Chicago Congressmen Opposes Public Housing rent increases and "Involuntary Servitude"

City Wide - These Chicago congressmen joined public housing residents and labor leaders in opposition to a Republican-sponsored bill which raises public housing rents and forces residents into "involuntary servitude."

United States Representatives Bobby L. Rush (D-I1, 1st), Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D-I1, 2nd) and Danny K. Davis (D-I1, 3rd) voiced their opposition to H.R. 2, the Housing Opportunity and Accountability bill (HOA) introduced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In addition to raising rents, the bill will require that all non-elderly and non-disabled public housing residents who are without work to perform eight hours of community service each month. Furthermore, the bill will force residents to sign agreements setting a timeframe to leave public housing.

"We are committed to a vision of America where work and housing are recognized as basic rights in real democracy," said congressmen Rush, whose district serves most public housing in the city, where in the Mid-South area most public housing developments are located.

Astera Randolph, chairperson of the Chicago Housing Authority's Central Advisory Council, said that many public housing resident already are involved in community service through their neighborhood schools and community centers.

Black Fire Fighters Prepare for Protest and Demonstration

Charging City and Union with Discrimination

Grand Blvd. - African American Firefighters met at the Chicago Urban League on 46th and Michigan Ave. to demonstrate on their union the Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2, on Wednesday, on west 47th Street and Thursday, on Thursday, which was march on City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St.

"This will be accomplished, hopefully, by the immediate hiring and promoting non-white males at a rate of 75 percent until the C.F.D. reflects the make-up of the applicant pool for entry level and reflects the make-up of the previous ranks for promotions," said Captain Ezra McClain, Engine 100, 166th Harper who lead the meeting agenda.

The African American Firefighters charged the Chicago Fire Department (CFD) of a history of discriminatory hiring and promotional practices.

On March 18, 1997, case 93 C 1098, stated the following in conclusion: "Overwhelming credible evidence establishes that the Chicago Fire Department engaged in intentional discrimination against minorities over several decades."

"This intentional racism still exists and is being perpetuated," said Captain McClain.

"Given this background and history of unfulfilled agreements and broken promises, a correction of these past practices is demanded." At the present, Local 2 has five lawsuits against what they call reverse discrimination.

"The firefighters want a promotional examination that demonstrate equality. Pointing out that the C.F.D. has shown through historical behavior and records, an exam can be designed to achieve the results the C.F.D. desired. Exam overreaching has always been an issue and remains one. C.F.D. examination integrity is much higher than the City's excuse of poorly prepared and educationally challenged minorities.

In addition the firefighters is calling for a need of support and ability to deliver these requests to those who can implement the changes. Stating that this is for the good and the benefit of the whole city, not just the portion of the city that is benefitted at the present. "To turn the tide of racism, sexism and vivacity."

Lake Meadows news may be in Jeopardy due to 100 year old law

By Frank Ottman

A major face lift with construction of 330 townhomes may be curtailed due to a law made in 1930 that will not expire until it is 100 years old.

A construction project that many middle income residents of Lake Meadows welcomed.

At a projected cost of $4 million, prices of the new townhomes are expected to begin in the $175,000 to $270,000 range.

In a public meeting early this year William Bennett, as president and CEO of Draper & Kramer said, "In addition to the new home program we intend to continue our commitment to the rental apartments at Lake Meadows. We are continuing our multi-year revitalization program that is directed toward the amenities that service the families already living at Lake Meadows," Bennett stated further.

With support from Alderman Madeline Haltcheck (2) and Tom Preckwinkle (4), both endorse the project which said they have been working with Draper and Kramer on the impact of such development.

Al- derman Haltcheck a resident of Lake Meadows said, "As private owners of the land it is their choice to do what they want."

On the other hand, George Lowe said "The building of condominiums and townhouses in the community of Lake Meadows is a major question of population density problem as well as (Continued on page 4)
Historic REVIEW in Mid South

During the 40's a children's birthday party in the Douglas community.

Photo Chicago Historical Society

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37th St. Library To be School

Grand Blvd - The recent closing of the Lorraine Hansberry Public Library inside of the Martin Luther King Center on S34 St. Cottage Grove Ave. is having opposition. Community resident Tommy Cauthrop says: "Residents of the senior citizens benefit from the location of the library being on a main street. I would like to see another library east of Cottage."

The Department of Human Service is converting the library into a computer center for welfare back to work recipients.

Tennis vs. Basketball in Washington Park

Washington Park - Continued requests made by residents concerning the condition of the Washington Park tennis courts located from 59th to 55th and King Dr.

"I have observed that these courts are closed and have been for a long time. Summer is fast approaching and our children are in need of recreation, both physically and mentally, and what is even more disturbing is playing and learning tennis," stated Mr. Ruth Stout in her letter to Dr. Margaret Burrows.

The South Side YMCA is offering a free membership trial through May 18th for singles Couples and families. 773-947-0700

Meetings and Events

May

Mon. 2

Crawford for Justice regular meeting is at 12 noon, at Holiness Temple Church. The new location of the church is approximately 500 E. 61st Street; every Saturday.

Sat. 3

"A Renunion 1954 - 1964 for St. Anselm, Betsy Ross, Carter and Sexton. If you attended those five years, please come and pen us in a reunion celebration at St. Elizabeth's on 80, 41st St. 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Suggested fee $5.00 in advance. $7.00 at the door. 773-374-3284, 512-3442 or 708-425-0110

New South Structure organization weekly meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. 5659 S. Indiana Ave. Call John Thomas at 324-526

Wed 7

Campaign for Better Health Care (CBHC) is offering free workshops to teach medical recipients how to advocate for themselves when dealing with managed care organizations. The workshops are designed to help people who receive Aid to Dependent Children (AFDC) which are currently allowed to choose between keeping traditional Medicaid or joining an HMO without fully understanding how this changes their health care options. The workshop will be on July 7th, in the meeting room of the Hyde park Co-op., 1520 E. 55th, 312-931-9449

Sat. 10

Bulk Pick-Up planned for the Wards. The City of Chicago has planned a special bulk garbage collection for all households serviced by the Department of Street and Sanitation. This collection is a good time to put out items too big for city-generated garbage carts or large accumulations of trash from a big home clean-up project. All bulk material must be placed out at regular garbage collection site no later than 10:00 a.m. to insure it is taken away on Bulk Pick-Up Day. The 1997 schedule is: Ward 2-Saturday May 10th, Ward 3-May 11th, Ward 5, 26th-27th and Ward 3-June 14th.

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Donnell Pearson S.S.J's own Health Columnist is airing her own radio program "Health Is Wealth" every Saturday at 8:30 am on WYVO AM 1390. You see, she's like the Energized 13 vitamin is being ignored and replaced with a bare & demonic podcast. Contractors wait until Washington Park Community Coalition Head Cecilia Butler left town for five days before they demolished 13 half tents leaving at 56th & Washington and 55th & Indiana What's really going on?

"Real Men Cook" will include SSD publisher Ron Carter, Evaner Holfield, Charles Daley, and sitcom actor and comedian Cedric "the Entertainer" and a host of other distinguished professional people. This year the event will be held at the James Jordan Boys & Girls Club and Family Life Center, 2101 W. Monroe, June 13.

Paul Pyles Manual By L. R. - MSPDC is not compriring to move CHA residents from Stateway Gardens. However, she did MOPD better hurry up and get their Anti-Demolition of building committee taking more action before Grand Blvd looks like Washington Park.

No. Peggy Cotton, the movie extra and mark maked is not moving into the mobile home she just recently bought, she is going to be starting a business in it. Maybe a movie studio.

In his letter from last issue of S.S.J, the newsletter received a call from Paul Vallas CEO of Chicago Public schools who confirmed, he was going to be active in wards during the Department of Street & Sanitation's Blitz.

African American Entrepreneurial Forum

New South - The Continental African Chamber of Commerce in Chicago (based at 2044 S. Wabash), in association with City of Chicago Department of Planning and SAM'S CLUB, 1990 S. Western. Residents are encouraged to attend the Entrepreneurial Breakfast Forum for minority Businesses (Men-Women) involved in or starting a business, May 14, 8:30-10:30 at SAM'S CLUB. For more information call Linda or Kim at 312-674-0240. Continental breakfast will be served.

Farmers Market

The Department of Consumer Services is inviting community based gardens to become involved in the City's Farmers Market program.

"This would be the perfect union of two worthwhile programs - gardens would have an outlet to sell the produce that they grow and the markets would be able to offer customers items that have been grown near or in the communities," said Caroline Grant Schonberger, Commissioner of Consumer Services. A community garden operated by residents of the CHA's Cabrini Green has offered shoppers of the Lincoln Park Farmers Market fresh produce.

The Department of Consumer Services sponsors markets throughout Chicago each year from June to October. For more information on this year's Farmers Market program call (312) 744-9187, TTY: (312) 744-0398 for the

Special Olympics at Stagg Field

Two thousand athletes will gathered May 7, at Stagg Field, 5th and Cottage Grove, for the Spring Games. The first Special Olympics were held in Soldier Field in 1968.

In the News

Not only is your rent going up, but volunteer or GET OUT

The ever lasting Williams Clinic on 67th and King Drive will be getting a Ward on Thursday May 9, for its continued service in the medical field to the Woodlawn community and city at large. Look forward to South Shore Hospital with Williams Clinic.

Of the city of Chicago found the funds to demolish the
Attacked on 47th Street

Jackson sister, Victoria Jackson, said "She will sue along with the two injured youths," who both said: "They did not resist the arrest."

About eight police cars were called to the corner of 47th Street and Michigan Ave. to quell a crowd of about 100 people who stood around the fallen Jackson youth as police continued to scuffle with him and refuse his cry for help. The crowd at times became almost riotous, said an eye witness.

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Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council

Heritage Tourism Review

By Harold L. Lucas

BRONZEVILLE is a National Heritage-Tourism Attraction

Alderman Vlma Colom (35th) displayed her arrogance and ignorance of African American culture and history, when she stated to a Black businesswoman during a Zoning committee meeting that "I doubt it very much if you're going to get any tourists from downtown to go over there."

Alderman Colom further stated to James White, a successful entrepreneur, that she didn't think any tourists are going to go to his proposed $5 million motel to be constructed at 39th & Michigan. Obviously, Ms. Colom is unaware that Tourism is the #1 industry in this country with a gross income of $330 Billion in 1995. African American tourists supported $30 Billion to this industry through heritage tourism initiatives. W.ealth of power and the National Association for American Heritage Preservation, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Chicago Historical Society and City Innovation division and the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BMCTC) and Historic North Pullman (HNP) are working in collaboration to develop the first National Urban Heritage Trail in Chicago, Illinois.

Black Metropolis and HNP believes that the development and establishment of this national urban heritage tourism trail in Chicago, will have the greatest impact of all Empowerment Zone EZ/EC projects citywide on alleviating poverty. This community based development strategy for the urban trail is designed to preserve historic buildings, create economic development and entrepreneurial opportunities, generate wealth and enable low-income residents to achieve self-sufficiency while helping to re-build a sustainable community in Bronzeville.

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Butternut Bread Boycott Off

Washington Park - Rev. M. E. Sardon, a man who has been around the civil rights movement almost before Martin Luther King and Rev. Jesse Jackson were out of junior high school, told SSJ that the continued boycotting of Butternut Bread Company had been called off, as well as any future picket lines."

There is no hostility of Crusaders of Justice and other civil rights groups towards Butternut Bread in the community, the main purpose of the pending boycott of the company included picketing at its store at 54th and Washington. The company has a black CEO, Richard Wilson, who has been with the company for some time."

Rev. Sardon also said that the boycott of Butternut Bread has been backed by the community, including Martin Luther King Jr. Movement headed by Bishop T.T. Turner and Rev. A.J. Dunlop of Mount Olive A.M.E. Church."

Rev. Sardon added that Butternut Bread has black truck drivers, supervisors, personnel, and an even distribution of black workers at the company, in compliance with both state and federal civil rights laws.

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Photo View: Question is:
Children saying, I wish what happened to Lenard Clark happened to me.

Deanna Bennett

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I don't feel good about that because the boy could be dead. They beat that boy to a pulp. Look how fast he came out of rehab. This boy is a miracle child in my opinion.
traveled various black entrepreneurs business opportunities that their in business management and would like to see these newly formed businesses take advantage of the Illinois House of Representatives.

"Vacant lots and properties are a blight on any community in which they are located. We must take the lead in cleaning up the environment and properties that are abandoned and on these properties." Under this legislation, municipalities would be able to enter buildings or property to test for the presence of hazardous substances.

The thought behind this legislation is that municipalities will have the authority to clean up properties such as vacant lots which are often the site of illegal dumping, accord- ingly "Involuntary Servitude" laws.

Jones continued, "Involuntary Servitude" would be on the agenda of community workers to be given training.

"This bill would provide a cap on the amount of
rent based on the new legislation. "If enacted, H.R.2, would displace
the mortgage deduction due to cutbacks in federal assistance."

The law firm of A, J. Howard Kenner is currently drafting to fill the balance of this legislation. The Republican-sponsored, soon to be debated by the full House bill, H.R.2, mandates that residents of public housing, every eight hours per month or face eviction.

"This bill denies that shelter is a privilege, for which poor people must work eight uncounted hours per month or face eviction. If we mandate volunteers in exchange for government assistance at public housing, why not require the same from those who receive any form of federal assistance—farm subsidies, corporate welfare, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, WIC, or Food Stamps," said Jackson. If enacted, H.R.2, would displace thousands of low wage workers or place them in involuntary servitude, which violated the spirit of the 13th Amendment.

Rent increases and "Involuntary Servitude" are issues that need to be addressed in the upcoming election.

New police station

MSPDC is developing a data base of community workers to be given priority on the work and contracts.

MSPDC is looking for businesses that can provide services, from the construction industry to office supplies and equipment, security, on-site cafeteria, telephone services and other services. MSPDC would like to see more minority businesses from their Entrepreneurial Training Program to benefit from the opening of the police station.

"Howard (MSPDC) has trained various black entrepreneurs in business management and would like to see them newly formed businesses take advantage of the business opportunities that the upcoming police station will bring," Devere Francois of MSPDC said. "Businesses that have been trained by MSPDC Entrepreneurial Training Program, should be able to secure work, in relation to the opening of the police station. And other outside businesses should be given a priority, over the Bronzeville community. Who should be considered first," says Howard Jones on Waste

Howard Springfield— Legislation, sponsored by Earle Ammon, (D-34), would allow municipalities to have increased control over cleaning up environmentally unsafe properties and lots. "Involuntary Servitude" is a law that has been in effect since 1865 when the 13th Amendment was passed. This would make possible for the Illinois House of Representatives to have increased control over cleaning up environmentally unsafe properties and lots. "Involuntary Servitude" is a law that has been in effect since 1865 when the 13th Amendment was passed.

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The bill would create a capital gain for the year, we had approximately 40,000 prisoners and close to 2 million elementary and secondary students in Illinois. This bill is currently being drafted and introduced in the Illinois House of Representatives. For more information contact: Representative Howard Kenner (773)424-2004.

Jones on Cancer

Legislation that requires insurance companies, health service organizations and Volunteer Health Service Programs to include coverage for prostate cancer screening passed the House Health Care Availability and Access Committee.

State Rep. Lou Jones (D) was lead legislator. "Some 100,000 African-American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1999, making it the most common cancer among African-American men in the United States," Jones said. "Requiring health care providers to include coverage for prostate cancer screening would help reduce the number of new cases."

House Bill 1999 specifies that the coverages must include an annual medical- recognized diagnostic examination for a symptomatic man 50 years of age or older, followed by periodic check-ups.

Studies show that when compared to white American men, African-American men are more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and if diagnosed, are twice as likely to die from the disease."

"It is extremely important that African-American men have annual screenings to help detect cancer early," Jones continued. "The measure will now go to the full House for a favorable vote."

There are 1,000 lawyers in the State of Illinois and Cook County but only 14 are African-American men.

Howard on LSC & Funding

Local School Council members will now have an investigative body to appeal to when they encounter harassment from school officials.

This was made possible when the Illinois House of Representatives passed a measure sponsored by State Representative Howard Kenner (D-34) which creates a Task Force to investigate such cases.

"This issue was brought to my attention by various LSC members," said Rep. Kenner. "They came to my district office to talk about ways they could deal with this problem. Each was either personally ha­rassed by a school principal or their child was getting lower grades in school because they were members of the LSC."

This form of intimidation cannot be tolerated and it's not acceptable," said Rep. Kenner. "If this sort of activity is going on, then we need to establish a separate entity to investigate and deal with these incidents."

Kenner is currently drafting legislation aimed to adequately fund Illinois schools. The measure, located at the school district statewide receives at least a minimum $4,225 foundation per student. "This is a shame that we have to go to such an extreme," con­cluded Rep. Kenner, "especially since LSC members are only trying to improve the situation in public schools for the benefit of their kids."

The bill now goes to the Sen­ate for further consideration. Kenner is also currently drafting legislation aimed to adequately fund Illinois schools. The measure guarantees that every school district statewide receives at least a minimum $4,225 foundation per student.

To illustrate the inadequate funding, in the 1995 fiscal year, we had approximately 40,000 prisoners and close to 2 million elementary and secondary students in Illinois. This bill would provide $2.1 billion in tax relief to nearly 864 school districts statewide.

For further information contact: Representative Howard Kenner (773)424-2004.

Packaging House

To Be

Charles Hayes Center

Former Congressman Charles Hayes (1), a one-time stockyards union official (the highest ranking labor leader ever to serve who represented Chicago's South Side in Congress for nearly 10 years will have the former "Packaging House," located at 4859 S. Wabash will house the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center, a monument to Hayes achievements and lifelong work.

Hayes in died March of this year at age 79.

Hayes was elected to the House in 1983 to fill the balance of Harold Washington's term when Washington was elected mayor of Chicago. He served in the House until he was defeated by Bobby Rush in a 1992 Democratic primary following a redistricting.

The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Executive Board Committee awarded a $3.5 million construction management contract to UBM, Inc. to oversee a 3% National Construction of the LSC Center.

Building was once named as the "Times Square" during the sixties, known for money dances housed by Herb Kent when he was with WVOX radio station.

For additional information on the center call 312-791-8500, ext.4692.
Firefighters

In the past, much work in this area was needed. It could be done but not without creative collaboration and diligent work. It has been some time since Local 2 filed a grievance for a minority on affirmative action, or took a grievance to arbitration for a minority who was fired from a job. Seventeen years when the first contract between the city and the union was signed and African American firefighters issues and goals are not so

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**Skilled Manufacturing Jobs**

for Dislocated Workers and Women through Chicago Manufacturing Institute

Manufacturers throughout the Chicago area are seeking qualified men and women to fill technically skilled positions. Opportunities for dislocated workers and women who completed the class last June, all were placed in skilled jobs at an average starting wage of $8.50 per hour; a 100 percent placement rate.

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"You minorities are paying for all those lawsuits and grievances. You minorities are getting screwed over. You minorities are getting screwed over by Local 2. But, hey, it's your money. If you want to keep giving it to Local 2 to get screwed, be my guest," said one African American fire fighter.

What the African American fire fighter hoped to be in their favor was the appointment of Adrienne Bryant, an African American on the mayor's staff who is deputy chief of staff heading the promotions and testing in the Police and Fire departments.

For career-minded, mechanically-oriented dislocated workers and women looking for access to stable, skilled and well-paid occupations in manufacturing, this class can provide an excellent start. Enrollment in the Automatic Spring Coiling Class is limited to the first 20 Chicago dislocated workers and women residents who qualify through the admis sions process, which includes an orientation to the spring-making industry, and assessment of present skills, and an interview. The spring coiling class is held from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., five days per week.

The class will end in October. For further information contact Kathleen Dowling at 773-685-1010.
Mid-South Teachers Receive Golden Apple Awards

Woodlawn - Two Mid-South area teachers from pre-kindergarten through 6th grade are among 10 who have been selected as winners of the seventh annual Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching, a partnership among the Golden Apple Foundation, WTTW/Channel 11 and Northwestern University.

The winners will be honored on Wednesday, May 28th and Sunday, June 1st. Special guests include actor Steve Guttenberg and Chicago's First Lady Maggie Daley. The Mid-South recipients of this year's Golden Apple Awards are:

Ms. Elise Mooney of Murray Language Academy and Mr. Terry Morris of Dewey Academy have been selected to receive Golden Apples for excellence in teaching. They will be honored at WTTW Channel 11.

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Kung Fu for Beginners
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Computer Fair for Teachers & Parents

IBM, Apple and Compaq computer companies will be offering special computer seminars at the Hyde Park Kung-Fu Academy for teachers and parents. The seminars will be on March 26th and 28th.

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Education: 3rd Annual Black History Challenge

In the midst of the negative stereotypes and stereotypes of inner city youth, many young people are able to become positive leaders. Many of these youth are the participants and organizers.

Unshackled Knowledge is the culminating event for the Umoja Mentorship Program which works with over 300 youth on a weekly basis at seven Chicago schools. Florence Price, Albert Einstein, Doolittle East, Melville Fuller, Reavis, Foster Park Elementary and Helen Franklin.

Through Umoja college age mentors work extensively with elementary and middle school students to develop their leadership skills and community involvement. In the six years since its inception, Umoja has grown to involve over 70 mentors of whom are college graduates. In 1994, the mentors created Unshackled Knowledge to provide youth with an opportunity to be recognized among the other schools and exhibits what they learned in the Umoja Mentorship Program to their parents and the community. The event has been tremendously successful, receiving financial and material support from local businesses and community residents. Along with the competition this year, attendees can see the mentors, food and cultural presentations.
Foster and Adoptive Families Needed

Are you willing to live, nurture and protect a child in need of substitute care? Are you concerned about the quality of care offered to today’s youth? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then act.izer is your piece of mind and love beads for the ETA Story “Hold on To Pass It On.” “How many stories are there for black actresses?” says Hollywood legend Angela Bassett, all reportedly had their eye on Dandridge projects. Jack son, Director of Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPWD). “Over the years, this event has become a popular and well attended community function which includes the Blues and recognition of the Theresa Needham Blues Center, Checkerdowd Lounge, Versies Lounge, Muddy Waters Drive and the 43rd Street Blues district.”

We want to attract blue lovers from all over Chicago back to 43rd Street. The theme for this year’s fest is “Hold on To Pass It On.” As a community, we are struggling to hold on to our historic buildings and properties and we must not forget our culture and heritage. This is an opportunity to bring the whole family out to experience and nurture our blues tradition. If persons have any questions call Mark Payne at 924-1330.

Sickle Cell Walk/Log/Bike-A-Thon

Set for June

Near South - The 23rd annual Walk/Log/Bike-A-Thon (WJBAT) for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois (SCDAI) will take place on Saturday, June 14.

The WJBAT route will run along the lakefront from 31st to 47th Streets. Funds raised from the WJBAT will be used for patient services and programs. The fundraising goal for this event is $80,000.

SCDAI advocates for improved patient services throughout the state of Illinois. Scholarships are available for sickle cell patients. Info: Aaron Sumrall, (312) 987-9332 or (312) 345-3100.

Five on the Black Hand Side

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Foster and Adoptive Families Needed

Are you willing to live, nurture and protect a child in need of substitute care? Are you concerned about the quality of care offered to today’s youth? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then act.izer is your piece of mind and love beads for the ETA Story “Hold on To Pass It On.” “How many stories are there for black actresses?” says Hollywood legend Angela Bassett, all reportedly had their eye on Dandridge projects. Jackson, Director of Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPWD). “Over the years, this event has become a popular and well attended community function which includes the Blues and recognition of the Theresa Needham Blues Center, Checkerdowd Lounge, Versies Lounge, Muddy Waters Drive and the 43rd Street Blues district.”

We want to attract blue lovers from all over Chicago back to 43rd Street. The theme for this year’s fest is “Hold on To Pass It On.” As a community, we are struggling to hold on to our historic buildings and properties and we must not forget our culture and heritage. This is an opportunity to bring the whole family out to experience and nurture our blues tradition. If persons have any questions call Mark Payne at 924-1330.

Sickle Cell Walk/Log/Bike-A-Thon

Set for June

Near South - The 23rd annual Walk/Log/Bike-A-Thon (WJBAT) for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois (SCDAI) will take place on Saturday, June 14.

The WJBAT route will run along the lakefront from 31st to 47th Streets. Funds raised from the WJBAT will be used for patient services and programs. The fundraising goal for this event is $80,000.

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This Mother’s Day Remember her with the gift of Information

By Frank Ottman

Staff Writer

It is only fitting that women’s Lab should give one of their own credit for founding Mother’s Day, Anna M. Jarvis of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1907, felt it was time for us to honor our mothers. So after the death of her mother on May 9, 1906, she felt a gesture of gratitude for her mother’s life and work in raising a family. Who works as hard as mom around the house and can be there always in a time of sickness, when you feel down, and to turn to, but to your loving arms. Please strengthen me again. Of you.

Your mother works and she raises her children as far as money is concerned. In doing so, she is a wonderful mother and hard working woman. Thank you.

Maryland Moore, who also works at restaurant, enjoys Mother’s Day and is a mother of two lovely children. On Mother’s Day, she is “usually with my mother, who is 62.”

"Her own children, she enjoys taking them out and buying gifts for.

"Her kids love her and enjoy being a close family."

Looking toward to Mother’s Day, she likes gifts and the price of it.

"Her attention to get the best and all well worth it.

"Her two daughters are grown now, so is her son, 27, but Sally Lee, their mother, says that they are all a closely knit family." On Mother’s Day “the children usually bring gifts, cook breakfast. Being loved by her family is her biggest reward and the things keep coming.

Enjoying Mother’s Day, she wishes her mother was alive.

"I'd do what you feel is right." »

Judy Phillips, senior vice president and head of family financial planning, said that bank trust departments can recommend plans for the future. Phillips also encourages families to talk to their children about money. "I’m encouraging families to talk to their children about money."

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Tears to flow in churches; loving pictures of mothers will hang on the walls in our homes and even today, white clothes and those mountains that separate us from the sea will rise up against it. Ministers read from their bibles in church, sobbing at the top of their voices and with tears that caused tears to flow in churches; loving pictures of mothers adorned church walls and pew seat cushions. This all was done with a negative effect.

While women have been vocal in the South, they’ve been speaking.

"Places like I swear we can hold each other underneath the glow of the moonlight and misery and pain. We can hold on to each other at the end of the world, so much love.

Terrible things have happened to our people but we’re not going to give up. We are going to hold on to each other and we’re going to stay stronger than ever.

Abusing our women. Keep em barefoot and pregnant was the “B” word for us. Women. Our problem is much larger than what we fail to do today.

We have forgotten the oppressors plan, for us to come together. Remember Queen Enzenga, Our “B” word for you was Black and Beautiful. You were Beautiful.

We have grown accustomed to being inspired and motivated by strong Black women throughout my life. My seven children, two mother in law and six grandchildren. My seven children, two mother in law and six grandchildren. My seven children, two mother in law and six grandchildren. My seven children, two mother in law and six grandchildren.

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Judge Eugene Pincham described a situation where he and Malcolm X was hiding under the conference table to President Ronald Reagan and his cabinet debated rather they should sign into law Martin L. King Birthday as a national holiday. A holiday Judge Pincham and Malcolm X opposed.

Pincham said as the debate continued, he and Malcolm X exchanged notes and were opposed to the holiday. Then one cabinet member stated, “I think we should.” As Reagan and the cabinet voted to sign the bill, the member explained, “If we give them this presence of this black man in America, but no support...”

During which time he was introduced to the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad by a fellow inmate and his brother and sister. Consequently, during his six and one-half-years in prison, he became an insatiable reader...”(Until I left prison, every free moment I had, if I was not reading in the library, I was reading on my bunk,) Malcolm X said. “I read every book I could get my hands on while in prison.” Among the many books, he read the Holy Koran. Upon accepting the newly found faith, he changed his name from Malcolm Little to Malcolm X; the “X” to cross out the surname he considered a “slave name” and for the unknown.

Undoubtedly, Malcolm X wanted his rage at America.

In His Own Words

moment I lost, if I was not reading in the library. I was reading on my bunk. You couldn’t have gotten me out of bed with a wedge.

“It is always better to form the habit of learning how to see things for yourself, then to have the potential to become your own.”

As a child, he aspired a successful career, but like most young blacks growing up in the 30's, his desire to become a lawyer was treated as nothing more than a pipe dream and was immediately shut down by his white teacher. Throughout his young life, Malcolm X was placed in various foster homes. In his teen years and early twenties, he worked intermittently on the railroad and later embarked on a career as a drug dealer and hustler.

“Education is a passport to freedom; without an education you are alone in the world, you are just a colored man in a white world.”

“We must know what politics play in our own community.”

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“Why Malcolm X”

“...By same token that that white man can exploit, we will exploit. I believe that there will be that day when the Negro will be able to strike a match and set the whole country on fire.”

To Malcolm X, the white man had the power and could strike a match. His message was that the white man could not escape the day when he would fall and be taken down, and set the country on fire.

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“I believe that there will ultimately be a clash between the oppressed and those that do the exploiting. I believe that there will be a clash between those who want freedom, justice, and equality for everyone and those who want to continue the system of exploitation. I believe that there will be that clash, but I don’t think that it will be based upon the color of the skin...”

“Our Nation of Islam could be an even greater force in the American black man’s overall arsenal against the forces of exploitation. We see that the time is ripe, for we have seen the black man’s potentiality.”

“In any other city to deal with racial problems, now that’s an outrage. If you’re black you should be thinking Black and nothing else. If you’re a lawyer, then you should be thinking Black law.”

“We are not in the bag of totes, in the same bag, in the same boat. We spread economic exploitation, social exploitation...”

“Under our laws, you couldn’t get a job, you couldn’t have a home, you couldn’t even vote. Now that we have this step, I intend to make the most of it.”

“Education is a passport to freedom; tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

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“You can’t deny it. Any time you live in the minority, anywhere you go you have to start from the ground up. You can’t start anything from the ground up. When you try to bring your dollar into our community you are spending your money with a man who doesn’t look like you, who doesn’t sound like you, who doesn’t have the same education as you...”

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Second Presbyterian Celebrates With 100 Singers

From Sea to Shining Sea is the theme of the concert to be presented by the Community Renewal Chorus and its youthful counterpart, All God’s Children, on Sunday, May 11, at 3:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church, 1936 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Come celebrate, and music, as they present a rich tapestry of classical works, folk songs, spirituals, gospel, and a little Broadway, too. The program will feature excerpts from Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, Dominie, fili unigenite, from Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi, In Stiller Nacht by Johannes Brahms, Andie music by Franz Schubert. You will also hear a variety of selections which reflect the ethnic diversity of both choirs.

The opening theme, “I Hear America Singing” was adapted from a poem by Walt Whitman and arranged by the chorus founder Harriet Ziegenhals, and will feature both choirs accompanied by brass.

The choirs, in their 27th year, now under the direction of Gerome Bell use music to build bridges of understanding between Chicago’s diverse communities. The singers represent a diversity of race, economic and religious backgrounds from city and suburb, and are sponsored by the Community Renewal Societ, a faith based agency addressing issues of race and poverty. The choirs are also supported in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling the chorus office at (312) 427-4830 or (312) 862-3010.

The Prison Reform Advocacy Yardstick (PRAY) is a coalition of community organizations, with an interest in prisoners, prison conditions, aftercare, and the impact upon the community. PRAY provides intervention, prevention, and advocacy services to the prisoners, their families, as well as the general public.

The organization is in the process of planning its third annual Prison Awareness Day.” “Prison Awareness Day” is scheduled for May 10, 1997, at Kennedy King College, 6800 S. Wentworth Ave, Chicago, Illinois, 60621, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The event is free to the general public.

Director Odie Washington has been invited to speak, as well as Representative Lewana “Lou” Jones, Coy Pugh, and several others.

Chicago celebrates the grand opening of Vision House, one of the nation’s first independent living facilities for individuals living with AIDS/HIV and their families, to life.

Vision House is the result of joint efforts between numerous public and private sector organizations including the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, City of Chicago, Illinois Housing Development Authority, AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Chicago Community Trust, and other community-based and AIDS-related organizations.

Vision House, comprised of 25 apartments, provides a safe and alcohol and drug free environment for individuals living with AIDS/HIV. Residents, who are referred to Vision House by citywide homeless services receive primary care for HIV at Cook County Hospital and Provident Hospital.

There will be a panel consisting of ex-felons, community activists, business people, educators, and religious leaders. The main topic on the menu will be about prisoners and the conditions they live under in and out of prison. P.R.A.Y. will also conduct a registration for college applicants to Kennedy King College on the date of the event. For further information concerning P.R.A.Y., contact Ra Chaka, Chairman of P.R.A.Y., at 1279 N. Milwaukee — Suite 260, Chicago, Illinois, 60622, (312) 862-3010 — Fax (312) 862-3010.

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His Friends Call Him Duke
The Duke McNeil Story

by Marian E. Perkins & Harlan Hayes

Every Saturday morning a deep voice is heard from PUSH/Rainbow community forum going over the radio airwaves from 30th and Drexel. That voice is Attorney E. Duke McNeil. From 1969 to 1975 he was president of The Woodlaw Organization (TWO). He defended the Black Panthers in the seventies. And has represented hundreds of criminal defendants in the eighties. A supporter of the Million Man March. In 1967 when Dr. Martin Luther King brought his poor peoples campaign north to Chicago, this man was there to meet him. It was during this time that he met and became a close friend of Rev. Jesse Jackson. While working with Dr. King, Rev. Jackson, and Rev. Clay Evans on the southside, the Rev. Shelia Hall on the westside, Andrew Young, then, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Al Raby and hundreds of goodwill people, he helped to promote fair housing, equal education and access to jobs for African-Americans and poor people.

Even though some black clergy did not support Dr. King coming to Chicago, this man knew that he was needed and stood by him. In 1974, he made history in Chicago by becoming the first black man to launch a campaign for the mayor’s office. His name was placed on the ballot of the Democratic Party, although he would later have it removed. But his candidacy helped lay the groundwork for former State Senator Richard Newhouse, Illinois Appellate Court Justice William Cousins and the first African-American law firm.

In 1974, he made history in Chicago, this man was there to meet him. It was during this time that he was president of The PUSH/Rainbow community forum going from PUSH/Rainbow housing, equal education and access to jobs for African-Americans and poor people.

The are 61,000 lawyers in the State of Illinois and Cook County. But there is only one E. Duke McNeil, DePaul School of Law, graduating and students sit-ins of the sixties, motivated by Thurgood Marshall and Fisk University 1957, he moved to Chicago to attended DePaul School of Law, graduating in 1960. Some of his classmates at DePaul included Mayor Richard Daley, Cook County Board President John H. Stroger and Mitchell Ware, partner of Jones, Ware and Grenard, the largest African-American law firm in Chicago.

Throughout his career as a lawyer, businessman, community leader and Special Counsel to Operation Push, Mr. McNeil has been a family man. His daughter Julia “Rita” McNeil-Benton is a vice and attorney in the state of Ohio, and also a counsel to her father’s law firm. Son, Steven McNeil works as a marketing analyst for a corporation in Chicago.

Attorney McNeil says that “I like to believe that my 20 year career in the City of Chicago demonstrates that I believe if you bring something to the table, your community will give something back to you.”

And throughout his career he has been greatly instrumental in improving the quality of life for blacks in the community through his skills and knowledge and profession. McNeil states “in accordance with how I make a living. I get paid to fight for those people.”

His energy is vast, as to the many programs and organizations, along with his career, he is a part of in his daily life. “I try not to let disappointment set in, but our community organizations are not any more stronger in these times in 1997 for those of us who have spent 20, 25 or 30 years in the process,” says Duke.

Entering the twenty-first century, E. Duke McNeil is very concerned about the increase in violence in our schools, homes and streets. He is also concerned that the response will be jails and more jails rather than alternative ways of correcting these situations through the family and discipline within it.

Being non-support of mandatory minimum sentencing in either the state or federal court systems, the family and community must help pick up this burden. Generations to come should be aware that our people are continually fought to make our communities and this country a better place for all.

E. Duke McNeil is one of those persons who has fought and continues to fight to make our communities better.

N'COBRA Reparations Convention

Washington Park - The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA), with headquarters in the Washington Park community will hold their Eighth Annual Convention in Chicago this June.

Erline Arikpo, a major organizer for the convention is a resident of the Washington Park community and has been active for reparations for years. This year theme is “Stepping Up the Demand for Reparations. As noted by N'COBRA, “There should be no question that massive damages and harm have been inflicted upon black people since the invasions of Africa," said Ms. Arikpo, "the period of enslavement and colonization and the illusion of freedom when people who had been forbidden to even read and write, were cast out without provisions for land or money.”

"It should also be clear that what is rightfully ours.”

"We must press our claim for what is rightfully ours. Dates, sites and times for this years convention are June 27th, 1-9 p.m. at the Center for Inner City Studies, 790 E. Oakwood Blvd. June 28, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. at Chicago State University, 9501 S. King Dr. June 28, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Salsa Restaurant, 700 79th St. and June 29, 9 a.m. - 12 noon Ramada Inn Conference Center, 4700 Lake Shore Dr. Lodging is available. For more information phone 773-274-7378, 773-935-7808 or fax 773-288-1580.

Erik Arikpo, a Chicago co-chairperson and a major organizer for the convention is a resident of the Washington Park community and has been active for reparations for years.

"Our progress in the future will not be what we wish without apologies for ancient wrongs, without an end to continuing wrongs, without reparations, without restitution, and without systems to ensure that what happened to us will not be repeated. And the next generation," says McNeil, "We must press our claim for what is rightfully ours."

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Fluvastar Accident in Prairie Village
The African Village Center will cover contemporary and earlier African art and history and its influence on Afro-American culture as well as world cultures.

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343d St. Blues District questions City's Freedom of Information Act

Bobbi Rush is in congress for $50,000 for 343d St. in 1994. Subsequently, the planning. Wm. Clark convened Q's Joint planning Charette at city hall involving business people from 43rd and leadership economic development committee of MSFDC, recently A. H., a merchant of 343d street located at the office of planning for information on the out come of the Charette and the ultimate number of the $50,000 from Congressman Rush, and was told she had to put in for a Freedom of Information act.

Applications for the 1997 Tax Medallion Lottery will become available on Tuesday, May 6 to interested licensed cab drivers. A total of 200 taxi medallions, 100 new medallions created by the City surrendered by Yellow Cab Company, will be distributed to qualified public chauffeurs. The current market value of a taxi medallion is approximately $42,000. Lottery applications may be obtained from the Department of Consumer Services' Public Vehicle Division, 210 N. Pershing Dr.

The new approach Health Food store east on 47th near St. Lawrence is questioning actions of Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (4) charging she is blocking them from acquiring city owned next door to their store for an outdoor parlor. For over a year the owners have been attempting to purchase the land on Aldermanic hold. A representative from the Alderman's office stated that the Health store just did not apply in time. It was reported a florever shop is to be build on the land.

Self-Employment: An Option for self-sufficiency in the Mid-South communities

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Successful completion of the program will result in development of a Self-Employment Action Plan. The classes meet once a week for 12 consecutive weeks. The MSFDC is a community based organization dedicated to leading efforts to revitalize the Bronzeville Community. Their mission is to formulate & implement an improvement plan to enhance the quality of life and maintain the cultural heritage of Bronzeville and to evaluate and introduce viable options which will increase the income and degree of economic self-sufficiency of the indigenous population that live and work in the Mid-South area.

Qualifications for the Self-Employment Program are the ability and willingness to own and operate your own business and preference for Bronzeville residents and/or desire to open a business in the Bronzeville Community. Interested Men and Women must attend an orientation session, complete an application form and participate in a selection interview. May 13, classes will start for the new term. Contact Deveda Francois and Will Berry at Mid-South Planning and Development Commission 4309 South King Dr., 924-1330. A fee is charged to those selected for this program.

Participating in the Mid South Planning and Development Self-Employment Project/Workshop, Alonna Ware, Doris Bunting, Deveda Francois.

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Advantage Mortgage
Making loans with the Community agenda

By Eurel Jackson
Since real estate tends to represent the single largest investment most of us ever make, it is vital to secure the best financing available.

For lenders, they not only look for securing loans for people based on factors such as current income, expectations of future earnings and how long a homeowner plans to own property, Advantage Mortgage assists in making a fully informed choice with the growth of the community and its needs. - Focusing on the community agenda.

Advantage Mortgage has targeted the Mid-South area as a prime community of growth, where many of the homeowners are vital to the growth of the community. Many organizations in the community of Washington Park have been concerned with attention given to bringing in new homeowners and not enough attention to the present homeowners.

Jeff Harris, President of Advantage Mortgage, has been in the mortgage industry since 1984. For the past two years Jeff's main focus has been educating and informing non-profits, investors and individuals alike on the FHA 203K rehabilitation loan. He has worked with many organizations in Mid-South and ALMeraan Ageda Troutman (20).

Ms. Dana Sabs is a satisfied customer of Advantage. Ms. Sabs told SJS that she 'found out about Advantage through her alderman. Advantage helped us when other banks like 1st National wouldn't. The 203K plan is rehab loan was very helpful' added Ms. Sabs. "Linda and Jeff were really nice and helped other people on my job to finance loans. Solutions can be worked out with a little patience."

Linda Glass, Loan Officer, came to Advantage in 1991 and feels that with the help of non-profits and the many loan programs now available, more people will be acquiring the "American Dream" of home ownership, and revitalizing and saving beautiful neighborhoods.

Working with community development organizations and leaders such as Ms. Marita Butler, Executive Director of The Woodlawn East Community and Neighbor (WECAN) Ms. Butler said, "We've been working with Advantage Mortgage Co. for 2 1/2 years. They introduced us to the 203K program which was their main instrument. They did their part and was very helpful in walking us through the steps so we can do it on our own."

Working with Advantage Mortgage Ms. Butler said, "The only difficulty we had was changes that occurred with the 203K program. There's been three changes since we've begun."

WECAN has closed three properties, two that are under construction at 4136 E. Marquette and 1522 E. 65th Place and one that is finished at 6415 S. Green. Ms. Butler can be contacted at (WECAN) 773-288-3000.

For more information on Advantage Mortgage Corporation call (1-800) 898-6678

Former Drexel Bank
New Shorebank-New Logo

With Shorebank's significant growth as a result of its acquisition of Independence and Drexel Banks and expansions to Cleveland, Detroit, Michigan's Upper Peninsula and the Pacific Northwest, as well as its consulting business throughout the United States and in Russia, Romania, Bulgaria, Pakistan and Bangladesh, it has made Shorebank Corporation the leading community development bank.

Recently it introduced the roll-out of a new logo that symbolizes its growth and increased development impact in under-invested communities.

Shorebank Development's current strategies include the development of new and rehabbed single-family homes, multi-family mixed-income buildings, and commercial real estate. It will build upon its reputation as one of Chicago's most experienced and successful property management teams, managing more than 1300 units of housing on the South and West Sides of Chicago. "Our affiliation with Shorebank allows us to offer our customers more value and services than a stand-alone real estate firm," said Susan McCann, President of Shorebank Development.

Shorebank Corporation, with more than $650 million in assets, is a privately held bank holding company whose 55 investors include money center banks, major corporations, foundations, religious organizations and individuals.

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Lake Meadows
sewage and water problem for the community. Present residents living in Lake Meadows would also be unable to afford the $200,000 to $250,000 for a townhouse, meaning, they would be losing their present homes to whites.

In June of 1950, under the Land Clearance Commission, an equitable lien was stipulated in the contract for present residents now residing at Lake Meadows, giving them the right to first choice of housing.

The fund was bought by New York Life Insurance Company for a low dollar per square foot, making it almost a give-away.

Under the Urban Renewal Act, and by eminent domain, New York Life Insurance Company through their agent Draper and Kramer, has benefited enormously from Lake Meadows.

The RD Project I was to establish Lake Meadows as a low-income rental community. The present trend would be to change this, in violation of the law, Jason and Bruce has been secured by the Lake Meadows Council to ensure that many in Lake Meadows will not be losing their homes.

John Lemme of Lake Meadows Apartment Development said that his company has not come to a final decision on whether or not to build condominiums and townhouses in Lake Meadows, although groundbreaking for the new buildings had been scheduled for spring of 1997. They have been working closely with the city on the Lake Meadows Project, but "do to company business, he was not privy to say what courses the company was going."

Lake Meadows Apartment Development has sat in on seven community meetings with Mid-South Council and Grove Park residents to help iron out differences.

DOH Rehab Loans

The City of Chicago Department of Housing is now accepting applications for its Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program. This program provides funds for the general rehabilitation of one- to four-unit properties, including repairs to electrical and plumbing systems. If you are interested in applying, please contact the Department of Housing at (312) 747-9000.
"Vintage Homes Chicago" Kicked Off In Woodlawn

The Woodlawn - Mayor Richard M. Daley unveiled "Vintage Homes Chicago" program in Woodlawn early this year.

Woodlawn - Mayor Richard M. Daley unveiled "Vintage Homes Chicago," a new affordable homeownership initiative developed in Woodlawn by the Woodlawn East Neighborhood Community And Neighbors (WECAN). The program allowed WECAN (and other organizations) to rehab abandoned single-family properties to be sold to low- and moderate-income families in the Woodlawn community.

Expanding homeownership opportunities to working families is key to a thriving city, Mayor Daley said, Mayor Daley. The subsidy will be provided only to the extent that the total cost of the rehabilitation exceeds the appraised value of the property when its ready for sale.

Mayor Daley noted that 1996 was record year for homeownership assistance achieved by the city, with more than 1,000 working families becoming new homeowners due to DOH homeownership initiatives.

Step the Six Million Dollar Plan

Citywide - Alderman Brian Doherty (41st) and Bernard Stone (50th) want to reduce the amount of interest tenants are entitled to on tenant money. A one-sided change ignoring tenant concerns over security deposits. To discuss the REACH Project and security deposit reforms. For information supplied on tenant money. A one-sided change ignoring tenant concerns over security deposits.

Lobby" refuses to negotiate because they "know" the Mayor will support them. The Doherty proposal introduces a variable interest rate which is almost guaranteed to be the lowest rate available in Chicago—6 million, charged REACH Project.

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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 according to the latest report released by Jesse White, Cook County Recorder of Titles. 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.

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- 3/24: 277,000
- 3/21: 170,000
- 2/27: 33,000
- 2/13: 600,000
- 3/3: 20,000
- 2/22: 61,000
- 2/21: 70,000
- 2/27: 94,900

**3152 S. Keeler Ave., Unit 2N**

- 3/21: 265,000
- 2/26: 116,000
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