

The End of the Hole Taylor Homes on Schedule for Demolition

Washington Park - As Cabrini-Green on the West Side received the mass media attention for redevelopment: The Hole - a given name to three buildings of the Robert Taylor Homes, 5322 S. State, 5323 S. Federal & 5326 S. State, consider the most notorious public housing since the late sixties is close to a formal decision to be demolished by 1998 under the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Hope VI project. The similar program that is guiding

HUD to Taylor Homes Residents: "Plan Your future or it will be done for you" Mid-South Organization Question CHA's Placement and Jobs for Residents

the demolition of eight Cabrini-Green buildings and the rehabilitation of the area for mixed-income families. While Taylor was created in the early 1960's, the concern has always been challenged for a commitment to involve residents in the revitalization of their community. A position that the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC) stress to HUD in a letter to make sure

residents are involved in the process. But at a general meeting on October 1, attended by Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) director Joseph Shuldiner, the concern by members of the MSPDC stress to Shuldiner "not all of them in our neighborhood" and want is needed before 'moving the residents are jobs." Annette Carter ask Shuldiner "Where are you going to put the people". As the actual strategies

and tactics for moving the residents and producing jobs varies from community residents to public housing residents. Shuldiner said CHA as they did in the Kenwood/Oakland community. 15% of the residents will be coming back to the community. The rest we will have to see.

Taylor B Local Advisory Council (LAC) and the CHA Division of Resident Programs has been meeting for months focusing on the 400 families that occupy the three buildings. Plans without residents involved have started to the point of including two additional building to be demolish, 5001 and 5041 south Federal.

Emphasis are steadily been placed on the well being on the residents.

A steering committee was to guide the redevelopment of the area and moving the residents out with section 8 certificates. The Section 8

certificates drive was based on a survey where the majority of residents voice their concerns to move.

Some residents questioned if it represented the true wishes of the residents. "If you were asked to move after promises and promises were made you would want to move as well." voiced Ms. Betty Scott a resident of Taylor for over 20 years.

"Residents will suffer serious financial losses if section 8 combined with the push to cut out public aid by 1998 the same time HUD proposed to demolish the buildings." Scott reminded the residents and HUD.

"It's got to be more than moving people out on Section 8. Jobs and education is the key. If the government provide education with jobs we wouldn't be in the position we are in now." There has to be a holistic approach than moving people out and demolishing the buildings.

As HUD has allocated several thousand Section 8 certificate for the plan,

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SSJ Photo by Owen Lawson
Mildred Dennis President of Taylor B Homes standing on a chair stress the involvement of residents in the decision to demolish or rehab Taylor Homes last summer. Where she said their actions will guide hers.

Bronzeville A Mid South Area getting a lot of attention

Douglas(Bronzeville)-- Harold Lucas has been promoting Black Metropolitan for over ten years, which includes Bronzeville. To this date many initiatives has started. The Mid-South Planning and Development Commission has adopted the slogan "Restoring Bronzeville and sponsors an

annual Housing Tour of the historic homes in the area.

Other initiatives still pending by Lucas is to promote the Mayor of Bronzeville, a mock and notable concept conceived by the *Chicago Defender* in the 30's and 40's. Lucas is now heading the Black Metropolis

Convention and Tourism Council, which has acquired the Supreme Life building on 35th and King Drive to be a business and convention tourism center.

Many news stories were written by major newspapers. One recently in the *Chicago Sun-Times* on Ray Mason.

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The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee members and their association and subcommittee assignments are as follows:

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LeRoy Kennedy, Assoc. V.P.
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SSJ Photo by Duane Lee
Bronzeville, the area commonly known to cover between 22nd and 39th street, from early 1900's to the mid-50's. Is getting a rebirth the art works that includes a 15 foot bronze male figure by Alison Saar.

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Here Comes (The Judge-ment)

Pincham Challenge the Irish Machine Control States Attorney's

Just as the city's Democratic Party leadership double cross Cecil Partee and Patrick James O'Connor, the same will happen to Richard Devine, according to Professor Robert Starks, Chairman of the Black Task Force for Black Political Empowerment (BTFBPE). In analyzing the past Cook County State's Attorney elections the democratic party leading committeemen wards supported the Republican Party over their own candidate.

"R. Eugene Pincham, will be coming on as the dragon slayer to break up the second powerful position in the Chicagoland area ran by Irish politicians." According to Starks. "It is a most extremely powerful position. The next most powerful position other than the mayor," said Starks. "And the Irish has ran that post for years from Chicago to Washington D.C. The Illinois States Attorney, U.S. and the F.B.I. ran by the



SSJ File Photo
R. Eugene Pincham, the Justice Party candidate of Cook County States Attorney.

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O'Mally wins Democratic Leaders

Wards	Ward - Votes
10	10,738
13	16,764
14	9,486
18	14,671
19	20,917*
23	18,044
30	10,547
32	13,296
33	8,441
36	17,043
38	16,460
29	11,312
40	9,363
41	22,442
43	22,822
44	21,196
45	18,881
46	11,626
47	13,040
48	10,674
49	8,497
50	10,894

*Chairman Hines



Photo by Willy Schmidt
These young workers cleaned the parkway and vacant lot at 37th & Michigan Ave. as part of Mayor Daley's summer Jobs program. The Department of Streets and Sanitation has been assigned 500 seasonal workers to complete similar work throughout the city.

Community Briefs



Photo by Peter Schulz

Friends, family and co-workers gathered last month to dedicate a tree in memory of Streets & Sanitation Deputy Commissioner Leo Clark, who died last spring after a 38-year public service career that put him in charge of snow operations, street sweeping and other important programs. Joining in the ceremony were (l to r) Ald. Dorothy Tillman, (3), Mrs. Wilma Clark and Commissioner Eileen Carey.

The UnZip

Two political organizers in the Mid-South area are reportedly getting or got married. From the 3rd Ward, former aldermanic candidate **Antoni Chappel**, and from the 4th ward, **Al Kindel** staff person of Ald. Toni Preckwinkle is jumping over the broom.

Is it true, **Leroy Square**, presi. of MSPDC has a contract with **Henry Horne**? While Mid-South is the wagon train of public housing.

Community organizations that's about doing some real, bottom up organizing (the Empowerment Zone don't count) should contact the **Woods Foundation** for funding. They are looking to fund those action organizations. Social Service stuff need not apply.....On that note Mid-South congressman elect of the 7th district **Commissioner Danny Davis**, his agenda upon becoming congressman will reportedly be direct involved with low income resident concerns. This will be his first time serving constituents of public housing.

Joe Tillman is now working with the **Crusaders of Justice** and looking pretty clean nowadaysAnd the Crusaders alone with **Washington Park Community Coalition** made some good head way ensuring community people got jobs with the **Black Circus** in Washington.

Peggy Cotton, the community's mask maker is an extra in the movie the "Hood", which was shooting on 24th and Michigan. If you are interested in being a movie extra, contact **Peake Casting** at 1212 S. Michigan, #1002, Chgo. 60605. Provide a picture of yourself.

Morgan Carter, the conversation Starter, (distant slave cousin to SSSJ publisher **Ron Carter**) will be the M.C. for the 3rd Anniversary of SSSJ, November 2nd....Ziz Sistrunk is unzipping the wrong zipper saying SSSJ was sold to **Morgan Carter**. We will sue you like Ald. Tillman sued SSSJ.

Kenwood resident, Wanda White formerly with CWED, is now employed with CHA, also CHA hired a writer of the **Chicago Defender** to do its residents newspaper for \$50,000 a year with an \$80,000 budget. CHA newspaper for the tenants, by the tenants, of the tenants. But will it be for the present tenants?

Harold Lucas & company receiving the **Supreme Building**. Now the soon to be social millionaire must secure funds for the **Forum on 43rd Street**. We won't UnZip what you said at the Mid-South Planning meeting in front of a lot of people, **Harold**.....Do Ald. Tillman has veto power over the **EZ funds** as **Haithcock** says she does....On the aldermen, **Bruce Crosby** of the **Harold Washington Party** isn't surprise Black democratic aldermen are satisfied supporting a non-partisan mayoral election (or making sure the tools are in place to block **B. Rush**, or **R. Burris** running.) Some may get a contract for their staff as **19th Ward Rugi** did for a side walks job on **Western Ave.**

IIT of 31st Street, Leroy Kennedy is now V.P. and **Lew Collens**, president has been elected presi. on the board of the **Leadership Greater Chicago**. An organization that creates a class of 30 leadership fellows (gives money) from the city to spend a year studying Chicago communities. Does that include who the drugs are shipped by the **CIA**.

UnZip information is compiled by community residents. If you have any call 924-0064 or Fax at 924-0064. All UnZippers must leave name and telephone.

Collaboration of Community Groups Submit Proposal to CHA

A grant was submitted to the Chicago Housing Authority for crisis intervention and response recreation (weight lifting, basketball, leadership training, and employment connections, arts and crafts and trips. Organizations submitting the proposal were Williams Youth Services, the Slick Boys, Abraham Lincoln Center, Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, the Youth Consortium, Youth Net/Youth As Resources, Operation Sunbeam and Centers for New Horizons.

Chicago Urban League & University of Chicago Hospitals had the Ribbon Cutting ceremony of the **Healthy Start Family Center** at 3424 S. State Street, providing healthcare and social services for the entire family. The University of Chicago Hospitals will provide medical services such as primary health care services, with OB, Gynecologists, Pediatrician and Nurse Practitioners, Home Visiting Nurses, mental health services, entrepreneurial training, nutrition counseling, free pregnancy tests and breast-feeding resource room.

Social Services include case management, job training / readiness and car seat lending programs, parenting, male / female responsibility and G.E.D. preparation classes, WIC referrals, episodic day care, child play room, toy lending library and developmental screenings. For more information call 326-4485.

Matthew House to receive grant, providing transitional housing for homeless men they will be among homeless shelters to receive part of a \$40 million in federal funds to help get the homeless off city streets. The funds are expected to be forwarded to the several non profit agencies and groups by November or December.

Push and Rainbow Join as One. As the PUSH Sterling Silver Anniversary Conference got on the way celebrating 25 years, the Civil rights organization based in the Kenwood community, joined together Operation PUSH and Rainbow Coalition merging as one.

Crusaders of Justice Targets Construction Companies. Based in the Washington Park community, Crusaders have been monitoring, construction companies resurfacing streets, rehabbing properties and new construction, pointing out only a few and in most cases, no blacks are being hired. The Hunter Alliance Corp. working at 76th and Racine was monitor by the Crusaders and found the company discriminating against Black contractors as well as employees. Rev. Earl Sardon, Crusaders president, said, "It seems the white construction companies do not employ Black sub-contractors, and in most cases, no Black employees. Hispanics, they have fulfilled their obligation of affirmative action. We must insist on employment of the people from this community."

The City Encourages Community Gardens to become involved in the Farmers Markets. Inviting community based gardens to become involved in next years Farmers Market program. The markets which operate from June to October each. For the past two years, Cabrini Greens, operated by residents of CHA has offered shoppes fresh produce. Community based gardeners interested in obtaining more information on how they can participate in next years Farmers Market program should call the Department of Consumer Services at 744-9187

Missing; Have You Seen Clint Kimble

Missing from the Kenwood community area, **Clint C. Kimble** 24, has a mental disability and is in need of his medication. Kimble is easily recognized due to his size 285 lbs., his chipped front tooth, a pierced left ear, and a football tattoo on his upper left arm that has the letters "CK" inside of it.



Clint Kimble of 46th and Lake Park

Clint Kimble may not know how to return home, or even where his home is as he disappeared without any identification. If you know where Clint is call the Chicago Police at 747-8385 or Illinois State Police 1-800 U HELP ME. A \$1,000 reward is paid upon return of Clint.

CAPS BEAT CALENDAR

Beat	2nd Dist 5101 S. Wentworth 747-7801		
222	10/10	6:30	4314 S. Cottage
232	10/3	7pm	5129 Indiana
211	10/16	7pm	3647 S. State St.
212	10/17	7pm	3566 S. State St
3rd District 7040 S. Cottage 747-7004			
313	10/3	7pm	Harris YMCA 62nd Drexel
332	10/10	7pm	District station
311	10/15	7 pm	St. Edmond-61th & Mich.
21st District 300 E. 29th St. 747-2930			
2123	10/8	6:45	4434 S. Lake Park
2111	10/10	6:15	2353 S. Wentworth
2132	10/10	7 pm	4904 S. Lake Park
2112	10/16	6:30	2847 S. Indiana
2131	10/17	7 pm	5480 S. Kenwood

MEETINGS and EVENTS



October On-Gooooing

The **Chicago Theatre Company** launches its 1996-97 season with : The death of the Black Jesus, The play examines both the heated dynamics of African-American politics, as well as the 90s accelerated growth and exploitation of the TV talk-show format. through November 3. CTC performances are at Parkway Playhouse, 500 E. 67th Street. Show times are 8 pm; Ticket prices are \$15, with discounts for seniors and students. Call 493-5360.

"**They Sought Freedom:** The Underground Railroad from Illinois to Canada, an exhibition developed by the DuSable Museum Curatorial Department is now open through January 30, 1997, at the museum, 740 E.56th Place.

Grammy award nominee Joshua Redman will headline the Fall return of the "Miller genuine Draft Taste of Jazz an Blues Series" at the DuSable Museum of African-American History at 7 and 10 pm. The museum is located at 740 East 56th Pl.

City of Chicago Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) is seeking nominations for membership for the term of January 1, 1997 to December 31 1997. If your organization wishes to nominate a person to represent you contact Ms. Carolyn De Loatch, 121 N. LaSalle, room 1003.

Sat. 5,

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

Ujamaa Food Market Mass meeting every Saturday to formulate the food Co-op at 54th and Wentworth at the Grand blvd. Shopping Center where the meeting will be held, at 12 pm. doors open at 2.For information call 667-4160.

Sun. 6

VanderCook College of Music will host **Dr. Dennis Northway**, Organ Recital at Grace Episcopal Church, 924 Lake St. in Oak Park. VanderCook is located at 3140 S. Federal for info call 800-448-2655

Mon. 7

Friend of Howard Kenner State Representative of the 24th District are hosting a cocktail reception and steppers set honoring Mr. Kenner at 118 E. 22nd (two blocks west of McCormick Place) 5:00 to 8:00. Tickets are \$20.00.

Tue. 8

Mid-South Planning and Development Commission meeting from 6 pm to 8 pm at the King Center, 4314 S. Cottage Grove Ave. All are invited to attend.

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

Wed. 9

"nommo: The Power of the Word," the monthly poetry series of the DuSable Museum will kick-off it's Fall Series. The event will take in the small auditorium at 740 E. 56th Place. Admission \$5.

Sat. 12

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.

Womfro Festival 96', a woman specific celebration with an afrocentric point of view and universal appeal. The "fest" will offer workshops on topics that speak to women who want to transform their lives, families and communities. It will be held at the Harris YWCA 6200 S. Drexel - Ebony Room at 12 Noon - 6PM. If you are interested in presenting, vending or serving on the Womfro Committee call Beverly Reed at 667-4289.

Walk for Literacy Programs with Firman Community Service. The 10k walk will begin at Daley Bicentennial Plaza 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For more information call Ms. Elaine Norwood at 451-3410

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47th Street Merchant Association will hold their Bi-monthly. The meeting topics will address the plans for 47th Street from the city. For location and information call Ron Carter at 924-0461

Sat. 19

Minister Tony Hjoansno, Sr. of Stitach master- Global Ethnic Fashion Design Co. at Freedom Now Center Back on Schedule. Next issue: Oct. 31st Deadline for material is Oct.17th: SSSJ will publish notices of community meetings, events and programs. Any organization or person in the SSSJ circulation area may submit material. We will print others as it relate to the area. Send material one week in advance to South Street Journal, 213 E. 55th Street Chgo, Ill 60637. We reserve the right to refuse and edit material.

Community and Civil Organizations form Coalition for Construction Jobs

Oakland/Kenwood - The Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO) along with the African American Contractors Association (AACA) has joined with several community and civil organizations to form the "1,000 Walking Strong Coalition". Organizers said the coalition was formed to address the African American community not having access to contracts and jobs around the city. The one major action was a rally at City Hall protesting Mayor Daley's policies towards small and mid sized African American contractors and workers. AACA president Omar

Shareef said, "There remains a great need to monitor all City, County and State contracts."

"This coalition will shut down every job site in the African-American community that is not in compliance with 100% African American contracts and employment in the African American Community." Said Shareef, "Until we reach 55% goal of contractors and jobs city wide, our demands remain".

Bob Lucas, director of KOCO lead the focus of the coalition on the community construction work. "There is a housing boom taking place in North Kenwood-Oakland and the residents are not getting the jobs that result from the construction. Before housing construction was initiated in the conservation area, the Alderman (Toni Preck-

winkle 4th) and the Department of Planning created a pollack that read in part, "for every house that was to be constructed there would be three (3) people hired from the area. The policy was approved by the North Kenwood Community Conservation Council."

"The community has been overwhelmed with outsiders working here, with few or no community workers. Enough is enough!"

One development Lucas pointed out was of Wade Enterprises & Associates, Inc. constructing five houses at 46th St. and Lake Park Ave. Lucas said that, there were seven men working: Five Hispanics and two Whites. Because there were not any community workers nor African Americans on the job, KOCO

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Center Omar Shareef (center) President of the African American Contractors Association and Doris Parport of Operation PUSH lead the close down at a Daley Center construction site with other coalition members.

Mid-South City Council Update

Empowerment Zone Proposals to City Council

Lou Rawls Center Approved for Funding

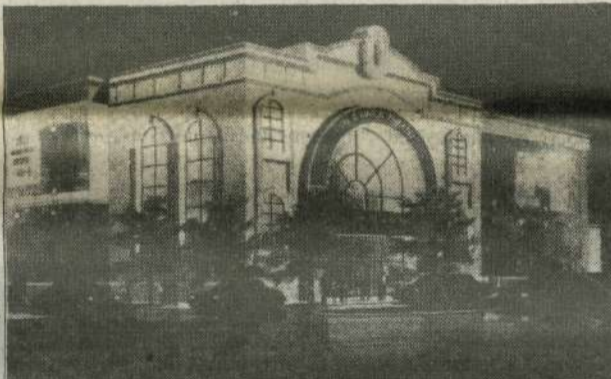
By Doug Kelly

On September 11 the City Council voted to fund the first group of the Federal Empowerment Zone grants. In Mid South area the following included:

Proposal 348 Tobacco Road 4535 S. King Dr. Amount approved was \$1,000,000. total projection cost \$7,651,101 for the



The Rev. Richard Tolliver, of St. Edmund, housing program is scheduled to receive a EZ grant of \$1,500,000.00 to rehab 57th, 59th, and 61st & Michigan. St. Edmund was featured in Business



Tobacco Road, spearheaded by Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3), has been approved for \$1,000,000, for the Lou Rawls Cultural and Entertainment Center on 47th and King Drive. The total projection cost reported is \$7,651,101.

tourism center to feature computer and teleconferencing capability and a commercial and a retail store, and part of restoring Bronzeville Program. Five townhouses part of the Supreme Life Building have been restored and sold.

Proposal 137 Tom Gladden, Pro-

gram Director from the Youth & Family Resource Center, located at 4434 S. Lake Park stated that their proposal will augment it's Youth Net program which is sponsored by the Chicago Dept. of Human Services.

Lou Rawls Cultural and Entertainment Center, Spearheaded by Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3).

Proposal #13 St. Edmonds located at 6103 S. Michigan. Amount approved-\$1,000,500.00, total projection cost-

\$6,550,400.00. President and CEO, Rev. Richard Tolliver explained that St. Edmund proposed to rehab six multi-family buildings in the Washington Park Community totaling 65 units. All building are on Michigan Ave. two at 57th block, 3 in the 59th and one on 61st street which contains a grocery store that will also be rehabed.

St. Edmond has already rehabed 5 buildings in the area, including 2 at 57th and Michigan.

Featured in the August 19, issue of *Business Week*, the four page article on St. Edmond was headlined "Bringing Hope back to the Hood: Does Chicago provide a model for urban renewal?" The article credited St. Edmund with pioneering the technique of combining public and private funds to redevelopment urban areas.

Proposal 343 the Black Metropolitan Convention and Tourism Council. Executive director Harold Lucas said that the organization plans to use funding resulting from their proposal for the acquisition and restoration of the Supreme Life Building at 35th and King Drive. They are expected to receive \$100,000.

The proposal calls for a visitor and

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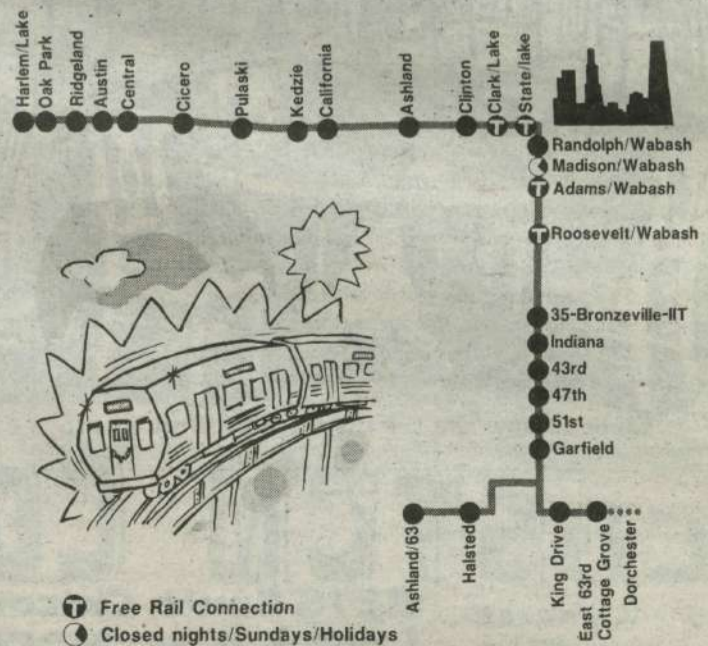
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Public Aids's Kenwood Office Committed to Changing Welfare

By Everloyce McCullogh

As the Near North Health Service Corporation (NNHSC) sponsored a city-wide community forum entitled "Welfare Reform: Have You Heard the Latest?" on June 20, at Malcolm X College Auditorium, community residents from West Town, Humboldt Park, Near North, Cabrini-Green, Kenwood and Oakland had an opportunity to discuss the current status of welfare reform and the changes in the Medicare/Medicaid system. Representatives such as Hannah Rosenthal, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; Jim Rush, Illinois Department of Public Aid; Nelson Soltman, Legal Assistance Foundation; Marion Stamps-Benton, Winfield Moody Health Center and others participate in the discussion.

In the focus to address the individual needs, the Kenwood office of the Illinois Department of Public Aid has been changing welfare to emphasize work and personal responsibility.

Work Pays, introduced two years ago, has been the keystone to change in this community and across the state. The program has served as a financial incentive for more welfare families to find and accept jobs.

Work Pays allows an AFDC client to keep two thirds of their income from a job while receiving an AFDC grant, child care, medical coverage food stamps plus the benefits of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

The goal of Work Pays is to help families hold jobs, eventually move off welfare and become independent, self-supporting citizens who pay taxes and make their communities stronger.

Since the introduction of Work Pays in November 1993, more than 40,000 AFDC clients and their families statewide have left the welfare

rolls because they found employment.

"My goal is to help more AFDC clients obtain employment," said Kenwood Administrator Obadiah Claybrook. "Toward that goal, the Kenwood staff has been planning a community job fair. I urge all businesses and community groups to get involved and help make Work Pays a continuing success."

Work Pays also has served as a strong base upon which more state welfare reforms have been built. The changes include:

A Self-Sufficiency Plan, which requires all AFDC clients and new applicants to complete individual plans that detail the steps they intend to take to get a job. Failure to produce a plan could lead to loss of benefits for the entire family.

Targeted Work Initiative, which affects families whose youngest child is 13 years of age or older. All AFDC parents will be required to hold a job or face the loss of AFDC benefits in 24 months.

Family Accountability, which states that no additional AFDC benefits will be paid to a family that has a child while on welfare.

The Teen Parent Requirement, which states that unmarried AFDC parents under age 18 must live with a parent or guardian to receive benefits.

The School Attendance Requirement, which says parents under 18 years of age who have not received a high school degree or a GED diploma must enroll in school or a GED program.

These reforms and others have put Illinois squarely on the front line to help clients realize the benefits of a system that promotes work over welfare.

We now look to Congress and the

"SHALL THE SALE AT RETAIL OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BE PROHIBITED 61ST STREET TO 75TH STREET, STATE ST. TO DORCHESTER"

Residents Prepare to Vote Area Dry



Rev. Ernest Peterson tells community residents at Harris YMCA how to vote their precinct dry.

Woodlawn -- Rev Ernest Peterson for over 15 years has led a drive to dry up many communities of Chicago from liquor stores. His charge now is to work with the residents of the 3rd police district area who are fed up with drugs, gangs and liquor stores.

Rev. Peterson met with residents of the 20th ward this past summer at Harris YMCA to organize voting the area bound from 61st to 75th Streets.

President to make further changes in the welfare system that will add to the positives momentum that's been created by the thousands of public aid clients who want the opportunity to move from welfare to work.

AFDC clients interested in learning more about the changes or attending Work Pays Orientation sessions should contact their caseworkers. Clients who do not know their caseworker can call me (Everloyce McCullogh) at 312-538-8853.

State to Dorchester "Dry" of selling alcohol. Part of the residents taking part of the drive is the Consumer Task Force based in the 20th ward. Lead by Ida Fulton, the group has been targeting stores on 63rd Street Strip with poor consumer services and violations.

Ms. Fulton stress while her group has been addressing

liquor stores for some time now, said its time to get the ministers more involved.

One of their victories was the demolition on the vacant stores off 63rd and King Drive, where they stood vacant for over 10 years.

Residents have been challenging stores themselves mostly with little results. The mission of the meeting lead by Rev. Peterson is, "following the guide lines of the city". The group must have at least 25% (40% for single address proposition) of the registered voters in the precincts, (reportedly filed with the City Clerk on August 7, 90 days prior to the November 5th general election to put the referendum on the ballot to determine whether the sale of alcohol should be prohibited with the precincts to be voted dry.

A liquor licensee or any five regis-

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Businesses/Residents Meet 47th Street Target for Voting it Dry

The 3rd Ward, 30th precinct: 47th Street, Between Vincennes and St. Lawrence

Grand Blvd.-Community residents and members of the 47th Street Merchant Association met to discuss the condition of the area related with liquor sales on August 15, at the Harris Bank.

Residents fed up with beer and wine bottles discarded in the yards and along 47th Street organized their displeasure by petitioning the area to vote it dry for the Nov. 4 general election.

Stressing their concerns to the Merchants Association, "residents feel that these products are sold and bought along 47th Street between Vincennes and St. Lawrence, which causes a maintenance problem in the area."

Mary Jordan, owner of the Bonanza Lounge and president of the 47th Street Merchants Association acknowledges that the situation exists. But cautions the residents voting the entire area dry. "There is a bigger picture at stake here than voting the area dry" stated Jordan.

"We disagree with the proposal of how to eliminate the problem. The restoration of Bronzeville and the revitalization of Grand Boulevard in general, mandates 47th Street night life as an intricate part of the economic and social stability of the community. It is more important than voting all liquor establishments dry."

Mary Jordan



Mary Jordan

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Read... Between... the Lines

Commentary
By Eddie S. Read



among us to take up the work of Marion Stamps - our people need us more than ever. Queen Ninga - I love you so very much. Thank you, thank you for your spirited and engaging life. Thank you for your challenge to the locked out. Locked up, locked down, knocked down, disrespected and those left alone with no one to fight for them. Finally, to my powerful beautiful black sister, I promise you, I will do everything that I can to help keep the focus on your commitment to our people. The struggle continues - A luta continua. Asante sana, asante sana.

Eddie Read, Between the Lines can be heard on WYON 1450 AM

Much Respect to a True Warrior A Beautiful Black Sister and Mother in the Struggle

Now that Queen Ninga - Marion Stamps has made her transition we are certain that she will continue to serve our people as our newest ancestor in the liberation struggle. When death occurs in our village, it often times serves as a reminder of work to be done and commitments that must be kept. Marion's transition to eternal spiritual life illuminates much unfinished work and a need for a strong, strong dedication to the liberation struggle. In the upcoming days, there will be much said about our sister in the movement. We must not measure Marion nor the speakers and talkers by simple pronouncement of words. We must encourage those



SSJ Photo by Owen Lawson III

Residents Prepare to Vote Area

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tered voters within the precinct may file a court case to challenge the validity of the petition. If a court case is filed, petition filers should consider joining the court case and defending the petition which includes participation at the binder check and

court hearings.

Rev. Peterson stressed that a properly drafted, circulated and signed petition will withstand a court challenge.

However, Rev. Peterson warned of opposition. He reported that some stores charge he was out of order challenging violations in their stores because they support Alderman Arenda Troutman (20) who receive funds from some liquor stores in the ward. Rev. Peterson reported that that charge was confirm by the Troutman's staff Mr. Whitehead stating 'We have a relationship with these stores'. Alderman Troutman or Mr. Whitehead

did not return telephone calls to addresses Rev. Peterson's claim. However, the alderman introduced an ordinance prohibiting any new liquor licenses in the ward.

Residents also stress concerns of gangs intimidation, threaten residents because they claim the store was theirs.

Rev. Peterson insisting how liquor stores has hurt this community pledged to work with the residents regardless of the odds and the lack of support from other ministers, alderman or intimidation of gangs "I will be with you all the way and we will have it on the ballot in November to vote the area dry."



Photo by Willy Schmidt

Street & Sanitation Inspector Calvin Turner ticketed this overflowing trash bin on the 700 block of E. 50th St. as part of Mayor Richard M. Daley's Dumpster Task Force. Tickets are being issued citywide where unsanitary conditions exist, according to Commissioner Eileen Carey.

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Walk-A-thon for the 8th Regiment Armory

Douglas--From 31st to 39th Street, Wabash to Cottage supporters of the Douglas Development Corporation will walk the four mile area raising funds for the Eighth Regiment Armory on 35th and Giles.

The event kicked off September 28, starting at the old Chicago Defender Office, now know as Dawson Professional Bldg. 3437 S. Indiana Ave.

"The Walk-A-Thon for the Army was another effort by Douglas Development to help to develop the community and to provide community residents with additional social, education, and recreational opportunities," reported former Alderman William Barnett. "We need to first pay off the taxes of the building then begin the development stages of the building."

Their immediate goal is to raise \$250,000 to acquire the historic armory. The total rehab is estimated



Former 2nd Ward Ald. William Barnett, now developer.

over \$3 million for a full service community center.

"DDC is committed to retaining the building's historical character and its architectural grandeur," express Barnett. "Believing that a restored Armory would meet the social, educational, recreational, and civic needs of Douglas residents as a Full Service Community Center. "We have made a significant investment in planning and other studies for the facility.

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Taylor Homes

officials stated to the residents they will be given assistance to move to any part of Chicago and as far as the state of "Montana". If that is their choice. HUD staff will look for housing for all tenants. They would also pay for their moving expenses and will consider paying their transportation for tenants wishing to move to other states.

The Hope VI plan was targeted to the area of Taylor as a counter to putting money back into the buildings. Even though the funds are not readily available, a proposal of \$80 million was submitted to Washington D.C. for Taylor and Dearborn Homes completing with other public housing nation wide for the funds. Residents were given the option to do the planning or the planning will be done without them.

Residents under a steering committee proposed by HUD and facilitated by Wendel Campbell and Association, an architect development company.

A meeting closed to the media, unaware of South Street Journal presence, HUD officials blamed the republic congress agenda to demolition and or rid all public housing.

HUD focus and recent policy state-

ments, seemed to rule out any concession that if the residents choice to rehab the building instead of demolition, while insisting that they will leave it up to the residents. The final decision is up to Joseph Shuldiner, the director of CHA for HUD.

A factor Mildred Dennis, president of the B section of Taylor, says will not be so if the residents direct their leadership to fight to keep the buildings and rehab them. "One factor that is not looked at is the cost factor," stress Ms. Dennis, "If it cost so much money to maintain each apartment and maybe as much to demolish them, replace tenants and rebuild a new community."

Wendel Campbell whose firm was part of MSPDC community development plan address the audience on his past growing up in the area and stated the Robert Taylor plan would take away public housing as we see it today.

"The plan is a concept. And it's not going to happen with out the community," said Campbell. "The community has a chance to be part of the planning process."

The full concept for Robert Taylor Homes is a the MSPDC office on 43rd



SSJ Photo by Owen Lawson

Betty Scott, at resident of Taylor on 53rd and State, raised the question of maintenance for the tenants till the buildings are demolished. HUD officials responded that minimal repairs will be done.

and King Drive and the Taylor Homes office at the Boys and Girls Club on 51st and Federal. For information, call Taylor Homes LAC President Mildred Dennis at 674-3912.

Grand Blvd. Wins Job

Pilot Project for \$3 Million

(RFP)Request for Proposal Meeting Set

Grand Blvd. -- The Grand Boulevard community has been selected as only one of three sites in the country for the Youth Opportunity Area Pilot Project.

U.S. Department of Labor Secretary, Robert B. Reich announced the \$3,000,000 grant to Chicago designed to raise the employment rate for high-school dropouts and out-of school youth from less than 50 percent to 80 percent. The project is to reach youth aged 16 to 24 years, residing within the Greater Grand Boulevard Area of the Empowerment Zone (39th to 51st, State Street to Cottage Grove).

Chicago, Los Angeles, and Houston were selected from 54 communities that competed for the grant will target programs to keep young in school, help them get their degrees, and train them for good jobs in the area.

Chicago will add \$3,464,035 to the \$3 million grant to serve more than 1,300 youth. Chicago businesses and corporations have already committed 200 work learning position for out-of-school youth and or full-time jobs.

Complementing other economic strategies and address joblessness among young adults. Maritza Marrero, Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training said. "It will help to forge partnerships and leverage the resources of community organizations, public institutions, and businesses for all youth in the Grand Boulevard community."

While the goal of the project is to increase employment of out-of-school youth, many at-risk have a history of truancy and delinquency, and serious barriers ranging from

gang involvement, drugs, sporadic school attendance to little or no work experience. The project seeks to make multiple connections between school, work and community development, job and college placement.

In implementing the project, including the RFP process, organizations can contact the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training. RSVP to Deborah Boldt, at 744-5929.

Fuller Park scheduled for new Sewer Construction Project

Fuller Park--Construction of a new sewer along Garfield Boulevard and Princeton Ave. to bring improved drainage to the fuller Park community will begin in mid August.

More than 1400 feet of 24 and 18 inch sewer will be replaced as part of Mayor Daley's focus on upgrading the city's infrastructure. The \$550,000 project will begin on Garfield Boulevard from Wells Street to Princeton Ave. and on Princeton

from Garfield to 57th Street. Construction will be completed by late October.

"residents will notice much better drainage of streets and this project should eliminate minor flooding during heavy rains," according to Teresita B. Sagun, Department of Sewers Commissioner. The area benefitting from the project is bordered by 55th street on the north, 57th Street on the south, Wells

Street on the east and shields Avenue on the west.

The Sewer Department worked with 20th ward Alderman Arenda Troutman to bring this project to the area, and to keep disruption to traffic and business at a minimum during the construction period.

Sewer improvement projects have brought reduction in flooding, needed updates to the city's infrastructure, and improved conditions in many neighborhoods. The Department of Sewers is funded entirely by the user fee that is part of a property owner's water bill.

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UPDATE: 63rd Street El in Woodlawn

Woodlawn -- the claim that demolition of the 63rd Street El is not a "done Deal" is getting closer to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) to demolish the 63rd Street El east of Cottage Grove.

In a letter from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), stated the city met the requirement for a public hearing. And that regardless of its outcome the discussion was still up to the city.

The FTA made its position responding to the city's Dept. of Transportation and Dept. of Planning commissioners, requesting that a FTA waiver to pay back \$9 million in order to demolish the El.

A coalition of community groups from Woodlawn was betting on using data of the results of a public hearing in February at Hyde Park Career Academy, the drew more than 1,000 people. Where the city reported that the 56% of the participates want the El demolished. However information provided by the Center for Economic Policy analysis (CEPA) analysis on the same data used by the city reported just over 50% wanted the El to extent to Dorchester and 47% wanted it demolish at Cottage Grove.

Rudolph Smith of Woodlawn East

Community And Neighbor (WECAN) said "This is a major impact in our effort to keep the El going to Dorchester". However he said the coalition still has options to futher their cause.

Smith explained that rides were promised, a new terminal, and that FTA allow federal funds of \$9.2 million to be used for demolition of the El and for additional funds. FTA informed the city a waiver is not appropriate and the "Demolishment of this existing mass transportation facility would not serve these purposes."

FTA also stated they will not provide \$5.7 million in additional funds requested by the city for the revised project, but is willing to allow the city to use the funds remaining in the existing grant for other activities within the scope of the grant.

Working in favor to demolish the El east of Cottage Grove is Mayor Richard Daley, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), The Woodlawn Organization, Alderman Arenda Troutman and Bishop Arthur Brazier.

Still in the el demolition is based on the Federal Transit Administration big decision to taking a look at all the figures.

Contributing to this story the Woodlawn Scoop

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Pincham

Irish. It didn't make no difference if it was O'Malley, O'Connor or Devine. They have the office. And Partee was not Irish."

R. Eugene Pincham meeting a draft to run as States Attorney on the November 5, election; filed more than 110,000 signatures on petitions on the newly formed Justice Party. This is Pincham's third time running outside of the democratic party. In doing so he must also put to the test the position of Black elected officials in their task to be progressive leadership in the black community. However, the black elected officials who do not cross party lines like white officials.

Pincham challenge comes even more with a joint challenge of the Harold Washington Party (HWP) and the Democratic Party candidate for States Attorney, Richard Devine, attempt to keep Pincham off the ballot. Both parties fear Pincham is a threat taking Black votes away from each party.

Bruce Crosby a spokesperson for the HWP told South Street Journal that their effort to challenge the petitions were due to Pincham in the race could destroy the party. "We are trying to build a political party and our candidate is Lawrence Redmond."

On the long term agenda, Crosby stated Pincham could take a large base of Black votes that the HWP would need to remain a party in the State of Illinois.

At their first debate where all candidates squared offed, they actually were all well rounded on the issues with profound differences between Pincham/Redmond and Devine/O'Malley. As O'Malley accusing Pincham and Redmond as more defense attorneys than prosecutors.

Because Pincham endorsed O'Malley in the last election, speculation



Devine, GOP Party candidate



Pincham, Justice Party candidate

were that Pincham is in the race supporting O'Malley. Pincham address the allegations saying he endorsed O'Malley because he was the better candidate at the time. "If he had done a decent job, I wouldn't have to run against him."

O'Malley once a democrat prior to becoming States Attorney has done very well in the Democratic leaders wards. He lost Daley 11th ward with less than 400 votes. And in the 19th Ward of the Democratic Chairman Thomas Hines, O'Malley won. Wards known for strong precinct organization for democratic votes.

"O'Malley is Irish the same as Daley. He is the candidate of Daley," said Starks. "The Irish democrats work in their own self interest. The Party is known to cross party lines. African Americans are the only people vote straight strengthening the democratic partu."

O'Malley is currently under fire for pushing for the death penalty against Amanda Wallace, a mentally deficient mother who was convicted of hanging her young son; Joe Gould, the homeless man; and Jorege Guillen who was beaten in front of his family on October 3, of last year.

Devine, 52, was the first Assistant when now Mayor Daley was State's Attorney. Endorsed by the non-profit consumer advocacy group Illinois Public Action. With this endorsement Devine said, "My campaign is

picking-up momentum, and the support of Public Action will only help my efforts that much more."

"There are distinct differences between my beliefs and those of the Republican incumbent. Unlike Jack O'Malley, I will put the interests of the people of Cook County before public relations and politics once I'm elected States Attorney," Devine said.

Lu Palmer questioning Devine's position, said Devine has been rejected by large segments of the Black and Hispanic communities for his role in the ward remap case. "Devine has earned big money representing Daley and the City who are trying to limit the number of Blacks and Hispanics in the City Council," said Palmer. Pincham who filed the remap.

"Pincham race brings an excitement to the race that has not been in the past, he is the attorney that younger attorney that would."

Pincham clarifying he is running for an office with a \$4 million budget and 45,000 jobs. "I am good (as a lawyer and as the next States Attorney). And they know it." He addressed his opponent Devine as being paid \$1,000 a day (part of the \$6 million) by the city of Chicago challenging the remap to increase Black wards. "We ought to have more than 18 wards, since we are 51% of the population. If that don't make you want to fight back ... what would?"

Karen Brease Brazil, former judge candidate and a Hyde Park resident, supporting Pincham said "Pincham's experience in the field of criminal justice is well known. "His long years as a top flight attorney, judge of the Circuit Court and as an Appeals Court Justice, makes him far and away, the best qualified person for this position".

In addition, the backgrounds of Republican incumbent, Jack O'Malley, and Devine, make it clear that both are actively insensitive to African Americans, Hispanics and other people who are voiceless and locked out", Brazier said.

Central Region Parks Improve for 1996 -97

People who use parks can expect to see improvements in current park program, new programs, capital improvements and new equipment as more than three dozen parks in the Chicago Park District's Central Region continue to upgrade their facilities to meet the needs and wishes of park patrons of all ages.

The Chicago Park District's Central Region comprises 38 parks and playgrounds in an area bounded by the Dan Ryan expressway on the east, the city limits on the west, 75th street to the south and Roosevelt Road on the north. The region also extends to the West Side and includes Skinner and Touhy - Herbert parks near the United Center.

For example in Mid - South Sherwood Park, 5701 S. Shields, is upgrading its fitness center, and

Hermitage Playground, 5839 S. Wood, will receive new picnic tables.

Fourteen parks in the Central Region, including Armour Square Park, 3309 S. Shields; are soliciting input from their respective communities to help determine which classes to introduce and what resources are needed to embellish programs.

Twelve Central Region parks will host a cheerleading program, and a 13 and under Teen Basketball League will kick off at nine parks, including Wentworth Gardens, 3770 S. Wentworth.

Park patrons will also find more places to sit down as new tables and chairs will be shared among seven parks including Armour Square Park, 3309 S. Shields.

"We remain vigorously committed to offering our patrons of all ages and interests a menu of quality programs and activities," said Howard N. Robinson, Central Region manager. "This plan is simply another vivid example of our continuing commitment to make our facilities true recreation centers that all Chicagoans can use and take pride in."

Robinson explained that the resources directed to the parks are part of the region's 1996 budget. Programs and facility upgrades planned for 1997 have already been designated in the Central Region budget for next year.

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HEALTH COLUMNIST

by Bernetta Pearson, RN

Is Your Nurse Really A Nurse?

Is good quality health care being sacrificed on the altar of money? Some nurses say yes. According to Revolution Magazine 74% have had their job cut. Some hospitals say the nurse is resistant to change, to reengineering. You be the judge. Who does what to you when you are sick? If you or your loved one has been in the hospital in the past year or two, have you noticed poor service? Are you being discharged earlier? Are you being taught how to take care of yourself? Did you or your loved one have to return to the hospital soon after discharge? Are hospitals being pressured to discharge babies and sick people earlier? By whom? Are rates of infection and death rates rising in hospitals? According to 20-20 They can't or won't produce information or statistics on these issues.

Nurses are trying to get a Patient Health Care and Professional Protection Act, so that they can speak up and speak out against unsafe



patient care. A Supreme Court ruling in May, 1994 states that nurses must act in the interest of the employer-not the patient. That's not what nurses were trained to do. We need legislation to ensure 1. Safe patient care by a

professionally trained nurse or doctor. 2. Protection for nurses who speak out against unsafe patient care.

At the University of Chicago, the person responsible according to published news reports for the needle stick of a baby was a patient care technician-not a trained nurse or laboratory phlebotomist. Who are these people being hired to replace? Nurses at a much lower salary, of course. If you're paying more and getting less because nurses are not there, where is the savings? Is it given back to you as credit? The people who are being hired are not trained in physiology or medicine. In some cases they are from housekeeping and are part of a process called reengineering or downsizing. Are hospitals so interested in their bottom line that they are willing to endanger the lives of it's customers?

Next issue-Questions to ask, what to look for in the hospital.



40 & OVER COLUMNIST

by Bobbie Warren

The Hand That Rocks The Flag

Women redefined and changed their roles as mothers of humanity and changed the world. We have been shifted to a "topsy-turvy" existence, advancing: irresponsibility-male abuse, disrespecting women / insecurity-male dependency on women / Unemployment-(and on, and on, and on).

Where will it end? How can we redo and renew what has been done? The key to our problems is through unity between males and females as well as unity of male-female relationships, We MUST, as adults, relate to our children groupwise as well as individual family and individually.

African Americans have been trapped by European philosophies that caused loss of



cultural identity and enslavement caused 'slavelike mentalities of not only Blacks, but Whites. That is why so many times you stand at a counter to receive service and clerks will provide service to Whites first, if you do not remind them of the "first-come first-served" priority. White

people--most of them--do not understand that we all suffer from the same ills which will eventually cause America's downfall unless we really become "color blind" and unite as a nation, "one" nation.... As we so often place our hands over our hearts and pledge to the symbol of our country.

What is wrong with that picture? It smells of,

hypocrisy, pledging to a --flag (rag) ??? Some have been punished, severely, for not pledging. Just recently, an NBA basketball player. Our country is running rampant with four letter words being used by even the youngest children and it is acceptable. But' don't you dare refuse to pledge to the --flag!!!

UC Open doors to the Duchossois Center

Hyde Park-- The University of Chicago Hospitals dedicate the Duchossois Center for Advanced Medicine on September 9. The six story building is the largest of the University's 244, located at 57th and Cottage Grove. The \$150 million outpatient care facility, named Richard Duchossois family, who made a \$21 million gift to the University.

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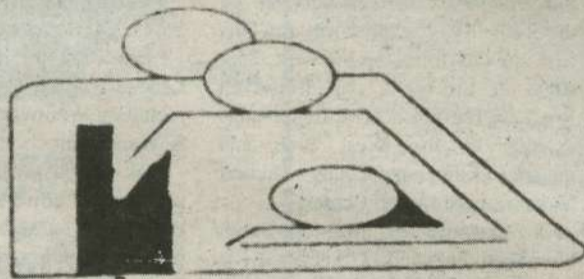
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Trick or Treat?

Bells for Chicago Public Schools

September signaled the end of summer vacation and back to school bells are chiming across the country. Educators, parents, politicians and students all have a vested interest in what happens with in the school classroom between September and next June.

Politicians made campaign speeches indicating that educational reform would be a top priority yet, in actuality, the reverse occurred. For example, since 1983, illiteracy has increased from 23 million to 50 million and it is still climbing in 1996. Even after high school graduation, over 25% lacked even partial mastery of grade level reading skills.

The whole category of special education is controversial in academic circles. Many students in this classification fail to become "decertified" or mainstreamed into general education. An overwhelming number of learning disabled (LD) children are African American males



By Hannibal Tirus Afrik
Educational Columnist

and may have been misclassified. Federal law specifies that the LD category should "not include children who have learning problems which are primarily the result of environmental, cultural or economic disadvantages; however oftentimes these are precisely the children who have been included in special education.

Meanwhile, here in Chicago, the educational bureaucracy continues its "smoke and mirrors" charade. Over the summer, nearly 2,000 eighth graders were retained based on results from mandatory summer school tests. This represented 7.2% of all eighth graders. However, 1,200 others were promoted even though they failed the same exit test this summer because they would be age 15 by December 1st.

Summer school was required for the 5,513 students who scored below 6.8 on the April Iowa Test of Basic Skills for eighth grade. Despite the accolades given this summer to the 2,422 students who

achieved the minimum 6.8 score, they will still be more than two years behind by the time they enter high school. To further complicate matters, Chicago high schools do not teach Reading, they offer English courses for credit. These same schools are candidates for academic probation, which would lead to the removal of a principal and staff.

So what conclusions can be drawn from ringing school bells across the city? Will this compulsory attendance year become a Trick or Treat for Chicago's students, comprised of majority African Americans? What guarantees will be given to our children that the public school system will strive to educate them to their maximum potential?

African American parents, educators and community leaders must establish an agenda for education liberation. We can no longer allow mediocrity, apathy and hopelessness to paralyze our creative genius and cultural birthright to control those institutions within the community. "Education is our passport to freedom; tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today" Malcolm X.

In the Mid-South area schools of the area were put on probation.

Staffs at these schools and others could face shakeups as early as December.

Schools Chief Executive Officer Paul Vallas called probation a long - needed "call to action". In each of these schools, 85 percent or more of the students failed to score at national averages on reading tests (Iowa Test of Basic Skills or the high school version of that test, called the Tests of Achievement and Proficiency (TAP).

"It's game time," Vallas said. "This is it. Probation says while the schools may be making progress, the schools have got to get better and we are going to use the resources and authority at our disposal to make sure they do."

Under probation, school staffers can be removed from their jobs - in December and in June - and would

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receive paychecks only if they were picked up by other schools or worked as substitute teachers. And even local school councils face scrutiny.

Probation also can lead to the even more severe sanction of reconstitution, in which an entire school staff can be given the pink slip and local school councils can be replaced.

For academic status use to place schools on probation, see Sun Times Homepage.
HTTP://WWW.Suntimes.com

Technology for the Hood

Ron Carroll has a vision. After over a decade working with computers, Ron has become an expert in information systems development and management. Ron sees computers becoming an increasingly important part of everyday life in communities, businesses and at home.

Ron wants to prepare an army of young people, organizations and small businesses for tomorrow. He calls his vision CACI for Community access Centers, Inc.

The Black Metropolis Convention

and Tourism Council is working with Ron Carroll as a member of the Communications Technology committee to create new opportunities for Bronzeville area residents while planning to become a self-sustaining enterprise and leading partner in the Empowerment Zone effort. If you would like to know more about CACI or become a participant, collaborator or sponsor, call Mr. Carroll at 465-7179. View the BMC&TC Web Page: <http://www.interman.net/Bronzeville>

Rachel Johnson Excels in National Merit Scholarship Program

Morgan Park Academy (MPA) senior Rachel Johnson, a Hyde Park resident was named a semi - finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, as announced by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

This academically talented high school senior has an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 7,000 merit scholarship awards, worth about \$27 million, to be offered next spring. Rachel is one of more than 1.1 million students in 20,000 high schools in the United States who

entered the 1997 merit program as juniors by taking the 1995 Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT / NMSQT). Using this qualifying test as an initial screen of program entrants, the highest scorers in each state were designated semi - finalists, in numbers representing about one - half of one percent of the state's high school graduating class. Before they can be considered for merit scholarship awards, semi - finalists must advance to the finalist level of competition by fulfilling additional requirements. These

include having an outstanding academic record throughout high school, being endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and submitting SAT scores. NMSC will announce the names of the merit scholarship winners next April.

Rachel, daughter of Martin and Margaret Johnson. She joins three other MPA students: David Blake, Leah Concannon and Amanda Davis - Aitken in being named a semi - finalist.

Morgan Park Academy is a private, coeducational, college - preparatory day school for students from kindergarten through twelfth grades. The Academy is located in Chicago's Beverly / Morgan Park neighborhood.

Robert Morris College Grants \$471,000 in Scholarships This Fall

Annual Grants and Awards: \$5.5 Million



Kimberly Williams, a transfer student from School Suburban College received a \$5,000 President's Scholarship Award from Robert Morris College (RMC) to complete requirements for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Williams qualified as the transferee from Kennedy King college to RMC this year. Pictured here from left: Richard Pickett, RMC chancellor, Williams, Kathie House, Kennedy King Transfer Coordinator and Michael Violt, RMC president.

The annual back to school trek just got a little easier for 168 students entering or transferring to Robert Morris college.

This fall, Robert Morris College awarded 168 scholarships totaling more than \$471,000 to new students enrolled at the downtown and Orland Park campuses of the college. Overall the college awards more than \$5.5 million in student scholarships and grants each year.

Among those receiving scholarships for academic achievement was

Kimberly Williams, a transfer student from Kennedy King College. Williams, who is enrolled in RMC's Bachelor of Business Administration degree program, was awarded a \$5,000 President's award as the top transferee from Kennedy King College this year.

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To be eligible, nominees must currently be teaching full-time in grades Pre-K-5 at any public or non-public school. Anyone may nominate a teacher, including fellow educators, principals, current and former students, parents and other community members. To obtain a nomination form, call 312-407-0006 or write the Golden Apple Foundation, 8 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 700, Chicago, IL. 60603-3318. Nominations closed December 2, 1996.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH LARRY HOOVER

ADDRESSING SUSPICION AND TASK TO CONDUCTING GANGSTER DISCIPLES OR BLACK ACTIVIST?

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By Toure Muhammad

Final Call reporter/Free Lance writer to South Street Journal

Larry Hoover. To some, like President Clinton, U.S. States Attorney James Burns and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley he's the next Al Capone, and a key reason behind the drugs and violence in Black Chicago as leader of the Gangster Disciple street organization. He served 23 years in prison after being convicted of murder and sentenced to 150 to 200 years. According to government officials, Mr. Hoover, from behind bars, has successfully ran a drug ring "grossing in excess of \$100 million a year." He was indicted on federal drug charges last April and awaits a trial in October.

But many community activists say age has changed Larry Hoover and they give him credit for helping curb gang violence, while former leaders of rival street organizations, who served time with him, give Mr. Hoover credit for helping to turn their lives around. Larry Hoover, says is no longer a Gangster Disciple, but now heads the *Growth and Development Nation* and wants Black youths youth to raise their "educational, economical, political, and social awareness." An interviewed of Mr. Hoover to learn how he sees himself.

Final Call (FC): Are you the same today as you were 23 years ago?

Larry Hoover (LH): I'm a much different person than I was 23 years ago. I was a young man without direction relegated to a certain sphere in life. I've broadened my views on life.

FC: What about the accusations from President Clinton and Chicago Mayor Daley that you are the ring leader of criminal activity?

LH: I believe the reason for the attacks is because I have the capacity to galvanize the youth, and get them involved in the democratic process. By educating them and bringing them into the political process, that represents a voting block that could change the tide of any local election. They don't want us to become a part of the system. Them kids, when they was involved with the political process, they had more problems from the police on election days than any time they had when they was on the corner selling crack and shooting. They was putting them in jail, beating them up, harassing them, trying to deter them from making a change in their life up under the guise that because they was gang members or ex-gang members they wasn't supposed to be involved. I think it's racism that Black gangs cannot evolve into something better. Everybody else has done it, Irish, Italians and (Mayor) Daley's father did it. To say that we can't evolve is racist.

FC: You mentioned the harassment, but can you give another example of police preventing you from entering the political process?

LH: When we tried to put together a peace process, we brought in street organizations from all around the country with a legitimate effort to stop the violence in the community (in 1993). Instead of the (mayor) supporting our peace efforts he spoke out against it. If he had the legitimate concern for what's going on in the Black community, what

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he should have said was, 'I'm skeptical about the outcome of this peace process, but if it saves one life in the Black community then I'm for it.' But he antagonized the effort that was put together by pushing for the dissenters, agitators and renegades to keep up the violence that was spurring in our community.

FC: Are you saying that Mayor Daley has helped in the death, destruction and drugs in the community?

LH: Yes. The peace process throws their system out of whack. Peace in the community would clear up the court system and empty the jails. Once you get peace and start getting involved with the political process and you develop (self-determination), then they are going to lose jobs. When we put the peace

process into action a couple years ago, there was a dramatic decline in the violence in communities like Englewood, which had the number one murder rate in the country,

Cabrini-Green, Altgeld Gardens; these communities had drops in violence.

FC: Are you involved in criminal activity?

LH: No.

FC: Well, I've experienced myself, just yesterday, somebody attempting to do criminal activity and claiming to do it in your name. Can you explain?

LH: That's a problem. It's both a blessing and a curse that these kids have enough respect for me to carry my name for such a long time. A lot of times its not just kids, its older guys, because my name carries stretch and influence. They use the name and abuse the name. I've matured.

FC: Is that also a big problem; moving the organization to maturity?

LH: It is definitely a problem, nothing is going to happen spontaneously, it's going to take time. Though Growth and Development we have been involved in the peace and political process, gave large gatherings, concerts and community clean ups. All these are just starts, but you got to start

someplace. Once they get involved and they see some success, that motivates them to work. We are a people that need things tangible.

FC: Those indicted with you, what is their association to you?

LH: Inside my wife's office (the police) took a file that had locations of all organizations that was a part of the peace process; ... (The police) put it in the paper and said it was a drug chart. I hope they do bring that to the trial because everyone (street organization leaders) within the city had a chart like that so they would know who to call in a time of trouble.

FC: Is there any animosity between you and Chief Malik (Jeff Fort) and the El Rukns?

LH: No. There is definitely no animosity or friction. At one point in the 60s before we matured, before we knew any better. Once you mature, you realize what you fight is against. Your fight is against ignorance.

The only thing that keeps the friction between these kids up is ignorance, they don't know no better. They scared to know each other because this man got one ideology and the other got another ideology.

FC: What is your ideology?

LH: You should treat each man the way you want to be treated. There is no difference between us. We are all Black people. When we get in front of this judge he don't ask you if you are a Gangster Disciple, Black Disciples, Vice Lord or El Rukn. He don't say because you a Vice Lord you get two years and a Gangster Disciple get 10 years. Both of you are Black men and you'll get 10 years. It shows that we're all one people and if we don't come together with each other then we all going to perish.

FC: What did you think about the Million Man March?

LH: I thought the Million Man March was the most beautiful thing that has happened in the late 20th century. It was time to bring about some unity. There hasn't been no movement since the 60s. Black youth had no alternative, nothing to look to nothing to feel good about themselves and the Million Man March brought about that feeling of well being.

FC: What do you think about Minister Farrakhan?

LH: I respect him. There is no other leader who has the respect of so many different segments of our community, including the youth. Nobody else could have put that call out there for the Million Man March and got that kind of response. He's perpetuating the movement for Black people to get beyond where they are today.

FC: Is there anything else you'd like to say to *The Final Call* readers?

LH: If I didn't do nothing to reach out for them kids, I would feel like done them a disservice, with the reverence and respect these kids show me. I've got to give them some direction. We are a sleeping giant and all we have to do is be

conscious enough to rise, but until (Black clergy, politicians, and business men) get involved with street organizations, ain't nothing going to change. They alienate the Black youth to the point where they oppose them and right now they fear the Black youth, but men of conscience are going to have to put aside their fear and try to work and redirect that energy. It can be done. They have progressive thinkers within these organizations that want to work with the community, but the community has got to embrace them.

FC: Thank you.

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The Book "The Blueprint: From Gangster Disciple to Growth and Development,"

By Toure Muhammad

CHICAGO-A group of incarcerated Black men recently wrote a book intended to direct Black men away from "premature death, incarceration and recidivism" and lead them towards a "new concept" of growth and development.

The book titled, *"The Blueprint: From Gangster Disciple to Growth and Development,"* was written by Rod Emery who credits the alleged leader of the Gangster Disciples Larry Hoover as providing the "guidance, instruction, and the central theme of the book."

The book details the future vision of peace, economic and political power that Mr. Hoover, and the leadership of the new Growth and Development Nation desire.

Mr. Hoover said that maturity has shown him the need to heal the problem of gang violence within our community by "bringing together a concerted effort which constitutes of the black clergy, black businessmen, black activist and the progressive thinkers within the street organizations." He admits that it is a difficult task, "but if you're committed, then I believe some changes can be made. I believe it can be done and it's got to be done," said Mr. Hoover with a slight stutter during a telephone interview with *The Final Call*.

The book reads: "Over the last decade our organization, Growth and Development has been undergoing a major change. It is more than merely changing the name from 'Gangster Disciples' to 'Growth and Development.' Rather, it is a change from evil to good; from secret to open; from illiterate to literate; and from the 'old concept' to the New Concept."

His belief also may lie in the groups beginning. The book outlines the history of street organizations in Chicago revisiting past activities and the initial purpose of the organizations.

"The two leaders of then-Black Gangster Disciple Nation, Larry Hoover and David Barksdale ran free lunch programs to feed needy children, and got involved with Jesse Jackson. (In PUSH headquarters today, a picture showing the operational unity of the three major street organizations together is displayed).

They marched with Dr. Martin Luther King in Marquette during the civil rights movement and became known as grassroots organizations that fought racism, inequity, segregation and unemployment, said the author.

It was a that point, said Mr. Emery, that members began receiving offers to get involve with the selling of narcotics from forces outside the community. Drugs were introduced to shut us up politically and appease us

financially. Drugs ended the positive direction of our organizations movement.

Mr. Hoover, who continues to be involved with the gang truces, marches on city hall, political action issues, and voter registration accuses Mayor Daley of using the same tactics today: "It's all right for them kids to stand on the corner and sell bags (drugs) and drive by and shoot, but when I said I was going to get them involved with the political process, then I became a threat to the system," he said. Them kids, when they was involved with the political process, they had more problems from the police on election days being election judges than anytime they had when they was on the corner selling crack and shooting."

U.S. States Attorney James Burns accused Mr. Hoover of political activism to launder money and put an ari of respectability to convince the parole board of his reformation.

Although Mr. Hoover request parole every year, he seems to have given up on ever seeing the outside, but that doesn't stop him from his activism. "My life is behind me, but I'm obligated to give back. I don't want to see my kids and my kids kids go what I went through," he said.

Editorial

The War on (C.I.A.) Drugs MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

ET the TV and others media control a conditioning process that represent the values of our youth. They profit from commercialism of our youth. A steady increasing web of increasing anxiety spread throughout society. Similarity, in the movie of 1971, *The Godfather* set in the 40's, the Godfather said, *Sell it to the n-----s. Just don't sell to my children, cause it will destroy a people. The minute you sell it to our children the war of the families are on again.* In 1969, the set in the movie *Panther*, the Drug King said to the FBI, *You want my help to get rid of the Panthers. Drugs. Let me have free excess in the Black community and it will destroy not only the Panthers but the communities in which they serve. You will never have to worrying about them again.*

The media has a direct impact on how we view our own issues. Even the TV series *Mission Impossible* portrayed their team as infiltrators, taking over smaller governments and directing the course its people. Mission Impossible appeals not only to be possible but highly provable in light of the recent allegations of the CIA importing drugs in the Black community. As an example drug trafficker Ollie North. He was enough to question the U.S. part in drug trafficking. Instead was made an America hero and ran for political office. Most Blacks were not surprised at North's drug activities or the news that the CIA is importing drugs in the Black community. Just as the majority of America (mainly whites and those Blacks conformable with), looking at Rodney King and the O.J. Simpson verdict as non-racism. Their eyes are close to the C.I.A. being part of putting drugs on 37th, 43rd, 47th 51st, 61, and 63rd Streets.

WVON talk show host Cliff Kelly has always use the term CIA for Cocaine Import Agency. Recent charge by Rev. Ben Chavis for a class action suit against the CIA is a step in the right direction for the U.S. government to pay for the destruction cause by the drugs in the community.

Again the media is plays a role in the direction that this war of drugs take. For instance, there is a plant that grows in Africa

proven to be effective in combatting the indication of habit forming substances. Although it has aired on WVON radio at least twice, and reported in the Chicago Defender, the major(white) media has not use their resources to make this plant known to the public.

So the U.S. government and elected officials seem to be more interest in setting on this information building the stock market on the privation of jails. And cutting 180,000 drug addicts and alcoholics of their Supplemental Security Income subsidies the first of the year.

The poorest, working hard in crime to pay for their drug habit. They often commit crimes to get what they have been conditioned to need.

While politicians speak of the war on drugs, more police, more jails and "Just Say No". Mayor Daley idea of community outreach is a marketing campaign of \$11 million marketing the fight against crime. (But no ad for SSJ where it can do some good). The public is increasing confined to this claim. As 70% of the persons are in jail is due to drug related crimes. It is obvious the real issue is drugs. Not crime.

Honestly I am not up on Tupac Shakur culture or the madness of our youth wiliness to kill one another or to die themselves. The impact of slavery to divide and conquer must be still with us. No other people suffer such ordeal.

However, my generation must be accountable for whatever the CIA or the FBI has cause in our community because we left. Letting drugs be the simple medication for broken hearts and broken sprites instead of any mission possible.

The one message of today is yes; the government is aware of the drug source and its channels. If anyone has use any form of drugs (President Clinton) one always knows how to get it. And we must be insured that the mission impossible of the War on Drugs is not the mission impossibility, of the war on us.



Ron Carter
Publisher & Editor



The Klu Klux Klan/Central Intelligence Agency is hiring simple minded, no self esteem, no self respect, money hungry, low class, drug dealing, prostitutes for there summer JOB program. If you consider yourself a Thug 4 life, Menace II Society, Killer or Gangster, you may qualify. No I.D. or License is necessary all you need is 1. Lack of Knowledge of self. 2. No faith in God. 3. A nine millimeter. 4. The I.Q. equal to that of a fruit fly.

This program is proven to be successful, even before the summer has arrived. Many young black men began working in the month of march. Remember 5 young black males where killed in one day on the South side of Chicago. So hurry and sign up now & don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to sell out your race.

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Letters to the Editor

Notice to The General Public: CHA & HUD Magicians

Abandoning public housing another ploy to trample upon the poor, and without a solution to keep low income housing available.

Privatizing would be fine if the overall cost would remain in tact. Why are our political reps. so eager to force the poor into believing this is the best solution for better housing? If the federal guidelines can become contractual as they (were) for the security of the less fortunate then it would be a blessing.

At this time it is quite evident that some plans are in place due to the convention that came to town, and the need to impress tourist. People effected and persons aware of the developers of community restoration need to come together or a final assessment. Why now is here such a desperate move to privatize? Will someone answer ruthfully?

Wells, King Drive, Extensions, Darrow Homes, Madden Park, Taylor Homes, Stateway. All persons, agencies, churches in support of keeping public housing affordable for low income people.



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Ida B. Wells

EZ Residents, Homeowners, Landlords Want to Know!

Dear Editor;

What commitments will be made to Empowerment Zone communities from Utility Companies? Peoples gas and other utility companies consume approximately 40 percent of EZ resident income, this is a major cause of housing abandonment and homelessness in our community.

We recommend that:

1 Peoples Gas, Common-wealth Edison and Ameritech reduce the daily cost of usage to EZ residents.

2. That the EZ be designated as a Buyers Club and shall purchase it's natural gas through the Neighborhood Technology Center Program. The program would reduce the cost of natural gas by 20% and help to raise the status of living for EZ Residents.

Remember, we are charged with the responsibility of alleviating poverty, building sustainable communities and providing for self-sufficiency.

Your immediate attention in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Christine Perkins
Inner City Youth Foundation

From Visions of Lake Meadows

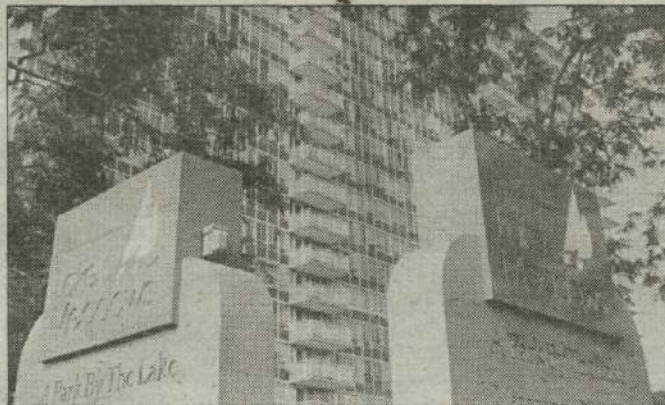
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al 399 Letter to Lake Meadows Residents

Dear LM Residents:

We are writing to make you aware of the decision-making your landlord, Draper & Kramer, has instituted. For over forty years our members, as skilled tradesmen, have proudly served the LM Apts. in a professional manner. They have used every ounce of their skill, training and experience to safely provide you comfort in all seasons. The relationship the engineers and tenants have had is now in jeopardy. On June 14, Draper & Kramer laid off the skilled, trained and experienced stationary engineers, and made it the building janitors responsibility to operate and maintain the boilers (gas fired pressurized steam boilers for heat and hot water). The janitors, without the mandated city of Chicago Stationary Engineers License, will operate and maintain your heating system. The janitors, without any working experience, training, or knowledge of heating systems, will be relied upon to make sure your family is safe this winter from frigid temperatures, carbon monoxide poisoning, boiler explosions, and other safety hazards. We have enclosed various articles which outline the dangers of operating steam pressurized boilers with untrained employees: (15 people killed and over 113 injured around the country).

International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-



Lake Meadows Visions

2,3,4, Political Failures

Dear Editor;

One look at the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wards reveal in a cyberscend the failure of their elected officials. The rebuilding and renovations of boulevards, streets, financial institutions and housing structures are all being done by persons who do not live in our community or the city. The politicians in these ward (local, state and federal) have ignored what is happening to their people.

It is time for those of us who have heart and vision for the future of our community to step forward and assume our rightful roles as leaders of the dream.

Bronzeville Statue subtle Insult

Dear Editor;

One look at the statue at 25th and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, and it is hard to determine if it is not a clever and sophisticated put down of the African-American southern immigrants who migrate north in the 1930's 1940's, 1950's and 1960's and the present African-American residents of the community. The Bronze handy Andy statue is not majestic in posture of features. In fact one observer said that if you look at it from the rear, it appears to be passing gas on the community.

Lake Meadows Visions

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South Street Journal HOME SOURCE

Your Information Resource for Housing in the Mid-South Communities

Welcome to the HomeSource

By A. L. Smith

Welcome to HomeSource, of South Street Journal's area real estate information, A home renovation and rehabilitation resource, a general guide to the housing status issues for renters, homeowners and soon-to-be homeowners, developers and the like in the Mid-South communities.

We are pleased to introduce the first edition of HomeSource, as part of South Street Journal's on-going commitment dedicate to the energy and resources of this newspaper as we chronicle the emerging renaissance of our circulation area; the Mid-South communities.

The South Street Journal recognizes that it takes a lot more than simple hope to make Mid-South communities prosper and grow. It takes commitment and hard work. It takes people working together for change. It takes investment and a comprehensive strategy for development. It takes *information* about what's happening, and when, and by whom.

Timely, useful, easy to understand information about a wide range of housing trends and issues. HomeSource. This housing section has been designed to provide information, resources and ideas that will help both new and long-time residents, as well as others, stay abreast of the rapidly evolving



housing market. Future editions will cover a wide variety of housing topics including how to buy a home, the best financing options for purchasing and/or rehabbing, finding good construction and rehab contractors, how to get the building of your dreams out of demolition court, low-cost decorating

tips and much more.

We will also address hard-hitting neighborhood housing issues such as the status of landmark designations for Bronzeville and many of its historic structures, the struggles to create a truly viable mixed-income community, as well as what's in store for public housing for scattered-site housing, and other stories of interest to the community.

We also want and encourage your ideas and input. Please take a minute and drop us a line about HomeSource. Tell us what you like, and what you don't like, and be sure to share any topics you'd like to see in future editions. This is your community newspaper, and your needs are our top priority. Contact the HomeSource editor at 924-0064. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Abandoned Building Program Razes Building At 60th and King



As the Washington Park community is fast becoming vacant lots of land, an abandoned courtyard located at 6036 S. Martin Luther King Dr. was demolished early summer as part of Mayor Daley's Abandoned Building Program. The building was dangerous, vacant and posed a serious threat to surrounding residents.

Washington Park -- The Washington Park community seem to be on fast track demolition as many building are coming down in the area bound 51st Street to 61st Street, Michigan Ave. to King Drive. Although fast track is based on a hazardous condition many are from court order.

6036 King Dr. was demolished early this summer as part of Mayor Daley's Abandoned Building Program. "The City of Chicago is committed to demolishing dangerous abandoned buildings that are a blight on the community," said Mayor Richard M. Daley. "It is our hope that the demolition of buildings such as these will result in neighborhoods that are safer and brighter for all Chicagoans to enjoy."

Under the program, the Department of

Buildings works closely with the Chicago Police Department and concerned citizens in order to identify hazardous abandoned buildings.

Once buildings are identified as vacant and open, they are placed in demolition court. Once there, a judge works with all parties who have a legal interest in the property to determine if the building should be demolished.

Building Commissioner Cheryl T. Thomas stated, "The Department of Buildings relies on the assistance of community members in order to identify dangerous abandoned buildings."

Chicagoans can contact the City at 744-5000 in order to report an abandoned or dangerous building.

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The Eyes are Watching: An Overview

Grand Boulevard (Bronzeville), Douglas, Oakland, Kenwood, Woodlawn, Washington Park, Hyde Park, Near South, Gap, Fuller Park, Armory Square

Re-Establishing a Once & Future Communities on Chicago's South Side

by A. L. Smith

If you are African American, raised on the south side of Chicago, you have roots here. Your eyes need to watch a major housing renaissance that has begun in the historic Black Metropolis or Mid South communities of Chicago...from the viability of the "Gap", to the stately mansions along King Drive, from the State street corridor which houses public housing to the somewhat run-down 63rd Street Woodlawn, the moderately thriving business districts of 47th that bisect the Grand Boulevard, one fact is undeniable: today, change is in the air - - - and more changes are a comin' in the future.

The unmistakable signs are there, everywhere you look. Everyone, from potential homebuyers and small and large businesses, to the City of Chicago, real estate development companies and four new banks in five years are has taken a long hard look at the Mid-South area. Housing prices are steadily rising to meet the Hyde Park area, and available low-cost vacant land is growing scarcer or are on hold by elected officials. Building permit signs are sprouting on abandoned and nearly-abandoned buildings like weeds.

Architects and construction workers have become recognizable fixtures (While KOCO of Kenwood/Oakland and others protest creating new jobs mostly for folks outside of the area) at new construction sites and on rehab projects around the neighborhood. Gracious and elegant turn-of-the-century gray and brownstones are being painstakingly restored to their former glory by newly transplanted and returning pioneering professional singles and families.

An explosion of historical landmark designation applications, housing improvements, and the determined sweat equity of new and long-time homeowners boosting both neighborhood pride and home values throughout the Mid-South community.

Much of the credit for the resurgent interest in Mid South communities must be given to the fervent preservation efforts of a wide range of over 200 community organizations, community activists, political leaders and just plain old, everyday neighborhood residents who shared a common vision and love for the community and its history. Kudos must also be given to

those public and private-sector entities who recognized the vision.

The fate of being in the right place at a time when the spotlight of development shine on inner-city communities with close proximity to the downtown and the lake. The future success and/or failure will most probably parallel that of other Chicago neighborhoods which have suffered persistent dis-investment and neglect for over generations: the near west side near the United Center, and the near north side 'gold coast' area where Cabrini-Green now sits. The supreme challenge for all of these communities is a difficult, yet potentially feasible one: How to successfully integrate often opposing interests of community revitalization while maintaining an economically and socially diverse balance of people from various educational and income levels, to create a cohesive, stable community? There are no easy answers, and few successful blueprints to follow.

On the other side of the elegant wrought iron fences, a series of politically sensitive landmines await. Real estate developers and others interested in the abundance of buildable land argue that market-rate housing is the way to go. Public housing residents sing the now familiar 'land grab' refrain, while HUD and the CHA offer Section 8 certificates designed to 'encourage residential choice' for those now living in Ida B. Wells, Robert Taylor and Stateway Gardens. The CHA is also faced with the task of convincing those who have rehabbed homes upwards into the \$200,000 plus range that scattered site housing is feasible in the community, and will not necessarily lower property values. It's an increasingly hard sell.

The Mayor and the city administration, attempting to leverage responsiveness to constituent demands while respecting ward boundaries and local aldermanic control, is simultaneously cheered and derided by numerous competing interests, all who claim to have "the plan" which will make the communities of Mid-South work.

Preservation activists and community organizers are squeezed into the politically correct middle of the road, fighting to retain a semblance of control while seeking not to offend anyone in either the public or private sector and turn them into an adversary whom they may need as an ally in the near future when the dust settles, so to speak.

On the one hand, they must convince the city, and developers to invest in the community for it to be successful, while being careful not to price out those elderly, and low-to-moderate income residents who have been the backbone of the community during the lonely and frustrating years when it was still considered a dangerous, untouchable ghetto.

Today's residents have to confront a host of urban ills which plague many Chicago communities and deter revitalization efforts - - - crime, drugs, joblessness and high unemployment, teen pregnancy and illiteracy levels, and an uneven business district, to name a few.

Given these and other concerns, perhaps the most important issue facing the community activists is that they must endeavor to reach common ground and develop a meaningful dialogue with the local elected officials towards a common goal: a strong and viable community. Consider a range of options and everyone should understand that mutual re-

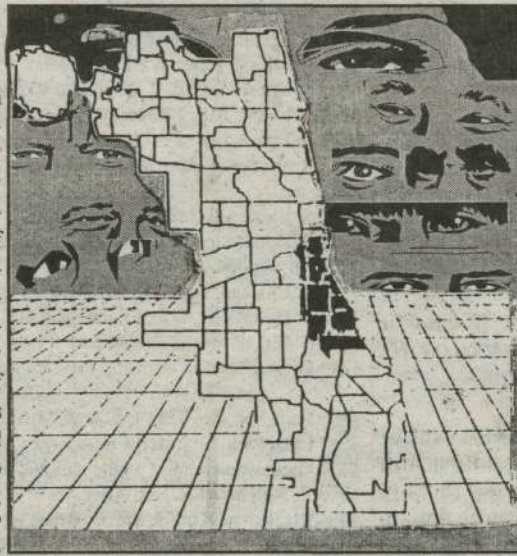
spect must be the order of the day. Should this not occur, the political fallout could be detrimental to the entire community. And that's something none of us should be willing to settle for. Then there is also the possibility that while this polite standoff simmers, others will step into the void to take control is very real.

In fact, the future, and who will control the future directions and potential changes to this up-and-coming area, situated smack in the middle of one of Chicago's federal empowerment zone districts is currently the source of vigorous debate as well as both outward and behind-the-scenes maneuvering by various forces within and outside of the community.

Neighborhood old-timers and newcomers alike have strong opinions about what all the changes mean, and discussions on who will be most affected and how the community will handle the changes looming on the economic, political and social horizons are growing more focused and intense, and the topics vary depending on who you talk to. And make no mistake - - -everybody's talking. Just as the elderly men did in a circle in Washington Park during the sixties.

In the final analysis, the communities of the Mid-South area must move quickly and decisively to create a culture of substantive change, while the interest level remains high and the money to effect change is available. No party lasts forever, even a long-overdue party like the current re-building of Mid-South, and as the wise elders of the community often point out, it makes sense to make hay while the sun shines.

The Mid-South community's challenge? To move beyond often fractious and self-serving rhetoric, political posturing and arguing over which "plan" for the community is best, or which blue-ribbon commission can generate the most effective public-private sector partnership. We must join together from Taylor Homes to Lake Meadows to begin walking along the road to re-establishing the communities of Mid-South to the jewels of the south side it once were. Remember - - - the eyes of the South Street Journal, the community, the future generation (40 and under) and the entire city are watching. Let's give them something glorious to see!



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Construction Set for Nine Homes in Bronzeville

Under Mayor's New Homes for Chicago Program

Gap -- City Council passed legislation in August that will allow the Department of Housing (DOH) to provide subsidies for the construction of nine new single-family homes in the Bronzeville community under Mayor Daley's New Homes for Chicago.

The nine new homes will be constructed on the 3500 and 3600 blocks of south Prairie in the 2nd ward on 12 lots sold to the developers for \$1 a pence through DOH's City Lots for City Living Program. In addition, DOH will provide perimeter site improvements and waive various City fees.

"The City is pleased to have the opportunity to make a contribution to the revitalization efforts of such an historic area as Bronzeville," said City Housing Commissioner Marina Carrott. "We look forward to the day when we hand over the keys for these new homes to nine very happy families."

With New Homes City subsidies, developers are able to substantially reduce the purchase prices of the newly constructed homes to %99,000, making them affordable for working families making no more than 120% of the area median income (\$64,900 for a family of four). The New Homes for Bronzeville development will receive a \$20,000 per unit subsidy (\$180,000) total for the nine new homes.

These single-family new homes will be constructed through a joint partnership of the not-for-profit D&D Save the Children Community Organization and the profit Lakeshore Development and Construction Co. The new homes will be standard 1,310 square foot, three bedroom 1 1/2 bath, with an unfinished basement, backyard and parking spaces.

Since the program's inception in 1990, the City Council has approved financing for 4441 new homes 24 developments throughout the city.



This vacant land on the 3500 block of south Prairie will be one of the sites for nine new single family homes in the Douglas (Gap/Bronzeville) community, constructed through a joint partnership of the not-for-profit D&D Save the Children Community Organization and the for-profit Lakeshore Development and Construction Co.

Breaking Ground For New SRO

Near South - In the 2nd ward the ground-breaking for the construction is underway for a new 170-unit Single Room Occupancy (SRO) residence to be located at 18th and Wabash. It will be the first new SRO to be built in Chicago's South Loop in decades.

The project is headed by the Central City Housing Ventures. Alderman Madeline L. Haithcock (2) has endorsed the develop-

ment which received unanimous City Council approval earlier this year. The City has provided generous financial support through the Department of Housing.

Set for completion next summer, the SRO will provide affordable residence to formerly homeless and low-income wage earners, students and the elderly. The Chicago Christian Industrial League, a joint venture partner in the project, will manage the property and offer training and employment services to residents.

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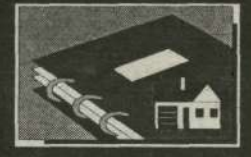
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Real Estate Transactions in the Mid-South Communities



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		
6208 Langley, Adrienne Harrison to Patrick Issacs	8-9	78,500
6537 S. Greenwood, Kingsley Ehimwenman & Raymond Egwiekhor to Rosetta Williams	8-6	75,000
1432 E. 66th Pl. Midwest Real Estate Investment Co. to Sandra Mayo	8-1	180,000
1026 E. 67th St. Chgo U.S. Bank to Rommey Abdallah	8-2	90,000
5435-Cornell #2 Chgo Eric H. Haluorson to Vida A. Praitis & Rugero Hill***	7-31	116,700
6420 Evans, Charles McClellan to Tamika Hatchett	7-26	62,000
6336 S. Cottage Gr., Jules Ramey to Cole Taylor Bank	7-16	90,000
1019 E. 61st Renaissance & thrush Joint Venture to Conray Weathers	7-15	128,000
6150 Rhodes, * Jones to Steven Jordan	6-28	117,000
6645 S. Minerva, Osia V. Cooper to Rhonda Clifton	6-20	110,000
6620 S. Evans, Ricky Rogers to Everett Davis	6-20	135,000
6148 S. Evans, Leroy & Melba Trice to Bobby Towns & Minnie Ford	6-18	60,000
6135 S. Vernon, Equity Investors Management Inc. to Darryl G. Crawford	6-18	36,000
Kenwood		
4940 S. East End, Unit 8A, F.J.Sarich & M.L. Presti to K.E. Burnett	8-30	115,000
5011 S. Dorchester#1, K. Johnson to G. Rudy	8-27	128,750
4721 E. S. Woodlawn, A.&N*. Caudle* to S. Cari*&E. Hadley	8-27	215,000
4800 S. Chicago, Beach Dr., E. Pearson to R Ehrlich	8-26	75,000
4919 S. Dorchester, D.D. Friedman & E.G. Cook to D.M.&R.C. Friedman	8-26	300,000
5012 S. Woodlawn, J. Fair & C.M. Tell to Timothe H. & Martha L.	8-26	240,000
5329 Greenwood, M. Brimstin to S. Sachnoff	8-23	
264,400		
4800 Lane Shr. Dr., #2114, A.A. & M.A. Fisher to L.L. & B.J. Greenfield	8-23	54,000
4567 Lake Park, Fred Berke to A large Corp.	7-15	52,500
4724 Greenwood #3W, LaSalle national Bank to Rosetta M. Batiste	7-3	90,000
1640 E. 50th St. #13C, Dr. Alice Ma to Jennifer Furlan**	6-20	130,000
4906 Blackstone, Unit 9, Ste. C, Bruce B. Peters to Yin P. Kean	6-19	100,000
Hyde Park		
5451 S. Est View Pk. #3, R.H. Feldman & L.J. Granum to J Jones	9-4	135,000
5000 S. Cornell, #824-S, K. Conorqui to D.R.-Lindsey	9-3	106,000
5201 S. Cornell #22A, A. Bailey to D. M. Flowers	9-3	89,500
5201 S. Cornell #24F, W. Zhng to Mark Jones	8-29	127,000
5201 S. Cornell #21F, V. & S. Henderson to L.M. Mitchell	8-29	120,500
5481A S. Cornell, Max.M. & N.K. Aver to E. & C. F. Ahme	8-28	105,200
5547 S. Dorchester #2, Lanny Bell to ***	8-26	119,000
1145 E. 51st #3A, G.L. Massey to A. Dixon	8-26	95,000
5201 S. Cornell, M.K. Yuen to E. Y. & Bernice Jarrett	8-27	135,000
1400 E. 55th Pl. #405, M.E. Kortum to K. Stenson	8-23	36,900
5136-3 S. Greenwood #5136-3, Cole Taylor Bank to M. Demos	8-23	109,900
5336 S. Ingleside, John R.M. & L.M. Hand to N. Barnes & K. Harris	8-20	265,000
5331 S. Dorchester, S. Kale to J. Stovall	8-20	83,000
5429 S. Ellis, K. Walsh & S.M. Brower to S.L. Howell II & S.F. Jones	8-20	231,000
5131 S. Woodlawn, L. Sippel to D McDonald	8-19	360,000
5803 S. Blackstone, H. Kligerman to L. Keenan	8-16	440,000
5421 S. Dorchester #13, E. Rhine to J Way	8-16	70,000
5142 S. Ellis Unit 1-A, 1st Natl. Bank of Blue Island Trust Co. to G. Walker	8-15	150,000
5433-37 #3 S. Eastview Pk., G. Cairns* to R. Feldween*	8-15	237,000
5100 Hyde Pk. #2A, Gregory Greiff t Eric Haluorson*	8-13	77,500
1700 E. 55th Pl. #1010, Sunil & Suvir Varma to Naomi Ruth M. Scott	8-12	89,500
1450 E. 55th Pl. #818S, Eric Ladenheim to Robert Hughes Sr.	8-12	62,000
5430 Dorchester, Roy & Kathleen Walle to Clairan Ferrono & D. Derbes	8-9	175,000
1700 E. 56th St. #702 David Peters to Lowell Zollar	8-7	135,750
5618 Blackstone, Unit 5618-1, Christopher M. Wittemann to John D. Beckemeier, Jr.	8-6	137,000
5418 University, Ole Kleppa & Abbie Joy Kleppa to Richard Cohn & Heather Jessen	8-6	184,000
5429 East View Park, Unit 1, Carol & Stephen Davidson to Thomas Holt & Leora Auslander	8-6	185,000
5328 S. Hyde Park Blvd., Alonzo Cooley to Kevin P. Lee	8-2	115,000
5752 Dorchester, Unit 5752, American National Bank & Trust Comp. of Chgo	8-5	410,000
5801 Blackstone, Sybille Fritzsche to Carol Warshawsky	8-5	350,000
5425 Dorchester, Marianne Kilmurd to Edmond Berger	7-31	45,000
1451 E. 55th St. Chgo Perry D. to ***	7-30	58,000
5442 Eastview Pk. #1, Mary Jane Kite/Mark Bouman to J.L. & J.K. Newberg	7-29	125,000
4800 Chgo, Karen Allen to Phillis Laster	7-26	57,500
4800 Chgo Beach Dr. Gail Anderson to Lucia N. Kukoyi	7-25	48,000
5401 Ridgewood #3, Richard L. Cohn to ***	7-25	89,000
5557 Kimbark #3, Jeff & Mary Lynn Berger to Steven Reiner	7-12	94,000
5137 Harper, Robert & Gretchen Oiller** to Jeffrey E. Sterling	7-11	173,000
5227 Dorchester, Nancy Maull to Kimerly Rorschach-Hart & John Hart	7-10	316,545
5471 S. Hyde Park #7B, Lillian Agbo to Claudyne Lampley	7-10	129,000
5514 University #202, Bruce Campbell to Wm. T. Warlick	7-3	108,000
5626 Dorchester #3, LaSalle National Bank to Rosetta M. Batiste	7-3	90,000
5307 Cornell #5307-3, Zalldwaynaka Scott to Peggy Miller	7-3	110,000
5447 Cornell, Unit 3, Brandon & Angela Smithy to Philip A. Ricardt & Ana M. Tirado	7-1	135,000
1424 E. 54th St. David & Karen Hyman to Wen-Liang Kuo & Pei-Chien Lin	7-1	169,000
1459 E. 55th Pl. Doris & Alvin Baxter Jr. to Xunyi Xu & Zhimin Hou	7-9	206,500
Grand Boulevard		
4355 S. Calumet, A. Morriion to M. Hughes	8-29	65,000
5116-5125 S. Prairie, E. Edward to A. Strickland	8-26	65,000
632 E. Oakwood, James Drake to CT&T uta	8-19	70,000
4438 S. Indiana, 1st Natl. Bank of Blue Island Trust Co. to G. Walker	8-15	96,000
4534 Vincennes, Ronnie Baker to Cadence Wynter	8-6	164,500
4747 Ingleside, American National to Brian Rich	8-1	180,000
4233 Prairie, Community Capital Resources Corp. to Cedric Griffith	7-25	101,200
4416 Michigan Ave., Standard Bank & Tr. Co. to Jerone P. & E Madeline Morgan	6-6	250,000
4950-52 Vincennes Unit 4952-1, John Beckett to James Scott	6-27	95,000
5134 Michigan, Valerian Simricia to Wanda Joy Watkins	6-25	204,000
4540 Prairie, Helen Bryant to Don Evans and Debra Wright	6-24	45,000
449-51 E. Oakwood, Sharon Tate to Royce Banks & Joyce Chisom	6-21	85,000
Fuller Park		
4364 S. Wentworth, Beatrice Scott to Louis Bacon	3-6	45,000
4941 S. Princeton, Alvia Baker To Patricia Hortense Walker	2-27	49,000
Oakland		
4506 S. Ellis, W. Mays to D. Murray	9-4	60,000
4164 S. Ellis New Homes for North Kenwood-Oakland Limited Partnership to S.G. Tukes	6-14	100,550
4158 S. Ellis, NHKO, L.P., to Tamara Earley	5-6	112,570
4162 S. Ellis, Nhko, L.P. to Douglas & Kristina Abramowski	5-6	110,120
926 E. 42nd Place, Albert L. Welch to Marlene L. Tarpley	4-23	42,500
Washington Park		
6014-16 S. Calumet, E. Edward to A. Strickland	8-26	60,000
6643 Michigan, Associates Finance Inc. to Felicia Sawyer	8-8	44,000
5425 Indiana, Francis Williams to Patricia Ross	8-6	60,000
5520 Prairie, Emaretta Hendricks to John Lawrence	6-27	162,500

Chicago Urban League: The New Housing Developer



Grand Blvd.--The Chicago Urban League with the latest build commercial structure in the Mid-South area on 45th and Michigan Ave. has extended their success as a building to providing that expertise for residential properties.

The League has had its development arm since 1982. Involved in home repair programs, rehab of apartments, loan packaging, and counseling but no brick and mortar work.

However, August 1995 the League did the ground breaking of the New Homes for North Kenwood-Oakland. They were one of 17 that presented proposal to the North Kenwood Community Conservation Council in 1994. With the council approval New Homes for North Kenwood-Oakland a partnership of the League Development Corporation, the Bank of America, and Thrush Development Company (which has been doing intensive construction work in the Woodlawn new home development with Woodlawn Preservation Investment Corporation), in coordination with the city's New Homes for Chicago program. The architect is Johnson and Lee Architects.

Sylvia A. Ruffin who is on a fast track work load, has been the director since 1993. "We are located in the

same building. I report to James Compton, (CEO) but the Development Corp. is separate with its own tax exempt, board and staff."

"Our development is designed to provide newly constructed affordable homes for families who otherwise may never have considered owning a home." Ruffin said.

The homes features 3-bedroom, with two baths, full basement, and off-street parking, are priced beginning at \$99,000. With options the price goes as high as \$125,000.

The homes has two floors with a full unfinished basement, with a washer/dryer area. The first floor contains a foyer, living/dining area, and a large eat-in kitchen, with an exterior deck. The second floor contains three bedrooms.

"There's a need for ownership with such vacant land that exist in the community. And the development corporation is meeting that need."

The League has done other construction work in Washington Park community rehabbing 162 units. Ten of the buildings are located from 61st and 62nd on St. Lawrence and three located at 61st and King Drive.

With success of the New Homes for Kenwood-Oakland project, Ruffin said they will be expanding to 25

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Organizations form Coalition



Omar Shareef, president of AACA talk with Bob Lucas of KOCO on new strategy for construction jobs.

and the AACA demonstrated at 4035 S. Ellis Ave. Where Mr. Wade is also constructing 14 houses. KOCO and AACA demonstrated there also, and shut down the development. KOCO and AACA also shut down the 46th St. and Lake Park Ave. development as well.

"We are going to make sure that the Alderman and the city lives up to their commitment," stress Lucas.

The coalition members also consists of: Chicago United Black Community, African American Op-

erating Engineers Association (, Allied Workers Union Local 101, Crusaders of Justice, African Americans Plumber Association, National Black United Front, Chicago Muslim Business Association, Hebrew Israelite Community, West Side NAACP and the African American Electrical Association.

These objectives are:
1. Achieving 100 work order contracts at the Chicago Public Schools.
B) Paying all African American businesses who are having difficulty col-

lecting what is owed by various contracts with the city agencies.
2. 100 immediate jobs (skilled and unskilled).
3. Reducing the City Certification process from 1 1/2 years to 60 days.
3. An independent investigation into "Front Companies" and "Pass Thru" Companies.

AACA has requested U.S. Attorney General's Janet Reno and James Burns to launch a federal investigation into these "Front Companies" and "Pass Thru" companies. Budgeted to be spent in the Public Schools by September 1996 is \$60 million, \$800 million over 5 years.

The Coalition stated they will not allow the School Board to overlook and disrespect the African American people and addressing the following newly selected Property Advisors: Marriott/Globetrotters, Premisys Real Estate Services, U.S. Equities, Miglin-Beitler, Inc., Ogdan Facility Services and Circle/CLER.

"These Property Advisors continue to contract out Chicago Public School work to white suburban and out of State Contractors. They remain insensitive and irresponsible to the coalitions demands," said Shareef. "Our goal is to put the Community to work and the maximum in contracts and jobs for African American people."

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Bronzeville



This house is one of ten duplex houses from 4816 to 4836 S. Langley Ave that was in the Mid-South Home Tour last summer. Since 1923 the house has been home to five generations of the Frazier family and is currently occupied by Annette Carter the great-grand daughter (4th generation).

who's father Dr. Ira Maclinn Mason who practiced medicine on 35th Street in Bronzeville for 56 years. Ray Mason is trying to name portion of 35th street named for his father.

Mayor Richard M. Daley announced 17 artists, 12 from the Chicago area, to create artworks for a 1.5 mile stretch of Martin Luther King Drive, between 25th and 35th streets. The pieces, are part of a \$10 million beautification project funded by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

The art works includes a 15 foot bronze male figure by Alison Saar, a bronze street map of Bronzeville by Gregg LeFevre, decorative fencing by Mary Brogger, a "Walk of Fame" consisting of bronze memorial plaques by Geraldine McCullough and 24 unique art benches created by 13 artists. The pieces celebrate Bronzeville, a historic district famous

as a cultural mecca for Chicago's African-American community from the early 1900s to the 1950s.

Bronzeville the area commonly known to cover between 22nd and 39th street, Dan Ryan to Cottage was where Blacks were restricted to live, from early 1900's to the mid-50's. Then it had Black businesses and a luster and historic appeal. That appeal received the attention of Mayor Daley who appointed a Blue Ribbon Panel on Bronzeville.

To some it meant a take over of the work organizations has been working on for years. Based on its prime land being close to the Loop, McCormick Place and the Lake.

The panel is made up of two different groups: the Bronzeville Partnership Committee and the Bronzeville Resource committee.

The corroboration was applaud by

organizations of Mid-South, however, disturbed that the panel would waste time and money duplication plans already established by groups. Peter Cunningham, Executive Assistance to the Mayor told South Street Journal, "That's not the case at all." Reiterating correspondence from the Mayor defending role to help bring resources to the community process. Cunningham said, "We are only bringing more people to the table to support what is presently going on."

With letters going to the Mayor from various organizations voicing the panel as a duplication of effort, Congressman Bobby Rush (1) joined the campaign in opposition. In a letter to the Mayor, Rush refused to be part of the panel, citing that the committee is "totally unnecessary". He stated the Bronzeville area is the most studied and planned community in Chicago and the Mayor could have provided resources as early as 1992 upon his sincerity. Rush also criticized the Mayor because Blacks were highly left out of the construction of King Drive upgrade. A shared position of Omar Shareef of the African America Contractors Association.

In a response to the congressman the Mayor requested Rush staff to be at least be a part of the committee as it establish public/private partnerships.

As Rush pointed out financial support for the 8th Armory was over looked. In a letter to the Mayor Rush said, "...The Bronzeville/Black Metropolis area is arguably the most studied and planned (on paper) community in the city of Chicago... He went on to say what is needed is the designating Black Metropolis/Bronzeville as a city historical district; creating a Tax-Increment Financing District and support the existing Near South Development Plan.

The Mayor responded to Rush in support of landmark designation in which the panel committee has approved. Cunningham also hinted that the city may even try to repurchase the historic building on 35th and Giles to support the historic buildings in the area that his been approve by the committee as an historic area. Presently the Douglas Development Corporation, headed by former alderman (2) William Barnett, is trying to repurchase the building for its back taxes.

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 Representatives Lou Jones and Shirley
 Jones, State Senator Margaret Smith and
 Congressman Bobby Rush are ex-officio
 members of the Committee.
 The general community is encouraged to attend
 the meetings by calling.

The Partnership committee has been given the responsibility to help establish the role of the private sector in restoring Bronzeville and set development priorities for the historic buildings.

A second objective is to explore the feasibility of heritage tourism and identifying tourism related business opportunities. The Partnership Committee is chaired by Barbara Jones-Green, a resident of Lake Meadows and President of Jonette, Inc.

The Resource Committee is charged with identifying and acquiring outside investment and support into the community.

Chuck Bowen and Peter Cunningham, Both Mayor's Assistants, are leading this effort for the city administration which is to last six months.

As the attention continues on Bronzeville, the tenacity to restore the area is to benefit the residents of the area. Owning part of the Bronzeville is becoming another casualty - beyond the reach of most residents of the area.

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Empowerment Zone funding

Amount approved -\$761,900 total projection cost-\$1,319,800.

The Youth Net program provides after school gymnasium activities at King High School and a number of grammar schools including Woodson. It also calls for after school programs in Kennecott Park with tutoring & arts and crafts. In addition a summer jobs program is planned to provide students the opportunity to "shadow" skilled employees at three hospitals including Michael Reese.

Proposal #70 Gappie Development Corporation. Amount approved-\$300,000, total projection cost \$6,550,400. located at 253 E. 35th St. President Ester Barnett explained that Gappie proposes to use funds for a small shopping center it is developing at 35th & King Dr. (former Alco Store). The plan includes the renovation of the vacant store. Planned for the shopping center are a restaurant, grocery store, flower shop, paper stand, parking area & possibly a bank branch.

Proposal 105 is Centers for New Horizons at 4150 King Drive. Amount approved-\$1,000,000, total projection cost \$6,122,648. Sandi O'Donald, Director of Resource Development said that the Center proposes to expand its child development program which includes Head Start. The Center also plans to expand its program for economic self support & The Institute for Parent Job Readiness.

Proposal #272 Elliott Donnelley Youth Center, 3947 S. Michigan. Amount approved \$90,000.00, total projection cost \$90,000.00. Director Marrison Coverson said the money would be use for the recreation ac-

tive area next door to the Center & for a beautification project.

Proposal 40 Englewood Cares Amount approved \$194,250, total projection cost-\$6,550,400.00. Englewood Cares at 6500 S. Racine. Pastor Carney, Founder & Director reports that the organization plans to use the funds for office space & to expand its services to survivors of sexual assault, incest & homicide.

These services include a 24 hour crisis hotline. Also planned are implementation of conflict resolution programs to enable people to resolve differences without resorting to violence or other destructive behavior.

Proposal 265 submitted by the **Renaissance Corp.** Renaissance 4946 N. Sheridan, project address, 3763 S. Wabash. Amount approved \$1,500,000, total projection cost-\$7,327,784.

A spokesman said four south side churches plans to use funding to renovate the social and recreational center of the Bronzeville YMCA at 38th and Wabash. The center included an indoor swimming pool, a gymnasium and a ballroom which accommodates 100 people. The ballroom features a mural by Black artist William Edward Scott. There are also rooms for day care, weight lifting facilities are planned and a room for computers. Family nights are also planned as well as monitoring and programs for seniors. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) facilities are also planned but not to be funded by the E Z grant.

The Renaissance Corp. includes the Apostolic Faith Church, St. Elizabeth, St. Thomas Episcopal and Quinn Chapel.

In all the Mid-South organizations submitted over 82 proposals requesting funds from the Empowerment Zone grants. Others were scheduled for funding such as the Fund project for a shopping center on 47th and Lake Park and The Sutherland Arts. Initiative on 47th and Drexel.

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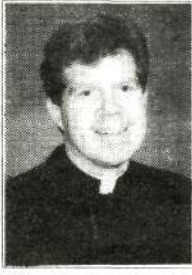
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Spiritual Food

A.C.T.S. Hold on for Land Development on 29th Street

For the past year a group of eleven churches called the Alliance of Congregations Transforming the Southside (ACTS) have been trying to influence how a vacant square block of city-owned land on Wabash Avenue from 29th to 28th street will be developed. Specifically, ACTS has been seeking needed



Father Thomas Frayne, of St. James

retail development and recreational development for the community to serve the Dearborn Homes and South Commons neighborhood.

During the summer public meetings were held at St. James Catholic Church on 29th and Wabash to inform the community support.

"The city needs to hear the cry of the community and not be

lured by offers of big money which suggest that the done deal is still done," stress Father Thomas Frayne, pastor of St. James.

The land, originally owned by the Archdiocese of Chicago, fell into the hands of the city for about \$10 around 1960. When St. James Catholic Church, which has been situated at 29th and Wabash for 140 years, sought to acquire some of this land last August for a gymnasium for its school children, Father Frayne said it was told by alderman Madeline Haitcock that the land was "promised" to another party. "Thus began a year-long saga which is now coming to a climax," said Father Frayne. "First, ACTS sought to undo a done deal. Then, ACTS, got the city to issue a Request for Proposals (REP) on the vacant land."

The RFP was issued on Feb. 25 1996. Proposals were due on June 25th, 1996. ACTS knew that four months would not be enough time for them to put together a complete proposal, but the city would not give additional time.

On June 25th, two proposals were submitted and read. One proposal by Rogers Pontiac and East Lake Management bid approximately \$850,000 for the land and calls for an expansion of Rogers Pontiac and an Office Building with some community services by East Lake Management. ACTS, in partnership with Matanky Realty Group and D.R.C. Development Group bid \$10 for the land and proposes to build affordable housing and a recreational facility for the community and for the children of St. James School.

Up Close Metropolitan Community Church Installs New Minister

Grand Blvd.-On July 7, 1996 Metropolitan Community Church celebrated the installation of pastor, Rev. Leon Perry III in its sanctuary at 4100 South Martin Luther King Drive.

"We are delighted celebrating Rev. Perry's installation as the fourth Pastor to serve in the 76-year history of the church," says Bernice Reed, Installation Committee Representative.

The installation sermon was delivered by Bishop T. Garrett Benjamin, Jr., pastor of the Light of The World Christian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rev. Leon Perry, III, 36 years of age is a native of Chicago. He answered the call into Christian ministry at an early age and was licensed to preach in 1979 under the pastorate of Dr. Dorothy Sutton Branch.

With lots of energy and vision he served in Commonwealth Community church as a youth leader, Sunday school teacher, youth choir founder and director, official board member and Pastor of Commonwealth Community Junior Church.

The ministry of evangelism has allowed him to travel a great deal participating in youth rallies, revivals, workshops, retreats and special day guest speakers assignments within the local community and throughout the United States.

He graduated from North Park College of Theological Seminary receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies and is now a full-time divinity student of McCormick Theological Seminary.

While attending North Park College, he traveled to Alaska serving many villages as a student missionary. He recently traveled to Israel and Egypt as a part of his continued education program of the University of Divinity Chicago.

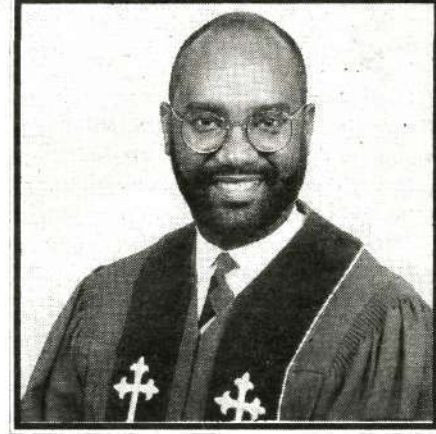
Rev. Leon Perry III was duly ordained into the Christian ministry by the International Council of Community Churches on the 22nd day of May, 1993. His affiliation with the council has given him the opportunity to be elected president of the youth and young adult council and a member of the social concerns commission, and now a newly elected trustee.

In 1980, 1984 and 1987 he was the recipient of the Outstanding Young Men of American Award.

He has taught in the south suburban school districts; served as chaplain for the Glenwood School for Boys; and elected board member of the NAACP; board member of the Adoption Information Center of Illinois and chairman of the Metropolitan Community Foundation, Inc.

For the past eight years, he has served as the Associate Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church and Pastor of Metropolitan Community Junior Church. He is currently serving as Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church.

It is Reverend Perry's belief that we must be energized by God's spirit, motivated by God's love, guided by God's hand, strengthen by God's power and saved by God's grace.



Metropolitan Community Church newly installed pastor, Rev. Leon Perry III

THE PROPOSALS ARE IN FOR THE WABASH AVENUE

PROPOSAL #1 EAST LAKE MANAGEMENT & ROGERS PONTICA



LAND BID: \$840,000 +

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PROPOSAL #2 ACTS PARTNERSHIP



LAND BID: \$10

(EXACTLY WHAT THE CITY PAID FOR IT SEVERAL DECADES AGO)

PROPOSED USE:
PHASE I OF MULTI-PHASE PLAN TO MEET NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

PROPOSAL #2
FINALLY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE A SAY IN HOW ITS NEEDS ARE MET WITH ACTS PARTNERSHIP

Prepared by ACTS organizing committee

Four Mid-South Churches part of Black Church Tours

From the Underground Railroad to the Civil Rights Movement to the birth of gospel blues, Chicago's African - American churches have played a pivotal role in the growth and development of the city and beyond. The Black Church Heritage Tours, presented by Inspired Partnerships with support from The Chicago Community Trust and the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, celebrate the contributions and rich history of six African - American churches. The Chicago Gospel Brunch, a complement to the tours, examines the rise of gospel music and includes a service at the church home of the "father of gospel music."

The Black Church Heritage Tours will be held October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23 and December 7, 10:00 a.m. - noon. They will be led by high school students who attend the featured churches. Under the guidance of Charles Branham, Ph.D., the Senior Historian of the DuSable Museum of

African - American History, the students have crafted tours that bring their church archives to life, pass on oral histories of their church elders, and tell the stories of their neighborhoods through the church experience.

The featured churches are: **Quinn Chapel A.M.E.** 24th & Wabash, (built in 1891) Chicago's oldest Black Church built by and for African Americans, **Pilgrim Baptist Church** on 33rd and Indiana. (built in 1890) designed by Chicago's famous Adler and Sullivan and home church of the late Thomas Dorsey - The "father and founder of Gospel music," **First Baptist Congregational Church** on the west side (1869), where every American president from Abraham Lincoln to John F. Kennedy has spoken, **Olivet Baptist Church**, 31st and King Drive (1875), once reputed to be the largest Protestants congregation the US, **Progressive Community Center**, 48th and

Wabash - (1889), which has hosted luminaries including Paul Robeson, A.Philip Randolph and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Buses for the Black Church Heritage Tours will leave from Grace Episcopal Church, 637 S. Dearborn Street. The cost is \$20.00 per person for members of Inspired Partnerships, \$25.00 for non - members and \$10.00 for students. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, call 312-294-0077. For more information, call 312-409-3042.

The Chicago Gospel Brunch will be held October 20 at 9:00 a.m. It will begin with talks by two experts in the history of gospel music and the Black Church. The featured speakers are Michael Harris, Ph.D., author of "The Rise of Gospel Blues: The Music of Thomas Andrew Dorsey in the Urban Church," and visiting professor of African American Studies and History at Northwestern University; and Larry Murphy, Ph.D. senior researcher for the Religion in Urban America Project, University of Illinois

Attendance at a worship service at Pilgrim Baptist, combined with spirited gospel music, is sure to uplift and inspire. Brunch at the church will follow the service.

Rev. Herbert Martin, Pastor
Progressive Community Church



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11:00 AM Services

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2nd Sunday - Choir's Musical 3:30 pm

St. Paul Church of God in Christ will present it's annual "Harvest Festival",

Songs of Inspiration and Praise, Sunday October 6, 7:30 pm. at St. Paul Church of God in Christ, 4526 S. Wabash. Vernon Oliver Price, sate Soloist and other soloist from the St. Paul Church of God in Christ Radio and Young Adult Choirs. For additional info call 538-4526.

Everybody's Church, presents it's 1st Women's Retreat.

Theme: The Ideal Women, Saturday October 26 at the Ramada Inn. Lakeshore, 8:00 am till, cost \$25. Everybody's church is located at 5958 S. Wabash. For information call Jewel Dickson at 363-1464.

Starting a Business

The Things You Should Know and Avoid

By Derek McNeil

Woodlawn, like many communities in the Mid-South area, are interesting neighborhoods. The average (median) income for adults in the community is less than \$14,000-which isn't much but attracts people from outside the neighborhood setting up shop for the money we toss around so freely.

We need Woodlawn residents to start businesses. It takes a lot of preparation and serious knowledge gathering in order to develop a successful business.

What a person must first do in considering starting up a business. - One should examine his or her motives and mindset. Are you willing to put in 15 or more hours a day to get the business off the ground? Many people who are used to working 9-to-5 can't make that adjustment because they feel that they've already "worked hard" and want to go into business for the pleasure and prestige.

Go for customers. Don't go into business for yourself. Instead, you should go into business for customers. Think about who you want to buy from you, then tailor your business to that ideal customer.

Do what you like. Go into a business that you have a gift for, know inside - out. If you love to sew, and you're excellent and sew for the joy of it, then you would probably succeed in a business sewing. You can make money by going into a "sure thing" like a grocery store, but to be truly successful, you've got to like it.

Get advise. After you decide on the type of business to go into, seek out professional advisors. A CPA (Certified Public Accountant) can instruct you on the basic requirements for starting a business and knows about tax deductions and the special needs of particular markets (retail, real estate, grocery, professional services, etc.). A lawyer can give you legal advice on issues such as licensing, zoning business structure, liability, and patent / trade-mark issues.

Get your main support staff. Later, you'll have to learn how to keep day-to-day records for tax and banking purposes, or you can hire a bookkeeper to do that. Always keep in mind that you'll need customers - so expect to hook up with a marketing person who can help you advertise and keep your name out in front.

Your ownership of the business. Which business structure is right for you? Sole proprietorship - one person owns the business, liable for business expenses, which means that your personal property / assets can be targeted to pay for debts. Partnership - two or more owners start the business. One (or more) partners can be

"lesser" or "silent".

Corporation - Your personal assets are shielded from liability (your property can't be used to pay for debt.). Corporations in Illinois can now be started with just one person rather than three. You can sell shares in order to raise funds.

LLC (limited liability company) - a new category where profits are taxed as if a partnership but with the limited liability that a corporation enjoys.

Register you business. To register with the state, call the Illinois Dept. of Revenue (800/732-8866) for an application for the NUC 1. Get a general business license from the City of Chicago Dept. of Employment Security (793-4880) so that money can be taken out for your employees' unemployment compensation. Sole proprietors who plan to use a business name other than their own should get an Assumed Name registration from the County Clerk's office (443-5652). Partnerships and corporations have to get an FEIN (Federal Employer Identification Number), (800/tax-form).

Getting money. If you don't have a nice amount saved up, you'll have to think about getting a loan. Loaners would probably ask for a business plan. That's no big mystery - the easiest way is to write down a brief description of your business and your short - and long - range goals. The financial part can be dealt with a loan application and write out all the answers to the questions in paragraph form.

Learn about the bank by asking for the bank's CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) report. This report will tell you how many loans the bank has made in its lending area, including information on loans to small businesses. You'll want to do business with a bank that shows an involvement with small businesses in the neighborhood. Also, look into the bank's fee rules - sometimes a bank can "fee" you death!

Sometimes banks won't want to take a chance on a new business by giving you a loan, in which case you finance your venture yourself. Develop a relationship with the bank anyway, especially if you have an account there. Sometimes a bank will keep an interested eye on you and will OK a loan for business expansion later on.

Getting customers. It's not enough to open a business or store and hope that someone will notice. Advertising involves placing ads in local papers, distributing flyers, and finding ways to place your business name out for the public to see. Taking out one ad usually doesn't do the trick - sometimes it takes a while for readers to get familiar with your name.

Customer relations are what smart business owners develop to provide the best for their money. It also means attending community meetings, getting involved and finding ways to show you're not out here "only for the money."

BUSINESS MATTERS

Resource for Business in the Mid-South Communities

City and Harris Bank Allow Low -Income Businesswomen to Accumulate Assets

A unique savings account is allowing low-income businesswomen to save money for business expansion, homeownership or education. Through the Individual Development Account (IDA) Demonstration Program, development by the Women Self-Employment Project (WSEP) and the City of Chicago Treasurer's Office in partnership with Harris Bank, the money these women save each month is matched by Harris Bank on a two to one basis.

Up to 60 low-income women receiving public assistance are eligible for the program. They agree to save and deposit up to \$20 a month for two years into a standard Harris Business Saving Account. (Monthly fee and minimum balance are waived.) Based upon how much is saved, Harris Bank on a quarterly basis will deposit up to \$120 in each account.

The total money deposited so far is \$4,600 of which \$1,900 is matching deposits from Harris.

Citibank to Open Branches in Mid-South

Hyde Park/Kenwood-Joining Harris Bank on 47th Street in opening branches in the area, Citibank recently announced plans to open two new branches in the Hyde Park/Kenwood area, including a site on the University of Chicago campus at 58th and Ellis Ave. In addition, a new state-of-art Citibank branch will open in 1997 at 47th St. and Lake Park Ave. in a new shopping center.

"We applaud this move by Citibank to better serve the Kenwood, Oakland, University of Chicago and other South Side communities," said Victor Knight, the director of the The Fund for Community Redevelopment and a Hyde Park resident. The Fund is the developer for the new shopping center. "Citibank's plans signal a strong commitment to our area and will make it easier for local residents to tap the bank's services and resources," he added.

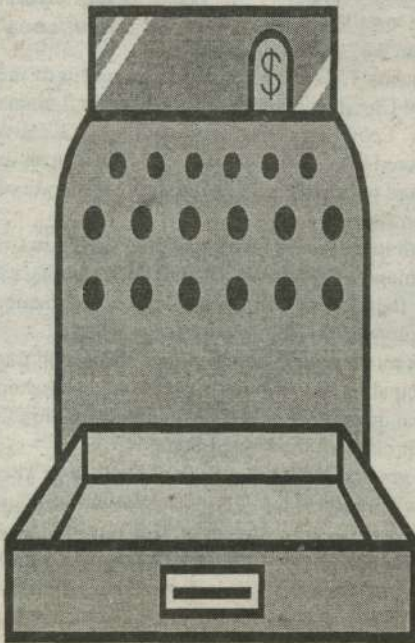
Both branches, serving the Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland and Bronzeville communities, will provide a range of services includ-

ing affordable housing products. President of Citibank, Thomas W. Sission, said, "We are eager to serve the campus community and its neighbors and look forward to developing new relationships with both in years to come."

"Citibank's growth will help expand the range of convenient options available for everyone who is part of these communities," Sission added.

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47th Street

As a result of the meeting, facilitated by *South Street Journal* publisher Ron Carter, who is also a coordinator for the business association, said, "This is good, the residents are holding the association accountable. We are open and encourage residents to take part in the discussion to address this matter and others pertaining to 47th Street".

Residents holding fast to addressing the problems on 47th Street worked out tentative arrangements with the association.

Since the meeting Ms. Jordan reported the following steps have been taken: The business association have had the vacant lots cleaned and have agreed to clean them once a month. "We respectively encourage each business to clean in front of their establishment at least twice a day."

The matter was brought to the attention of the 3rd and 4th wards Streets and Sanitation. Where they are have discussed Street Sweeping once a week, in the 3rd and 4th wards from the

Dan Ryan to at least Cottage Grove. The date this cleaning will start has not been confirm. However, signs will be posted.

The possibility of spreading wood-clips on the vacant lots with the owners permission was also discussed and the request of additional waste baskets be placed a lone 47th business strip.

Robin Brown of Alderman Tillman's office was present at the meeting stated the alderman vowed to work with the Association, the concern residents of the area. But is against voting the area dry.

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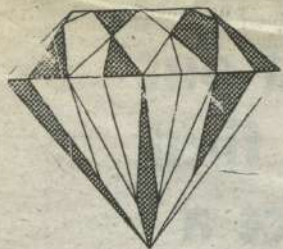


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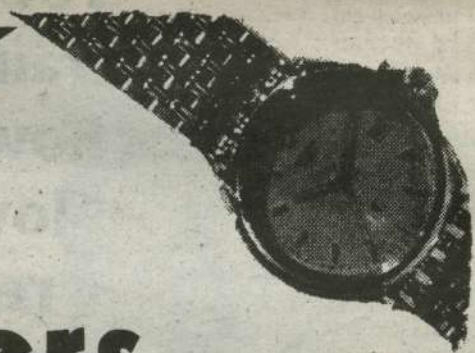
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