africa

by Darlene Perkins

Kronen Construction and Paving Company, a Black owned business based in Soweto (a rural township outside of Johannesburg South Africa) has sought the technical assistance of a Mid South resident to help build housing in their new free country.

Cheri Kirby, 49th & St. Lawrence will embark on a mission that Nelson Mandela made part of his new government agenda.

Ms. Kirby met the South African consulate trade group at a trade mission in May of 1995. They were seeking African Americans to joint venture with, to provide goods and services that would assist Nelson Mandela, President, South Africa in fulfilling his promise made in his redevelopment plan (RDP) to build thousands of homes during his five year term as President of South Africa. Little progress has been made toward building the thousands of homes promised in this redevelopment plan. Faced with many challenges due to the underlying societal conditions that was used to bring down the white power structure.

Cheri Kirby, a resident of Grand Boulevard for six years, is an entrepreneur and real estate agent. A Kenwood High School graduate. She recently earned her Masters Degree in Human Services Administration and Affordable Housing Development



Cheri Kirby, a resident of Grand Boulevard, will join the communities of South Africa in the planning of affordable housing for the new free country.

Kirby who is employed by Kronen Construction said, "I finished my masters degree and my team won, they asked me if I would go and I said I would. I think we need to share what we have with the people over there, provide technical assistance and goods and services. Whites still own the land there and the people face many of the challenges that we face here.

We have a team of 4 to 5 people who will do a flexibility study. We will be staying two to three years."

For many years Black South Africans withheld rent payments from white property owners. Furthermore many of these South African rural townships lack electricity, running water and sewerage. Efforts to facilitate progress among Black South Africans are thwarted by Afrikaans (whites) that still control much of the land and money in the country.

"I feel blessed and it is an honor for me to go in behalf of my people.

I am tired of my people suffering and I will do whatever I can do," Kirby said. "My family was a little afraid for me at first but now everybody is pretty happy about this."

Cheri Kirby and her attorney Felicia Newberry will spend 2-3 months in South Africa initially to complete her feasibility studies and planning for the joint venture arrangement to build low in-come houses. Cheri will return in late 1995 to assemble a team of professionals willing to assist in this most historical effort. The team will depart in February of 1996 for a minimal of 2-3 years stay. They are primarily looking for African-Americans to provide goods and services and to set up import and export ventures.

Kirby has been active in Mid-South since her arrival. She served diligently on the Mid-South Planning And Development Commission for three years as chair of the membership committee. She was also the Executive Director of a local community development corporation in the Mid-South area.

Meetings Ongoing on Homeless Man Shoot by Chicago Police Officer

Congressman Bobby Rush (2) joining with other community leaders convening rallies and addressing the shooting of homeless man Joseph Gould.

The activities are centered around remedies to circuit court ruling dismissing involuntary manslaughter charges against Chicago police officer Gregory Becker accused of shooting to death Gould. Con. Rush petitioned the U.S. Department of Justice to demand an investigation of Gould's rights being violated.

Black elected officials progressive leadership and homeless advocates started meetings at Congressman Rush's Chicago District office on 79th Street.

As the community leaders press forward in calling for justice for Gould, steps are being developed in demanding renewed charges against police officer Becker.

The last action was for a rally to be held at Mount Carmel Baptist Church Center 2976 S. Wabash and a prayer rally is scheduled at the site of Gould's killing.

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What Happened during My Summer Break



Today I thought I would write about a number of concerns that I had over the summer. Two of them are negative and two are positive.

The negatives first, please.

Item 1: About six months ago I wrote about a principal in one of the State Street corridor schools. Teachers have been transferring out of the school like roaches escaping a Raid. A teacher aide went to jail after hitting a child, but only after she was illegally placed in a classroom for a number of weeks, and the principal was suspended for a period of time due to a DCFS infraction.

At the time I said I would write an objective column about the situation. During the last six months an administrator, numerous teachers, and teacher aides called me to complain (and some parents and students of the school), but they would not leave their name so I refused to write the column.

Not so anymore. A number of individuals have been contacting me during the last few weeks—including former teachers—and they have been giving me their names. I am

going to hold off on the article though, to give more individuals a chance to tell their stories—as long as they will let me use their name. (Furthermore, you can write to me in care of the South Street Journal about your own school if you wish—with good and bad news.)

Is anybody listening out there?

Item 2: Illinois College of Optometry (ICO) is once again educating the youth of our area on racism. They want to build what is in effect a blockade to the community—a minority community surrounding an almost all white medical facility. Let's call it the way it is—a fence will make the whites attending the school feel safer. Unfortunately it will also reinforce—again—a valuable lesson to the youth who live in the community—white is right.

No, I say. ICO, if you want to be a part of our community, be a part of it. Don't tell us lies. The reality is a cul de sac blocking Indiana at 33rd is just another disguise at racism.

Instead why don't you join in the community? Have your students do outreach. Have them invite the community in. When people communicate one on one I have found differences such as color vanish and friendships begin to form.

Sure, to end racism will need more than that, but it's a start—one individual at a time.

Now for the good news.

Item 3: Whirlwind is a performance arts company training teachers in the arts. A few of those teachers work in our area. I am so impressed with the dedication and strength of both Whirlwind and the teachers, I plan to write a column about the teachers in the near future. Let me just congratulate those teachers who are a part of our community who were Whirlwind Talented teachers. They have so much to offer our children.

Item 4: Word has it the restructured Board of Education is actually accessible to both teachers and administrators. Keep up the good work. Of course, after I see how accessible they really are, I will write a column about the new board, too.

I hope you had a nice summer—and to all of the students going back to school: good luck and enjoy.

WAR Opposes Welfare Reform

Women About Reform (WAR), an organization with members in the Grand Boulevard community is incensed about the direction of Welfare Reform is taking and how it will change and eliminate welfare to work services.

The State of Illinois must still obtain approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in order to implement many of the recently passed welfare reform laws. However WAR believes these new laws are unfair to welfare recipients.

WAR views are as follows:

Disapprove of **The Get A Job Proposal** because it discourages applicants from obtaining employment. **The Personal Employment Plan**, because it is not an effective tool to assess a person's employment needs. **Family Cap** because it is a form of increase in abortion because of the denial of assistance.

Earn Income Proposal which WAR says it would harm innocent people by charging them for over payments made by public aid.

The Target Work Initiative has not shown an effective method to determine how it will assist 17,000 recipients in obtaining employment with a two year time limit.

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State Elected Proceedings

Smith Calls For Restoration of Hospice Funding

State Senator Margaret Smith upon Governor Jim Edgar and the Republican-controlled Illinois General Assembly to restore some \$10 million in funding for low-income hospice care.

Smith, who serves as Democratic spokesperson for the Senate's Public Health and Welfare Committee and as a member of its appropriations committee, said the money should have been included in this year's budget.

"Hospice care allows terminally ill persons to live at home rather than in a more expensive hospital or nursing home," Smith said. "Hospice care for

persons on Medicaid actually saves the state money. The state is paying the bill anyway and it is less expensive to have persons in their homes than in a hospital."

Smith said the Illinois State Hospice Organization estimated that Medicaid provided hospice care said the state \$14.1 million last year.



State Senator Margaretta Smith

According to Smith, the governor had proposed spending \$34.7 million for low-income hospice care this year but the Republican controlled General Assembly reduced that amount by about \$10 million.

"I think the state should fully fund hospice care because it is the compassionate thing to do," Smith said. "But, when we can be compassionate and save money at the same time it becomes the wise thing to do as well."

Smith urged her fellow legislators to restore the funding during the fall veto session, Which begins in November. She said the governor may also have the power to restore the funding without General Assembly approval and she urged him to take that action if it is possible.

Illinois Advisory Panel on Minority Health Created

Legislation Co-Sponsored by Rep. Howard Signed into Law

Legislation aimed at improving the health of minorities throughout Illinois was signed into law August 11th. House Bill 309, which was co-sponsored by Representative Connie Howard (D-Chicago) creates an advisory panel on minority health.

The panel will consist of 15 members representing a cross section of health care professional and Illinois General Assembly members. The panel is charged with two directives: 1) to create a report on the health status of minorities serving as health

professionals, and 2) to conduct a study of spousal abuse.

"I am pleased that Illinois is finally willing to take a look at the specific health problems that are plaguing minority communities," Rep. Howard said. "For too long health needs of minorities and women have taken a back seat in both research and clinical work. I hope that this panel will succeed in advancing the cause of minority health care."

The panel's report on minority health will include a plan for:

1. Examining minority access to health care and minority representation in the health care profession.
2. Developing monitoring and track-

ing mechanisms for programs with minority health goals

3. Promoting communication between staff agencies that provide services to minorities
4. Building coalitions with leaders in minority communities
5. Encouraging recruitment of minority health professionals

The panel must also conduct a study of spousal abuse which shall include identification of the causes of spousal abuse and identification of specific age groups affected. The report on the study must be submitted to the General Assembly by January 1, 1997.



Kenner: "The Investment We Make in Education Deserves the Highest Priority. A simple equation, staying in school equals more and better job opportunities for graduates"

State Rep. Howard Kenner

Stressing the importance of education, State Representative Howard Kenner, recently addressed a group of high school graduates from Richard Vocational H.S. In his speech to the youngsters, Kenner said, "Now more

than ever, anybody wishing to become successful in life, must include education as a key ingredient to achieve his or her dream."

"We must make it clear that not only do our children's chances of succeeding in the future depend on completing their education, but so does our nation's economic stability, strength and world leadership." Kenner said.

According to data from the Chicago Board of Education, the 89-90 school year had a total of 27,138 freshmen enrolled in high school, but in the course of four years 8,565 dropped out the school diploma is essential for most employment opportunities in today's job market," Kenner said. "It is important to let individuals, who have not completed their high school education, know they can still achieve success with a General Education Development Certificate (GED)," Kenner concluded.

The GED allows persons to obtain class hours needed to complete high school studies. Individuals interested in the GED program are encouraged by Representative Kenner to call the Adult Learning Resource Center for information about GED classes at 1-800-321-9511.

Brothers and Sisters... Read... Between the Lines



By Eddie S. Read A Contractor's Contractor

Rufus Taylor the President and CEO of Chicago's oldest Black owned construction firm-Gone, but never forgotten. The Creator has brought to close the mortal life of a man, a gentle man, a serious man, a man of honesty. A legitimate Black Contractor. I spoke with Rufus Taylor privately on several occasions. He applauded the work we are doing in the construction industry. He especially wanted to see front contractors stopped. He thought that blacks that front for others are disgrace to the industry. Taylor was a man who did not fight with his people publicly, he would fight problems behind closed doors.

Taylor Electric Company and Black Contractor's United will never be the same without him. Rufus we thank you for your leadership, your tremendous support for balck youth and others

across ethnic and economic lines. I always admired your beautiful western boots topped off by affirm handshake and a broad smile. Many of us appreciated the respect that you had for a man called Sam Taylor, the founder of Taylor Electric in 1922. A man I heard you commonly called "My Dad". You did a great work with annual scholarship awards and your other philanthropic concerns! You were a humble man of modest expressions. You stood tall in this town as one of the most respected contractors-Black or otherwise to ever walk on a construction site. For the next year, we dedicate our movement to you. "A luta continua" (the struggle continues). Rufus Taylor, President and CEO of Taylor Electric Company, true role model. When I grow up- I want to be just like you.

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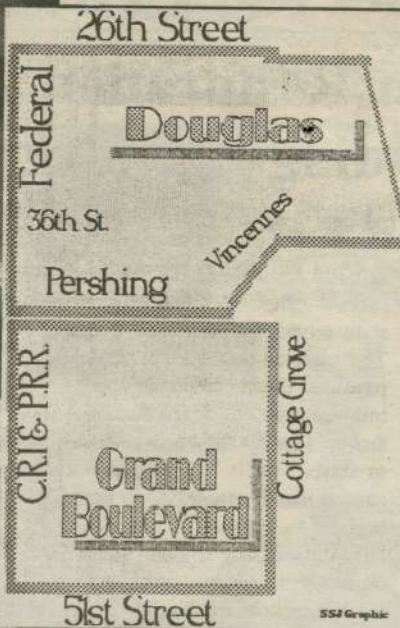
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Douglas/Grand Boulevard: The Past and the Promise Exhibition at Chicago Historical Society

DOUGLAS/GRAND BOULEVARD: THE PAST AND THE PROMISE, an exhibition which celebrates the history of the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood, one of the oldest communities in Chicago. The exhibition kicked off in March with an ongoing series of educational and public programs to be held not only at the Historical Society, but at schools and community centers throughout the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood.

Douglas/Grand Boulevard is the first community to be examined as part of the Chicago Historical Society's *Neighborhoods: Keepers of Culture* project, a collaborative effort between the Chicago Historical Society and four Chicago neighborhoods: Douglas/Grand Boulevard, Rogers Park/West Ridge, South Lawndale/Lower West Side, and Near West Side/East Garfield Park.

The project, which includes an oral history and video documentation component, as well as an exhibition and programs, has been generously underwritten 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 of all its activities.

During the past year, members of the Douglas/Grand Boulevard community and senior staff from the DuSable Museum of African American History have worked closely with an interdepartmental team of Historical Society staff. Together, they will decide how best to collect, interpret, and present the history of the neighborhood. The exhibition will remain on display at the Historical Society through October 1, 1995, when it will move to the DuSable Museum of African American History.

The exhibition features more than 600 artifacts including videos, photographs, manuscripts, clothing and other artifacts. Young people from the Elliott Donnelley Youth Center are working with the Community Television Network and Chicago Historical Society staff to create the videos for the exhibition. The exhibition tells the history of the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood, beginning with the early settlers

Above a Family Portrait at Birthday Party, one of the exhibits at the Chicago Historical Society, highlighting the Douglas/Grand Boulevard communities

of the 1850, when Stephen A. Douglas purchased 70 acres of land on 35th street in 1852.

Highlights will include the Great Migration, as well as the much celebrated Bronzeville of the 1920s, 30s and 40s. The exhibition will also profile the work of area residents and organizations that are committed to preserving some of the community's historic buildings and are working to revitalize the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood for future generations. The physical boundaries of the Douglas neighborhood are 26th Street to the north, Lake Michigan to the east, Pershing Road to the south, and the Rock Island Railroad tracks to the west. The physical

boundaries of the Grand Boulevard neighborhood are Pershing Road to the north, Cottage Grove Avenue to the east, 51st Street to the south, and the Rock Island Railroad tracks to the west.

In the 1890s, African Americans began to settle in the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood on the South Side of Chicago, an area once part of the territory inhabited by Native Americans and, since the 1850, occupied by a succession of Anglo and European people. In 1904, the Frederick Douglas Center opened to aid African Americans in obtaining jobs. In 1905 the first *Chicago Defender* was published, and in 1915 Chicago elected the city's first African American alderman.

During World War I, an estimated 50,000 African Americans migrated from the South to Chicago, in search of greater freedom, economic opportunity, and a better life for themselves and their children. Encountering racial barriers that primarily restricted them to living on the South Side, African Americans responded by establishing their own churches, businesses, institutions,

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\$1 Million

Gangster Disciples will be targeted.

Mayor Daley said, "The extensive drug distribution network of these gangs require us to combine our law enforcement resources and intelligence as best we can. We need to be smarter and more efficient if we are to succeed."

Chicago Crime Commission reported gangs are Public Enemy # 1 (SSJ August 24, 1995) with help from several factions of the state and local police departments, a group of student interns and the Illinois Dept. of Corrections charged gangs are holding neighborhoods hostage. Classifying them as very often from single parent household, unemployed, exhibiting poor work and study habits in school, are in trouble with police at an early age and receive little guidance or attention from family members at home.

Butler agreed with Wallace "Gator" Bradley, a youth counselor. Bradley said in the past article. "For them to just want to pay attention to street gangs is just a racist plot to further their aim - to lock up black men and youth," Bradley also said that according to police reports violence has gone down 39%.

As Butler and Wallace question the real motive of government agencies fight against drug crimes, Mayor Daley said he is pleased with the million dollar grant. "This money will help us enforce our drug laws and concentrate on breaking these sophisticated drug operations. Crack down on money laundering and dismantle street gang organizations, here and across the nation."

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Health Columnist

Bernetta Pearson, RN

The Alphabet Soup Heats Up

Last issue we talked about HMO's, GROUP/IPAS and PPOS.

Let's add two new ones to our list.

1. PHO-Physician Health Organizations. These are managed care organizations made up of Physicians in business for themselves. They handle all business and medical operations.

2. MSO-Management Service Organization. These organizations consist of a group of Physicians in business for themselves that hire a management organization to run the financial end of the business. The two groups work together to present a managed care product but unlike the HMO, the Physician is not an employee of the Managed Care Organization, he or she is a partner. While we're stirring this soup let's add 3 new Buzz words.



Merger-Consolidation of two or more businesses or entities.

In the case of health care,

Pharmaceutical companies are merging.

Acquisition-To acquire a business or entity, usually by buying In the case of health care, Management service organizations are buying up Hospitals, HMOS are buying up clinics. Everybody's buying up something because the thinking is Bigger is Better.

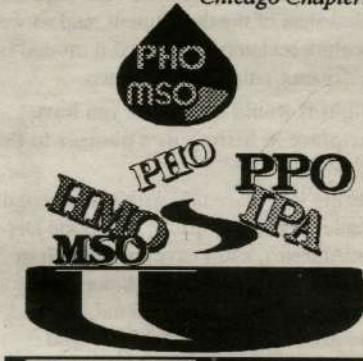
Capitation-to contract to provide service to patients at a fixed fee. Most providers of goods and services in managed care participate in this arrangement.

Some major players in the name game are (surprise, surprise) insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and doctors. One large

minor player in the game is you! What a does all this mean to you the consumer? You need to learn how to *Play Ball!* Put yourself right up there in the major league. This is your money they are trying to get, your money they are trying to spend and your health that on the table. Next issue. Managed care- What's in it for me? What should look for in my health care provider and organizations? Remember this is your health, Health is Wealth. Knowledge is the key.

Bernetta Pearson, RN is a Field Director for Sinai Family Health Center

and President of the National Black Nurses Association, Chicago Chapter.



Public Health Clinics Open Saturdays, Protecting Students Against Diseases

Nine Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) clinics will expand hours of service to accommodate children in need of immunizations and physical examinations required for school entry, according to Public Health Commissioner Sheila Lyne, RSM.

The clinics will be open on three Saturdays: August 26, and September 9 and 16 to deliver free vaccinations and low-priced physicals to city children who will be entering kindergarten, first, fifth or ninth grade in the fall. State law requires parents to keep their school-age children up to date with immunizations and physical exams.

Several of the clinics also will offer dental exams for children. All of the clinics will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the three Saturdays.

The school physicals are priced at \$10 each. Parents assisted by Medicaid should present their cards at the time of service. All patients must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Additionally, to accommodate the annual peak demand of regular school physicals, preschool and day care physicals will not be available on the three Saturdays.

Parents with children in need of vaccinations should remember to bring all records of past immunizations their children have received.

The Mid-South clinic and their telephone number are: Grand Boulevard, 4410 S. State 747-0005 Holman, 5230 S. Greenwood, 747-8700

V.A. Hospital to Open Client on 63rd Street

Woodlawn-VA West Side Medical Center has announced it will open a new outpatient clinic September 6 at 1502 E. 63rd Street, near Stony Island Avenue. The satellite facility will provide increased access to medical care for veterans living on Chicago's south side.

The 2,000-foot general medicine clinic will have facilities comparable to those of a private physician's office. It will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Patients who need more specialized care can be brought to the medical center's main campus, located at 820 S. Damen Avenue.

According to Lewis Coulson M.D., Associate Chief of Staff for Ambulatory Care, the clinic's location was selected to accommodate the large number of south-side veterans.

"Over 7,000 of our patients reside near clinic and there are many thousands of other veterans living nearby who would also use the A if it were more convenient," Dr. Coulson said. "The location we've selected is accessible to public transportation and has ample free parking.

"Surveys of our patients show that improving their access to medical care is a top priority for the VA," he continued.

"This clinic will be a welcome addition for the thousands of veterans who want to see a physician without traveling an hour on a bus or expressway."

West Side was one of only six VA medical centers nationwide to receive congressional approval to open a satellite facility. VA officials say it is especially noteworthy that West Side is opening the clinic using existing resources and has not requested additional funding.

Veterans who need more information or would like to make an appointment should call the clinic at (312) 363-5748.

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An Elder; Educating Those Who Would be King

Dr. Jacob Carruthers

By Beverly A. Reed

Dr. Jacob Carruthers, family man, educator, pioneer and now initiated into the highest level of achievement possible for a man of African descent- an elder.

Dr. Carruthers has earned the level of respect he commands with twenty-eight years invested in the African Centered Education Movement. His vast knowledge and unfailing commitment has turned a vision into reality. The African centered curriculum in place at Northeastern University, Center for Inner City Studies is where he has spent nearly three decades guiding and teaching.

A humble man who is certainly far more knowledgeable than many proclaimed leaders. Yet he is very comfortable in his role as a foundation builder (whose impact will have far reaching effects). He molds those that would be king.

Reed: Let's do our history first, what happened twenty eight years ago that brought you to Chicago?

Carruthers: Well you have to have a feel for 1968, that was the year Dr. King was killed, and the period from 1967 had been extremely tense because of the rebellions. The Black Panthers were recruiting all over the country and that was the atmosphere. At the time I was teaching at Kansas State College, and some of the white students were being recruited by SDS and the black students were being recruited by the Black Panthers.

Reed: How did you happen to be at Kansas State College?

Carruthers: Well you see I had been hired as, to put it the way Greenlee said it *the spook who sat by the door* I was the only Black person on the faculty.

Reed: How did that impact on the students?

Carruthers: Well the students came to me, and asked me to be their advisor. In the meantime, the students went on strike against the administration. The administration had taken their newspaper and put out their own official copy. The students somehow got a hold of all the copies of the paper and built a bonfire in the center of the campus. I was walking up and they handed me a copy and asked me did I want to join them. Well, I thought it deserved to be burned also and so I tossed it on the bonfire. Well after a period of time it

became obvious that I was systematically being turned down for promotions, raises etc., Someone brought it to my attention that it was because of

the bonfire incident, I knew then it was time to go. I had taught my classes well and done everything I was supposed to do as a professor. What I did on my own time was my business. So I was out of a job.

Reed: What does an out of work professor do?

Carruthers: Well I came to Chicago. Someone told me about the Center for Inner City Studies and that they were hiring. At first I was just looking for a job, but when I got to the Center I was very impressed. Everything was going on, the Panthers held most of their meetings there, the community was protesting what was going on in the public schools, some of the faculty members were heavily involved in community organizations, that was right down my line.

Reed: Who were some of the people involved?

Carruthers: Sonia Stone was very heavily involved, Nancy Arnez, Donald Smith was the director of the Center, John Porter, Anderson Thompson and many others it was certainly an exciting time and I was glad the position was open. We lit it off. You know I tell people that before I came to the Center I never held a job for over five years. I would either get fired or quit just before they fired me. Somehow or the other they liked me at the Center and I've stayed there for twenty eight years.

Reed: What do you teach?

Carruthers: Well, we have what we call interdisciplinary social sciences and humanities. One of the courses I teach is called Graduate Study in the Inner City Communities. That's a general orientation course to the curriculum. It is an intellectual history of why African people find themselves in the position they are in today. I also teach a course called African World View. Which is the course that I probably like the most. It is really an attempt to deal with the history of African people or what I call deep thought.

Reed: So you left Kansas, came here and started the African Education Centered Movement?

Carruthers: No I inherited the course graduate study, at that time the course was called Graduate Study in Disadvantage. The curriculum then was what I considered to be victim analysis. A year after I got here they decided to make me chairman of the department, and so we started a radical curriculum revision and turned it around from victim analysis to an African Centered Curriculum.

Reed: Well in that light it would seem that you have certainly earned your place in history as a pioneer in this movement.

Carruthers: Well, let me just share this with you, about a year after I came to Center, I wrote a speech called the Dis-Education of Blacks in America, and I gave that speech in front of a group of teacher, principals and educators and one old man who was sitting out there listening to me, who had been teaching for years said to me, you must have read Woodson's Miseducation of the Negro. I knew about Woodson, I had read some of his work but had not heard of this book. I was embarrassed of course, the next day I got a copy of it, read it and found out that brilliant analysis I thought I had done, had already been done almost fifty years earlier.

What we are doing has been before by people like Henry Bishop, Richard Abbott and Prince Hall who established the African Lodge that is now called Prince Hall Masons. At this time the Publisher of South Street Journal, Ron Carter brought the interview around to the issues directly affecting Mid-South

Carter: Dr. Carruthers, our last editorial dealt with the issue of education. In it we quoted DuBois' on the holistic approach to educating African American youth. We used the statement to draw a parallel between the students now and the students of the sixties. Your views?

Carruthers: What happened in the 1960's was that the college students began the sit-in movement which led to the voter registration movement at the same time White institutions started soliciting those student to attend their schools. The social conscious was instrumental in the advent of the Black Studies program because these kids were not

content to attend these integrated colleges and be trained solely in the White Supremacy curriculum.

Now the push is on for the best and brightest students to pursue technical fields of study. They are being told if they want to "make it" this is what they have to do to save that Black Studies stuff for the dumb students. But that is where the Movement comes in, look, what we have to do is what we should have done in 1890. There is



no substitute for the parents and the community controlling the education of our children. We must control the education of our children.

Carter: Is Brother Hannibal Afrik a part of the African Centered Education Movement?

Carruthers: Yes he is, Hannibal is certainly a part of it.

Carter: In your view, where are we as a people in terms of education? Especially in light of the fact, I refer again to that editorial, that the schoolchildren in our communities are not seeing much of the technically trained or the African Centered trained as they make their way to school. In addition most of our schools are on the lower rungs of academic levels and school such as IIT or even CICS are not filled with the youth of the communities they are in.

Carruthers: Well, I think the problem is that school has been viewed and rightfully so, as alien institutions by the people in the community and the children who go to them. Many of them look at schools as prisons. Those that go spend a lot of their time trying to figure out how to not to have to go or how not to go to class, because they view the classroom as enemy territory. I am not justifying their attitudes but there is some substance to the reasons that they have those attitudes and those have not been properly addressed by those people who control education.

Carter: Does your program do community outreach?

Carruthers: When we get that idea that the community must be full control of the education of its children then outreach will be the norm. However we have several programs going on in conjunction with local high schools even during the summer months that are working extremely well.

Reed: On the behalf of South Street Journal and its readers we would like to say Asante Sana

Editorial

Larry Hoover/Jesse Jackson Jr. the Million Man March and Public Enemy # 1

There is a claim on the lives of Black Men under the age of thirty. Who shall take the prize remains to be seen. On one hand there are the brothers who have been labeled Public Enemy #1 and on the other hand there are the Black urban professionals. Currently, two men have the power to influence either group. Larry Hoover and Jesse Jackson Jr. Whatever else we believe about these two it is apparent that they can affect the largest non-voting block, Black men 30 years old and under.

Neither Jesse Jackson Jr. or Larry Hoover have announced their support of the Million Man March in Washington D.C. As it is quite possible that they may be able to influence the direction of many thousands of people in this country, from one extreme to the other, there are some serious uncomfortable issues we have to face.

Let's say Larry Hoover is controlling the gangs (or youth organizations) in the community and can control over 10,000 young men. What if at the snap of his fingers he can bring thousands of them together faster than Minister Louis Farrakhan. Right now where would they be going and for what? Hoover should certainly be accountable for the direction that those young men take. More than just a letter to his members encouraging them to vote.

Let's say Jackson Jr. wins the congressional seat he will be one of the youngest, if not the youngest congressman in Washington D.C. His influence would span the young black professional men and those who hope to emulate them. Jackson himself was raised in a solid home and was provided with the moral guidance to build the character needed for him to take on a leadership role. More than visiting the jails, Jackson Jr. must organize and

uproot the seed that make his brothers "Public Enemy #1

However, if neither Hoover or Jackson make it to Washington, they should at some point meet and discuss their deep ideological and political differences. They also need to discuss which class of Black men that they represent will not be in Washington D.C. and why not. This conversation should then be reported to meetings such as the Elder board of CBUC.

As these two meet perhaps they will scrape off the coat of whitewash. Beneath it they could uncover subsidiaries that truly control the criminal underworld of young Black men. Perhaps will look closely at the mafia figures and discover that, like gangs, the mob is the secret army, that can control rather Hoover can get out of jail. Perhaps they will discuss the privatization of jails in Florida and its stealthy climb into to Illinois or that more money is spent on inmates than education, prevention or intervention for youth.

They will discuss strategy to overcome the recent bust of 12 international drug deals as it relates to the 39 on the south side. The anguishing sight of skeleton women on the streets selling their bodies on 43rd Street. They should also include the image that rappers project using words of disrespect. Perhaps they will even reminisce on the rappers of the sixties like Gil Scott-Heron and the Last Poets.

Imagine if they found a way to trace the drug money to the gambling casinos and other "legitimate" enterprises that are the syndicate's indispensable storefront covers a far cry from the drug trade in stores on 47th Street. From these slightly respectable enterprises they could follow the trail into the halls of the star assemblies, city councils, congressional offices and into the pockets of big business conglomerates.

Clearing the air. The problem has been that two men of different purposes were unable reconcile themselves in order to confront the annihilation of our youth from the streets to the man-hood robbing life of corporate America. The unity could set the stage for large-scale organizing and then toward the real

financial and political power of restoring the wrong and misguided to their rightful place. To even address the real agenda of saving our Black men caught in the oppression of the wealthy who profit from Black unemployment, imprisonment and exploitation from lack of education and vision to operate the businesses and understand when elected officials talk change.

Just as the Chicago Police use drug money to do good, so can the Black youth, before it's too late.

It is these men we must put under a microscope because they do represent the new generation. The community can not afford the luxury for these two men not to meet. And there should be no questions, no apologies and especially no resistance from foe or so-called friend.

The strategy is to uproot the cause of failure, to pool the resources to build. This is the another call to march on Washington. More directly on the jails to 53rd and State Street to Lake Meadows.

From the meeting of Jackson and Hoover and men such as them Washington must really feel that this is a march that will stop the death awaits both ends of the spectrum of young Black men.

P.S. South Street Journal Advisory Board Member, Tom Slawson of Vitner can be considered to sit in on the meeting.

Note: Jesse Jackson Jr. is a member of SSJ Board as well.



Perspective

The Importance of African Traditions

By Hannibal Tirus Afrik

For Africans in America, the issue of preserving our cultural traditions has become more significant. There is currently a major moment towards an African-centered school curriculum. Within churches, interest in an Africentric theological framework has already produced many converts and scholarly research.

The national moment to develop and expand Rites-of-Passage programs for youth is a positive declaration of cultural affirmation. When the issue of reparations is discussed, community residents are becoming more vocal and vigilant to demand governmental responses to the 400 year impact of our African Holocaust of Enslavement.

Throughout the Motherland, liberation forces achieved political independence in the Southern Africa region including Namibia, Zimbabwe and Azania. These victories, along with other continental state governments, heralds the realization of Marcus Garvey's 1920 vision of a United States of Africa.

Scientifically, anthropological research reveals even more compelling evidence of the African origin of humanity at least 4 million years ago and the genetic linkage to a single female ancestor. The multiple contributions of African civilization worldwide is being documented through migration patterns, linguistics, architecture and folklore.

Consequently, the stage is being set for an African renaissance in global affairs as society moves forward into the 21st century. The compelling challenge remains to determine who will control African resources; human, material and spiritual.

In order to adequately preserve the traditional African creative genius, African Americans are realizing the importance of institutionalizing traditional cultural processes of socialization. The basis of cultural unity lies in the concept and role of community, which is a manifestation of inner

power.

Malidoma Some' emphasizes the importance of community in his book, *Ritual-Power, Healing and Community* by describing: "A community is a place of self-definition. Any group of people meeting with the intention of connecting to the power within is a community.

People who regroup under a different banner to take care of themselves are attracted to indigenous culture...The community is where we draw the strength needed to effect changes inside of us".

A fundamental sociological component of the community is the nuclear family which emerges through courtship and marriage. The institution of marriage not only is a union of individuals but a bonding of their immediate families for life. The community benefits from marriages by the creation of new life which regenerates the ancestral legacies and provides for generational continuity.

More African Americans are seeking information and practicing traditional wedding ceremonies as a means of reestablishing our cultural heritage. In this light, KUUMBA CREATIONS, an Atlanta based special events firm, is sponsoring an African Wedding Bazaar, at the New Concept Development Center, 7823 So. Ellis (See Community Events Calendar).

Malidoma Some' offers insight into this area, "We need ritual because it is an expression of the fact that we recognize the difficulty of creating a different and special kind of community. A community that doesn't have a ritual cannot exist".

By restoring our African traditions of creativity, harmony, reciprocity, collective work and responsibility along with unity and faith, our youth and adults will regain positive self-esteem and social improvement. The African Wedding Bazaar can become a significant step for healing and restoring our indigenous community standards. PAMOJA TUTASHINDA (Together, we will win)

State Representative (5) LOU JONES

Opposes Indiana Cul de Sac

PRESS STATEMENT

The land grab by the Illinois College of Optometry and The Illinois Institute of Technology will not continue without negotiations with residents of this community. There are reasonable and intelligent people in this neighborhood which I represent but



Jones

their patience is being sorely tested by these private institutions. Already too many public ways have been closed and converted to the private use of these schools. Far too little effort has been made to form a partnership with the people who live in the neighborhood where these campuses are located.

Failure of the Illinois College of Optometry to consult with the community before mounting an effort to try to close off Indiana Avenue at 33rd and 32nd streets is the absolute last straw. There will be no Cul De Sacs built at 32nd and 33rd streets. And these private schools had better understand that this public official and others as well will work in concert with our constituents to protect ourselves and our families from further encroachment by these forces.

Let it be known that most community residents are willing to sit in negotiations with school officials and work out reasonable expansion plans, but no longer will IIT and ICO stomp on this community's rights and desires.

Letters To The Editor

Hill's Street Blues Triggers White in Blues

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Officer Pat Hill's (SSJ August 24, 1995) comments regarding the Chicago Police Department. I am offended and outraged by her blatantly prejudicial comments. If the same comments were made by a Caucasian officer against African Americans, they would certainly be disciplined, perhaps fired. Why do we feel one must be white to be a racist?

Though Officer Hill blames all her woes on the "White Anglo Saxon Protestants who are in charge" of the department, she saves her personal attacks for two high ranking officials who happen to be black. Deputy Superintendent Ramsey and Deputy Chief Watson have risen through the ranks by implementing new and innovative programs which have benefited both the department and the community. They are both known as extremely qualified, even handed leaders throughout the department. Perhaps Officer Hill can only feel solidarity with those who share her racist views.

Ellyn Schmitz
Sergeant, Chicago Police Department

Get A Load Of This Baby ! 1968

Dear Editor,

Many whites say they don't want you in their area. They don't want black children going to school with their white children and to add insult to injury your mayor says to the police department, shoot if you loot. We know you can't keep cool under these conditions. But dig this solution.

Put down your bricks and matches and pick up your dollars. Start a dollar spending riot in your soul brothers and sister's businesses. The best way to change the slum is to own it.

You can't own it by spending all your money with those who live out of it and you sure can't own it if you burn it down.

Get Hip Baby !!

That business can become yours one day, that you are burning down.



the world have heard about blacks in America. They have learned that a person can come from anywhere in the world and set up business in the black community of America and be more successful than

the people who live in it. They have learned that you don't have to live in the community, don't have to respect the people who live in it, don't have to belong to any organization in it and don't have to support anything in the community and the people will still bring you their money. They have also learned when blacks get angry with you, they will boycott you for a short time. But when the boycott is over, they will double their support for your business. They have learned that blacks have been taught by their support for your business. They have learned that blacks have been taught by their slave masters to always respect the so-called white people and disrespect blacks. They also learned that they can cheat you and blacks will still

support the business.

Webb Evans,
United American
Progress Assoc.
Fuller Park

Thanks SSJ

Dear Editor,

I am the above named person. I am also a real estate businessman. I have been receiving a complimentary issue form, South Street Journal.

I want to again extend my deepest thank you. For allowing me the privilege to read your very fine paper.

Larry Jackson N-73611, E. Moline, Ill. 61244

What Others Learned About the Black Community

Dear Editor:

Open letter to Blacks in America. People from all over

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Jackson Jr. Sets It Straight on Reynolds



Dear Editor

The item in Inc., "Jesse Jackson Jr. helping self", is just plain wrong. Let me, as best I can, make clear the truth.

1) Congressman Mel Reynolds was convicted in a court of law—I justly

think—of 12 very serious crimes. No one should minimize—and certainly I do not—the seriousness of engaging in immoral an illegal conduct with a minor or obstructing justice. These are especially serious crimes coming from someone who holds a position of public trust. As a full adult, he was responsible for his actions and, therefore he must suffer the consequences. He may spend a considerable amount of time in jail.

2) As a human being, however, I do not feel the same way about his wife and children. Even more to the point, his children are totally innocent, but will have to live with and suffer the consequences of his irresponsible and illegal actions. I am certainly aware that this is the circumstances of many children whose father (or mother) has been sent to jail. It does not lessen my human concern for Rep. Reynolds children just because their humiliation is much more public.

3) I am aware of and sympathetic to a group of ministers who have expressed a concern about doing something to lessen the burden and potential long-term hurt and harm that could come to Reynolds children. I am not leading such an effort. I am certainly not organizing a fund-raiser—for Mel Reynolds" as today's Inc. column states.

I hope this clarifies my position. I also hope that the media will be more responsible in future reports.

Jesse Jackson Jr.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are welcome and encouraged.

Mail them to SSJ, 4305 S. M.L. King Drive, Chicago Illinois 60653. They also can be telephoned in by calling (312)924-0461. They should be typed or print written, accompanied with a return address and a day time phone number. Letters may be edited for space or clarity, and we assume no responsibility for the accuracy of facts stated in any letter. Names may be withheld. We also seek suggestions for improvement and stories you feel South Street Journal should address.

Spiritual Food

Rev. James T. Meeks, Salem Baptist Church on the Million Men March

August 14, 1995

Dear Fellow Clergyman:
Greetings in the name of our Lord & Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I feel compelled to write to you this letter entitled a Christian Pastor's response to the Million Man March. I write this letter after several men of my congregation and fellow pastor asked my opinion of the March. I write this letter after several men of my congregation and fellow pastor asked my opinion of the upcoming event. After reading the letter of Minister Farrakhan, inviting men to participate. His opening affirmation of faith let me know that in the Name of Jesus Christ whom we serve, that the Christian position to participate in the Million Men March should be clearly understood.

Whereas, there are many things separate us as believers, denominations, baptism, the move or lack of movement of the Holy Spirit, there has always been one thing that has unified us and that is the Lordship of Christ. As Christians, we all believe that there is no other name given

men whereby we must be saved other than the name of Jesus.

In Minister Farrakhan affirmation of faith inviting men to the million men march he states: "In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful, I bear witness that there is no God but Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is his messenger"

As Christian teachers, as individual who's entire life and Ministry and salvation is based upon the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord. We cannot nor can we allow the men under our influence to follow a movement or an individual who has no problem in proclaiming their unbelief in the only name we believe the salvation is found in, while at the same time, exhorting another name in which we do not believe.

II Corinthians

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit which ye have not received or another Gospel which ye have not accepted ye might well bear with him.

Salem Baptist Church of Chicago Rev. James T. Meeks, Pastor In cooperation with Operation PUSH march on Sept. 2nd. WHY MARCH

We are marching in order to urge this Congress to remove the banana peel that has been placed in our community that is making it easy for ur young people to slip into the criminal justice system.

The banana peel is the law that states if a person with 5 grams of crack cocaine, the mandatory sentence is 5 years imprisonment. That is the law aimed at the minority and the poor.

To spend 5 years in jail for the possession of powder cocaine, you must posses \$5,000 worth. To spend 5 years in jail for the possession of Marijuana, you must possess \$42,000 worth. To spend 5 years in jail for the possession of Crack Cocaine, you must possess \$29.00 worth. In 1993, the Nation's prison system grew at a rate of 1,200 inmates per week.

Whereas, we do not believe in the possession of drugs of any kind, however, this is clearly a law aimed at minorities and the poor. 91% of those serving this 5 year mandatory sentence are African American 5.5% of the Nation's crack users are white. Not a single white person has been convicted in federal courts of crack cocaine possession in 17 states and several cities including Boston, Denver,

Chicago, Miami, Dallas, and Los Angeles. 96% of crack cocaine defendants in federal courts are non-white.

In the absence of an urban policy or an economic development strategy, this Congress has chosen incarceration over education. 455 jails have been built in this country in the last 10 years. This far out weights the building of college.

1. We are asking the country for more drug treatment beds to treat the 7,000 country inmates that need drug treatment while the country only provides 700 treatment beds.

2. Since 80% of those incarcerated nationwide have less than a high school diploma. We are seeking, nationally and locally, a greater commitment to rehabilitation.

Private financial grants, such as Smith Barney (part owner of a prison in Florida), American Express (part owner of a prison in Oklahoma), GE (part owner of a prison in Tennessee), Prudential and Merrill Lynch have all started to profit because of the incarceration of our youth.

3. We would like a written response after a study has been done by the city and the country to determine why so many youth of one ethnicity are populating our city and county jails.

Please write your Congress Representative and your Local and State Senator to demand an immediate change in this unfair law.

We will gie a follow-up report to this march at 10:00 Saturday, Sept. 2, 1995 at Operation Push, 930 E. 50th Street.

Black Community:Unity Rally and March Theme: "Uniting Around Love" at Progressive Community Church

On Saturday September 30th at 2 pm, the Black Community Unity Crusade Committee will sponsor a follow up Rally and March in the Grand Boulevard community. A Rally was held on July 14th to kick-off this Crusade at Liberty Baptist Church on 48th and King Drive. The follow up Rally will be held at Progressive Community Church, 56 East 48th Street, where Rev. B. Herbert Martin is pastor (Progressive is the Church of the late Mayor Harold Washington). A community March will take place after the rally. Practing and promoting Black community Unity will be the focus of the Rally and March.

A Unity Pledge Drive will be kicked off at the Rally, the goal of the Pledge is to get 100,000 Black individuals to sigh the Unity Pledge committing to practicing and promoting Unity. we hope to achieve this goal by end of September 1995. For information call 918-2110

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Big Brother & Big Sisters Presented the 2nd Annual Back to School Breakfast Festival

Billed as a time to share a little time, talent and finaces to motivat the children to be the very best they can be. Rev. Charles and Averia Jelks coordinated a progam that included as speakers and motivators. Cook County Board President John Stroger, The Honorable Judy Mitchell, 3rd Ward Alderman Dorothy Tillman, Rev. Henry Hardy,

Cosmopolitan Community Church, Darryl Newell, Kenwood Branch Manager, Harris Bank and many other prominent African American leaders.

However, the real stars of the show were the children. Their presentations were enthusiastic and sincere, these were eager talented children whose gifts ranged from poetry, and singing to a violin solo.

The facilities were geared totally towards the children with a petting zoo, farm animals, fire engines and much more.

Pastor Clay Evans praised the ministry for their efforts saying, "I congratulate this fine Annual Day Committee for a job

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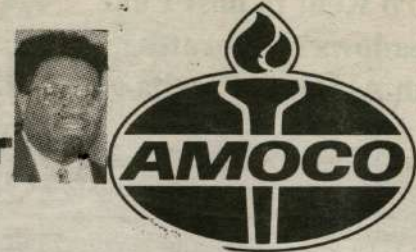
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Mayor Daley visit Mollison School, Citing: "This is an excellent school,"



Mayor Daley

Mayor Richard Daley and Chief Educational Officer Lynn St. James came to visit Mollison School, 44th and Dr. M.L. King Dr, on the first day of class. Surrounded by television cameras and dozens of reporters, St. James said, "We picked Mollison because it has proven inner city schools can get results."

Andrea Kerr, the principal of Mollison, explained the uniform policy of the school. "Ninety-eight percent of our students wear the Mollison uniform. We have tremendous parent support." In addition, Kerr told Mayor Daley and St. James the emphasis on reading and math and the monitoring system was one of the reasons Mollison had shown such great growth on standardized testing.

Joining Kerr, Daley, and St. James were four teachers with successful programs they have implemented at the school. St. James told the reporters it was this innovative and enriching environment which had helped make Mollison so successful.

Lorna Bradley, a kindergarten teacher, told about the gardening program she has initiated in the school's atrium. Bradley complimented the mayor on the city services which helped to make the project a success. Earlier in the year she received a five hundred dollar grant from a national gardening association.

Wilma Hansen told the mayor about a new writing program the school was going

to incorporate. She showed St. James the books she would be using and asked if monies could be made available to get each teacher and child their own workbook.

Mable McClendon, ESEA coordinator, explained the various enrichment activities the school offered. Two of them include a violin program for first graders and a multicultural exchange program. Daley told the reporters, "It is this type of enrichment that gives our children a chance at success."

Michael Brownstein, teacher at Mollison and writer for South Street Journal told the group about the ten thousand dollar Amoco Leadership Award to offer enrichment for special needs children. Furthermore he showed the group the new video library from the Association of Crafts and Creative Industries. Lastly he showed an African instrument bought with monies from an Oppenheimer Family Foundation grant.

"This is an excellent school," Daley said. "It shows what we can do. It shows where we can go."

"Mollison shows us inner city schools can work," concluded St. James. "We will want to replicate what is happening here throughout the district. Inner city children can learn. Mollison proves it."

Du Sable/Farren Outdoor Learning Center



Du Sable High School and Farren Elementary School, 4934 S. Wabash participants in Mayor Daley's 1995 Summer Jobs Program learn horticulture techniques from Chicago Park District professionals and plant shrubs in the 3 1/2 acres between Du Sable and Farren Schools. The Outdoor Learning Center is being developed by the Chicago Cluster Initiative and the Landscape Architecture Foundation.

Seeks High Schoolers for New Leadership Program

High School juniors may apply for Future Leaders Chicago Program, recognizing volunteer achievements of outstanding high school juniors to build leadership skills and encourage community involvement.

Sponsored by The Chicago Community Trust, Golden Apple Foundation, Leadership of Greater Chicago, Ronald McDonald Children's Charities and Voices for Illinois Children, the program's first class will consist of 30 students who reflect the diversity of the community. The Chicago Community Trust will accept nominations until Friday, Sept. 29, 1995.

From December 1995 through May 1996, this select group will spend one day a month learning how community problems affect Chicago and meeting with prominent business, philanthropic, government and religious leaders. The students also will be paired with a professional mentor whose career demonstrates leadership. The pilot program will encourage leadership and commitment to serve

as national model.

Nominees must; attend public, private or parochial school in Cook County; demonstrate leadership and volunteerism through school, community, religious or similar organizations; work well in a diverse group; be interested in developing leadership skills; and have permission to participate from their principal.

Students may be nominated by community organizations and institutions, high school principals and educators, employers, religious leaders or themselves. No nominations will be accepted after the deadline.

In October, 60 finalists will submit written narratives on their interests and background and will be interviewed individually by the selection committee. In November, The Chicago Community Trust will announce the members of the first Future Leaders Chicago class.

To request a nomination form or for more information, please contact Doris Adelstein, Future Leader Chicago project director, The Chicago Community Trust, 222 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60601, 312-372-3356.

LEARNING IS FUN IN WASHINGTON PARK

by Shaakira Alexander
 and Donna Marshall

During August, youth of the Washington Park attend Cecilia Butler's first Summer Academy. The purpose was to have fun, and at the same time, learn about the community. It was held at the Washington Park Empowerment Center at 55th Street.

The first week was about genealogy and family history. The main focus of week 1 was for the summer academy to accompany Ms. Butler to Good Shepherd Church to interview a group of Senior Citizens.

The second week was "Know Your Community Week." We visited many sites: Larado Taft Fountain of Time Ulysses S. Grant Rock, Harold Washington Monument, and the Armory Base. During the second week, we also visited Alderman Arenda Troutman's office, State Rep. Howard Kenner's, the DuSable Museum, and the 51st St. Police Station.

The third week was "Health Week," we visited Provident Hospital, where we had a discussion on Sex, AIDS, and Rape Prevention. The fourth week was "Water Week." We took a boat ride at the Locks-and Dams Headquarters. We also visited the Historical Society, the Shedd Aquarium, and Lincoln Park Zoo.

Our last week was spent doing things in leisure. We visited the South Shore Cultural Center, and we walked along Lake Michigan.

The month has allowed youth to learn more about the community. Not to hang out on the streets. Even though we didn't have anyone to sponsor us we still had a good time.

I deeply feel that Ms. Butler has started something that can lead to a big chance in the Washington Park Community.

Museum Of Science & Industry New Exhibition

"R&D 100" Highlighting the 100 best inventions and inventors of 1995, the "R&D 100" exhibition always has something to open your eyes. For 26th year, R&D (Research and Development) Magazine will sponsor this exhibition at the Museum. Kicking it off with a tour for winning inventors and will sponsor this exhibition at the Museum. Among the winning inventions for the year are a DNA-based anti counterfeit marking system, a tabletop system for detecting bacteria in food, and a robotic arm used by utility line repair technicians.

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Herb Kent to host Lake Meadows Celebrates with Aldermen and a "Taste"

Lake Meadows Apartment celebrates the end of summer with its first "Taste of Lake Meadows," Saturday, Sept. 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. WV103's Herb Kent, "the cool gent," will be on hand to host the party in the BIG tent starting at 1:00 p.m.

The days festivities include taste treats, dancing, contests and carnival-style fun. A canine show, clown face painting a fire truck and Chicago's mounted police will be available for children to enjoy. These activities are sponsored by Alderman Madeline Haihtcock (2), a resident of Lake Meadows, who assisted with the festival organization. Also, Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4) supported the entertainment including pony rides, a dunk tank and other games.

Connie's, Scotch Poppin and Shore's X-Press will be among the food providers. Other companies will be giving away coupons or special offers, including Kentucky Fried Chicken, Car X Muffler, Meyers Ace Hardware, Rick-O-Benes and Artists Cafe.

Lake Meadows residential community consist of more than 5,000 residents features award-winning landscaping, an elementary school, 225,000-square-foot shopping mall and a public park. For more information about the "Taste of Lake Meadows" call 312-842-7333.

African Arts Festival in Washington Park

Full of a Learning, But a Question of Admission Fee

By Karen Brazil-Breashers
Staff Writer

The grounds of the DuSable Museum were crowded with the young old, and in-between laughing, eating, buying, and dancing at the Sixth Annual African Arts Festival throughout the Labor Day weekend.

Vendors sold jewelry, books, art, clothing, African musical instruments, wood sculptures and food. Patrons were also treated to a dazzling fashion show, an exciting film festival and educational seminars.

With perfect weather musicians played reggae, ska, jazz, gospel, hip-hop, and the blues. The Festival opened at 11 a.m. on Friday with libations for the ancestors and closed Friday evening with Black Uhuru. Festival patrons came from nearby suburbs to Hyde Parkers Rosalind Burbank and her granddaughter Devon, who took photographs and had a peacock on painted her face.

Everyone was not pleased with the Festival. Vendor Angboeki Doe complained that the "admission fee would prevent many African Americans from attending." Doe added that "if the purpose of the Festival was to expose the community to African culture, the admission fee would prevent this." According to Doe, "the vendors agreed to pay a higher fee for space to avoid charging for admission but the organizers charged the admission anyway." Doe vowed that he "would not return to Festival next year."

Over looking the admission fee of \$12 for a family, Lake Meadows residents Willie and Deborah

Hudgins said that they have come to the Festival for the past few years. For Deborah the Festival "is a way to learn more about African American culture."

Loaded down with the five T-shirts, books, paintings, ice-cream and soft drinks, this was the first time Oak Parkers, William and Jackie Ivy and there two-year old son Trevor visited the Festival. William was astounded by the "massiveness" of the event. He was pleased to see that the Festival "was so well-organized."

Officer Barbara Pillows of the African American Police League praised the Festival. Officer Pillows, who provided security, stated that the Festival "was full every day and everyone enjoyed themselves and it would be better next year."



A patron and vendor taking part of the Sixth Annual African Arts Festival throughout the Labor Day weekend.

"HOME" by Samm-Art Williams opens the 1995-96 Chicago Theatre Company Season

Woodlawn-The Chicago Theatre Company (CTC) opens its 1995-96 season with Samm-Art Williams' delightful play "HOME" directed by Phillip Vanlear. Performances are September 22 through November 19 at the at Parkway Playhouse, 500 E. 67th Street.

CTC is the only professional African-American Equity theater on the south side of Chicago. CTC is member of the League of Chicago Theaters and produces in accordance with Actors' Equity Association Chicago Area Theaters contract. Funding for this production is provided by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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**Douglas/Grand Boulevard:
 The Past and the Promise**

and political structures.

Known as the Black Belt, Bronzeville, and Black Metropolis, the area was a vibrant economic, political and cultural center for African Americans through the 1920s, 30s, and 40s, when many of its residents made significant contributions to the life of the city and nation, despite the obstacles of segregation. In 1928, Chicagoans elected Oscar De Priest to Congress as the first African American representative to serve since Reconstruction. In 1935, Chicagoans elected Arthur W. Mitchell to Congress, the first African American Democrat to serve in this capacity. William L. Dawson also took a congressional seat in 1942 and remained there until 1970. In 1937, the Armour Institute merged with Lewis Institute to form the Illinois Institute of Technology. In 1941, Eleanor Roosevelt visited the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood and dedicated the new location of the South Side Community Art Center at 3831 South Michigan Avenue.

During World War II, 30,000 African Americans moved into the community for war production jobs. In the post war period, racial

discrimination, urban renewal and the construction of public housing, along with outward patterns of migration and the city's changing economy greatly affected the area and contributed to its disinvestment and decline. Today, as dedicated members of the community work to revitalize the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood to create a better future for its residents, they build upon a rich heritage of accomplishment, a tradition of self-reliance, and a history of political activism to achieve their goals.

In 1989, the Chicago Historical Society revised its mission, affirming its commitment to present Chicago's diverse history to all of its citizens. This commitment to presenting an inclusive history of Chicago through programs, exhibits, and collections is exemplified in the *Neighborhoods: Keepers of Culture* project.

As The Chicago Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all its activities, the Society is a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, located at the corner of North Avenue and Clark Street. The Society is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Suggested museum admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for senior citizens and students (17-22) with valid school ID; and \$1.00 for children (6-17). Members and children under 6 free. Admission is free on Mondays.

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Trade Union Apprenticeship Program Booklet available with information and

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Readers: Listed below are property transfers in *South Street Journal's* circulation area (Generally on page 18), according to the latest report released by Jesse White, Cook County Recorder of Deeds. For your convenience transfer listings are organized by 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.

Community/Address	Rec'd Date	Sale Price
Woodlawn		
6817 South Champlain, Gertrude Carter to Ferrell and Deborah Wilson	8-17	65,000
6335 South Evans, Mattie M. Battiste To Dwight Anderson	6-20	78,800
6551 South Rhodes, Paul Williams To Florine Monroe	7-13	56,000
6144A South Greenwood Avenue, Renaissance/Thrush Joint Venture To Cassandra White	6-22	144,000
6527 South Evans, Dolores C. Adkins To Frederick D. Pickens	7-26	50,000
6649-51 S. Rhodes, Rochelle Everly & Steve Scott	7-28	125,000
400-408 E. 63rd. St., Saleh Ahmed to Yehye Mohamed	8-10	145,000
Kenwood		
4900 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago Timothy L. Porter To Stewart A. Taylor	7-24	625,000
4716 Drexel, Chicago, Fleming and Caldwell To John Marks Sr. and *	7-25	110,000
1412 E. 48th Street, Chicago, Kenwood Gateway & Micheal A. Nance	7-28	314,057
1414 East 48th Street, Chicago, Kenwood Gateway Limited Partnership To Rory A. Gilbert	7-14	300,500
4800 South Lake Shore Drive, Unit 1112S, Avis L. Sampson To Ralph Moore	7-26	182,000
Hyde Park		
5643 S. Harper Avenue, J. Michael Amrein and Petra H. Amrein To George W. Searles and Robyn Searles	8-23	223,000
5431 S. Cornell Ave. Unit 2 Shereen Taylor Sturgill & Michael E. Sturgill to Phillip J. Neva L. Hefner	8-14	142,000
5115 S. Kimbark Ave., Unit 3 South, Terrance Calloway to Donna Rushing	8-15	80,000
1024-2E. 52nd Street, Cole Taylor, To Joseph and Ester Tuggle	8-23	63,836
Unit 1042-S, 1400 E. 55th Pl., Carolyn Carmichael to Vickie Minifield	8-15	74,500
5135 S. Kenwood, Unit 606, Mary Shepard F/K/A Mary S. Muchus to Osman T. Webb II and Debra A. Johnson	8-3	50,000
1363 E. 55th Place, Brian A. Gerrish and Dawn Deries to Michael P. Klein and M. Priscilla Short and Klein	8-3	246,000
5300 S. Shore Drive, Unit 52, James T. Ellerbe to Yvonne Collins	8-23	90,000
#3709, 1700 E. 56th St., 56th and Hyde Park Partnership to Agnes D. Lattimer	8-14	231,594
5300 S. Shore Drive, #91, Yvonne Collins to James Ellerbe	8-10	55,000
5300 S. Shore Drive, #502-04, Daniel Luchins to Phillip J. & Carol J. Montag	8-15	146,000
824 . 52nd Street, Zelda Matthews to Donnie Von Moore and Denise Von Moore	8-3	138,000
5201 S. Cornell, #4E, Mark and Sabrina Olsen To Phyllis Harris	8-22	132,000
5035 S. Drexel Blvd, Unit J, Patricia Nelson to Samuel Dorsey	8-14	65,000
5132 S. Drexel, Eleanor Carter to Karen Carradine	8-17	84,000
Grand Boulevard		
4545 South St. Lawrence, Chicago, American National Bank To Pearl Jones	7-14	67,500
4807 S. Prairie Byron W. Powers to Roger Smith	8-9	92,000
660-62 East 51st Street, Unit 3A, Chicago, Chicago Title and Trust Company To Odessa L. Truvillion	7-17	72,000
4475 South Oakenwald, Chicago Daniele Development Company, Inc. To Marilyn D. Jackson	6-23	258,500
654 East 50th Place, Chicago Bonnie J. Clark To Andre A. Flowers	6-23	64,500
44361 South Greenwood, Unit 2N, Chicago John A. Beckett To James T. Breckenridge	6-27	120,000
4849 South Ellis, Chicago EMC Mortgage Corporation To Cortez Tucker and Gina Dieudonne Tucker	6-28	735,000
Fuller Park		
5605 South Princeton, SKM Inc. To Richard Orr, Jr.	3-31	50,000
5616 South Princeton, SKM Inc. To Victor Green	4-7	50,000
Oakland		
4513 S. Oakenwald Parade Partners By Bafcor, Inc as Part NCA to Mr. T. Palmer	8-22	210,000
Englewood		
4640 South Emerald, Maywood Proviso Bank to Jerome M. Garastik and Doreen M. Gralowski	4-3	125,000
Washington Park		
5212 S. King Drie Nathaniel Reed To Haroon Ali and Sheila Ali	8-23	105,000
6846 S. Calumet Charles S. Childs, Jr. to *	8-10	60,000
5742 S. Indiana Ave., William & Beatrice Lockridge to Eloise Hunt	8-11	35,000
6120 S. Rhodes, Chicago Title and Trust Company to Erik Barnes and Levi Jenkins	8-18	46,250

Housing Expo to Help Buff Bronzeville

Grand Boulevard--Sometimes you can find an old treasure, polish it up, and it is more lovely and more than ever before.

The historic Bronzeville community near Kenwood, also known as Grand Boulevard and commonly referred to as "The Black Metropolis" of the first half to this century, is beginning to regain its luster.

The Mid-South Planning and Development Commission is continuing the restoration of the resilient community that once boasted regular visitors such as Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Scott Joplin, Nat "King" Cole, and Muddy Waters among others, by holding a Housing Workshop and Expo. It will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Illinois Institute of Technology Herman Hall, 3241 S. Federal Street. The event is free to the public.

Valerie Jarrett, the City of Chicago's Commissioner of Planning and Development, will be the keynote speaker. "Commissioner Jarrett will be speaking about the redevelopment of Chicago's Southside as a holistic community, and the potential for Greater Grand Boulevard to be among the best neighborhoods in the city," said Ms. Pat Dowell-Cerasoli, Executive Director of the Mid South

Planning and Development Commission.

The Bronzeville Housing Workshop and Expo will feature hundreds of participants and is perfect for the first time home buyer or those interested in rehabbing or remodeling a residence.

Specialists from every aspect of the housing industry will be presenting workshops on subjects such as personal credit recovery, home financing options, post purchase counseling, and rehabbing or remodeling tips. Over one hundred vendors will be on hand to discuss and inform home buyers on topics ranging from building material supplies to home loan appraisals.

The Housing Workshop and Expo will shed more light on the Bronzeville community's efforts to make a popular community saying come true: "What was, will be." Elaine Edwards, Mid-south Planning and Development Commission Housing Event chair said, "the Restoring Bronzeville' plan continues to add to its already many accomplishments such as the ongoing renovation of the Historic Chicago Bee Building, renovation of the Chicago transit Authority's Greenline Elevated line, and community sponsorship of human development programs for families and children."

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63rd Street El

been."

The proposal was first brought to the Woodlawn community a year ago at a forum sponsored by Ald. Arenda Troutman where a slide presentation was presented by Rev. Brazier. Since that time Rev. Brazier, told South Street Journal (8/24/95 issue) "I think it is very important for the continuing redevelopment of the Woodlawn community. It is impossible to redevelop 63rd Street under the shadow of that El. Between Cottage Grove and Dorchester there is no station to catch the train, it serves no purpose to the community."

Last year CTA officials told South Street Journal, that it is counter productive of the community for CTA to plan million of dollars in repairing the El (\$9 million), now the community want it demolished. However, presently CTA officials said they are following the lead of the Alderman. A lead Butler says she believe the Alderman will listen to the longest cry, on the number of people and the number of votes she can count.

CTA stated that public hearings must be made in order for the Federal Transit Administration to take a position. That will set the tone with the city and CTA.

As groups in favor of the demolition, seemly has the alderman support, McNeal said, "I don't think the community is totally in favor of the El demolition." He went on to say "There must be hearings and community input in a major decision such as this and this is why will are having this meeting to look at alternative plans."

Working on demolition for some time, Rev. Brazier said. "New single family homes could be built", and the area would be more attractive to businesses. He

Store Owner Balks at Street Closure due to El Work

Washington Park--As the Greenline rehabilitation is taking place on the east end, store owners have experience interruption in business. In one case Top Value, owner said he was to the point of closing down to avoid losing any more money.

Top Value located at 63rd and Calumet was block off from all traffic, except an alley. "I received no assistance from no one, until repeatedly phone calls were made." said the owner. "Eventually, the alderman (20) office made arrangements to make Calumet Ave. a two way street to accommodate my customers."

CTA official said the work was an over sight not informing the businesses of the street block off, and will be finished in that area in about another two weeks.

In addition CTA said in the wake of Top Value, and they are doing all possible to make the El work convenient for the residents and store owners as much as possible.

added "However, "there would be a stronger argument to allow the El to run if the Dorchester station were reopened."

Butler insisted that alternative plans need to be development. "We need to create our own, that's a better way to spent \$13 million.

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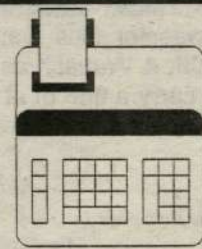
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MED Week '95' Celebration Set For Sept. 20

The Minority Enterprise Development Council, Inc. will host its "MED Week 95" (Minority Enterprise Development Week) Celebration on September 20 at Navy Pier. The theme of this year's event is Minority Business: Building America's Future Through Economic Growth and Job Creation.

Co-Chairs are Doris Davenport, executive director of the Commercial Division of Operation PUSH; and Paul Gibson, minority business advocate for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

MED Week also provides an opportunity for minority entrepreneurs to develop new business leads, increase market arenas, and new growth potential through participation in business forums, networking opportunities and awards presentations.

The event will begin with four concurrent forum presentations. The forums will cover affirmative action and other issues relevant to minority entrepreneurs.

The awards luncheon will honor entrepreneurs in the categories from High-Tech, Manufacturing, Wholesale, Service, Advocate and Retailer of the Year. The Council will also present scholarships to students who have completed exceptional business projects.

MED Week was first proclaimed in 1983. The celebrations culminate with a national MED Week conference and White House Ceremony. The official national celebration will be held September 24-27 in the nation's Capitol.

For more information on "MED Week 95" contact Doris Davenport at 312/373-3366.

City Begins The War On Rats Campaign



City inspector Otis Garner tickets an unsanitary alley and overflowing dumpster near 50th & Wabash as part of Mayor Richard M. Daley's war on rats. The tickets (which carry a fine of at least \$200) are being issued citywide where disposal areas violate health codes, according to Streets & Sanitation Commissioner Eileen Carey.

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Superstation

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Mid-South Businesses Tax Incentives for the Empowerment Zones

The City of Chicago is offering those businesses in its Empowerment Zone several tax incentives including:

- *an employer wage credit of up to \$3,000 for wages and certain training expenses for a qualified zone resident
- *A deduction (instead of Depreciation of up to \$37,500 of the cost of certain qualified zone property in the year it's placed in service and
- *A new tax facility exempt bond financing.

The Empowerment Zone for the Mid-South communities generally effects businesses from: North to South; 22nd Street to 63rd Street, West and East; Shields Street to the Lake (excluding Hyde Park).

For more information on Chicago's empowerment zone tax incentives, call the hotline at 744-2222.

47th St. Merchants "Shop - In"

The newly formed 47th Street Merchants Association is planning its first project for the development of the business Strip. A community "Shop In".

Realizing the need to promote and educate the community in shopping on one of the main business strips of the Mid-South communities, the association will be seeking organizations and residents support at the Shop In for T&J Poultry Mart, 112 E. 47th Street on Street Friday and Saturday,

47th St. Merchants Association

September 29 - 30th.

The T&J Poultry owner, Mr. Turner feature and be offering special chicken wings .89 cent lb. and a free cup of coffee. "We are proud of the quality of meats Mr. Turner has offered to the community" said 47th St. MA president Mary Jordan.

Presently the association meets every other Tuesday. The next meeting will be held on September 26, 7:30 pm at the 113 Club meeting room, 113 East 47th Street. For information call 924-0461 or 538-3200.

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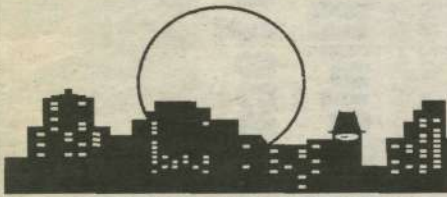
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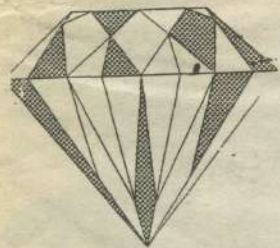
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