Residents dismayed at Mid-South meetings

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee report alienates Bronzeville Residents

Douglas- Approximately 80 people turned out for a report by Mayor Daley's Blue Ribbon Committee on Bronzeville at the Illinois College of Optometry auditorium on 32nd and Indiana in mid-February.

The committee was appointed last year by the mayor to support community organizations initiatives in restoring the Bronzeville community concept. However, many groups in the Mid-South community questioned the need for such a committee when many steps and plans have already been developed. Suggestions were that the mayor follow the lead of the organizations such as the Mid-South Planning and Development Committee's strategies for the area.

Moving ahead with the Mayor's agenda, the meeting chaired by Mayor Daley's 20th Ward Alderman Ron Winters opened the meeting with a presentation by Waldo/Riggin Construction Firm on the development of a new Chicago Police Headquarters (to replace 11th and State Streets) to be constructed on the corners of 35th, Wabash and Michigan Ave. A demolition of businesses (KFC, McDonalds and Docks) and homes will take place in the Spring of 1997.

De La Salle Expansion financing questioned in Bronzeville

According to the Chicago Sun Times, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1997, the De La Salle Institute (catholic) 7 million dollar expansion program may be in jeopardy.

Mayor Daley's former high school is asking for tax-exempt bonds to finance construction of a recreation center, computer laboratories, a library, and student non-religious areas.

The irony is that the mayor is asking the city to use tax-empt bonds to benefit a parochial school that will have $139,000, 000 in assessed value of the bond. Opponents of the plan, including the American Civil Liberty Union and City Council, would like to see a separation of state and church.

Mid-South Planning calls for moratorium on demolition

Back Developers - outraged over demolition at Troutman's meeting

Washington Pk. Residents seeks Black Developers - outraged over demolition at Troutman's meeting

Mayor Daley's Abandoned Building Program is one that 20th Ward Alderman Cecilia Butler has championed by the city officials and the Stragical Neighborhood Area Plan for the Washington Park community.

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At a community meeting in mid-February, at Church of the Good Shepard about 150 residents attended a meeting sponsored by Ald. Troutman.

Arenda Troutman (20), address redevelopment for the community.

Arenda Troutman, president of the Washington Park Community Coalition called for the end of demolishing property in the Washington Park community.

"Because the city felt that they could take the property," stated Butler. "They got demolitions crazy, to the point of 1,000 buildings a year,

"This is one example of a salvageable structure being torn from its foundation."

"The Bronzeville community's housing fabric is being demolished, and systematically eroded by the city's aggressive demolition policy," stated a representative of the organization. The group joined by other organizations in winning the national competitive award.

The Community Workforce Development Corporation (MSWDC) is calling for a moratorium on all demolition in the community.

FEDERAL EMPOWERMENT ZONE

The State of the Empowerment Zone Meeting reflects the bottom's out a million citywide. Member organizations of Mid-South say it's not enough.

Meetings throughout the city has addressed the "State of the Zone", from the Westside to the South Side.

The Community Workshop on Economic Development (CWED), a city wide organization worked with organizations in winning the national competitive award. It has been part of the process for two years, providing technical assistance and financial implementing the project with many of the organizations.

CWED held the First Annual "State of the Zone Conference," January 31, 1997, at the University of Illinois in Chicago. The following is its summary.

Chicago and almost 6,000 drug and alcohol recipients in the Mid-South communities. With some SSI recipients have not been employed for ten, twelve and thirty years, and even others have no work record at all.

The United States government has already stated several times that no job programs are available other than these presently implemented; and state and private organizations must develop jobs for those losing SSI privileges. Blacks and minorities should be targeted for jobs.

Several years before the start of the war in 1929, humanitarian organizations, along with government "think-tanks" of college professors were drawing up plans for a guaranteed retirement income for those workers who retired or were unable to work. Taxes taken from working people's paychecks would help fund the new system to be called the Social Security Act of 1936. When a working person reached retirement age at 65 or before. Such a program would have been biased in the long run for citizens having to pay medical, housing, and food costs for taking care of people no longer able to work.

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Community Briefs

City Wide Organization in Woodlawn says: Community Policing won’t work without Youth involvement

Woodlawn—Youth must be included in Chicago’s Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) says Aaron Sumrall, a Woodlawn resident and program coordinator of Far The Future, Inc., a youth, a youth who has been a leader in the fight for young people to be involved in community policing. “Over all crime statistics are downturns across the nation,” said Sumrall, “but the youth violence is on the rise. This has to change for community policing to work.”

The report Youth & Price: Respect, Fear and the Future of Community Policing, released in January 1995, reveals that youth feel the police are too strict, too quick to use violent power, and too biased. It notes that youth are even more fearful of the police than they are of violence. The report, funded by the MacArthur Foundation, found that 90% of youth feel that the police do not respect them. Nearly 70% of youth believe that the police are biased against them. The report also found that young people feel that the police are more violent than they are. The report concluded that youth feel that the police are not respected by them, and that the police are not respected by the youth. The report was funded by the MacArthur Foundation.

LISC Provides $2 Million to Neighborhoods in 1996

Mid-South organizations among recipients

Squaring the gap from affordable housing to Charter Schools, LISC (Local Initiative Support Corporation), Chicago, invested over $2 million in loans and grants to community-based development, including $32,000 grant to the Fund for Redvelopment and Revitalization for residential development in Kenwood, and a $25,000 grant to the Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council for an office building.

In the last quarter of the year, LISC/Chicago provided an additional $23,000 to CDCs for work ranging from commercial development activities, to community organizing, as well as support for basic operating expenses. For information on LISC call the Committee to preserve the history of Black Firefighters, former 1st Chicago Fire District, and Chairman of the Committee to Preserve the History of Black Firefighters and Paramedics, thanked the City Council in passing a resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the May Day Massacre.

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During the 1960s, Dorothy Tillman was a freedom rider, with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in the South for black freedom. Another event in turning back the clock in people history of Mid-South. Now, Alderman Tillman of the 3rd ward primary in the Grand Boulevard community of Mid-South, was noted as the Fannie Lou Hamer of today. (A civil rights leader in the south. She was noted of saying, "I'm tired of being sick and tired.").

Eld. Tillman recently returned from Africa with concepts for an Africa Village on 47th Street. Visit comes to St. Lawrence.

Photo View: The Question is: Your reflections on 96’, moving 97’ on.

Compiled by Elaine Norwood

Wanette Stewart: Woodlawn

"I went to a Christmas party in 96 through the Women's Center at a church. We received gifts and the kids saw Santa. This year, I'll have a big move to Madison Wisconsin."

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Historic REVIEW in Mid-South

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Lonnie Richardson: Woodlawn

"I Received an article featuring me as Volunteer of The Year. Something that sticks out is the write up on me. I'm involved with a lot of things in the community: Christmas give-a-ways, Third District Community Center, Grove Park Plaza, Lutheran Child Care Service, and 408 Senior Building. In 1997, more people are going to get involved, leaders will come together and get more resources and I will be getting people out."

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Authentic Chicago history reveals that the demolished Illinois Central Railroad station at 12th and Michigan, which now stands the upscale Central Station Housing Complex, was the final destination point of the Great American Migration to a northern city. Rural southern migrants seeking freedom, prosperity and the promised land first arrived en masse in Chicago in 1910. The migration into the urban environment continued unabated until after the World War II. By then, over 300,000 black people had migrated north to a narrow band of land a mile-and-a-half wide, and three miles long on the south lakefront of Chicago. Over time the area became affectionately known as Bronzeville.

Bronzeville's Strategic Development Plan. Through effective media attention Bronzeville is gaining recognition for its contribution to African American culture, music, arts and society.

Advertising for the future of Bronzeville Strategic Development Plan. Through effective media attention Bronzeville is gaining recognition for its contribution to African American culture, music, arts and society.

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Joining the WPCC was several community organizations including Chicago Black United Communities, The Inner City Fund, Crusaders of Justice, Task Force Black Political Empowerment, and Kenwood Oakland Community Organization.

"We as a people must bring resources to our communities. We must train our people and insist that elected officials do the job they are hired to do," said one attendee. Ald. Troutman, informed the residents that the wheels have been in motion for the redevelopment of Washington Park for some time. She continued, "What is need to address the overall process is a market flexibility study that will help guide us in bringing in housing support, such as commercial revitalization."

On the issue of housing mortality the speaker support the motion to stop all demolition, pointing out that residents were working against those who wanted to stop the demolition. She said the Mayor Daley's Abandoned Building Program is working against her efforts to stop the "Fast Track" demolition. Our government officials and agencies should follow their example," Ms. Butler commented. They may have good objectives, but sometimes good intentions fall. Demolition and redevelopment are realities that people live with daily in Washington Park. The overall position of the residents present was that Blacks should control their communities. In addition to American contractors and developers, and if there are not enough black-train employees to do the work proficiently, using the leadership of Eddie Read, who has organized a new construction union assisting black contractors.

"We are the taxpayers," said Ms. Butler, "of this community and we pay the price to know what is happening in our areas, and to meet and discuss with our local officials events that will impact our communities. In 1920 blacks came to the Washington Park area. The community started declining in the 1950s. What is now need is, the speaker said, "to recognize and renewing the heart of our community."
Connor: Our answer is that the search for new principles in the mist of problems can be called a program conducted by Firman Community Services Even Start Family Services. To the concerns of the parents. To the concerns of the community. Listening by itself is not a simple task, and this director is not afraid of students, and an overall fill of the goals in reading, 74% in math, and 75% are not meeting goals in reading, 74% in math, and 75% are not meeting goals in reading. We have to listen more. The Hyde Park Community Services Even Start Family Services. To the concerns of the parents. To the concerns of the community. Listening by itself is not a simple task, and this director is not afraid of students, and an overall fill of the goals in reading, 74% in math, and 75% are not meeting goals in reading. We have to listen more.

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**EXCUSE ME**

**Queen Sister**

I have been fortunate to meet a very strong, black and intelligent young lady by the name of Queen Sister. She is the nucleus and guiding force to bring about her vision and the organization's objectives and organs. It's just not her vision, but a shared vision and their vision too.

Their philosophy is to love and respect each other. Entrepreneurship and commercial endeavors in her words, "It's time to come out of the jungle and into the village with unity, cooperation and support for one another. This is where we are going to see who's for real and who's perpetuating. This is where the economic stability should take place."

The Emporium is not just a commercial place. It's a village, a home town. The location is 1144 South Halsted, the only black mall in the state and in the country. It's geared to uplift people from poverty, to property from entrapment, through education, seminars, on the job training, grooming, preparing, self-respect and owning yourself as you love others. As self invocation is directed to wards youth to keep clean on the right path.

Queen Sister stated, "The village is the home base display for African-American entrepreneur struggling and functioning. For the lifetime, it would be an outlet without having to deal with the over head of running a business facility. For the struggling entrepreneur, it would be an incubator geared for welfare reforms. Three or four ladies or men individuals can collaborate on a space and select merchandise at wholesale and sell again at a price that would allow them to make a profit.”

This is the time and place where African-Americans must come together to support the entrepreneur and the village. The momentum has already started. The village has so much to offer people with different interests. It offers structure for adults as well as youth. Our strength is in numbers and we must unite as Black people and there's no turning back. This is all our responsibility. Queen Sister accepts her responsibility in the love club. They seek strength through the creator, the divine one. My tour through the village was very enlightening. The atmosphere was pleasant. The merchandise was superb. The handcraft, the pottery, literature, clothes was of the highest quality. I cannot single out any merchant; they all were excellent. I had a relaxed feel feeling throughout the mall. I felt very good about what I was observing. Queen Sister and the entrepreneurs have a commitment to Black humanity. Lou Palmer has made a commitment to Black humanity. Now, I invite you to make a commitment to Black humanity.

Retired Postal Worker
Concern Citizen
Hilaran Hayes

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**Cutbacks in SSI**

For many years, SSI has been a critical social safety net for those who are economically disadvantaged and unable to support themselves. However, recent cutbacks have led to reductions in the benefits received by many SSI recipients. As a result, many people who rely on SSI for their basic needs are facing difficulties in meeting their essentials.

SSI recipients, such as those who are blind, disabled, or aged, are disproportionately affected by these cuts. The current economic climate has led to increased strain on SSI programs, with many states reducing their funding or implementing stricter eligibility requirements.

Advocacy groups and researchers have been working to raise awareness about the impact of these cutbacks and to advocate for increased support. Efforts are underway to ensure that SSI recipients continue to receive the support they need to live independently and with dignity.

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**To Serve or Prosecute**

Should police have authority to order passengers out of an automobile when the driver is stopped for an alleged traffic violation? Does the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantee people the right to appeal a criminal conviction? How often do law enforcement officials commit criminal misconduct when pursuing criminal cases? What should happen to the policemen who were accused of wrong doing in the deaths of Joseph Gould and Jorge Guiffier? These troubling questions brought before State and Federal courts in 1996, may be decided before the end of 1997. However, no matter what decisions are made, the underlying problem causes presently to be in issues repeatedly before the courts will remain. This problem is what should be done about it, the African-American, Hispanics, the poor and other powerless people who are the passengers ordered out of automobiles when police stop the driver for an alleged traffic violation. The defendants who lack the resources to retain an attorney for an appeal; or the victims of prosecutorial misconduct and police abuse. These cases are about us and our troubling presence. Yet, no court

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**Black Metropolis**

As we rapidly approach the 21st century, students in area high schools can now go on the Web, check out Bronzville's historic contributions of their ancestors, link up academic curriculums on the historical contributions of their ancestors, and tour historic buildings. People across the nation have begun to realize the promise of economies of empowerment can be realized through effective, creative Heritage Tourism programs and product development in Chicago. Visitors to Bronzville can now enjoy the reopening of the restored Chicago Horace Mann Library and the annual Restoring Bronzville Historic House Tour. Housing Workshop, the 5th Annual Restoring Bronzville Historic House Tour. This event combines with the development and marketing of tourism throughout the city and state. Bronzville offers unique and economical and constructive ways of life in a more ethnically diverse, multicultural society.

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**As this close February Black History Month, We look forward to its Continue history Being part of this historic community, of Bronzeville**

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Totally Caribbean-Black History Month

Activities at The Shedd Aquarium

By land and by sea, the Caribbean culture will be the focus. By land, family arts and crafts, by sea, the Chocolate Chips Theatre Company, the resident theatre company at Kennedy-King College, will perform "Song of the Shore," an original skit with music based on Caribbean folklore and fish stories. Jazz at the Shedd-Caribbean Style. The popular "jazzin" nights have been extended to the second Thursday of each month during winter and spring. Live music by SYDZ, The Chocolate Chips Theatre Company special performance, drinks, dinner in Soundings Restaurants, stroll through the Oceanarium. Information line at 312-939-2430.


"An Expo For Today's Black Woman"

Celebrated author and poet Maya Angelou will deliver the keynote address at the opening night benefit gala for "An Expo For Today's Black Woman," Thursday, March 13, 1997 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Created by Merry Green, "An Expo For Today's Black Woman" is a three-day exposition of information on careers, education, health care, child care, politics, fashion, beauty, spirituality, and business. Scheduled for March 14-16, 1997, at McCormick Place, 23rd St. at Lake Shore Dr., the expo will feature more than 50 seminars and panel discussions, continuous live entertainment, and a marketplace representing more than 50 small and large businesses, corporations, and organizations. Visitors will be able to sample the latest products, and get information on current trends and services.

Tickets for the opening night are $100 per person, $1,500 per corporate table with partial proceeds from the event going towards the Salvation Army's help to the homeless. A half-way house for girls ages 9 to 18, V-103's Bonita Debleng is joined by Diane Burns and Cheryl Bloom of ABC-1 TV, channel 7 in serving as mistress of ceremonies. "An Expo For Today's Black Woman," will be a salute to the second Thursday of each month during winter and spring. Live music by SYDZ, The Chocolate Chips Theatre Company special performance, drinks, dinner in Soundings Restaurants, stroll through the Oceanarium. Information line at 312-939-2430.


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Mr. Elzie Higginbottom

By Beverly A. Reed

acquire one of the buildings on 39th and Cottage Grove that has plagued Elzie Higginbottom and his East Lake Management Association for years. Here, he has had to make a hard business decision. On 47th and King Drive the developer who has his hand in turning the old Walgreens building into a mini shopping mall is Higginbottom. At a recent Washington Park community meeting [see pg. one], residents voiced their approval for one black developer for rebuilding their neighborhood. That man is a major player in the world of Chicago business, real estate, and banking. A towering, decisive figure in our interview feature Elzie Higginbottom.

L.Dunn

"What we have to do is to change the mindset. Get youth to understand that it's good to open a hardware store and work 12-14 hours."
Reopen the El As it was done on 12th Street

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Editorial from the Publisher

63rd Street El reflects years of concern, participation and organized effort in the Woodlawn community. This is not the time to throw in the towel, stop, open for the convenience of new residents in the area.

Twenty years ago, Dr. Rev. Leon Finney led more than 200 residents of the Woodlawn community in a march down 63rd Street to Mayor Jane Byrne’s Department of Planning. Their demand was major rehabilitation to the El. No paint job. No. 2

These are the demands of a people who are primarily a people of color. That no viable plan of development has been presented that would bring developers and investors to 63rd Street is a fact not lost on the community. The two recent reports, the Virginia Tech report and the report by the City of Chicago, show that the community is not on the map to benefit from the development of Woodlawn.

Even with the funds in place to repair the El at HUD shores, the city maintains it will come as the first order of city business. "No matter how long it takes the city to find the money to do it."

Opposing groups like the Woodlawn Combined Block Clubs, the Woodlawn Community Organization, the South Side Community Organization, and the others, severely in the fight, have a right to be heard in the dominant organized forces.

The South Side Journal declares that the El would better serve Woodlawn and the surrounding communities by reopening.

If the funds are in place to repair the El, it would save tax-payers millions of dollars. The idea of leaving the El as a symbol of past injustices is too painful for the community. We do not accept the assistance offered by those who would continue to endure in our ignorance concerning what's going on path.

Why do we continue to ignore the devastating and ill effects that is taking place in CHA? The building in which I reside darkens my soul. Garbage and debris in vast amounts, ravages our hallways that lends from the first floor to the seventh floor.

It seems no janitor has been on the premises since the beginning of my residency. My daughter’s room was broken into through the window since the beginning of my residence.

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The liquor store on 47th Street

Dear Editor:

I really summarize any store, where all sales are final, and an employer can seize a product, but can’t ring the money up at the register. I wanted to buy liquor in the back room, and get drunk, and be out of this goddamn world.

I refuse to patronize any stores, where all employees have to wait until they receive my money. As Dickens’ Scrooge asked, “Aren’t there any people left? I never, as interesting as your articles may be, it doesn’t matter. I will not pay my money to do it. “

Please note: your paper misspelled the name of the City’s planning board. The second paragraph begins, “For over 50 years the Near South Planning Board has been a feature of the Chicago’s building community.”

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Letters to the Editor

To be as effective as possible at graffiti

Bob Taylor

Deer Reader

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The Publisher and Editor

Graffiti Bastards

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Editorial:

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Griffin’s comment about the cleaning of the El. Regardless of how ugly it looks, just as the closing of

58th Street El, at the same time as 35th and 60th and even 63rd and 69th, has been a quiet evil in the Mid-South area. And, it started with 58th Street. Full El transportation along 63rd Street is just as important to the people here as it is to the community as it is to 12th Street and the building of the Orange Line. As planning to improve Woodlawn is difficult at times, by keeping the people of the city involved in the process.

Our position seems to be in vain alone with the people that don’t plan the long term organizing skills and political might. It said to the El come down and rage it. Be as one supporter to keep the El say, “You are mis­

If you can say no, John:

The hope that is the leadership change in CHA has been for years. Mayor Daley, True and Alderman Troutman, to be as a community to the convenience of Woodlawn, and finding affordable housing and jobs for residents already here.

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Outraged on the Living Conditions in CHA

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Spiritual Food

The Ten Commandments for Chicago Public Schools
By Christine Perkins, a director, Inner City Youth Foundation, Inc.
4500 South Michigan Ave. (53) (773) 373-3929 - 624-5220 fax

We need our churches to help the community. This is how churches can help the community. The Inner City Youth Foundation, Inc. has learned through talking with our youth, that they have not been taught the basic rules for life. We are asking all the community churches to join in a effort to teach all Chicago Public School children the Ten Commandments and The Lord's Prayer.

We at Inner City Youth Foundation feel that this would assist us in trying to counter-act anti-social behavior among our youth today.

Listed below are the first easy steps to accomplishing this goal:

Please call today: (773) 373-3929 for more information.

Happy Ramadan

David Jackson, Jr.

Ramadan is a special month (January 10th thru February 10th) of the year for over one billion Muslims throughout the world. It is a time for inner reflection, devotion to God, and self-control. Muslims think of it as a kind of tune-up for their spiritual lives. Perhaps fasting in Ramadan is the most widely practiced of all the Muslim forms of worship. The daily period of fasting starts at the breaking of dawn and ends at the setting of the sun. In between—that is, during the day—Muslims totally abstain from food, drink, smoking, and marital sex. The word practice to have a pre-dawn meal (salah) before dawn, and a post-fast meal (iftar) after sunset. The celebration at the end of Ramadan is called 'Eid-ul-Fitr, one of their two main festivals.

"After sunset, we eat a meal with our families, but because I have to work during this time, I can not eat with my wife and I miss this. After 30 days, everyone celebrates, 'Eid for three days. It's like Christmas to Americans. We also eat a lot of sweets at this time. We only have two holidays a year and this is the biggest. We eat in relatives and friends homes. One night we even eat a sister's house the next night at a brother's home, and so on. Also, the mosque, we have a special prayer after we eat every day."

Ms. Dattie (Kiaalfridah) Lawani and Ms. Renee Salihuddin, two Mid South educators, say, "Another reason for abstinence or fasting is that you free yourself in things that are personally gratifying, material things, sex and smoking. You are at peace with yourself, others, no arguing and profanity. We dress modestly, a simplistic appearance, no makeup. Really, you withdraw from worldly pleasures and devote yourself to El-ham. You should only have one meal at sundown, and it should be of meager portions and quality, that of a poor man. But that’s the way we (my family) eat any way," she adds, amusingly. "This is also a time to propagate Islam, to involve others in the worship, or change inappropriate and unwise behavior. This is a time when Brothers and Sisters go to the mosque, and the mosque is crowded.

Ms. Salihuddin added, "Ramadan celebrates when the Prophet Muhammad received the Holy Qur'an. On each day Muslims read 1/3rd of the Qur'an."

Abraham Lincoln Centre

Humanitarian Awards Gala

Douglas - Abraham Lincoln Centre, located at 38th and Cottage Grove, will be sponsoring its annual Humanitarian Awards Gala on Thursday, March 6, at the Fairmont Hotel. The event will include a Grande Gala Reception and the Humanitarian Award Program.

During the program, the Centre will honor The Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Smith, Sr., President of the Chicago Theological Seminary, as the Humanitarian of the Year. Dr. Smith is one of Chicago’s most influential leaders whose reputation for fairness and social progress is well taken in the public and private sectors as well as the religious community. He is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, having been ordained by the former Chicago Congregational Association in 1960. Dr. Smith has served as president of the Seminary since October 1988.

The Centre was founded in 1903 and is one of Chicago’s most well established institutions, providing service to over 10,000 people annually at 23 locations. Over 90 years, the Centre has served individuals most in need, including the developmentally disabled, the mentally ill, the disadvantaged, the aged and the young. Programs include day care, Head Start, special education for persons with disabilities, in-home client support, after-school programs for teenagers, housing for the mentally ill and care for the aged.

For more information call the Centre at (773) 373-6600.
The Renaissance Corporation Celebrating African-American History Month

Douglas - The Renaissance Corporation (TRC) a composite of four (4) churches from the Bronzeville community, Apostle Faith Church, Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, and St. Thomas Episcopal Church, who have joined forces to reestablish the famous Wabash Avenue YMCA, "Y" as the birthplace of African American History Month.

The celebration of African American History Month, had its origins as Negro History Week, as created by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, at the historic Wabash YMCA in 1926. After fifty years, in 1976, the observance of Negro History Week grew into the current month long celebration of African American History Month.

The Renaissance Corporation, commemorates the Historic "Y" as the birthplace of African American History Month, presented a Concert, "Tracing Spiritual & Gospel Music through the Years," on Saturday, February 2, hosted by Apostolic Faith Church, 3823 S. Indiana, Chicago, IL.

This concert served as a celebration of African-American History Month, and combined the talents of the four member churches, each perform a wide spectrum of music, ranging from spirituals to contemporary gospel music.

The historical significance of the music and teachings of this music from slavery to the present was narrated by Zelda Robinson, Gospel Radio Personality, of the Sunday Gospel Connection on WEJM, 950 AM. The live narration further enhanced the celebration of African American religious music and history as a vital part of African History Month.

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Consultants Over CTA Riders, CEPA Report

by Gregory Munson, Arthur Lyons, Jason Hardy

Center for Economic Policy Analysis-202 S. State St., Suite 1302, Chicago, 60604
February 28, March 12, 1997
South Street Journal

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spent an average of $2.5 million per year on management consultants. During this same period, the number of riders declined by 17.9 million per

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Douglas - Illinois Institute of Technol­

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tactors entered into Minority Business Agreement. The agreement between IIT and the African American Con­
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lished in 1985 to assist and help develop minority and women owned businesses. Under the agreement between IIT and AACA, the contractors associa­
tion will help the university identify minority and women owned business enterprises in the Chicago metropoli­

tan area qualified to submit bids for the university's contracts.

The university will provide AACA information regarding contracts for bidding purposes to help the university increase its use of minority and women owned businesses.

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fect Feb. 1, 1997 and lasts through January 31, 1998. It can be extended for an additional year by mutual

"Building for Our Future Generation," AACA, expands to downtown, prepares for membership

Preparing for its seventh annual membership awards reception, left photos the African American Contractor Association (AACA) was asked by Rev. Earl S. Detson, President of Progressing West Rockford, to assist the City of Rockford and its African American Businesses in getting their fair share of City Contracts, goods and services.

The theme of "Building for Our Future Generation," AACA reception will take place Friday March 21, at the Chicago Urban League, 4510 S. Michael Ave. The key note speaker at AACA will be Tony Brown (right). AACA is an organization of over 250 contractors and related companies, and includes some of the finest minority contractors in Illinois. For further information, contact Omar Shareef, President, at 1350 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605, 312-315-5960, agreement of both parties.

The African American Contractors Association (AACA) was established in 1985 to assist and help develop African American contractors business

"I researched the industry for four years while holding down a full-time job," she said. "The WBDC assisted me with revenue projections, sugges­
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Mayor Daley unveiled "Vintage Homes Chicago," a new affordable homeownership initiative that allow for the rehab of abandoned single-family properties to be sold to low-and moderate-income families. 20th Ward Alderman Amanda Strand-Thomas, Mayor Daley, unveiled Vintage Homes in Woodlawn. Also present at the ceremony were Commissioner Marilyn Carrott, Deborah Robinson of HUD and Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors (WECAN) Executive Director Mattie Butler.

Mayor Richard Daley will provide a maximum subsidy of $10,000 per developer ($30,000 per developer), who is then required to re-

Bronzeville
1997 to accommodate the new police facility. Because of the many construction activities and planned developments taking place in the community. Congressman Bobby Rush called an information meeting last December. 1996. Rush focused on the need for residents involved in the Restoring Bronzeville to help displace the proposed 35th Street police headquarters project. After the police station presentation, Bowen again addressed the audience on discussion of the proposed boundaries of the Bronzeville redevelopment area. The area discussed and re-

The City Mortgage Program was approved by the city council for $25 million for this year's mortgaging of homes, last year helped almost 500 Chicagoans purchase homes. City Mortgage finances qualified homeowners at a 4 percent loan to help cover downpayment.

Homebuyer Tax Savings Programs provide a number of special incentives, such as, higher home purchase price and household income limits, to encourage home purchasing in targeted low-income areas throughout the city of Chicago.

The boundaries of Bronzeville as defined in 1930, The Black Metropolis by St. Clair Drake & Horace R. Clayton as 12th Street to 71st Street. Wentworth to Cottage Grove.

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Progressive Community church among the awardees

Mayor Richard Daley announced recipients in the final round of the city’s 1996 Low Income Housing Tax Credit awards. The tax credits will generate more than $1.8 million in equity development of 260 units of affordable housing in four Chicago communities.

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, created by the 1986 Tax Reform Act, allows private individuals and developers to reduce their federal taxes each year, over a 10-year period, as long as they meet the requirements to which they have invested money. Development of low-income development costs for newly built or rehabilitated rental units.

The four projects receiving tax credits in the second round were located in the Austin, Englewood, South Shore and West Garfield Park neighborhoods. In total, they include: The National Progressive Institute in 48th and Wabash, for 24 units of affordable housing to reduce their annual tax credit of $320,725 ($1,8 million equity), and on 170th and Wabash, for Lakefront SRO/Wabash - YMCA-Renaissance Apartments, of 103 units, with an annual tax credit of $201,725 ($1.2 million equity).

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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 14 according to the latest report released by Illinois Title 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

Woodlawn

6252 S. Kenwood Ave. Woodlawn Homes Joint Venture to Rhonda Williams 1-30 153,245
6400 S. Greenwood Milton and Cassie McClain to Quentin Pruitt 2-5 110,000
610 S. Ingleside, #2, DZ Realty Services to K. Stell 11-12 92,000
261 S. Ingleside, #2, L. Reynolds & G. Tolbert to C. E. Hammond 11-13 125,500
6127 (A) S. Woodlawn, The Chicago Tax Co to Inell J. Mitchell 11-15 24,500
6239 S. Champlain, Natalie Puryear to Bryant Ferrell 11-18 63,000
616 E. 81st, Remissence/Thrift Joint Venture to Yolanda M Groen 12-10 142,085
1615 E. 54th St., Remissence/Thrift Joint Venture to Abdul A. Brimah 12-3 137,000
6626 S. Woodlawn Ave. William Bennett to Jonathan C. Manau 12-03 104,900
6135 E. 95th, Southwood Oakland to Lillian C. Barnes 12-13 122,875
6126-6128 S. University, Park Pl. Investments to Sumir Patel 12-18 62,500
6124 S. Champlain, Monework Enterprises, Inc. to Timato Okeke 12-10 104,000

Kenswood

4800 S. Lake Shore Dr., #1105 S. Calvin Brown to Lois Waters 1-7 59,000
4800 S. Lake Shore Dr., Unit #1006-S, * to Lavern P. Sharpe 1-7 57,000
4800 S. Lake Shore Dr., Unit 2115, Gwendolyn Caannon-Engram 1-8 69,000
8000 S. Chicago Beach Dr., Unit 2216-N J and R. Karlin to D. T. Dorsey 1-13 123,000
4577 S. Park, Louise Anderson to Janet A. Toller 2-5 80,000
4711 S. Drexel Blvd., Unit 2 .. K & K Property to Jamie Jones 2-4 160,000
4400 E. 95th, New Homes for North Kenwood Oaklnd to Lillian C. Barnes 2-13 125,500
4334 S. Evans, Community Capital Resources Corp. to Robert Griffin 11-4 90,100
4800 Chicago Beach Dr. Unit 804-B, Lupe M.Alamand to Toxtalc Green
5-3 99,000
4934 H. S. Cornell, Unit D-22 Melk Development
12-07 71,000
4934-A S. Cornell, Unit D28, Melk Development to Gladys M. Burdine 11-2 129,900
4714 S. Langley, Imogene Thomaz to Anthony Campbell 11-3 40,000
4641-63 Ellis, Willie Ramsom to Bruce Keller 11-3 79,000
4934-B S. Cornell, Unit C27, Melk Development to Linda M. Newsome 11-15 199,000
490 S. East End, Unit 1IC, Frank & Christine M. Sterky to Gary C. Covino 11-18 125,500
4971 S. Ingleside, Andrea J. Irvin & Cheryl V. Dunham 11-22 40,000
4721-A S. Woodlawn, Home Savings of America to Kenneth & Diodelle Mckee 12-04 230,000
4800 S. Chicago Beach Dr., Unit 2015-N, Alfred Bodian to Rev. Elmer Fowler 12-03 36,500
4800 Chicago Beach Dr., Unit 1815-N, Agnes D. Latimer to Camille Latimer 12-13 56,500
1640 E. 30th Johanna R. Navas to Ann M. Breezy 12-17 56,500
4800 S. Lake Shore Dr., Unit 208-N * to Stephanit A. Davis 12-19 283,900
4350 S. King Dr., Unit 208-N, * to Janis Jones 12-21 180,000
4800 S. Lake Shore Dr., Unit 2015-N, Jacqueline Guest 12-21 190,000

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