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Jewels and Walgreens Among City's 55% of Stores Inspected for Overcharging Customers

In a six month undercover investigation of 208 retail stores, the City of Chicago Department of Consumer services found Jewel Foods on 35th Street (10 citywide in all) and Walgreens at 1554 E. 55th Street (26 citywide) among the 55% of the stores allegedly overcharging customers.

Of the 208 stores, 144 were cited by officials with overcharging. All of the stores investigated used APS (alternative price system) scanners which electronically read

brand and price information from product label codes.

Walgreens on 55th Street was reported as overcharging Pure Detergent for \$1.99 when it was advertised for \$1.79; and a typing paper product was overcharged at \$2.79, advertised at \$2.49. Store manager at Walgreens was not aware of the charges and fine the city charged to both stores and referred *South Street Journal* to the Corporate office.

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Federal Reserve Board Approves Sale of Drexel/Independence Merger Community Activist Opposes Sale to ShoreBank

In a decision hailed as a positive development for Chicago and the banking industry, a coalition of community activists are attempting to block the Federal Reserve Bank's approval of Shorebank Corporation's application to acquire Indecorp, Inc., holding company for Independence Bank of Chicago and Drexel National Bank.

The Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. announced its local

approval of the application on October 15. This decision was announced on the same day as the Million Man March in Washington, D.C., says Mark Allen who is leading the Community Banking Coalition, a network of over 60 community leaders and organizations who oppose the sale.

The coalition will file an appeal of the decision, which is due by

November 17. In addition, Mark Allen, President of the Black Leadership Development Institute and Chairman of the Coalition, vows to campaign to escalate the demonstration to block the sale. Allen said with the momentum coming out of the Million Man March he will initially work through the local organizing committee to organize additional

opposition to the sale.

According to the Federal Reserve Board's order relating to the approval, the decision hinged on several factors including:

- * Shorebank's strong and impressive record in residential mortgage lending:

From 1974 to 1994, Shorebank has financed the rehabilitation of over

16,000 housing units.

- * South Shore Bank's leadership with the Small Business Administration and its documented history of making loans to minority entrepreneurs: South Shore Bank has made over 800 small business loans, representing more than \$46.5 million in market-rate credit.

- * Shorebank's record of community development activities: Over the past three years, Shorebank has invested

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The UnZip



There's a new Black Panther Party based in Evanston. Too bad the old office on 43rd and Indiana is no longer standing.

The Inner City Youth Foundation has halted the demolition of the old Chicago Urban League building and is getting ready to make a deal with the Inner City Youth Foundation. A little help from Ald. Dorothy Tillman can make the transaction a plus for the community....and Inner City is back on the agenda of the Kenwood Oakland Conservation Council for the family Entertainment Complex on 39th Street..... And Happy Birthday to Maurice Perkins Nov. 6, Joe Tillman, a past active member of the organization has a birthday November 16. Wonder why he said don't put it in the UnZip.Birthdays for two reveals Harold Lucas and Keisha of WYON are about to hit, Dorothy Scott of Scott's Poppin in Lake Meadows and SSJ publisher Ron Carter and his brother Dwanye (Spud), their mother hit the same rhyme twice, both were born on Halloween...Now we all know why Ron Carter possess the personality he has. Mr. Carter birthday was Friday, October 31, and Ron's Best friends are Micheal Meyers and Jason.

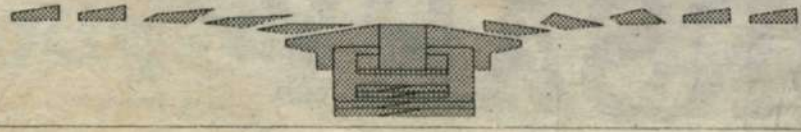
On the spirit of Halloween questions are surrounding State Senator Margret Smith on some ghost payrolls as David Stinson of the Mathew House want to do a scare for the office.

Looks like Beverly Reed is on her off and on break from SSJ again, focusing on Word Song a poet organization. Word is Ald. Dorothy Tillman will be presenting poet Gwendoly Brooks a key to the city at the Gerri's Palm Tavern a event of Word Song.... the Alderman still having got the message about spending money in her own community having her fund raising at the Palmer House..

Good luck with the brothers at the coalition meeting at the Urban League Headquarters. Make something happenBrothers around 55th Street are not paying attention to the Million Man March breaking into the Washington Park Empowerment Center on 55th Street. Good news anyway to the Center, it has received a grant for its general operations

As our local bank First Chicago Bank on 63rd and Stony may be financing the Alco building on 35th & King Drive, the name may be changing to National Bank of Detroit according to Crains.

The Chicago City Council passed Two proclatitions recently honoring Business Man Ernest A. Griffin and the South Street Journal on Contributing to the Mid-South Community and the historic Bronveville area.....Men of Phillips High School is planning to hold on going meeting with the youth male Students to encourage mental growth.....



South Street Journal Photo View

What is your opinion of South Street Journal?



"It has come a long way, and it's been a long time coming and many of us are taking average of it. TGF SSJ." Cecilia Butler Washington Park

I think the paper is a good one, that has provide a lot of news for the community" Anglea Green Beatrice Caffrey Youth Services



"Great publication. It's vital to the community's perspective of redevelopment of the Black Metropolis area." Harold L. Lucas Black Metropolis Coordinator

"I must say South Street Journal has not taken the popular positions on issue...that's rare. The format and look are good. The paper takes an active role in support to the community. That position is not the public norm." Phillip Jackson Woodlawn



South Street Journal has provided a much need resource in the community to keep the people informed. Steve Redfield, STRIVE



"It is a grand new paper, has a great purpose of community needs. It does need people to support it to become a greater paper. It is a great man behind it and as so the paper will become a bigger paper. May God bless South Street Journal and Mr. Carter and his associates." Rev. Earl Sardon Holiness Temple Church

Calendar of Events



Sat. 4
SSJ UnZip Affair at Sutherland Ballroom. call 924-0461

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 overcome 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.

Adolescents Harris YWCA 6200 S. Drexel 955-3100 ext. 36. This group is for women only and there is no charge. Every Saturday.

Mon. 6
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.

Tues. 7
Mid South Planning and Development Commission, General meeting, at King Center 43rd & Cottage. 6:30 pm. held every 1st

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. (See Story on page 22)

34/35 King Dr. Block Club Meetings: held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 at Congressman Rush's Office.

Wed. 8
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.

Sat. 11
The Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center will kick-off the holiday season with its 43rd Annual Holiday Fashion Show and Luncheon on in the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House Hilton Hotel.

Empowerment Zone Mass Meeting 9 am at DuSable High School, 4936 S. Wabash. The purpose of the meeting is for community residents to take part of the proposal being submitted to the City for funding. For info call A. Rose 924-3997.

Chicago Urban League's 34th Annual Golden Fellowship Dinner at the Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel. Richard C. Notebaert, Chairman and CEO, Ameritech is serving as the 1995 Dinner Chairman and WLS-TV's morning co-anchor Hosea Sanders will be on hand as one of the event's MCs. The attire is black tie optional for more information call the Chicago Urban League's Development Department (312) 451-3518.

Tues. 14

34/35 King Dr. Block Club meetings each month at 7:00

Wed. 15
Washington Park Advisory Council, meet at the Washington Park Field House, 5531 S. King Drive. 7 pm. Come plan renovation of "Bynum Island" in Washington Park.

Thur. 16
The Near South Activist Organization Community meeting at 6:30 pm. to be held at Pilgrim Baptist church, 3301 S. Indiana Ave. For More information call 842-5830. NSAO meets every other Thursday.

Million Man March 30 day Reunion! at the Sutherland Ballroom, 4659 S. Drexel Blvd. Suggested Donation \$5.

Fri. 17
Masks of the Spirit: A lecture by Ramon Price curator at DuSable Museum, 57th & Cottage, 4pm - 6 pm

Wed 18
Learn the dances of the Casbah From Djalaal Joan's Dance Studio 1438 E. 57th St. \$54 for 6 weeks for more information call 312-493-9288.

Women's Auxiliary Meeting of the West Woodlawn Council of Block Clubs at the Parkway Community Center, 500 East 67th Street, 1:00 pm.

Tues. 21
47th Street Merchants Association meeting at 113th Club meeting room, 113 E. 47th Street. Meets

everyother week at 7:30 pm

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.

Sat. 25
West Woodlawn Council of Black Clubs meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Parkway Community House, 500 East 67th St.

Washington Park Advisory Council meeting at Washington Park, 55th and King Drive.

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

Dear Readers;

Due to the unusual volume of work that was required to produce this 2nd Anniversary issue, we were unable to produce the normal amount of detailed news that many of our readers are anticipating to see. The demand was strong from the community. We do look forward to the next issue in meeting the many request and expectations. We will resume with our routine news in the next issue.

Your generous support has brought us this far. Without your faith and confidence in us, there would not have been a 2nd anniversary. We are very open and receptive to any comments or suggestions that you may have to help us better serve the community. This is a team effort, and without you there could be no South Street Journal.

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Black Pages to offer Free Listings Business Owners

Chicago's only Black business directory is offering business owners an opportunity to list their businesses free of charge. The offer is also being offered to churches as well. By calling 312/808-1800, interested parties can list their church/company's name, address and phone number.

Chicago's Black Pages, now in its sixth year publication, says more than 2,000 enterprises advertise in the Black Pages as a tool for reaching its consumer market.

The free listing is a limited offer. Interested parties are encouraged to call right away.

School Proposals

The Chicago Public Schools has announced its Request for Proposals (RFP) for small schools, for new or existing schools who wish to locate in the former Cregier High School building and who are willing and able to begin some operations at the Cregier facility February 5, 1996. Responses due Nov. 1, 1995. For information call Jacqueline Simmons at 535-7108 or Robin Steans 541-4059

BLACK METROPOLIS CONVENTION & TOURISM COUNCIL

Heritage Tourism Review

By Harold L. Lucas

Is Chicago a World Class City?

In the November issue of *Chicago Magazine* an article appeared on the plight of the Black middle class, in which William Sampson accused supporters of Heritage Tourism in the Black Metropolis Historic District of deceiving the Black middle class by promoting this growth industry as a way to revitalize the neighborhood.

Founded by Jean Baptiste Point DuSable, a Black man of Haitian ancestry, Chicago is inherently a city of multi-cultural diversity with an African-American heritage. As we move rapidly towards the 21st century, the aware African-American community is reverting to restoring its cultural base for economic self-determination, security and empowerment.

Institutional racism and discrimination will never permit Black people in Chicago to integrate into the so-called mainstream middle class society as long as our heritage goes unclaimed and our culture and community is continuously exploited by outside forces.

Conscious citizens of the Douglas/Grand Boulevard



community are moving forward collectively to reclaim and revitalize historical assets inherent to the life and times of Black Metropolis, A.K.A.

Bronzeville, a time between 1920-1950 when African Americans living in Black Metropolis relied upon themselves for economic self-sufficiency and cultural expression. This documented history is a must read and can be rediscovered in the landmark book, *'Black Metropolis'*, reprinted by the University of Chicago press, 1993.

Working with the Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council (BMCTC) and in collaboration with the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, local resident leaders have created a strategic development plan titled, *'Restoring Bronzeville'*. Inherent to the plan is community control of the community redevelopment process.

A key component of the plan is the redevelopment of the Supreme Life Insurance Company building, 3501 South Martin Luther King Drive. Viewed as the "Crown Jewel" of the Bronzeville redevelopment strategy, BMCTC is negotiating the

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King High School Teacher, Beverly Ruth Ball, Noted

An TEACHER EXTRAORDINAIRE

North Kenwood--On November 1, 1995, at Dr. Martin Luther King High School, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. a memorial service was held for Ms. Beverly Ruth Ball who died a tragic death.

As hundreds of students came from as far back as 1967 to the services a soul-stirring selection was performed by the Music Department of the school. Dr. Richard C. Smith, the principal, spoke at length of the contributions, dedication and extraordinary service, that cover more than a quarter of a century, of this wonderful teacher.

Attending the service were former students that attended Ms. Ball's classes as far back as 1967. Ms. Dorothy Olivier who attend King School recalled her memory of King by saying, "Ms. Ball was instrumental in me being a community activist today."

Another former student, Ms. Rose K. King said Ms. Ball was directly responsible for her attaining he educational goal--to be an attorney.

Beverly graduated from Parker Higher School in Chicago, Illinois. She received her Bachelors Degree from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee and earned a Masters Degree in Social Studies from the University of Chicago. After working at Mollison Elementary School she joined the faculty of Forrestville High school in September, 1967 with enthusiasm, energy and a great desire to educate black children.

She was instrumental in the development of the first Afro-American History Curriculum at Forrestville High School. From this course of study the "Magnificent Seven" was formed. This group of seven exceptional black male student orators performed at high schools and colleges throughout the state of Illinois.

Beverly co-sponsored the Forrestville High School "Black Student Organization" which was very active during the late 1960's Civil Rights Movement.

The Forrestville faculty and staff moved into Dr. Martin Luther King

High School, where Beverly's dedication to students continued. She authored the Socio-Drama curriculum, formed the first Student Council, initiated the Student Leadership Programs, coordinated Junior Achievement and sponsored the Know Your Heritage Competition. Recently, Beverly was appointed coordinator of the Martin Luther King High School, "King-Price Middle School" committee.

It is extremely difficult to recount the many contributions that Beverly Ruth Ball made to the students, staff and community but suffice it to say, her achievements were many hand she loved teaching and helping fulfill their dreams Service will be held at :

Carter Temple C.M.E Church 79th and Wabash,

Saturday, November 4, 1995

Wake: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m

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Community Wins first Battle to Save Supreme Life Building



21st CENTURY VOTE: Address Middle Charge on Gang Activities

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CHA Residents March Joins in Empowerment Zone meeting

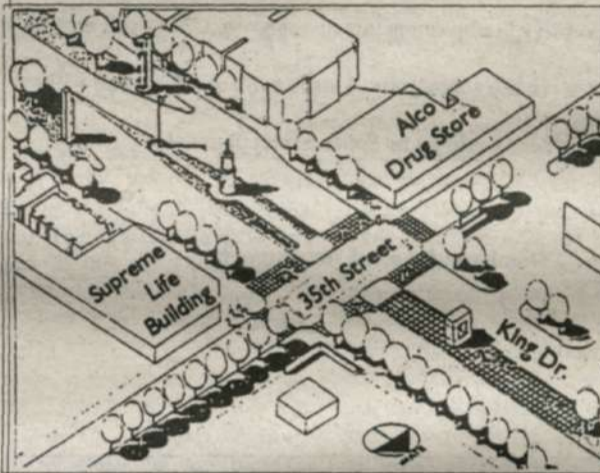


24th to 35th Improvement begins on MLK, JR. Drive

Douglas--The Chicago Department of Transportation announced that the rehabilitation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from 24th to 35th Street has begun. Work initially has begun on the northbound lanes of King Drive between 24th and 31st Streets and includes roadway resurfacing, new drainage system, new curb and gutter, and concrete crosswalk. One of the new urban design features of

King Drive will be installed t this time.--"Bump outs" to define new parking lanes and pedestrian crossing zones.

The initial work on the northbound lanes between 24th and 31st Streets is scheduled to be completed by mid-December, 1995. The remainder of this project will be completed in 1996 and will include public art, landscaping, irrigation, new lighting,



and spacial plazas, which have been closely coordinated with community.

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FEDERAL FUNDING FOR POLICE

Mayor Richard M. Daley said today that Congress is playing a "shell game" with funding for Clinton crime legislation that makes money available for local police officers.

The U.S. Senate's Appropriations Committee voted yesterday to cut off funding for the COPS program the centerpiece of the crime bill passed last year, that will award Chicago \$24 million over three years to help increase the city's police force. The House earlier this year passed an appropriations bill that eliminated the COPS program.

Meanwhile both houses of Congress have appropriated block grants in place of this program, but under Congressional rules they must pass (and President Clinton must sign) a replacement crime bill that authorizes these grants. Nobody expects a new crime bill to become law this year--leaving Chicago without money it has been praised for in the hiring of new police officers. Furthermore, it is unclear whether these block grants would be appropriated to local governments or state governments.

"Chicago is revolutionizing law enforcement through community policing," Mayor Daley said. "All we ask from Congress is to choose a policy and to stick to it. This Washington shell game helps nobody. We already have a program in place that is putting more police on the streets and delivering the funds straight to local governments. We don't need to mess with it now."

Proposals for Empowerment Zone Funds are now being Accepted

By Benjamin Harris

At Dunbar Vocational High School, the start of the long wait process of the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Coordinating Council (EZ/EC CC) held its Pre-Application Conference. The EZ/EC CC made available for the first time the Official Request for Proposal (RFP) for the \$100 million federal funds designated for three zones in Chicago. Communities in the Mid-South area are one of such areas. The RFP is a comprehensive set of guidelines that will be used to approve proposals that are to be funded under the Social Service Block Grant (SSBG).

Mr. Chris Hall, EZ/EC CC Planning Development Committee Co-Chair, said, "The EZ/EC CC is seeking service providers for implementation of the EZ and EC programs. Proposals selected for EZ/EC funding will be those determined to be most advantageous to Zone residents based on their compliance with the general evaluation criteria set forth in Section V." He added that specific evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP for each program. Residents' involvement will be a very strong factor in the evaluation of proposals. An involvement that has been the concern of officials in Washington D. C. and community leaders of the Mid-South area.

The EZ/EC CC established six (6) Strategic Initiative Areas that will be considered for funding. They are: (1) **Cultural Diversity.** Divided into four concepts: (A) Cultural Facilities and Historic Sites to create or rehabilitate buildings or other places that

serve as cultural facilities or historic sites. (B) Artistic Programming and Incubator Concepts seek to educate residents and resident artists and to provide nurturing environments for fledgling artists. (C) Earned Income, Tourism Concepts encourage the development of for-profit tourist-related entities that operate within larger non-profit organizations. (D) Telecommunications Systems Concept provides funding to cultural and artistic organizations seeking to upgrade their telecommunications systems.

(2) **Economic Empowerment.** It is divided into four (4) concepts: (A) Industrial Corridors provide seed money to help create safe, accessible, and marketable environments in the city's industrial areas. (B) Commercial Areas seek to meet the under served needs in the EZ/EC for basic goods and services through new development and rehabilitation of retail stores. (C) Brownfields Redevelopment is intended to spur the private market to invest in previously developed sites. It builds on the existing DOE/DPD Collaboration. (D) Business Incubator Development seeks to create nurturing environments for small and medium-size businesses during their critical first year of operation.

(3) **Linking Health and Human Services.** It is divided into five (5) concepts: (A) Comprehensive Community Service Delivery Network seeks to create a well-ordered cooperative of social service providers and a sophisticated information system

that identifies resources to support clients in the EZ/EC Zone. (B) Family Service Centers are various governmental departments collaborating to assist non-profit agencies to construct family service center facilities and operate child development programs. (C) Health Works seeks to address both systemic issues of health care delivery and the specific health care needs of employees within the EZ/EC Zones through the establishment of health care cooperatives. (D) Expanded Primary Care Capacity will fund the expansion of community-based health centers. (E) Health Empowerment Zone for entrepreneurs to establish contractual relationships with area hospitals and health care providers.

(4) **Affordable and Accessible Housing.** Divided into four concepts: (A) Chicago Neighborhood Plan provides for the rehabilitation of vacant government- and privately-owned single family homes. (B) Joint Lender Programs offer streamlined rehabilitation financing to owners of 5 to 10 unit buildings. (C) Small Building Rehab Program provides developers an efficient method of financing, acquiring and rehabilitating small multi-unit rental buildings. (D) Tax Exempt Bond Initiative for the development of multi-family rental housing through the issuance of tax exempt bonds.

(5) **Public Safety.** Divided into two concepts: (A) Civilian/Police Equity Training Network seeks for healthy and safe environments

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CHICAGO'S FEDERAL EMPOWERMENT ZONE

WHAT

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

WHERE

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

HIGHLIGHTS

(During the first 2 years)

- 6 small business centers.
- 4 family centers for child care and education.
- 100 or more units of low-income housing created.
- 6 industrial sites.

FUNDING

Government

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

Private sector

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

HOW

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

ALSO

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

SOURCE: City of Chicago, federal government

SUN-TIMES

South Street Journal was praised as a leading media in its coverage of the Empowerment Zone stories. Its 1995 New Years headline issue was "Empowerment Zone, Mid South New Year's Agenda."



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Reception for Bronzeville Historic Preservation Society

Honored descendants of Anthony Overton gathered with other dignitaries enjoying a reception to introduce the Bronzeville Historic Preservation Society. The reception, gallery exhibits and theater performance featuring Oscar Brown, Jr. and family was held at the Chicago Historical Society on October 5th. From left to right in photo are: Douglas Greenberg, Pres., CHS; Paula Robinson, Co-Chairperson, Bronzeville Historic Preservation Society (BHPS); Olivia Mahoney, Curator, CHS; Elise E. Gorum, Anthony Overton's great granddaughter; John Lewis, Jr., great grandson; Gloria Lewis-Evans, granddaughter; Lois Weisberg, Commissioner, Depart. of Cultural Affairs; and Shirley Vanderpool, Co-Chairperson, Bronzeville Historic Preservation Society.

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Del Ray Farms backs down on
Purchase of Supreme building

IIT Honors Community Leaders For Service

Douglas- Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) will honor local community leaders at its fourth annual Community Recognition Awards Dinner on Thursday November 9. The event takes place at Hermann Hall, 3241 S. Federal St., Chicago, on IIT's Main Campus. A reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.

The Community Recognition Award recipients and the honors they will receive are: Dearborn Homes Resident Management Corporation, Community Redevelopment Award; Tracey Matthews, coordinator Keepers of Culture Project, Community Service Award; Tolton Adult Education Center, Education Award; Dirk Denison, associate Dean of IIT's College of Architecture, Faculty Commitment to the Community Award; Quam Erogbogbo, IIT's student, Student Commitment to the Community Award and Marrison Coverson director, Elliott Donnelley Youth Center Leadership Award.

The Community Recognition Awards recognize people of outstanding achievement in the areas of community redevelopment, community service, education, faculty commitment to the community, student commitment to the community and sustained leadership ability, community involvement, work experience and dedication.

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One era of community leaders are figuring out how to stop the demolition and another is asking who has a better plan. Petition drives and surveys by counter groups in the Woodland community

and beyond are strategy their position over the further of the 63rd street El.

The concept to demolition the El was proposed by Rev. Authur Braizer, representing the Woodlawn Investment and Preservation Council (WPIC) over a year ago. The public forum hosted by Alderman Arenda Troutman of about 100 Woodlawn residents heard and witness a

presentation by Bishop Braizer on the demolition of the 63rd Street El.

The presentation convinced the Alderman for the demolition as good for the community. Now, the alderman's staff said the ward office is reassessing their position, in which the are doing a survey to determine the alderman's position.

Also surveying Woodlawn is The Woodlawn Organization (TWO). In the *Chicago Observer* a newsletter of TWO, it stated that 60% of its delegates body at annual convention voted to demolish the El and the majority of Woodlawn residents favor the El coming down now. Many that oppose it live out side of the community.

Reports to *South Street Journal* by a tenant of one of TWO's management sites is that TWO is doing telephone polls to residents on their opinion.

Dr. Leon Finney, chairman of TWO and who seats as the Chairman of the Greenline Task Force of CTA told *South Street Journal*. "I always have been for the el to be demolition. There were 34,000 people in the community. Now it is down to



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Disabled Citizens Gain Greater Access to Jobs and Independence

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"This legislation was designed to meet the individual needs of the disabled community," stated Rep. Howard. "The CHOICE program is about helping people help themselves. I believe that is the role government should be playing in individual's lives," she continued.

Previously, the majority of disabled workers participated in structured supported employment programs where the type of employment and level of support was dictated by what was available and familiar to the provider. Now, individuals who participate in the CHOICE program will be empowered to arrange for and purchase the employment supports they need to work and then be directly reimbursed by the program.

"CHOICE will provide greater flexibility for consumer choice than the current system allows by meeting the demand for services

that are selected by and tailored for the individual," Rep. Howard said.

CHOICE is a demonstration program that will be administered and funded by the Illinois Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Illinois Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Rep. Howard Announces Recycling Grants for Local Schools

Chicago-Representative Constance A. "Connie" Howard (D-Chicago) announced that four local schools have been awarded \$2,500 grants to promote recycling and waste reduction by the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources.

"I am [pleased that we are beginning to realize that we all must work together to preserve the earth," stated Rep. Howard. "This action is a good step for the causes of recycling and conservation in Illinois. I hope that these grants will begin to cause both students and parents alike to think about the future and the need to be conscientious about recycling."

The grants were awarded to the Wendell Smith School located at 744 East 103rd Street in Chicago, the Jane Addams School located at 10810 South Avenue H in Chicago, the J. N. Thorp School located at 8914 South Buffalo in Chicago, and the Orville T. Bright School located at 10740 South Calhoun in Chicago.

The grants are to be used to purchase hand dryers, recycled paper, notebooks, and implement special projects. According to the Department of Energy and Natural Resources, the goal of the grants is to encourage students to reduce waste and to support educational efforts to promote recycling and waste reduction. The Department also stated that this was the largest round of School Recycling Grants to date, with awards totalling more than \$220,000.



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By Eddie S. Read

We Are Still Marching - Step by Step

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On October 16, 1995 we marched into Washington, D.C. well over a million strong! At the close of the program we marched out of Washington, D.C. calm, respected, and without incident. Some have continued the march to community organizations, churches, mosques and temples.

The march continues in our hearts and our heads. It must now manifest itself in our deeds. We can certainly maintain the sense of spirituality if we live it in service to our people. The march back from Washington, D.C. is measured in steps that we take to be responsible in our home to our family; the steps that we take to assess the happenings on our block. Stand tall, organize your block-protect those who cannot protect themselves. Step around the corner and meet the



organizers of the block surrounding you, interact with your community. Step down the street to the businesses that are in your neighborhood. Are they taking the community's buying power as the serious investment that it is? Step up to the owner, does he or she live in the neighborhood? Do they hire from the community? Do they invest back in the neighborhood? Step on down to a community organization, get yourself registered to vote. If you are a registered voter, become a deputy registrar. The first line of defense in a so-called democracy is electoral politics. You must be involved. Don't wait for others, do all you can do, then we can step forward with a unified front-one voice on a common mission to improve the quality of life for Black people. Step by Step. One step at a time.

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FEDERAL FUNDING FOR POLICE

Mayor Richard M. Daley said today that Congress is playing a "shell game" with funding for Clinton crime legislation that makes money available for local police officers.

The U.S. Senate's Appropriations Committee voted yesterday to cut off funding for the COPS program the centerpiece of the crime bill passed last year, that will award Chicago \$24 million over three years to help increase the city's police force. The House earlier this year passed an appropriations bill that eliminated the COPS program. Meanwhile both houses of Congress have appropriated block grants in place of this program, but under Congressional rules they must pass (and President Clinton must sign) a replacement crime bill that authorizes these grants. Nobody expects a new crime bill to become law this year-leaving Chicago without money it has been praised for in the hiring of new police officers. Furthermore, it is unclear whether these block grants would be appropriated to local governments or state governments.

"Chicago is revolutionizing law enforcement through community policing," Mayor Daley said. "All we ask from Congress is to choose a policy and to stick to it. This Washington shell game helps nobody. We already have a program in place that is putting more police on the streets and delivering the funds straight to local governments. We don't need to mess with it now."

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The Sea of Black Unity

by Kevin Clark

No one knew what to expect when the buses rolled out of Chicago Sunday morning, October 15, 1995. All that Black men, from all walks of life, knew was that they were headed to Washington, D.C. for the Million Man March, led by Minister Louis Farrakhan. Those Black brothers, some 4,000 strong, from the Mid South area of Chicago left the city with a good spirit and a sense of unity among themselves. They reached the State Capitol building around 4:30 AM, after a 12-14 hour bus ride, the morning of the March. There were already thousands of Black people crowding the stage at the steps of the Capitol. There was positive tension in the air as the men marched through the streets of D.C.

There was Love and a natural Peace among the brothers that attended the historic event that day. It was as if the Black men had already known each other before they actually met. This was demonstrated when the buses stopped at gas stations and truck stops. Brothers were embracing one another, talking, taking pictures with each other, making video's, and eating together. It was as though the spirit on that day dared anyone to become hostile or violent towards another person, or to themselves.

Some of the men said that they listened to the D.C. radio stations during the March and the critics sounded as though they did not want to discuss the event because they could not see any negative situations

arise from anyone present. One talk show radio person stated that there was nothing but warmth in the air, and a strong sense of unity between the million or so brothers that were there. "History was made on that day" and Black men just want their families to know that we can truly come together as a people, and on October 16, 1995 they did just that. As of October 19, 1995 the mass media, after giving false figures as to how many Black men were present at the March, gave new numbers. The count was increased to 870,000, with a 25% margin of error, which could mean that as many as 1,100,000 or more Black men were present.

Serious Black men from the Mid South area of Chicago enthusiastically attended the Million Man March on Washington, D.C. in hope of making a change in their lives as well as in the lives of their women and children. This is the kind of day that Black people in America have been waiting for. We can now push away the dark past of drive-by-shootings, massive unemployment, run-down neighborhoods, teenage pregnancy and unregistered voters.

The only way for us is up. Now! And as long as we keep the spirit of the million plus Black men that stood up on October 16, 1995, we will make things right throughout America. Our Black ministers and leaders, as well as our intellectuals must be challenged by the organizing brothers and sisters to assure that we do not fail our people on the verge of the 21st century. This is our call, and it has been answered by the Black men of the Mid South Community.

Communication must get stronger between us as brothers and sisters. Trust and Love must grow between us. Our skills and talents must be put on the table in order to form what it is that we need as a people. So take charge of your life and help those that you know need it to improve their lives. The spirit of the Million Man March is calling for it.

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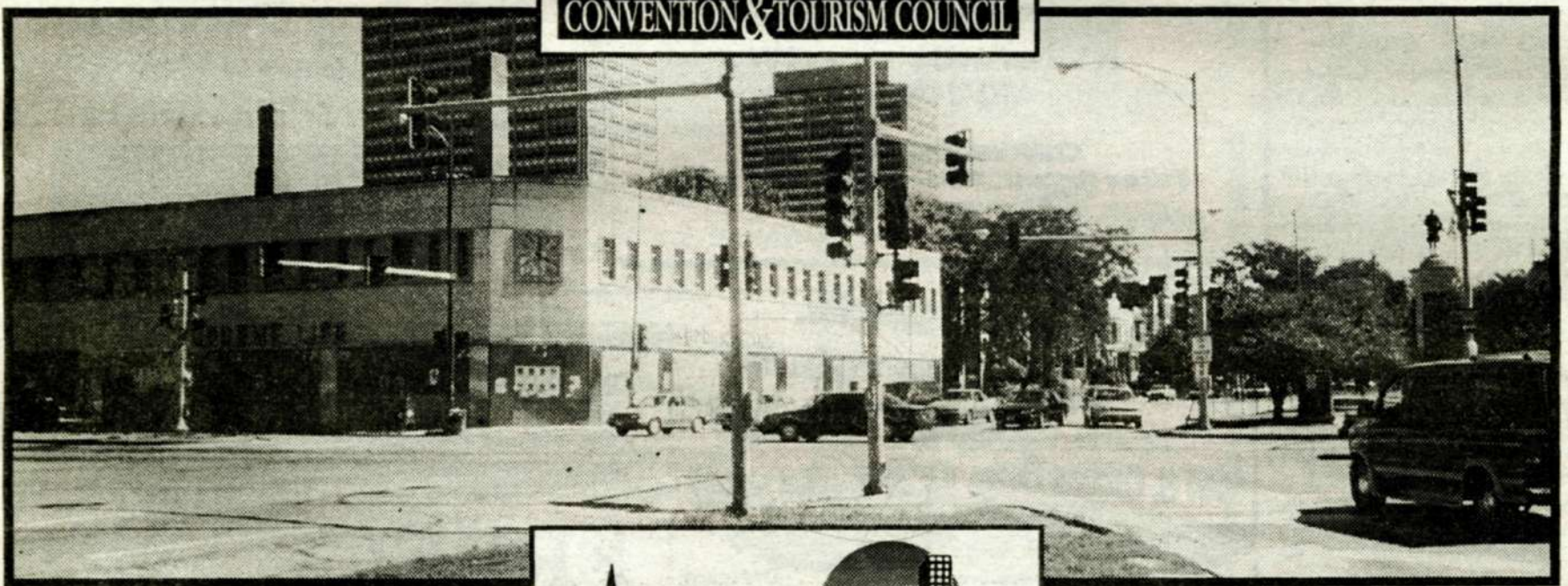
I drove up just in time to watch the big yellow construction helicopter begin to take off. It had finished lifting the new heating units onto the roofs and I sat in my car as it quickly lifted off from the 401 - 501 parking lot and headed toward Indiana. Just as I arrived in front of the Community Room in the 401 building, an elderly lady was coming out along with a LM Safety Officer and two other women. The elderly lady kept asking, "Can I go home now? . . . Can I go home now? . . . Can I go home now?" The Safety Officer said loudly, "Yes you can go home now. There is the van. The blue van will take you home." The two other women passed by and kept on their way. The elderly lady asked, "Where is the van? Can I go home now? Will it take me home?" The Safety Officer repeated, "Over there. The blue van will take you home." I felt sad as I watched this little old lady in her confusion trying to orient herself and find her way back home. Someone from her family or at least someone who cared about her should have been with her until the airlift was over.

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The Art of Knowing Where the Artists Are



by Michael Brownstein

I know a child who was having the hardest time learning how to read when I asked him to illustrate a story. He went to the task with a vigor I did not believe was possible.

Immediately he discovered if he could not read the story well, he could not illustrate it correctly. Soon he was writing stories to go with the illustrations. No longer did he have a hard time reading.

Then there was a girl who could not read, but she loved to sing. She memorized songs from the radio. When I introduced her to sheet music, she was ecstatic. Soon she was reading.

Writing, illustrating, singing—even dance and especially acting—all impact on the need to read. Our children enjoy the fine arts even as they struggle over reading. After all, reading is not a natural condition like talking, standing, taking those first important steps towards walking. Reading is a taught skill. Perhaps introducing reading with the arts is one solution for the at risk reader.

The South Street Journal area is full of artists. Many of these artists live only blocks from our schools. Some play the music that our area made world famous. Others have gained prominence through their writings and their paintings. And there are so many performance artists in our neighborhood, I cannot even give an accurate account of how many there are.

Beverly Reed, one of the South Street Journal's own (and she does not know I'm writing this) is a first rate performance poet and writer. When she performs, her whole being becomes her words. Students not only listen to her, they are



spellbound by her.

Jeanne Townes has written essays for a number of magazines. She writes poetry, too, and she performs everywhere. Once she even created a children's workshop to publish children's poetry from the Robert Taylor Homes and The Reading and Math Program.

Sharon Warner is an actress, poet, and a writer. Her performance piece, "The Myth of the Sugar Junkie," combines imagery and movement immersing the audience into her show.

How exciting it must be to perform, create, and add to our world. I have only named three performers and their work is inspirational.

I watched the children under Jeanne's tenure write image after image until they had complete works. These were nonreaders who could not wait to see their works in print. When they found them, they could not wait to read them to everyone. Suddenly these nonreaders were reading.

Sharon entertained us at Effie Milhopolous's "Staged Silences." Her voice charged the children to listen, understand, and get involved. Later she assisted Effie in a writer's workshop—creating images from the art around them.

Beverly once came to my school and read her poems to my students. She showed them her book, did a brief poetry lesson, and the children could not wait to read what they wrote after she left. They all wanted to take home her book, too. They wanted to read because they were touched by someone who through the arts could touch them.

The arts cannot take the place as the only—or the main method—for reading instruction, but they can add that singular incentive, a motivation, the spirit that enables a nonreader to want to become a reader. And the artists who can do this job are not downtown or far away—they are here, now, right by our schools in our neighborhoods.

IIT Honors Local Community Leaders For Service

Douglas— Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) will honor local community leaders at its fourth annual Community Recognition Awards Dinner on Thursday November 9. The event takes place at Hermann Hall, 3241 S. Federal St., Chicago, on IIT's Main Campus. A reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.

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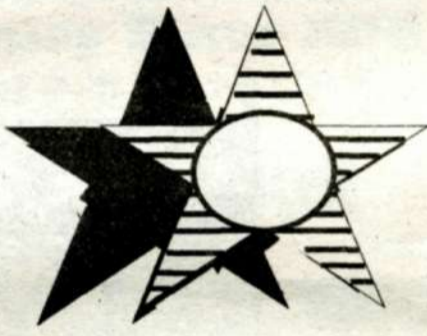


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Getting to Know: Ms. Bobbie Warren

by Dawn Ewing

Ms Bobbie Warren is not only mother of four grown daughters, but at age 66, she is also a business woman and community activist.

Though Ms Warren was born in Arkansas she has spent much of her life in Chicago. Many of those years have been spent here, in the Mid-South area.

In her early years, she attended Wendell Phillips High School, Midwest Business College, and Spencerian College in Milwaukee. Under the late Mayor Richard Daley, Ms Warren served as the exclusive court reporter for the city's community meetings. She was also chief fundraiser for Tabernacle Hospital. Her involvement with such organizations as

the National Urban League, Operation PUSH, and the NAACP has been ongoing for many years and to this day continues.

Although she is no longer affiliated with any religious denomination Ms Warren strongly believes in the creator. She is currently studying at the Egyptian museum.

She is also a fitness exercise instruction trainee with Robert and Cecelia Branton, owners of Body Parts, a fitness center.

Upon completion of her training she will instruct seniors at Rawls Manor, where she resides.



that it was just "sickening" to return. Seeing no jobs in a neighborhood that "is gone" this energetic woman of timeless grace knew that she had to do something.

Ms Warren set the following goal for herself: "To be able to help my people become self-sufficient and hold on to the qualities we have as a nationality, strong enough to keep us from the trap of being persuaded by other cultures." She also said that, "if we search our souls we'll know who we are, we'll identify with the natural spiritual feelings that we have within us."

She encourages the youth to "Get all the education you can," and to, "have some direction on where you want to go."

Recently, Ms Warren began work on a project that will allow students at Wendell Phillips to have access to shorthand classes equipped with upgraded stenography machines. Dr. Fran Williams in Curriculum and Placement at Wendell Phillips,

Michael Barnes, an associate at Warren and Associates, and Dr. Randall Johnson, head of Arts and Sciences at Kennedy King, are working on the project as well.

Ms Warren is a beautiful sparkle that should be an inspiration to all who meet her. She says if she was not currently working she would "vacation and do some travelling. I like to have a good time." It is evident that she likes for others to have a good time as well.

As a noted community activist Ms Warren is often called upon by Alderman Dorothy Tillman.

Due to her involvement with large corporations at high levels, Ms Warren has successfully begun work as a business owner. Warren and Associates is the developer of community programs and grant proposals.

Having seen the looks on the faces of the people in the area she grew up in Ms. Warren says

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African-American Women in Action

By Karen Brazil-Breashears
Staff Writer

Chicago—The community activist spirits of Sojourner Truth, Lucy Terry and Harriet Tubman fill the hearts and minds of the members of Sojourners United Political Activation Committee (SUPAC), the Chicago Chapter of the National Congress of Black Women (CCNCBW), and the African-American Women and the Law Network (AAWLN) and chart their course to improve the lives of all African Americans.

In this two-part article, we will take a look at these three dynamic African-American women's organizations.

SUPAC was formed in 1989 at the request of the Congressional Black Caucus. Attorney Sharon Wells, SUPAC Secretary, stated that SUPAC is one of the few Black community organizations chartered to make financial contributions to and endorsements of candidates for federal public office. Furthermore, it is the first African-American women's organization to register as a Federal PAC (Political Action Committee).

Wells, Professor Martha Palmer and Attorney Geraldine Simmons are founding members and leaders of SUPAC. Palmer, a long-time community activist, is SUPAC's President and Simmons is the Treasurer. During a recent interview Simmons stated that federal law prohibits political action committees from contributing more than \$1,000 to any candidate. However, she added, political clout is not determined by the dollar amount of contributions but their consistency. Simmons also observed that as long as African American social organizations are devoted purely to social activities, we will need SUPAC, an organization which enables people with ideas to interact and address issues of community responsibility.

Palmer noted that while SUPAC has 30 members, it has hundreds of supporters. As a result of the efforts of Palmer and member

Florence Cox, a former President of the Chicago Public Schools, SUPAC has directed its attention to the improvement of public education in Chicago. Under Cox's guidance, SUPAC conducted several monthly public forums on school funding and school reform. In keeping with this focus on education, SUPAC encouraged State elected officials to maintain literacy initiatives which fund after-school reading programs in churches and community organizations.

SUPAC's interest in public education has not diminished its capacity to be influential in the political arena. SUPAC supports candidates who demonstrate commitment to the African-American community. Among the candidates SUPAC has supported are former Congressman Charles Hayes, U.S. Senators Carol Mosely-Braun and Paul Simon, Wisconsin Congressman David Obey and State Senator Alice Palmer who is seeking the second congressional seat.

SUPAC was also active in efforts to force private and public investors from this country to divest their interests in South Africa. This led to the downfall of the African Nationalist Party and the election of Nelson

Mandela as the first Black President of South Africa.

SUPAC is gearing up for its "6th Annual Holiday Affair—A Salute to Groundbreakers and Earthshakers" which will be held November 18th at the Ramada Inn - Hyde Park. This event recognizes the unsung women who work behind the scenes to get things done in the area of education, politics and community involvement.

SUPAC is an organization on the move and one to watch. Information on membership or how candidates for federal office may receive financial assistance from SUPAC may be obtained by writing Martha Palmer, President, SUPAC, 737 East 93 Street, Chicago, Illinois 60619.



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Bernetta Pearson

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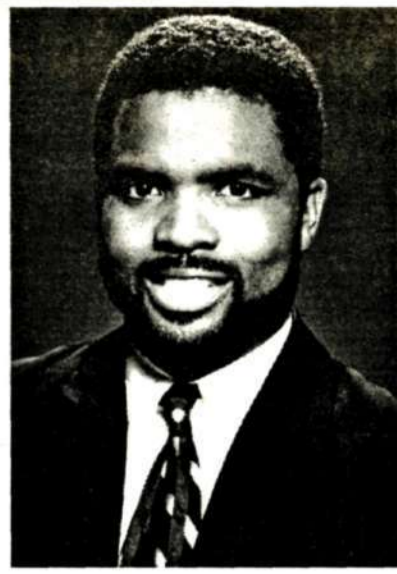
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Editorial

Palmer House vs. Your House

The cartoon is not to humiliate Alderman Dorothy Tillman. Many leading organizations from the National of Islam, Chicago Urban League, The southside NAACP to Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, the Beatrice Caffrey Youth Services, DuSable High School and the like, have invested to build Loop banquet halls.

Throughout the years there has been growing concern about the unabated lack of descent halls in the community. The flight to halls outside the community by our leaders, coupled with the migration of social clubs, weddings and churches, has not helped and has robbed the community of the necessary economic base in 2 which many rearers preach about "taking care of home first"

When leaders makes the call to invest in the community, there are a number of things to keep in mind. With respect to leaders maintaining credibility and support of its constituent bases - the residents of the community it represents- there is the inherent problem of setting examples.

What if the Lou Rawls Culture Center, which Alderman Tillman is spearheading was open, and the community continued to go downtown. What if all leaders, churches, schools, and outside people held their events in the Mid-South community. The only problem would be to create more businesses wuch as parking lots, private security, restaurants (not fast -food), and businesses to accommodate the flood of people spending money as we do in other communities. In other words, creating jobs.

The call for the NAACP and other organizations by talk show host Tony Brown to start investing money in the community to build hotels and halls takes a lot of time, energy and often pain,

and there is a real tendency by leadership to put the blame on the people when it comes to spending money in the community.

Leadership must set the examples, the luxury of the Loop is going to be there. We can not rebuild our community by marching our dollars outside of it. There are institutions in the Mid-South community to be used or invested in. From the Charles Hayes center, the Sutherland Ballroom, the Grand Ballroom, the YMCA on 62nd and Drexel, the proposed Lou Rawls Center and the Blues Hotel on 43rd and King Drive, churches, schools and other can use that money.

The investing in the community which traditionally has been done (or neglected) by the private sector or by the city, leaders say "Our community has been ripped off by private money-hungry bastard and we're going to take matters into our own hands." On the negative side, the leaders are opening themselves for the same type of criticism which was thrown toward others who have spend their money outside of the neighborhood. this is a form of "Do as I say not as I do" Ties open them with the same people they criticize.

The frustration of getting money for the purchase, rehabilitations, and building of institutions in the Mid-South area is at our disposal by encouraging the community to continually expand their investment and the private sector initiative will contribute to the examples the leaders set.

Therefore, both the leaders and their followers should be compelled to sacrifice the luxury of places such as the Palmer House and play a significant role with every dollar spent for their events. Don't say "we don't have good places in our

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community to hold this kind of an event. "Instead say" we w have this kind of event in our community somehow. Charg same \$50 for the Palmer House and invest it in our commu to have the place we desire. " That's bottom-up, grass-root organizing, putting your house first.

In investing to rebuild Our Community's as Tillman's fundraising theme states, it is the skill and determination of leaders to set the example at all cost. Unless this exmple is maintained, some victories will be maintained, but ultimate we will lose control and direction for the house and there will be hope, new spirit and indeed direction.

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The Department of Labor authorized/certified the union to operate in the united States, Canada, and Puerto Rico to organize and/or represent individuals in all job classifications.

In 1993, the International Union issued two (2) charters to establish local unions in the City of Chicago.

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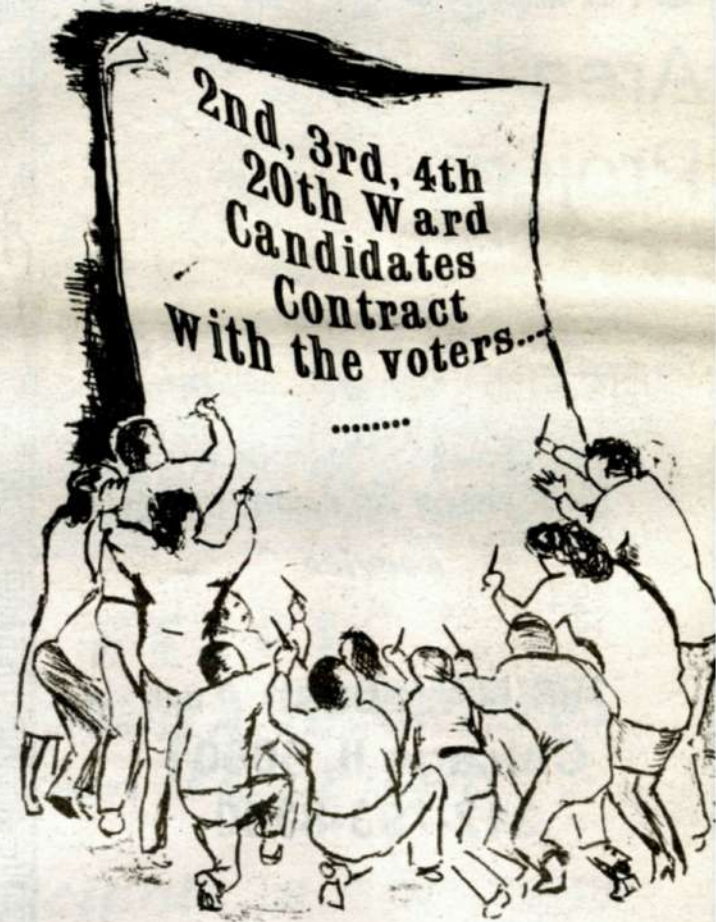
Eddie Read- President CBUC/BIPO, "The union has a broad range of experience in operating and administering programs and services designed to address the needs of low/moderate income individuals. We are here seeking the unemployed underemployed, disadvantaged, disabled veterans, youth, senior citizens, and individuals who reside in deprived conditions and/or circumstances."

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Editorial

Police Misconduct Exposed

No Surprise to 2nd District Fellow Cops

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to apologize for the way you were struck by one of my fellow officers. Hopefully, you won't let this reflect on the entire 2nd Dist. Unfortunately, I'm not able to disclose my identity due to the possibility of retaliation from my peers.

I read your article in the South Street Journal (July 24 - Aug. 3, 1994). The officer that struck you, Al Williams, has a history of mistreating citizens of the 2nd Dist. You're not the first person to be struck by officer and unfortunately you won't be the last.

Officer Williams has been transferred to Unit #715 that handles Chicago Housing Authority complexes, this has nothing to do with you case, but was a voluntary move on Ofc. Williams part.

I'm afraid that the residents will be subjective to being struck, cursed, mentally and physically abused by the officer. Ofc. Williams has a dislike for these residents and it shows.

Hopefully, this letter will correct the problem or at the very least bright it to the open. Ofc. Williams is someone that his fellow officer refuse to work with because of his attitude towards the citizens. Supervisors are aware of this, but do nothing. Around the station they're betting how long Ofc. Williams will work housing before they kick him out and send

him back to the 2nd Dist. That's how much his fellow officers think of him.

It's ironic that Ofc. Williams has to submit a witness statement regarding the CR number you obtained on Vanessa Muhammad considering he's the one who struck you. No one will openly admit to it on paper.

Ofc. Williams and Muhammad had some words over the incident. Ofc Williams accused Ofc. Muhammad of breaking the code of silence by telling Sgt. Chaffee that he had struck you. both of these officers people refuse to work with Ofc. Muhammad as long as she brings in tickets will continue to belittle people as she works the traffic car. For Ofc. Williams there's no hope after 5 1/2 years.

The bottom like to this letter is everyone must be treated fairly regardless of their economic situation.

I look forward to reading your response in the upcoming edition of the South Street Journal.

Sincerely, Concerned Wenworth Officer.

Publisher's response

Dear Concerned Wenworth Officer:

Thank you for your letter. I am surprised that you broke the code of silence of your fellow officers, which protail the seriousness of the matter.

The incident does not reflect my judgment toward members of the police department, who re dedicated to serving the community.

Although I am personally upset about the incident, I am more



concerned about how many citizens are subjected to the same stereotypical treatment/manner, which has often been depicted by not only the media (movies, novels, etc.), but also the general public. I am also gravely concerned about the number of innocent victims -- who are not coming forward --that Officer Williams has mentally, verbally, and physically abused.

Also, Officer Muhammad did not appear in court on our scheduled dat. The case was dropped because she failed to appear, but the court did attempted to fine me \$50 for disorderly conduct without her presence.

Although officers Williams and Muhammad got away with their misconduct, a complaint was filed with the Officer of Professional Standards (OPS) that stated nothing may happen because of the code of silence among officers. However, as your letter is being made public to our readers, I will be meeting with Commander Richardson of the 2nd district and submitting your letter to him and OPS.

Thank you for standing up, even thou, you are unidentified. You are a true police officer serving and protecting the community's right.



The Publishing business, one of the most rewarding positions. It is also one of the most stressful occupations. Pitched above is Sam Henderson of the African America Reader, Willie L. Wright, the Africa American Chronicler and South Street Journal's Ron Carter attending a community meeting at the Chicago Urban League to discuss the need for a community newspaper to provide a viable source of information.



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On Ron Carter before SSJ. Growing up in Robert Taylor Homes, I was a student at John Farren and Terrell Elementary Schools and then went on to DuSable High. The temptation to join a gang did not escape me. My life certainly could have been one quite possibly as many youth of Taylor are witness to—a product to supply the new jails.

However, because of the influence of a mother with a stronger hold, and family values were my saving grace.

On life impact.

While on my paper route for the *Chicago American* newspaper, the *Autobiography of Malcolm X* was introduced to me by a brother named Victor from 54th & Calumet. It helped change my course, from Mickey Cogwell (gang leader) as a role model to Bobby Rush (then Black Panther leader). To this day, Rush is still setting examples. However, his position as an elected official to take registered and licensed guns away from public housing residents did question how much he believed in the right to self-defense.

As a high school drop-out, I went right into the Navy— with the pain of oppression and still the idea of liberation. The Navy released me under less than honorable conditions.

Settled in California to attend college. Not content to be just a student, I became socially active. Staying focused in the face of adversity led me to work with Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda as the campus coordinator for the "Campaign to Elect Tom Hayden". It was my first sense of what grass-roots organizing was all about.

On home and family

Rosie (Johnson) and I have been married for 15 years. She also attended DuSable High School and was raised in the North Washington Park area. We have two children, Jamila, 9 and Jarrell Mandela, 2.

Both of my parents were raised around 37th and Indiana.

On personal development

After living in Los Angeles for five years, I returned to Chicago in 1978. Coming for a vacation to Chicago, I worked as a community organizer for various organizations for over ten years (the Greater Roseland Organization, the Chicago Area Project, Designs for Change). I was fired from all of them in one way or another, but still they contributed to my development.

I have an open mind on everything from religion to personal points of view, except racism, and self determination of a people.

On the beginning for community news.

Initially, the concept was conceived by tenants of Taylor homes, having worked as an organizer in Taylor and for the *Chicago Defender*. Aris Arvette (now with the Dearborn Homes) and I were asked by Katherine Wallace, then president of TRUTH, to help get a paper for Taylor Homes. We expanded the idea to the Mid-South communities.

Before I got started I asked the several newspapers (including the *Chicago Defender*, the *Citizen*, the *Crusader* and the *Hyde Park Herald*), "Why don't you branch off in the Mid-South

Write On, Ron

Two years ago South Street Journal was published, its impact was noticed and the community waited to see what the newspaper will be about. He developed a prototype of South Street Journal, "TRUTH NEWS" nine years ago that did not succeed. His life direction lead him to begin a serious day when he would launch a people paper again. With experience working for the Chicago Defender and a since of community organizer, Ron's vision, focus and determination has made South Street Journal into a viable and widely read publication that truly reflects a community newspaper overwhelming.

communities?" Their response was there's not a business base to support a community newspaper. So far they were right. But I see a base and more importantly the need.

At the Million Man March, Farrakhan said support the Black press. It was at the top of his list. I felt a little charge.

On SSJ from Truth News?

No difference. I gained more experience and now have a staff.

Have you seen any changes in the community you serve?

I see leaders are on the same page, different methods, but the same agenda. A lot of those changes have come from people outside of the community showing an interest.

On the principles of South Street Journal

The Journal sticks to its principles and does not deviate. It is not always about telling the truth, but getting the truth.

This newspaper is a business, but the principles are above profit. We want advertising and support from major companies and politicians. We want to serve everyone in the community. As we want Jewel's advertisement we have to report Jewel is overcharging on 35th Street. We had the same issue with One Stop foods, at one time an advertisers with us, which Rev. Earl Sardon, one of our board members was protesting. The principles for the paper to report the issue was questioned. We did an editorial on when the media bites the hand that feeds it, addressing the principles of the paper.

On the support for paper.
I can relate to State Rep. Howard Kenner who said in an interview that he was really let down by those who said they would support him upon starting his accounting business. We felt some of that let down. However, SSJ received a lot of support. The most inspiring came from a rent party the paper had at the Bonanza Lounge. The 47th Street folks came out and supported us big. It turned out to be a most rewarding experience of support. Even our landlord was inspired to help us pay the rent with a donation. One man said he did not have any money now but he wanted to give. A few days later he brought \$2 to the office..... sounds like Joe Gardner when he was campaigning for Mayor.
I can't mention all the support for the paper. But I must mention my family and crazy cousin Phillis.
The support is there. We just have to organize it.

On the vision for SSJ as it prepares for it's

third year.
We want to be more investigative in our reporting of the news so readers can have access to information needed for their goals and objectives. We want to try to have the staff in place that can carry this out.
On editorials.
We try to go with the wave of the community; to appeal to the readers' self interest. Every editorial has one job - it should have a believable promise.
All messages have headlines-- T.V., radio, first paragraph in a letter. Even a telephone call has a headline. Come up with a good headline, and you're almost sure to have a good story.
On incorporating that gift of art into the paper.
I always look with an artist's eye. But, nothing beats getting out of the office and gaining insights that'll help put the vision for language people understand and respond to. My artist ability mainly helps in the layout, graphics and design.
On the paper's greatest achievement.
Still in existence while operating on limited funds.
On SSJ regrets.
Errors. People are insulted by them. Because indirectly it is an reflection on them.
One major regret was when the advisory board wanted the paper to be neutral for the last aldermanic election. I regret I wasn't because what's the sense of having an advisory board if you don't take their advice.
One regret was not endorsing Maurice Perkins for alderman of the 4th Ward. Not necessarily because he would make a better alderman, but he was one of the five people that offered his assistance to the paper. However, making endorsements is something newspapers do. I (we) got caught up in politics.
Then there's Ms. Annette Carter on Langley Avenue, who made a point on an error that ran for seven months or more. She said "does you know" is just not good English. If you don't change it we are going to fight.
More than not having enough money to cover the overhead, the worst regret is the lack of cooperation from the powers to be, who hide the truth. I had no idea that people would be at the door in wait with their guns.
On the readers and community.
The common resident is looking for the vision of a better future - which the resident has

a right to expect from its leadership and I believe they hope to find that in this paper. When we say the "People Paper of Mid-South," we mean just that. The paper and leaders must prove courage to represent them well - not just long hours to get a \$40,000 plus salary, but on principles. The community calls some organizations social service pimps. Now this newspaper's ardent blocking the truth which means they have power. They want to drag information back to their comfort zone.

On the ends justifying the means?

Publishing South Street Journal is the most challenging thing to do. It is the most sensitive I've ever done with the mission to represent the image and status of the community. In an atmosphere of a community profound for change, the ends are justified by news and information the community produce for the paper and what the readers do with it.
On Politics.
We have opened SSJ as a tool for elected officials as well. That's including the Black Caucus of city government. State officials and Congressman Rush take full advantage.
The aldermen of this area do not, except A. Haithcock. Using her as an example of a politician she respects the paper and challenges its position. She got to my feelings when she resentfully called me Bobby Rush's friend. I

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she said that was for an editorial she and the other Black aldermen were acting like Clarence Thomas on Empowerment Zone issue. When she doesn't like the paper she makes it

known. I questioned her position of not, openly endorsing Gardner or Burris. Her position was that was not the wave of her ward, and she was right. Others went opposite of the wave. They act like cry babies when a story is not in their favor. They may have a reason because we endorse them, but, I have asked for meeting try and understand their political process in order to be objective.

I believe the community's agenda is before political agenda. Politicians or elected officials should be representatives, not leaders.

On the pleasures of being the publisher.
It is a good feeling after getting a shout out. Not only from the time and frustration when people look forward to the paper, and complain about its tardiness more than the errors. Then there's the people who make pleasant remarks on the content of an issue.
On the paper staff.
Their's a challenge but supportive environment

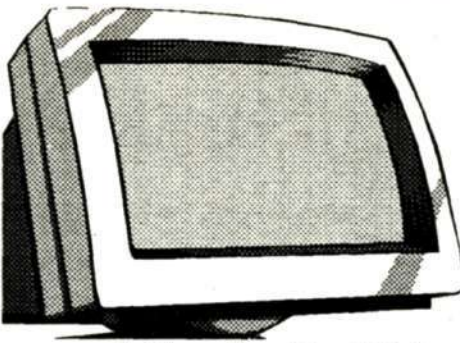


Perspectives

By Velma Hudson
Staff Writer

O.J., the Media & Other Items of Interest

I watched the O. J. trial. Then I watched the news on channels 2, 5, 7, 9, 32 and CNN. I read the newspapers. I couldn't believe it. All of the channels and newspapers were only telling one side of the story—the prosecution's side. (I saw this with the first Rodney King trial also.) All of them were saying O. J. was guilty (Were they there?). I have never seen that before. Most of the lawyers voicing this opinion were Jews. I thought they were supposed to be friends of Blacks. I guess the only time we are their friends is when we agree with them. Just like whites. I might also add that Jews are white. The only Jews on O. J.'s side were the ones defending him. There was absolutely no balance in the coverage of that trial. Almost from the beginning of the trial the media began gleefully showing polls which indicated the difference in opinion regarding O. J.'s guilt. Whites thought he was guilty, Blacks did not. Then a verdict was reached. And what did the white media say. The "verdict" split Blacks and whites. That is a lie. Blacks and whites were split from the beginning. I



called the media and Court TV. I asked them why they were spreading this lie. My question was met with silence. The prosecution mountain of evidence consisted of about 8 specks, not drops, of blood—on the glove, in the car, O. J.'s blood on his own property (Is this a crime?), specks at Nicole's, and blood on O. J.'s socks. That's about it. They never proved that Nicole bought gloves or that O. J. bought shoes that would leave the footprints they found. Isn't it funny, the media does not discuss the evidence. They just use the phrase "mountain of evidence." Well, as I heard one Black attorney say, "The defense had a mountain climber—Johnnie Cochran." Johnnie Cochran was brilliant,

something else that angered the white media. So the white media decided to give all of the credit to the Jew on the defense's team. The white media attacked the jury's decision in the O. J. case. Why didn't they do the same in the original Rodney King case? Why didn't they track down the white jurors, show their faces, and dog them for comments? You don't see them dogging any of the racist cops. Why not? Because they know there are racist cops as well as racist judges. They were simply embarrassed because they were caught. One of the best things that came out of this trial is that Blacks no longer care what whites think. Court TV said that whites think of Blacks as gullible and Blacks think whites are naive. As usual the cleaner phrase is used for whites. I called Court TV and stated that Blacks think of whites as liars, not naive. I also said Blacks were not gullible enough to buy those racist cops' argument about beating Rodney King, nor did we believe Anita Hill or Susan Smith. But whites did. Or they say they did. Call the TV stations when you know they are lying.

To the Residents of STATEWAY GARDENS

I am a candidate for the office of President of Stateway Gardens. I am seeking the responsibilities of this office for the growth and development of Stateway Gardens. Too long have the passive attitudes of the residents encumbered a healthy and wholesome living environment. Our negligence to our homes has caused us to live in squalid and below poverty living conditions. I refuse to live like this any longer. I have lived in Stateway Gardens for twenty years. I have raised three children here in this complex. I have been fighting for my home too long to quit now. I participate on a weekly basis in the Operation Clean Green. The children and I go throughout the Stateway Gardens and surrounding area to clean and beautify the area. In addition, I organize the residents of Stateway Gardens to attend important rallies that have an effect and impact on the living conditions here in Stateway Gardens. Furthermore I provide assistance to our senior citizens as well as our youth whenever the need arises. I am active with our local school functions, too. I will become a member of the Local School Advisory Council. I am proud to live in Stateway Gardens. When we had aquariums on the first floor of our buildings and a landscape that was second to none. Our park even after dark was a place where our children could play and our senior citizens could take a relaxing stroll without fear. There is no rest when I see my home not clean or when I am treated disrespectfully because of the lack of respect that is given to my home by some of the people who live here. They have no respect for or no pride in Stateway Gardens. I will struggle endlessly to restore the pride and respect. I envision lighted walkways, recreational areas and activities for our children, resources for employment and enhance our living conditions. I envision Stateway Gardens as a place that anybody would be proud to call HOME. If I am elected, I will:

1. Utilize the full potential of the residents and maintain a healthy and wholesome living environment;
2. Ensuring the resources allocated are presented to the residents for proper allocation;
3. Fight to the fullest to prevent crime and corruption within Stateway Gardens;
4. Pledge my to enhance the overall living conditions of Stateway Gardens;
5. I will resign from this office if I become unresponsive, or unproductive to the residents for the overall living conditions here in Stateway Gardens.

It is with great pride and respect that I am seeking this office. I will conduct the affairs of the office with the residents foremost in my mind for the betterment of all the people who live in and around Stateway Gardens.

Dorothy Olivier

Letters To The Editor

SSJ, Good Work, But Expand Your Base

Dear Editor,
As a fairly new resident to the GAP community on the near southside, I have been pleased to "discover" the South Street Journal, an interesting and informative source of local community news. Knowing that publishing a newspaper can be a very difficult and demanding task, I commend you on your dedicated efforts to enlighten and inform your readership on news events and activities of particular concern and interest to this community. I would like to also comment on two articles that appeared in the Oct. 11-Nov. 1, 1995 edition of SSJ. First, the article on "Police Beat Meetings" was detailed and expansive, but still somewhat incomplete since it focused entirely on the 2nd Police District (south of 35th Street) and therefore excluded a large number of residents and SSJ readers who reside in the 21st Police District (north of 35th Street). I would hope to see, in future editions of SSJ, similar reports regarding Beat Meetings and other community policing activities in the 21st District as well. Also, it would be useful for SSJ to provide regular advance listings of scheduled Beat Meetings and CAPS activities for residents of both the 2nd and 21st Police Districts. We all have a vested interest in reducing crime and improving neighborhood safety and protection, for the collective benefit and well-being of our entire community. My second point concerns the SSJ reprint of the City Council Resolution honoring African American firefighters. Coming from a family of Black firefighters, I am especially pleased to see this public recognition of the historic role and outstanding service and contributions of

African American firefighters in Chicago. However, the dates shown in this Resolution are somewhat confusing, since the Resolution states that it was "presented by Alderman Madeline Halthcock on September 13, 1995," but according to the reprint it was "adopted" by the City Council several months earlier, in May 1995. How does a Resolution get adopted before it is presented? That's pretty amazing and creative, even for Chicago politicians! Hopefully, this was just a typesetting error by SSJ and not a glaring mistake in the actual Resolution itself that was overlooked by the Alderman! Still, I look forward to reading SSJ on a regular basis. Keep up the good work.

Thomas G. Brewer
GAP Resident

SSJ: We regret the error. May 1995 was incorrect.

Behind the Election in the 2nd

Dear Editor,
If what Steve Neal reported in his Chicago Sun-Times on Tuesday, October 3, 1995, is true, then it seems like Deja Politics is at play once again. Remember when the late Cecil Partee left the state legislature to run against Ralph Metcalfe. Partee got the pants beaten off of him, but conventional wisdom always questioned why did he run in the first place. With his seniority, Partee could have done so much more for his community by staying downstate. Is it a case of like father, like son? If so, then is Richard J. Daley behind the move of Illinois Senate Democratic leader Emil Jones' candidacy for Congress?

With so much at stake, in the next five years who will be in Springfield to fight for working people, African-Americans, or Hispanics. Talk about backroom, under the table deals? Say it isn't so, Mr. Jones. You wouldn't betray your people, your district or your party by taking covert aid from Cook County Republican Chairman Many Hoffman, would you? When convicted U.S Rep Mel Reynolds ran against incumbent Gus Savage for the 2nd Congressional District seat, 22,000 Republicans switched over to support Reynolds and defeat Savage. In a special election, with a low turnout expected, Republican support could make the difference on November 28, 1995. Are we going to let Republicans nominate Democratic candidates? If so, then Democrats should be outraged. It is behavior like this that contributed to last year's low turnout. Those who are disenfranchised and disenchanted see one party with two names, and two parties with the same direction. Who really speaks for them? There is nothing wrong with having the support of a broad, bipartisan constituency. Candidates should seek the support of Democrats, Republicans, and independents, but on the basis of where he or she stands on the issues affecting their constituency. Support should not come as a result of some backroom, under the table deal. Haven't the people of the 2nd CD been hurt

enough? Elected officials and public leaders, owe it to the people they represent to show leadership and uncompromising integrity. If Mr. Jones is confused about how he can best serve the people of his district, then the people need to show him on November 28 by making sure he keeps his seat as Senate Minority Leader. It is from this office that Jones can do the most good.

Delmarie Cobb

The Image of the March to Others

Dear Editor,
There is a "Publication," and I use the term loosely, called *The Jewish Star*. This rag had the unmitigated Gaul to print a cartoon depicting Minister Louise Farrakhan in a Nazi Pose. I take great offense at this characterization because Minister Farrakhan is one of the pre-eminent leaders of Black People and the Author of the Largest Gathering of Black People for peaceful purposes this century. One has to wonder why a people who claim to be God-centered would repeatedly ignore the humble request of Min. Farrakhan to sit down and have an honest conversation about our differences. But more than that, to group any person of the cloth with the worst mass murderer in the history of Mankind is unthinkable. I can only conclude that the Jewish Star is not interested in justice, only pandering to the fears of the uninformed in their community.

Yours Sincerely,—
J. Tillman



"I am offering my handshake of reconciliation."

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Gus Savage, at Million Man March, October 16, 1995

I am here not in spite of, but because of, the Honorable Louis Farrakhan. I praise his vision and leadership. Blacks should atone, not for our anger, but for not being angry enough, at the growing racism and incipient fascism of white America, Jew and Gentile. We should atone for developing more political independence, more cultural identity, and more control of our economy—in defiance of white power, in defiance of this reactionary government—and in defiance of whiterized, televised, apologetic Negroes. Some march because we are damn tired of being unfairly and disproportionately policed by whites, judged by whites, miseducated by whites, bossed by whites, governed by whites, or negroes they selected. We are tired of white racist media relying on police blotters for news about Blacks, promoting disputes among blacks, defining issues for Blacks, and determining leadership for Blacks, and determining acceptable beliefs, behavior and associations for Blacks. As reactions to the Simpson case show, Blacks and whites perceive some matters very differently—and you don't stop being white just by becoming a newspaper editor or TV news producer. We resent having to be an athlete or comedian, or to act like whites, and talk like whites and revere whites in order to get-along with whites. Black children are crippled by white dreams, and Black families are weakened by white values. We are not the same, and should not have to be, in order to have equal rights, equal privileges, equal opportunities and equal power. Many, if not most of us, are proud to be Black, and prefer not to be like whites. Their honored forefathers were hated slaveholders. America's wealth was partly built on our poverty. And, today, their advantages are our disadvantages. You see, racism is not a simple matter of individual prejudice or pejorative words. It is a historically evolved system to maximize wealth and concentrate power unto a class of whites, at the cruel disadvantage of the mass of Blacks. This problem cannot be solved by the achievements or racial integration of individuals, because it is a grossly unjust power-relationship between racial groups. That is why it is ridiculous for a white to call a Black a racist. For, in many ways, we are like an oppressed colony within an imperialist nation.

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Lake Meadows Airlift and Elderly Lady Story

I drove up just in time to watch the big yellow construction helicopter begin to take off. It had finished lifting the new heating units onto the roofs and I sat in my car as it quickly lifted off from the 401 - 501 parking lot and headed toward Indiana. Just as I arrived in front of the Community Room in the 401 building, an elderly lady was coming out along with a LM Safety Officer and two other women. The elderly lady kept asking, "Can I go home now? . . . Can I go home now? . . . Can I go home now?" The Safety Officer said loudly, "Yes you can go home now. There is the van. The blue van will take you home." The two other women passed by and kept on their way. The elderly lady asked, "Where is the van? Can I go home now? Will it take me home?" The Safety Officer repeated, "Over there. The blue van will take you home." I felt sad as I watched this little old lady in her confusion trying to orient herself and find her way back home. Someone from her family or at least someone who cared about her should have been with her until the airlift was over.

You can tell the culture of a people by how they treat their young and their old.

South Street Life

Mineral Bramletta, a historian in his own right chats with Wallace "Gator" Bradley at the DuSable Museum of African American History for His Excellency Jerry Rawlings, president of the Republic of Ghana visit to Chicago.

Rawlings was in Chicago where he was greeted by Chicago's including Minister Louis Farrakhan and other notables.

SSJ Photo by Vincent Walker



CAN YOU HEAR THE WARNING

BY: Doreen A. Taylor

Its takes years for you to hear the voice or at least understand what you're hearing. Funny, its only when you need help that you hear a voice. Ever wonder why life goes wrong or right for you. One day you look around you see others prospering and others failing and you just standing. Ever wonder why some people can reach out and grab nothing and hold on and it becomes something one day. Did they hear the voice? I wonder?.. I once heard a voice. It said, "come and you will become and once you become you will overcome," and I did. Thank You Bishop cause I never knew that you had to hear to see and I can do both now, THANK YOU FATHER !!!!!

I'd like to share a little of my life with you. When God spoke to me I ignored the voice and here's what happened: (Proverbs 1: 20-33)

"Warning Against Rejecting Wisdom"

20wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares;

21at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech:

22How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge;

23If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you.

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Photo View

There are two plans to develop the corner of 39th and Cottage; one is for a park area and the other is for a family entertainment center, which one would you prefer?



"The latter. We have parks and the kids would be just hanging out. The center would be more beneficial to everyone in the community. And businesses would be a great benefit for needed jobs"

Linda Lewis
35th and Cottage



"What about both? The area use to be a park area with the fountain in the middle. It falls in line with Daniel Burnham plans for open space. A small version of an entertainment center would enhance the community. The area has been over looked for business growth for a long time. this would help."

Angela Sneed, Probation Officer in the area & Former resident

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Spiritual Page

Religious leaders of Mid-South at The Million Man March

Black people have never declared a Holy Day for Black people since the sojourn in America began. Recognizing October 16th as "a Holy Day of Atonement and Reconciliation," African America men are facing an uphill road toward justice and true liberation. Believing that the best way to face the power and strength of the opposition is to face it with the Power and Spirit of God and the unity of a people.



SSJ Photo by Vincent Walker
Father Geogre Clements, now resides in Washington D.C. chants with Ron Carter, publisher of South Street Journal at the Million Man March in Washington D.C., October 16th. Father Clements explained of such a day as a Holy Day for Black men to up lift their spirit for the improvement of their soul as a people



Attendees at the March: Rev. Clay Evans, Fellowship Baptist Church; Rev. Henry Hardy, Cosmopolitan Community Church, who stated, "A monumental statement of Black solidarity and African-American male consciousness;" and Rev. Tyrone Crider, New Hope Community Baptist Church, who stated that he "hopes the spirit lives on in every city and every town and that's his wish."



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Southern Baptist Convention Were Wrong, Can Be Right

I read with deep interest the article published in the news media about the Southern Baptist Convention's Resolution concerning their wrong treatment of Blacks for 150 years and at this time admitting that they were wrong and are repenting for it. I feel that this is one step in the right direction. If they would also have put in the Resolution some of the things that they will be doing in the future to do away with the injustices that Blacks are still suffering from in this country at present such as discrimination in housing, jobs, getting loans to open businesses, etc.

The Resolution as it stated in the press could have a negative effect on Black conventions because in many cases, when Whites open up for Blacks to get into what they have, we end up leaving what we have. This what happened with our ball players.

My feelings is that this will help the Southern Baptist Convention a lot more than it will help Black people. I'm hopeful that all of our religious leaders will think twice before running to join up with the Southern Baptist Convention. Many Black business people are out of business today because the Black population left what they owned to become a part of what somebody else owned. Think it over.

Webb Evans, President
United American
Progress Association



Emogene Alexander Smith

Partner/Investor, & Advisory Board Member of South Street Journal

By Beverly A. Reed

It makes the reality of her passing over, another bitter pill we must swallow. When John DeVaughn came into the office and said there was someone he wanted us to meet, a possible investor. Well, we were so excited. It was always a pleasure when someone expressed their approval of our efforts, but an investor. It was very difficult to fathom.

And so, we rushed around the office straightening up and getting papers together, arranging chairs and praying. John came in. We hugged. Then he and Ron began to discuss issues, politics and South Street Journal. I smiled occasionally, but my mind was on her.

September 2, 1949
October 16, 1995

What kind of woman, I wondered, would she be? Were she sincere? Would she appreciate what we had done?

I hadn't long to consider my questions because in you walked. I don't remember what she were wearing, but her presence filled the room and our spirits sailed.

We sat in a circle that evening. Ron began to tell her about the paper, the mission, the vision, the statistics, the facts, the figures, the politics, the struggles. And she-- with her wonderful, intuitive, special soul-- she turned to me and said in that unforgettable melodic voice, "You must be very tired."

Everyone laughed and I stood up and danced. She and I talked of poetry, love, death, pain, growth, transformation, and peace. We laughed and we cried as one.

From that day on Emogene Jean was just as part of our mission as well as our friend.

One night, we talked on the phone and the interpreter (Emogene was deaf) became so moved she joined in the conversation, thanking us for freeing her from a challenge she was facing.

Emogene presence in our life was certainly much to brief and yet we feel we've gained so much. We'll never see you again in this life. Somehow that's okay because we are sure we'll meet again. Say hello to our love ones you have joined.

With love and respect,
The Staff and Board of Advisors
of South Street Journal

Obituary

EMOGENE ALEXANDER SMITH was the daughter of T.W. Lewis and Rose Lewis. They preceded her in death. She was born September 2 1949 in Chicago, Illinois.

She attended CVS High School and Kennedy King College for Nursing. She served as a Home Health Aide. Emogene accepted Christ and attended Progressive Community Church. She was a faithful member until her death.

Emogene loved her children and was devoted to them. She loved people. Emogene had a kind heart always giving and concerned about others. She kept her self busy with different projects such as: South Street Journal, Youth Programs for the park district, and serving as counselor.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Regina, Angelique, Stephanie, Nicole, Kayran, David and Davina Anthony who preceded her in death; fifteen grandchildren a devoted friend, John and other relatives and friends and a god daughter, Latanya.

Ministers Endorse Jesse Jackson Jr. for Congress

Ministers from all over the city are coming together for a news conference to endorse Jesse Jackson, Jr. for Congress. The news conference will be held in the 2nd Congressional District at Sweet Holy Spirit Full Gospel Church 944 West 103rd Street at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday October 10, 1995.

Jackson is pleased that a group of ministers has come together to sup-

port his candidacy. Their churches represent hundreds of voters whom he might not get to touch one on one in such a compressed race. Therefore the minister's endorsements guarantee that Jackson will have some assistance in getting his message of re-industrialization and jobs, comprehensive and universal health care for all, affordable housing, quality public education and public safety to the people.

Jesse Jr. who is also a minister graduated with a Master of Arts Degree in Theology from the Chicago Theological Seminary in 1990. He attends Salem Baptist Church and frequently speaks at churches throughout the country.

We know that the human body is a gift greater than all living creatures. In being so, only spiritual food, can make the gift greater. South Street Journal welcomes all comments and beliefs to enhance the gift that we are.

Shapiro Lecture at Catholic Theological Union: "God and the Big Bang!"

Hyde Park -- Daniel Matt, an expert in Jewish mysticism and professor at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, will discuss how ancient Kabbalah and modern physics intersect in a lecture, "God and the Big Bang!" 4 pm November 7, 1995, at Catholic Theological Union, 5401 South Cornell Avenue, Chicago. Sponsored by Catholic Theological Union with funding from the Shapiro Foundation, the lecture is free and open to the public.

One of the preeminent translators of classic kabbalistic texts, Matt combines a profound grasp of Jewish mysticism with an ability to communicate sensitively the spirituality and nuances of the texts. He has published several books including the Essential Kabbalah: The Heart of Jewish Mysticism, Harper, San Francisco, 1995, and Zohar: The Book of Enlightenment which consists of annotated poetic translations from the Kabbalah and is part of the Clas-

sics of Western Spirituality Series published by Paulist Press. His forthcoming book, God and the Big Bang is being published by Jewish Lights.

Matt earned a Ph.D. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University and has taught at Stanford University and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The Charles and Morris Shapiro Foundation has supported a wide range of lectures in Christian-Jewish scholarship at Catholic Theological Union by experts including Lawrence Shiffman, Rolf Rendtorff, Jacob Marmor, Ellis Rivkin, and Michael Fishbane. Rabbi Hayim Perelmuter, Chautauqua Professor of Jewish Studies, directs the Shapiro Lectureship. Daniel Matt is the sixteen-year Shapiro Lecturer, the first in the area of Jewish mysticism. Catholic Theological Union is the largest Roman Catholic graduate school of ministry in North America and a leader in the Jewish-Christian dialogue.

Community Activism, Prayers for Illinois Schools Urged by Religious Institutions.

Religious institutions throughout the Chicago area will include a call for more statewide education funding in their pulpit messages and congregational bulletins during the weekend of Nov. 10-12, in recognition of "Education Sabbath."

More than 500 religious organizations mostly on the South Side of Chicago Urban League to recognize Education Sabbath, created by the League to encourage more community involvement in the struggle to achieve adequate and equitable funding for Illinois schools. "We need to involve the broad community in the struggle to improve our schools," and James W. Compton, president and CEO of the Chicago Urban League.

Rev. David Saunders of Quinn Chapel AME Church, stated two of the most important institutions in the community is the church and the schools. "It is our direction here to bring our church members to the attention of the issues of our children education," said rev. Saunders. "for to long our elected officials have overlooked the need to fund our schools "Support from religious leaders for more education funding is an invaluable booster for community activism." The League, in letters sent to the congregations, urged the community to write state legislators letters urging them to vote for more school funding, to start a voter

registration drive and to pray for Illinois children and their schools. Rev. Waddel Newson of Faith Community Church said he's recognizing Education Sabbath because education is the key to the economic success of African Americans. "Without education, we'll never be on an equal playing," said Newsome.

Religious institutions participating in the Mid South area are:

- Quinn Chapel AME Church, Rev. David Saunders, 2401 S. Wabash
- Liberty Baptist Church, Pastor Darrel Jackson 4849 S. King Drive
- Meadville/Lombard Theological School at University of Chicago, Rev. Michelle Bentley, 5701 S. Woodlawn Church of the Good Shepherd, Dr. David Chambers, Jr., 5700 S. Prairie Ave.
- Grant Memorial AME Church, Dr. Wilfred Reid, 4017 S. Drexel
- First Church of Deliverance, Mr. Lindsey Sims, 4315 S. Wabash Ave.

The Chicago Urban League has developed an education funding proposal that calls for substantially more money for schools and reduces the tax burden on low-income and middle class families.


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Brothers March On

by Marie M. Williams

On October 16, 1995, the first Million Man March was held in Washington, D.C. It was the largest gathering of more than 1.5 million plus Black men for the purpose of atonement and recommitment to building African-American family and community institutions. This was one of the most successful coming together of our brothers in the history of the United States of America.

The magnitude of this spiritual journey was overwhelming. It was amazing and satisfying. It certainly glorified GOD and all praises go to Him for a most wonderful day. We couldn't have asked for a better one. Even the sun was shining. That was GOD working!

Viewing this mass of Black men brought tears to my eyes, happiness to the heart and joy to the soul. Its hard to find words to describe the real feeling of what this meant to most Blacks. But as the young folks say, "IT WAS ALL GOOD!" I say it was more than good. IT WAS GREAT! IT WAS WONDERFUL! IT WAS MARVELOUS!

However, it was disheartening to hear and see those few Blacks who got hung up on the messenger instead of the message. It makes me wonder whose mirror they look in every day. Did their skin color change? I don't think so. They were Black yesterday and they are Black today. Believe it or not, they'll be Black tomorrow. Understand, we all have the same enemy, regardless of where you live or what you do.

In fact, the attitude of some Blacks made me very angry, reading and listening to the positions and statements they took in not supporting a cause that ultimately benefits us all. We all need to fight injustices and inequality plus other human and social ills. I heard a minister referring to some as Negroes and I even started using that word again myself for what seemed an appropriate description of how some Blacks reacted toward the Million Man March.

Actually their behavior was extremely embarrassing and uncalled for. I felt that if they didn't like what was being proposed, they should have just kept their mouth shut and left well enough alone. In reality, all they did was continue with what the white man was looking for—more division. They gave him what he wanted and put a smile on his face. Their fears were so caught up in Minister Farrakhan, the challenge of a vision of togetherness was too much to behold. But I guess they can feel kind of 'salty' now that it was a big, no, enormous success with or without their support.

You see, Minister Farrakhan was man enough to put his vision into action. He brought this vision to some other spiritual and community leaders who worked together to put that plan into action. He took the spiritual vision put on his mind by the Holy Spirit, shared it with other disciples and set plans in motion to deliver our people. The results were awesome!

The reason why many of you "Negroes" had a problem with this is because you have a very low opinion of yourselves. You don't really appreciate who or what you are. You rely on the opinions and judgments of others to validate your existence. You do not believe you have any power or control over what takes place in your life. Bottom line, you do not think right. Some of you are still thinking in the 30's, 40's, and 50's (where you still didn't get involved). Some of you woke up in the 60's and 70's (for a short while), but in the 80's you laid back down, put the covers over your heads and you've been sleeping ever since.

Well, the Million Man March was that wakeup call needed to begin the process of putting our lives back with GOD - Good Orderly Direction. The march was that call that said when the Creator made you, He poured a lot of Himself into you. He breathed into you the breath of life and made you a living, dynamic spirit like He is. It is that call that says amazing powers have been built into you as a human being.

Did you know the greatest power you possess is the power to think? Through the power to think, you begin to know GOD. Jesus says, "The kingdom of GOD is within you." Luke 17:21KJV. What is the kingdom of GOD? It is all of GOD's power, all of GOD's love, all of GOD's ability to think, all of GOD's strength. And all that, Jesus says, is within you. Think right,

do right.

What Mr. Farrakhan did was reach out and grasp the hands of all brothers that believed something greater could restore them. They became willing and began walking in the same direction, headed for Washington, D.C. There they met to gain one level of consciousness to better themselves to fight the oppression of Black people. There they met as brothers reaching out with love and respect for the brotherhood. Their mindset was on one accord striving for peace, justice, equality, and a better way of life for African-American people.

It was the greatest feeling hearing what the brothers had to say when they returned from the March. They used words such as "fantastic, amazing, enlightening, empowering" to express themselves. And we, sisters, felt the same way viewing the March on TV. But now the real work begins.

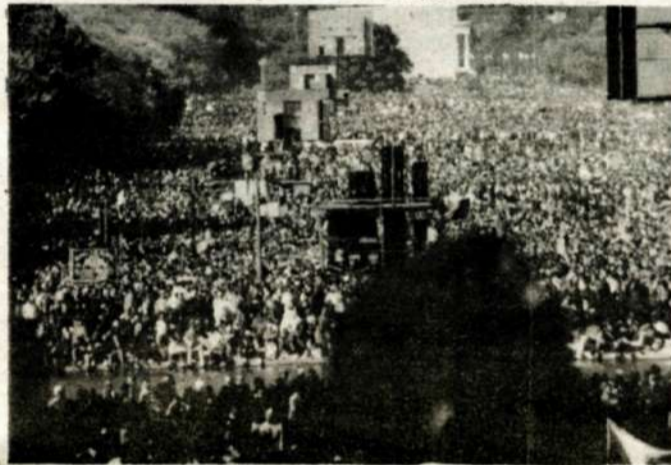
The Million Man March was GOD in action. On that day I believe for a moment the world stood still and could not help but notice this monumental explosion of brotherhood from the hood. I know more eyes were opened and those covers came off those heads to see the rich power of Black people in action.

The chains are gone, we have shoes on our feet, our heads are held high. The March showed we have character, principles, and substance to our existence in this country. From this day forward we must now do the work that needs to be done. It certainly is cut out for us and we all have a part to play. We can no longer co-sign the affliction that encircles our community. We must join an organization that uplifts our people, we must get involved in the church, and we must register all Blacks to vote.

And if that is not enough to do and you don't know what to do, watch that brother or sister who not only talks that talk, but walks that walk down the path of righteousness and freedom. Fall in behind him or her and keep that march going. Be willing to put your life on the line to create better changes for our people. Remain prayerful and faithful. Activate your powers within and become a victorious person, which in turn will create a victorious people.

And if you see a brother or sister stumbling along the way, grab their hand and pull them along with you. Remember, the greatest glory is not falling down, but rising when we fall. And with the help of GOD, you can live that way for the rest of your life. Never forget, the kingdom of GOD is within. You can do all things through Him who strengthens you. Learn to rely and depend on GOD and you will be free!

The Million Man March has gone down in history! We must not forget the brothers who participated. This history must be repeated. Brothers, March On!



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The goals of the program are: to prepare high school juniors and seniors for success through a cooperative effort; to provide an atmosphere of increasing motivation and self-confidence where developing career success skills will be challenged.

PUSH in conjunction with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Public Schools, uses a cadre of business and professional people to give exciting, stimulating and innovative classroom presentations demonstrating what they do for a living, why they chose their careers, and what steps were necessary to get to the position presently held. Students are instructed on how to chart their destination through a planning module that details the steps to the career of choice.

Planning the Future staff then recruits these students to attend one free 4-hour Saturday Seminar covering the following series of Life Skills topics: Career Planning and Personal Development, Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills, Work Ethics and Successful Dressing, and The Fundamentals of Personal Finance: Saving and Investing.

Applications can be obtained from School Counselors or the Operation PUSH Office. Free 4-hour Saturday Seminars will be held on November 4 & 11, 1995 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Space is limited, completed application must be in the day before the Saturday afternoon seminar.

For additional information, call Ms. Anita Goodwin, Planning the Future Coordinator, Operation PUSH, 930 E. 50th Street Chicago, Illinois 60615, (312) 373-3366, Extension 222.

Jobs Corps Scholarships Available for Low-Income, At Risk Youth

The Chicago Urban League and the Office of Job Corps and current and former Job Corps students, co-sponsored a reception to introduce availability of comprehensive employment training scholarships for low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24 at any of ten Job Corps centers located throughout the Midwest.

Not only is there a shortage of skilled workers, recent and drastic cuts in funds for employment training programs have made it more difficult for businesses to find the workers they need and young people to find the training they need to meet the needs of business. Employers are desperately looking for workers who have the technical and people skills needed to stay in business and grow. The partnership between the Chicago Urban League and the Office of Job Corps is designed to increase awareness of the Job Corps training program for low-income youth and to ensure community residents know how to access the available scholarships for academic and vocational training at 10 Job Corps centers located throughout the Midwest.

Job Corps is the oldest, largest and most successful training program in the world, yet it is also one of the most under utilized resources available to low-income,

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Dr. Charles Koen Address the Federal Prisoners Rioted



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Bruce Crosby of the Harold Washington Party with Reverend Charles Koen, President of the United Front Prison Ministries a former inmate and president of the African Cultural Society. Rev. Koen delivered remarks at a press conference stating the result of the prison revolt is the direct result of the effort of Congress to override the recommendations of the U.S. Sentencing Commission by a 332 to 83 vote rejecting the recommendation to erase the 100 to sentencing disparity between possession of powder cocaine and crack cocaine. Crack cocaine mandatory minimum make a mockery of justice. Said Rev. Koen. "The response of my brothers in these institutions is just the tip of the iceberg, reflecting the depths of their feeling that the Federal Criminal Justice system in this country is racist, unjust and fundamentally unfair."

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If this appeals to you, give us a call or write for information, to Charlotte Fernandes, University of Illinois, CES, 5106 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60609. Tel. 312-737-1178. The University of Illinois is the off-campus educational arm of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, offering programs and information to help people improve their lives and communities.

King High and Price School Awarded Amost \$2 Million in Contracts

The PBC also plans for the King-Price Campus Project. A campus environment will be created joining the Martin Luther King High School with Florence Price School on the

south side of Chicago. Intended plans include closing a portion of 44th Street between Drexel and Ellis Avenues to create an open campus between the schools. The

campus will include a practice athletic field and shared play area for the two schools. "We intend to use this project as a model to be carried out at other schools," said Mayor Daley. Donoghue 707 E. 37th, Ward, J. 2701 S. Shields Ave.

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Grand Crossing - To mark the 25th Anniversary of ETA Creative Arts Foundation, the Board of Directors and the Endowment Committee announced that ETA is fast approaching the \$1.5 million goal set by the Board to fulfill a 1993 National Endowment for the Arts Challenge Grant and to establish an Endowment Fund for future generations. The NEA awarded \$235,000 to Chicago's only full cultural arts complex in the African-American community, to be matched 3 to 1 by December 31, 1995. Once the Endowment has been established, ETA will be among the first African-American cultural and performing arts institutions in the nation to institute an Endowment.

In a second major development for the 25-year-old institution, the Board of Directors also announced the purchase of 28,700 square feet of land formerly owned by Grove Fresh Juice Distributors and Mr. Cecil Troy, ETA's first Endowment contributor. The land at 7553 S. South Chicago is located directly across the street from ETA Square, 7558 S. South Chicago Avenue.

Milton Davis, Chairman of the Board

of Directors of ETA and Chairman of South Shore Bank, was joined by Endowment General Chairmen Lester H. McKeever, Jr., Managing Partner, Washington, Pittman and McKeever, John Lassiter, President and Founder,



Among the financial support to the ETA Creative Arts Foundation, McDonald's Foundation awards a \$10,000 grant to ETA. Pictured (L-R) Phillip Thomas, Director of Development for ETA; Abena Joan Brown, President of ETA and McDonald's owner operator Herman

Financial Designs, Inc., and John W. Rogers, Jr., Founder and President, Ariel Capital Management, Inc., in making the announcement.

"The Endowment campaign is insurance for the future," said Board Chairman Milton Davis. "We recognize the importance of institutions such as

ETA and the financial responsibility that comes with institution building."

"The caring and financial support of relatives, our extended kin, our institutions, even when it was against the law, has been the mainstay of our people in this land," said Abena Joan Brown, President/Producer of ETA. "Giving and sharing for the benefit of others is the only insurance that our ancestors will be pleased."

Contributors can give to the Endowment Fund in a number of ways. With an outright cash gift or an installment pledge of \$1,000, they will be immortalized on the "Spirit of ETA" wall in the entry lobby. Endowments can also be made through life insurance policies, bequests, or through personal or real property for resale. In addition, givers can participate in "Dining for Double Dollars." Contributions may also be made to ETA's annual fund for general operating expenses.

ETA Creative Arts Foundation, founded in 1971, is widely recognized as one of the city's leading non-profit, tax-exempt organizations. Its mission is to be a major cultural resource institution for the preservation, perpetuation and promulgation of the African American aesthetic. ETA provides professional training and performance opportunities for playwrights, performers and technicians, as well as showcase opportunities for visual artists. For information on contributions to the 25th Anniversary Endowment Fund, contact ETA Creative Arts Foundation at 312-752-3955.

Smiling Silent Art Auction for Bronzeville



Photo by Dot Ward

Mary Steward, Housing Committee Chairperson of the Mid-South Planning & Development Commission enjoys viewing a print with Ron Payne, purchased from a Silent Auction held during a reception introducing the Bronzeville Historic Preservation Society celebrated at the Chicago Historical Society on October

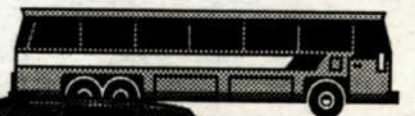
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Paintings of Dakota
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Hyde Park-- "Visioning," an exhibit of the paintings of JoAnne Bird, a member of the Dakota Sioux tribe, at the Courtyard Gallery of Catholic Theological Union, 5401 S. Cornell Avenue. The exhibit is open weekdays, 9 AM to 4 PM through December 30, 1995.

Raised on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Indian Reservation in eastern South Dakota, JoAnne Bird's colorful

impressionistic images are derived from her Native American heritage. Created with palette knife by applying thick layers of paint on rag paper, the paintings are spiritual in nature and date back to Native American history or legend.

Bird, an accomplished sculptor as well, her art can be found in museums, private collections, and public spaces in the United States and many foreign countries. In 1992 she was named South Dakota's Artist of the Year and inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame.

At the November 2nd opening reception a brief discussion of the spiritual themes of the exhibit was

by Cyrin F. Maus, a friend of Bird and director of development for Catholic Theological Union. Due to a prior engagement in Dallas, Ms. Bird was unable to be present.

On January 11, 1996, The Courtyard Gallery will hold an opening reception for Epiphany-- Search, Discovery, Wonder, an exhibit of the prints and sculpture of Chicago artist and author, Jean Morman Unsworth. Catholic Theological Union is the largest Catholic graduate school of ministry in North America, training nearly 400 women and men for ministry.

**Chicago Art Program Seeks
Artworks For King Drive**

Artists are being sought by the Chicago Public Art Program to create artworks for a 1.5 mile stretch of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive between 21st and 35th streets on the city's south side. The artworks will be part of a \$10 million restoration which will replace and upgrade streets, curbing, sidewalks, lighting and the parkway along King Drive.

The project, funded by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, is scheduled for completion by early 1996.

The types of artworks being considered include monumental sculpture, unique benches, metal, gates and decorative fencing, historical and symbolic plaques, precast concrete bollards, sound installations, signage and graphics.

A "Walk of Fame," featuring 100 plaques honoring figures and events prominent in the neighborhood's past and present, will be created to document the history of King Drive, then known as South Parkway, as a part of Chicago's Bronzeville area, a mecca of African American cultural and business life during the 1930s and 1940s.

Mayor Richard M. Daley stated, "The beautification of King Drive will reflect both the historic character of the neighborhood and its contemporary vitality. It is our hope that this

project will pay tribute to the history and cultural achievements of African Americans in Chicago."

Artists will be selected through a process adapted from municipal Percent-for-Art Ordinance. A project Advisory Panel, made up of seven community and a related city agency, will select the artists. Final approval will be made by the city's standing Public Art Committee.

Cultural Affairs Commissioner Lois Weisberg, who serves as Chair of the Public Art Committee, stated, "The King Drive restoration project offers selected artists an opportunity to work collaboratively while articulating a unique approach to the project. The artists will be provided with project history information and a site visit.

Design concepts, including locations, fabrication details and cost estimates, will be developed into construction plans. Ideally, artists will also be knowledgeable of area fabrication sources."

Interested artists are were asked to send slides of their work, a current resume, and letter of intent of slide registry application by October 1995, to the Chicago Public Art Program, King Drive Project, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, 78 E. Washington, Chicago, IL. 60602.

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The Chicago Theatre Company Production of "Home" at the Parkway House, 500 E. 67th Street. Samm-Art Williams delightful play runs Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 pm. Sundays at 3pm through November 19th. Tickets are \$15 with discounts for students and senior and group rates. For tickets and information call 493-5360.

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Brooks, the Poet Laureate of Illinois. A presentations of Word Songs, An Oral Anthology, featuring South Street Journal's Beverly Reed, Plus a solo tribute to Ms. Brooks by 1995 Jazz Master Award winner Malachi Thompson at Gerri's Palm Tavern, 446 E. 47th St. Nov. 30th, 7 pm. Donation \$10.00. for further information contact Beverly Reed at 667-4289 or for adbook information call Marian Hayes at 238-4654.

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The Bryn Mawr Theatre Opens Fall Season

of Music and Theater, 7000 S. Jeffery Blvd. in South Shore Community. 8 pm Thurs, Nov.8, the Citywide Youth Orchestra performs the music of Ellington, Hefti, Gershwin, Basie and others under the direction of trumpet sensation Orbert Davis. Admission \$15. Additional fall programming is the Gin Game by D.L. Colburn uses the game of Gin Rummy as a metaphor for life when two retired people come together to learn about life and defeat. Admission: \$12.50. 2 pm Matinees Wed. and Thurs. in Nov. & Dec. Beginning Wed.

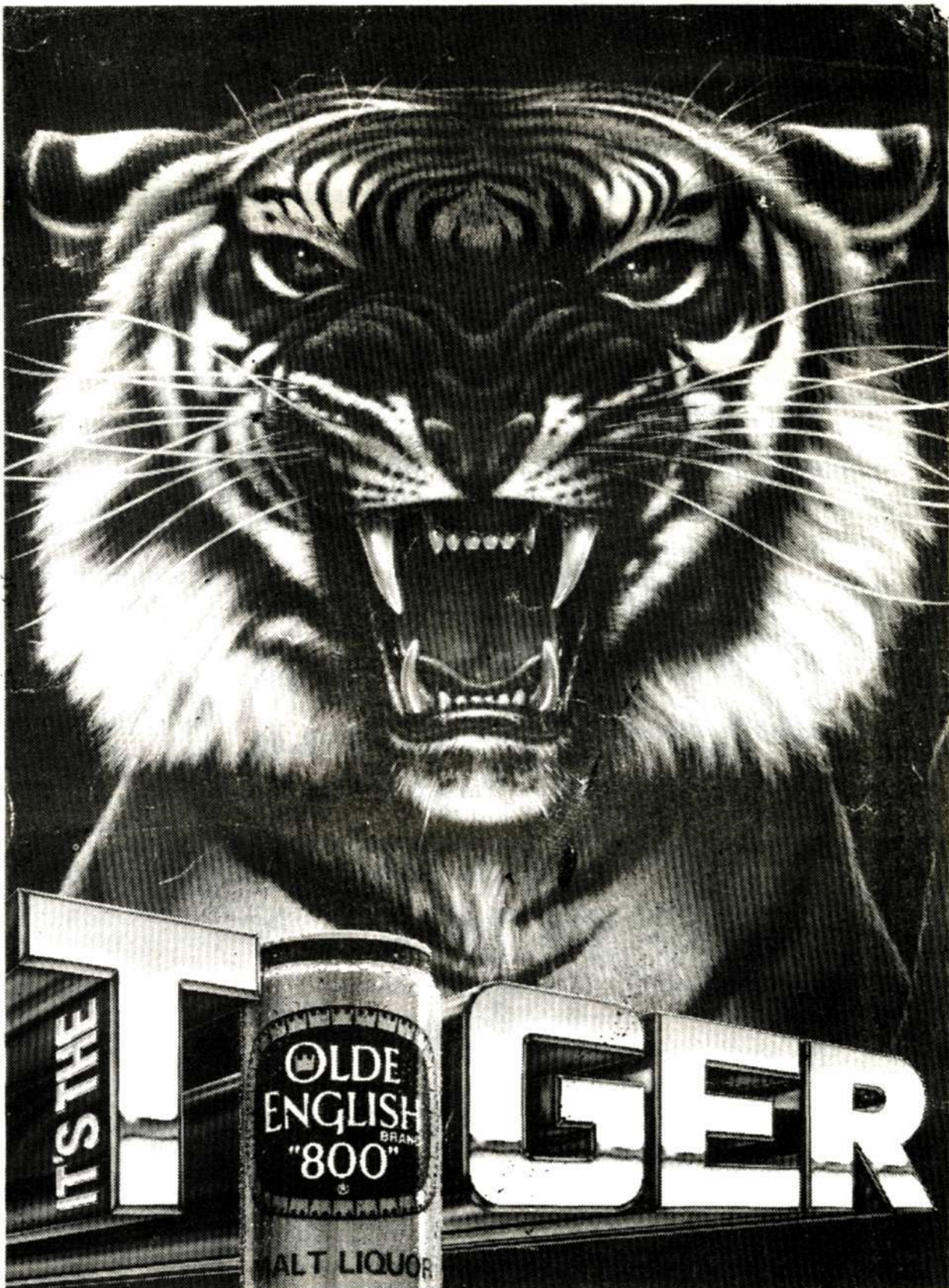
Playwrights Speak at ETA at 7pm Last Monday in each month March, 1996. The ETA Readers Theatre Series, presents readings of new plays by novice and veteran playwrights, 7558 S. Chicago Avenue. Coordinated by Terry Cullers, readings are followed by group discussion between the playwright, cast, and audience members, giving audiences a voice in helping to shape future works. Admission is \$3. For reservations, call ETA Creative Arts Foundation at 752-3955.



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CTA Vender Conference on November 16

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) will present its annual procurement conference. "Strategic Alliances Initiative III: Procurement 2000" on Thursday, November 16, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown, 540 N. Michigan Ave., from 2 until 7:30 p.m.

The conference is to inform business owners of the process for taking advantage of numerous opportunities, such as the \$70 million in contract awards to disadvantaged business enterprises (DEs) anticipated in FY 1996. In 1996, the CTA anticipates providing opportunities for large, small minority and women-owned business to bid on approximately \$360 million (including \$28 million in professional services).

The event will bring together CTA's current majority, minority and female vendors, prospective suppliers and purchasing professionals. Often these businesses from private partnerships that extend beyond government contracts. Because of opportunities to network with purchasing managers and potential joint venture partners, and to receive updated information.

"When we select contractors, the sophistication of a business is more of a determining factor than its size," says Pamela Beavers, general manager of the DBE/EEO program, to business owners who often are intimidated about approaching the CTA. She contends that small but persistent businesses have done very well. "also," she added, "disadvantaged businesses can use our office as a resource, as well as an advocate before, during and after the bid opening."

This advocacy also include considering unsolicited ideas for products and services. Furthermore, Beavers says her staff is available to help business owners meet various requirements for disadvantage businesses.

The procurement 2000 concept is a new strategic purchasing initiative developed by Witherspoon Marketing Group to create effective, contemporary platforms for the enhancement of buyer-supplier partnerships.

Conference preregistration is \$30. For more information, call Witherspoon Marketing Group at 312 360 9540, ext 3100.

THELMA J. SMITH RECEIVES ELKS AWARD

Grand Boulevard—Thelma J. Smith president/CEO of Illinois Service Federal Savings and Loan Association, was recently presented with the 1995 Loejoy Award during the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World Grand Lodge who has made a great

rights of his time.

Smith is a member of the board of directors of various organizations including the Chicago Theological Seminary; the Community Renewal Society; the South Side Planning Board; the Chicago's Women's Network; and the University of

Illinois Business Advisory Council. She has received numerous awards including, Ebony Magazine's 10 Best and Brightest Black Women in Corporate America; the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner Award; and has been featured annually in Crain's Chicago Business Magazine.

She joins a distinguished list of Loejoy Award recipients, including Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; opera singer Marian Anderson; civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; band leader/composer, Edward "Duke" Ellington; and former U.S. Secretary of State, C. Delores Tucker.



Thelma J. Smith, President/CEO Illinois Service Federal Savings and Loan

contribution towards the advancement of all people. The award is named for Elijah Lovejoy, one of the great advocates of human

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Jewels and Walgreens

Micheal Polzin stated that "Everything is not 100%. However, we do check the scanners every three months to insure their performance."

Jewel's manager Frank Anderson at 34th Street, stated he was not aware of such charges by the city.

However, Connie Buscemi of the Department of Consumer Services said Jewel Foods was aware enough to pay a fine in court. Jewel's was charged with overcharging Tyson Burritos \$1.49 each when advertised at \$1.39.

Black Pages to offer Free Listings Business Owners

Chicago's only Black business directory is offering business owners an opportunity to list their businesses free of charge. The offer is also being offered to churches as well. By calling 312/808-1800, interested parties can list their church/company's name, address and phone number.

Chicago's Black Pages, now in its sixth year publication, says more than 2,000 enterprises advertise in the Black Pages as a tool for reaching its consumer market.

The free listing is a limited offer. Interested parties are encouraged to call right away.

Peddler Now Businessman on 47th Street



James Reed, third from left in above photo, was a vendor at the 47th Street El for the past year. Because of his success at that location he has moved to a new location at 4659 South Michigan Avenue where he has opened the Michigan Avenue Shop and Save Variety Store with the assistance of the 47th Street Business Organization. Open House is November 1 - 11, 1995. On the 11th community leaders will be at the "opening" with a shop-in.

Buscemi said upon finding an overcharge they make the information officially known to the store manager on the spot.

Consumer Services Commissioner Caroline Orzac Shoenberger said that quality control is the key to preventing such overcharges. Shoenberger urges customers to be watchful when at the check-out counter. If the price scans incor-

rectly bring it to the attention of the store immediately and to the Department of Consumer Services. Stores without scanners by law price each product item.

Anyone with a complaint against a retail store that may be overcharging is urged to call the Department of Consumer Services at 744-9400, TDD: 744-9385 for the hearing impaired.

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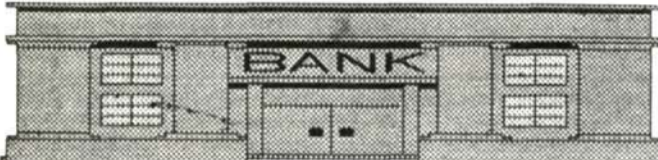
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Community Lending by Chicago Municipal Depositories Urban Research Group

OCTOBER 1995

The city Comptroller office is responsible for inviting eligible financial institutions to submit proposals to become municipal depositories and submitting recommendations to the city council. Once designated, these institutions not only become fiduciaries of public monies, but make a commitment to participate in and serve all of Chicago's communities. This white paper report compares the overall commercial lending activity of municipal depositories with the commercial lending activity of African-American municipal depositories for the calendar years 1990, 1991 and 1992. More recent data is not available because of the two-year lag in reporting requirements by the city of Chicago. All data contained in this report is taken from the city of Chicago Municipal Depositories report for the three year period indicated.



TOTAL COMMERCIAL LENDING BY MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE FIVE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LENDERS BY MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES DATA REFLECTS THE MID SOUTH COMMUNITIES (in 1990 there were 20 depositories)

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| COMMUNITY AREA | NO. OF LOANS | AMOUNT |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| 33. NEAR SOUTH SIDE | 39 | 14,641,346 |
| 34. ARMOUR SQUARE | 19 | 3,546,636 |
| 35. DOUGLAS | 23 | 6,250,183 |
| 36. OAKLAND | 03 | 43,725 |
| 37. FULLER PARK | 03 | 99,000 |
| 38. GRAND BOULEVARD | 20 | 16,326,528 |
| 39. KENWOOD | 12 | 738,323 |
| 40. WASHINGTON PK. | 11 | 308,550 |
| 41. HYDE PARK | 24 | 10,539,589 |
| 42. WOODLAWN | 06 | 3,363,761 |

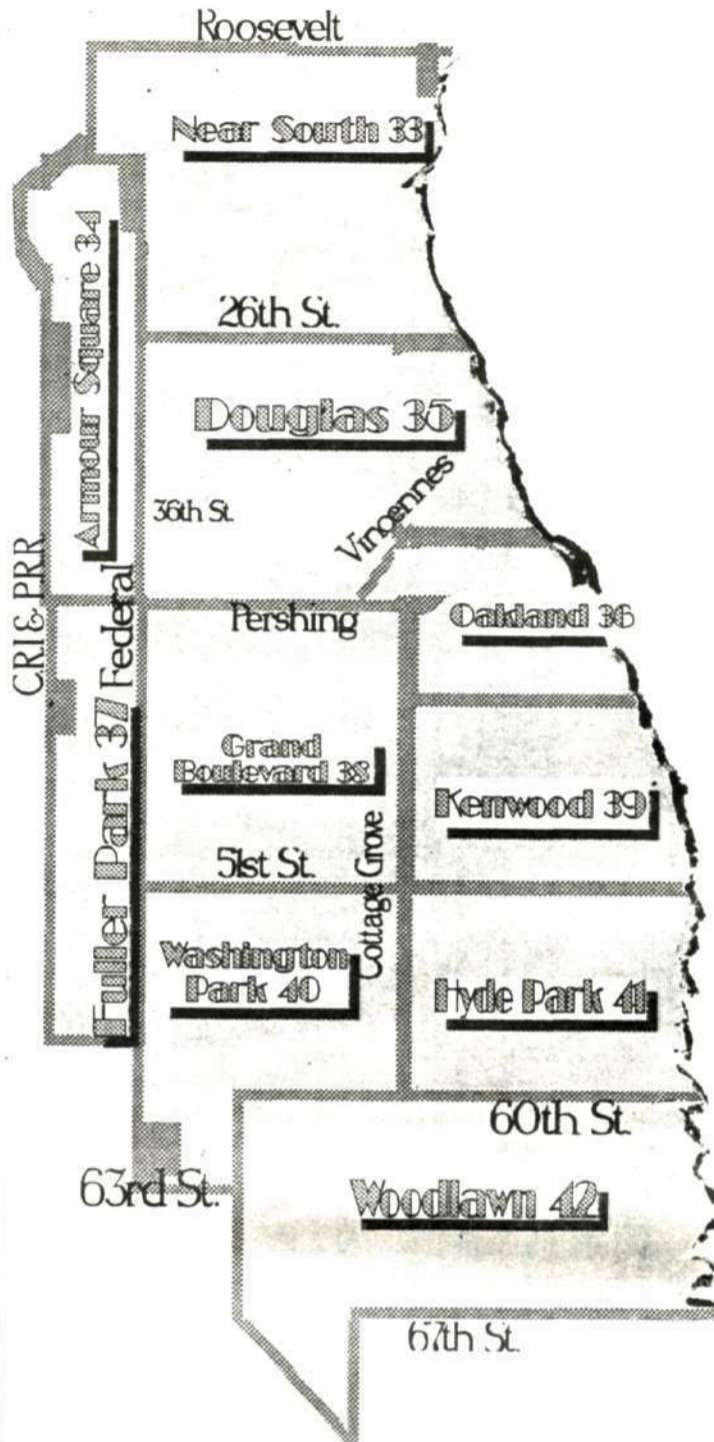
1991 (in 1991 there were 21 depositories)

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|---------------------|----|-----------|
| 33. NEAR SOUTH SIDE | 11 | 4,040,550 |
| 34. ARMOUR SQUARE | 12 | 1,027,650 |
| 35. DOUGLAS | 11 | 803,280 |
| 36. OAKLAND | 03 | 303,000 |
| 37. FULLER PK. | 03 | 53,000 |
| 38. GRAND BOULEVARD | 13 | 853,107 |
| 39. KENWOOD | 38 | 6,219,150 |
| 40. WASHINGTON PK. | 08 | 2,433,712 |
| 41. HYDE PK. | 49 | 5,309,407 |
| 42. WOODLAWN | 22 | 1,458,547 |

1992 (in 1992 there were 18 depositories)

| | | |
|---------------------|----|------------|
| 33. NEAR SOUTH SIDE | 50 | 54,347,517 |
| 34. ARMOUR SQUARE | 18 | 5,602,199 |
| 35. DOUGLAS | 21 | 8,632,623 |
| 36. OAKLAND | 02 | 307,000 |
| 37. FULLER PK. | 08 | 707,147 |
| 38. GRAND BOULEVARD | 20 | 1,522,403 |
| 39. KENWOOD | 15 | 914,364 |
| 40. WASHINGTON PK. | 10 | 2,194,322 |
| 41. HYDE PK. | 53 | 14,107,404 |
| 42. WOODLAWN | 19 | 6,790,728 |

Complied by: SSJ Staff Writer, Joe Tillman
Source by: Woodstock Institution



35th Street Merchant's Assoc. on the Move

Douglas— The 35th Street Merchant's Association, a delegate agency for the City Department of Planning and Development, has big plans for the revitalization of the 35th Street business strip between King Drive and State Street.

The Association has experienced remarkable growth since its creation, having grown from 9 business owners and/or operators to over 20 present businesses.

Along with other projects, the Association is currently working with architects to redevelop the look along the 35th Street shopping corridor. Esther Barnett, Association President, expressed her thanks to Second Ward Alderman Haithcock for her support of the Association's redevelopment efforts.

Many changes are coming to the 35th Street business corridor. A new shopping center is being planned by the GAPPIE Development Association in the old Alco Property at the corner of 35th and King Drive. Due to the Greening Project, the "L" station at State and 35th Streets is being restored. And the City of Chicago's GateWay Project to the enlarged McCormick Exposition Center will bring significant improvements to King Drive.

As a result of these improvements, the Douglas Business area is expected to attract not only community shoppers, but visitors and shoppers from surrounding communities as well.

The members of the Association are currently in the process of submitting their Facade Rebate Program which provides assistance to businesses wishing to improve their business environments. It is expected that the rebate program will give some uniformity to the strip, with the addition of such elements as canopies, improved lighting, strategically placed wastebaskets, upgraded window displays, and tuck-pointing.

Mrs. Barnett noted that, "We want to be proud of our commercial community. We invite merchants from 31st Street to 43rd Street, between State and Cottage Grove, to join us in bringing back consumer shopping in the Douglas area."

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How to use Personal Credit for Financial Independence

by *Renald Barnes*

The strength of the Community economy is based on giving and establishing credit. Many communities use credit to obtain materialistic items without realizing the value of using personal credit for financial gain.

Your personal credit can be a great asset when starting a business. This is something all entrepreneurs should consider before applying for a

commercial loan.

There are several ways to use your personal credit for the start-up of your business. The same credit cards (i.e. Visa, Mastercard, American Express, line of credit, personal loans and checking account overdraft) you use to buy clothes, shoes, and that suit you just had to have, can be used for far greater things such as financial independence.

Visa and Mastercard accounts can go a long way than just the norm of buying household appliances. With the opportunity to make cash advances off credit cards

you can loan yourself the start-up cash without the worry of taking out a big loan, plus the high interest rates you might incur.

American Express is the most flexible of all credit cards. There are no preset credit limits. Actually the sky is the limit. The only requirement is that you pay your bill, on time, at the end of your billing cycle. A word of advice, be cautious of overspending. I know from



experience that American Express does not play when it comes to reporting credit. So be very cautious!

Lines of credit are often available through many banking institutions and credit unions. A line of credit is when a bank or credit union makes available a preset amount of money that can be accessed in cash, at anytime for any reason.

Another option is to obtain a personal loan through your local bank. I recently spoke with a representative of Drexel National Bank located at 3401 South King Drive concerning personal loans. The representative stated that Drexel National Bank is willing to work

with people who have had problems with credit in the past. This opportunity can be beneficial to those of us who are trying to re-establish or improve our credit ratings.

Checking account overdraft is offered by many banks usually for protection from overdrawing an account. A large portion of the banks offer it as an addition to your account, which allows you to write checks exceeding the available money in your checking account.

So when you're ready, take advantage of the options outlined here. But depending on your credit rating, all of the systems mentioned may or may not work so well with your situation.

The key is not to go overboard with credit. Always stay within your means. Realize your profit potential before using your credit. Cost and

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New Harris Pre-Approved Mortgage Program Eliminates Worries about Mortgages and Rate Hikes

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Chicago, September 22, 1995—Harris Bank introduced today an innovative new mortgage program that provides home buyers with a pre-approved loan commitment that includes a rate cap/float down option for 120-days. With the program, there's a rate cap of 3/8th percent above the current mortgage rate at the time the application is submitted, and a float down option that allows buyers to secure a lower rate if rates go down. The program is the first of its kind in Chicagoland.

"We're offering customers peace of mind by removing some of the stress associated with buying a home. This program allows buyers to shop for a home for four months without worrying about if they qualify for a mortgage or if rates go up," says Brian Israel, vice president, Harris Bank's residential mortgage division. "Additionally, buyers enhance their negotiating position with sellers since they have a pre-approved mortgage

commitment with a rate cap, so no one has to worry about the mortgage being rescinded should rates rise."

Before house hunting, buyers apply for a pre-approved mortgage certificate and pay \$100 towards their \$350 application fee. At that time they can select the special rate cap/float down option. When they are approved, it's for the maximum amount they can afford. Once they've entered into a contract to purchase the home, they can then lock-in-their rate at any time. Final approval is subject to property appraisal and title commitment.

Harris also introduced a new program called Harris Mortgage Plus. Mortgage customers can earn \$200 when they select a Harris checking account that automatically debits them for their mortgage payment along with another Harris credit product, such as credit cards, auto or home improvement loans.

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Following his Father lead, John Lawrence, A Developer Nourishing his Community Roots

By LaVerne Browne
Staff Writer

Grand Bouveld -- Born John M. Lawrence at 4010 South Vincennes, this man has not run away. He says, "I've seen the areas my property is in at its best and worst. Now there is an upward swing with professional Black people helping to make a change."

Whether you live in Grand Boulevard or Washington Park, chances are you've come in contact with a man who is making changes in the community.

Although the name Lawrence is not a household name, John Lawrence has been a community developer since 1987 when, as he puts it, his dad gave him that torch-carrying commitment and helped mold his appreciation to make something ugly something that is a pleasant sight to see. Since starting in real estate management, Lawrence says his commitment has been not just to rent, but "to bring back originality."

"Our motto has always been to offer wonderful housing that attracts the right tenants to help change the area," said Bob Doherty, Deputy Executive Vice President for the Chicago Association of Realtors, awards are presented developers who have purchased units and rehabbed them. "We look for people who are able to strengthen the property value and provide extensive aesthetic value to the neighborhood." Most developers can only dream of receiving 'Good Neighbor' awards, but in 1993, not only was Lawrence awarded the

prestigious award, but his building in the 4300 block of Michigan Avenue was featured in a *Chicago Defender* article.

While considering the current rehabbing in neighborhoods such as the Gap and Kenwood areas, it is evident that with developers such as Lawrence, these neighborhoods will soon enjoy the same grandeur of properties reminiscent of the 1950's and 60's.



John Lawrence has been a successful community developer since 1987 when, as he puts it, his dad gave him that torch-carrying commitment and helped mold his appreciation to make something ugly something that is a pleasant sight to see.

Willie Smith, who was the first tenant in Lawrence's building at 48th and Michigan, remembers the late Dr. W. Bill Lawrence as a 'nice' man. He wanted to pick us up from our old apartment so we could see the apartment he was renting. We took one look and said, "We'll take it." Because the senior Lawrence was behind in completing the building, Smith says, he offered to pay one-half of the last month's rent at their old address. "That's why John is the way he is; he followed in his father's footsteps."

Lawrence feels he is part of that change. He says, "I want to be able to look anyone in the face and say, 'I'm not in it for the money. My objective is a neighborhood change with a viable, meaningful community along the lines of the Chatham neighborhood of the 70's.'"

Lawrence offers this advice to aspiring developers. "Look forward and maintain sight of your mission. Don't listen to ridicule or people saying what can't be done. Hold on to and follow your dreams. Don't give up."

City's New Housing Programs supports strong mixed-income communities

Mayor Richard M. Daley announced last month a series of ordinances that he says offer expanded home ownership and rental opportunities for working class families as well as protecting low-income families from displacement as redevelopment occurs.

This effort builds upon Chicago's affordable housing initiative launched in 1993 sponsored by Alderman Arenda Troutman (20) and Toni Preckwinkle (4) that commits \$750 million over five years to create 18,000 units of affordable housing, making them accessible to households with a broad range of incomes but especially the poorest of residents.

In a City Hall press conference, the Mayor was joined by Housing Commissioner Marina Carrott Ald. Ambrosio Medrano Ald. Arenda Troutman, and community development representatives to outline the ordinances which are meant to enhance Chicago's role in meeting the diverse housing needs of its residents, while strengthening the city's neighborhoods.

Mayor Daley said, "This legislative package we're introducing represents a more aggressive effort by the city to ensure that every neighborhood can thrive and that our citizens can find the housing they need in Chicago as their families and life circumstances change."

By enhancing the role and scope of the City's housing programs, the City is offering new flexibility to residents and housing developers. The resolution and the four proposed ordinances in the legislative package accomplish these goals by:

Committing up to \$50 million of the city's bond-

ing authority for the creation of a new Single Family Mortgage Access Program which reduces down-payment and closing costs for income eligible families.

The program will begin in January 1996. Committing up to \$25 million of the same bonds to continue the Homebuyers Tax Savings Program, also known as the Mortgage Credit Certificate Program.

- o Raising from \$10,000 to \$20,000 the value of city-owned vacant lots which can be sold for administrative costs (about \$500) to qualified developers of affordable housing. This expansion of available lots will apply to all city's affordable housing development programs.

- o Expanding the City's New Home for Chicago program to include the development of condominiums.

- o Creating a demonstration housing foreclosure prevention program that provides pre-purchase counseling to potential homebuyers budget counseling for low and moderate-income families who are in danger of losing their homes due to foreclosure and emergency loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible homeowners to make their mortgage payments current. The program will operate in partnership with the Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago in Roseland West Englewood Chicago Lawn and Gage Park.

- o Expanding a residential relocation assistance program within the Department of Housing to develop a vacant affordable housing data base and assisting residents of buildings under "vacate orders" in their quest to find new residences.

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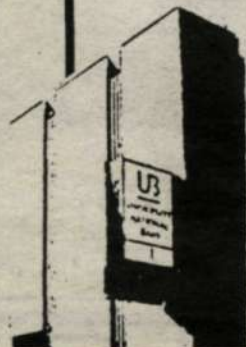
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How to use Personal Credit for Financial Independence

Timing plays an intricate part in no matter how large or small the amount of money you use. For instance, estimate the exact cost of the initial investment and rationalize how long it will take to make a profit. After making a profit you should be able to pay back the initial investment. This will undoubtedly help when it's time to pay the creditors at the end of the month and help in the development stage of your business plan.

There is one more credit option to use if you're going into retail sales and that's when you deal with manufacturers or wholesalers direct.

In retail sales, your biggest asset for establishing credit or obtaining a short term loan is the wholesaler from whom you buy your merchandise.

When obtaining credit from wholesalers, you'll actually receive a short term loan (for example, amount due in thirty days or ninety days). This allows you to purchase more merchandise for your business. Upon good payment of your bills, the wholesaler may advance you business, credit.

There are a lot of ways to make yourself financially independent by using personal credit that won't leave you to work for anyone else, and worry about overwhelming bills for the rest of your life. Individuals can always pool together and use their credit power to make major changes in their lives by starting a business or an investment club. These are all examples to consider if we want to rebuild our neighborhoods with lucrative, meaningful businesses and comfortable, affordable homes. To discuss ways of utilizing your credit for financial independence, I can be reached at (312) 288-2947.



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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 |
| 6100 S. Ingleside, South Shore Bank of Chicago To D2 Realty Services | 9-7 | 225,000 |
| 6729 S. St. Lawrence, Jimmy Odom and Camilouis Odom To Frank T. Moss and Ethel L. Moss | 9-12 | 109,900 |
| 5469 S. Ingleside, 3N, Robert F. Dick II and Karen Sommerg* To Jennifer Peizohi | 9-7 | 75,500 |
| 6152A S. Greenwood, Renaissance & Thrush Joint Venture to Chicago Title & Trust | 9/15 | 144,000 |
| 6147-49 Langley First Lien Company to Ann Washington Whitworth | 9-25 | 115,000 |
| 6813 Langley, Edgar Gregory to Antonio Johnson | 9-25 | 81,000 |
| Kenwood | | |
| 4752 S. Ellis Unit 1-W, Standard Bank & Trust Company to Talayah G. Stovall | 9-26 | 115,000 |
| 4940 S. East End, Unit 12A, Anne Carlisle Campbell to John M. & Sandra M. O'Donnell | 9-26 | 107,000 |
| 1352 E. 48th St, East F. Hord & Lois W. Hord to Edith A. Gibbs | 9-26 | 59,000 |
| 4312 S. Berkley, Matthew Bennett & Bessie Bennett to John Dio & Hattie Brown | 9/15 | 42,000 |
| 1341 E. 50th St. R. Craig Kennedy & Karen Guberman to James K. Chandler & Elizabeth O'Connor Chandler | 9-18 | 139,000 |
| 1364 E. 48th #3; Lawrence Hon Nate to James & Joyce Stricklin | 9-15 | 272,000 |
| 4363 S. Greenwood, Unit 1 South; John A. Beckett to Brenda J. Gill | 9-18 | 117,000 |
| 4939 S. Dorchester, 4A Joann Ann Glover-Clark to Priscilla M. General | 9-22 | 48,000 |
| 4545 Lake Park, Damon & Marci Bennafield to Claude A. & Jacqueline P. Callery | 9-22 | 166,000 |
| Hyde Park | | |
| 5706 S. Kimbark #2, Karen L. Peterson to Matthew Abergel* | 9-22 | 59,250 |
| 1700 E. 56th St. Unit 1103 Robert E. Huppert to Vasudev B. Shenoy | 9-22 | 48,750 |
| 1209 E. 53rd St. Unit 1, Edith A. Gibbs to Shaun J. Burnett & Waseena Burnett | 9-22 | 84,000 |
| 4800 Chicago Beach Dr. Unit 2407 Sheldon Patrinkin to Gladys T. Lindsay | 9-22 | 112,900 |
| 5136-1 S. Greenwood, Cole Taylor Bank to Ruth H. Martin | 9-21 | 102,900 |
| 5100 S. Kimbark, Unit 13, K.J. & Donna C. Chacko to Michael R. Rhum & Joan M. Rutana | 9-21 | 69,000 |
| 1640 E. 50th St. #6c; James T. Dunn, Jr. & Kim A. Goodhard to Cheryl Fallen | 9-20 | 120,000 |
| 5310 S. Ingleside, American National Bank & Trust Company of Chgo to Lisa Williams | 9-15 | 213,000 |
| 1460 E. Park Placae; Rose Pashingian to Peter J. Eng & Christena Nippert-eng | 9/14 | 220,000 |
| 5636 S. Harper, Jane buikstra to David M. Yanowski & Deborah N. Yanowski | 9/14 | 117,000 |
| 5445 S. East View Park Unit 2, William M. Murphy & Lamar Riley Murphy to Tao Pan | 9/14 | 87,000 |
| 1020-3 E. 52nd St. Cole Taylor Bank to Kendall & Hope Sharp | 9/14 | 75,300 |
| 5340 S. Hyde Pk. #; Wendy Heller to Christopher Anderson | 9/14 | 63,836 |
| 1024-3 E. 52nd St. Cole Taylor bank to Mary Nell Hill | 9/14 | 63,836 |
| 5008 S. Dorchester, Unit 3, Erika Rubel To Peter W. Janney and Deborah A. O'Neal | 9-11 | 73,000 |
| 5529 S. Hyde Park Blvd., Unit 1, American National Bank To Geraldine E. Crothers | 9-12 | 112,500 |
| 1700 E. 56th Street Unit 706, 56th and Hyde Park Partnership To Shirley Sparks* | 9-12 | 188,724 |
| 1700 E. 56th Street, Unit 706, 56th and Hyde Park Partnership To Mahjabin Khokhar Arshad and Sophia Jabin Arshad | 9-12 | 47,905 |
| 1700 E. 56th Street, Unit 504, 56th and Hyde Park Partnership To Carvelle A. Smith | 9-12 | 72,535 |
| 5142-1 S. Greenwood, Cole Taylor Bank To Marlon and Ann Marie Kirby | 9-13 | 112,900 |
| 1700 E. 56th Street, Unit 403, 56th and Hyde Park Partnership to Charles Marks | 9-13 | 40,180 |
| 1700 E. 56th Street, Unit 1603, 56th and Hyde Park Partnership To Darwin C. Duncan | 9-13 | 39,680 |
| 4800 S. Lake Shore Drive, Unit 411S, LaSalle National Trust To Paul Mirahan | 9-13 | 66,000 |
| Grand Boulevard | | |
| 433 E. 42nd Street Sherman Harris To Kenneth Mahung | 9-7 | 50,000 |
| 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 |
| 4458 S. Prairie, Mamie Loving To Rhonda West | 8-25 | 40,000 |
| 4840 S. Forestville June E. Taylor To Anita Wilson Allen | 8-24 | 167,500 |
| 4956 S. Indiana, Eddie Harrell To Patricia Steward | 9-12 | 68,000 |
| 4849 S. 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 Balfcor, Inc as Part NCA to Mr. T. Palmer | 8-22 | 210,000 |
| Washington Park | | |
| 6819 S. Michigan Avenue, Addie B. Biggs To Marlon Conway | 9-12 | 45,000 |
| 6845-6847 S. Indiana, Urban Visions To Jeffrey D. Cullar | 9-7 | 70,000 |
| 5610-5612 S. Prairie, Darrell Morgan and Ike Reed to Mary Shine | 8-25 | 45,000 |
| 5834 S. Wabash, Rochelle M. Everly To Ralph A. Black | 9-7 | 95,000 |
| 5326-28 King Dr., Alvin R. Dodwd to Carl E. & Ruthie Smith | 9-22 | 45,861 |
| 6647 S. Michigan, Hazel boone to Renona Tucker | 9-26 | 56,900 |

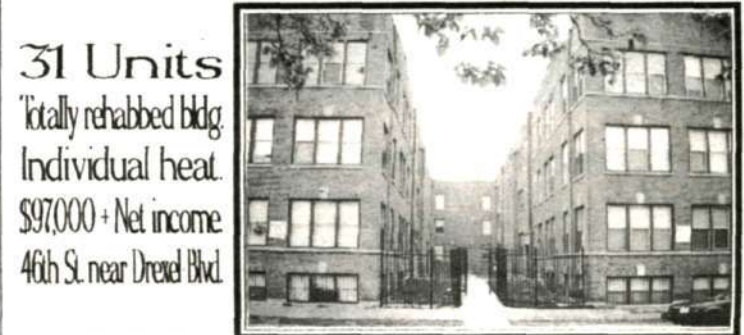
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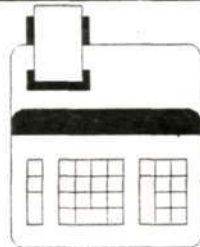
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Write On, Ron

in which people can do their best work, and feel confident that it will be recognized. South Street Journal staff has been above the call. Thresa Pillow was the first staff person for over a year. There is L.Loyd Johnson who gets the accounts receives out.

Curtis Jones who does many tasks. Beverly Reed who spend many hours at deadline and who has developed herself as a person to reckon with with her writings. We have two new ad reps on staff that accounted for the sales we will be able to secure for this issue, and to maintain a base for servicing our advertisers.

We have a lot of people that are active with the paper. So many that it would be unfair not to mention them. However, our Chairperson, Cecilia Butler, we could is just perfect for the mission and beliefs that we have.

On role models.

An example of a person's actions? John Clarke, Malcolm X, Eddie Read, Joe Bell, Harold Lucas, Judge Eugene Pincham, Dr. Sokani Karanja and my father. The list goes on. Even Dorothy Tillman and Leon Finney. I followed them during my organizing days. However, I question some of their actions now.

Examples of people who have influenced my life. I would like to take bits from them all to guide me in servicing the community.

On leading a normal lifestyle.

Any person going into business or heavy in social causes do not have a personal life. If my family had a choice I would not be the publisher of SSJ. But they love me in spite of it.

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Is Chicago a World Class City?

acquisition of this landmark structure and 5 attached turn-of-the-century townhouses. A consortium of talented Black community professionals have formed a project development team to design a model Commercial Development Plan for the building that will anchor the Black Metropolis Gaatway at 35th and King Drive, geographically located in the Southside

Empowerment Zone. Governor Edgar and the Illinois Department of Insurance have awarded the buildings to BMCTC. The proposed redevelopment plan includes: an International Visitors' Center, Historic House Museum, Tourism, travel and retail offices, full-service Small Business Development Incubator, state-of-the-art Tele-Conference Center and



a Professional Office Complex. Supported by 2nd Ward Alderman Madeline Haithecock, Commissioner Lois Weisberg and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, BMCTC is in negotiation with the Department of Planning and Development to gain full city support for this south side anchor redevelopment project. This historically significant institution exists within a National Trust Historic District and, therefore, is

eligible for Empowerment Zone resources as a Fast-Tract Banner Project. Chicago will become a world class city when it graciously embraces its origin of African-American Herita and then invests in its cultural diversity by extending full support the bottom-up Restoring Bronzevil Plan. The City of Chicago should also become a pro-active participia in the public/private partnership working towards the redevelopment of the Supreme Life Building and Visitors' Center.

For information on how you can become a member of the Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council call (312) 548-2579.

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Proposals for Empowerment Zone Funds

through partnerships between residents, police, businesses, and other institutions. (B) Safe Path Program to create crime-free travel for students between home and school.

(6) Youth Futures. Zone Youth Center Program to establish youth centers in each police district to support young people up to age 25.

Respondents may submit a proposal for any one or a combination of projects. Proposals addressing more than one of the strategic initiatives in a comprehensive manner are strongly encouraged.

Mr. Hall further stated that the proposals should demonstrate how they would address the issues of: (1) alleviating poverty and improving the economic condition of residents; (2) increasing employment among Zone residents by utilizing employer tax credit and reinforcing first source hiring for local residents; (3) promoting job training and advancement opportunities, creating stronger linkages between employers and residents; (4) improving conditions for business attraction, expansion and retention in the Zone by utilizing Empowerment Zone financing for business start-up or expansion; (5)

demonstrating financial commitments from a range of entities; (6) creating results that can be clearly measured by indicators defined by the applicant.

The EZ/EC CC has indicated that the priorities that are "soft cost," such as career/job training, day care services, and programs which support economic independence, are eligible for SSBG funding. "Hard cost" such as construction, building materials, capital equipment purchases, and acquisition of buildings or land will be funded only on a limited basis. Moreover, applicants are encouraged to seek private sector funding for hard cost. In addition, the State of Illinois has committed limited funding for the EZ and EC areas. Strong proposals will also be considered for priority city funding.

The EZ/EC CC and the city will sponsor a series of community meetings around the city designed to help clarify questions related to de-



Cartoon in October 12, 1995 issue editorizing the over 4,000 men in Mid-South Community attending the Million Men March in Washington D.C.

veloping a successful project proposal. In the Mid-South area the next meeting will be held Thursday, November 9, at the King Center, 4314 South Cottage Grove.

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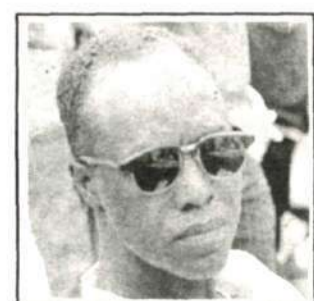
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Patrolman Ortiz
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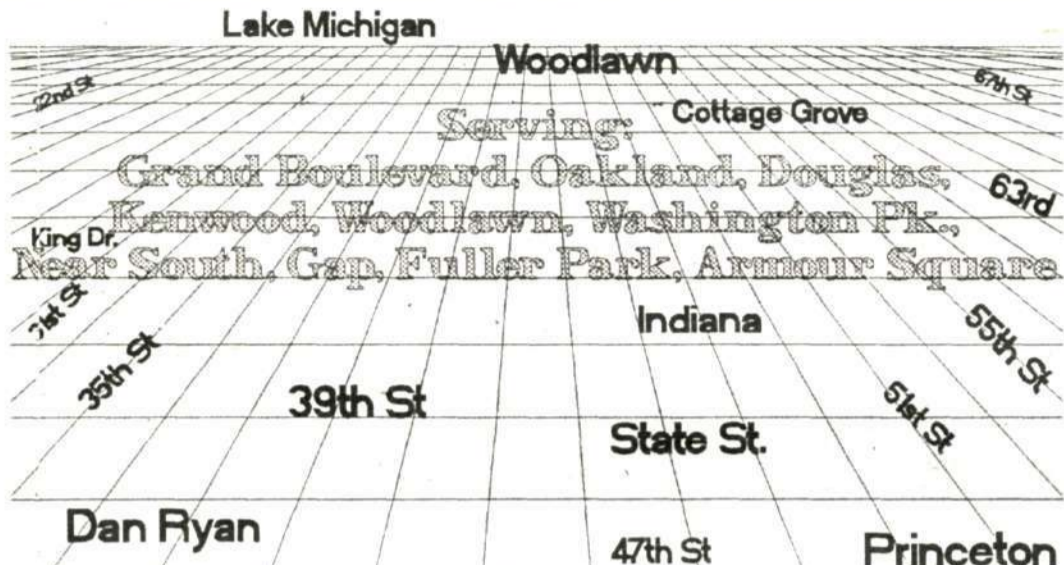


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63rd Street EL Demolition

14,000. No body wants to buy land with an eye sore such as the el in the way." Finney added. "We have tried every thing to rebuild 63rd Street, but that El is in the way."

"We tried to get A&P, Mr. G. We went to Wal Mart. They said no because of the El. Walgreen had two locations under the El, they close one down and move the other one because of the El. This is not the case on the north side where their businesses are thriving."

However, Dino McNeal of the Freedom Now Center, against the El demolition with a coalition of groups consisting of the Coalition to Save the Green Line, We Can, CTA Citizens Taking Action, and West Woodlawn Council of Block Clubs, said. "There are other problems that need to be addressed. The El has been here for a 100 years at this point and history, 63rd is historic for businesses. I haven't heard Cole Taylor complain about the El."

"Sure the ridership was down, because there is nothing to buy on 63rd Street. The El will help do that." McNeal continued to say there is enough vacant lots to build houses and be brought up to the level, When 63rd Street is an commercial street again we will benefit. We will take a lost if five years later its down and there is no development. The El has produce commercial development and it will again."

The Neighborhood Capital Budget Group (NCBG) in opposition to the proposal to tear down the line addressed their concerns (as well as the groups for the demolition) in a letter to Secretary Federal Pena of the De-

partment of Transportation and Henry Cisneros of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in Washington D.C.

residents of the Woodlawn community. NCBG said the notion that community economic development cannot occur because of the presence of the el is simplistic at best."

Groups opposing the demolition says they not only want the Jackson Park El be renovated as originally promised by the CTA and by the City's Empowerment Zone strategic plan. In addition that it be restored to 63rd and Stony Island. The Mid-South planning and Development Commission has propose that if the el come down that it remain street level as the train on east 71st street.

Dorothy Oliver a resident leader of the Stateway Gardens housing development, who stood firm in objections to the closing of the entire Jackson Park said "We will not stand by and let the C.T.A. dismantle our public transportation system. I want to witness the completion of the rehabilitation of the Historical Greenline. I will do whatever is necessary, within limits, to accomplish this goal. I have made every attempt to provide constructive input to the C.T.A. about this monumental task."

CTA has reported a year ago that they felt it was odd for the residents to propose to demolition the El.

However, they have recently informed *South Street Journal* they are open based on the position of the alderman. But the FOT must have official public hearing to want will happen.

More closer to being demolished there is more active and controversial terms in recent weeks as the future look of Woodlawn as a factor in the future development. A position that WPIC says the El stands in the way for future development of the community.

On the question that there is a master plan to move the lower income residents out, Dr. Finney said, "TWO has provided more low income housing for any group in this community. We are way out in front (of other organization)."

"What need to happen is for those groups against the demolition come up with a better plan. If not don't stand in the way of a plan that can work." said Dr. Finney.

partment of Transportation and Henry Cisneros of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in Washington D.C. They object the attempts to use the Green Line Rehabilitation Project, the Federal Empowerment Zone and federal funds to deny rapid transit service to the current

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Write On, Ron

On Ron Carter ten years from now.

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