

Dangerous Lead Levels found in Three Mid-South Elementary Schools

by Robert Thorne

On Tuesday, April 23rd 1996, South Street Journal investigated lead in Mid-South schools, along with Joanne Tate a state licensed lead inspector. The investigation was based on reports of lead in the schools and how much children were being unnecessarily exposed to lead.

The investigation uncovered dangerous levels at three schools in the Mid-South Area: (1). Fuller Park/Hendricks, 4316 S. Princeton (2). Washington Park/Burke, 5356 S King Dr. and (3). Kenwood/Reavis, 834 E. 50th Street. The testing phase of the project took less than 75 minutes to complete.

In each school, high levels of lead were present. According to the Chicago Department of Public Health's newly released "Community Area Health Inventory," the Mid-South area is where a high percentage of children with elevated lead screening occur. Fuller Park ranks #1, Washington Park ranks #9, and Kenwood ranks #25 of Chicago's 77 communities.

The Elementary Schools that were tested were all in Region 4 of the School Districts, located in the lower Southeast and Southwest sides of the city.



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State licenced Lead Inspector, Joanne Tate, stands in front of Burke Elementary School, 53rd and King Dr. and holds up one of several positive lead tests taken from local schools. Burke Elementary also tested positive in the lead probe conducted by SSJ's Investigating Team.

The questions left to determine are is it safe to assume that every school in Region 4 has dangerous levels of lead, and how long has it been present? The Board of Education has the clear responsibility to insure that schools are safe.

South Street Journal attempted to contact the following sources for information and all had no comment on the matter: Shirley Coleman, vice-chair of the City Council Committee on Energy and the Environmental Protection and Public Utilities.

Reavis principal, Ms. French, said, "If there is lead on the premises we are genuinely concerned and the appropriate measures will be taken to alleviate the problem."

The principals of the targeted schools had no comments.

Ben Raez, director of operations at the Board of Education said, "Thanks to the South Street Journal we have been alerted to a serious health threat to our children, because of the [SSJ's] investigation we are in the process of preparing a plan of action to rid schools of lead."

Increase Police Brutality Cases Cost City Big Bucks



SSJ file photo

A crowd of on-lookers gathered at 61 and Michigan Ave. as two Chicago Police Officers search and question several area youths. A normal target for police stop and search

by Joe Tillman

Rodney King - motorist, severely beaten by Los Angeles Police.

Tyrone Neal - Woodlawn resident killed by police for "lack of I.D."

Ron Carter - SSJ Publisher "roughed up" by police in routine traffic stop.

Names from the past and not so distant past that have come to represent the ultimate irony of criminal justice; men & women charged with the protection of the community, stepping over the moral line and abusing the power derived from the public.

There could be several reasons to

explain these actions including high level of crime in certain areas of Mid-South communitiess and the belief that there is a lack of African-American officers on the street. White police officers make up 92% of gang crimes and narcotics officers, and only a handful of Black officers recently "passed" the sergeants exam for the Chicago Police. Some, including the police, would point to the perceived surge in violent criminals and officers using "any means necessary" to protect their lives.

Case in point, 22 year old Eric

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Private Management in Public Housing and Ida B. Wells



SSJ Photo by Vince Walker

Vacant apartments and broken windows describe the condition in which CHA's Ida B. Wells low income housing can be found. Privatization is looked at as might be a change of all that, but at whose expense some residents claim.

Douglas--The Ida B. Wells public housing complex, the first public housing complex built in Chicago, is scheduled to be included in the second phase of the private management initiative undertaken by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Management of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA).

While Dearborn Homes and Wentworth Gardens are maintaining the direction of resident management, private management is a full direction for public housing as HUD work to remove management ran by tenants or private manage-

ment. While some think the concept of private management is a Godsend for Wells, others see dark motives behind the move. Beatrice Hamm, member of the Local Advisory Council (LAC) and long time community activist,

believes that private management in the case of Wells is a thinly veiled disguise for the ultimate displacement of residents.

"Its a play designed to get rid of the tenants and bring in a team that

CHA RFQ for Alternative Management in Mid-South Communities
Scattered Sites
Southeast
Prairie Courts
Lake Parc Place &
Judge Green Apts

will destroy the low income charter of public housing," said Hamm

Helen Finner, LAC president for the past-23 years said, "People who are fly by night, only want to run to the media when they don't get their way instead of attending meetings and voicing their choice are the problem."

In terms of the private management plan Ms. Finner said, "CHA came to us and said they were broke and there was no money for rehab.

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Empowerment Zone First Round

Questions Centered on Impact for Jobs

by Donnell Robinson
Staff Writer

As the Empowerment Zone (EZ) first round of funding projects are being selected by the City's EZ Enterprise Community Coordinating

Council (EZCCC), questions and concerns are being raised on the impact on jobs for community residents in the proposals being approved.

Furthermore, reports were that

EZCCC are dismayed over the process to make the EZ program work. They are complaining that they never have been given enough information to do a good job, working as a rubber stamp committee.

Mid-South communities were one

Organization Name	Funds Requested	Recommended	Total Budget of Project
Mid-South Planning & Dev. Commission, 43th and King Drive	110,000	110,000	1,952,500
Fund for Community Redevelopment, 63rd and Cottage	473,909	473,909	6,418,921
Fund for Community Redevelopment	1,272,990	1,272,909	8,833,500
Sutherland Community Arts Initiative, 47th and Drexel	500,000	500,000	926,300

of three Chicago areas targeted for EZ \$100 million funds to help

create economic opportunities for

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The Lottery and Zip Code 60653

By Clarence C. Terry

The Ida B. Wells project houses the largest number of people, 5660, in the postal zip code 60653 - 12 square blocks, 35th street to 47th street, Lake Michigan to State street. Most of the families consists of a single Black woman on welfare with children.

Even though this is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city of

Chicago, State of Illinois Lottery sales have averaged well over 7 million dollars a year since 1990 -- currently \$7,168,171,00 for fiscal 1995 up to March 1995.

"Retailers receive a 5 percent commission on sales and a 1 percent bonus on winning tickets exceeding \$1,000," a rule that is reported in every annual Lottery report. Retailers in zip code 60653 for fiscal 1994

were paid over \$358,408 in commissions. The amount of bonus they were paid is not available, but the names of the retailers for each zip code is available for \$57.

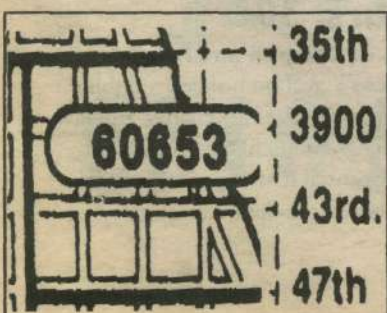
Without knowing the specific names of the vendors, we do know from observation that most of them are Arabs or East Indians. Since these people do not live in zip code 60653, hardly any of the commission or bonus money is spent in that Black community.

What Could This Sales Money

Have Bought?

In this zip code are located two high schools, King and Wendell Phillips, and ten elementary schools with substantial unmet equipment needs. Officials at King High School, 4445 S. Drexel, report they need 65 heavy-duty training typewriters and 125 computers to accommodate classes of seniors that average 100 members each semester. The total cost of the typewriters

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CTA Board Calls For Reopening Green Line With 24-Hour Service

The CTA Board Wednesday decided that 24-hour service will return when the Green Line 'L' reopens Sunday, May 12, pending a systemwide analysis of all owl (midnight to 5 a.m.) CTA service.

On another Green Line issue, the Board amended the Fiscal Year 1996-2000 Capital Improvement Program to provide funding for construction of a station at Laramie Avenue on the Lake Street portion of the line.

"We have said all along that we are serious listeners when it comes to the concerns expressed by community groups and riders at public hearings," CTA Chairman Valerie Jarrett said. "At the

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hearings held last month, it was clear that a station was wanted at Laramie, which the CTA Board previously stated must be funded.

"Since budget constraints continue to require close scrutiny of the way we spend our limited resources," Ms. Jarrett added, "we need to study the entire issue of owl service to make sure we make the fairest, most efficient use of our operating funds, while at the same time recognizing the real needs of our customers."

Solicitation of bids for construction of the new station at Laramie will be advertised immediately. A late fall opening of the station is planned, with completion due early in 1997.

New Concept School To Benefit From Robert Dale Birthday Bash

New Concept School, a nationally recognized, not-for-profit academic institution located on Chicago's South side, will receive the proceeds from a fun-filled birthday extravaganza, to be held on Sunday, May 4, 1996, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight, at the Park West Ballroom, 322 W. Armitage. Robert J. Dale, president and CEO of R. J. Dale Advertising and Public Relations, will be the birthday honoree and host of the much talked about event. Herb Kent, the recent Radio Hall of Fame inductee and V103 radio personality, will act as the master of ceremonies for the fundraiser, which is entitled, Ol' School Celebration.

"Fundraising events have gotten a bad rap because they are so often extremely formal," said Dale, who is serving as president of New Concept School's board of directors for the fifth consecutive year. "New Concept School is such a special place, and it provides a service so distinct and desperately needed in our community that I wanted to have a celebration in its honor."



PHOTO View

According to the Board of Health a thirteen year old girl could get birth control pills without their parent. Do you agree?



No. The parent should be there. I think the parent should know, if something happens to the child, the Board of Health would be responsible.

Audrey White
Washington Park



No. A 13 year old is not responsible enough to make such a decision. Plus, they are too young for sex.

The parent should know.
Charlie Campbell
Woodlawn

Mid-South City Council Update

By Doug Kelly

Residents of Woodlawn who are concerned about the proposed demolition of the Green Line east of Cottage Grove, will be interested to know that a related issue will be acted on at the April 29th, meeting of the authorization of the sale of a parcel of land at 63rd & Dorchester to the Apostolic Church of God. This sale is opposed by those in Woodlawn who want to see this land used as a transfer point between the Green Line and the I.C. If this transfer point is eliminated by this proposed sale, it will strengthen the argument in favor of demolishing the Green Line east of Cottage Grove. Also under consideration at this meeting will be the approval of amendment #2 to the Woodlawn



Redevelopment Plan. The meeting will be in the City Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of City Hall at 121 N. La Salle Street at 2 p.m., on Monday, April 29th.

Effecting the Kenwood-Oakland residents, under consideration at this meeting will be the approval of authority to enter into a redevelopment agreement with 7 members of the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago to facilitate the 1996 parade of Homes.

On Zoning: The community owes a debt of gratitude to all readers of last issue of *The South Street Journal* who called their state senators as recommended and asked them to vote against the bill SB1821 which would eliminate the City Council Zoning Committee and replace it by a 3 man zoning commission appointed by the mayor, which would leave the community without representation in matters of zoning. The bill has still not passed, so keep the calls going to your state senator.

Hyde Park Store Man Wins \$25,000 in Illinois Instant Game Prize

A Chicago man has claimed a \$25,000 prize from the Illinois Lottery's "Hula Moolah" instant game. James Griffen, 50, purchased his winning instant ticket at An-Bo, 1516 E. 53rd Street in Chicago. The retailer will receive a \$250 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

"Hula Moolah" instant tickets cost \$1 each. Top prizes in the game are \$25,000. One \$25,000 prize has not been claimed. In addition, there are 19 \$5,000 prizes still unclaimed and 18 \$2,000 unclaimed "Hula Moolah" prizes. "Hula Moolah" instant game tickets can be purchased at some 8,200 Lottery retailers across the state.

The UnZip

Something new in protesting, City Hall can expect some upset Black Businesses making it known that want their fair share of city business. No word if Mr. Higginbottom or Larry Higgins and the Black Contractors United will join the protest opposing the less than 6% reported that Black Businesses receive. Not counting political payoffs.

Bob Bartell, the State Chair of Independent Voters of Illinois/ Illinois Political Organization, got kind of insulted by last issues' UnZip that the organization can be paid off. He said "Nobody buys an IVI-IPO endorsement. They earn it." Well, everybody knows that Bob! It may be like the full page ad Dr. J. Almad placed in SSJ, that indirectly earned him front page coverage. He earned it. The same way candidates help pay for the ad IVI-IPO placed in SSJ. For the record call us and we'll tell you the source.

Ziff Sistrunk is at it again running for Mayor of Bronzeville... this time he says from Bronzeville, Illinois (Grand Boulevard Community), he and "supposedly" Mayor Richard Daley is putting on the 2nd Annual Bronzeville Night at the Palmer House Hilton, promoting the Business, the Institutions, the People. investing downtown like the Alderman of Bronzeville. P.S. Ziff check with the Chicago Defender is you want to run for Mayor of Bronzeville.

The word is that Angleo Rose, formerly of Ahkenaton Community Development Corp. is starting a new Development Corp. setting up near 48th and Champlain Also from Center's for New Horizon, Hope Institute there's a Tracy Larcy on the scene heading up the organizing component!

Code of Silence among Elected Officials? That doesn't apply to elected official staff. Word is that a staff person from Ald. Tillman's office quit because she did not want to go to jail. And people wonder why Ald. Tillman's records are being subpoenaed. Something the Alderman's office do not care to talk about.....And Yes, its true that African American Police League President, Pat Hill told Ald. Tillman she's going to have that seat.

Wonder if Christine Perkins know the rainbow of people from Mexico was seen doing the maintenance at the 4500 S. Michigan building instead of community residents.

As the Washington Park Empowerment Zone Center get set for the May 4th, Second Annual Fund Raiser, the question is will Harold Lucas be one of the 20 residents that will receive awards?

Isn't it true that Law makers such as Ald. Streeter should report the wrong doers in City Hall. In the 17th ward, SSJ Publisher Ron Carter's brother (Don Carter) may be appointed by Mayor Daley as Alderman. "Talk about sticky situations for SSJ's political affiliations Howard A. Kenner, CPA serving as State Representative for the 24th District has joined Boiling & Hill as a consultant for their firm. Looking forward to seeing you at the May 18th HOUSE WARMING at SSJ.

Calendar of Events

On going

"The Temple" a play of a group of women confront their dreams and ambitions as they frequent a local hair braiding salon. At the ETA 75th and So Chicago. Thursday - Sunday through May 5th. Ticket information call 752-3955.

Sat. 27

Crusaders For Justice : meets every Saturday at 12 noon, at Holiness Temple Church, 56th and Indiana every Saturday.

Washington Pk. Community Coalition: meets at the Washington Park Fieldhouse, 5531 S. King Dr. (Last Sat of each month).

Washington Park Wetlands Project Workshop : Residents and neighborhood schools are encouraged to attend, once known as the playground of the "Black Metropolis". The goal is to provide residents and neighborhood schools with the opportunities and resources for full participation in the planning, planting, interpretation and stewardship. The Ecology of Washington Park, 10:00 a.m., April 25, 1996 ; 7:00 p.m.

Ugamaa Food Market Mass: meeting to formulate the Food Coop at 54th and Wentworth at the Grand Blvd. Shopping Center where the meeting will be held at 3 pm. , doors open at 2:00 p.m.

S.T.R.I.P.E.S., Inc. and Fahmeeda : Newman Veal of the Jessie W. "Ma" Houston Prison Outpost of PUSH will hold The Freeman Concert at PUSH Community Hall, 930 E. 50th St., Live Entertainment; gospel, Jazz, Raggae, HipHop, R&B, Peotry and Vendors, Donation \$15. For infor call F-R-E-E-D-O-M.

Sun. 28

NCOBRA Meeting at Washington Park Field House: 55th and King Drive. Meeting 4th Sunday each month.

Mon. 29

Taifa Black Awareness holds classes in: Black History, leadership, conflict resolution, and more every Monday from 6 to 7:30 at Kennicott Park . at 4434 S. Lake Park Avenue.

Tues. 30

Task Force for Black Political Empowerment: meets at Inner City Studies, 700 E. Oakwood every Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Firman Community Services Chgo. Family Case Management Program. Immunization Drive 9:00 a.m. - 3 : 00 p.m. On the corner of Omega Baptist Church. Care Van will be available along with WGCI , C APS, Chicago Urban League and Child Support Enforcement Team. Refreshments will be served.

MAY

Thursday 2

Black Men Pushing meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30p.m. at Operation PUSH in the Evans Chapel.

Saturday 4

Chicago Bee Branch Board of Directors and Commissioner Mary A. Dempsey cordially invites you to the opening ceremony : at Bee Branch Library, 3647 S. State St. at 11:00 a.m.

UNIVERSAL NATIONAL BANK : free home loans seminar 10:00 a.m. 1354 E. 55th St. at Lake Park. GOT QUESTIONS? Purchasing? refinancing? Home improvements? (312) 684-1200.

Washington Park Community Fundraising Event/Washington Park Refectory, 5530 S. Russell (Bulls' Basketball Playoff ticket

raffle). Call : 312. 667.0464.

Tuesday . 7

Parent Workshop, Even Start Program. Hall Branch Library 4801 S. Michigan, 10:00 a.m. Facilitator : Ron Carter, Southstreet Journal

47 th Business Association 113 Club at 7:30 p.m. 113 E. 47th St. Invited Guests include : Ald. Tillman and Commissioner Doyle

Sat. 11

The West Woodlawn Council of Block Club's Women's Auxiliary meets monthly on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Parkway Community House, 500 E. 67th street; 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. All women are invited.

Tue. 14

Mid-South Planning and Development Commission committee meeting to be held at the King Center 4314 S. Cottage Grove, 6 pm. for information call 924-1330

Tuesday. 21

African American Contractors and Small Businesses : Walking on Downtown/ Daley Cntr, Clark and Washington; Tues. May 21, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.

Thurs. 30

Dept. of Children and Family Services : will be holding a public hearing on rather to change the law on Background checks of current and potential foster parents. State of Ill. building. 2-4pm.

Town Home Blues Comes To 43rd Street!

Grand Blvd.--An all-star line up of blues bands and performers will kick off the 4th Annual 43rd Street Blues Festival on Thursday, May 30, 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. on the rear patio of the Martin Luther King Center, 4314 South Cottage Grove Avenue. This celebration of Chicago Blues is sponsored by the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC), serving the Greater Grand Boulevard community affectionately known as "Bronzeville."

This event is an official neighborhood festival of the Mayor's Office of Special Events and precedes the June 1 opening of the City's annual blues fest in Grant Park.

The blues as an art form was nurtured in many small blues clubs throughout Chicago's southside and will be heard live at the corner of 43rd and Cottage Grove.

Opening up this year's festival will be Robert Johnson's sidekick, Honey Boy Edwards. Shirley King, Daughter of the Blues and inspirational teacher of blues. Phil Guy and The Chicago Machine will light up the crowd blues singer Tommy McCracken. Headlining the festivities will be the legendary Byther Smith, a regular performer at Theresa's Tavern. Blues Impresario, Ralph Metcalfe, Jr. is Master of Ceremonies.

"Over the years, this event has become a popular and well attended community celebration of the Blues and recognition of the Theresa Needham Blues Center, Checkerboard Lounge, Versies Lounge, Muddy Waters Drive and the 43rd Street Blues District. We want to attract blues lovers from all over Chicago back to 43rd Street", said Sam Clark, Festival Co-Chairman.

This year, MSPDC will also highlight the campaign for the redevelopment of the Theresa Needham Blues Center. When completed, the Center will preserve and present African American history and culture as nurtured in the Chicago blues tradition.

4th Ward Heads "Blitzed" With Extra Services

The 4th ward will be part of the first phase of Chicago's 50 wards to receive a week of extra Streets and Sanitation services this spring including a special Saturday bulk pick-up.

This second annual City Services Blitz, planned in cooperation with the aldermen, will begin the week of April 29, in the 4th ward. The special bulk pick-ups will be Saturday, May 4th, starting at 10:00 a.m., for all households that receives Streets and Sanitation collection services.

The remaining Mid-South wards will be similarly blitzed in succeeding weeks as follows:

May 6-11: Ward 3; bulk pick-up on May 11. May 13-18: Wards 16 and 20; bulk pick-up on May 18. May 28-June 1: 2nd Ward; bulk pick-up on June 1.

Extra resources are being put into those wards to sweep streets, remove graffiti, tow abandoned cars, repair street lamp outages and perform rodent-control services.

All of these services will be in addition to--not instead of--the regular Streets and Sanitation work in the wards, according to Commissioner Eileen Carey.

Signed permission is needed to remove graffiti on private property and cooperation from motorists on street sweeping days.

Service requests should be made to the Mayor's Office of Inquiry and Information's 24-hour City Services Request Line at 744-5000.

Bronzeville Landmarks Under Siege

A public hearing was held by the Committee on Historical Landmark Preservation on Monday, April 15th, in the council chamber of city hall to determine the fate of eight (8) historically significant buildings, including the civil war Soilders Home on east 35th Street and the John Raper House on south Lafayette. Even with opposition from some owners, all were recommended for city landmark designation. Despite high visibility media attention and a well organized *Restoring Bronzeville* campaign focused on restoration of landmark buildings representing the cultural heritage of Black people in Chicago, the *Black Metropolis Historic District* was not considered for landmark designation.

The decision by the Committee on Historical Landmark Preservation not to include the seven (7) buildings that comprise the Black Metropolis Historic District for consideration as Chicago landmarks, reveals a lack of respect for African American heritage by the Department of Planning & Development.

The Black Metropolis Historic District has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983. And, was first submitted to the Commission on Chicago Landmarks for city designation under the Harold Washington administration in March of 1984. The Black Metropolis Landmarks have community based support and

BLACK METROPOLIS CONVENTION & TOURISM COUNCIL

Heritage Tourism Review

By Harold L. Lucas

each structure has a development plan for renovation conceived by local community development organizations. Collectively, all the landmarks are key components of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to create an International Heritage Tourism Destination. Yet, the Chicago Department of Planning & Development has not put forth a request for Chicago designation of a National African American Historic Landmark District.

Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BMC&TC) members attended the hearings and discovered that the dean of African American Aldermen, Allan Streeter (17th ward), was the Chairman of the Historical Landmark Preservation Committee. It's a sad day in Chicago when the Chairman of the Committee that has the power to designate the Black Metropolis Historic District as a Chicago Landmark pleads guilty to corruption charges.

When Alderman Streeter should have been plotting strategies to save the 8th Regiment Armory building and the Wabash YMCA, both in danger of demolition, he was "Johnny on the spot" serving the corrupt interests of his underworld mole. Corrupt Chicago politicians



Historic Trust workshop on *Saving Chicago's "Black Metropolis"*. Imagine, the Chairman of the Historical Landmark Preservation Committee, the Honorable Alderman Allan Streeter as a distinguished panelist. Get real...in Chicago all we get is just another corrupt Alderman who's politics of ego, self adulation and personal greed are more important than preserving African American heritage for our posterity.

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Foster parent recruiters are at the ASMFC headquarters, 2907 South Wabash Avenue. Married couples or singles over 25 years of age, may qualify to provide care to many of the large number of children in foster care. For more information on becoming licensed, contact Maryam Husain at 312/808-1080.

Scholarships to Help Residents Strengthen Communities-- Application Deadline May 15

Floyd Butler, South Shore resident and social studies teacher at Simeon High School in Auburn Gresham, was skeptical when he received a scholarship to attend a national conference on historic preservation. "I didn't really see how it would benefit me," he said. A year later, Mr. Butler was so enthusiastic about how preservation can help revitalize communities, he was a speaker at the national conference. Having the opportunity to exchange ideas on neighborhood development with community leaders across the nation, he now urges other Chicagoans committed to community revitalization to apply for the scholarships as well.

The Chicago Partnership for Community Revitalization is inviting residents form throughout the city to apply for full scholarships to the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference to be held in Chicago on October 16, 1996. The theme of the conference is "Preserving Community: City, Suburb & Countryside." A total of

250 scholarships will be awarded to people who want to learn practical skills in building healthier, more livable communities--at no cost to the scholarship recipients.

Mr. Butler is the founder of Young Urban Preservationists (YUPS), an organization that teaches youths about community development and the significance of historic sites in Chicago neighborhoods, while doing hands-on projects such as building renovations. His personal interest is in redesigning shopping areas in the inner city. The people he has met at National Trust conferences have been helpful in his YUPS and development projects.

"I met a woman who works for the US Department of housing and Urban Development's department of preservation, and she has really helped me to get some vital information to help YUPS," he said. He keeps in touch with several people he has met at the conference from around the country.

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Private Management

We felt that private management was the only way to insure that the properties were rehabilitated."

When asked if HUD had planned a Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, (CIAP), Finner said that she was unaware of such a program or its ramifications.

When SSJ attempted to contact

CHA's central office or Ida B. Wells management for some idea of administration plans for the development, they refused comment.

One can only hope that the Lakefront incident is not going to be repeated

(where the majority of residents were displaced and not allowed to return and the demolition of two-thirds of the community).

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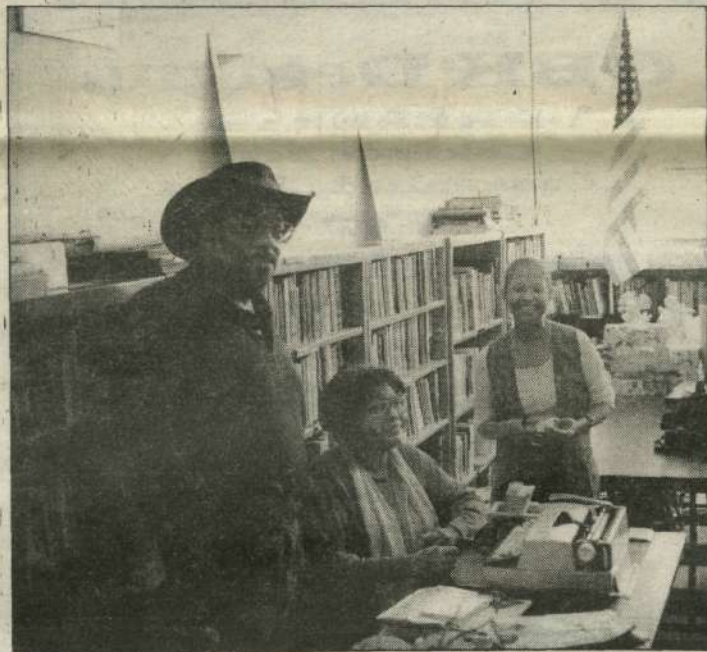
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Vista Gardens Open Library in Washington Park

(L to R) Don McClain, Head Engineer, "Mother" Ida Fulton, founder and organizing of the the Vista Library and Pat Scott, manager Vista Gardens, are shown at the opening of the Vista Library for the entire community as well as for the residents of the building.

"Many people told part of making the Library possible." Explain Mother Fulton. "I thank Mr. Demspey Travis (an owner Vista Gardens. Mr. Harold Moore, Clifford Kelly and Decon Leroy Wiley for collecting books for the library.

Mother Fulton is now working on a obtaining a large TV for educational support.

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Nation's First Slave Trade Exhibit Opened at the DuSable Museum Sponsored by General Motors

Grand Blvd. -- In the summer of 1700, the English merchant slave ship Henrietta Marie sank thirty-five miles west of Key West, Florida, shortly after unloading a cargo of 190 enslaved Africans in Jamaica.

Nearly three centuries later, using the shipwreck and artifacts recovered from it as a focal point, Key West's Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society unveiled the first major museum exhibition in this country devoted to the transatlantic slave trade.

"A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck Of The Henrietta Marie" opened at the DuSable Museum of African American History on Friday, April 12, 1996. The museum is located at 740 East 56 Place (57th and Cottage Grove) in Chicago's Washington Park and the exhibition is sponsored by General Motors.

Anchor House

An Innovative Concept in Housing for the Homeless

The Woodlawn Community Development Corporation (WCDC), an arm of The Woodlawn Organization (TWO), hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for Anchor House, a 115-unit facility. When renovation is completed this fall, the complex will feature apartments ranging in size from efficiencies to 3-bedrooms for the homeless community. Located at 7601 So. Racine, Anchor House is in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood, a predominantly middle-income community.

As TWO stretches its city-wide projects from Woodlawn, the \$8.6 million rehabilitation will transform a long-vacant building into a haven for the homeless individuals and families with supportive social services: including GED, adult literacy and job readiness programs and an infant/toddler day care center. It will also have a large community room, an educational laboratory equipped with computers and a laundry room.

Carole Millison, President, WCDC, said: "This groundbreaking has been a long time in coming, but we are excited today and thankful to all those who worked to conceive and actualize what we think of as an innovative concept in housing for the homeless."

Due for completion this fall, the Anchor House Development is among five Chicago housing projects that will meet the housing needs of the homeless and those who are at risk of homelessness as part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's exception on project-based Section 8 programs. Discontinued in the 1980s because of alleged widespread fraud, the Section 8 Program allows subsidies to developers who agree to rent to low-income individuals.

Residents are expected to reflect the current homeless population, including and emerging teenage population. Fifty percent will be comprised of individuals and families referred primarily from the Chicago Housing Authority's homeless waiting list and 50% will come from the immediate communities.

Leon D. Finney, Chairman of the Board of TWO, said: "This new concept in housing for the urban homeless will help strengthen families as they grow towards self-sufficiency. Our hope is to create a new village which nurtures families."

In its nearly 25 years of operation, WCDC currently owns and/or manages more than 2,500 units of public and private housing.

Political Columnist

by Jerald Wilson

In the 12th District, Committeemen Foil Black Empowerment Effort

The City's ward remap case, which is costing taxpayers \$8 million dollars (and still climbing), has Black Aldermen purportedly digging in to achieve proper minority representation in the City council. Like the 1980 fight over the (then Mayor) Jane Byrne map, the wrong side has the money to thwart minority empowerment. The Byrne fight only ended when Harold Washington was elected and dropped all court action, which set the stage for Special elections that gave him control of the council. It seems to be all for naught.

Despite current census figures that places the City's Black population at 1.1 million, the Hispanic population at 500,000 and White at 1 million, Whites still have 24 wards, Blacks 19 and only 7 Hispanic ones. There's a lesson here, but its not the one that seems apparent. Its that Minority empowerment is being frustrated not by Whites, but "For Sale" Blacks.

The State Senate race in the 12th district gave strong indication of who they are with the 20th ward's Arenda Troutman garnering the dubious distinction of having a "bargain basement" price.

Of the 9 wards making up the 12th, 4 helmed by Black committeemen and 1 by a Hispanic, Troutman turned out 1,278 votes to help renominate incumbent Robert Molaro on the Democratic ticket. Her support came in response to a \$200 contribution from him, her most recent disclosure shows. His totals led the other candidates in the 15th and 17th, both Black wards whose committeemen are plaintiffs directly or in spirit in the remap action. The question then, that begs an answer, is Why!

The answer is, its the "Sgt. Waters" syndrome. In August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize winning Play "A

Soldier's Story", Sgt. Waters, the villain of the piece, demoted the only other Black sergeant close to him in rank. That was so he could be the H.N.I.C. Unlike many White politicians who keep competent, even candid staffers around them, most Blacks want marginally efficient syncopates and hanger-ons running their operations. Molaro's strongest support came from the expected ethnic areas. The 11th, 14th and 23rd gave him thousand-plus figures. There was no justification for his {in your face} victory in Virgil Jones and Allan Streeter's wards. It can only be explained that they "want for the price." and that's not surprising considering that all three {Jones, Molaro and Streeter} have been mentioned in the Silver Shovel probe.

Shirley Coleman's 16th, apparently resisted the Molaro blandishments or inducement for support. Randolph Anderson III, her candidate ran second to him. Charges that Molaro put "ringers" in this race, echoed from the last time. His lopsided 54% (11,000+) vote totals in conjunction with Black committeemen effort for him gives rise to the believe that he purchased the seat with pennies.

These committeemen are studies in contradictions. On one hand, they engage in rhetoric when they voice their desire and intention to work for Black people's rights. On the other, they're just Fifth columnists. They've shown the capacity to work harder {and with more ease} than the most rabid racists by their tacit support for a White Senator to represent and 85% minority district at a time when Super-Majority districts are under siege from the courts.



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Book Tour Brings Rev. Al Sharpton to Push and Sharp Criticism of GOP

by La Risa R. Lynch
Staff Writer

Kenwood--While on a national book tour, the Rev. Al Sharpton, one of the most outspoken leaders of the National Rainbow Coalition, recently spoke at Operation Push, 50th and Drexel, denouncing the Republican Party's political agenda and the disrespect shown to Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown's family.

Rev. Sharpton, who was appointed to the Coalition's Ministers Division in 1993 by the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., its founder and president, gave sharp criticism to the Republican Party's social policy manifesto (Contract with America).

"We are forced with all over this country with Republican governors that think it is proper social policy to cut budgets to education; to cut budgets to health care; and to cut budgets to senior citizens but to increase budgets to build prisons," said Rev. Sharpton. He further compared their political ideas to a card game that dupes unexpected participants out of their money.

"What the Republicans are doing is a social /political five card molly game," contends Rev. Sharpton. "They give you a tax cut here so they can sucker you in to take away student aid...and medicare."

He also contends that the private business sector plays into the hands of the Republicans by justifying the elimination of affirmative action.

"They pit white and Black working people against each other telling white folks that Black folks got your jobs; that's why we got to stop affirmative action," he said. "[However] Black folks are doubly unemployed in this country, how can we have your jobs when we are unemployed two to one."

But his greatest criticism of the Republican Party stems from the disrespect shown to Ron Brown's family when the Republican leadership did not attend his funeral.

"The fact of the matter is that none of the Republican leadership would not even go to Ron Brown's funeral," said Rev. Sharpton. "For Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole not to respect the death of the Secretary of Commerce who was on a mission for the United States, shows the contempt that they have for people of color."

His displeasure with the Republican Party was shared by Congressman Bobby L. Rush, who joined with the Democratic Party and the Congressional Black Caucus in denouncing the Republican Party.

"The lack of respect that the Republican leadership demonstrated was a mean spirited snub," said a spokesperson for Congressman Rush.

Rev. Sharpton argues that to disrespect a man who rose through the ranks despite bigotry and discrimination and "tried to represent the best in the nation...is a sick and sad time."

He suggests that Black Americans must organize in order to prevent the Republican Party from using the political system against them.

"The only thing they are depending on is our lack of organizing. The only thing they are depending on is that we will be caught up in so much cynicism that we won't even try," said Rev. Sharpton. "A lot of our young people say 'Well, I'm just through with the system'...[but] if you live in public housing-that's the system; if you get public assistance-that's the system; and if you are going to substandard schools-that's the system."

"Have the courage to fight the system since you are already in it," said Rev. Sharpton. "You are already suppressed and exploited by it, stand up in it and fight back."

In order to re-energize the Black community, one of Rev. Sharpton's goals is to establish a national political network that will challenge the decision making process for laws and social policies of both the Democratic and Republican parties. This network will extend to the federal and local government.

"I am concerned with being part of a national movement to energize and save our people who have been politically disenfranchised and, in many cases, become politically uninvolved and apathetic," said Rev. Sharpton.

A colleague of his, the Rev. Tyrone Crider, former executive director of Operation Push and pastor of New



Rev. Al Sharpton being interviewed by South Street Journal staff writer by La Risa R. Lynch

Hope Community Baptist Church, 47th and Cottage Grove, supports his efforts in rallying the Black community together.

"I support his efforts in making the community get involved in making [it] better 100 percent," said Rev. Crider

This national movement will address specific problems facing America. This includes enforcing the voter's rights act and protecting and maintaining laws upholding individuals' rights against crime and violence, police brutality and exporting jobs overseas so large multinational corporations can obtain a cheap labor market.

According to the Rev. Sharpton, the greatest problem facing America is the lack of equal protection under the law. "The law and society protects some based on class and race and not others," said Rev. Sharpton. "And what we have won in the 60s, we are threaten to lose because of our lack of vigilance..." in demanding change.

He believes that Black Americans sense of complacency and sense of noninvolvement is derives from other people preaching to Black Americans that they can not make changes and can not do anything that will affect social and political policy.

"In fact, we not only can [affect change] but we have, and we must continue to," contends Rev. Sharpton. "We have been the ones to confront the criminal justice system from cases like Howard Beach to cases like Bernard Goetz, and Bensonhurst. We've been the ones to challenge the Democratic Party in the 1992 and 1994 primaries when I ran for the senate."

It was during that 1994 senate campaign against Senator Daniel P. Moynihan that Rev. Sharpton challenged and surprised his critics when he received 26 percent of the statewide vote, 87 percent of the statewide African-American vote, 51 percent of the Latino vote, and 34 percent of the New York city vote, according to a National Rainbow Coalition press release.

It was through this amazing accomplishments that Rev. Sharpton found it necessary to document his story. As a young child living through the Civil Rights Movement, he read several autobiographies of many of the leaders and activists who led the struggle to freedom. It was these books that led him to understand that African-Americans must tell their own stories and recount their own history.

"I think we have an obligation to tell our own stories to our own people," contends Rev. Sharpton. "Since, so many other people

document things about us, write books about us, and articles about us, so I thought it was time for me to interpret for myself what I am trying to do."

His autobiographical book, "Go and Tell Pharaoh," chronicles his life and works that ultimately led him to be one of the most dynamic and controversial community leaders of our time.

Attny. Jeanette Wilson, chairperson of Operation Push's Women Division, commented that his book is not autobiographical in the traditional sense, but it relates the stories of the Civil Rights Movement and that of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. from the vantage point of those who have been in the struggle.

"I had a different view from my classmates which probably added to my sense of social action and rebellion," said Rev. Sharpton.

That rebellion and social activism started when he was growing up in the hard core ghetto of Brooklyn, N.Y. However, his father, Alfred Sr., was a rather industrious businessman who grow successful and later moved his family to a middle class community in Queens. Despite the better life Rev. Sharpton's father made for his family, the traumatic separation between his parents, forced his mother, Ada, to move back to the slums of Brooklyn. There, she became a domestic worker in order to raise her children.

It was through this traumatic experience of seesawing between rich and poor that Rev. Sharpton began to understand the differences in America's social structure.

"By having lived more middle-class, I understood the contrast, because I know they were suppose to pick up the garbage and, I know the police was suppose to come and protect you; not to whip you," said Rev. Sharpton. "So it gave me a perspective of how socially, politically, and economically we [Black Americans] were under occupation."

In the rape case of Tawana Brawley, her civil case is still pending and is now a graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C.



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Wallace "Gator" Bradley, a community activist in the Grand bouvelard community was one of the many present at the book signing of Rev. Al Sharpton's at Operation PUSH

Editorial

Acapulco Focus For Mid-South

A recent return from Acapulco has me reminiscing about the sun drenched sandy beaches, and realizing something that was truly amazing about the economic structure of a city that has grown from 800,000 to 1.8 million in 10 years. Somehow there was a stable but tattered bridge between rich and poor, working class and upper class, linked by a common industrious goal --- tourism. That simple word pours in millions of dollars per year.

Among that city's concrete and glass hotels and in between squatter villages, lies several local markets, where both indigent vendors sell self-made items to stylish cafes selling iced margaritas. All social classes come together to tour towards the economic vitality of the city; the rich get richer and the poor don't mind, the poor get their portion and the rich don't mind. Despite their differences in economic class, the rich as well as the poor have a collective social and business focus, with the focus on tourism. A unique focus due to the same ethnic culture and a strong since of it. An observation served as a reminder that my community's culture had been stripped.

The people there, men, women and children were willing to dedicate their lives to the focus of their city. There they measured dedication in terms of one's willingness to fulfill a need to make tourism work.

In Chicago, the LaSalle Street Council, the State Street Council, and the Michigan Avenue Council take a relatively simple concept of pulling their resources together to attract hundreds of convention goers and sight seers to spend money eating at restaurants and to shop at boutiques. The downtown area pours many dollars to the business owners each year and with the summer fast approaching that will, more likely than not, triple as it prepares for the Democratic Convention.

If these downtown street councils can boom with economic growth, then that same concept can apply to any council, even the Black Metropolis Tourism District. It also has much to offer

those convention goers and sight seers. The Mid-South Community and the tourism district have history to stir the soul, dazzle the spirit, and educate the mind.

Harold Lucas of the Black Metropolis Tourism District has taken on the noble task of helping to restore the area known as Bronzeville, and keep it in the hands of the community. His fight to keep the Supreme Life Building from demolition has been recorded in the Chicago Sun-Times. \$150,000. is a mere drop in the bucket compared to the estimates of millions of dollars that the tourism industry in Illinois generates.

Many are probably unfamiliar with the legacy and the contributions of the Bronzeville area or of the attractions contained therein. Several of these attractions, although dilapidated, represent a sense of historic pride. The Chess Record Building, 21st and Michigan Ave., is known for launching the careers of such jazz artists as Ramsey Lewis and Wynton Kelly to name a few following with the Checker Board Club. The Griffin Funeral Home, 32nd and King Drive, served as a military base for the Union Army induction center; then as a prison for Confederate soldiers. Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, 24th and Wabash Ave., established in 1847 and is the oldest Black Church in the city. During slavery, several of its congregation participated in the underground railroad. The armory at 35th and Giles Ave., which is the home of the "Fighting Eighth" Infantry of the Illinois National Guard, was built and designed to house a regiment of African-American officers. (Threaten to be demolish.)

Driving through this vicinity, one might notice the grand stately houses that line the streets, such as the home of Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, 445 East 42nd St., the founder of Provident Hospital and the first surgeon to successfully perform open heart surgery. Oscar S. DePriest, the first African-American to serve on the City Council and to be



elected to the U.S. Congress. His home is at 45th and King Drive. Robert S. Abbott, the founder of the Chicago Daily Defender, resided at 47th and King Dr.

And with the forthcoming opening of the McCormick Place expansion, several tourists will be passing through the Mid-South area. If the 47th Street Merchants Association combined their efforts with 43rd Street Merchants and the Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council, an economic boom of our own can be blossoming right before us. Letting the peddlers sell their legal goods on the streets without police harassment as they do now.

Lets us apply the focus of Acapulco. Clearly, there are a multitude of challenges facing the community, but one of the most important is the challenge of capturing the minds of our children, and teaching them by example. We have to pool our resources from street vendors and artists to shop owners. We can bridge the Mid-South's diverse social classes together by using not just tourism as the nails, the hammers, and the plywood to build a stable bridge of economic prosperity for this community. But as a focus. A focus for the Supreme Life Building, the Alco store on 35th Street, the Ujamaa Food Market on 55th and Dan Ryan. A focus on 47th Street, the Family Entertainment Complex.



Ron Carter
Publisher & Editor

Letters to the Editor

Statement of Congressman Bobby L. Rush - The Death of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown

Dear Editor,
I join President Clinton in offering my condolences to Alma Brown and the Brown family, as millions of Americans mourn the loss of Commerce Secretary Ron's I. Browde

Ron's tragic death comes as a shock to all of us who loved him and were close to him. His contributions to our nation are immeasurable. There could not have been a better role model for the African American community.

Ron leaves behind a lasting legacy that includes his triumphant leadership of the Democratic National Party and impressive stewardship of the U. S. Department of Commerce. Never before has our country enjoyed such widespread success in business development and international trade.

I enjoyed a close relationship with Secretary Brown. I had the pleasure of hosting a meeting in Chicago in 1993 between the Secretary and African American business leaders in our city. And I was pleased to work with him on a number of mutual industry concerns such as telecommunications and economic development. History will undoubtedly record that Ron Brown was the greatest Commerce Secretary this nation ever produced.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Brown family.

Congressman Bobby Rush

A Soliloquy Ode to the Green-Line

Dear Editor,
I present my allegmentary regarding the community hearing (March 12th), detailing renovation of 63rd Street between Cottage Grove and Dorchester, in Woodlawn, and I was impressed by the turnout. I feel disheartened by the division overshadowing the hearing of the Green Line (Jackson Park train line) from statements made by community leaders, primarily Bishop Arthur Brazier (Apostolic Church of God), and his anti-Green Line coalition.

Bishop Brazier endorses the concept of renovating the 63rd Street corridor, despite how it would affect the Woodlawn Green Line, and the Dorchester terminal, causing for the "demolition of the Green Line, and termination of the Dorchester station...."

This contradicts the rest of the Woodlawn community because the demolition plan forfeits the affluent Green Line history, contrary to the reality that the Green Line, initially, empowered 63rd Street to become the commercial center for the Southeast side by delivering shoppers, which has aided in Woodlawn's development.

Brazier and his primary partisan, Leon Finney (chairman of the Green Line Task Force) failed to understand the significance of rapid transit for a



community like Woodlawn, because most of its residents rely on public transportation. Because of this, my endorsement goes out to Mattie Butler (Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors), and her coalition, for their fight to preserve the Woodlawn Green Line. I challenge Braziers' concept because there seems to be a shortage of significant historical documentation strengthening his affirmation that "the Green Line evicted past commercial enterprises and residents..." I did my own historical analysis to test the validity of his affirmation, and my research challenges Braziers' concept of the Green Line's demolition being essential.

Woodlawn's population had reached 80,000 + in the 1940s, but as white residents saw Black residents venturing into Woodlawn, they "abandoned ship." By 1990, Woodlawn's population plummeted to under 30,000. Commercial enterprises saw revenue dwindle, and many followed the exodus, or went under, and yes, even the Jackson Park Green Line's ridership level plummeted, and nothing implies that the Green Line evicted these residents.

Leon Finney, presumably, [represents] Green Line riders, but he seems to have a leadership

deficiency on the Woodlawn Green Line issue. Woodlawn should not have to forfeit rapid transit because sporadic groups of individuals have no concept of the significance of rapid transit in communities like itself. Woodlawn's anti-Green Line residents persist that the Green Line is their dilemma, but this is a Southeast side dilemma because residents in South Shore, South Deering, South Chicago, Jeffery Manor, Avalon Park, and "Pill Hill" are also dependant on the Green Line.

The objective of the Dorchester terminal would make the Green Line accessible to these Southeast side residents; this would be impossible at Cottage Grove.

The anti-Green Line coalition should reconsider their stances on the Woodlawn Green Line question. I encourage Mrs. Butler, and her coalition, to maintain the pressure on the CTA and the city, and all participants involved should go aboard the Green Line when it opens, see the significance of the Green Line, and enjoy the ride. "Go Green!"

by Robert J. Dixon
Loyola University
Sophomore

Black and Blue and Loving It

Dear Editor,
How blue my heart is when you say good bye
Not quite as blue as the ring around my left eye
I should leave you! You b....!
I've had quite enough of your knuckle sandwich
The last five years with you I could write a book
Mainly about your right cross and left hook
From the moment you come walking through the door
To the five minutes I'm trying to get off the floor
Your anger that is inside you on me you release
Everly.....Amber.....Somebody
Call the police!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

by Eve Clifton

Excuse Me! "The Slave Master"

Dear Editor,
It seems as though the slave master did a good job by separating the slaves who were brought into this country. Systematically, slaves were not allowed to learn to read or write. If they were caught trying to learn, a terrible price was exacted: including death.

Centuries later, the effects of slavery still linger today in our people, mainly in the form of apathy. We can tell this by simply observing the way we vote. Nor do we support anything in large enough numbers unless it is directed by Caucasians. Blacks who do support white causes are strictly out for themselves.

A good example of this would be the 100 black preachers who supported a white candidate here in Chicago for Mayor back in 1994. Sometimes it makes me wonder if we black people are slow, retarded, brain-dead or just don't give a damn about anything.

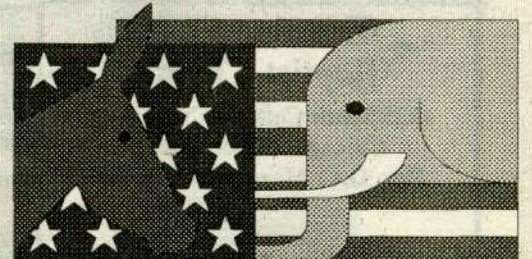
What is the black mind set? Is there no hope for us? We must start to look at our black leaders such as Louis Farrakhan, Dr. Ben Shavers and Rev. Al Sampson. We must hear from women also. Women such as Maya Angelou, Dr. Margaret Burroughs, and community leaders, such as, Mattie Butler. All of these leaders represent the best in the Black community.

Even now, you can anticipate reductions in welfare benefits, medicaid, affirmative action, set-asides grants for education, vocational training and, you guessed it, MORE PRISONS being built!

We, as blacks and voters, should align ourselves with neither Democrats nor Republicans but with those who understand and are able to champion our own causes, whether black or white. This way, neither party can take us for granted.

President Clinton and Dole seem to be speaking out of both sides of their mouths while Buchanan at least speaks his bigoted, racist mind. Maybe this is one reason why we blacks find it so hard to vote in large numbers. It could be because we have yet to get satisfactory results from voting for either party, Democrat or Republican.

Concerned Citizen,
Harlan Hayes
Woodlawn.



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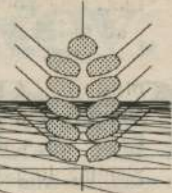
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'I am not the Savior, but I am a Savior'



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Minister Farrakhan began his national tour at Mosque Maryam, on 73rd and Stony following his intense 60 minutes interview. The Minister addresses the world tour, Africa, the money from Libya, politics, and more.

According to Minister Farrakhan, the government is trying to destroy him because of

fear. "As in the example" Farrakhan explains, "The scriptures, the government of Egypt was afraid that the children of Israel would one multiply, two join on with an enemy and three come against them 4 turn them out of their land and five, Moses would change the religion of the people.

Farrakhan says he is not an educated man but a man inspired by God. "An educated man logically would not try to pull off the Million Man March," said Revelation comes from on high not from a book." Minister Farrakhan went of to say "I am not the Savior but I am a Savior....." In this prayer Jesus said Our Father not My Father".

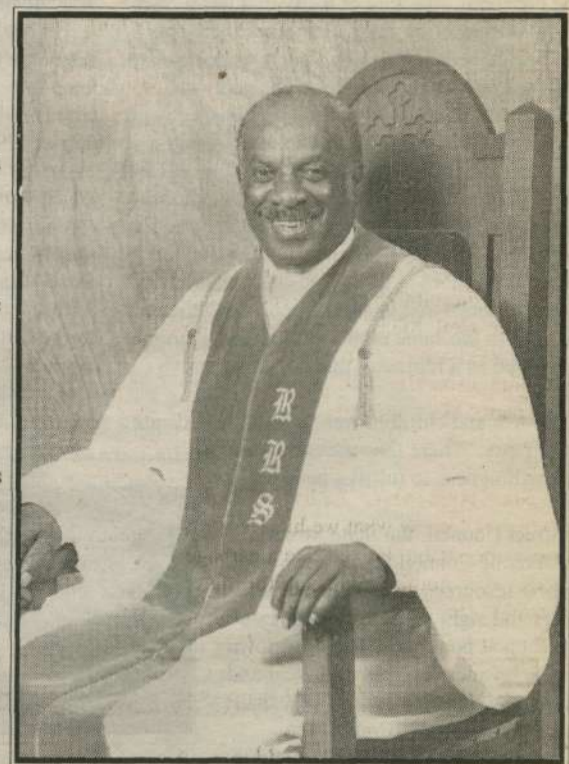
Rev. B. Herbert Martin of Progressive Community Church on 48th and Wabash and Rev. Al Sampson were among the many leaders present at Mosque Maryam in support of Minister Farrakhan.

South Street Journal will have an inclusive interview of Minister Ishmael Muhammad of Mosque Maryam in the May 8 issue



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Up Close Bishop Robert R. Sanders Bishop of the Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Illinois

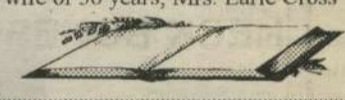


By Essential Photography

Bishop Robert Sanders was born October 3, 1939 to Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler Sanders in Elkhart, Indiana, the eighth of ten children. Bishop Sanders received his early training in the Indiana school system. He was saved at the age of 13 years old at Emanuel Temple COGIC in Gary, Indiana under the pastorage of the Late Elder John Mannings. As a child he served as Sunday School Superintendent and Y.P.W.W. President. After the death of his mother, Bishop Sanders moved to Chicago where he continued his high school years at Tilton Tech and Dunbar High Schools. He later attended Moody Bible Institute and International Seminary in Orlando, Florida.

Accepting the call to the ministry in 1952, Bishop Sanders faithfully served the men of God and the church. In 1957 he was ordained by the late Bishop Louis Henry Ford. Under Bishop Ford's leadership, Bishop Sanders was appointed as pastor of McClelland Temple COGIC and served from 1968 to December 1973. In January of 1974 he was appointed pastor of New First COGIC in Chicago Heights. Bishop Ford saw great potential in this servant and in 1986 appointed him pastor of All Nations COGIC in Joliet. While in First Jurisdiction, Bishop Sanders was honored as the 1975 Pastor of the Year, served as District Superintendent, State Evangelist President, State Sunday School Superintendent, State Expeditor, faculty member of the C. H. Mason William Roberts Bible Institute and as Administrative Assistant.

Bishop Sanders is supported by his wife of 36 years, Mrs. Earle Cross Sanders and their five children.



River Crossing

Mr. Charles (Charlie) Richardson—a long time resident of the 401 building, was a tall, quiet elegant man. For those who got to know him, he had a warm sense of humor and loved to talk politics. He did not engage in small talk and would let you know it. He was a Chicago Policeman for over 20 years and a founding member of the Afro-American Patrolman's League. He was a bodyguard for the late Mayor Harold Washington and for former U.S. Congressman, Gus Savage. Throughout his life he set an example of what an African-American out to be. There is a riddle "If a tree falls in the forest and no one hears it fall...is there sound? A giant mahogany tree has fallen, a great man has silently slipped away. No one heard the tree fall and no one saw Charlie leave. His two children, brothers and sisters and all his family, friends and neighbors will miss him, and we know...he did pass this way.

Soul Stirring Revival at Holiness Community Temple

Holiness Community Temple - 5536 So. Indiana Ave. Beginning Wednesday, May 1st Ending Sunday, May 5th (Except Saturday). Speakers Wednesday, May 1st * 6:30 p.m. * Rev. Lois Mathis Message: "Being Delivered" Thursday, May 2nd * 6:30 * Rev. Joe Bell Message: "Do You Love God?" Friday, May 3rd * 6:30 p.m. * Rev. M. Earle Sardon Message: "The Devil And Hell Are Real" II Corinthians 5:17 "Christ Makes All Things True" Coffee And Cakes Free Rev. M. Earle Sardon - Pastor

A Bishop Is Consecrated and Installed

On Saturday, May 4, 1996. The Most Right Reverend Chandler D. Owens, International Bishop, and the General Board of Bishops, Church of God In Christ, Inc. will consecrate and install Rev. Robert Sanders to the office of Jurisdictional Bishop. A full day of celebration is planned beginning with Installation and Consecration Services; 10:00 a.m. at the Life Center Church Of God In Christ, 5500 S. Indiana Ave. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Chandler D. Owens, International Bishop, Church of God In Christ, Inc. For information concerning the events, please contact Sandra Smith at (708) 757-5080.

Rev. Jackson Keynote at Progressive Community Center

Presents A Pre-Mothers's Day Luncheon Saturday, May 11, 1996 Chicago Hilton & Towers International South Ballroom 720 S. Michigan Avenue. Reception 12 Noon Luncheon 1 p.m. (Promptly) Special Guest Speaker The Honorable Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. Congressman of the 2nd District of Illinois. Donation \$50.00 R.S.V.P. before April 28, 1996 by calling 312-538-2677. Rev. Dr. B. Herbert Martin, Sr. Pastor.

And Rev. Jackson at Geneva Scott Outreach Services

The Geneva Scott Outreach Services presents their Fourteenth Year Anniversary Celebration on Friday, May 3rd, 1996 7:00 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church 45th Place & Princeton, Chicago Rev. Clay Evans, Pastor Guest Speaker: Rev. Jesse Jackson.

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Police

Smith, who was deaf, was shot six times after he did not properly respond to the orders of the police.

In a recent interview of the *Chicago Sun Times*, Police Superintendent Matt Rodriguez was quoted as characterizing the officers involved in brutality as having "...a lot of enthusiasm on the job" and that his concern was the money paid out in settlements to victims of brutality.

Repeat brutality offenders accounted for \$5.6 million of the \$12 million the city spent on settlements. Officer Neil Maas' 13 years on the force has been responsible for over \$1 million in settlements. In one case, his patrol car struck a bystander after he had been hit by the car they were chasing.

Maas response to the incident was: "we didn't know what we hit. He went up in the air and looked like a garbage bag. It's nothing unusual for these people to throw their garbage

anywhere on the street like that!"

Mary Powers, executive director of Citizens Alert, a Police Watchdog Group said, "The current level of police brutality is unforgivable and that citizens need to take a more active role in insuring that the police administration is more pro-active in disciplining abusive police officers".

In December 1995, the Internal Affairs Division received 5,910 complaints from the Office of Professional Standards. Of these cases, 1,089 were sustained and of those sustained disposition, 392 officers received reprimands and another 688 received suspensions up to 30 days. Another 85 resigned while under investigation and 59 were separated.

The Office of Professional Standards investigated another 3,079 cases and sustained the allegations in 244 cases and of those, the vast majority (193) received suspensions of 1 to 5 days.

As 20 police officer watch another physically abused Ron Carter, Carter put in a complaint to OPS which the agency concluded their investigation as sustainial action of the police. Even after a fellow officer identified the officers in question.

Mitchell Johnson, a member of the Inner City Youth Foundation said, "Its hard to believe that less than half of the cases investigated by police officials were sustained". Now, new allegations are springing from the community that officers are planting drugs on young men detained by the police in an effort to solicit the location of weapons in the neighborhood.

Although there have been no charges substantiated, the view has been widely viewed as real by community activists such as Johnson, staff attorneys at the Police Custody Hotline, and others. Repeated attempts to reach Supt. Rodriguez and the mayors press secretary went unanswered which speaks volumes about their interest in justice in this matter.

Ald. William Beavers (D-7), chairman of the Police & Fire Committee, had no comment on the issue of police brutality even when we asked why less than one-third of all cases of police misconduct are adjudicated as sustained and if that was cause for alarm.

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EmpowermentZone

low-income residents. Reports from the South Side Empowerment Zone Cluster are centered around if the jobs are going to benefit the residents in lei of pre-development projects funding.

Cecilia Butler a member of the council, said, "planning projects are not giving jobs to community residents as the purpose of the funds were intend for."

There were 315 proposals submitted city wide. Eighty two were from the South Side, 52 from the Mid-South communities. Three have been funded.

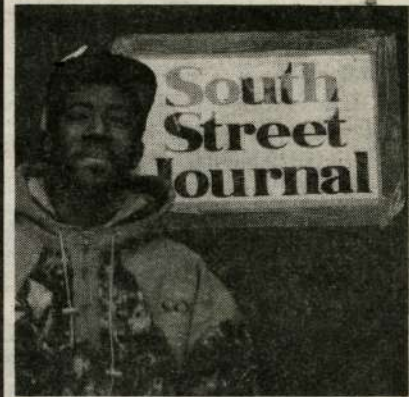
Their projects are: Mid-South Planning & Development Commission project for the Overton Hygienic Business Incubator, 3615/25 S. State (EZ). The project calls for the rehabilitation of the architecturally and historically significant overtones Hygienic building in order to provide leasing space to fledging business.

Kenwood/Oakland Apartment Rehabilitation a project of the Fund for Community Redevelopment. This project will rehabilitate two currently vacant multi-family apartment buildings located at 811 E. 46 Street and 4001 S. Ellis Ave. in the Kenwood - Oakland area.

The Fund is also being funded for the 47th & Lake Park shopping center. The project that has been on the drawing board for over ten years for 47th & Lake Park. This particular proposal call for the redevelopment of a 75,000 square foot, city-owned site at 47th and Lake Park in the North Kenwood area. At this time these are organization that have been approved, there are others being considered.

The amount of jobs being created by the Mid-South projects were not provided.

"Youth In The Hood"



by Elaine Norwood

Name: Luv Dushaun Ford
Residence: Rosenwald Boulevard on 47th Street
Age: 20
Education: High School drop-out/Even Start participant/enrolled in Tolton Adult Education Program
Status: Parent of a 15 month old daughter, Shakita Ford and fiancée to LaKita Beard. Dashaun is the new youth editor of the South Street Journal. Dashaun Love is a partial prodigy of the Grand Boulevard area. Consequently, he is aware of the continuity of violence, drug centered climate, and multi-generational pregnancies experienced by young teen-aged mothers. "Black youths are disillusioned and listless in their attempts to get out" expressed Dushaun. Views on being a father in today's society: As a black man and single parent, we should be there for our children - as an example, even if you are not with the mother we can teach our kids to be educated and to accomplish their goals. We also must show love.

The plight of youths today: I feel that we should get more encouragement and more opportunities to grow.

Relationships with your friends: some of my friends are shady and some of my homes' are influenced by their environments and some are caring and respectful.

Religion: Religion is positive and teaches self-respect. It motivates you towards a better outlook on life and it is also controversial.

Youths not completing their education: There are two groups of teens, those that go to school and those that hang out. When in school I felt it was boring, teachers expect for you to know things and don't explain them to you. So then I began cutting classes and later dropped out.

His direction for the Youth Page: To show young people that success is in their reach.

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60653

(\$420 a piece) would be \$27,000. The total cost for state-of-the-art computers (\$3000 a piece) would be \$375,000--total cost for both items \$402,000.

Wendell Phillips, 244 Pershing Rd. with a senior class of 150 would need 150 computers at a cost of \$450,000. This school

requires 70 training typewriters at a cost of \$29,400 -- total cost for both items would be \$479,000.

The ten elementary schools in 60653 average between 65 and 70 seniors every semester, which require at least 75 computers to ensure that a computer is available for each student. The total cost for the schools would be \$2,110,000. The total cost for equipping the 2 high schools and ten elementary schools with a proper number of up-to-date typewriters and computers would be \$2,579,400.

What Should Be Done About This Problem?

Since the boundaries of 60653 are almost identical to the boundaries of the 4th Ward, this matter has been brought to the attention of Alderperson, Toni Preckwinkle. We expect that she will start a program to educate the residents against squandering their money on the lottery (odds 10,000-to-one), and seek ways and means with the state officials to get the Lottery Law repealed.

So far we have received no response from Alderperson Preckwinkle.

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Harris Expands to Grand Boulevard Plaza

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banking network operated by Harris in Chicago and the suburbs.

The move will mean that Harris in addition to its presence at the new facility on 47th and Drexel will also operate a facility in the Grand Boulevard Plaza at 55th and Wentworth.

Financial Matters

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.

Shorebank Announces New Neighborhood Development Organization



South Shore--(From left to right) On Tuesday, April 9th, Milton Davis, chairman of South Shore Bank, hands the "key" to Shorebank's new economic development organization, Chicago Neighborhood Institute, to the organization's Vice-President Cliff Kellogg and Chief Executive Officer Craig Lewis.

Chicago Neighborhood Institute will invest more than \$40 million over the next ten years into the South Shore and Austin neighborhoods to help companies expand and to help local residents find jobs in their own communities.

When SSJ asked about the organization's commitment to the Mid-South community regarding South Shore Bank purchasing Drexel National Bank, a spokesman responded that the focus is still on South Shore and its surrounding communities; however, specific projects for the Mid-South community is pending. An interview with Mr. Davis is forecast in the near coming issues of South Street Journal.

Woodlawn

6454, 56 & 58 S. Cottage Grove, William Tokowitz Trust To Percy Palmer & Geraldine Palmer	3-20	40,000
6150 S. University, Chgo Earnest B. Caldwell To Quentin Pitluk	3-20	59,000
6102-3 S. Dorchester, Unit 6102, Chgo. Wil-Freds Development, Inc., To Michelle Luckey	3-12	55,000
6318 S. Ingleside, Chgo, Olav Aalrust To Jerome Martinez	4-2	125,000
6736 S. Langley, Chgo, Community Capitol Re. Corp., To Cedric Griffith	2-22	100,000
6111 S. Eberhart Ave., Phyllis Moore To Margaret J. Buchhalter	2-15	85,000
6342 S. Ellis, Sarah Saffolo* To Dolli Branch	2-7	95,000
6102-3W S. Dorchester, Unit 6102, Chgo, Wilfreds Developments, Inc.,	2-5	63,500

Kenwood

4729 S. Woodlawn, Gary L. Lee to A. Hall	4-2	637,500
4800 Chgo Beach, Unit 1409, Salvatore, Rose Cerami & Elizabeth Neale to James E. Sumier	3-31	31,500
4800 S. Cgo Beach Dr., Unit 2316 No. American Natl. Bank & Trust Co. to Lena M. Brantley	3-18	127,000
4340 S. Greenwood Ave., Chgo. Janet Hill To Angela Dade	3-14	40,000
4403 S. Greenwood, Chgo John Beckett To Rickey Shannon	3-12	164,000
4942-C S. Cornell, Melk Development/MCL Cornell Square L.P., To Kathryn	4-2	259,900
4729 S. Woodlawn, Chgo Gary L. Lee To A. Hall	3-28	194,000
936 E. 46th St., Chgo, James Hatts To Caldwell Littleton	2-28	54,000
4942-A S. Cornell., Unit C-11, Melk Dev/MCL Cornell Square To Anita/Nira West	2-28	32,000
4940 S. East End Ave., Chgo, Allen E. Haak To Winifred Reed	2-28	54,000
4816 S. Drexel, Chgo, Sadie Young To Veronica Baker	2-27	32,000
4361-63 S. Greenwood, John A. Beckett,	2-6	115,000

Hyde Park

5618 S. Kimbark, Ut. 6, Jeanne Bilter to Patrick Hall & Sarah Tohey	4-2	156,500
5400 Hyde Pk Blvd, #D9, First Colonial Trust co., to Kimberly M.E. Carter	4-2	142,500
5100 S. Hyde Pk. #2B, Diane E. Steitz to Torin J. Edmond	3-29	56,000
5343 S. Drexel, Jeffery Seales To Kurt T. Temple	3-18	127,000
5432 S. Blackstone Ave., J. Thomas To Danut Telbisz	3-19	95,000
5612 S. Blackstone, #2, Erik & Barbara Flom To Robert F. Almgren	3-14	120,000
1401 E. 55th St., Unit 508-N, Margaret L. Clemons To Mildra Clay	3-12	43,500
1121 E. 54th St., Chgo. * To Robert Wernis & Ruth Wernis	3-12	208,000
5618 S. Kimbark, Unit 6, Chgo, Jeanne Buitter To Patick Hall and Sarah Tuohey	4-2	156,500
5400 S. Hyde Park Blvd, #D9, Chgo. First Colonial Trust Co., To Kimberly M. E. Carter	4-2	142,500
5314 S. Drexel Blvd., Unit 3-S, Chgo, D.G. Cubed, Inc., To Nathan Turner	2-26	140,000
1450 E. 55th Place., #1019-5, Hyde Park, Nathan C. & Alia Turner To Carol A. Dunn	2-26	72,000
5344 S. Drexel, Chgo, Chicago Coast Investors, Inc., To Wayne Jackson	2-22	45,000
1234 E. Hyde Park, Unit 1A, Chgo, Margaret E. Raines To Marc E. Christmas	3-1	152,500
1215 E. 54th St., Vernon A. Miller To Charles & Leesa Albert	2-15	241,000
5138 S. Kenwood, #3, Claudette Morin To Wallace W. Williams	2-5	91,500

Grand Boulevard

4817 S. Champlin, Margaret Harris to Community Capital Resources Corp.	3-29	74,900
606 East Oakwood Blvd., Chgo Olivia A. Banks & Richard A. Young, Jr.	3-8	70,000
4446-50 S. Indiana & 118 - 20 E. 45th St., Chgo. Alan Robinson To Neal M. Jackson	3-8	180,000
660 E. 51st St., Unit 2B, Chgo, Chicago Title & Trust Company To Paul Minervino	2-27	85,000
4008 S. King Dr., Chgo, Ahkenaton Community Development Corp., To Helen M. Davis	2-26	50,000

Fuller Park

4941 S. Princeton, Chgo, Alvia Baker To Patricia Hortense Walker	2-27	49,000
4364 S. Wentworth, Chgo, Beatrice Scott To Louis Bacon	3-6	45,000

Oakland

4244 S. Drexel, Mario L. Short to Carmen S. Edwards	11-22	77,500
3985 S. Drexel, Southwest Financial Bank & Trust Comp. to James A. Daniels	11-22	82,000

Washington Park

6731 S. Indiana Ave. Toya D. Merriweather to Regina C. Bryant	3-29	80,000
5344-46 S. Wabash, Jacob Knox to George Harvey	3-20	85,000
5158 S. Wabash, Chgo, Kenneth A. Porter To Lamont Foster	3-20	34,000
5700 S. Indiana, Chgo, Joseph Whilkes c/o Robert Johnson To Orea James	3-7	125,000
5146 S. Wabash Ave., Chgo, Boyce Richmond To Mary Ella Moore	3-1	55,000
6728 S. Michigan Ave., Lourdes J. Wheat To Ricky D. Hawkins	2-6	78,900
5326-28 S. Indiana, Chicago Title & Trust To Mittie Nesbary	2-7	55,000

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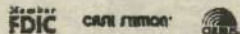
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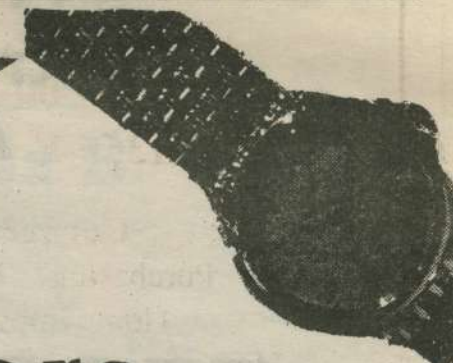
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