

Holiday Greetings into Kwanzaa

The CHA Vote: Low Turn-out, Still Hope

CHA residents from around the city Public Housing in Chicago; and in the Mid South communities where there are the most concentrated, voted for building and development presidents and representatives on December 12th.

However, just as a reflection of the last election in Chicago the voter turn out was low. For instance, the Robert Taylor Homes on State Street has 1,998 residents eligible to vote and under 200 did.

Residents contacted by *South Street Journal* said the major problem was that resident just did not know about the election. Barbara Barksdale of Robert Taylor Homes "B" said she did not vote

because she was not aware of an election.

Agreeing with her was Charles McDonald of Taylor said he did not vote because he only founded out until after the election was over.

A vote McDonald said that he would have cast for the out going president Ethel Washington, a resident leader who lead the protest against the CHA sweeps.

She lost by two votes to newly elected president Mildred Dennis, who is in favor of the CHA sweeps.

Dorothy J. Olivier, President Elect of Stateway Gardens, (won by one vote against president Charles Cosmo) said, "I have heard comments about the low turn-out of voters. Now that the shackles of fear

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Information provided by Citizens Information Services/Graphic SSJ			
BR = Building Representative, BP = Building President, LP = LAC President, LV = LAC Vice President, LS = LAC Secretary, BV = Building Vice President, BS = Building Secretary	Winner	Development	Address
	Beverly Lyles	Madden Park	3750 S. Ellis
	Arnell Robinson		3804/3828
	Della Lyles		3837
	Carol Kidd		3855
	Beverley Dorsey	Rowhouses	BR, BP, LP
	Lavern Williams	Walk-ups	BR, BP, LP
	Everlene Lyles	""	BR, BP, LS
	Patricia Ann Thomas	Robert Taylor	A4022 S. State
	Ella Wilcox		A4352
	Mattie McCoy		A4429 S. Federal
	Rochelle Bunkley		A4500 S. State
	Parnell Curry		A4555 S. Federal
	D. Andrea Lenore		""
	Alice Ben		B4844 S. State
	Betty Gautreaux		B4845 S. Federal
	Dottie Fair		B4848 S. State
	Angela Robertson		B4946
	Sallie Fort		B4947 S. Federal
	Rev. Odis C. Prince Jr.		""
	Eliana Robertson		B4950 S. State
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	Patricia A. Washington		B5041
	John E. Heard Jr		B5100
	Ethel Washington		""
	Mildred Dennis		B5135
	Lillie M. Williamson		B5201
	Mable Hudson		B5247
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	Luke Boone		Prairie Courts
	Pastell Farrow		""
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	Lucy Mae Frazier		511 E. Browning
	Winnie D. Lewis		534 E. 37th Street
	Beverly Ziegler		574 E. 36th Street
	Ollie Everette		730 E. 39th Street
	Louise Moore		Block A
	Charles Cosmos	Stateway	3517-19 S. Federal

Jackson Returns to PUSH: Push for Economic Health

"Some fight for wages" We will fight for wealth"

By Beverly A. Reed
Featured Writer



Rev. Jesse Jackson

Kenwood. Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. return to Operation PUSH, (50th & Drexel) has already begun to affect the way business will be done in Chicago and nationwide. Within a week Jackson Sr. called to order the first of a series of power meetings to take place in the Mid South community of Kenwood.

At a meeting December 8 at PUSH headquarters Jackson outlined a strategy that will create leverage as Black Businesses seek a larger slice of the Fortune 500 pie. A call once active member of the commercial division, John Clark, owner of Reggio's Pizza said is a long time coming for Jackson to be head of Operation PUSH again.

More than 150 business people gathered into Community Hall to hear the former presidential candidate's plan.

Jackson Sr., eloquent and in good spirit, was in full command of his

audience. He laid out a price of nepotism and racism on Black businesses owners. The invisible barrier created by these issues often prevents qualified businesses from progressing to Fortune 500 status as well as supporting Black owned businesses.

According to Jackson following his five step plan, 1. Research 2. Education (ourselves & the public) 3. Negotiation 4. Demonstration and 5. Reconciliation, will provide the bargaining tools necessary to induce change.

The call for monetary participation was answered with enthusiasm as Jackson described the strategic position that a Research department of this nature would create Education: the two-fold goal of this objective involves members as well as the public.

Jackson said numbers plus factual information equals leverage for

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Christmas List of Groups Vying for EZ Funding

The first round of accepting proposals for the \$100 Million Empowerment Zone (EZ) Fund has begun. As the deadline of Monday, December 18th neared for the submission of Request For Proposals (RFP) social service agencies and organization race to the deadline forecasting 1996 as a possible faithful year of funding community programs.

The EZ process begun nearly two years ago when community organizations, residents and elected officials began to meet and develop the strategy and proposal which was the major part of a package sent to and subsequently approved by President Clinton.

The EZ South Side Cluster has seen

many members come and go, however the solidarity of the group remains focused. Despite the assumption of power by Mayor Daley and the City Council, the group has remained in the process and is sticking to what some refer to as the "original process" Bottoms-up community empowerment.

Cluster members along with the many other organizations are hoping to add EZ funding to their list of Christmas wishes were scrambling to meet the 4:00p.m. cutoff point.

One city official described the procedure as being similar to the Community Development Block Grant program. Although he conceded there was confusion in the

beginning, he stressed that the problems had been ironed out and was confident that the process would go smoothly.

The selection for proposals awarded in this first round rest with a 39 member coordinating council whose recommendations to the City Council will be placed on the floor. As with any City Council vote, the mayor has veto power.

The appropriations of grant awardees will begin in March. Although multiple funding (5 to 10 years) will be awarded, most grants will be limited to one year, sources from the city says. The date of the next round of submissions was not available at press time.

Following is a partial list of some of the organizations that are expected to submit proposals in the scope of their activities. Many of these organizations expressed an interest in collaboration with the community.

Human and Organizational Capacity Building

IAM-CARES- Lisa Merchant (708-445-3502& Fax 445-3508) Job Placement and Training.

Coalition for Job Opportunity-Rev. Clifton Smith Jr. (288-2396pg.) Construction Training in the following areas-Taping, dry wall, ceramic tiling, floor tiling, painting, wall-papering, maintenance, cleaning, carpentry.

Saving our Children---Breaking the Cycles-Dr. Kimball Ladien(248-6808) Proposal focus on a Safe Haven, breaking the cycle towards gang-free, drug-free, full-employment economy in America by the year 2000.

Shakespeare School Dr. Doug Gill,

Karen at KOCO (548-7500)-The development of a school for Construction trades/employment training center, retail trades employment, automotive/industrial computer, technology training, micro enterprises/entrepreneur training.

Washington Park Job Training Center; GED-Retail Grocery Training; Construction Trades & Day Care-Adult & Child.

Public Safety Mr. James Payne (504-8074 car) Safety - the school and the communities.

Washington Park Community Empowerment Center-Cecilia Butler (667-0464) this proposal looks at developing a community watch council via block clubs, 55th. st. (Garfield Blvd.) Commercial Corridor, King Dr. to the Dan Ryan.

Linking Health and Human Services

Lead Abatement Program - Pat

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The Woodlawn Task Force

is in motion targeting liquor stores that sell liquor to minors and that are not maintaining a clean area around their stores. The task force will also be targeting vacant store fronts to be boarded up. Members of the Task Force includes Ada Fullton, Derrick McNeal and Lonnie. they have already been to court on two stores that have sold liquor to minors and loose cigarettes.

Moves To Expand Carbon Monoxide Detector Ordinance

Day Care Centers, Nursing Homes and Hospitals To Be Included

Chicago City Clerk Jim Laski introduced an amendment to his landmark Carbon Monoxide Detector Ordinance at the City Council meeting on December 13, 1995 that will require Chicago's 765 day care centers, 152 nursing homes and 51 hospitals to install detectors.

"This amendment just makes sense," said Laski, recalling CO poisonings at both a nursing home and a day care center within the past year. "It is a medical fact that the children, the elderly and the unborn are at the high risk of CO poisoning. These are places where many of these high risk individuals sleep, eat and oftentimes reside."

Calling the amendment a "logical next step," Laski added that he will advance his research into ways to protect individuals from toxic levels of CO in the workplace. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the number of people potentially exposed to CO in the work environment is greater than any other physical or chemical agent. Over 975,000 individuals are occupationally exposed at high levels of CO.

Woodlawn Groups Struggle To Fight "el" Demolition Still On

Geore Butler, organizer for the WECAN organization maintains that despite recent rifts among community groups involved in the protest of the el demolition the fight continues. Organizations have been advised to submit all petitions to NCBG. The groups then plan to reorganize and take their fight to City Hall. Butler commended Carol O'Neal, Citizens Taking Action for her role in the strategic process. Dino McNeal, Freedom Now Center and Delores Harris, Citizens Taking Action have reportedly come to a stalemate. McNeal was present at a Dec. 8th public hearing held by the Chicago Transit Authority at which Jackie Leavy expressed her outrage at the CTA's lack of information provided concerning the Green Line.

Community Briefs

Development at standstill on 47th Street Shopping Mall

The Chicago Maroon, circulated reported that the proposed shopping center at the corner of 47th Street and Lake Park Ave is still in The Fund of Community Redevelopment, a joint enterprise of the Woodlawn Organization, the University of Chicago, submitted the sole proposal for the center's development. Backed by a \$1.5 million grant from the JHohn D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. To this date the proposal should have been approved or rejected by the city council

Candidate for State Senator 3rd District

The voice of the minority is not often given a hearing. Nevertheless, truth cannot be measured by the way a person looks or speaks. On the contrary, it often stands against the majority opinion. Clarence Desmond Clemons says he is a man who has faith in a great GOD, who believes he was called to represent the homeless, jobless, the disabled and everyone that has a disability on disadvantage in his task to be elected to public office.



Chicago Bar Association Call-A-Lawyer Offers Free Legal Information.

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Call-A-Lawyer is usually offered the third Saturday morning of each month. every year, the program serves over 1,200 city and suburban residents.

Public Housing Coalition Meeting Set

The Mid-South Planning & Development Commission and the Satewide Housing Action Coalition will be sponsoring a public Housing resident forum at the Progressive Community Center, The People's Church 56 E. 48th St. Registration will begin at 9:30 am and workshops will start at 10 am.

The purpose of the forum is to begin a city-wide action organization of residents to addressing issues facing public housing for information call 939-6074.

HOLIDAY and KWANZAA Events



IIT gives Toys to Douglas Academy Students

as part of the Douglas academy adopt-a-school project, Illinois Institute of Technology, Illinois college of Optometry and the GAP Community Organization are donating hundreds of toys, books and other items to students at Douglas academy 3200 s. Calumet, Thursday December 19, 10am, Rm. 103.

"Christmas Around the World" entertains 54th year of holiday visitors.

The 54th annual "Christmas Around the World" festival, a holiday tradition, will offer visitors a spectacular show of more than 40 decorated trees, as well as daily programs of live holiday story-telling and music and dance performances from different cultural traditions. A new super-sized holiday slide show will highlight this year's festival theme of color and light in the Museum's West Court. "Christmas Around the World" is scheduled through Jan. 1.

Also the Museum will present its second annual "Holidays of Light" exhibition as part of "Winter Festival '95." Including displays and descriptions of Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, etc. "Holidays of Light" promotes the sharing of holiday tradition among people of many cultures.

Parks Offer A "Sleighful" of Holiday Activities in December

Immediately following Christmas and before the holiday break from school ends, children can enroll in special all-day "Holiday Camps" from Dec. 26-29 at the following sites: Sherwood Park, 5701 S. Shields. The fee for each camp is \$10, and educational, physical and cultural activities will be held from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. The camp at Ogden Park will focus on Kwanzaa activities. The following list highlights many of the specially planned holiday activities and programs scheduled for parks in the Central Region. All events are open to the public and virtually all are free. For more information, call your local park or the Chicago Park District's Region office at 747-7640.

December 26, Elementary School Basketball Invitational Fuller Park, 331 W. 45th st. 747-6144
December 26, Turkey Bowl Football Armour Square Park, 3309 S. Shields, 747-6012
December 26, Area 2 Basketball Tournament Armour Square Park, 3309 S. Shields, 747-6012.

Kwanzaa celebration of "first fruits"

will be conducted by Minister Gwindol Tate and the Seekers Ministry: and will include a

traditional candle lighting service of the "Kinara", as well as the joyful music of Rogers Jones, interpretive dancing, and singing which will include the residents.

Commissioner Danny K. Davis, Ald. John Steel, Dr. Horace Smith and the 35th Street Residents Association.

This Kwanzaa Celebration will be celebrated on December 27, from 4 to 6 pm at the Chevy Chase Nursing Home at 3400 S. Indiana. As we close this Kwanzaa season. For information, contact Joanne Penney at 708, 488.0884,

The UJAMAA Family hosts the annual city-wide celebration of the fourth gathering of KWANZAA UJAMAA.

Ujamaa is a Swahili word meaning cooperative economics. This principle is honored by trading among businesses within the African community. The celebration will be held Friday, December 29, 1995 at Kennedy King College International Hall 6800 S. Wentworth at 6:00p.m. until 10:00p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate ourselves and build our community together. There is no admission fee.

Kwanzaa Celebration at DuSable Museum

Saturday, December 23 -12 noon. This annual event is designed to explain the original, concept and practice of Kwanzaa in a clear and concise manner. This year will feature a performance by Emily Hooper & Glenda Baker of In The Spirit. Following the performance, dollmaker Pamela Turner will conduct a class demonstration the making of an excellent gift. Any age group can enjoy this day. Pre-registration required, please call 947-0600 ext 227. \$5 Admission.

Simba Wachanga presents

Kuumba A Journey Into Creativity

December 31, 1995, 5:00pm sharp - 7:00pm. Doors open at 4:30pm
All New Concept Development Center. 7825 S. Ellis. A Part of

City Wide Kwanzaa Celebration. For more information contact Boman at 624-6475.

"Holiday of Light" illuminates the

holiday season. The second annual "Holidays of Light" exhibition will treat holiday season visitors to displays and performances celebrating the traditions of Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year St. Lucia Day (celebrated in Sweden), Diwali (celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs in India), Visakha Puja Day (observed by Buddhists), and Ramadan and Eid-ul-fitr (honored by Moslems). Through colorful displays of text and artifacts, "Holiday of Light" is scheduled through Jan. 1, 1996.

The UnZip

Edie Read needs to visit the Carter Elementary School on 60th and Wabash and give some lessons to the Local School Council and the General Contractor on insuring contractors.... looks like more than the students need to go to school.

Soft Sheen Products was released from their grant program in South Africa (training folks in the hair industry), word is out that the company may be up for sale. Something Mark Allen should move on right away before he witnesses another ShoreBank deal... Allen was a major force in getting Jackson Jr. elected.... Word is Allen and Robert Starks of the Task Force of Black Political Empowerment was behind the push to have State Senator Alice Palmer to change her mind on retiring. where does this put Barack Obama, who Palmer slated to take her senate seat.... still on the agenda to run against his once upon at time endorser.

The Republicans are coming into the Mid-South area and bringing the presidential candidate. A contact person is our favorite son Ziff Sustrunk. Maybe a source of funds for the Ida House.

Resident management is being talked about for Armour Square Senior homes along 31st to 33rd on Wentworth Gardens.

Joining Harold Lucas in supporting Alderman Dorthory Tillman as congressman is Cecilia Butler and Beverly Reed, (Chairperson and Associate Publisher of SSJ respectively) and the publisher was seen taking a photo with the alderman at the WordSong event at Gerri's Palm Tavern. Now what does the SSJ Advisory board has to say about this?...and a let's hope so for... Which single Black female could get Kublai to step aside for the 1999 third ward aldermanic race. Stay tuned for more details.

Word is the Westside Empowerment Zone Cluster shares some of the concerns of the Southside Cluster, but, one of their leaders says that they are on schedule and have their act together.... something the south side needs to take notice of.

As the Bee Building on 36th and State Street is progressing very proudly for the residents of Stateway Gardens, word is that two of the implementors for the project, Harold Lucas and Pat Dowell-Cerasoli are at odds as to who will oversee the operations of the building.

Doug Gill is the National liason for Universities for the Empowerment Zones.

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Heritage Tourism Review

By Harold L. Lucas

Empowerment Zone Crunch Time

Seasons Greetings, well, hope you all got your Empowerment Zone applications into the city by the deadline, on December 18.

The Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism (BMC&TC), with the help of some dedicated people, was able to complete the complicated RFP application process and turned in a compressive, multi-dimensional proposal to Restore Bronzeville.

Thanks to Paula Robinson, Bonnie Care, Patrick Barkley, Raynard Hall, Denise Corder, RoMona Westbrook, Leslie Williams, Anthony Daniels, Margo Brooks, Theresa O'Neal and other dedicated professional technicians working collaboratively, BMC&TC completed the EZ-RFP proposal in a efficient and professional manner. Our proposal



focuses on the "Restoring Bronzeville Campaign" and identifies specific strategies to develop the Mid-South community as a international heritage tourism destination.

BMC&TC continues to collaborate with other leaders in the Cultural Tourism industry to promote Chicago as a premiere destination for heritage tourism. Most recently, BMC&TC met with the Congress on Health, Law and Economics to begin developing an exciting itinerary for their convention to take place in Chicago, July/August 1996.

The BMC&TC was founded to draw attention to the historically significant southside of Chicago, affectionately known as "Bronzeville".

In a short period of time, the BMC&TC has made great strides in both the revitalization of attitudes regarding

Bronzeville and in stimulating an economic resurgence in the area based on self reliance and investment. An important tool in this empowerment process is tourism, with tourism

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60 Xmas Carolers Hit Motorola Over City Contracts, Poverty Wages



Elected officials activitiey supporting the Chiago Jobs and Living Wage campaign are left to right Vigel Jones (15), Ed Burke (17), Barbara Holt, (5)

Approximately 60 members of unions and community organizations took over Motorola headquarters Wednesday, singing Christmas carols like "We Wish You A Living Wage" to protest poverty wages at sub-contractors Mold-Tech Plastics. Motorola, which received \$10 million in city contracts in 1994, would be covered under an ordinance being proposed by the Chicago Jobs and Living Wage Campaign. The ordinance would require city (sub)contractors to pay a living wage of \$7.60. Mold-Tech workers earn at or near \$4.25.

The protest took place on December 13, joined by ACORN, a community group of low-and moderate-income families, Teamsters Local 743, representing 19,500 members, SEIU Local 73, representing 23,000 workers statewide, SEIU Local 880, representing more than 10,000 home health care workers, Teamsters Local 705, representing more than 15,000 members, UFCW Local 881 with 40,000

workers statewide including Jewel Osco, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, representing Chicago's 60,000 homeless. Organization of the North East, representing the Uptown Edgewater areas, Various other labor, religious and community groups.

"Motorola has gotten millions of our tax dollars from the city of Chicago," said Ted Thomas from Chicago ACORN. "And as they're making their profits they turn around and subcontract the job to Mold-Tech that says its workers poverty wages!"

The demonstration was part of the Jobs and Living Wage Campaign which will be introducing a city ordinance in early 1996 that would require subsidy and contract recipients to bring workers to a wage sufficient to bring a family of four above the federal poverty line, currently \$15,150 or \$7.60 per hour.

The ordinance would also promote the hiring of low-and moder-

ate-income jobseekers through the use of community based hiring halls. Currently, well over half of Chicago Aldermen have expressed their support for the principles of the ordinance including Edward Burke, Percy Giles, Ricardo Munoz, and Richard Mell.

Mid-South Aldermen includes Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4) Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3), Madeline Haithcock (2) and Barbara Holt (5).

Tillman informed South Street Journal that, "I support the concept that all workers should have fair wages." However, Tillman stated she could not totally support the ordinance until it is presented to council for review from committee."

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 do not pay a living wage.

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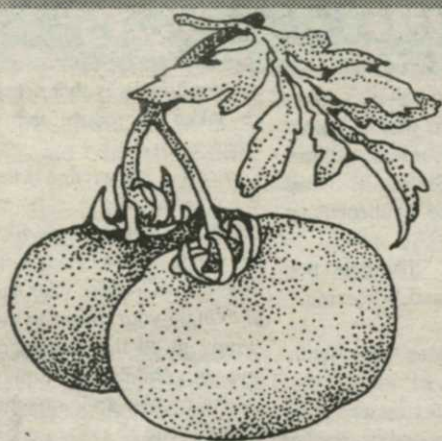
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EDUCATION Columnist**Mid-South Schools Math Scores, State lowest: Adds to What?**

Michael Brownstein

The three lowest math scores at the eighth grade level in Chicagoland belong to three schools in the Mid South communities. Farren, 51st and State has a score of 143 and Terrell, 54 and State and Fuller, on West 45th Street has a score of 142. The State of Illinois average is 246.

I contacted the administrations of the three schools to see what actions--if any--were being taken to raise the scores of their students.

Not one returned my phone calls. At Farren, principal William Auksi was in his office one of the times I called, but told the clerk to tell me he was busy. He must believe changing the name of the school from John Farren to John Farren Academy of the Fine Arts is enough to bolster the scores.

I understand the school goes an hour longer than other schools--until 3:30. But I also understand from a number of teachers who have contacted me that the last hour is not fully utilized. Many teachers do not stay the extra hour--by union contract they do not have to--and their lesson plans are seldom followed.

Fuller School has an acting principal. LaVern Bailey has been on the job since spring of 95. I called at 3:15 the second time. She wasn't there. Informed sources explained to me that since Fuller was a 2:30 school, all of the teachers had

already left.

I realize educators can accomplish a lot at home, but why are they running from this school so quickly? Is this one of the places we read about where teachers leave with the children? Please contact me through the South Street Journal (312) 924-0461. I will print rebuttals to the last few statements.

Reva J. Hairston, the principal of Terrell, was not available but individuals from her school informed me that she is a very hard working principal who actually makes home visits and knows almost every child by name. Her clerk, Dolores Harbour, told me she has high expectations for her school and holds the school community to the same high standards she holds in



her personal life.

Beethoven on State and 47th has the same population as the above schools. Its score is a respectable 215.

Francis Oden, Beethoven's principal, told me, "My teachers have high expectations. The teachers have made a commitment to the children and the children have made a commitment to learning."

"The children realize they have challenges to meet, and they are working hard to meet them."

"We have a dedicated staff here at Beethoven. During the bad weather, my teachers showed up to teach."

"They volunteer for the early bird tutoring program. We have tutoring classes from 8:00 until 8:45. The children come and the teachers work with them. This is a volunteer program; the teachers do not get paid," explained Oden.

"In the afternoon we use our extended day monies to further work with our students."

Oden has purchased a number of programs from the Board of Education. One of them is the Algebra Project. The program has helped the students comprehend and become better mathematicians.

"The children have to be empowered," she explained, "and our teachers have made the commitment to empower them."

"We're really lucky here at Beethoven. We have great children, a great staff, and a great school."

I've said it before, and I'll say it again and again. Some of the best educational programs do not cost money. Beethoven's early tutoring program costs absolutely nothing. It's before school. It shows caring and concern for the student body. It shows dedication to the entire educational process. Perhaps it's what the doctor ordered.

Health**The Breath Of Life**

Greetings Brothers and Sister,

With the arrival of winter comes Big 4 Respiratory Disorders Asthma, Influenza (flu), Bronchitis and Pneumonia. This issue we'll focus on Asthma.

Asthma-Respiratory disorder that makes you breathless and Wheezing. -May be mild or severe -can occur at any time even while sleeping.

About half of all attacks are triggered by allergies to everyday substances found in the immediate home or work environment.

One bigger is SMOKE! Others are food and drugs, dust, pet hair, insects, molds, and spores. Mothers please don't smoke around your children who have asthma. Some attacks are triggered by strenuous exercise, breathing cold air, emotional stress and infections especially respiratory such as colds.

Asthma can be very serious condition.

It can result in death.

Can asthma be cured? For the most part No, but it can be controlled.

Columnist

Can asthma be prevented? No, but the good news is that precautions can be taken to reduce the number of attacks.

Remember knowledge is the key.

What can we do?

-Find a doctor that you like and who can relate to you. A doctor who takes time or has a nurse who can take time to explain your illness to you.

-Find out all that you can about you and your child's condition.

-Make regular appointments and then KEEP them.

-If your Asthma is caused by an allergy, ask your Doctor to refer you for allergy testing to some common causes such as dust, mold, pet hair or pollen.

Next issue-Bronchitis
Remember-Health is Wealth

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**Read...
Between...
the Lines**

By Eddie S. Read

All I want for Christmas is Representation to go with my Taxation

On April 4th, 1995, Richard Daley was reelected to Mayor of the City of Chicago. The City of Chicago now claims 19 Black, and negro Aldermen. Let's see, 19 + 7 and 2 still equals 28. For those who do not know, the City of Chicago has a weak Mayor, strong Council Government. All should have learned that lesson during Council Wars in the '80's. Without 26 votes, the Mayor of Chicago is reduced to kissing babies and cutting ribbons. We were told before this year's election that a Black Caucus was formed to address issues and provide cohesive representation. Where are you now?

We face increased taxation, with decreased representation. Do we need a Tea Party on the banks of the Chicago River? Where are you my black elected movement independents? Have you stopped eating greens and Harold's Chicken? And are you now choking on steaks, broiled salmon and shrimp cocktail in

high sophisticated dining rooms with Mayor Daley? Our people, are still homeless, hungry, unemployed and beaten down more than before.

They say - some of you want to represent us in Congress. I don't thin so. If you can't speak out about the failed policies of Little Richie Daley, how can we trust you to take on Newt Gingrich, the fundamental right wing and a majority black vote? What do you take us for? You are sitting in a legislative body where you are the majority but you want us to believe that you will serve us better going to a legislative body where you may be a minority? I see, I understand, Blacks and Hispanics are so-called minorities. So you will fight Newt Gingrich better as a minority. You do not understand how to fight Daley as a Majority. They say white women have the most gains in the minority melting pot. In this case, "Right On for Alderwoman Helen Schiller, at least your ward has representation to go with its taxation. Finally, no Alderman in the 7th Congressional District is worthy of election to Congress.

This is Eddie Read.

Eddie Read can be heard on WVON 1450



McIntyre says "The reality at the Clerk's office is 'virtual' Ghost Payrollers"

Judith McIntyre, candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook county, recently called on the Cook County Board of Commissioners to investigate what she believes is a misuse and abuse of the powers of the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court by the incumbent, Aurelia Puchienksi.

"The incumbent Circuit Court Clerk, during the past few years, has quietly implemented a policy that is managed at her own discretion, which allows certain politically sensitive employees to participate in a flex home program," McIntyre said. "Flex is available only to those employees who meet special requirements set down by the clerk," she continued.

"Under this secret flex home program, certain employees--and we believe there could be dozens--are permitted to work, not at the offices of the Circuit Court, but out of the comfort of their homes."

Some of the employees, many of whom work on the 10th floor, who have been permitted to participate in this program include: Georgia Brahos, an assistant, (has no baby); Carolyn Barry, spokesperson; Cheryl Nanton, Secretary; Cathy Sutton, Child support; Leanne Alvizu, former baby-sitter to the incumbent's children, personal department, had a baby 2 years ago; and Tina Keane, labor relations department.

"What I believe we see here," McIntyre said, "is a policy where the flex home program is only granted to those circuit court employees, not on the basis of need, but on the basis of political loyalty."

A County Executive officer has the power to implement a flex home program--but that power does not permit the executive to apply the requirements to participate (1) in an unfair and politically discriminatory basis; (2) as a means of rewarding individuals who provide campaign services;

or (3) to permit, in some cases, employees to spend their time working on a campaign instead of on county business.

"The Clerk's misuse and abuse of this program is only the tip of the iceberg," McIntyre said. "We need to scrutinize how the incumbent is using this program to create a cadre of 'virtual' ghost payrollers," she continued.



Judith McIntyre

"These practices cry out for the full attention of the County Board to examine why some employees are given this privilege and while other, more deserving but less politically connected, are denied the same privileges," McIntyre declared.

"Using this program in such a manner demonstrates in the clearest way why the incumbent should be retired from office come March 19, 1996," she said.

McIntyre concluded that the misuse of the flex home program could be illegal and that the use of this program to reward patronage workers while denying it to other county employees is clearly discriminatory.

The office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook is one of the more important offices in county government according to Atty. Karen Brazil-Breashears, SSJ writer and candidate for Cook County Circuit Court. Brazil-Breashears stated, the clerk office has a staff of 2,073 employee, and a budget of \$78 million.

"The clerk office maintain all files and document related to circuit count proceeds including criminal, divorce, personal injury and will contest cases," explained Brazil-Breashears. "The battle for the position is for jobs and money. It is not a representative position as a spokesperson for a ward or a but maintaining and administering as an manager."

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CHA Elections

are no longer choking our freedom, we will unite. And every election from now on, Stateway Gardens will set the standard on the number of voters who come-out and cast votes. No longer will we be called the poorest community in the nation.

The low turn out was reflected by residents not caring about the election a Stateway Gardens residents stated. The CHA made the election know by mail with the residents rent payment notices. Petitions applications were also mail to the tenants as well.

The process has not been without problems. The first problem encountered was in hiring a contractor to carry out the election. Tactics included was the original contractor selected in a bid process on July 1, 1995, however, they have since been replaced by Citizen Information Services. These were problems reported from the authority side; such as the petitions and the boundaries of specific candidates, according to Inge Frylung of tactics. At the time the petition went out the boundaries had not been set which had the effect of slowing down the petition process since candidates need to know the places that were proper to collect signatures. Then there was the issue of who had the right to run for election.

According to HUD regulations, office seekers must have been a resident for at least 6 months prior to the election, be current in rent and not be charged with a felony involving violence against other resident and not work for CHA if seeking a Local Advisory Council (LAC) president slot.

The last requirement started a storm of controversy because HUD regulations say that the resident can not work in a policy making position with the authority. One long time resident activist, Willie Burrell was challenged on this issue. The challenged was later dropped.

Washington and Olivier both advisor board members of South Street Journal

Orr, Illinois AFL-CIO, Sue To Abolish "Two-Tire" Voter Registration

In a move to force full implementation of "Motor Voter", Cook County Clerk David Orr, the Illinois Federation of Labor, and a private citizen, Monica Chavez-Silva, filed suit against Governor Jim Edgar, Secretary of State George Ryan, and the Illinois State Board of Elections.

The suit charges that the state's tow-tire registration program, which registers voters in driver's license facilities for federal elections only, violates a state law that requires the state to offer voter registration for all elections.

The plaintiffs are supported by supported by U.S. Senators Carol Moseley-Braun and Paul Simon. "State officials should seek to implement Motor Voter as openly as possible, not as restrictively as they can make it" stated Sen. Paul Simon

Since 1990, Illinois law has required the Secretary of State to offer voter registration, to each person who applies for a driver's license. Instead, the lawsuit charges unequal application of the statute.

"The people of Illinois should not have to jump through hoops just to vote for their representatives," quated Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun.

Voter Registration in:
Driver's License Facilities
(Dec.90-January 95)

Ill. City	Populations	Reg. Voters
Bloomington	51,889	3,886
Naperville	100,422	2,476
Chicago	2,783,726	2,454

The Secretary of State registered fewer voters in Chicago facilities, even though it is 25 times larger than Naperville and 50 times larger than Bloomington.

Charles Cosmos Reynolds	Stateway	3517-19 S. Federal	BR,BP
Myrtis Gatewood		3542-44 S. State	BR,BP
Pamela Nicholson		3542-44 S. Federal	BR,BP,LS
Arville Vera Miles		3547-49	BR,BP,LP
Lulita Thompson		3615-17	BR,BP
Francine Washington		3616-18 S. State	BR,BP
Dorothy Jane Olivier		3651-53 S. Federal	BR,BP,LAP
Emma Denton		""	BR,LT
Pamela Davis	Washington Park	220 E. 63rd	BR,BP
Carmencita Carter		3939 S. Lake Park	BR,BV
Gladys McKinney		3983	BR,BP
Marion Franklin		4120 S. Prairie	BR,BP
Kathy Dunbar		4414 S. Cottage Grove	BR,BP
Mary Cotton		""	BR,LV
Annette Hillman		4445 S. Evans	BR,BP
Howard Ivory	Dearborn	2701 S. Dearborn	BR,BP,LP
Lovona Scott		""	BR,BP,LP
Doris T. Ricks		2840 S. State	BR,BP,LP
Estella Carter		2910 S. Dearborn	BR,BP
Yvonne Cox		2920 S. State	BR,BP
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Maner Jean	Hilliard	2030 S. State	BR,BP,LP
Georgia Lucius		2031 S. Clark	BR,BP,LP
Artens Randolph	Washington Park	Area IV Council	BR,BP,LAP
Virginia Miller		Area V Council	BR,BP
Lorraine Muse		Moorehead	BR,BP
Dorothy Gale		Moorehead Scattered	BR,BP
Hallie Amey	Wentworth	Block 1	BR
Lottie Weathersby		Block 2	BR,BV,LP
Beatrice Harris		Block 3	BR,LP
Helena Burton		Scattered	BR,BP,LP
Lee Esther Peebles	Ida B. Wells	Block E	BR,BP
Helen Finner		Block G	BR,LP
Jimmy King		Block H	BR,BP
Mary Square		Block P	BR,LT
Sandra Denise Young		""	BR,LV

many were surprise Washington lost, saying. "I am rejoicing I lost and I want my supporters to rejoice with me." She added that, "But, you can be sure that things were not right with this election." Washington stated that some buildings ranned out of voting material, the election day was change three times, there was not good oversight over the whole election.

And many votes just did not add up right. "Many tiings happen that shouldn't. And I am going to challenge CHA on them. CHA has not been rid of me addressing the issues and concerns of the people."

Olivier was overwhelm with by witnessing the residents come out and cast their votes for a change she said. "I saw the old, the workers, the young adults, the handicap and the disable fight their way through the snow and cold to show their undying support for a change that was years over-due."

Oliver This day will go down in history as the day the eyes of the residents who did voted were open. The schakles of fear were cast aside; and, the will of me will be heard for those who voted and those who did not."

"At the end of the voting day, an enormous sense of relief swept over Stateway Gardens. And for the first time in over 15 years, a sense of relief and peace emanated throughout our home," said Olivier.

"I want to say thank you all who supported me in this endeavor. I will let God be my guide as I execute the duties and responsibilities of my office. I will work with all of the residents to enhance the overall living standards in our home."

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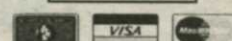
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Reps. Lou Jones and Burke: Blast Republican Methods, Disgusting Tactics Hurt Children

State Representative Lou Jones (D-5) blasted Republicans for "playing with the children of Illinois lives."

A "Conference Committee Report" heard before the Illinois House Judiciary Committee (Criminal Law) combined several controversial issues, including the Child Sex Offender Community Notification Law, in a bill that will allow for the creation of a fund to help owners of gas stations clean up their Leaking Underground Storage Tanks. This bill is considered by many as a tax on consumers since it will raise price of gasoline, and most Democrats have been opposed to it.

Republicans fearing none of the bills, individually, would survive floor debate on their merits and/or possible unconstitutionality, combined them all into one bill to ensure their passage. When the legislature considers combined bills called Conference Reports, the rules indicate that they must be about the same subject. These clearly are not.

Among the other issues on this bill were increased penalties for possession of cannabis, automatic transfers to adult court for juveniles 13 years old including provisions for life sentences; laws that would allow eavesdropping on employees, charging inmates with costs for incarceration and allowing hearsay evidence in certain cases.

"The people of the State of Illinois will think this legislature is sick," said Representative Jones. "To include a good bill such as the Notification Law, which is a bill designed to protect our children, in a bill about underground storage tanks is a joke," she continued. "Underground storage tanks don't have a dammed thing to do with hurting children. There are children who are

being murdered in Illinois. This is a very serious matter. We have to think about what has happened here-why wasn't this bill separated from the rest?"

"The worst part is that we now must vote for this bill because not to do so will hurt the children. I am one of those who is against the Leaking Underground Storage Tank bill. Never in my ten years as a legislator or as a member of this committee have I seen anything so horrible. The Republicans should be ashamed for playing games with these kinds of games with the people of the State," Representative Jones concluded.

State Representative Dan Burke blasted Republican methods used to pass special interest legislation. The Republican backed legislation to create a fund for gas station owners to clean up underground leaking storage tanks (aka LUST Fund). This legislation required an increase in fees to consumers, therefore, some Democratic members fought against its passage. Not wanting to be solely charged with passing a "tax increase" on to consumers,

Republicans lumped this bill together with other controversial, and non-related issues, and presented it before the full House in a Conference Committee Report, making it virtually impossible for most Democrats not to vote for it.

"This is a blatant effort to force us to choose between taking care of our children and the public or protect residents from a tax hike," said Rep. Burke. "Certainly we support these types of initiatives," said Representative Burke, "But to place them together with creating a fund for gas

station owners is ludicrous and unconscionable," Burke continued.

"The Republicans have sunk to new lows in attempts to control the residents of the state of Illinois by practicing questionable methods in passing legislation," Representative Burke concluded.

State Senator Alice J. Palmer Announces Run For Re-election

Woodlawn -- In a press conference, Illinois State Senator Alice J. Palmer announced her campaign for re-election to a second term. A crowd of one hundred supporters gathered at 1528 East 63rd street to urge Sen. Palmer to seek re-election to her current office. Immediately following the press conference, the Senator departed Chicago for Springfield to file her petitions to officially join the race.

Key Strategist and Field Organizer for the Jesse Jackson, Jr. Campaign, Marc Allen said: "We can't afford to lose our most experienced legislators who know how to fight and understand the tricks of the trade." During the press conference, Allen volunteered to begin a field operation to re-elect Sen. Palmer which includes seeking out the youth of the her district in churches, colleges and community organizations to "continue to take her case to the people."

State Representative Lou Jones also spoke today to encourage Sen. Palmer to make her bid for re-election to the state legislature. Recounting the Senator's years of service to her district, Rep. Jones pledged her full support to the campaign.

Also present to support the Senator were: 5th Ward Alderman Barbara Holt and Service Employees Union President, Tom Balanoff.

Senator Palmer will now face off with Ulmer Lynch, Barack Obama and two other possible contenders in the race Ghia Askia and Mark Ewell.

Committee To Re-elect Palmer includes Lois Rosen, Ald. Barbara Holt, Betty Willhoite, Lou Pardo,

Edna Pardo, Lou Palmer, Robert Starks, Prof. Michael Dawson, Sedrick Herring, De. Sidney Bild, Harold Rogers, State Rep. Lou-Ann Jones, Prof. Timuel D. Black, State Senator Arthur Berman, Miguel Del Valle, Marc Allen, Frank Mason, Prof. Kenneth Warren, Prof. David Ranney, Bernice Bild, Tom Balanoff, Retired Senator Ethel Skyles Alexander, Prof. Adolph Reed, Jr.

U.S. Court Of Appeals agrees with Rep. Howard

Orders State to pay equal support to Foster Parents Relatives.

The state will have to increase payments to over 14,000 children who are being cared for by relatives acting in the role of foster parents. Under a ruling issued by the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Illinois may no longer reduce payments for foster children while relatives apply to be licensed by the state. Last July the state dropped the children's benefit from \$362.00 a month to \$252.00 for those children who are being cared for by unlicensed relatives. However, many of the relative care givers have applied for their license, but their applications have not ben processed because of a huge backlog at the

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

State Rep. Constance A. "Connie" Howard spoke out about the reduction many times since the policy was put in place last July.

"I am happy to see the courts join with me and my Democratic colleagues in the General Assembly in opposing this reduction in benefits," stated Representative Howard. "It is wrong to deny children a safe living environment because the state is not able to process the licensing applications."

Currently, more than 27,000 of the state's 48,000 children in foster care live with relatives, but prior to July, Illinois did not require people caring for relatives to be licensed.

"I have been in contact with many relative foster parents in the last few months who are racing to get their license, only to find out that while they wait for approval the children's are being cut by DCFS bureaucrats," Howard said. "Illinois must do a better job caring for their children. I hope that this ruling will help."



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It is important for the African

"CELEBRATING KWANZAA: AN AFFIRMATION OF AFRIKAN TRADITIONS"

By Baba Hannibal Tirus Afrik

American community to realize that since the celebration of Kwanzaa has gained enormous popularity throughout this country and the diaspora, there are economic and political forces positioning themselves to undermine and/or exploit our cultural traditions.

Conceived by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966, the good news about Kwanzaa has literally spread across the world. It is now the only national non-heroic African American holiday celebrated in this country and it attracts millions of participants between December 26 and January 1st each year. Perhaps Kwanzaa's popularity is growing because it is unifying forces with our community that are inclusive of all ideological persuasions.

Based on traditional harvest festivals conducted all over the African continent, Kwanzaa celebrates the fruits of our labors. Even though African Americans have become less agriculturally oriented in this century, our ancestral heritage speaks to reverence for the motivate us to respect life, both the young and the very old. Kwanzaa gives us a perfect opportunity to celebrate as a family!

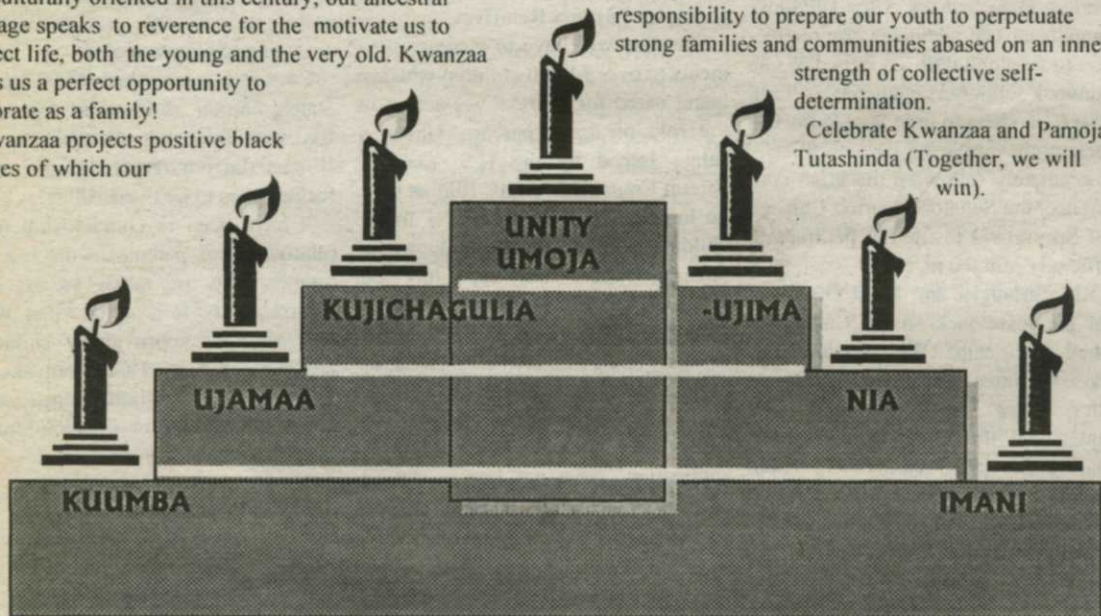
Kwanzaa projects positive black images of which our

people are in need. At this time in the history of our social development, our people need to see new expressions of themselves, symbols of our basic tradition that can be applied to daily siltations.

We must also understand that holidays are of enormous political significance. When we are able to celebrate a holiday of our own, we are demonstrating a lever for unity in that we have agreed upon which holiday to celebrate. We are no longer dependent upon others for our Africa created abundant crops for our ancestors, Kwanzaa has taken root and grown larger each year in the soil of Black community worldwide, nurturing our need to create a new appreciation of our ancestral culture.

As adult leaders, we should emphasize the importance of celebrating our own cultural events instead of falling victim to holidays that are based on materialism and economic exploitation. Parents and teachers have the responsibility to prepare our youth to perpetuate strong families and communities abased on an inner strength of collective self-determination.

Celebrate Kwanzaa and Pamoja Tutashinda (Together, we will win).



Dr. Maulana Karenga, the creator of Kwanzaa and the author of the Million Man March mission statement, is the creator of the Holiday.

UMOJA (Unity) - To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

KIJICHAGULIA (self-determination) - To define ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves, instead of being defined, named, created for, and spoken for by others.

UJIMA (Collective Work & Responsibility) To build and maintain our community together and to make our sisters and brothers problems our problems and to solve them together.

UJAMAA - (Co-operative Economics) To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

NIA (Purpose) - To make as our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

KUUMBA - (Creativity) To do always as much as we can, in the way we can in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than when we inherited it.

IMANI - (Faith) To believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Maulana Karenga

"DO THEY BELIEVE IN SANTA?"

BY MARIE JOHNSON

In the old American tradition, December 24 and 25, are celebrated as Christmas season. For as long as I can remember, everyone; young or old, were in the spirit of things at that time of year; myself included.

People would get so caught up in the spirit of buying gifts, that they would forget the birthday of the Christ child; (Baby Jesus) born on the 25th of December in a manger, lying in a stable wrapped in pieces of cloth, lying on a make-shift bed of straw, in the little town of Bethlehem; because the hotel managers (Inn Keepers), were so in-human, and insensitive they would not let Mary give birth in a clean bed, in a private room; to show what they thought about the blessed event, they sent Mary, Joseph, and the soon to be born infant to the stable, with the animals. Let's think about that situation for a moment? Has the world changed so much now? If news of another blessed birth should hit the air waves, would hotel managers and



citizens act differently; since our society has supposedly modernized itself? I think not! If anything; people have barbarianized themselves; if you will! Society cares even less for one another and their problems, than they did in the days when Christ walked the land!

Ms. Tara Johnson, is a 20 yr. old aspiring model, who dwells in the South King Drive area of Mid South. She and I had quite an enlightening conversation regarding the spirit of Christmas and Santa Claus. I asked Ms. Johnson how she felt about the whole celebration and her reply was, "I like receiving gifts for Christmas, just like most people, but I don't feel the spirit of the season. When I see the Nativity Scenes in the store windows, I get even sadder; just knowing how Jesus was treated before his birth and after his short life. I don't believe anybody now a days really has the Christmas spirit, how can they when everyday the news is full of senseless killings, rapes and burglaries?"

Editorial

Jesus Rescued From Santa Claus Whose Birthday is this

While some maintain that the story of the Birth of Christ is merely a beautiful tale. Many of grew up believing in the Son of God, Jesus Christ and enhancing him honoring Santa Claus on December 25th, for some reason only the love of money would know.

Every year it seems Jesus's story is buried deeper as Santa Claus and his team composed of the media, corporations and elves grow larger than life. What are you getting for Christmas? This year as you and your family gather to rejoice in the spirit of the day, enhance it with a greeting of "Happy Kwanzaa". This may be the only way to restore the paradigm to a healthy, spiritual state.

The idea behind Jesus' birth symbolizes the wonderful opportunity for a second chance. Many great thoughts have been born in hostile conditions. The simple setting described in the Bible is a far cry from the computerized, electronic buy me, buy me mentality.

As the Mid-South community strives to claim a stake in its own community, Kwanzaa lends itself perfectly to these concepts first presented to us in the story of the birth of Christ. From the issues that we work on, to the goals that we cry for as a people, for jobs, businesses in on own community, the unity of political representation, working together and being responsible for our sisters and brothers action.

Celebrating Kwanzaa in no way prevents us from observing the Christmas holidays. It only gives us an anchor to knowledge of

where we are today. In doing this we not only share with our families but we share our successes as a people. In this way we develop a vision of our community as a village.

Kwanzaa means "First". The tradition is celebrate the harvesting of the first crop or first fruit of the fields.

The Mid-South communities can certainly reflect upon the inroads made by many of our leaders. Dr. Sokoni Karanj and the Hope Institute, Harold Lucas and the Supreme Life Building, Cecilia Butts and the Washington Park Empowerment Center, South Street Journal and WordSongs, Mattie Butler and 6230 So. Dorchester and the list goes on. The ground breaking on 47th and King Dr., the New Lou Rawls Center, the opening new businesses such as the Michigan Avenue Variety Store on 47th and Michigan; the groundbreaking of new construction in Oakland and Woodlawn; the good work at Taylor Homes Boys and Girls Club, directed by Arthur Harrison; the work of Steven Redfield and staff of Strive; the Million Man March and Gangs were not as an issue as they were in 1994.

Overall these activities can only help the



Ron Carter Publisher and

EXCUSE ME, SEASONS GREETINGS

Christmas is supposed to be one of the holiest days of the year for all religions, faiths and nationalities. But here in the United States it's more than just a religious day. It has become a "commercial" day-one of the biggest scams, hoaxes and colossal let downs for people everywhere. It has been redesigned for money-making profiteering. The day after Thanksgiving, the prices skyrocket and merchandise is inflated 1/3 to 1/2 in some instances on the original price. The race is on for money glut. After the first of the year businesses really cut prices on rejects and on merchandise they've had in the store the previous year. You will notice that as the days begin to pass and as Christmas rapidly approaches, people tend to get into a frenzy for this one day. Some people will, unfortunately, go into high debt for this one day. Many will even carry their Christmas debts will into the next year.

The have-notes seem to get depressed and they stare look want and borrow. The schemers go through their trick bags trying to scheme on how to get over for that one day. Some people including, men and women, will even go so far as to steal, rob break in, murder and even sell their favors in a series of events. Christmas is supposed to be celebrating Christ's birthday with the simple exchange of gifts and the coming together of families to worship together and to wish each other well for the coming year. Peace and good will to all. The

tragic thing is that each year we witness Christian being turned into anything but religious.

It amazes me how once or twice a year people in groups get together to prepare two meals, one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas for the less fortunate. I strongly believe that peace and good will should shine year round; not just for one or two days out of the year. The same love and outpouring shone during the holiday season should be displayed continuously year long. We should de-commercialize Christmas and come down to earth and be God-oriented and follow the ten commandments as a guide, or the Koran, or whatever guide you use as a testament.

It seems as though African Americans should have had enough off outsiders coming into our community, setting up businesses, overcharging us, cheating us, getting rich off of us and disrespecting us in our own communities. We must seek to own our own Black businesses and do business with our black men and women so that we can build our community up and provide jobs for our youths to keep them from standing on the many corners with their hands in their pockets.

It saddens me to see all this money come into our community and yet leave us with nothing. This is a prime example which you can watch for yourself. Simply observe the shoppers here and then go out to visit the suburbs and compare what you see there to the inner-city shoppers. Creating a

strong economic communities own seems to done daily. We continue to do before we sell ever wake up Christmas.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are welcome and encouraged.

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

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community become stakeholders. All of this is part of the sowing, planting and reaping cycles that will produce a harvest.

December 26 through January 1st is the Kwanzaa season a time when crops are harvested as an reflection of our deeds in the community, and people come together to share through poetry, song and dance, to enjoy the blessing of living, and to give thanks for the bountifulness of nature. It is also a time to re-dedicate themselves to work together in the spirit of African love. This is what we do now on a limited basis when we give gifts at Christmas to show our love and care for others.

However, the works and deeds of Christ should teach us that a true Christmas is one which is celebrated in spirit. Unless Jesus is the focus of the Christmas season, we will never get back to its main purpose.

For Kwanzaa in its short time being celebrated do get more air time than Jesus Christ, and Kwanzaa is the only way we can live the community spirit of Jesus Christ, for Santa Claus get more air time, are concerned with how to create mass joy for our community and resolutions that will be carried out by the Seven Principles of Nguzo Saba which are:

Umoja .. Unity
Kujichagulia .. Self-Determination
Ujima .. Collective Work and Responsibility



Ujamaa .. Co-operative Economics

Nia .. Purpose

Kuumba .. Creativity

Imani .. Faith

How do we tell our children about Kwanzaa and the principles? How do we tell our elders "Happy Kwanzaa" and reply to a face asking "are you crazy?"

At Christmas time we want to interject a concept of change to our every day lives of peace on earth and good will to men.

During Kwanzaa we want to step toward a evolution that everyone get involved with a spirit, that from this day on is making things better for my village (community). In return I make it better for myself applying the principles of Nguzo Saba.

And like Christmas, there is the feast of gifts, and like Kwanzaa there is the feast of gifts to our community which enhances Christmas for us all. Kwanzaa, not to replace Christmas but to enhance it. Just thought I'd mention it.

Seasons Greetings

to the Editor

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One in a Million Man, Behind the Walls, Still with a Feeling

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago an event took place, that will ever change the way Black men think and act.

The "Million Man March" has greatly affected the men behind prison walls, that I am not sure the outside world even realize. The reality of us returning back to the community is rewarding, because, as many of us watched on T.V. we were shaken back to a reality of our responsibility.

We have wronged the community, and ourselves and our people, but how will we return? We can wait until some develop a program to better our present conditions while we are serving time, we must start developing our own programs that they will extend from these prison walls to our communities, our families, and our people.

Personally, I am still feeling the affects of the "Million Man March", and I was not even there physically. But, those brothers that I know from the free-world whom have provided me with lots of information, programs, and a host of pictures took my spirit with them. I felt like I was there, and I felt the impact deeply rooted in my

soul.

I wanted to say to every Black man that have the opportunity to read these few words, if you give a Black woman a house, she'll make it a home, and if give her some food, she'll give you a meal, if you give her respect, she'll give you peace of mind, and if you give her a pair of shoe's she'll walk by your side, if you give her love, she'll bring you respect respect, and if you give her seed, she'll give you children to carry your name.

The black woman is the most meaningful part of the Black man, and we must remember that if there were a "Million Man" in Washington D.C. then there is a "Million Black Woman" who support us: WE must reflect God and create in our image and likeness men that will reflect God, a and then find confront in our first act of creation Woman.

I was blessed to see this event, and to be thankful of my wife and child whom I love dearly. And as the new years comes let our stand be firm and direct, first to ourselves and then our community, and then our Nation.

Stand-Up Black man and achieve what you will, because you have a Queen that honor and respect you for the man that you are today:

My beloved people I love you as I love myself and we are a family that is now coming together.

Open letters

On the 63rd Street El

December 6, 1995

Mr. Harold R. Hirsch
Vice President, Planning
Chicago Transit Authority

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

I initially have two questions about your letter to me, dated November 21, 1995.

First, why would it be necessary to use current pantographs when new models that sit lower to the top of the ears might eliminate the clearance problem that you mentioned?

Secondly, you mentioned that two tracks would be required for the 3/4 mile stretch East of Cottage Grove, but you never said why. That is my question: Why is this necessary?

Another suggestion comes to mind in light of your observations. Why not use a four car, paragraphed system that would only run East of Cottage Grove to the East terminus, with a enclosed shelter, with ticket agent, like Metra's 71st Street South Chicago/South Shore Operation?

The reason I've brought this up is because there is some opposition to the extension of the Jackson Park Line beyond Cottage Grove. I also suggested another open meeting to hear the voice of the people.

I always appreciate responses to my suggestions, regardless whether the response is favorable or not. So, please let me hear from you regarding this latest suggestion. There is conflict between those who want the line beyond Cottage Grove and those who don't. In the end, we may be faced with some sort of compromise. Thank you.

Sincerely,

T. C., Transportation Co-Chair

To the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

Dear Minister Farrakhan:

I am deeply disturbed by the following development in the aftermath of the Million Man March.

Many spokespersons for the march, and many media persons, who should know better, have unwittingly began spreading Propaganda designed to defuse the intensity, revelation and enthusiasm generated by the march.

The seemingly innocent idealistic phrase "Go back to your community and join an organization or organic your own; don't wait for a leader~ You, as an individual can be a leader." does not embody the real spirit of the march.

Under your leadership many individuals came together, and working in unity, made the Million Man March a success.

A million individuals, working individually in their own communities, were not suddenly guided by some inner atonement drive, to collectively ascend on , and assemble in Washington, D.C., on October 16, 1995.

As a participant, along with almost two million other; we did not come to the capital to ride a white horse chased by a red dog, party hardy, boogie down and electric slide to snoop doggie dog.

We did not come wearing earrings and baggy pants, carrying patent leather purses, and gold chains around our necks.

All of the marchers I met (including the group I went with) were already working in the community at the local level.

We heard your call, and came to march, because we have not been successful at the local level in stopping the destruction of our communities by imported guns, heroin and crack cocaine.

We as individuals working in our local communities have not been successful in convincing our youth to "Just say no!", don't engage in early sex and stop the killing, etc. If we had been successful in all these things, there would not have been a need for any of us to heed your call for atonement; your call for us to come together; and in unity fight, this undeclared war, being waged against us.

In the spirit of the Million Man March, I am asking you to consider using the Million Man March Corporation as the institution to keep the fires of unity, lit by the march, alive.

Washington, D.C. the national headquarters of the Million Man March Corporation.

The whole world knows about the Million Man March because it took place in the citadel of the most powerful government in the world. And the people of the United States and the rest of the world are still in awe.

Create a symbol or logo for the Million Man March Corporation. License the use the copyrighted logo to authenticate any convention, business, products or publications which identify with the march.

Use the Million Man March Corp. as a clearing house to authenticate community events such as Kwanzaa and the Million Man March, so they are not corrupted by unscrupulous agents within and outside the community.

If an event or a product such as an insurance policy does not have the licensed, registered logo, it will be recognized as not authentic, and not in the best interest of the community.

Portions of the licensing fees could be used to start up community institutions such as think tanks, etc.

The HMO plan being developed should have the logo of the "Million Man March Corporation" before it is offered to the community.

Somewhere on the Final Call Newspaper should be the logo of the Million Man March Corp.

The often spoke of political convention now in the planning stage should be held in Washington, D.C. in the spirit of the Million Man March.

I cannot imagine giving up the success of the location of the march, the still burning images of almost two million participants in the capital and the focus point of the world, to ask all eyes to forget and turn the cameras to Atlanta or some other point.

In your wisdom, you knew that even if the march did not succeed in the numerical million men, it was a win win situation for us to assemble in unity, in the front yard of the government of the United States.

At the convention in Washington, D.C., the banners, flags, buttons, t-shirts, hats, whistles and balloons should carry the logo of the Million Man March Corporation. And they should be purchased from community business licensed to put the logo on their products.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration of the above suggestions.

George Lowe
Lake Meadows

Spiritual Food

New Coalition Offers A Christian Voice Different From The Christian Right

A new organization Protestants for the Common Good launched a campaign on December 3 designated to get Protestant lay and clergy leaders more actively involved in the political arena.

Declaring they are "committed by faith to justice for all," leaders of the new coalition have stated their determination "to provide a voice different from that of the Religious Right."

Clergy and laity from the entire Chicago metropolitan area have been invited to participate in an "organizing convention" at the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington.

The keynote speaker was Cornel West, professor of African-American Studies at Harvard University and author of the national best-seller "Race Matters."

Franklin Gamwell, professor of religious ethics and former dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School, said the organization was formed because "...many of us today are religiously troubled, even distressed, by the general course of contemporary American public life. We are distressed by the lack of civility in public discourse by a widespread disregard for the inequalities that exist in our society, and by poll-driven political leaders of all persuasions who are like reeds blowing in the wind."

Gamwell added "The distinctive purpose of Protestants for the Common Good is to advance theologically informed political action. Part of the reason why our brothers and sisters on the Christian Right have been so effective politically is that Protestants who have a different understanding of the Christian faith have been so silent we intend to break out of that silence."

The Reverend Eugene Winkler, host of the December 3 event, stressed that the new organization is "strictly nonpartisan. We do not believe that adherence to the faith can be identified with any particular political party or agenda."

Winkler said that Protestants for the Common Good expects to work with other ecumenical and interfaith coalitions that share its commitment to "justice for all."

Following the keynote address at the organizing event, the purpose of the new coalition was outlined by Professor Marti Scott of Garrett-Theological Seminary, and the Reverend John Buchanan, Senior Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, he lead a plenary session focused around the question, "How can we rally other Protestants to become involved in relating their faith to public life?" The closing celebration feature music by the choir of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Winans To Star In "Christmas Glory" Apostolic Church of God / Fox -32 T.V. Special

Woodlawn--The multi-Grammy Award winning gospel group, THE WINANS, will star in "Christmas Glory," the 1995 Apostolic Church of God/Fox-32 Christmas television special, which was taped on Saturday, December 9 at the Apostolic Church of God, 6320 South Dorchester Avenue in Chicago.

The Winans will be performing with 250-voice Apostolic Church of God Sanctuary Choir and members of the Chicago Symphonietta in a concert which will be taped for telecast on WFLD-FOX 3 television at 9:00 a.m. on Christmas morning (December 25, 1995) hosted by FOX-32 anchor, Robin Robinson.

"Christmas Glory" is sponsored by the Apostolic Church of God, AT&T and WGCI Radio.

Last year's special, which featured Grammy Award winner Jennifer Holiday, received rave reviews from critics, the media a wonderful opportunity to showcase the musical talents of one of the world's most legendary gospel groups. Last year's event was wonderful and this year we intend to be simply, MAGNIFICENT!"

Musical guests at the concert, which last year attracted a standing room only and overflow crowd, will include: Maestro Paul David Wilson, Dwayne Lee and other soloist from the church and choir.

The Winans have been serving up inspiring, hopeful and faith-filled music for close to fifteen years. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, they began singing in their local church and recorded their debut album, Introducing the Winans, in 1981m with long time coming in 1983, followed two years later by tomorrow, which

garnered the first of an amazing five Grammys forth group "Christmas Glory"--add one

Let My People Go was another gospel Grammy winner, as was it follow-up, Decisions, which featured the tract "Ain't No need to Worry" with Anita Baker (which was the brothers first crossover hit) and brought them a fourth Grammy. The Winans last release, All Out, captured yet another Grammy for the four brothers from the first family of Gospel.

Marvin, Carvin, Michael and Ronald Winans also have mantles full of Dove and Stellar Awards (four each), and their 1990 release, Return, yielded both a Gold record with sales in excess of 300,000 copies and a number one hit, "It's Time"

Their newest album, Heart and Soul, is the straight from the heart and brimming with soul and The Winans have kept intact their tradition of displaying the many sides of Gospel, both lyrically and musically, distilling pop, rhythm and blues, gospel e, jazz and urban into and irresistible and enduring mix.

Bishop Arthur M. Braizer, Pastor of the Apostolic Church of God, one of the largest churches in America, said, "This concert will represent a message of joy and happiness as the whole Christian world celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

"Christmas Glory" will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for this concert, however, guest will be admitted on a first come, first come, first served basis. Lighted and secured parking is also available and for more information you may call 312 667 1500.

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Letters for Spiritual Food

Greetings

I sincerely pray that my letter catches you in the best of spirit and health praise God! I am writing concerning some key issues that need proper attention and required actions. There is no need for this cowardliness or just plain fear and procrastination any longer! We are not a minority nor are we the less intelligent and we do not have to fear any man for God almighty is on our side. We have the money the positions we got the people. Now all we have to do is as God says. Then we the sleeping Giant shall completely overcome all racism and racist influences therefore once and for all be ultimately liberated.

We were given God's laws and many leaders it's time to recognize that we are hurting ourselves only because we are being lazy.

Study the word of God and be reeducated to the truth of our true identity. The oppressive knows we are to soon awaken this is why we have the constant flow of drugs misinformation and news prisons being constructed every year to house the sleeping giant. So when the giant awakens he will be trapped again! But with the knowledge and grace of almighty God, nothing can hold us, as

Moses told Pharaoh, let my people go. The oppressor is using his court system and his armies to railroad our young to prisons. Trieking them with improper education misinforming them to serve the wrong God programing them to think and do just the opposite of what God says do. NOW is the time to counter all of his actions and plans with GOD as our leader and protector GOD is calling and when love like this calls you better answer, don't let it slip away, because this great love may never call again! Malcolm X was God in the flesh and they know it they also saw our ultimate liberation!

We are behind and getting Fat, Fat on the brain cousins us to be lazy. It's time to exercise, exercise our natural abilities and rights. Given to us by our true and righteous God!! there is to be no more compromise either you're with God or against him, his will shall be done understand completely who you are and what your articles are granted to us by our loving God. We must claim the victory for it is ours! serving the Almighty there is none mightier!

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-SUNDAY NIGHT REV. 7:30 PM

WordSongs Ends Oral Anthology Series with Dr. Margaret Burroughs

The Mystery The Magic & The Madness of 47th Street was the theme of a three part series of poetry readings held at Gerri's Palm Tavern, 446 E. 47th Street. The literary initiative, WordSongs was launched in August at the South Street Journal newspaper. The series was designed to encourage an elevation of consciousness, continuity and commitment among

community residents, activists and artists.

Wordsongs chose the Palm Tavern because of Gerri Oliver's long standing ties to the literary, political and social pulse of the Black Metropolis.

The three-part series has featured local talent as well as internationally known poets such as Dr. Margaret Burroughs and Gwendolyn Brooks.

Elected officials and community activists have shared the stage during these events. 3rd Ward Alderman Dorothy Tillman (candidate for the 7th Congressional District), Publisher Ron Carter and Executive Director of Black Metropolis Tourism & Convention Inc. Harold Lucas have participated in ensuring the success of these events. "We believe, the power of the spoken word can set the stage for the healing that must take place in our community," says WordSongs founder Beverly A. Reed.



Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks accepts a bouquet of roses from Wordsongs Founder Beverly A. Reed.



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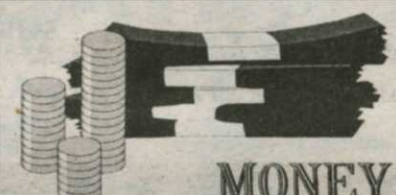
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Take Note

By Beverly A. Reed

Applications for Community Arts Assistance Program Grants (CAAP) are being distributed at the Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., and **In Mid-South:** CHA/Black-on-Black Love Cultural Arts Center, 4331 S. Federal St.; DuSable Museum, 740 E. 56th Pl.; South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore; South Side Community Art Center, 3831 S. Michigan Ave.; call 312. 744-6630. TTY number: 312-744-2947.

WordSongs is hosting **Dr. Margaret Burroughs** in their Dec. 21st. **Kwanzaa on 47th** Celebration at Gerri's Palm Tavern, 446 E. 47th, 7:00p.m. Wordsongs is seeking members call (312) 667-4289 for more info. V103's **Bonnie DeShong** celebrated the Kwanzaa principle Umoja with a networking event at DuSable Museum. There to celebrate his deal with the museum to host a motivational breakfast seminar was **Poet Sporty King**. Speaking of Kwanzaa, performance artists Emily Hooper and Glenda Baker of **In The Spirit** and dollmaker **Pamela Turner** will be at DuSable for their annual event. Call Virginia Hopson at 947-0600 ext. 227 for more info.

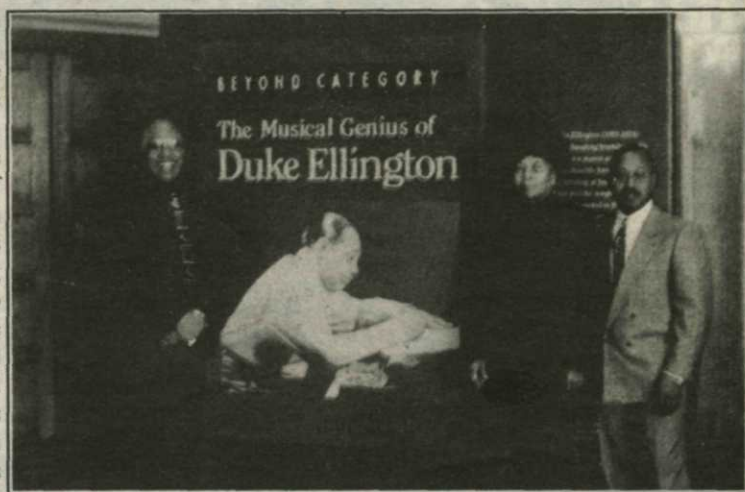
Congrats to poets **Sharon Warner** and Eunice Favors on their whirlwind library tour.

The Community Arts Assistance Project Two grant application workshops will be conducted in January. The

workshops will be held Wednesday, January 10, and Friday, January 12, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in the fifth floor meeting room of the Chicago Cultural Center. Attendance at one of the workshops is recommended for all applicants. Funded through the Access Program of the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, the goal of the program is to discover, nurture, and expand Chicago's multi-ethnic artists and non-profit arts organizations, and to foster new and emerging individual artists and arts groups. Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided for projects that promote professional, artistic, and organizational development. Financial assistance is directed toward individual artists and arts organizations who have had limited access to funding in both public and private grants programs. CAAP is limited to arts organizations with annual operating budgets of less than \$100,000.

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Sharing a laugh at the DuSable Museum & V103 Kwanzaa gathering are l to r Annette Whitworth, V103, Poet, Sporty King and Midge Kimberly, Kimberly Group PR Firm

DuSable Museum Kicks-Off 35th Anniversary Celebration With Major Duke Ellington Exhibition



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Raymond Ward, Dr. Margaret Burroughs and Carl Perrin pose at the entrance to the Duke Ellington exhibit at **DuSable Museum**, kicking-off their 35th anniversary celebration with the Ellington Exhibit. This exhibition is the first activity and event in a year-long celebration at the DuSable Museum, marking the museum's 35th year anniversary, and also celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Smithsonian Institution. This exhibition is part of America's Jazz Heritage, a Partnership of the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Fund and the Smithsonian Institution. Organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) and the National Museum of American History's Division of Musical History. Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington (1899 - 1974) was an internationally known pianist and bandleader, and a towering figure in 20th - century African-American cultural history. Many consider him America's greatest composer, and this exhibition focuses on the extraordinary outpouring of talent by a man who produced at least 1,500 compositions, including popular songs, instrumentals, theatrical works and motion picture scores. Attending the media luncheon were Rev. Willie Taplin Barrow, Commissioner Jerry Butler, V103's Pam Morris, entertainer, Theodore Stone, real estate mogul Dempsey Travis, Leticia D. Greggs and Ingrid Bridges both of the Chicago Defender. The food was good too.

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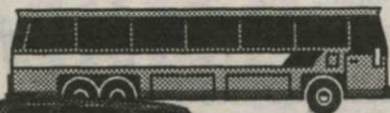
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Real Estate Transactions in the Mid-South Communities

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	Price
Woodlawn		
6423 S. Drexel, Grace E. Moore to Darren & Gwendolyn bowens	11-14	65,000
6500-02 S. Drexel, ora jamison to Jack & Kathy Perkins	11-13	209,000
6144c S. Greenwood, Renaissance & Thrush Joint Venture to Leonard R. Venture	11-16	149,000
6144d S. Greenwood, Renaissance/Thrush Joint Venture to Gregory & Michelle Gaither	11-16	149,000
6110 S. Vernon, Charles Edward Jones, Sr. to Valerie Gastile	10-27	80,000
6152B S. Greenwood Ave., Renaissance/Thrush Joint Venture to Aaron Hamb	11-1	149,000
6108-3W S. Dorchester, Unit 6108-3W, Wil-Heds Development Inc. To Yvonne T. Dove	10-11	59,500
6543 S. St. Lawrence, Ida Mae Johnson & Debra Jean Campbell To Perry & Tessie Mae Profit	10-11	64,000
6824 S. Langley, William Kimbrough and Joyce Kimbrough To Diane Washington	10-11	64,000
6243 S. Evans, Donald R. Shorter to Arron Muhammad	10-11	72,100
6198-1W Unit 6108-1w, Wil-Heds Development Inc. to Shelley J. McIntosh	10-11	59,000
6104-2N S. Dorchester, Wil-Freds Developments to Louis Gray & Councilwilla Gray	10-20	71,905
Kenwood		
4471 S. Lake park Ave, Demitrius Myles to Randy Pearswn	11-15	156,000
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
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
4752 S. Ellis, #3W Standard Bank and Trust Company to David M. Wilson	10-19	115,000
4745 S. Ingleside, American National Bank To Matthew A. Toye	10-20	220,000
4800 S. Lake Shore Dr. #604N, Morton Miller to Jonathan Perry	10-10	55,900
4800 S. Lake Shore Dr. #2306N, Eugene Allen to Monica-Young	10-11	70,000
Hyde Park		
1700 E. 56th St. Unit t#2608, 56th & Blackstone	11-14	64,500
1450 E. 55th Pl., Hewson Swift to Pavanna M. Roper	11-14	107,000
5489 S. Cornell, Unit1, Birdie Miller to Kasib D. Abdullah	11-13	112,900
5142-2 S. Greenwood, Cle Taylor Bank, to Lawrence Stern	11-13	208,000
1170 E. 54st., #1., Juliana M. McCarthy to Susan Jean Murray	11-13	112,900
5142-2 S. Greenwood, Cle Taylor Bank, Tr. to Lawrence Stern	11-9	67,500
1332 E. 56th St. Unit 1E, Chistoper C. Stratton, III to Stephen Boman	11-9	44,000
1700 E. 56th St., Unit 3003, Kyung S. Yoo to Stephan Nowells	11-13	67,500
5843 S. Blackson #203E., Doris Eging to Joycelyn Avers & Princes Avers	11-13	250,000
5319 S. Drexel, Alfred Leopold to Mindy & David Fishman	11-22	125,000
1700 E. 56th St., #2509, 56th & Hyde Park Partnership to Honan Merza	11-21	61,500
1401 E. 55th St., Unit 216, roshaun L. hughey to Belinda C. Jackson	11-20	85,000
1700 E. 56 St., Unit 703, 56th & Hyde Park Partnership to David Peters	10-27	32,500
839 E. Drexel Square, Gregory W. Atkins to Maynard O. Welch	10-27	185,000
1302-1 E. 56th St., Joo Yeun Kim to Tasa A. Nekrosius	10-27	69,500
4800 S. Chicago Beach Dr. #312 N. Estate of Hilde Feldman to Sherri L. James	10-27	56,500
1700 E. 56th St. < Unit 3810, 56th & Hyde Park Partnership to Harold Sias	10-30	82,285
820 E. 51st., St. #820-2, Rosetta B. Marsh to Vivian Jones Alzatroe Taylor	10-31	42,000
1700 E. 56th St., Unit 3310, 56th & Hyde Park Partnership to Harold Sias	10-31	79,185
5201 S. Cornell, Harry J. Simmons to Chad Simmons	10-31	105,000
5415 S. Harper, Maywood Proviso State Bank to Charles Armstrong	11-1	105,500
1700 E. 56th St., Unit 2501, 56th & Hyde Park Partnership, to Wilson Frost	11-1	237,500
1700 E. 56th St., #2607, 56th & Hyde Park Partnership to richard Bliese	11-16	137,000
1302-1 E. 56th St. Joo Yeun Kim to Tasa a. Nekrosius	10-27	69,500
Grand Boulevard		
4950 S. Vincennes, Unit 3 John A. Beckett to Bonita Frieson	11-14	56,081
4623-29 S. Indiana, Laura Gray to Steven Almasri	10-25	30,000
4905 King Dr., American National Bank & Trust to Robert R. Sabree	10-19	45,000
823 E. 53rd St #2, Javier Talancon to Mary Lee McKinney	11-16	48,000
4331 S. Sstate, Sara Sheehan to Sean S. Furlong	11-17	na
4326 S. Vincennes, Charles j. Hudson to Dwayne lawrence	11-21	60,000
4240-42 S. King Dr., LaSalle National Trust to East Lake Management & Develop. Corp.	11-22	173,660
226-232 E. 43rd, Siham Sweiss to the Second Corp., Inc	11-22	160,000
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		
4244 S. Drexel, Mario L. Short to Carmen S. Edwards	10-11	77,500
3985 S. Drexel, Southwest Financial Bank & Trust Comp. to James A. Daniels	10-11	82,000
Washington Park		
5614-16 S. King, Chicago Title & Trust Co. to James Cross	11-14	112,900
6745 A. Indiana, Joseph W. Ebster, et al. to Carla Henderson	11-21	50,000
6819 S. Michigan Avenue, Addie B. Biggs To Marlon Conway	9-12	45,000
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
6936 S. Wabash, Lenzie Hayes to Ella Gibbs	10-10	62,000
6024 S. Indiana, Geraldine Gross to Ann Matthews	10-10	57,000

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Jackson Returns to PUSH

Negotiation.

"Demonstration", said Jackson, describing the picketing of an Arab store "...simply because it is in our neighborhood is fruitless." He stated, "we want our products on their shelves".

"Reconciliation: Okay, now we're friends again" was the quote used to describe this aspect of the five step plan.

Jackson called for the formation of committees to enact in detail plans of the group. Among those selected were Hermene Hartman, *Indigo* and Bill Garth, *GarthCo* publications.

As many prominent businessmen were in attendance Clark of Reggio's Pizza, warmly received by the audience described the inability of his million dollar frozen pizza business to compete with the major players in the industry. With pen and checkbook in hand, Clark welcomed Jackson back and announced his commitment to seeing the division's strategic plan carried out.

Men and women from many business sectors were represented and agreed to initiate a database network that will operate nationwide. Jackson described the advantages of being nationwide, "If a dog

is bitten in Birmingham, we will bleed in New York." Calling for less reliance on government, Jackson insisted that blacks should begin to consider operating on other levels. Black on Black shopping and the private sector, including banks, investment firms and the media were areas that should be utilized. "Some Fight For Wages. We Will Fight For Wealth." Jackson stated making know the sole purpose of the agenda for the commercial division of PUSH.

Jackson responded to questions concerning his involvement in his son, Jesse Jackson Jr.'s campaign. "I did what any decent father would do in the same situation, I stood beside my son." Jackson continued, "No one berated Joe Kennedy or the Vice President for his father's role in his campaign. Why single me out, Jesse Jr. targeted the likely voters and won".

The group plans to meet every Monday at 11:00a.m. with Jackson making a commitment to attend the next three consecutive meeting if his scheduling permits. For more information call Operation Push.

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Empowerment Zone Crunch Time

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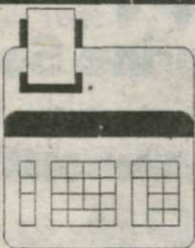
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Empowerment Zone Crunch

comes societal enlightenment and eventual reinvestment.

To accomplish the economic and historical revitalization of Bronzeville, the BMC&TC has retained the services of BR&R Communications, a lending communications, strategic planning and public relations company and the Sadler/Davis Group, a prominent marketing and event production company.

Both companies are African American owned and committed to the project. We have identified three "Tourism Events" scheduled for Chicago in the summer/autumn of 1996- The Black Congress on Health, Law & Economics, National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Democratic National Convention.

Working in concert with the Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau, the city and state offices of tourism, the BMC&TC hopes to entertain, educate and serve a variety of needs of the Black Congress. The Black Congress' ten year observance comes at a time when critical issues confront African Americans and people of color worldwide. The opinions, thoughts and direction established by the Black Congress will play a significant role in leading African Americans into the 21st Century.

At the planning meeting held December 8th, in Chicago, the BMC&TC presented our capabilities and ideas to the representatives of the ten professional organizations that comprise the Black Congress on Health, Law & Economics. Specifically, BMC&TC presented the steering committee with ideas

and concepts for public relations, events, tours, gala celebrations and inter-conference communication. The BMC&TC also presented a perspective of our collective years of professional experience, service, and unparalleled knowledge of the city and our steadfast commitment to providing every African American tourist to Chicago with a rewarding and memorable experience.

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Christmas List for Empowerment Zone Funding

Dowell Cerasoli (924-130), Mid-South Planning and Development Commission is submitting a proposal that would focus on the training of individuals to remove lead paint, along with the possible start-up of a small business performing this service.

Child Care Center- Sandy O'Donnell (373-5700) Centers for New Horizon-Proposal focus on the developing of a wholistic Child Care Center that will have a number of different program with the structure.

Diane V. Washington(413-2545)- proposal is to develop a 24hr. nursery

Institute on Disabilities-Karen B. Gross KOCO(548-7500) Homemaker training for the Seniors and the Disability, self-employment and economic development for the seniors and disabled, job referral and linkages and leadership and advocacy training.

Mr. George W. Gregg (890-5463) is interested in developing Juvenile Intervention, Health Care for minorities in the Zone

Mobile Unit for Learning Education and Health-MULEH- the contact: Bobbie Johnson (548-8310)- Developing a mobile unit that can travel thru-out the community or Zone that would be used to train and educate family and individuals.

Washington Park Comm. Empowerment Center-Contact person is Cecilia Butler (667-0464) This project looks drug awareness and sexual assault.

Economic Empowerment

Environmental Recycling-Contact: Karen B. Gross (548-7500) KOCO - Look at recycling from a environmental and economic point of view. Possible partner are Inner City Youth / CWED/ Ahkenaton/ Mid-South/ Grand Blvd. Youth Con.,

Bronzeville Institute-Contact: Pat Dowell Cerasoli (924-1330) MSPDC, proposal that will focus on the development of a vacant building to a training facility with possible several business on the lower floor.

Commercial Incubator Building - contact person: (493-1038) South cluster - this proposal will focus on the development of an commercial site that will be converted into incubator space for 20-25 existing and start-up businesses.

Myrna Smith (975-0676) is developing a proposal for a business in design

Inner-City-Youth Foundation: Christine Perkins (548-1238) this focus is to develop a youth entertainment complex that would house a number of activities. The project may also fit under youth futures and cultural diversity

Washington Park Community Empowerment Center- Cecilia Butler (667-0464). A proposal for the development of a food co-op in the community.

Development of Affordable and Accessible Housing

Housing Resource Centers-Angelo Rose or Dr. Doug gills (924-3997) the project will be a collaborative effort with the non-profit housing Community Development Corporation in the south cluster, to development a housing network of services for resident of the south cluster.

Intercessions CWA - Crystal Oduro-Kwarten (363-5712), a proposal for developing foster care housing for multiple sibling groups, collaborative partners sought to build the units working with families.

Alfred Armstrong YMCA- (538-5200) would like to provide housing for the handicapped and senior citizens.

The Chicago Cluster Initiative (726-5324) - to develop a project around youth alternative housing.

Washington Park Community Empowerment Center-C. Butler (667-0464) would like to rehab 6 single family units. They are looking for collaborative partners.

Cultural Diversity

The South Calumet Cluster and the **West Cluster** are looking at developing a proposal that would focus on the following areas, planning grants for bed-breakfast, publishing of a tourism guide book to show the events happening in our community. This proposal will also look at the use of our parks and library by designing programs that show the cultural and the diversity in our neighborhoods. The contact persons are Robert Steele, Steve Given, Harold Lucas, Angelo Rose

Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council - Harold Lucas; their proposal looks at the development of the Supreme Life Insurance Company building; 3501 South King Drive; as the "Crown Jewel" the redevelopment of Bronzeville they may be looking for collaborative partners.

WordSongs: A project sprung from *South Street Journal Newspaper*, is a literary initiative that seeks to develop a publishing company in the Grand Blvd. area. Contact person is Bev Reed.924-0461

Youth Futures

Youth Art Incubator - Bobbie Johnson (548-8310) Development of a Zone wide incubator for youth, the creation of art the selling of that work, this also may be a collaborative effort.

KOCO - S. Bennett (548-7500) their are developing a youth proposal and may be looking for collaborative partners.

Chicago Alliance for Neighborhood Safety-Nancy M. Cobb (461-0444) this proposal would look at the cultural awareness program that uses Art & Literature to assist with conflict, they are looking for collaborative partners.

Chicago Alliance for Neighborhood Safety-contact person Nancy M. Cobb (461-0444) this proposal is to develop district youth councils- to have young adults participate in community, policing programs and create a better relation between youth, police and the community. **Washington Park Community Empowerment Center-**contact person C. Butler (667-0464) this proposal look at developing a Park Dist. Recreation collaborative., they are looking for partners.

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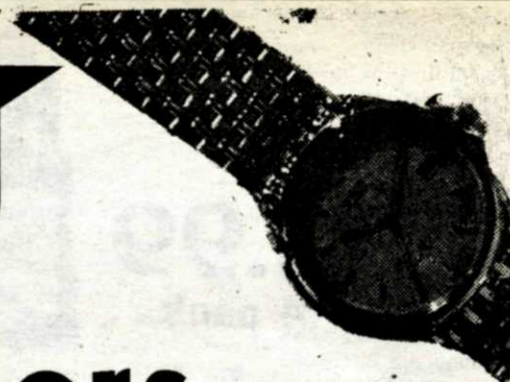
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