

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

City Wide - Three 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-II, 1st), Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D-II, 2nd) and Danny K.

Davis (D-II, 7th) voiced their opposition to H.R. 2, the Housing Opportunity Act outside the Chicago regional headquarters of 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 timetable 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.

Artesa 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

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Meeting set for community involvement of new police station

Douglas(Bronzeville) - As fast food stores, other business and homes are being boarded up for demolition to make way for the new Chicago Police Headquarters, the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC) will be holding a public meeting on the community involvement in the construction and economic impact of the station.

The meeting is to be held at the Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church located at 3330 S. King Dr., to inform the community on the employment and business opportunities associated with the construction project.

The Economic Development Committee of MSPDC is overseeing the employment and business opportunities generated by construction of the New Police Headquarters. Walsh-Huggins Construction firm will be constructing the station on the corners of 35th and Wabash and Michigan to replace 11th and state Street.

Plans for demolition will take place in the next 90 days. The final design of the \$65 million station has not been completed. But lining up workers is in process. It is expected that the station will generate 300 construction jobs. Harriet Neely of the Public Building Commission stated. The goal is to have at least 25% minority workers on the job. When ask specifying on Black laborers, Neely said, "We are basing our goal on the make up of the community area ethnic representation." She explained that since the station is in the Douglas and Grand Boulevard the goal would

Neely said the city is expecting to exceed the 25% goal and not affirmative action set a side because "Set a sides were struck down by the courts." reflect the majority Black workers.

Neely added that the construction company must have provisions for minority workers and any vacancies should reflect workers from the community.

"If the company do not meet the 25% goal at the end of the job then they would suffer monetary retribution." said Neely.

To ensure that the goal is met, the construction company has a monitoring contract with MSPDC to ensure the goal is met. PUSH/Rainbow is also involved with the monitoring of minority construction workers.

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New Ceiling Rents	Schedule I	Schedule II	Old Ceiling Rents (est 1990)
0 bedroom	\$372	\$410	\$260
1 bedroom	\$452	\$492	\$315
2 bedroom	\$532	\$586	\$371
3 bedroom	\$665	\$733	\$463
4 bedroom	\$745	\$820	\$519
5 bedroom	\$857	\$943	\$597



Rev. Jesse Jackson Jr.



Congressman Danny Davis



Congressman Bobby Rush

Black Fire Fighters Prepares for Protest and Demonstration Charging City and Union with Discrimination

Grand Blvd.- African American Firefighters met at the Chicago Urban League on 45th and Michigan preparing to protest and demonstrate on their union the Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2, on Wednesday on west 47th Street and on Thursday will 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 rank for promotions," said Captain Ezra McClain, Engine 100, 68th 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 unful-

filled 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 examinations 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 overseeing has always been an issue and remains one. C.F.D. examination integrity is much higher a concern than the City's excuse of poorly prepared and educationally challenged minorities.

In addition the fighters 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 vio-

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Two Youths Attacked on 47th Street by Police

In a late breaking news story, Wednesday, 7th of May, at 8:00 p.m., Tommy Jackson and his friend, Matthew Pendleton were viciously attacked by a man on the corner of 47th St. and Michigan Ave. Jackson, who is 17 years old, and his teenage friend, suffered lacerations of the faces, and were taken to Providence Hospital by Police, then taken to jail for fighting. A fight that neither youth started according to witnesses.

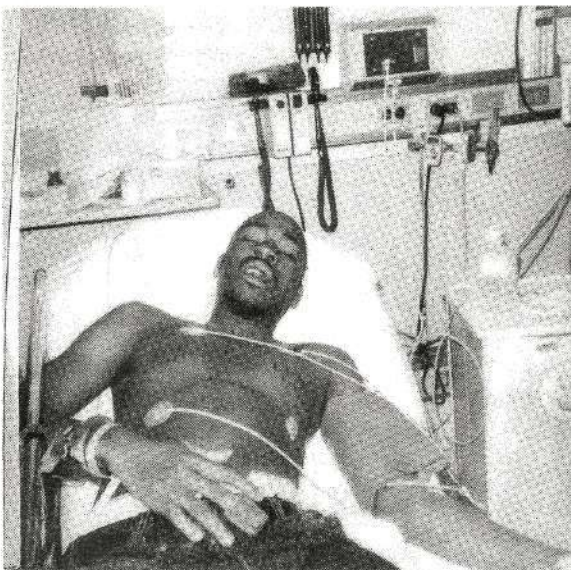
"The two Chicago Police Officers helped provoke this incident by not arresting the man who jumped both youths," witnesses said to South Street Journal.

Police slammed Jackson head into a large plate glass window at Jammin' Too Salon Shop on the corner of 47th and Michigan Ave. Mr. Jackson said his "head was rammed into the plate glass for no reason, badly cutting his upper lip."

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Tommy Jackson lay handcuffed in Providence Hospital from injuries after being shoved into a window by two plain clothes police officers.

He was later released from jail on a \$1,000 bond and charged with disorderly conduct and being a victim himself.



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

By Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

Vice President George Lowe of the Lake Meadows Resident 601 Council said that the residents of Lake Meadows housing complex still opposes the building of condos and townhouses by New York Life Insurance Company through their agent, Draper and Kramer.

A major face lift with construction of 330 townhomes may be curtailed due to a law made in 1950 that will not expire until it is 100 years old. A construction project that many middle income residents of Lake Meadows welcome.

At a projected cost of \$4 million, prices of the new townhomes are ex-

pected 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 Haithcock (2) and Toni Preckwinkle (4), both endorse the project which said they have been

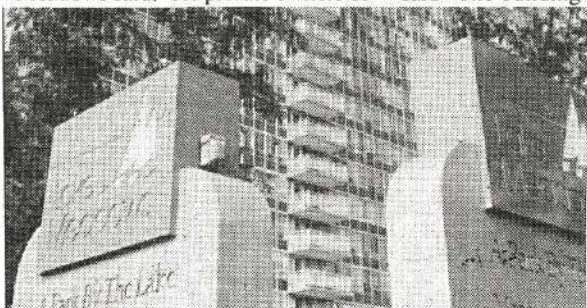
meeting with Draper and Kramer on the impact of such development. Alderman Haithcock a resident of Lake Meadows said, "As private owners of

the land it is their choice to do what they want."

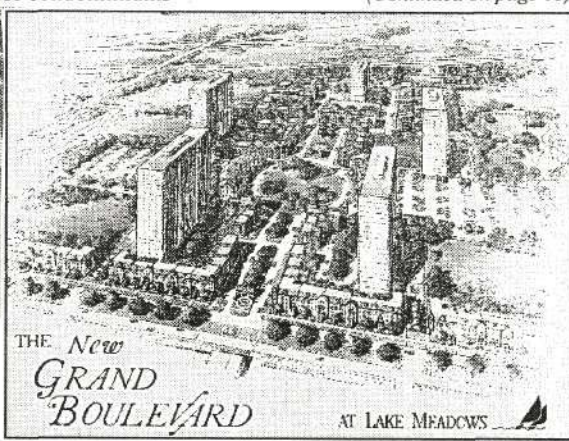
On the other hand, George Lowe said "The building of condominiums

and townhouses in the community of Lake Meadows would create a population density problem as well as

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Some of the new townhomes will be built facing King Dr. on the western boundary of the community, and more will continue east along both sides of the New Grand Boulevard. It will include redecorating and improvement of the common areas of the existing rental buildings.

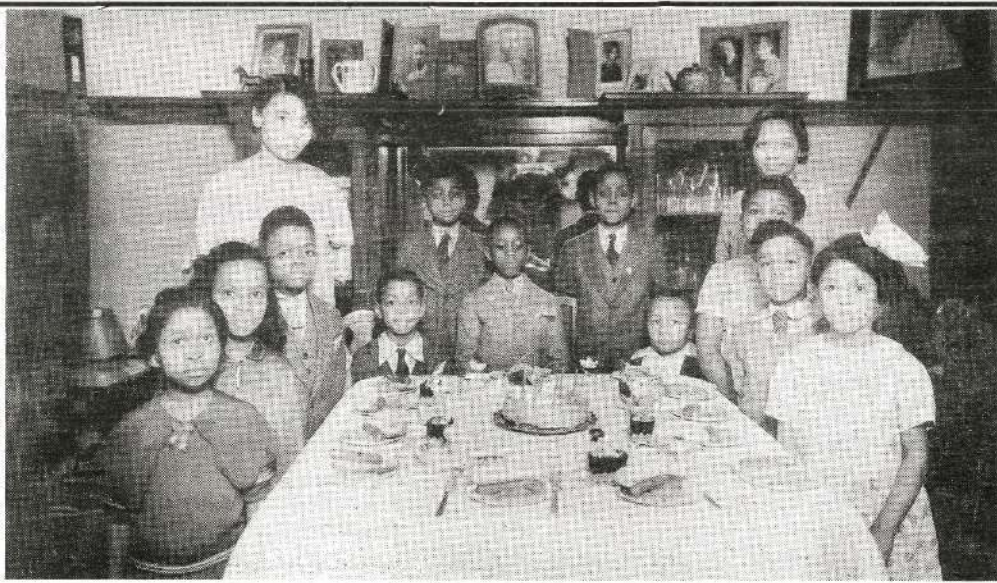


Community Briefs

Historic REVIEW in Mid South

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

Photo Chicago Historical Society



43rd st. Library To be School

Grand Blvd. - The recent closing of the Lorraine Hansberry Public Library inside of the Martin Luther King Center on 4314 S. Cottage Grove Ave. is having opposition. Community resident Tommy Catharp said, "residents of the senior citizens building across the street from the library as well as myself, who use the library are upset that the library was closed without public notice." Alderman Preckwinkle (4) stated, "the library was closed because of minimal usage. I would like to see another library east of Cottage. The Department of Human Service is converting the library into a computer training center for welfare back to work recipients."

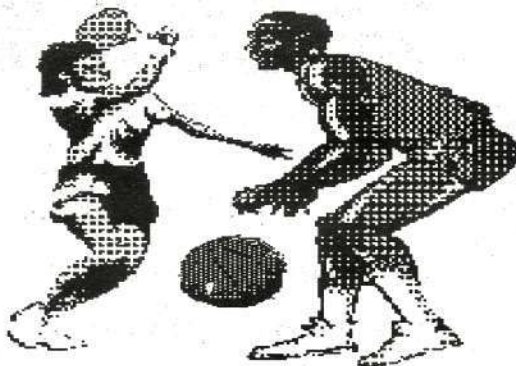
Tennis vs. Basketball in Washington Park

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 some time. Summer is fast approaching and our children are in need of recreation, both physically and mentally, and what better recreation than playing and learning tennis," stated Ms. Ruth Stouts in her letter to Dr.

Margaret Burrows.

Dr. Burrow's reply to Park District CEO, Forest Claypool was, "the basketball standards should be removed. Our tennis courts should be active and tennis lessons should be included in the Washington Park program activities." Concerned residents.



African American Entrepreneurial Forum

Near South - The Continental Africa Chamber of Commerce in Chicago (based at 2024 S. Wabash), in association with City of Chicago Department of Planning and SAM'S CLUB, 9400 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 this years Farmers' Market program.

"This would be the perfect union of two worth while 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 Orzac Shoenberger, 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 years Farmers' Market program call (312) 744 - 9187, TTY: (312) 744 - 9385 for the

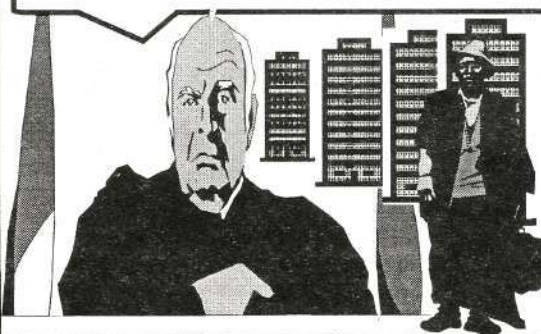
Special Olymics at Stagg Field

Two thousand athletes will gathered May 7, at Stagg Field, 56th and Cottage Grove, for the Spring Games. The first Special Olympics were held in Soldier Field in 1968.

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



UnZip information is compiled by community residents. If you have any call 773/924-0461

or Fax at 773/924-9536 All UnZippers must provide name, address and telephone.

MEETINGS and EVENTS



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

May

Mon. 2

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

Sat. 3

"A Reunion 1954 - 1964 for St. Anselm, Betsy Ross, Carter and Sexton schools. If you attended these schools during those years, Please come and join us in a reunion celebration at St. Elizabeth's Hall, 50 E. 41st St. 9:00p.m. to 2:00 a.m.B.Y.O.B. \$5.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door. 773-374-3284, 651-3422 or 708-425-0110

New Structure organization weekly meeting begins at 6:30, at 5659 S. Indiana Ave. Call John Thomas at 324-5256

Wed 7

Campaign for Better Health Care (CBHC) is offering Free workshops to teach medicaid recipients how to advocate for themselves when dealing with managed care organizations. The workshops are deigned 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 May 7th, in the meeting room of the Hyde park Co-Op, 1526 E. 55th, 312-913-9449

Sat. 10

Bulk Pick-Up planned for the Wards. The City of Chicago has panned 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- issued 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 4-May 31st, Wards 5, 20-June 7th and Ward 3-June 14th.



Extra Street sweepers like this one on 59th and State St. will be active in wards during the Department of Street & Sanitation's Blitz

Tue. 13

Mid South Planning and Development Commission general meeting at King Center at 43rd and Cottage at 6:30 pm and held every 2nd Tuesday.

Task Force for Black Political Empowerment meets every Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Inner City Studies, 700 E. Oakwood.

Sat. 17

Home Owners Association, The H.A. will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Kennicott Park. Please drop a note at 1123 E. 45th St., if you would like to be on the agenda.

Minister Tony Hjojsno, Sr., of Stitach master- Global Ethnic Fashion Design Co. at Freedom Now Center. A presentation on "Discover how with a small monthly investment"; financial rewards at the Freedom Now Center 6351 S. Cottage. Every first and 3rd Saturday.

Wed. 21

Washington Park Advisory Council meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Washington Park Field House.

*Tradeswomen's Advocacy Coalition The Women's Career Fair for Trades and Technology, sponsored by the Tradeswomen's Advocacy Coalition, will be held at the Illinois Institute of Technology's Hermann Union Building located at 3421 South Federal Street in Chicago from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Admission is free. Call (*312) 942- 1444 for more information.

Thur. 22

Black Men Pushing meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Operation PUSH in the Evans Chapel.

Sat. 24

The Washington Park Community Coalition will hold its regular meeting at the Washington Park Fieldhouse. 2:00pm

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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.

"Tommy Jackson suffers from asthma," Chad Allen said, "and came close to choking to death when police officers refused to let go of their choke-hold on him." Both youths were released on a \$1000 bond, pending court appearances.

The Wentworth police station informed SSI Tommy Jackson was released on bail from the 2nd District Police Station at 51st and Wentworth. No details of arresting officers were given by to SSJ on inquiring. , from FBI, as Simpson Case and

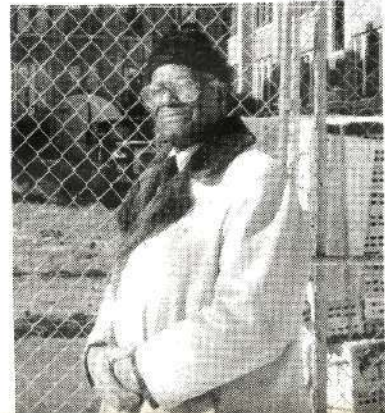
Black Police Ticket?

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Is it standard police procedure for an officer to specify "male Blacks" on a routine ticket? If it is, why? If it isn't, why? According to FBI and Chicago Police Department Crime Reports for 1996, police brutality is on the decline. But recent incidents such as Gould case, and many cases that come to the attention of South Street Journal leaves much doubt on the authenticity of these reports

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 pending boycott of Butternut Bread Company had been called off, as well as any future picket lines."



Rev. Earl Sardon, President of the Crusaders for Justice lead the boycott on Butternut Bread now is target liquor distributors.

The reason is simple, Butternut Bread "has reached all expectation in the hiring of blacks at the company," the main purpose of the pending boycott of the company and picket lines, if the company had not listen to grievances of Rev. Sardon and blacks in Mid-South Butternut Bread Company at 55 and Wabash has a black CEO, Richard Wilson, who has been with the company for some time.

"There is no hostility of Crusaders of Justice and other civil rights groups who were backing the protest towards Butternut Bread" said Rev. Sardon. Also, Other groups part of the demotration included the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement headed by Bishop T.T. Turner and Rev. A.I. Dunlap of Mount Oliver A.M.E. Church.

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

"As long as Butternut Bread keeps its hiring of blacks in proportion to the community population, there is no need of further protest or picket lines at the plant". Rev Sardon said.

His "next campaign will be the liquor companies that distribute alcoholic drinks and their hiring of black workers. Budweiser and Hometown Beer Distributors at 4741 S. California is targeted by organizations.

Rev. Sardon stressed that. Chicago has very few black distributors of beer and hard liquor, though blacks spend millions each year on alcoholic beverages.

BLACK METROPOLIS CONVENTION & TOURISM COUNCIL

Heritage Tourism Review

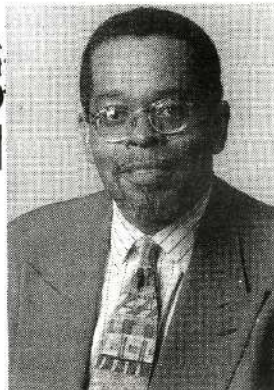
By Harold L. Lucas

BRONZEVILLE is a National Heritage-Tourism Attraction

Alderman Vilma Colom (35th) displayed her arrogance and ignorance of African American culture and history, when she stated to a Black businessman 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 new motel to be constructed at 39th & Michigan. Obviously, Ms. Colom is unaware that Tourism is the # 1 growth industry in this country with a gross income of \$430 Billion in 1995. African American tourists contributed \$30 Billion to this industry through heritage tourism initiatives.

Working in partnership with the National Association for African American Heritage Preservation, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Chicago Historical Society and City Innovations-Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BMC&TC) and Historic North Pullman (HNP)



seeks immediate federal and state intervention and accountability from African American elected officials on securing parity in the dispersal of state appropriations for Heritage Tourism development in Illinois.

The "Restoring Bronzeville" campaign is focused on Heritage Tourism as a means of providing employment opportunities for low-income people. Tourist are interested in going to historic destinations to view authentic sites. Black Metropolis is the mecca of authentic African American history. When tourist come to Black Metropolis they want to stay in Black owned hotels and shop in Black owned stores. There are more historical sites of accomplishments by Black people in the Mid-south community of Chicago than any where else in the world. Subsequently, the BMC&TC and HNP are working in Collaboration to develop the first National Urban Heritage Trail in Chicago Illinois..

BMC&TC 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-efficiency while helping to re build a sustainable community in Bronzeville.

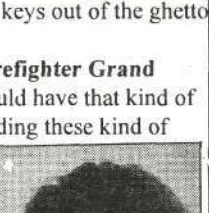
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Children saying, I wish what happened to Lenard Clark happened to me.

Deanna Bennett: Advertising Assitance SSJ, Grand Blvd. I don't think that's a smart thing. I think people should find a positive way to get out, counseling; though most blacks are non-commutative and feel counselors are nose and interfering and do not offer much direction. Education, which leads to better business development and job opportunities are the positive keys out of the ghetto



Lt. Michael Jackson: Chicago Firefighter Grand Blvd. Its frighting that children would have that kind of outlook and perception. Who's sending these kind of messages out to our children? That's all I can say about it.



Marie Drake: Washington Park. 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.

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Jones on Cancer

Legislation that requires Insurance Companies, Health Service Organizations and Voluntary Health Service Plans to include coverage for prostate cancer screening passed the House Health Care Availability and Access Committee.

State Rep. Lou Jones (D) was lead legislation. "Some 300,000 American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1997, making it the most common cancer in men in the United States," Jones said. "Requiring health care providers to include coverage for prostate cancer screening is an effort to reduce the number of new cases."

House Bill 1909 specifies that the coverage must include an annual medically recognized diagnostic examination for a symptomatic man 50 years of age or older with a family history of prostate cancer. Studies show that 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," Jones said.

"It is extremely important that African-American men have annual screenings to help detect cancer earlier," Jones concluded. The measure will now go to the full House of Representatives for its consideration.



Jones

Howard on Waste

Springfield— Legislation, sponsored by Constance A. "Connie" Howard, which would allow municipalities to have increased control over cleaning up environmentally unsafe properties and lots often referred to as "brown-fields," passed through 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 waste that is dumped and abandoned on these properties" said Howard.

Under this legislation, municipalities would be able to enter buildings or property to test for the presence or release 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, according to Chicago lawmaker. This bill is currently working its way through the Illinois Senate.



Howard

Kenner 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 House of Representatives passed a measure sponsored by State Representative Howard Kenner (D-24), 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," continued Rep. Kenner. "If this sort of activity is going on, then we need to establish a separate party to investigate and deal with these incidents."

Kenner is currently drafting legislation aimed to adequately fund Illinois schools. The measure guarantees that every school district statewide receives at least a minimum



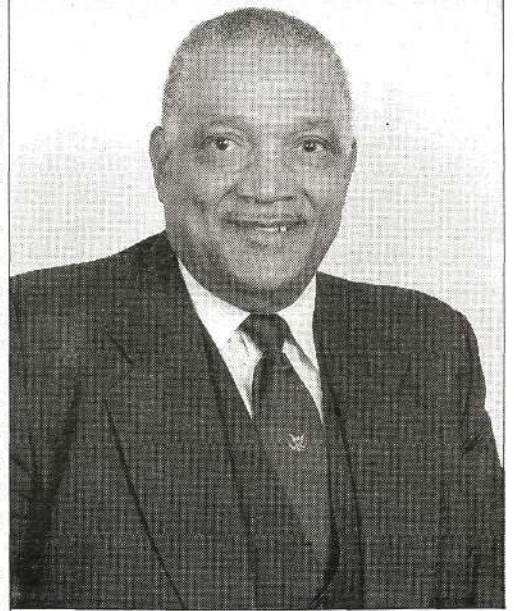
Kenner

\$4,225 foundation per student. "It's a shame that we have to go to such an extreme level," 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, Illinois spent nearly \$20,000 per prisoner and only \$1,996 per student," Rep. Kenner said. "During the same fiscal year, we had approximately 40,000 prisoners and close to 2 million elementary and secondary students in Illinois.. "This bill would create a capital fund totaling nearly \$1.5 billion to support school construction and repairs statewide," Kenner said. "My measure would also provide \$2.1 billion in tax relief to nearly 864 school districts statewide."

For further information contact Representative Howard Kenner (773)624-2004.



Packing 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 "Packing House," located at 4859 S. Wabash will house the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center, a monument to Hayes achievements and life 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 construction management contract to UBM, Inc. to oversee a \$3 million renovation of the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center.

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

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

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Rent increases and "Involuntary Servitude"

churches. This is undertaken on a voluntary basis, she noted, which is the true American way to promote community involvement.

Public housing activist Willie Burrell stated, "the whole legislation needs to be stopped, they need to go further than attempting to abolish the Brook Amendment."

The CHA has adopted a ceiling rent which is an optional policy that provides a cap on the amount of rent a family can be charged for a unit, regardless of their income. New rent will be 30% of your monthly adjusted income or the new ceiling rent, whichever is less.

Currently, 995 residents are at ceiling rent, 642 will have rent based on 30% of their monthly adjusted income and 352 residents

will have rent based on the new ceiling rent schedule

The Republican-sponsored, soon to be debated by the full House bill, H.R.2, mandates that residents of public housing volunteer eight hours per month of community service in order to qualify for the mortgage deduction due to cutting the budget for housing.

"If you are a middle-class American who appreciated the mortgage deduction on your federal income tax, all that is about to change," said Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. "If you don't volunteer, you won't get the deduction and you will be evicted."

Jackson continued to say this concept only applies to poor people.

The federal government spends \$29 billion on low-income housing assistance, writes off \$87 bil-

lion for the middle-class tax-break. But the eight hours of monthly "mandatory volunteerism" applies only to poor people in public housing.

"This bill denies that shelter is a human right and argues that it is a privilege, for which poor people must work eight uncompensated hours per month or face eviction.

If we mandate volunteerism 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.

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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 canteen, telephone services and other business services. MSPDC would like to see more minority businesses from their Entrepreneurial Training Program to benefit from the opening of the police station.

"Mid-South (MSPDC) have trained various black entrepreneurs in business management and would like to see these newly formed businesses take advantage of the business opportunities that the opening of the police station in Bronzeville will present to them," Deveda Francois of MSPDC said.

"Businesses that have been trained by MSPDC Entrepreneurial Training Program, should be able to secure work in relationship to the opening of the police station. And other outside businesses should not be given a priority, over the Bronzeville community. Who should be considered first," says

Ms. Francois.

Persons interested in the entrepreneurial training or jobs for the police station can call MSPDC at (773)924-0461.

Other Issue on the Station

Michigan Inn on 35th and Michigan is one business to be located due to the station. It's new location worked out with Alderman Dorothy Tillman and the city next to Donnelly Youth Center on 39th and Michigan who is in opposition to it. Representations from the Center says building a hotel next to a youth center is in bad taste for the youth.

Although the land has been approved by the city, the Center plans to work against the new location for the hotel.

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Firefighters

lence, much work in this area is needed. It can 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 no

where near closer to being heard. They limited to not having the numbers to vote and get their positions heard or address by the union. "They (Local Union 2) keep finding excuses not to do it. Charged the fire fighters.

For the last fifteen years the Chicago Firefighters Union, Local 2 has refused, ignored or just plain lost grievances filed by minorities under Appendix G and affirmative action. Now, "they are filing grievance after grievance for the white guys who say they are being passed over," said Captain McClain.

"You minorities are paying for all those lawsuits and grievances. You minorities are getting screwed head over heels 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 heads the promotions and testing in the Police and Fire departments.

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Chicago's Premier Investigative publication "Chicago Matters" 1997,

The Chicago Reporter brings new take on Race, Poverty, and Work

CHICAGO -- The prestigious investigative journal *The Chicago Reporter* has joined "Chicago Matters," the multimedia public affairs series presented by The Chicago Community Trust in collaboration with WTTW Channel 11, WBEZ 91.5 FM and the Chicago Public Library. This year's series, "What's Working?" focuses on work in all its forms.

"The Reporter will help expand the audience for Chicago Matters and dramatically increase the opportunities for the dissemination of new and vital information to the public," said Laura Washington, editor and publisher.

In connection with Chicago Matter, *The Reporter* will publish an in-depth, carefully researched three-part series on the intersection of race, poverty and work. "We plan to gather massive amounts of hard facts and figures that measure trends and problems and combine them with aggressive reportage, accessible graphics and dramatic photos in a compelling package," said Washington.

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Skilled Manufacturing Jobs

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Manufacturers throughout the Chicagoland area are seeking qualified men and women to fill technically skilled positions. Opportunities for dislocated workers and women to join the economic mainstream through skilled manufacturing positions have increased over the past 10 years.

The Chicago Manufacturing Institute is now taking applications for a

now-forming training class for these two populations-dislocated workers and low-income Chicago residents females-who wish to access some of these technically skilled positions in the Automatic Spring Coiling field.

The Chicago Manufacturing Institute, a subsidiary of Chicago Commons Association, began a 960-hour class to train dislocated workers and women for jobs as automatic coilers. Of the 18 city-funded individuals 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.

For career-minded, mechanically-orientated 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 admissions 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.

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Education First Mid-South Teachers Receive Golden Apple Awards

Woodlawn - Two Mid - South area teachers from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade are among 10 who have been selected as winners of the twelfth 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 Friday, May 9 at WTTW / Channel 11 Studios, 5400 N. St. Louis Avenue in Chicago. The event will be a one-hour special 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: Elise Mooney, a 21 year - veteran, currently teaching at the 3rd grade level at Murray Language Academy 5335 S. Kenwood Ave. Ms. Mooney instructed her students in building three-dimensional models of famous Chicago structures out of household materials, composed poems and stories about their models and compiled them into books for their families;

3rd graders from neighboring schools "toured" the make-believe Chicago.

Also, Terry Morris of Dewey Academy 5415 S. Union. Mr. Morris a resident of Woodlawn meets with students every Friday after school for Writer's Club, where they have refreshments and share original stories that they have written, illustrated and bound into books.

This year, the foundation received a record 1,200 nominations of outstanding Pre-K through 5th grade teachers from Cook, Lake and DuPage counties. An all - volunteer Selection Committee, made up of 75 Chicago - area educators and education administrators, carefully reviewed each application and selected 30 Golden Apple Award finalists.

Each Golden Apple Award winner will receive a tuition - free fall term sabbatical at Northwestern University; \$2,500; a personal computer from IBM; and induction to the Golden Apple Academy, made up of past Golden Apple winners.

Founded in 1985 by Martin J. "Mike" Koldyke, the Golden Apple Foundation is committed to teacher recognition, recruitment, renewal and reform. Programs taught by the Foundation's Academy of award - winning teachers include the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois teacher training program and the proposed GATE program for alternative teacher certification.



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

Modeling Correct Behavior

I'm really angry. As I watched the

let us at least model the correct

Michael H. Brownstein
Educational Columnist



evening news, a man told us how the police officer was wrong. He deserved to get shot, he seemed to want to say. What he did say was: "If he was a cop, why didn't he announce it?" Why did he have to? Here he was watching drug deal after drug deal. The men realized he was watching. They went into the alley. The policeman followed. I don't know about you, but I thought police officers are supposed to follow when problems arise.

Another example of modeling the correct behavior for our children. A thirteen year old was shot and killed in a gang dispute. His mother took the reporters into his bedroom to prove how nice her son really was. The walls were covered with spray painted gang signs. They were everywhere.

It reminded me of a grandfather complaining about how his grandson had just finished eighth grade and could not read. Did it ever occur to him to ask his grandson to read to him during all of those years in school. If we want an educated youth,

behaviors. JoAnn Burson a Chicago Public School social worker, working in schools (Mollison) in the Grand Blvd. area, is worried about how the system is making it easier for children to be returned to their families. I have no problem with returning children to families after they have been helped. Burson and I both have problems with the lack of supports for the families after the fact.

It's not enough just to rehab a family; supports must be placed to keep the family on the right track.

Last issue I put my own phone number into the newspaper willing to assist and/or start support groups for grandparents raising children and/or parents who gave their children to their parents to raise for them.

Think about it. You're a drug addict, you have children, and you give your children to your mother to raise for you. No offence, but if your parent failed with you—you are a drug addict after all—why do you think she will do better with her grandchildren?

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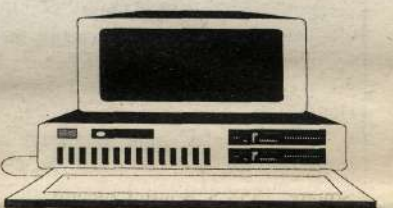
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through the Chicago Teachers Credit Union or the Municipal Employees Credit Union via payroll deduction. In addition, parents will be able to apply for financing through South Shore Bank or First National Bank of Chicago. The Computer Purchase Fairs will be held at Lane Technical High School, Denneen School and the Chicago Public Schools Central



Office. For information concerning addresses, dates and times call McNair Grant at 773-535-8807 or Maria Rodriguez-Osterling at 773-535-3983.

Education: 3rd Annual Black History Challenge

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

Unshackled Knowledge is the culminating event for the Umoja (Unity) 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 Hales Franciscan.

Through Umoja college aged mentors work intensely with elementary and middle school students to develop their leadership skills and community involvement. In the six years of its existence, Umoja has grown to involve over 70 mentors many of whom are college graduates.

In 1994, the mentors created Unshackled Knowledge to provide youth with an opportunity to build unity among the different schools and exhibit what they learned in the Umoja Mentorship Program to their parents and 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 also enjoy vendors, food and cultural presentations.

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HEALTH COLUMNIST

Who's Zooming Who

Thousands of nurses went to Springfield on April 23 for "Lobby Day." They wanted to talk with their elected officials about the Nurse Practice Act. Every 10 years the Licensing Act For Nursing expires and must be renewed. This affects the practice of all LPN's and RN's in the state of Illinois.

The act is monitored by the Department of Professional Regulations. The nurse who, in most cases is the patient advocate, is in trouble!! In the name of managed care she is a victim of downsizing and substitution. Her very existence as she and her patients know it, is in danger of caving into the special interests of a powerful medical group and managed care. The public will be the loser if they are deprived of the very skillful care from the nurse in favor of a former housekeeping person, poorly trained and hardly ade-



By Bernetta Pearson

quate to take her place. It's all in the name of saving money and more money on the back of poor folks and black folks.

However, the more than 100,000 nurses in Illinois can and do vote. What would happen if they were all to vote on one accord? The caregivers stand up and, with the patients they serve, take back the rights of the medical profession to give the best care under circumstances that have nothing to do with money or greed, instead, in the best interest of you, the patient. Find out what is a nurse? What do they do? Educational preparation? Skills? Your life is in their hands. Think about it. Knowledge: Empowerment!

Bernetta is a national board member of the National Black Nurses Association. WVON 1450. AM for Health Watch at 8:30 AM, Saturday mornings with Bernetta Pearson.

Foster and Adoptive Families Needed

Are you willing to love, nurture and protect a child in need of substitute care? Are you concerned about the quality of life offered to today's youth? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then act now by learning more about foster care. Hundreds of children are in need of foster or adoptive families. If you are at least 25 years of age or older and have bedroom space available in your home, you may be eligible to become a licensed foster parent.

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Sickle Cell Walk/Jog/Bike-A-Thon Set for June

Near South - The 23rd annual Walk/Jog/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 65th Street. 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) 345-1100.

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Halle Berry to Play Dorothy Dandridge

Not since "The Josephine Baker Story" have so many top black actresses vied for a leading Hollywood role. Now it looks like Halle Berry has won. She's negotiating a deal with HBO to coproduce and star in a TV movie on the life of Dorothy Dandridge, the first black woman to be nominated for a best-actress Oscar. Berry last year bought the rights to "The Dorothy Dandridge Story" bio from Jasmine Guy, who, along with Janet Jackson, Whitney Houston and Angela Bassett, all reportedly had their eye on Dandridge projects. Jackson had optioned the book "Everything and Nothing." "How many stories are there for black actresses?" says Hollywood talent manager Dolores Robinson. "Lena Horne and Dorothy Dandridge are it."

Blues in the Hood The 5th Annual 43rd Street Blues Festival

An all star line up of blues bands and performers will kick off the 5th Annual 43rd street Blues Festival on Wednesday, June 4, 4:30 - 8:00 pm on the rear patio of the King Center, 4314 S. Cottage grove.

This year's performers include Junior Wells, David Myers, John Myers, John Primer, Ron Prince Hard Time, and Otha Turner's Rising Star Fife and Drum Band.

The event is an official neighborhood festival of the Mayor's Office of special Events and precedes the June 5th opening of the City's annual blues fest in Gant Park.

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

"This year we will have ven-

dors selling food, clothing and art." said Pat Dowell-Cerasoli, Director of Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC).

"Over the years, this event has become a popular and well attended community celebration of the Blues and recognition of the Theresa Needham Blues Center, Checkerboard Lounge, Versies Lounge, Muddy Waters Drive and the 43rd Street Blues

district." We want to attract blues lovers from all over Chicago back to 43rd Street.

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Hi, MOM!

By Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

It is only fitting that women's Lib 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 own mother's life and work in raising a family. Who works as hard as mom around the house day and night, and who is always there in a time of sickness, when you feel downtrodden, telling you to take the garbage out during the Bears football game? Mom. They are there when you need them, and sometimes when you feel you can do without them.

So Anna Jarvis, at her mother's memorial service, asked everyone who attended to wear white. This caught on, and even today, white clothes and carnations are associated with Mother's Day.

President Woodrow Wilson, proclaiming Mother's Day a holiday in 1914, we might know very little about Anna Jarvis and spending a whole day with mom once a year.

Mothers have never had an easy life and this is true of Mother's Day getting off the ground as a national holiday. Too many people had started to feel too sentimental about the holiday, turning many against it. Ministers read from their mothers' bibles in church, soloists sang at the top of their voices and in low notes that caused tears to flow in churches; loving pictures of mothers adorned churches walls and pew seat backs. This all would have a negative effect instead of a positive one on many of the people who wanted to repeal Mother's Day as a national holiday. Let's face it, mothers are here to stay and if we can take time to honor dear ol' dad, surely we can give mom a pat on the back once a

year.

Here are some mothers around Mid-South and what they do on Mother's Day with the family:

Gladys J. gets gift from her children. The mother of five children spend Mother's Day



with her children preparing breakfast for her. "I'm number one with the children," she says, "and they play games, go out to dinner together. We have our squabbles, but remain one happy family together." Her children say, "She's gives too much of herself at times and is too hard a worker." Chanel, 24, and LaVell, her two oldest children, still feel close to their mother.

Gladys works at Monaco Restaurant at 47th Street and Michigan. All those who know her says she is a wonderful mother and hard working restaurateur.

Marylan Moore who also works at Monaco Restaurant, enjoys Mother's Day and being a mother of two lovely children. On Mother's Day, she is "usually with my mother, who is 46."

With her own children, she "enjoys taking them out and buying them gifts." She says "her kids love her and they are a close family." Looking forward to Mother's Day, she likes gifts and the giving of gifts. The attention she gets is all well worth it.

Her two daughters are now grown, so is her son, 27, but Sallie Lee, their mother, says that "they are still a closely knitted family." On Mother's Day "the children usually bring gifts, cook breakfast." Being loved by her family is her biggest reward and she thinks highly of them.

Enjoying Mother's Day, she "wishes her own mother was still with her," but she passed away in 1992. She was close to her mother as her children are to her.

Mary Green has been a hair beautician for 34 years. Her shop at 47th Street near Michigan Avenue sees her there during long work hours where she has made her business profitable over the years. Brenda, her daughter, also a hair beautician, says "Last year she gave her a gold trinket for Mother's Day, and fixed dinner at home."

Mrs. Green's own mother, "if she was still alive," she says, "I'd make this the most beautiful Mother's Day for her in her life. I'd take her half way around the world, buy her diamonds and pearls."

Her five children, two of which have passed, all loved their mother, she said. Daughter Brenda says she "loves her mother and her own children as well." Both mother and daughter enjoys Mother's Day and look forward to it each year.

Clinesse Carter, "If you're right I'll be in your corner. If you're wrong I am against you." to son Ron Carter

Betty Johnson, "Be good to yourself and others will be better to you." to grand daughter Annabell Johnson

Virgel Johnson, "Keep your dress tail down." to daughter Beatrice Hamb.

"Every closed eye ain't sleep." to daughter Joyce Richardson

"Get your own. What goes around, comes around." to daughter Marie Drake

Mary Square "Do what you feel is right." to son Leroy Square.

Katherine Brisco, "If you're going to do something, do it right." to son Amar Brisco
Mary Hill "Respect your elders." to son Woodrow Hill

Eddie "Ms. Ida" May Bradley, "Be straight up with people and respect those who respect you." to son Wallace "Gator" Bradley

Ernest Porter, "Never put yourself in a position that you will need someone." Joyce Porter.

"Be good and believe in the Lord" to son Rev. O.C. Morgan
"If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

"Don't put off tomorrow, what you can do today."

Things mother said to me.

Maola Hanyard, "Be a good boy and stay clean." to son Frank Ottman

Lula DeVough, "Wait until Johnny come home." to son John Devaugh

Jaunita Reed, "Boy, I'll beat the black off of you." to son Anthony Reed

Jesse Burkett Cotton, "Try to be nice to people. You never know who you might need." to daughter Peggy Cotton.

This Mother's Day Remember her with the gift of Informtion

The "gift of information" is one of the most valuable presents for parents and adult children to share this Mother's Day as well as all year-round. By initiating open, honest talk about family finances, parents and adult children can prevent future complications that may arise from disabling illness, untimely death or other unforeseen events, said Judy Phillips, senior vice president and head of Chicago-based Harris Bank's Investor Center. Although family finances hold important implications, parents and children are often uncomfortable discussing the future and emotionally-charged "what if" questions. About one-third (32 percent) of the women polled in Harris Bank's 1997

Women's Financial Future Survey said they had little understanding of their parent's wishes. More than half (52 percent) said their own parents seldom discussed money and financial planning. Phillips said the reluctance is understandable because earnings and wealth are taboo discussion topics among many parents of the baby boom generation. Yet, the sooner the issues are tackled, the better, she said.

Failure to plan ahead can leave children guess-



ing as to their parents' wishes concerning how their affairs should be handled if they become incapacitated by illness or accident. A lack of plans can force children to hastily reconstruct an estate out of scattered bits and pieces of information. They may also be hit with unexpected estate taxes. "If your parents won't bring up these subjects, try saying something like this: 'Look Mom and Dad, I'm planning for my future. Since we're closely tied, both emotionally and financially as a

family, it's helpful for me to know about your plans for the future,'" Phillips advises. "To tackle these sensitive issues, we recommend involving an outside expert, preferably a bank trust administrator or an attorney who specializes in estate planning," said Phillips.

"Interestingly enough, parents and children are often more comfortable answering questions from a third party than in talking to each other." Phillips said that bank trust departments can recommend estate planning attorneys and other specialists. There are signs that the gift of information is being shared with future generations.

The 1997 Women's Financial future Survey found that 87 percent of women surveyed say they talk to their children about money. "I'm encouraged that women today feel it's important to discuss money and financial matters with their children. Hopefully, these discussions will continue into adulthood," said Phillips. "By talking openly about financial affairs, families can better cope with potential setbacks. The gift of information is the greatest gift a mother, or father can give children at any age."

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requested by Mary Jordan

The APOLOGY

By Abasi Napthalil

Dear African Daughters,
In behalf of Black men all over the world; I would like to extend our deepest apology. If there's one way to express the foolish adolescent behavior that we displayed, I would like to begin by saying, based on the experience with you, that we to have suffered. I've been in and out of love. I've been heart broken and yet, I still love you.

I'm confused, afraid and very unsure of how to mend our wounds.

My father was very abusive to my mother and that abuse effected each and everyone of my sisters and brothers. My whole life I've been searching for a mentor, but as you know the majority of our brothers are incarcerated, addicted to mind altering substances or sleeping with the enemy.

Do you remember the movie Claudine? The scene that stands out the most in my mind, is when the welfare worker (a white female) visited Claudine's apartment. The kids had to hide the television, the toaster, and James Earl Jones had to hide in the closet. Those were some degrading conditions that we had to endure because of racial prejudice; and as they would say, "ways of keeping niggers in their place"

I've watched several documentaries about the Negro League and witnessed the harsh treatment of our brothers by the white man. Remember when they used to call us boys? Even in their constitution, they conceded us three/fifth of a human being. Strong black men were murdered, Medgar Evers, M.L.King Malcolm X, and young brother Fred Hampton, to instill fear in other Black men, who dared to stand up against the vicious schemes of the oppressor.

So we got angry and wanted to fight back, but we were afraid to die. Malcolm said "the price of freedom is death". We wanted to be free, but yes my dear, we were afraid to die. So we compromised.

We agreed to shine Mr. Charlie's shoe's and drive Miss Daisy. We even took on the ways of the white man, Abusing our women. Keep em barefoot and pregnant was the motto amongst the white brotherhood across America. No, we didn't know about disrespecting you, or beating you, or calling you the "B" word.

Our "B" word for you was Black and Beautiful. You wouldn't have it any other way. Remember Queen Enzenga, Harriet Tubman, and Sojourner Truth? If I'm not mistaken, these sisters use to knock brothers out, literally. They took up the fight to set the captives free. They didn't allow no man, the white man or the black to get in the way of freedom. They were strong. They were Black. and they were Beautiful.

I have grown accustom to being inspired and motivated by strong Black women throughout my life. My seven beautiful sisters have been by my side throughout the vicious cycle of genocide that has plagued our race since we arrived on the shores of this country. Genocide, the means of exterminating our people by any means necessary, including destroying the unity of the African male and female.

The main reason why we're in such trouble is because we have forgotten the oppressors plan, for us to come together as a race. Remember the old saying, "if you're black get back, if you're white you're al right". This dates back to slavery. The "house nigger" against the "field nigger". In corporate America, this remains business as usual.

When brothers get to the point, where they feel they have arrived, what do they do? Well, ask O.J. They marry white women. Our problem is much larger than what we fail to understand. It's deeply rooted in the extermination of our people. I'm sure there's tons of brothers who feel the same way I do. We love you. We need you. But, we're caught in a trap.

We have a lot of anger and frustrations. So, we foolishly lash out at you, the closet thing to us. Frustration and confusion has got a strong hold on us and we have no where to turn, but to your loving arms. Please strengthen me again. We're tired of jumping through hoops for everything and everybody, but you. We want to come home, take care of our children and protect you from anyone body that chooses to hurt you.

Well, I hope that we can find peace and joy after so much misery and pain. And maybe after the dust has settled, we can hold each other underneath the glow of the moonlight and together we both can exhale!

With Love, Admiration and Praise
from black Men All Over the World

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Editorial from the Publisher

Why Malcolm X

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

Pincham said as the debate continued, he and Malcolm heard the members leaning to opposing the holiday. Then one cabinet member stated. "I think we should." As Reagan and the cabinet froze in shock, the member explained. "If we give them this

holiday they will feel they have accomplished something. And they will not ask for something major for a while." In other words live the dream instead of the mission. (Many of them will become like Dennis Rodman and brothers on 47th and State St.) Judge Pincham went on to say he and Malcolm X shoke their heads in

suddenness and left the meeting room in a state of uncertain.

As South Street Journal proposed Malcolm X Drive to replace Cottage Grove in February 1995. We ask many of the civil and community leaders if this mission was just hot air. Can it be a reality. All supported the drive. However, many said it

will not happen because the elected official would not have the nerve or understanding to take on such a task. I mentioned this to one caller to our office and she said "It shouldn't be up to them."

But they would ask, "Why Malcolm X".

From the Left Handed Publisher & Editor



Ron Carter & The Advisory Board, of South Street

"The brainwashed Black man can never learn to stand on his own two feet until he is on his own. We must learn to become our own producers, manufacturers and traders: We must have industry of our own, to employ our own," Malcolm X said in a May 1963 interview with Alex Haley of Playboy Magazine.

Malcolm, born May 19, 1925, in Omaha, Neb., was raised under the name of Malcolm Little. according to his autobiography "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," as told to Alex Haley, he cultivated the reputation of a crazy, trigger-happy punk who cared no more for his own life than he did for those he threatened to kill.

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 viewed as nothing more than unrealistic and was immediately shunned 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.

In 1946, this appalling career guided him to a seven year prison sentence at Charleston Prison in Boston for burglary.

During which time he was introduced to the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad by a fellow inmate and his brothers and sister.

Consequently, during his six and one-half years in prison, he became an insatiable reader. "Until I left that prison, every free moment I had, if I was not reading in the library, I was reading on my bunk," Malcolm X said. "You couldn't have gotten me out of books with a wedge." 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.

Undeniably, Malcolm X vented his rage at America.

Serving as trusted advisor to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad for 10 years -- he was elevated through the ranks of the NOI and became the most dynamic and visible speaker both in the NOI and the national media.

Although Malcolm X possessed all the characteristics of a militant black leader, he remained allegiant to his methodology of achieving justice for African-Americans;

After his journey to Africa and the Middle East. The trip revealed the variance between he and The Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

He once said to his organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), an organization he initiated in June 1964, "I've reached the end of my rope." Later, he wrote in his autobiography, "Deep down, I actually believed that after living as fully as humanly possible, one should then die violently."

Malcolm X was assassinated on February 21, 1965 at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem he was thirty-nine years old.

...Until I left that prison, in every free

In his Own Words

moment I had, if I was not reading in the library, I was reading on my bunk. You couldn't have gotten me out of books with a wedge."

"It is always better to form the habit of learning how to see things for yourself; then you are in a better position to judge for yourself."

"A tree cannot grow without its roots"

"I couldn't have asked Allah to bless my efforts any more than he had. Islam in New York City (Malcolm's jurisdiction) was growing faster than anywhere in America. From the one tiny mosque to which Mr. Muhammad had originally sent me, I had now built three of the nation's most powerful and aggressive mosques...I had either directly established, or I had helped to establish, most of the one hundred or more mosques in the fifty states. I was crisscrossing North America sometimes as often as four times a week. Often, what sleep I got was caught in the jet planes."

"Unless we call one white man, by name, a "devil," we are not speaking of any individual white man. We are speaking of the collective white man's historical record. We are speaking of the collective white man's cruelties, and evils, and greeds, that have seen him act like a devil toward the non-white man...and his subsequent devilish actions, are directly responsible for not only the presence of this black man in America, but also for the condition in which we find this black man here..."

"Our Nation of Islam could be an even greater force in the American black man's overall struggle - if we engaged in more action. By that I mean I thought privately that we should have amended or relaxed our general non-engagement policy. I felt that, wherever black people committed themselves, in the Little Rocks and Birmingham...militantly disciplined Muslims should also be there - for all the world to see, and respect, and discuss."



(above) Malcolm X addresses Harlem residents on a warm summer day in 1963. FBI Director Hoover said that Malcolm X had to be "neutralized" because he had the potential to become a "Black Messiah."

AP/Wide World Photos

"I believe that there will ultimately be a clash between the oppressed and those that do the oppressing. 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 systems of exploitation. I believe that there will be that kind of clash, but I don't think that it will be based upon the color of the skin, ..."

"The greatest tool of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed,"

"The United States condemned the colonial powers of European countries, but as the leader of the Free World, it is holding back 22 million people who have to beg a crawl to be recognized as human beings...We want to put this country on the world stage...Our goal now is the complete recognition and acceptance of the Negro as a human being by any means necessary."

"I am surprised that the trouble has been contained to the degree it has...Until two years ago New York City used wiser methods than

any other city to deal with racial problems. now it's a case of outright scare tactics. This won't work, because the Negro is not afraid. If the tactics are not changed, this could escalate into something very, very serious."

Comments of the New York City rioting of July 1964

"We are are in the same bag, in the same boat. We suffer political oppression, economic exploitation, social degradation...The government has failed you. You can't deny it. Any time you live in the 20th Century singing "We shall overcome" the government has failed you."

"Real men don't put their children on the firing line...The lesson of Birmingham, is that the Negroes have lost their fear of the white man's reprisals and will react today with violence of provoked."

"The political philosophy of Black Nationalism only means the Black man should control the economy and the politics of his own community."

"We need a self help program, A do it yourself philosophy. A do it right now philosophy, it's already too late philosophy."

"If you're black you should be thinking Black and if not thinking black at this late date, I'm sorry for you"

"...By same token that that white man can send a token negro in our community to lead us stray, those days are long go too."

"We must know what politics play in our own community."

"When you spent your dollar outside of your community, your community becomes poorer and poorer, and the community which you spent your money becomes richer and richer... then you wonder why the community is ran down. You run it down by spending out side of your community."

"You and I are in a double trap, because when you try to spent your dollar in your own community you are spending your money with a man who doesn't look like you...because we haven't had since enough to set up businesses..."

"You put them first and they put you last, Because you are a chump, a political chump."

"Kennedy did not urge that Negroes be treated right because it is the right thing to do. Instead, he said that if the Negroes aren't well treated, the Muslims would become a threat. Instead of attacking the Ku Klux Klan and the White Citizens Committees"

"...After 90 days of complete silence, I would like to make my position crystal clear...I am and always will be a Muslim.... Internal differences within the Nation of Islam forced me out if it. I did not leave of my own free will. But now that it has happen, I intend to make the most of it."

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

"Brothers and sisters and friends and I see some enemies...In fact I think we will be fooling ourselves if we had an audience this large and we didn't have no enemies among us."

"As Salaam Alaikum,"

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Spiritual Food

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 Faure, *Domine, 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 choruses.

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 Choruses, in their 27th year, now under the directions of Gerome Bell use music to build bridges of understanding between Chicago's diverse communities. The singers represent a diversity of racial, economic and religious backgrounds from city and suburb, and are sponsored by the Community Renewal Society, a faith based agency addressing issues of race and poverty.

The choruses 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

P.R.A.Y. Hosts Prison Awareness Day

The Prison Reform Advocacy Yardstick (PRAY) is a coalition of community organizations, with an interest in prisoners, prison conditions, after-care, 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 Lovana "Lou" Jones, Coy Pugh, and several others.



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.

Vision House

Chicago celebrates the grand opening of Vision House, one of the nation's first independent living facilities for individual 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 AID-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.

Vision House accepts homeless individuals with AIDS/HIV into permanent residence who pay 30 percent of their income. For more information, please call Elizabeth Norden, L.R. Glenn at (312) 642-6813.

Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (4), Mildred Williamson, Program administrator, Women and Children's HIV Program, Cook County Hospital; Pastor Darrell Jackson, Liberty Baptist Church; Commission Marina Carrott, City of Chicago Dept. of Housing, and Jacob Starks, Chairman of the Board, Interfaith Housing Development Corp.



UP CLOSE International Christian Fellowship Holds Lecture Series

The Chicago Chapter of the International Christian Fellowship for Mission held their Seventh Annual Spring Vacation - Lecture Series at Evening Star Baptist Church 4235 S. Cottage Grove Ave., where Rev. O. C. Morgan is the Pastor.

The theme was "Developing Christian Character and Citizenship through Biblical Teaching". The purpose of International Christian Fellowship for mission is to perpetuate the Oneness of the Church of Christ and its mission to unify Gospel Preachers, Christian workers and churches.

It is meant to be a challenge to every God-called Gospel Preacher and Christian to embrace the same oneness according to the Holy Scriptures, identifying ourselves "Together For Jesus" sake and for the gospels' sake.

Keynote speakers were, Ms. Joyce States Attorney Richard Devine, Mr. Langdon D. Neal, Chairman of the Board of Elections Commissions, Judge Mary Maxwell Thomas, U.S. District Court Northern District and Ms. Judith Rice, Commissioner of the Department of Water. Introductions were made by Alderman/Committeemen Toni Preckwinkle(4th).

This years series was reflections of Sis. Joyce A. Price. Sis. Price was in a car accident. By the grace of God she survived and is recuperating nicely.

"We want to dedicate this entire week to Sis. Price." stated Rev. Morgan. "She is a strong soldier for the Lord. She is a dedicated and hard worker, that will do anything she can to help anyone that asks."



Rev. O.C. Morgan, sr. President, International Christian Fellowship For Mission - Chicago Chapter and Pastors of Even Star Baptist Church



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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 50th and Drexel. That voice is Attorney E. Duke McNeil.

From 1969 to 1975 he was president of The Woodlawn 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 people's 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. Shelvin 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.



Photo by Harlan Hayes

The are 61,000 lawyers in the State of Illinois and Cook County. But there is only one E. Duke McNeil,

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 ground work for former State Senator Richard Newhouse, Illinois Appellate Court Justice William Cousins and the first black mayor of Chicago, Harold Washington.

We can go on with many accomplishments by this outstanding black American. But by now you should know that E. Duke McNeil has always strived for his people and the black community.

E. Duke McNeil was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. As a young man he was greatly motivated by Thurgood Marshall and students sit-ins of the sixties, to become a lawyer. Graduating from Tennessee State University, and Fisk University 1957, he moved to Chicago to attend DePaul School of Law, graduating in 1966. 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 wife 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 29 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 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 a non-supporter 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 have 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.

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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, the 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.

This years 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



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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." said Ms. Arikpo. "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, 700 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 Salaam Restaurant, 700 W. 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, 773-955-7808 or fax 773-288-1580



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BUSINESS MATTER BRIEFS IN MID SOUTH

The Opening of Micro-African Village

The Walgreen Building on the corner of 47th Street and King Dr., will be the opening of a long awaited African Village Project undertaken by Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3). Tillman visit West African in the planning of the project. Plans had called for the village to have opened much earlier, but delays only ensured its success. 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.

Rush Telecom Proposal Adopted by FCC

A proposal to help small businesses become more complete in the burgeoning telecommunications field has been adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) thanks to the efforts of U.S. Representative Bobby L. Rush (1). The action was triggered by enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 amendment authored by Rush calling for the elimination of market-entry barriers for entrepreneurs and other small businesses in the provision and ownership of telecommunications services and information services.

43rd St. Blues District questions City's Freedom of Information Bobby Rush leg in congress for \$50,000 for '43rd St. in 1994. Subsequently, the planning Wm Clark convened Q's Joint planning Charettee at city hall involving business people from 43rd and leadership economic development committee of MSPDC. Recently A. H., a merchant of 43rd street inquired at the department of planning for information on the out come of the Charettee and the use 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 Taxi 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. Peshtigo Ct..

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 flower shop is to be build on the land.

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

Grand Blvd. - The Mid-South Planning & Development Commission (MSPDC), in conjunction with The Women's Self-Employment Project (WSEP) has scheduled a series of 12 week training classes to assist Men and Women in learn learning the basics of starting and operating a business.

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 MSPDC 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 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 Drive, 924-1330. A fee is charged to those selected for this program.



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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 has 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 Alderman Arenda Troutman (20).

Ms. Diana Sabs is a satisfied customer of Advantage. Ms. Sabs told SSJ that she "found out about Advantage through her alderman. Advantage helped us when other banks like 1st National wouldn't.

The 203K plan 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 organization and leaders such as Ms. Mattie Butler, Executive Director of The Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors (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 have closed three properties, two that are under construction at 1436 E Marquett 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 (800) 898-6078

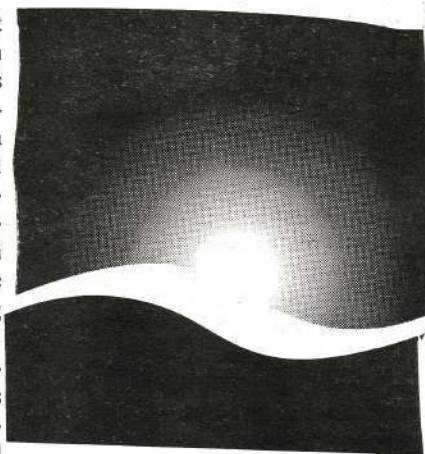
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With Shorebank's significant growth as a result of its acquisition of Independence and Drexel Banks and expansions to Cleveland, Detroit, Michigan's Upper Peninsula and the Pacific Northeast, as well as its consulting business throughout the United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

Recently it introduced the rollout 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 rehabed single - family homes, multi- family mixed - income buildings, and commercial real estate.

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tion 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 land was bought by New York Life Insurance Company for a few dollars per square foot, making it almost a give-away.

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

The RD Project 1 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 Leanse 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

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"Vintage Homes Chicago" Kicked Off in Woodlawn



Bishop Author Brazier (from left), unidentified police officer, City Housing Commissioner Marina Carrott Mayor Richard Daley, 17th Ward Alderman Terry Peterson, HUD's Deborah Robinson and 20th Ward Alderman Arenda Troutman unveil "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 Neighbor 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, said Mayor Daley. The Department of Housing (DOH) will provide a maximum

Stop the Six Million Dollar Plan
Citywide - Aldermen Brian Doherty (41) and Bernard Stone (50) want to reduce the amount of interest tenants are entitled to earn on security deposits (and pre-paid rent) by 6 million, charged REACH Project.

REACH says the aldermen are proposing a give-away to landlords not allowing compensation to tenants, giving them the right to choose who should hold their security deposits—the landlord or a neutral Reach Fund. Despite pressure from REACH Project, leaders said Mayor Daley is claiming he cannot do anything to stop the plan.

REACH statement said the "Landlord

subsidy of \$300,000 per developer (\$30,000 per building), who is then required to rehab a minimum of 10- properties.

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.

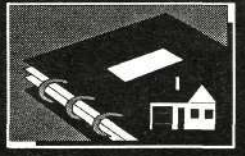
Mayor Daley noted that 1996 was a record year for homeownership assistance achieved by the city, with more than 1,000 working families becoming new homeowners due to DOH homeownership initiatives.

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—locking in an extra landlord profit margin on tenant money. A one-sided change ignoring tenant concerns over security deposits.

REACH proposed tenants to: 1.*sign against the Doherty amendment, *testify at hearings. 2. Call Mayor Daley and aldermen, to "table the Doherty amendment"; 3. Set up meetings of to discuss the REACH Project and security deposit reforms. For info call Fran Tobin at (312) 413-0215.

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 Deeds. For your convenience, transfer listings are organized by community. Display of the "*" symbol next to a listing indicates that information supplied on the State Real Estate Transfer Declaration may be incomplete or incorrect. South Street Journal will publish this information in each issue.

Community/Address	Rec'd Date	Price
Woodlawn		
6122 S. Dorchester Ave. Kathleen Dubose to Claude and Dorothy Hunter	3/3	65,000
1422-24 E. 67th Pl. American National Bank and Trust to Charles D. Gordon, Jr.	3-13	120,000
6224 S. Rhodes Max Balcar to Arletta Bennett	3/27	44,000
6510 Woodlawn Homes Joint Venture to Russell Harrell	3/13	110,625
6341 S. St. Lawrence Ave. Morris Anderson to Tyrone Clark	3/21	72,000
6149 S. Drexel Yvonne Banks and Rosalind McLennon *	3/20	130,000
6341 S. St. Lawrence Ave. Morris Anderson to Reginald Banks	3/21	35,000
6611 S. Woodlawn Forum to Catrina R. Jefferson	3/26	126,000
6618 S. Woodlawn Oliver Peole Carol Smith	2-6	40,000
6526 S. Kenwood Woodlawn Homes Joint Venture to Robert L. Guffie	2-14	149,045
6433 - 35 S. Kenwood H. Brown to B. Humphrey-Archer and P. Brown	2-20	80,000
6210 S. Greenwood Laura A. Bryant to John H. Mayberry	2-24	149,000
6140 S. St. Lawrence Judith W. Sherrod to David Ray, Jr.	2-21	70,000
6206 - 08 S. Woodlawn, Unit 2N * to Sarah A. Sanders	2-27	94,900
6708 S. Champlain Felecia Dawkins to Tyrone Matthews	3-5	42,500
Kenwood		
1248 E. 46th St. Ernest Brown *	3/25	265,000
4800 S Lake Shore Dr., Unit 507N Sengstacke Enterprise, Inc. to Camille Dolphin	3/24	116,000
1350 E. 49th Theodore Swain to Lisa Kohn	3/24	277,000
4607 S. Lake Park Wade Enterprises and Associates, Inc. to Willinda Washington	3/21	170,000
4328 S. Oakenwald Castaways Ltd. to Maurice E. King	2-7	33,000
4346 S. Greenwood New Homes for North Kenwood-Oakland to C. J. Collins	2-11	103,100
4560 S. Oakenwalk Parade Partners to Robert L. Edwards	2-6	215,000
4927 S. Dorchester Mary S. and Thomas A. Edelen to Jing Yuan Ma	2-11	143,998
4857 S. Kimbark Philip H. Cogan to Madelaine Gerbault-Vanasse*	2-13	600,000
4939 S. Dorchester, Unit 2B CBM Group, Inc. to Robert and Annie Davis	2-13	32,000
4939 S. Dorchester, Unit 5G CBM Group, Inc. to Annie Trobert Davis	2-18	32,000
5000 S. Cornell, # 19A George & Esther Bowman to M. Burns and L. B. Klein	2-18	109,000
702 - 704 E. 50th Pl., Anthony Menolascino to Alex Tang	2-25	201,000
4800 S. Lake Shore Dr., # 2206-S. American Natl Bk & Trust Co. to Kevin Baskins	2-26	110,000
4611 S. Lake Park Wade Enterprises and Associates, Inc. to Harriet L. Day	3-4	210,400
4934-H S. Cornell Ave., Unit D-22 Melk Development		274,900
4805 S Kimbark John D. and Eugenia Carroll to Eric Pelander and Evalyn Gates	3/17	752,000
4914 S. Ellis Household Financial Services to William and Susan Lampley	4/2	410,000
Hyde Park		
1700 E. 56th St., Unit 403 Charles Marks to William and Ruth Knack	3/26	44,000
5714 S. Kimbark Sherwin Rosen to Owen A. Lamont	2-4	475,000
4577 S. Lake Park Louise Anderson to Janet A. Toliver	2-5	80,000
5443-3 S. East View Park., Unit 5443-3 Alan LeGrand to Levon Edward	3/24	72,000
5555 S. Blackstone, Unit 1 LaSalle National Trust, NA to Gang He	2-7	128,000
1451 E. 55th St., #723N Theressia L. Washington to Fred A. Cooper	2-6	51,000
1138 E. Hyde Pk Blvd., # 2C Homes Savings of America, FSB to Cole Taylor Bk	2-7	116,000
1400 E. 55th Pl., #1005 * to Larry Commings	2-21	51,000
5544 S. Kenwood Harriet Rylaarsdam to William R. Klein	2-21	300,000
5423 S. Dorchester, #3 Janet Russell to Wayne S. Pitterger*	2-26	60,000
5439 S. Cornell, #3S J. W. & P. A. J. York to James R. Reed, III & L. C. Reed	2-26	120,000
5555 S. Everett, #2D Sarah Rosen to Constantine and Renna Alisandratos	2-26	89,900
5240 - 50 S. Drexel * to Alvin C. Edwards	3-5	913,000
830 E. 52nd St. Donald L. and Wilhelmina O. Baker to Kim A. King	3-4	245,000
5616 S. Blackstone, Unit 3 Edward and Barbara Rosen to Jennifer V. Mason*	3-5	76,500
6848 S. Shore Dr. Rochelle Williams to Karen Williams	2-5	83,000
5405 S. Greenwood Julie B. Simon to Laurie P. Smith	4/1	217,000
4800 S. Chicago Beach Dr., Unit Melverene Gibson to Emma Smith	4/2	60,000
Grand Boulevard		
4121, 4123 & 4125 S. Indiana Ave. Arthur H. Keith to Nabi Sweis	4/2	52,500
4142 S. King Dr., Unit 10 Herman Crite	3/24	120,000
4909 S. Wabash Community Capital Resources Corp. to Anita Robinson	3/13	94,700
4239 S. Michigan Ave. Andzej Bukrejewski to Joanna Olszynska	3/24	125,000
5015-5017 S. Wabash Smith/Rothchild Financial to Devin Stevenson	3/24	40,000
4733 S. Indiana Ave. Andrew Baranyk to William Graham	3/25	93,000
4909 S. Wasbash Eugene and Esther Chukudebelu to Harry L. Bates	3-13	48,000
Fuller Park		
No Transactions during this period		
Oakland		
4137 S. Ellis New Homes for North Kenwood-Oakland to Lillian Camille Barnes	2-4	114,380
4047 S. Ellis Ave. Robert Threatte to Richard Maloney	3/27	236,000
4053 S. Ellis Wade Enterprises and Associates, Inc. to Redessa Harris	2-14	194,900
4143 S. Berkely Community Capital Resources Corp. to Curtis Hudson	3-4	95,100

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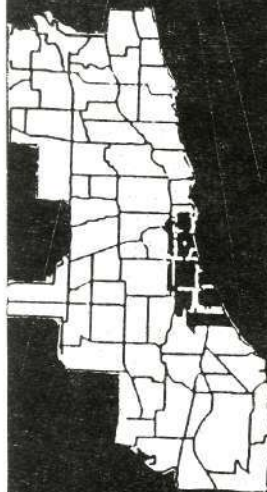
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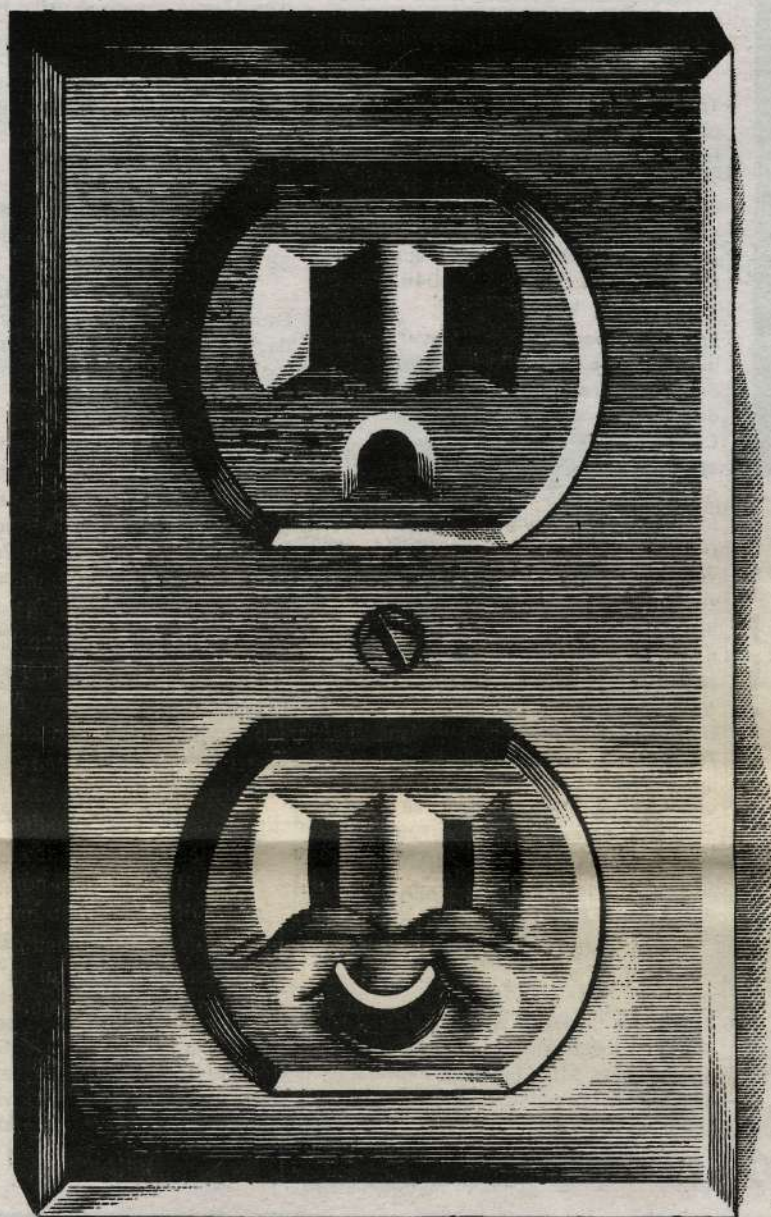
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sure that deregulation is implemented carefully, and sensibly, over several years' time.

Soon the Illinois General Assembly may be voting on just how to implement deregulation. If you'd like more information about this important process, contact us at 1-800-Edison-1, or at our website at <http://www.ucm.com>. Click on "Energized to Compete."

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