Rally and Protest on 63rd Street El

Beverly A. Reed

Woodlawn – A proposal by Bishop Arthur Brazer, Leon Finney and Amanda Trotman(20) to demolish the Jackson Park "L" from Dorchester to Cottage Grove brought community leaders, residents and political hopefuls out in a recent protest march sponsored by Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors (WECAN). Braving the cold the protesters headed west from Stony Island brandishing signs and slogans as they pressed towards Bishop Arthur Brazer's church at 63rd & Cottage.

The protesters demonstrated their frustration as they circled the church singing Joshua Fought The Battle of Jericho. However a few of the protesters declined to circle the church starting, the fight was with Brazer and not with the church.

Many of the area leaders were in attendance, Sandra Bivens, Randolph Smith (organizer of the event) WECAN, Dino McNeal, Freedom Now Center, Angie Robson, Akademain, as well as ACORN and several senior groups.

The protest culminated in a rally held at the Jackson Park Recreation Center, 64th & Stony Island, where members of ACORN, WECAN and other groups along with residents voiced their concerns. While many residents in the community supported the proposal there was a limited number in attendance, approximately 50 people. Many of those were seniors who expressed their concerns and went to fight the demolition plans. The organizations presented an alternative plan, that would generate businesses, jobs and a connection to the Metra train station. An artist rendering by LeRoy Jones, community resident and activist showed how the "el" if renovated could effectively serve the present community residents.

The charge that the community is being setup by its own creating gentrification was the underlying message of the rally, the call to residents to take an active role in the deals that are made on the behalf of Woodlawn was echoed throughout the day's events. In urging oulying communities to remain involved in the fight, candidates, such as Dino McNeal (State Senate 13th dist.) said "This time, our community, the next time it'll be yours." Recently the Chicago Transit Authority issued a statement clarifying their position on this issue. The following...

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Arab Businessmen Take Aim at Farrakhan

As two Mid-South Arab-American businessmen take extreme exception to a statement made by Minister Louis Farrakhan, characterizing Palestinian store owners in the Black community as "blood-suckers" at the Million Man March on October 16. In Washington D.C., Sam Joudeh of Atlanta Foods responded with concern for Black/Arab relations and the principles of doing business in the Black community. Above is a sign in Atlanta Foods with a warning to customers, "Smoking Is No Good, Drinking Is Worse. "We know that selling these items (liquor) is a sin. but what can we do?" Joudeh said. "Without the sale of these items we could not stay in business. I worship with Black men and I feel very bad that I must face Allah and account for my actions between myself and my brothers."

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Kenwood Pointe: Initiative Part of New Homes for Chicago Program in Woodlawn

Woodlawn — As Woodlawn suffered huge economic problems the community is slowly undergoing a renaissance of community development. As some problems the community is suffering huge economic forces in the direction of housing development.

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Ida B. Wells - Group Begins Grassroots Attack on Childhood Lead Poisoning

It is a silent epidemic. Thirty percent of Chicago children tested have lead levels high enough to cause permanent damage to developing brains and nervous systems. Most parents of lead-poisoned children know nothing about this preventable disease before their children test lead poisoned. The Lead Parents Action Corps (L-PAC) plans to change that. Based at the Ida B. Wells Public Housing Development in the office of the Wells Community Initiative, L-PAC will use a group of community members who know about childhood lead poisoning first-hand—parents of lead poisoned children—to help other community parents avoid what they and their children have endured.

As a grassroot group of parents, L-PAC members will speak with neighbors at churches, schools, community groups and one-on-one about what caused their child's poisoning and what others can do to avoid the same fate. The group will also push community leaders and city officials to do more about childhood lead poisoning such as: make lead screening and resources to building owners to maintain their buildings free of lead hazards. L-PAC plans to call on the Chicago Housing Authority and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to live up to their legal requirement to make public housing lead free, particularly at Ida B. Wells Development, one of the oldest and most lead paint hazardous developments in Chicago's public housing system.

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Elected Official Position

Jones States
Republican Motor Voter Creates
Utter Confusion

Springfield - The members of Illinois General Assembly enter the fall veto session with many bills on their desks. According to Representative Shirley M. Jones (D-6), one of these bills is the proposed Republican compromise to implement the Federal Motor Voter Law.

"If the Republican Party in this State had adhered to the laws of this State, there would be no need to try and close up the mess and confusion that has taken place. Instead Republicans have set up roadblocks and barriers for people wanting to register to vote. What are they afraid of?"

The Republican Party of Illinois joins the State of Mississippi, as the only two states that refuse to adhere to the Federal Motor Voter Law that requires state agencies to register people to vote when they seek agency services. The Republican path of the State of Illinois instead instituted a two-tier system that registers people separately for federal elections and again for state and local elections. With over 40,000 people registered to vote what has occurred is that these people will be eligible to vote only in the President, U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate elections. To solve this problem they have now developed a three-tier system.

"The Republican party must stop fighting the inevitable, because what they are doing is making the whole situation worse," said Jones. "The three-tier system will create a flood of new rules and regulations, new paperwork and layers of bureaucracy, all of which is unnecessary if they would abide by the Federal mandate." The legislation now awaits a vote during the Illinois General Assembly's veto session.

Rep. Howard Named to Task Force on Community Mental Health Services

Springfield - House Democratic Leader Michael J. Madigan has appointed State Representative Constance A. "Connie" Howard to the Technical Task Force on Consumer Services of the Mental Health Services. "I am very pleased to have been chosen to provide leadership for my party for this important job," stated Rep. Howard. "I strongly support the services provided by the League who served on the Centre's 90th Anniversary committee. The event was chaired by Gloria Shirley, Executive Vice President of Tra-Val Services (2nd right). Others shown from left are Wilma Sutton, Chairperson, Board of Trustees of the Abraham Lincoln Centre, and Founder of the Women's League of the Abraham Lincoln Centre, Queenie Pennington, CoChair of the event, and Darrell Parrish, Director of Development, Abraham Lincoln Centre. During the celebration, Sutton announced that The League will soon kick off a voter registration drive to register a minimum of 1,000 public housing residents who live in the Greater Grand Boulevard community. The drive will primarily target those who live in Ida B. Wells, Madden Park, and Rawrow Homes Housing Developments. Founded in 1933, The Women's League is a group of concerned women working together to support the programs and services of the Abraham Lincoln Centre by pooling their talents, expertise and resources. Its mission is to raise funds, to sponsor personal and educational development activities for youth, to inspire positive self-esteem, self-respect, and racial pride and to provide avenues to expose children and teens to positive role models. For more information about the Women's League or to learn how you can support programs at the Abraham Lincoln Centre, call (312) 373-6600.

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The Sun Times references a letter to the Federal Transportation Administra-
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Dolores Harrison of Citizens Taking
Action, declared, "The citizens must
have access to affordable and reli-
able transit. Restoring the Jackson
Park el is part of improving transit in
the entire southeast region of the
city."

"Transportation is designed for all
people, and some are always not satis-
fied with bus stops, elevated tracks, etc, that serve others but not them," concluded Harrison.

David Dunlap, President of West
Woodlawn Neighbors, added "Saturday, we're going to call on the
to city to play fair, keep its promises,
and support our plan to rebuild
Woodlawn. We want rapid transit
service. It's part of our reinvestment
strategy.""People who actually live in this
community want to keep the el and
see it improved," concluded Dennis
McNeal, FNC. "We shall not be
moved, we intend to put our neigh-
borhood on the right track."

The CTA's mandate from the Fed-
eral Transit Authority was to com-
plete the upgrading of the existing
Green Line form one end to the
other, with the exception of a few
stations in be-
tween the line.
The FTA is now
calling for public
hearing from the
community to hold a discussion on
what the community actually wants.

Benjamin Harris, a community
activist who supports the renovation
of the "el" said, "The cost of demol-
ition would be roughly $13 million.
In addition, the services that we
receive have been reduced tremen-
dously, and still the CTA officials
want to raise the cost even further."

Harris concluded.

The City of Chicago and the CTA
proposes the cost at 12.8 million (9
million was allocated to rebuild the
el).

Alternate plan proposed
Below is an alternate plan proposed
by a Mid-South Planning Transporta-
tion Committee, which attempts to
accommodate the needs which at-
tempts to accommodate the needs of
both sides of the issue. This would
allow a track descending at street level at approximately Wood-
and running to Harper, with an entrance from Cottage Grove at
Skokie Swift from the start of the
descent to Harper. The el would sim-
ply be dropped on - Woodlawn to
Cottage Grove.

The Sun Times references a letter to
Douglas Development Corporation
235 East 35th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60616

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MUST PRESENT COUPON AT TIME OF PURCHASE

By leaders of community
service organizations, long hours, tight
budgets and an increasing demand for
cient services are familiar concerns.

It's a stressful, sometimes overwhelm-
ing combination that leaves little op-
portunity for personal and professional
growth and often leads to frustration
and burnout.

The Chicago Community Trust is
addressing these issues with a pro-
gram that allows selected individuals
to pursue their "dream" independent study projects.

The Community Service Fellowship Program, in its 14th year, provides
non-profit and public sector leaders
with an opportunity to learn work-
related areas of interest through a self-
directed course of travel, study and
observation. The fellowships are fully
funded for a period of 3 to 15 months.

This year the maximum award has
been increased from $75,000 up to
$100,000 for each fellow. Since
the program's inception 37 individuals
have been selected as fellows. 20
have been members of minority
groups.

Two fellowships will be chosen to par-
ticipate in this year's program. Indi-
viduals employed in full-time leader-
ship positions with not-for-profit or
public sector organizations are en-
couraged to apply.

Letters of intent for the fellowships are being accepted through December
8th. Selected applicants will be asked
in January to submit formal applica-
tions, due February 16, 1996. Final-
ists will be chosen and interviewed in
March. April, and two new fellows
will be selected in April.

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Commentary
by Karen Spain-Brooks

"Power concedes nothing without a
demand. It never has and it never
will." This statement is no less true
today than it was when Frederick
Douglas made it more than 100 years
ago; and our circumstances have
changed minimally since that time.

The judicially empowered oppose
judicial subcircuits. Need we ask
why?

The judicial subcircuits statute
was enacted after African-Americans
filed a lawsuit in federal court
challenging the then existing method
of electing judges in Illinois as
unconstitutionally discriminatory
against African-Americans. The
lowest was a demand for fairness. This demand was strengthened by a

threat from the Honorable R. Eugene
Pincham to pocket the Daley Civic
Center to protest the dearth of
African-American judges in Cook
County.

The battle was neither easy nor
pretty. The empowered resisted the
demand for fairness in the process of
electing judges. However, decisions in
federal courts outside Illinois indicated that the lawsuit filed here
would be successful. And, pictures
led by Justice Pincham would certainly sharpen our focus on the
issue of race in the judiciary.

A compromise between the
empowered and those making the
demand was made. The compromise
will the judicial subcircuits statute
which was enacted to bring some
sense of fairness into the process of
electing judges in Illinois. Judicial
subcircuit candidates are elected from a smaller population and
geographic base than county-wide
candidates. However once elected,
they serve in the same county-wide
circuit.

Yet still, the empowered opposed
judicial subcircuits. They argue that
the judicial subcircuit statute is
unconstitutional in that it denies
African judges to the subcircuits for
judges that those who run
county-wide because they may not have
practiced law for 10 years. The
question of the constitutionality of
the judicial subcircuit statute has not
yet been presented to the court. It
should not be determined by judges
who have publicly opposed it.

Further, criminal convictions of
judges in Cook County for
corruption tell us that 10 years of
experience as a lawyer or judge does
not necessarily translate to
competence, honesty or integrity. The
Illinois Constitution does not have
lower requirements for candidates for
election to judgeships in the
subcircuits than for those who run
county-wide. The requirements are
exactly the same.

Judicial subcircuits were created
to eliminate barriers to the judiciary
maintained to benefit the empowered.
These are legislative response to a
demand for fairness in the election of
judges. The demand was made to
benefit all litigants. We should not
throw it away or permit the
empowered to reap the reward. On
the March 19, 1996 Primary Election
Day, we should vote carefully and
wisely for all candidates, including
those running for judge in the judicial
subcircuits and county-wide.

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Mayor Names Empowerment Zone Council Nominees

Mayor Richard M. Daley presented (November 1st) to the City Council a nominating council for the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Coordinating Council.

The coordinating council was created by ordinance to advise the Chicago City Council and the Department of Planning and Development on the Empowerment Zone's initiatives. They will also make recommendations on how to disperse the $100 million funds granted under their direction to the various designated Empowerment Zones.

Mid-South communities make up 31% of the Empowerment Zone area.

Mayor Daley commented, "I think the nominations submitted through this process and I wholeheartedly support this nomination list." Daley added, "The diversity and qualifications of these candidates will ensure the Community process in the Zone will be well represented."

Cecile Butler of Washington Park stated that she was surprised the mayor's nominees were a balanced representation of the community. However, added most of the nominees had little to do with the process of putting the program together. "I just hope the people selected will do what is truly representative of the community and get the work people in the community have done over the past year and half puting the program together," said Butler.

Pending approval by the City Council, the 39 members of this Coordinating Council will serve two-year terms without pay. Members can be reappointed at the conclusion of their terms. The Chicago Department of Planning and Development will oversee the council and its three designated Empowerment Zone areas, service organizations, businesses within the Zone and their various clients and government. Mid South communities will be represented by 12 people.

Chicago was one of six urban areas designated by the Clinton Administration as an Empowerment Zone in December 1994. The Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community program is designed to create jobs and revitalize communities by delivering federal grants and tax benefits to designated areas of the city that meet certain poverty and distress criteria. Chicago's Empowerment Zone is divided into three non-contiguous areas representing close to 200,000 residents. These clusters are located in Pullman Little Village, and parts of the West and South sides.

EZ Community Representatives (South): Paul J. Jones, President, Stony Island Civic Association and resident of Grand Boulevard; Shirley J. Newmon, Chairman, Kenwood Oakwood Conservation Community Council; Tracy G. Powell, Associate, Brooks Investment Corporation; Leroy Squaire, Chair; Mid-South Planning and Development Commission.

Community Representatives: Camden Communities Consortium - Charleneau Troxbridge, President; Local 654 American Federation of Teachers; Esther Rudolph, AFSCME Local 654 American Federation of Teachers; Theodore J. Wysocki, Jr., Executive Director, West Woodlawn Development Corporation; Victor H. Knight, Executive Director, Fund for Community Research & Revitalization, and Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation (Woodlawn); Byrons J. Williams, Technical Team member, AT&T Bell Laboratories; Theodore J. Wysocki, Jr., Executive Director, Chicago Association of Neighborhood Development Organizations. Business Representatives: Esther Rudolph, AFSCME Local 654 American Federation of Teachers.

West Woodlawn Council's Women's Auxiliary

By Faris Mercherson

Woodlawn Resident

What's new in West Woodlawn? The West Woodlawn Council's Women's Auxiliary purpose is to develop and establish a vehicle for all women to come together to network, to become united in principles, relationships and interests. The Auxiliary's goal is to pinpoint, study, discuss and provide some solutions for the many problems we face in the community—health, child care, etc.

The WCWWC is committed to making a difference, come and join us. Please remember, in addition to the Auxiliary, there are three other organizations, were responsible for a community picnic in Washington Park. Our members are always busy attending workshops and meetings to address important issues as they relate to women. We also bring to their attention the many misguided attacks on all of us.

The Council is inviting everyone to attend a fall garage and bazaar sale, December 2, 1995, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., Parkway Community Center, 500 East 67 Street. Booths are also available for $8. For more information contact Faris Mercherson at 684-2648 or Evelyn Trimble at 288-0691.

Stay tuned for a workshop in January 1996 on parenting and leadership, sponsored by West Woodlawn's
**Education in Mid-South Schools Just Doesn’t Add Up**

The reading and math scores came out for the Chicago Public Schools. These scores reflect on the students from the spring of 1995. I found myself interested in a few of them—Farren, Fuller, Terrell, and Beethoven.

The test results bother me because I know our children can be so much more. I know that with the right opportunities they can learn, that we have so much potential to add to the world at large, and that the test results come out and it shows something different. But does it? Beethoven at 47th and State once again scored high on one of the standardized tests—the IGAP in math, the score I would like to analyze in this column. The state average for eighth grade math is 246. Beethoven didn’t make the average, but they did receive a promising 215.

Farren, Fuller, and Terrell have the three lowest scores—and after I evaluated the scores in math for the eighth grade throughout the immediate six county area including Chicago—these three schools had the lowest scores.

Farren came in third with a 143. Terrell and Fuller both received a score of 142.

These three scores were the three lowest scores for eighth grade math and yet one of the most important indicators of success later on in life.

Our society is more and more turning away from menial labor and manufacturing. Instead we service the world. And our country needs a very good job. But how can our children compete when their scores indicate such a poor understanding of many of even the most basic of math skills.

Will they even use a bank? Will they be able to do their taxes? How will they make money on the commodity market or the stock exchange? Will they discover they always purchase the wrong items? Will they become a coinmoditiy trader?

Can they build homes without knowing how to use a ruler? Can they work a cash register without a basic understanding of numbers?

Will they discover they are being ripped off when they buy their cars and find out—too late—how come their car payments are so high? They won’t be accountants or bankers. They won’t be stock brokers or commodity traders. They won’t be teachers or owners of stores.

I won’t dwell on this any longer. Farren changed its name to become an arts academy. Does a name change change what our children learn, how our children do on standardized tests?

What is Beethoven doing right? What are the other three schools doing?

In my next column, I will attempt to interview the four principals of these schools to find out what they are doing right—and wrong—to help make our children a part of the educated future and not a part of a hopeless and helpless rage that comes from not understanding even the most basic of basics.

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**Education Columnist**

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**Atty. Raoul Announces Explanatory for 12th Legislative District**

**Attorney**

Kwame Raoul announced the formation of an explanatory committee for the State Senate race in the 12th Legislative District. The post now held by Senator Margaret Smith Raoul recently received over 2,000 votes as a candidate for 4th ward Alderman, which is a part of the 12th Legislative District.

Raoul, 31, is currently as assistant states Attorney’s office. He has previously been assigned to the criminal appropriation, and is currently assigned to the juvenile division of the office.

Kwame is a member of the Cook County Bar Association, National Black Prosecutors Association, Chicago Bar Association, and American Bar association.

Kwame has picked up early support in the process for Rev. Al sampson, chair of the Metropolitan Area Council of Black Churches, Bob Starks. Chair of the Task Force for Black Political Empowerment, and T. Scott Miller, President of the Black Leadership Develop Institution.

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**Midwest Security Agency (Douglas community)**, David M. Berker, V.P. of Marketing and Planning for St. Anthony and St. Cabrini Hospital; J. F. Luster, President, Luster Products, Rosemary A. Trickett, Attorney with general practice, Clifton White, Owner of Davells Fish Company; Adele White-McCoy, Real Estate Agent, Bank of America, Illinois Community Development Corporation. Daryl Grisham, President, Parker House Sausage Company; Gerald Roper, President, Chicago Chamber of Commerce.

**Government Representatives**:

Randall R. Velazquez, Illinois Department of Public Aid, Goodwin College, Cook County Department of Planning, Frank J. Dodge, Director of Housing, Rev. Daniel Alvarez, Sr., City of Chicago, Department of Planning and Development; Patricia Carroll, City of Chicago, Department of Housing, Rev. Daniel Alvarez, Sr., City of Chicago, Department of Human Services; Sister Sheila Lyne, City of Chicago, Department of Health; Lawrence Gorski, Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities; Joseph Schuldiner, Chicago Housing Authority, Marietta Marrero, Mayor’s Office of Employment and Training, Philip Jackson, Chicago Board of Education.

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Harry Washington, a Product of this Community, Grand Boulevard

What Are your fondest memories of Late Mayor Harold Washington?

"His articulation, his intelligence, his way with the people"
Harold Azam Rajee 45th Wabash

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My memories of Late Mayor

"Not only could he (Washington) speak the King's English, but he had a working knowledge of the 47th Street dialect. Oh, yes he could... He never left home."
Rev. B. Herbert Martin, Mayor Washington's pastor, Progressive Baptist Church, 48th & Wabash

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The efforts to have a replacement for Harold Washington get tougher and tougher each election.

When Harold Washington said he would be the mayor for twenty years, for all intents and purposes, he meant it was right. All attempts by other Black candidates to become mayor have failed. From Eugene Sawyer to Roland Burris, our candidates have had to give up their share of campaign contributors. So unless a candidate that rivals the spirit of Washington's, or the issues the Black community will remain stuck in a time warp called Black Power.

The forecast for 1989 is bleak, based on the current ideology of one progressive Black elected officials, community and spiritual leaders, "Daley is in office and Blacks must learn to work with the present Mayor if they expect to gain anything for the community."

Granted, words spoken by a few, but a very influential few.

Even if most of these mishap campaigns did not get the financial or social resources of their opponent Richard Daley, in many cases the candidates had lost the issue in the Black community, rather than the issues themselves.

As Rev. Joe Bell of Holiness Temple Jasper Church, declared, "I decided at 89 that, its over, the Black community is going to lose its identity in the next election, and in the next election, the occasion of its second anniversary.

Fuller Park, Armour Square, and Grand Boulevard.

The Center for Neighborhood Organizing is calling for UIC removal of the east 63rd Street elevated rail transit. As the Center for Neighborhood Organizing has concluded that if Woodlawn hasn't been developed, its not because of the elevated structure.

Braun Congratulates UIC on South Street Journal:

"It is therefore concluded that if Woodlawn hasn't been developed, its not because of the elevated structure. It is therefore concluded that if Woodlawn hasn't been developed, its not because of the elevated structure.

"It will take a lot of political action, and I think it will take the community, politics, that is, if they want to keep a honest relationship with the community.

At least during Washington's reign we knew what the city was about, but what that was. Alderman Artema Trounman (20), who was with Daley from the start, was not honest with the residents of her ward. When the 20th Ward voted for Alderman Trounman, it was not because Daley was charging a tax, or any other of the community that all who supported Alderman Trounman for mayor.

The editorial writers recommended that some of the candidates for Congress instead of Jesse Jackson Jr. (who is almost his brother due to his relationship with Jackson Sr.) or any one of the candidates in the race who all supported Alderman Trounman for mayor. These so called progressive (leaders of the community) should be held accountable for their decisions and the community should understand their actions.

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Go with our blessings and hold your peace. Honor us little by our keeping this mission of atonement. We have done what we could and always. We honor you. We pray your cause. We give hope to the community that you can come to the pitcher of the pain of the past. Black humanity. We arrived in Washington, D.C. around 7:00 a.m. We were told that we had never been anywhere with such a congenial group of men as we were about to experience.

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Bishop Edwin M. Conway Receives 1995 Friend of St. Joseph's Award

St. Joseph's Carondelet Center honored the Most Reverend Edwin A. Conway, D.D. at its 12th annual presentation of the Friend of St. Joseph's Award on Sunday, November 5, during a ceremony in the agency's chapel at 739 East 35th St., Chicago.

The award recognizes the efforts of an outstanding humanitarian who has demonstrated unusual acts of charity, kindness and love for the children and staff at St. Joseph's. As a priest and social worker, Bishop Conway has long focused on the well-being of children. He has worked to build a special relationship with the children and teens at St. Joseph's, seeking to solve the problems of poverty, neglect, violence and fear with compassion and wisdom.

"For 131 years, St. Joseph's has been a place of peace for those whose lives are in chaos," Bishop Conway observed. "It continues to be an oasis for children desperately in need of healing and love. I accept this award on behalf of all of those at St. Joseph's who have dedicated themselves to caring for youngsters who have seen the worst life has to offer."

Founded as an orphanage in 1864, the Center provides quality residential treatment, counseling and special education for boys and girls, ages 4 to 21, who suffer from severe emotional and behavioral disorders. St. Joseph's works to restore the sense of safety, well-being and self-esteem lost by this population of "at-risk" children. St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center applauds the efforts of Bishop Conway in supporting its mission.

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The dynamic Susan L. Taylor, editor-in-chief of Essence magazine and the author of the best-selling book, "In the Spirit," Ms. Winans' new book, *LESSONS IN LIVING,* (Anchor Books) is an entirely original collection of inspirational writings in which the celebrated author provides insight into the universal quest for faith and spirituality that inevitably occur as a result of life's challenges. It explores issues that are of interest to all people - self-empowered love, self-worth, faith and commitment, and the journey of life.

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Lake Grove Apartments:

She went on to say elevators in one of the buildings have been down for close to a year, the low level of security is frightening, and that management does not care of the mounting problems here.

A spokesperson for the tenants of Lake Grove admitted and recognized "Most of us are afraid to speak up as a group. Because of what management could do."

If Congress succeeds in privatizing thousands of units of public and subsidized housing, it could cut appropriations for programs between 20% and 25%. Tenants can routinely be evicted illegally because they don't know their rights and have no one to call for assistance.

Mr. Lewis expressed dismay concerning Mr. Higginbottom's race, "He ought to be ashamed of himself to allow these buildings to go down like this. The worse crime of all is Black on Black abuse on any level." He continued, "I should know the sensitivity of the community when management does not do its part."

Higginbottom maintains he encouraged the tenants to form a building council and is open to solid solutions.
Sweet Honey in the Rock’s Benefit Performance for Centers for New Horizons

Sweet Honey in the Rock, an internationally-acclaimed women’s a cappella singing group, visits Chicago for a one-time benefit for Centers for New Horizons, a Chicago south side human service agency located in Greater Grand Boulevard.

Sweet Honey in the Rock is a 20-year-old singing group with an extraordinary repertoire that includes spirituals and hymns from the nineteenth century, classic gospel and quartet songs, and soothing sultry ballads and heartbreaking blues. More than just a musical group, Sweet Honey is a traveling cultural institution, dedicated to the preservation and celebration of African-American culture through their performances. The group’s contemporary music is a celebration of freedom and dignity for African Americans and women.

Sweet Honey’s only Chicago performance this year will benefit Centers for New Horizons, a 25-year-old nonprofit human service agency. Centers seeks to develop the capacities of low-income African American families to become self-reliant and to participate in the revitalization of their community. Proceeds from the benefit will support education, social, and community development programs that assist families in becoming self-reliant. Centers provides these programs in 14 different locations in or near public housing developments on Chicago’s south side.

The benefit will be held at Christ Universal Temple, 11901 South Ashland, on Friday, December 15, 1995 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are $30 each and will be on sale November 15. To order tickets, call Ticketmaster at (312) 559-1212 or stop by Ticketmaster TixCenter at Carson Pirie Scott, Blockbuster Music or Tower Records.

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"The Homecoming" a special evening with Gwendolyn Brooks

Woodlawn’s former resident and the Poet Laureate of Illinois, Gwendolyn Brooks will be featured at a presentation of Word Songs, An Oral Anthology, hosted by South Street Journal’s Beverly Reed. An evening of thought-provoking theatre and a reception are planned by the Mid-American chapter of the American Red Cross on Friday, December 8 at ETA Theatres, 7558 S South Chicago Ave. A humorous courtroom drama about the images of African-American females in movies. Proceeds supports the programs and services of the American Red Cross South Side Service Center located at 1223 w. 87th. For information contact Dorothy Stewart at 238-3057.

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34th Anniversary of the United American Progress Association and Mamie Evans Scholarship Benefit Banquet

The United American Progress Association packed the Salaam Banquet Hall and Restaurant at their recently held 34th Anniversary and Mamie Evans Scholarship Benefit Banquet. Above (L to R) Elder W.E. Whitehead, pastor of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 41st & Cottage; Vivian Hampton, Anita Echols, Donna Harris; Leonard Harris of Charlotte Foods was honored as Man of the Year; and Webb Evans, president of UAPA.

The affair was considered one of the best attended in the history of the organization. Dr. Carolyn A. Goosby, keynote speaker, spoke on the theme: "The Role of the Church in the Economic Development of the Black Community." Webb Evans, spoke of the Millen Man March and the need for a thirty million people dollar march-Blacks marching to Black-owned businesses with their dollars.

The United American Progress Association is an organization that has spent 34 years getting African Americans involved in business and teaching Blacks how spending your money with people who live in the community improve conditions.

Community Care Center celebrates 1st Anniversary Under New Management

Grand Boulevard — On November 27, 1970, the late Rev. Clarence H. Cobbs, pastor and founder of the First Church of Deliverance opened the doors of the first black owned nursing home, licensed by the state of Illinois; the Convalescent Home, the name was later changed to the Community Care Center. Twenty five years later on the same day (November 29, 1994) unknown to the new owners, the Community Care Center on 34th and Wabash across the street from the church, opened its doors. Under new ownership and management, with same mission established by Rev. Cobbs, a first class nursing home was opened to address the needs of the elderly population.

The three story building housed 197 beds and was equipped with the most ultra-modern health care equipment available. With physical and occupational therapy, a beauty salon, barber shop and cafeteria for arts and crafts. The structure total cost was $2.5 million. It employed three doctors, one dentist, 30 nurses, 10 professional and technical employees and 15 non-professional workers. Ralph Goodpasteur served as the first Administrator, Margaret Holley Journer served as the first Director of Nursing.

In celebration of both openings the week of November 27th thru December 3rd will be Anniversary week at Community Care Center. The center and First Church of Deliverance presented an afternoon Gospel Extravaganza, "Gimme That Old Time Religion" on November 29th. Some of the city's finest gospel greats participated. Grammy Award winner Al Green, Howie King, Billy Ward and the Dap Kings were among the performers. Other events included a Gospel Brunch, Gospel Breakfast and an Annual Thanksgiving Banquet.

In addition to upgraded facilities and amenities, Community Care launched a number of programs such as the Volunteer Program and Storytime entertainment, designed to involve the community.

The center launched a unique and sensitive initiative that allows community residents to forge a special relationship with the residents. The effort, known as the Adopt-A-Suite program, was conceived as a way of allowing the public to Adopt-A-Suite at the nursing home, at the same time commit to a relationship with the residents in the suites.

Community Care reached out to the community and developed a Board of Directors headed by the Chairman of Operation FUSIL Rev. Willie T. Barrow. The purpose of the Board is to involve all aspects of the continuous growth and development of the senior residential facility, while addressing the needs and concerns of the community.

The public is invited to attend all events associated with the 1st Anniversary celebration, which includes: Bingo Thursday, November 30th from 2:00 pm to 5 pm. Participants will be playing a lively round of Bingo Thursday, November 30th from 2:00 pm to 5 pm. Participants will be playing for cash and prizes.
Corporate Welfare That Fosters Poverty

Coalition To Give Sourpuss Award to Businesses That Receive Chicago City Subsidies But Do Not Pay a Living Wage

Every year millions of taxpayers dollars go to subsidize businesses that keep Chicago workers in poverty. On Thursday, November 30, a group coalition representing 200,000 employees will award the Sourpuss Award to Farley Toostie Roll, which used its city subsidy to create 200 jobs with good wages and benefits. Supporting aldermen will offer a subsidy to create 200 jobs with good wages and benefits.

The Chicago Jobs and Living Wage Campaign currently has the support of 40 labor, religious and community organizations, more than a dozen city aldermen and State Senators Jesus Garcia and Alice Palmer.

"It's time we start holding businesses accountable for the promises they make," said Bessie Canon, president of SEIU Local 880. "Public money is too scarce to throw away without getting a real return on our investment.

Since June ACORN has also organized protests at Whole Foods and Home Depot, companies that benefited from more than $10 million in aid, but which don't pay a living wage. In January 1996 the campaign will announce its annual proposition of ideas to make businesses that receive city funds more accountable. The basic principles of the ordinance include:

* All non-construction jobs at companies that receive city subsidies, or city contracts, should pay a living wage of $7.60 an hour (calculated by dividing the federal poverty level for a family of four into 50 full-time work weeks.)

* Businesses need to make a return on the taxpayers investment by targeting new and created jobs to low-income Chicagoans, who need them the most.

The coalition to give the Sourpuss Award to businesses that receive city funds more accountability says that businesses that receive city funds more accountability are forbidden to consume or sell tobacco, and how the business community can go beyond liquor and tobacco, and how the community can address the issue of skyrocketing rent by many of the store owners.

Arab Businessmen Take Aim at Farrakhan

By Joe Tillman

SSJ Staff Writer

Grand Boulevard— Two members of the Arab-American Businessman Association take extreme exception to a statement made by Minister Louis Farrakhan, characterizing Palestinian store owners in the Black community as "blood-suckers." The statement was made at the Billion Man March on October 16, in Washington D.C.

Mr. Cal Shelby, owner of Finest Foods & Liquors at 47th and Michigan said that the statement by Min. Farrakhan is shallow and confusing because it singles out Palestinian store owners as "bad businesses." He believes that the Minister's criticism is focused on this racial group because of the support that has been given by other Arab racial groups, most notably Libya. The other store owner, Mr. Sam Joudeh of Atlanta Foods on 39th and King Drive, said, "As a Muslim and a Palestinian we work with Min. Farrakhan. We are not his enemy.

When asked about this Mr. Joudeh responded, "We know that selling these items is a sin, but what can we do? Without the sale of these items we could not stay in business." Joudeh continued saying, "I work with black men and I feel very bad that I must face Allah and account for my actions between myself and my employer." When asked about how their business interaction with the community in terms of charity, Shelby and Joudeh listed several individuals as recipients of their work, most notable among them are: Rev. Willie Burrow, Mr. Lu Palmer and Rev. H. Herbert Martin.

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