

Vol. 4 No. 8 June 13- June 27, 1997 **Jobs Rally Set for Businesses meet on Reform Services in Bronzeville** Bronzeville

Mid-South - Community development for \$20 million for removal of two exsent throughout the Mid-South communities, the renewed name of Bronzeville covering 18th Street to 67th Street, - .

A coalition of community organiza-June 28th, over 15 lead organizations 12th street to 67th street. from around the Bronzeville community have been focusing on the new development in the communities they serve with the Jobs Campaign, targeting Metropolitan Baptist Church. in on the land issue as a prominent issue for jobs.

B.O.S.S. (Bronzeville Organizing Strategy Session). Since August of 1996 the a better share than what the McCormick groups have been studying and plan- Place had said they would do for resining steps on how residents would ben- dents of our area." efit from the jobs that are being developed in the communities.

B.O.S.S. is targeting are: the City of the residents and take action. Chicago New Central Police Headquarfor new student residences and construction of new residential faculty, and staff housing cast of the Green line. De \$1 million, Proposed Dearborn Homes Community Plan. A CHA application

come up with over \$2 trillion in reparation.

equals work is the message that is being isting buildings and construction of a community center. A proposed Lake Meadows Expansion, a \$60 million residential development for townhouses and single family homes, new homes tions are calling for "The time has come for Bronzeville in the Gap area; and adfor us to organize". Set for Saturday, ditional home developements from

> "We want to awaken the community regarding potential and proposed jobs in our community," said Joe LeRue of

"We will be addressing our concerns to the contractors and Unions for a fair Organized under the name of share of the jobs." LeRue went on to say B.O.S.S. is about the business of getting

George Lowe representing the Lake Meadows Tenant Council sees B.O.S.S. Current and proposed projects that as a way to get the information out to

When asked if the name B.O.S.S. ters, \$65 million. Illinois Institute of would direct the course of the leader-Technology, a multi million dollar plan ship in the community. Lowe stated that is questionable.

The rally will be held on the yard between Phillips High School and Mayo LaSalle's \$25 million campus building; Middle School on Giles, between 37th and Mayo/Phillips School Campus of a and 39th Street at 10:00 am. For more information call 312/949-9030.



Howard A. Peters III, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor of Illinois, shown at the podium during his keynote address to business leaders and politicians at a forum on the revitalization of Bronzeville sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Centre's Strategic Advisory Board and Business Council. At the head table from Peter's no to left are Jesse D. Madison, President & CEO, Abraham Lincoln Centre, Darrell Parrish, Director of Development, Abraham Lincoln Centre, Angelo Geocaris, Co-Chairman of the Centre's Strategic Advisory Board and John Story on page 7 Geocaris, Chair of the Centre's Business Council.



Bronzeville -The '95' & '96' historic house tour has been gaining in popularity. he tour featured the rare showcasing of the "interiors", in addition to the exterior house which is unlike most neighborhood home tours. The Historic House tour in-

troduces people to Mid-South/Bronzeville community and identifies the special assets of the community; promotes the housing opportunities within the Mid-South Bronzeville community to encouraging the renovation of current housing stock. It instills a sense of pride in community,

The 3rd Annual Tour will be held Sunday June 29, 1997. This event is sponsored by The Mid-South Planning and Development, a non-profit organization consisting of community residents, community organizations and businesses which works to enhance the quality of life for those who live and work in the Mid-South Community.

Tickets \$10 in advance//\$15 at door. Buses will depart every 15-20 minutes between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Center at 35th & King Drive. Harold Halback, a representative of Shorebank/Drexel stated that "We are pleased to be the hosting location for the tour. It is our way of saying we are part of this community regrowth and tak-

ing part in its development". The tour will conclude with a garden party at the home of a commuresident on Prairie Avenue, nity where refreshments will be served.

### Neighborhood Tours

The Chicago Neighborhood Tours, weekly bus excussions that explore the city's community cultural attracion has begun. Departing from the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 East Washington Street, every Saturday morging at 10 a.m., the Tours will visit a different neighborhood each

guides. Participants will see landmarks, murals, visits cultural centers and museums, explore shopping areas, and taste local cuisine from the many neighborhood cultures.

Tours Schedules: DuSable Museum/Near South\_Side-Bronzeville July 26, 1997.

The South Shore/Bronzeville tour takes an in-depth look at Chicago's rich African American heritage sights and areas visited include. The DuSable Museum, the only major independent cultural institution in Chicago established to preserve, and interpret the historical experiences and achievements of African Americans. Additionally, Black Peer Workshop, looks at exciting arts programs for heighborhood children and young adults. This stop will include a reception and time for shopping.

potential homeowners while from South Shore/Drexel Banking

week, with representatives from each community serving as greeters and

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Washington Park - President Bill N'COBRA Reparations Convention get started from Mid-South Clinton is focusing on an apology to

African American for their ancestors dismay of ogy, from what good would it do without a "Pay Said Erline Arikpo, the Chicago co-chairperson Chicago Chapter of the National Coalition of slavery. This action is followed by the Tuskegee Back" to a good start in the right direction for and a major organizer for N'COBRA's conven- Blacks for Reparations in America will host its Experiment apology which utilizes black males race relations. tion. "The period of enslavement and coloniza- 8th Annual Convention which opens Friday,

guinea pigs in a syphilis test; Black At 213 East 55th Street, the Chicago Chapter of tion and the illusion of freedom when people June 27th with a Pre-convention Symposium on the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparation who had been forbidden to even read and write, the Genocide Initiative, conducted by Dr. Imari reparations seems more real than ever. Forty acres and a mule was the allowance for in America (NCOBRA) has been planning to were cast out without provisions for land or Obadele, at 700 E. Oakwood Blvd. at 2 p.m. reparations. Today it equals about \$150,000 in hosts the 8th Annual Reparations Convention, money."

currency. With about 12 million black famlies in June 27-29, 1997. The convention Theme - "Stepping Up De- Black Caucus members John Conyers and Danny America the U.S. government would have to "There should be no question that massive mand For Reparations; Make It #1 On Ameri- Davis. Professor Conrad Worrill of National damages and harm have been inflicted upon can's Agenda As We Move Toward The 21st Black Unite Front and Brother James Muham-Much debate has centered around Clinton's apol- Black people since the invasion of of Africa." Century.'

Johnita Scott National Co-chairs: Obadele and Baba Hannibal Afrik. The

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The evening session will feature Congressional

## **Community Briefs**

### 10,000 tons from the 3rd Ward



Residents of the 3rd Ward had their special bulk pick-up as part of Mayor Daley's 3rs annual Spring City Services Blitz. Streets and Sanitation Commissioner Eileen Carey said more than 10,000 tons of bulk were collected citywide during the fiveweek program.

### Chicago Park District Honors Senior Citizens

The Chicago Park District honored 60 senior citizens for their contributions and outstanding service to the city of Chicago at the 30th Annual Senior Citizens of the Year Awards Luncheon recently. More than 1,600 people attended the luncheon, which was held at the Chicago Hilton and Towers' International Ballroom.

Every year, senior patrons at parks with senior citizen programs select nominees based on their commitment and contributions to civic, park and government organizations. Local winners are honored at the annual luncheon and each participant receives a certificate of recognition. At the same time, a Chicago personality is chose as the Senior Citizen of the year

The 1997 Senior Citizens of Mid-South winners are: Sam Collins, Shedd Park; Central Region, Reggie Thomas; Near North Region, and from Zettie Hill, Madden Park-South Region.



alling all little Lotto players! Two winning tickets have been sold in Chicago, but the prizes have not yet been claimed. You could be the proud owner of a shiny, new 1997 Dodge vehicle from the Illinois Lottery's "License to Win" promotion. If you purchased your ticket outside the Mid-South area, the tickets were purchased on Kedzie Ave

The 2nd District police were surprise to see 200 white youth in Stateway Gardens public housing during some community work. Their response was "Why didn't you inform us you were going to be over here?" The answer with a question was, "To protect the students or the residents?" "Can't we all just get alone." In addition to insight that Stateway is on the demolition list, IIT is going to have to make a written statement disclaiming their interest on the Stateway land. Because residents are steadily saying "IIT wants this land.

Mattew House director, Derick Stinson is making headway for the homeless centers to be located on 38th and Indiana. And Mr. Stinson can be counted on running for a commissioner for the Metropolitan Water District. Lake Meadows has received approval from the city council to build town houses in opposition to Lake Meadows Tenant Council. However, the LMTC leader George Lowe said they have not given up. They are presenting their case to the courts.

Illinois Sacoidosis founder Glenda Fulton gave Irene Mohica a big thumbs up for helping bring awareness to a radio listener and listening audience about this little known under diagnosed disease. Ms. Fulton received 25 new caller because of Ms. Mohicas concern.

U.S. Representative Bobby L. Rush (D-IL-1st) announced the appointment of Chicago attorney Timothy W. Wright III as his new Chief of Staff, replacing L. Murice Daniel who is now Political Director for Vice-President Albert Gore. Rush also announced the appointment of longtime Washington politico Meredithe Napper as an Administrative Assistant in his Washington office.

### Teen Summit

On June 25 more than 50 young people from across-section of Chicago's neighborhoods will gather to talk about violence in their community and offer services that will keep them off the streets.

their role in reducing violence in the communities.

Recent national reports have shown that violent deaths among teens have increased more than 10% Mon. 23 from 1985 to 1994. Public allies and the Chicago Urban league believe that these statistics can't continue to rise. These organizations continue to work to provide positive alternatives for young people to engage them in activities that will strengthen these communities, families and, most importantly, their own self-esteem.

## Elliott Donnelley Youth **Center's Art Show**

Grand Blvd - The Elliott Donnelley Youth Center (EDYC) 3947 S. Michigan Ave. still in opposition to the Hotel to be built near their center, continues to serve its youth as they presented its Second Annual Steppers Set to benefit the youth members from Grand Boulevard Community last May.

People enjoyed the wonderful sculptures and murals of famous African-American artists. Also, for those with good appetites, there were fish dinners with all the trimmings

It was a good time for all with many prizes being given away for dancing and raffling contest. Proceeds went to the youth organization. Further info, contact Marrice Coverson, EDYC Center Director, 773-268-3815.

Also, on B.A.M., Bronzeville Arts Management, a product of EDYC, held a one-day only meeting for the opening of its Junior Achievement Store at the Chicago Place Mall, located at 700 North Michigan Avenue.

The store featured arts and crafts created by young artists. Also, jewelry, books and office supplies were sold.

The Bloomingdales, Fourth Presbyterian Church, NIKE Town-Chicago, Proctor Communications and Marshall Fields supported the store project Further info, contact Mary Young (773) 268-3815.

## CTA Transit Cards

Kenwood - Residents got a preview of a new, more convenient way to pay their CTA fares when the Transit Card "Try It" Trailer came to the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition (930 E. 50th Street) on Saturday, June 7.

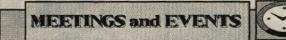
CTA customers assistants demonstrated how to use vending machines, turnstiles and bus fareboxes that will distribute and read CTA's new Transit Card, which will be introduced later this year. The Transit card -a plastic, reusable debit card-will reduce lines at "L" stations and to board buses.

## Holy Angels Health Fair

The Student Alliance of Health Professions in collaboration with Holy Angels Church conducted a health fair in the Grand Boulevard Area.

Topics addressed include: Nutrition, Weight Loss and Diet, Pre-Natal Wellness, and HIV/AIDS Education. For further info contact Charisse Seals, Publicity Chairman, Student Alliance of Health Professions, (773) 568-7557 or U18674@uic.edu.





## June Sat. 14

Public Allies and the Chicago Urban league have Crusaders for Justice regular meeting is at 12 joined forces to organize a "Teen Summit" for youth noon, at Holiness Temple Church. The new location ages 14 and up to participate in a discussion about of the church is approximately 500 East 61st Street; every Saturday.

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

### Sat. 28

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

West Woodlawn Council of Block Clubs meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Parkway Community House, 500 East 67th Street.

2nd WARD MEETINGS are held every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at my Ward Office located at: 449 East 35th Street at 10:00 AM, telephone (773) 924-0014.

Concerned residents of Stateway Gardens will have a full day buildings cleanup. Refreshments and fun will follow. Stars 9:00am- all day 3547 -49 S. Federal. For more information contact Jamie Kalven 773-288-8785, fax 773-288-8813

### Sun. 29

N'COBRA meeting at Washington Park Field House, 55th and King Drive. Meetings are held every 4th Sunday each month.Web page: arm@arc,co.uk.

### Mon. 30

Employment Discrimination committee of Rainbow PUSH meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. 50th and Drexel in the Evans Chapel.

CHA Youth Tee Off With Tiger. PGA champ Tiger Woods will be teach Chicago Housing Authority youth golfing techniques at the Jackson Park Driving Range, 63rd & South Shore from 2-3pm. Following the exposition Tiger will demonstrate his winning swinging techniques at the South Shore Cultural Center.

Wed. 2

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

### Saturday; 5

Minister Tony Johnson, 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

The American Heart Association honored Bridgeport resident Laura Pantano and Hyde Park resident Kary'n Holm for outstanding volunteerism

In the news, making the news, retracting the news is Beverly Reed, former SSJ Assoc. Publisher. She was pictured on the front page of the Chicago Tribune with the unwritten image of misusing Girl X Funds. Reed had the Tribune restate the image in the newspaper's correction section

Speaking of corrections, Unzip was put in check by Bob Lucas for stating in our previous issue that he "moved on from KOCO". He is still with the organization. We apologize, how ever we will be following up with Mr. Lucas, even if its at the 133 Club.

Carol Moseley Braun should hurry up and speak on WVON's Cliff Kelly show before governor Edgar does. This is the race the media has been looking for.

Washington Park Empowerment Center may be losing their office on 213 E. 55th, however a representative said they may be losing the their power to keep their office, but they are not losing their power to vote the area dry, namely the office owner who is also the next door tavern owner.

Inner City Youth Foundation did not move out of their location on 45th & Michigan, they merely moved up stairs

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

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

Yeah I, I read the, the Sun-Times story, on, on Blacks not winning big time, with the lottery. But, But it's not about winning the lottery, its, its about helping the, the schools.



Tue. 8

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

### Thur. 10

Jazz at Jewel with its featured band Savoy Jazz Trio performance at the Jewel food store at 443 E. 34th Street

### Sat. 12

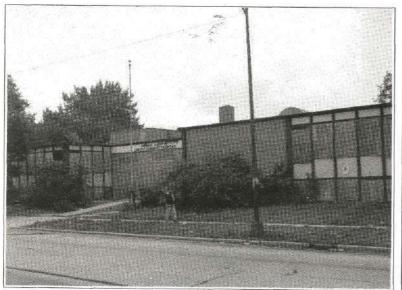
Home Owners Association, The H.A. will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Kennicott Park. Please drop a note at 1123 E. 45th St., if you would like to be on the agenda.

### Wed. 16

Washington Park Advisory Council meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Washington Park Field House 55th and King Drive.

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## Smith:Haymarket, Hayes **Center Get State Grant**



SSJ Photo by Dennis Worix

Formly known as the Times Square and the Packing House, the Charles Hayes Center, located at 48th and Wabash will receive a \$250,000 state grant job training, while the Haymarket House, with an office at 45th and Michigan Ave. will receive \$1 million for substance abuse counseling and treatment

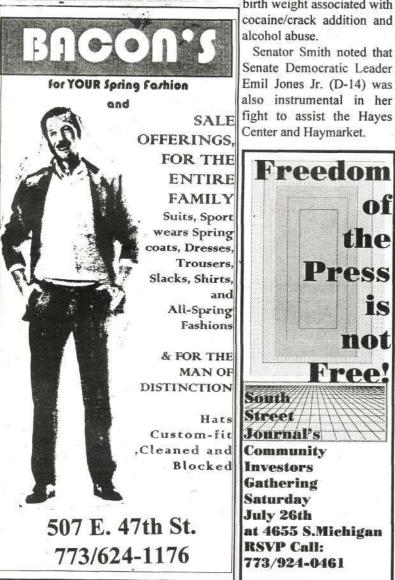
Springfield- State Senator Margaret Smith (D-3 ) announced that the Charles Hayes Center will receive a \$250,000 state grant job training, while the Haymarket House, will receive \$1 million for substance abuse counseling and treatment .

"The Charles Hayes Family Investment Center", Senator Smith noted, "is a newly remodeled facility which, by the end of

the year, will provide day care services, a medical clinic and a job training - jobs placement program, as the center will contain a 45-station computer learning center with

satellite downlink for distant learning. The center will also house a credit union.

"With welfare reform upon us, it is more important now than ever that we have programs in place to assist the poor, as families will be limited to a five-year lifetime on general assistance", Senator Smith



said. "The Hayes Center certainly fills a void on the South Side".

The state grant to the Hayes Center, which is owned and operated by the CHA and located at 4859 S. Wabash, comes on the heels of a \$2 million grant from HUD and a \$1.2 million from the city's Empowerment Zone Program. The CHA will also locate all of its job placement and eco-

> grams in the new facility which was a former packinghouse.

> fills a void on the near South Side, as it operates

counseling and treatment facilities throughout the Chicago area, including a facility at 4500 S. Michigan.

community", Senator Smith said, "as it offers counseling and treatment for pregnant women. This is critical in order to reduce the number of premature babies and low



award from the NTHP. In regard to the BMC&TC's development plan for the restoration of the Supreme Life Building as the Bronzeville Visitor Information Center supported by a telecommunications component and other tourism related businesses, NTHP again stepped up at a critical moment and provided us with an interim loan. Working closely with staff of the Community Partners Program, BMC&TC received an emergency loan from the NTHP to pay back

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taxes and liability insurance. This loan is to be repaid from a Chicago Empowerment Zone grant of \$100,000 to the BMC&TC.

Had not NTHP provided the loan assistance to BMC&TC, our organization would have lost the landmark structure to a developer who would have demolished it. NTHP actively negotiated with the Chicago Empowerment Zone staff to insure BMC&TC was able to get a fully executed and signed EZ contract in a timely fashion. BMC&TC with technical assistance and national advocacy support from the NTHP was one of the first 10 community-based organizations in Chicago to receive a EZ grant.

The battle to restore the Supreme Life Building as the "crown jewel" of the Black Metropolis Historic District is far from over.

Powerful developers aligned with corrupt politicians are exercising undue pressure to prevent BMC&TC from fulfilling it's public trust, by delaying repayment of the NTHP loan. Jim Mann, director of the Chicago office of the NTHP has been supportive in helping BMC&TC and other local affiliates have built a strong relationship with the NTHP over the past decade based on trust and cooperation. BMC&TC is a loyal partner in the Inner-City Ventures Fund program.

We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the NTHP, as we overcome obstacles and help low-income people create what we perceive to be the premiere African-American Heritage Tourism destination in America.

Contact BMC&TC at 773-548-2579





State Senator Smith

community-based campaign called "Restoring Bronzeville." NTHP is a supporter of the long -term struggle to save the Chicago Bee Building, which is located across the street from the Stateway Gardens public housing development. Residents of this public housing complex have a average per capita income of

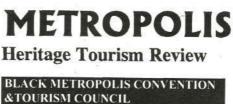
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Haymarket House also

various substance abuse

"Haymarket is essential to our

birth weight associated with cocaine/crack addition and



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Far from over.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation

(NTHP) has been a guardian angel to the Black

redevelop landmark buildings associated with the

Black Metropolis Historic District" in Chicago.

Affectionately known as Bronzeville, this south

lakefront community 10 minutes from downtown has

Today, the Chicago Bee Building is operational as

also was a recipient of an architectural restoration

developed a community revitalization strategy that

links historic preservation to heritage tourism in a

(BMC&TC) in our grassroots struggle to preserve and

Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council

**BLACK** 

The Battle to

**Restore the** 

**Supreme Life** 

By Harold L. Lucas

**Executive** Director

less than \$3,000 annually.

Area of

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**Divorce** and

Family Law

A receptionist greets visitors to the Supreme Liberty Insurance Co. during the approximately the 1950's. Commonly known as Supreme Life, with ownership by John H. Johnson of Ebony Publications. The building still stands located on the corner of 35th and King Drive (then South Park, before that Grand Boulevard. The photo was credited by the Display Associate Photographic Div. the telephone number was OA 4934.

There are 61,000 Lawyers in the State of Illinois and Cook County but there is only one

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#### "Leadership Development"

The essence of organizing is to help community residents reach the point where they, not someone else outside, make the decisions about their lives and their families and their churches and schools and other community resources. There have to be victories about jobs or housing or schools or whatever the issues are, but the real success is getting people to that point, where they are in charge of what happens. Because we take that goal so seriously, leadership development gets a great deal of time and attentions. The Gamaliel Foundation

## **Community Developers take on** Educaton as the Next Frontier

Non-profit sponsors Tackle **School Creation** 

St. Edmund's Redevelopment Corporation in Washington Park was one Community Development Corporation (CDC) winning approval for a Charter School reopening a parish that had been closed for years On June 25, leaders of CDCs, known for their

work in housing and economic development, discussed how their organizations can become involved in new education options,

such as Charter Schools and Small Schools, as a component of their neighborhood revitalization strategies. At a gathering jointly sponsored by the local initiatives Support Corporation, the nation's leading non-profit funder of community-based development, the Illinois Facilities Fund, and

Leadership for Quality Education. leaders of more than 20 CDCs gathered to discuss how to sponsor or bring new education options to their communities.

"In the last ten years Chicago's neighborhood developers have created more than 10,000 homes and apartments and developed more than 100,00 square feet of commercial space," says LISC/Chicago program Director Andrew Mooney.

"Yet all agree that for the benefits to be long lasting, to create viable mixed income communities that sustain incomes an families, they must become more involved in education'

For information on the project and LISC call Marilyn Katz at 312/822-0505

# **Firman Ribbon Cutting**



Grand Blvd. -In May, Firman Community Services had ribbon cutting festivities to celebrate it s first phase of its new play lot for Day Care West (37 West. 47th Street) Over 100 people attended the event and had a chance to play games, be entertained by a clown and feast on barbecued ribs, chicken, burgers and franks. Parents and their children also had tree planning activities to beautify the grounds of the day care facility ...

Ms. Marie Ellis from the Department of Human Services attended to help celebrate the event and to speak on the importance of building a new play area for our children to express themselves physically in a safe and secured environment. Also on hand was Marila A. Peppard, Chairman of the Board of Firman Community Services.

## **Community Renewal Society Presents** Non-Profit Start-Up Workshops

The Community Renewal Society will hold work shops for new community based nonprofit organizations. Two sessions to be held on Thursday, June 19, 1997. Session A - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Session B - 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the COMMUNITY RENEWAL SC

# **"LET'S MARCH AGAIN"**

he march, from an historical standpoint has always been a successful means for those who find themselves shut out of society, to reassert values

and find avenues to bring attention to their plight in America. The organization lead by Marcus Garvey did it, although their marches were more like elaborate parades that brought attention to his Universal Negro Improvement Association, a sort of back to Africa organization that popularized the concept. Martin Luther King Jr. did it with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to bring attention to the problem of segregation in this country. Jesse Jackson Sr. did it, as a means to bring attention to his Operation Breadbasket campaign to focus on the downcast in society. Most recently, Louis Farrakhan did it for Atonement in which over 4,000 men from Mid-South joined the march.

These organizations and their marches to some degree or another were successful to some extent. Some were more successful than others. Some without question, had more of an impact than others. Each march, parade or gathering defined leadership to a select generation or selector. The national lever, Garvey was the leader for the World War I generation, King for the fifties and sixties. (A leadership shared in the sixties however by the No turn the other cheek by Malcolm X, H. Rapp Brown, Stokely Carmichael and others). Jackson then picked up the mantle and became the voice of the seventies and eighties. Farrakhan for the nineties.

All however, if they failed to change laws, add or subtract from existing constitutional guidelines, were unsuccessful in the area of relying on the general public for conduct matters. The problem with the general public, is that there are too many distractions. The media has been successful at creating an atmosphere of mental gymnastics. One day leaders and organizers are listening to the count of the million man march, the next day it's virtually erased as they must address the issue of some child molester preying on children in the community. Then their attention is turned to a family of four that has

where they should be placed in your home and how often they should be checked etc.

The list undoubtedly goes on and on and if organizations aren't grounded as to what is and what's not important they end up with a "yo-yo consciousness", chasing grants and media attention. They become overwhelmed by sensationalism in the media and special government grants so paranoid of where to fit into this endless nightmare of failure to act on any= thing.

True enough, marches By Brian Kenner did a great deal in defining and establish the Unity issue. This is an

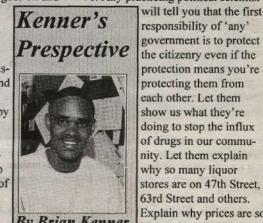
issue that is too often overlooked by members of our community and not



properly recognized by members of other communities. But be advised, a show of unity without concrete results is only a sensational moment in the spotlight with only glitz and glitter ends. If we are going to march, let's march for something tangible. Something you can look back in quiet reflection and say, "The march of whatever year ended that plague in my community and now it's only a memory".

So let's march again; to see our leadership embark on a mission of responsibility. Let's march again, this time, let's give our elected officials the opportunity to show us what's going on in Springfield, in

the City Council and on the Federal level in regards to safety in our community, which is now public enemy #1. Any practicing political scientist



government is to protect the citizenry even if the protection means you're protecting them from each other. Let them show us what they're doing to stop the influx of drugs in our community. Let them explain why so many liquor stores are on 47th Street, 63rd Street and others. Explain why prices are so high in impoverished

areas. Let the Police Department tell us what's being done to curtail auto theft and gang activity. Rape, robbery and car jacking are climbing, so

let's give our elected officials the opportunity to tell us, what we as citizens can do to protect ourselves.

Yes, let's march again, this time to express to the elected, that we the people are, for the most part behind them. So, show us what we can do to help them because this is without question, war! It's time to become the elected's militia because that's where the long lasting effects

come from. Through laws and legislation designed to change society and chart the course for the future. It is my firm belief that a well organized plan of attack on the plagues of society can work. That's right, a calculated system of action designed to erase crime, unemployment pestilence and racism can work. Democracy was designed to work with the masses thru the electoral process.

So, let's march again and let the elected understand, that if they can't or better still, WON'T do their jobs, then organizations outside of their 501 3 c charters will replace them with someone that will.

And that's the real truth; Ruth!

CIETY, 322 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60604. The telephone number is (312) 427-4830; fax number 312-427-6130.

been wiped out by a fire that turned their home into a raging inferno. Now the focus is smoke alarms and

### HAMAA Literacy **Classes** for Adults **Connecting you to** the New Millennium Vichelle's **Parkway Community House** 6:00pm . 8:00 for more information contact 773/285-6229 312/4093118 www.homeimages.co Home Classes Web Page Deign/Hosting, Internet Classified Ads, System Automation, Peer-to-Per Netvork Computer Sales, Business lease

## The Hyde Park Kung-Fu Academy

For Young People ages 4 to 17 Every Friday at 6:30 pm \$25 per month Tai Chi Ch'uam & Kung-Fu Confidence\*Discipline\*Excellence The Hyde Park Kung-Fu/Tai Chi Club Adult Classes Every Sunday at 6:30 pm Instructor Paul Hanah, M.D. under the guidance of Dr. David M. Berry Tai Chi\*Pa Kua\*Kung-Fu\* Women's Self-Defense\* 4945 S. Dorchester Enter on 50th Call 312-842-3759 



**Du Sable Sole Walk** 

After completing DuSable Museum's 19th Annual Sole Walk June 7th, some participants prepare to replenish themselves with refreshments contributed by Jewel-Osco. The Walk-A Thon is intended to unite the African American community in Chicago and raise money to help support the museum's continual role in education, history, art and culture of African-Americans. All proceeds from the event will be used for educational and children's programming.

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Washington

Present Aldermanic Wards of the Mid-South area





### **Old Mapping of Minority Wards Upheld By the Courts**

The old mapping of minority wards in Chicago was upheld by federal court in June 1997

For more than six years a case had been sitting in federal district court here in Chicago involving the fight by blacks and Hispanics to stop gerrymandering of their wards, giving them equal representation at City Hall.

Judge Brian Duff ruled in Barnett v. Daley- the Chicago Ward Re-map Case is one of the worse scenarios of a court verdict coming down from a judge, especially of the magnitude of Judge Duff, many are saying.

The Committee to Preserve Voting Rights (CPVR), on December 24, 1991, filed a new map that would create twenty-two African-American wards, eight Hispanic, and seventeen white wards, along with three wards having no racial majority. ]

The Chicago Tribune would support the judge's verdict, ignoring the blatant racism involved in such a decision on his part, CPVR said. The whole thing is no more than racial gerrymandering, giving the whites in Chicago a majority at City Hall and running the city. "This is known as 'Racial Gerrymandering/Vote. Dilution,' turning back the clock to Jim Crow days of yester-years," Bruce Crosby of CPVR said. This case should be ap-

pealed and no doubt will be if blacks and minorities in Chicago are to get their sharer of the "pie."

The appointment by President Clinton of Attorney John Schmidt as Assistant U.S. General, to the number 3 job in the U.S. Justice Department overseering civil rights, as well as William Daley to Secretary of Commerce, the department that handles the U.S. Census, which is instrumental in making population count, will and has had a great impact on who or what controls City Hall and Chicago in the future.

Toni Preckwinkle, 4th Ward Alderman, who was instrumental along with Ed Smith (28th), (who originated plans for drawing up lawsuit, along with 16 African -American Aldermen and three white Aldermen, who challenged the present mapping of city wards that permit gerrymandering and Jim Crowism), said, "This is no brainer, Judge Duff to reach a decision as he did is incomprehensible. It is only a decision by the court to keep white wards in the majority in the city and at City Hall "

Crosby of the CPVR said that " The court took too long to render a decision on a case that took six years, when it could have been ruled on in nine months. 1981 proved to us

that racial gerrymandering is very much alive here Illinois and

One political representative who wish not to be mentioned stated, "The black community would be surprised of the black elected offficials who say they support the Ward Remap, but actions say something else."

and will be

Crosby of the responds with outrage at thle developments in the much awaited decision in the Toni PreckwinkleAld.

Chicago Ward Remap Case. "It's unbelievable that U. S .District Court Judge Brian Duff would leak his decision on the case to the public before even notifying any of the parties, including the attorneys on the case."

The judge had previously promised a decision in the City of Chicago Ward Remap Suit entitled "Barnett vs. Daley, and the City of Chicago, et. al" by the end of May, 1997, that decision had not been rendered.

But later, Crosby met with Judge Duff at 11:00 a.m on June 9th to request a copy of the decision. Crosby reported that the judge exclaimed in an insulting, rude and arrogant manner that "the opinion hasn't come back from the printer, nor have the attorneys been notified". Yet, Friday, June 6, on WMAQ TV Dick Kay reported the judge would rule in favor of the City against African-American and Hispanics interests and the Sun-Times reported the same on Sunday, June 8, 1997.

Crosby says that if the media reports on the decision are true, the CPVR is calling for African Americans and Hispanics in Chicago to Chicago. This case must be appealed write and call both U.S. Senators

Braun & Durbin to reject the confirmation of Atty. Jeffrey D. Coleman to the District U.S. Court. Mr. Crosby explained that

Atty. Coleman was the

tiffs in the 1981 Chicago Ward Remap Case, Ketchum vs. Bryne, where the map was ruled to have a discriminatory affect.

Secondly, Atty. Colemam was an attorney at Thomas Sullivan of Jenner, for the plaintiffs in Crosby vs. Illinois State Board of Elections, the 1981 legislative district suit, where intentional racial discrimination was proven in the drawing of the legislative map. Whereas, Atty. Coleman and Jenner & Block represented African-American and Hispanic citizens interests in previous Chicago voting rights cases is now betraying



former clients by representing the City which they helped prove racially discriminated in the drawing of ward and legislative maps in the past.

Mr. Crosby says the Atty. Coleman and the other lawyers at Jenner recognize the clear conflict and should have declined to represent the City, but instead opted to make \$11 million to represent the oppressors of minorities voting rights. "And now Atty. Coleman wants the further reward of a U.S. District Judgeship".

Crosby said "I urges all minorities and other fair-minded citizens in the City of Chicago to say no to this blatant unethical treachery.'

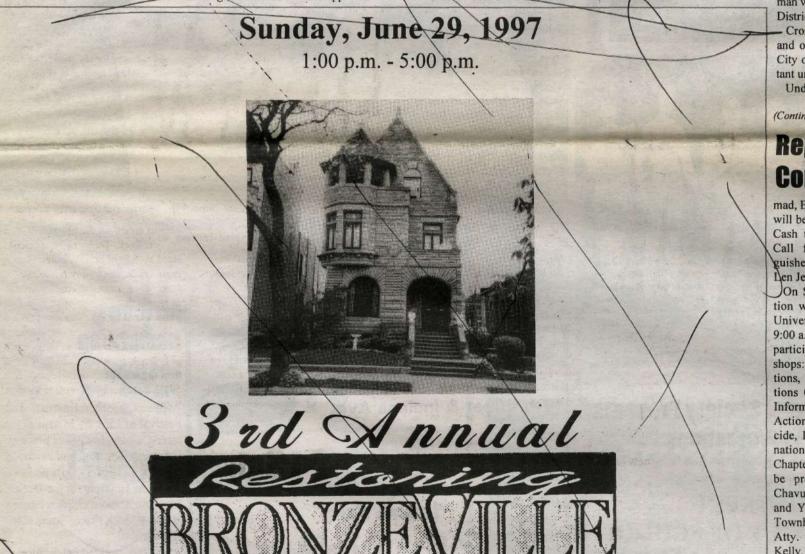
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## Reparations Convention

mad, Editor in Chief of The Final Call will be reporting on The Campaign to Cash the Check and the Escalating Call for Reparations with distinguished guests Bob Brown and Dr. Len Jeffries.

On Saturday, June 28 the convention will assemble at Chicago State University's Robinson Center from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Attendees will participate in the following workshops: Legal Strategies for Reparations, The Church's Role in Reparations Campaign, Youth Organizing, Information and Education, Political Action, Police Brutality and Genocide, Economic Development, International Relations, Coalition and Chapter Building. Entertainment will be provided by Steve Cobb and Chavunduka, Atty. Geinger Mance, and Youth Artists. That evening a Townhall meeting will be held with Atty. Adioa Aiyetora, Atty. Cliff Kelly, Dawud Muhammad, Dr. Imari Obadele, and Rep. Bobby Rush as panelists. A question and answer period will follow. On Sunday, June 29, we will have our Business/Breakfast Meeting at the elegant Salaam Restaurant, 700 W. 79th Street.from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Final remarks and projections will be heard. As we depart we will receive our Benediction from Minister Ishmael Muhammad. "Let us give our NCOBRA Warriors from across this country and throughout the Diaspora a Great Chicago Welcome." stressed Arilkpo. "It should also be clear that our progress in the future will not be what we wish without apologies for ancient wrongs, withouts reparations, without restitution, and without systems to ensure that what happened to us will not be repeated." said Ms. Arilpo. "We must press our claim for what is rightfully ours."



# Historic House Jour

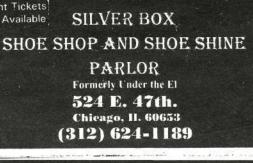
Sponsored by the Mid-South Planning & **Development Commission Housing Committee** "Neighborhoods Coming Together...One Community United" **Tour Registration** 

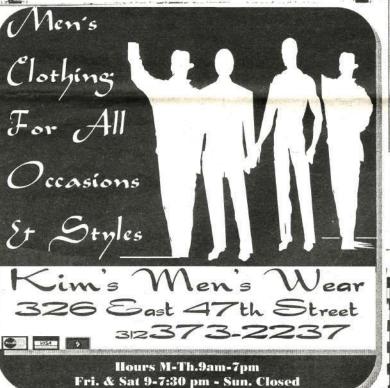
Shore Bank/Drexel Banking Center, 3401 South King Drive Advance Tickets:\$10.00 On-Site: \$15.00 Buses will board regularly between 12:30p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Shore Bank/Drexel Banking Center Tours start promptly at 1:00 p.m. The tour will feature seven homes and a tour of the Bronzeville Walk of Fame Garden Party Reception 6:00 p.m. at 3931 South Prarie For Infromation and Ticket Reservations call: 773-924-1330

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**47TH STREET** 

ETA Prepares For "Crossing Over Into The Millennium"

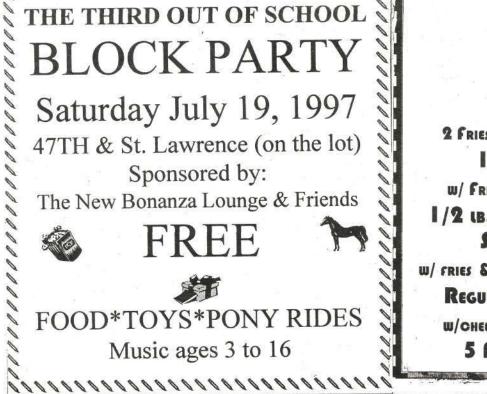


ETA Gala Committee members prepare for "Crossing Over into the Millennium," the theme for GALA '97 to be held on Saturday, September 6. Preparing for the journey are (bottom row, I to r) Adjoa Denise Blalock, Abena Joan Brown, president / producer of ETA, Shelley Hoyt Anderson, Coordinating Co-Chair, Barbara Kensey and (top row, I to r) Willie Taylor, Sherry Williams, Saratta Robertson, Nefertari Cutler, Johnnie Burke, Rose Williams, and David Atkins. For more information, call ETA at 773/752-



After completing DuSable Museum's 19th Annual Sole Walk June 7th, some participants prepare to replenish themselves with refreshments contributed by Jewel-Osco. The Walk-A-Thon is intended to unite the African American community in Chicago and raise money to help support the museum's continual role in education, history, art, and culture of African-Americans. All proceeds from the event will be used for educational and children's programming.







tage Grove.

The star-studded celebration will feature some of the best international and local entertainers on its two stages: such as "Calypso King", Mighty Sparrow; legendary reggae rockers, Black Uhuru; hip hop/r&b international award wining superstar Maxamillion and more.

Scores of vendors will be on hand selling food along with merchants exhibiting products and displaying business concepts. Caribbean cuisines and the famous "Jamaican Jerk Chicken", will be the main taste

Donation/tickets for this event is \$5 per day for adults, and \$3 pre day for seniors and children under 12. Admission will be free until 4:00pm July 4th. For tickets call 312-559-1212, booth rental 312-427-0266

## BUSINESS MATTER BRIEFS IN MID SOUTH

### Create Community Jobs

The Family Entertainment and Recreational Learning Complex, a welfare to work project, at 3700-3900 South Pershing Rd. and Wabash, offers a year round jobs program that includes construction jobs, to day-care centers.

The Inner City Youth Foundation had a job fair held June 6, 1997 at Lorenzo's Restaurant, 2301 South Lake Shore Dr., McCormick Place, East Building, Level 1.

The Levy Restaurant at McCormick Place is looking for individuals to join their team of cashiers, counter workers, bussers, restockers, grill cooks, line cooks, bakery, stewarding and warehouse jobs.

In 1995, the Inner-City Youth Foundation propose over 2,500 jobs for people in Mid-South, bringing in million of dollars to the community, represented the organi-

### zation. For further info, contact Christine

Perkins at the Inner-City Youth Foundation at 4500 S. Michigan Ave., (773) 373-

## 47th Street Merchants Association.

After a period of inactive activities, the 47th Street Merchants Association met in the month of June. The meeting was held at South Street Journal's office, and discussions pertained to the strip's issues of out breaks of robberies, violence and crime.

Many of the merchant's also complained about the disrespect exhibited by some of the area residents, who loiter and congregate in front of their businesses. If you are a business or property owner on or near 47th Street we need your support at the 47th Street Merchants Associations meetings. Please contact Ron

Carter, at 773-924-0461.

## Community **Business Loans**

The Harris Bank located at 47th Drexel, will be providing micro-loans to service area businesses. This initiative has not been formally announced . Additionally, micro-loans are supported by Faith Corp Fund, a project of Partners in Community Development, located at 2929 S. Wabash. Interested parties may contact Mr. Guy Stuart, Ph D. at (312) 674-2333.

## **Black Mac Operators** "Showed Some Sole" at DuSable Museum

The black McDonald's Operators Association (BMOA) were sponsors of the 19th Annual DuSable Museum Walk-A-Thon. A donation of \$3,000 to DuSable supports the museum's ongoing efforts in African-American history.





### Presents Workshops for **Perspective Entrepreneurs**

Persons interested in learning about enrepreneurship, the joys and pitfalls of owning a business, and how to analyze business ideas should attend the first of four workshops.

**"THE BUSINESS PLAN"** Monday June 23, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Women's Business Development Center's satellite location at Harris Bank, 901 E. 47th Street,

> **"FINANCIAL ANALYSIS II"** Tuesday June 30, 5:30 -8:30

at the Women's Business Development Center, 8 S. Michigan, Suite 400"

**"THE BUSINESS PLAN"** Tuesday, JUNE, 23, 1:00 to 3:00pm

"PREPARING YOUR LOAN REQUEST" Thursday, June 26, from 5:30 to 7:30

All workshops can be taken individually or as part of the JumpStart Your Business workshop series." Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes a work book guide. For information or to register, call the Women's Business Development Center at (312) 853-3477. Registration and prepayment are recommended to guarantee space. Take these workshops to learn how to assess risks and commitment, understand business contemplating on how to escape from a city of iron bars and stones, with your luck this will be your only home. For most of your life things hasn't gone right, there are time when you couldn't tell day from night. But you would be more then willing to mend your ways, and turn your life over to the Lord today; Just to be free, from this man-made pin, where your life seems to

### CHA's REDI Program Honors "Cream of the Crop" Chicago Housing Authority recently honored its "cream of the

crop" during their first annual Resident Employment Development initiative program (REDI) dinner held at the Cultural Center. REDI helps residents start their own businesses, which provides services and products to the CHA and the private sector. In its first year, more than 62 companies were created with contracts exceeding \$5 million.

Foreground from left to right: Doug Williams representing Walsh Construction received the Section 3 Employer of the Year award; Vivian Rice received the Resident Employee of the Year Award; Susan Wasylik is the recipient of the Private Sector Employer of the Year Award; Martha Marshall received the Resident Entrepreneur of the Year Award; and Genever Williams received the CHA Works Trainee of the Year Award.

Background I to r: Tim Wright, CHA Advisory Committee member; CHA Economic Development Director Ron Carter; author Stedman Graham and Dr. Arvis Avarette a director in Dearborn Homes.

# **Blacks & Computers**

### by Nichelle Manuel.

Use computer technology to educate young people and prepare them for a new technology culture in schools, universities, and the word place as well as provide high-tech skills for those who do not pursue a higher education but want to enter the work force immediately.

Tony Brown says that it is important that black Americans become computer literate.

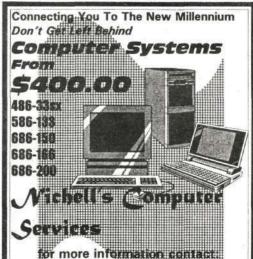
"It is important because the 21st century will not be an era of blacks and whites. It will be the haves and have-nots. The haves will have a com-

puter with with they will create wealth and the have-nots won't. We are now facing a gap. Already we have an existing gap between blacks and whites in socio-economic standing and a number of other areas. The computer will simply exacerbate that. It'll make it wider"

But, notes Mr. Brown, the educational system in America is not yet responding to the need to teach technological skills.

"American schools are training young people for the work force of 1963. American schools are a generation behind in technol-

equipped. It didn't plan 20-years ago for today. If it had computers today, the teachers wouldn't know how to use them. They'd have to take another ten years to train the teachers. Every family has to do this for itself. Families have a TV in their homes because they perceive a need for a TV. Once they understand what the new world is about - computers and technology - every family will have a computer because every family will perceive a need for a computer".



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Douglas- Howard A. Peters III, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor of Illinois, was the guest speaker at a recent forum on the revitalization of Bronzeville sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Centre, and attended by over 100 business and community leader. Peters, appointed in January by Governor Edgar to head the new Department of Human Services, will be responsible assistion, its anone, and not me for the implementation of Welfare P nois effective July 1. Bronzeville, also known as Ge Boulevard, has a high percent of in public housing and/or on d Coach been selected as the first Chnity in which human service be implemented. Peters told reform changes will offer for public/private partner: ventures, and committed programs that can achieve is joy, of moving people off of exciting the job market.

nent jobs or temporarily, seasonal and parttime work. Also, through the Abelinc Development Corporation (a CDC), the Centre expects to operate or fund business ventures that will provide employment and entrepreneurial opportunities. In the meantime, the Centre will select 50 families to

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public housing for sever Janager Wilma McCarter rently operates prograr Norma Clark, Barbara Jimersom, tion adults and youth in rank Ottman, Contributor/Writers; In light of Welfare Ref<sup>i</sup>n, , Harold Lucas, Brian Kenner Karen expanding its efforts 's Bobbie Warren, Elaine Norwood, with other agencies in Lers; Don Carter, Circulation: tract economic developm tomas & New Structure Organization, jobs in the area. The Ce Various Youths, (Robert Taylor & help make residents of intervent Corders) help make residents of steway Gardens). employable, and to place the

and I love it with all my heart and soul. I wouldn't trade it for nothing else in the world.

I also love each and every teacher at Mollison, they also give me excitement and joy. I'll always be there for all the teachers, there so nice to me. I like to help them all with any thing they ask me to do. I love working with Mrs. J. Brown in room 202, she's wonderful and good to me. I love her to death. I also use to work with Mr. Brownstein he's a great guy and

## The Watchful Eyes

Who knows of the watchful eyes, waiting for the beginning of a New Day?

Or the pain and

sorrow of the empty hearts, when they and their love one's are far apart The nights are filled with loneliness, void



from any Tenderness.

end!

Ron Young Former Resident R. Taylor Homes

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Recently Reading Is Fundamental In Chicago

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(RIF)celebrated its 25th Annual Poster & Essay Contest. This years topic was "A World in Which There Are No Books". Winners were honored at a ceremony held at the Field Museum. Cherel Elerby, (1st Place winner) a 13 year old 7th grader from Washington Park attends Carter Elementary. Cherel is a Scorpio and said "I got almost all straight A's in

school so I hope to go to Whitney Young, Currie or Hyde Park for high school". This is her award winning entry entitled, The Book Within PAST

Once upon a time, in 1823 to be exact, there lived a girl name Brittany. She loved books, in fact she had her own personal library. But when she became bored with all the other books she always read her special book, for which she said "I truly love this book, for it is the most powerful thing I have encountered". Although she lived in Chicago and went to a public school, she was very different from the rest of the kids. When all the other kids would go out to play for the afternoon on weekends, she'd grab her special book and read for hours.

She had heard old folk tales about how all books would be destroyed one day. She didn't believe it until some thing extraordinary happened. It woke her up in the middle of the night; the earth trembled, the weather got extremely cold. The wind was so fierce it knocked down trees and blew out windows. Being a 13 year old girl, this sent her screaming to her mother. When she got to her mothers room, she saw that her mohter and father were frozen with; fear. She got into bed with them in an instant, and watched out of the now broken window. The room was in a state of confusion, air blew around, papers, cosmetics, and even



**RIF 1997 Annual Essav** Award winner Cherel Elerby

Brittany and her parents moved 6 years later, her book; the only book left in the world, was left behind. PRESENT

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world. It all took about 5 sec-

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meteorites didn't destroy was

bed on her night stand. When

Now the year is 1997, and the world is a disaster. Back in 1823 there was an alien conspiracy to brainwash, and reprogram the human civilization by eliminating the written word as we know it, it worked. Without books everyone is illiterate. Teachers can't teach because they have any books.to guide them. No one really knows about God because there are no books. The aliens re-educated humans with a whole new alphabet and language. Humans learned to hate, distrust and fight each other, and the aliens conquered the world.

The house that Brittany lived in years ago was bulldozed to the ground, and her



special book was buried in the dirt. FUTURE

The year is 2030 and the world is a very different place. Jennifer is a pretty light skinned 10 year old with freckles, and is fascinated with computers. Since she saw her father with one, she would sit and watch him type some strange language she never knew. It looked like it was from Outer Space or something. She asked him to teach her and he said "you are only 10 years old, wait until you get older". Now she was 15 and learned the once "thought strange language" her father knew.

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One Saturday, she was tired of working on her computer, and decided to take a walk. She lives in a small quiet town, who's population is about 500. This day she walked farther than she'd ever walked and noticed that in this particular part of town there were holes in the ground, as if there were bombs set off a long time ago. She walked on she saw an old vacant lot among all the deteriorated houses.

There is a caterpillar in the lot so she decided to catch. When she reached the caterpillar it was crawling over something. A book of some sort, with strange writing on the cover. She said to herself, "what is this"? Being the computer wiz she is, she took it home, showed it to a very an elder. He helped her translate it, and typed the whole book up and put it on the internet.

It was Brittany's, special book, The Holy Bible and Jennifer sent it all over the world. People began to revert back to the old ways of love, sharing and peace. She was glad that there were people that knew about the Bible. The world got better, because people would read it and do as it said.

Eventually the aliens fled because they couldn't understand it or control it. They gave up, got in their ship and ran away, to overthrow some other world.

"To be continued some where in the galaxy" .....

China hose of us who grew up in a South, segregated by law harbored conflicting feelings about the northern investors. On the other hand, we wanted them to Vice President invest in the South, if they would integrate Gore argues that

hiring and provide equal opportunity. We needed the work. The integrated workplace would be beacons in the apartheid South was important. It raised the cost of segregation and provided incentive for change. We wanted the walls down, but the floodgates closed, and the flag of justice held high. We prized the investments made that challenged local practices, and the investments withheld that penalized the oppression.

Freedom fighters in apartheid South Africa experienced the same mixed reality. Foreign investors that allowed independent labor organizing (or, more often, failed to squelch it) pro-

religion or speech. It has already begun to limit the freedoms of Hong Kong as it assumes control of that city-state this year.

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the choices between free trade and cutting off all ties with China. This distorts reality and limits policy. China is not engaged in free trade, it is a mercantilist dictatorship. It controls access to its market It extorts



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The administration's policy is akin to encouraging companies to invest in the segregated South and embrace segregation, or to invest in

> apartheid South Africa and suppress black labor organizing. It abandons principles to invest. The shamelessness has reached humiliating levels, as Al Gore experienced personally when he tripped through China.

A reasonable policy should reflect our values. Chinese workers and democrats want investment-to open up the system, to provide jobs, to provide a way out--but investment that challenges the oppression, rather than simply

profit from it. They also want ovide an limits on investment that would m

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# Editorial from the Publisher **Bronzeville and** e Boss, representing who

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An explosion of historical landmark designation application, and the determined sweat equity of news and long-time homeowners boosting both neighborhood pride and home values throughout the Mid-South communities.

Much of the credit for the resurgent interest in Mid-South communities must be given to the fervent about? preservation efforts of a wide range of over 200 community organizations, community activists, political leaders and just plain old, everyday neighborhood residents nce that c Black who shared a common vision and love for the community and its history. Kudos must also be given to those public and private-sector entitles who recognized the vision.

In fact, the vision and its future, who is it to benefit and who will control or is the boss to the future directions to this up-and -coming area.

The Mayor and the city administration has made ility of claim on Bronzeville, refining the area from 22nd to 39th Street attempting to leverage responsiveness to constituent demands while respecting ward boundaries and local aldermanic control.

Another power move was the control of the federal Empowerment Zone, currently the source of vigorous debate as well as both outward and behind-the scenes siness maneuvering by various forces. Where the "Bottoms Up Process" and "Reinventing Government" slogan is like hanges Bull fans cheering "Da Bulls". The excitement of getting part of \$100 million, but how many low income residents has actually benefit from the Bull. to the

The fate of being in the right place at a time when the spotlight of development shines on Mid-South communities with close proximity to the Loop and the lake. The future success and/or failure will most probably ibank is parallel that of other Chicago neighborhoods which have suffered persistent dis-investment and neglect for over generations: the near west side near the United Center, and the near north side 'gold coast' area where Cabrini-Green

now sits. The supreme challenge for all of community organizations is a difficult, yet a potential feasible one: How to successfully integrate often opposing interests of community revitalization while maintaining an economically and socially diverse balance of people from various educational and income levels?

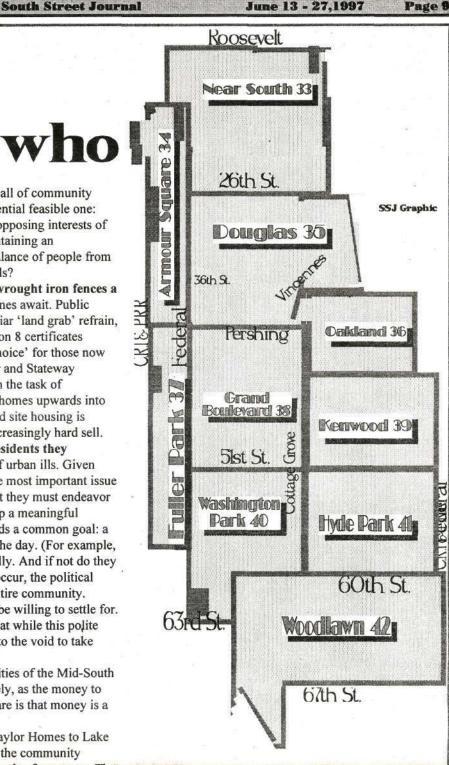
On the other side of the elegant wrought iron fences a series of politically sensitive land mines await. Public housing residents sing the now familiar 'land grab' refrain, while HUD and the CHA offer Section 8 certificates designed to 'encourage residential choice' for those now living in Ida B. Wells, Robert Taylor and Stateway Gardens. The CHA is also faced with the task of convincing those who have rehabed homes upwards into the \$200,000 plus range that scattered site housing is feasible in the community. It's an increasingly hard sell.

Today's organizations and the residents they represents have to confront a host of urban ills. Given these and other concerns, perhaps the most important issue facing the community activists is that they must endeavor to teach common ground and develop a meaningful dialogue with elected officials towards a common goal: a mutual respect must be the order of the day. (For example, were they invited to the June 28th rally. And if not do they have to be invited.) Should this not occur, the political fallout could be detrimental to the entire community. That's something none of us should be willing to settle for.

Then there is also the possibility that while this polite standoff simmers, others will step into the void to take control is very real.

In the final analysis, the communities of the Mid-South area must move quickly and decisively, as the money to effect change is available. Being aware is that money is a controlling tool.

We must take into consideration Taylor Homes to Lake Meadows to begin to re-establishing the community organizations of Mid-South to the jewels of once was. The future generation depends on who is the BOSS and the entire city are watching. Let's give them something glorious to see!



### Letters to the Editor

The team, composed of ten freshmen, ur sophomores, and one senior, we are building to our once powerful stature. The freshmen became place winners in e 400 Meter Relay, the 800 meter relay, e 3200 meter relay, and the ever popular 500 meter relay. In addition, individuals came place winners in the 100 meter ish, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 eter run, 300 m intermediate hurdles, ipper jump and shot put.

In our South Sectional Championship eet, the Frosh-Soph Team placed a close rth place.

Next year, we will travel in more mpetitive meets. Namely, Rock Island elays, East St. Louis Relays, Palatine elays and the Urbana Open Track and eld Meet.

to work with the kids, and have them look up to you. I look froward to see them each day.

You have to work with children to understand them, and how they think.

Its never a dull moment. Its like a clock, they keep ticking never a stop. You watch them play, run, sing, jump rope, play ball and my eyes just tingle with joy. The happiness they bring to me is when they say Ms. Forney can you help me with this. The pleasure they give me is when they are acting silly and you look at them and you don't know what to say.

The fun I have with them when we play games. Its very educational for me too. I learn more each day as I volunteer at Mollison school, its another trade for me and I love it with all my heart and soul. I wouldn't trade it for nothing else in the world.

loves teaching. I also learn a lot from him when I work with him. He taught me every thing it was to know about school work and a lot more. He's my idle.

I like working with Mrs. M. McClendon doing office work, and other school activities. She gives me sensation each day. I admire her very much and its a delight to work with her. I also get a thrill out of working with the school staff. they're all so terrific and great. I'd love to keep going on, but to end it all I must say being a volunteer really built my confidence and I know I can do any thing

I want in life. Ms. Renee Forney

Volunteer at Morrison Elementary School

With Fear and Despair everywhere, you have no one to hold.

Your emotions fare awakened by the sweet memories of a sweetheart that you were denied, but like the Wings on a Sparrow; Wishing that you could fly and seek out the Love that your arms have longed to hold.

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> Ron Young Former Resident R. Taylor Homes

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## THE HOMES OF BRONZEVILLE

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Few urban areas afford the convenience and history of the South gap. Nestled in the heart of historic Bronzeveill, this new community combines landmarks of the past with a veision toward the future. The Homes of Bronzeville are located just South of 35th Street between Indiana and King Dr.

Only minutes from Lake Shore Dr and major regional highway system, and the newly renovated transprotation of the El Greenline offers quick and easy pubic access.

Fall of 1998 will see completion of newly announced restoration of the 8th Army Armory with its new magnet school and community center.

Major institutions: Illinois Institute of Technology, Mercy Medical Center, Illinois School of Optometry, Michael Reese Medical Center; as well as community institutes and churches in the area help make The Homes of Bronzeville a very nice and livable community for the family.

There is a rich tradition in the Homes of Bronzeville, not only in their elaborate construction, but they represent all that is wanted in a rich family living environment.

### A Brief History of Bronzeville

Bronzeville— the name coined by a black newspaper editor working for the Chicago Bee newspaper in the 1930's reflecting on the neighborhood bordered by 22nd Street on the North, 51st Street on the South, Lake Michigan/Cottage Grove on the East and the Dan Ryan expressway on the West. During the 1920's King Dr., The "Grand Boulevard," was the pride of Bronzeville.

The people of Bronzeville created an era of pride, ownership and a strong sense of community by developing their own cultural institutions, constructing their own buildings and establishing their own businesses. At the forefront of that effort stand a few leaders showing outstanding contributions to economic development: Jesse Binga founded the Binga State Bank; Anthony Overton built a small cosmetics firm into an industry and went on to found a bank, an insurance company and the Chicago Bee Newspaper; Frank L. Gillespie opened Liberty Life Insurance, which became Supreme Life, the first African American owned and operated insurance company in the North. Musician and songwriter Joseph Jordan erected the first African-American commercial building. Dr. Daniel Williams, a pioneer in heart surgery, founded Provident Hospital.

The cultural history of Bronzeville is very impressive in names like Duke Ellington, Dinah Washington, Louis Armstrong, Scott Joplin, Nat King Cole, Muddy Waters, Redd Foxx, Richard Wright, Ida B. Wells, Jesse Owens, Joe Louis, John H. Johnson all call Bronzeville home.

*Bronzeville Pointe* is the newest idea inspiring a continuation of Bronzeville and what has been.



### **SOUTH GAP HOMES** "Homes of Bronzeville" extend development of South Gap Ahkenaton/Omnibus and First Chicago partnership in Mid-South Redevelopment Plan

Douglas—The first of 71 houses in "The Homes of Bronzeville" development are ready for occupancy along Prairie Avenue south of 35th Street. The residential development project is providing local jobs and helping to fulfill redevelopment goals set out in a community plan.

The Homes of Bronzeville is a joint venture of Ahkenaton Community Development Corporation and the Omnibus Group, a community revitalization organization. Ahkenaton com-

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munity Development Corporation is a part of Centers For New Horizons, located on 42nd and King Drive. The partnership was formed in 1994 to address redevelopment goals established by community leaders for housing, land use, parks and schools. The project has received backing from The First National Bank of Chicago.

Priced between \$128,500 and \$216,400, the units features master bedroom suites, 2-1/2 baths, land-

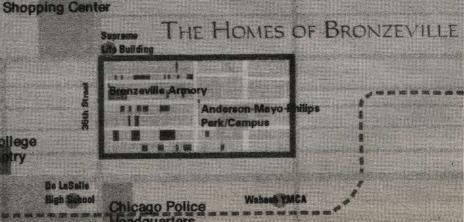
scaped front yards with concrete stoops and ornamental iron gates, private backyards, exterior masonry on all sides, oak flooring, carpeted bedrooms, large windows and many other amenities. Options include a rear deck, two-car garage, wood fencing and gas fireplace.

Ahkenaton/Omnibus will have additional units available in the fall of 1997 and in the spring of 1998—most of them between Indiana Avenue and King Drive, from 35th Street to 37th Street.

Omnibus Group managing member Steve Ballis noted that The Homes of Bronzeville was designed to meet the goals of the Strategic Development Plan.

The partnership may extend that redevelopment to 28 nearby Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) townhomes. The townhomes are (Continued on page 11)

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## **Corporations invest \$300** million in Affordable Housing Development

At a time when public resources for the nation's poor are diminishing, several dozen of Amer ica's leading corporations announced that they will invest \$300 million to produce affordable housing in Chicago and other cities across the country. Their commitment will be fulfilled by the National Equity Fund (NEF), an affiliate of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), which uses the Low Income Housing Tax Credit to create annual corporate investment funds.

In addition to Chicago, with approximately 50% of 1996 funds committed, other cities where nonprofit de-

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## South Gap

part of the CHA's scattered-site housing program. While any changes to scattered-site housing requires court approval, the court-appointed receiver has agreed to co-sponsor a petition to the court to allow improvements to the units

To improve the local economy, Ahkenaton/Omnibus hires local residents. In addition, residents from a local shelter comprise the entire workforce of on-site laborers.

velopers will receive equity in-clude: New York City; Newark; Boston; Philadelphia; Detroit; Cleveland; Indianapo-lis; Atlanta; Greenville, MS; Puget Sound; and a number of cities in Minnesota, Connecticut and Rhode Island. The \$60 million California Equity Fund will invest in affordable housing developments in other cities.

This year's NEF and CEF investors from Chicago are Citicorp; City National; Home Savings of America and TCF Financial Corp.

NEF is the nation's leading nonprofit syndicator of Housing Credits, having raised and invested close to \$2 billion in ten years and helped neighborhood nonprofits build nearly 38,000 affordable homes and apartments. The Housing Credit which has helped to produce more than 900,000 units of housing since it was created in 1996, is responsible for 95% of all affordable housing being produced nationwide, creates more than 90,000 new jobs each year, and annually generates at least \$2.8 billion in wages and \$1.3 billion in tax revenue. For information contact Marilyn Katz or Kim Grimshaw of NEF at 312/822-0505 or Susan Anderson or Dana Mayhew of LISC at 312/250-9950.

Chicago-Some irate residents of Mid-Soudth have voiced their feelings and opposition to the Chicago Abandoned Property Program (CAPP), saying it discriminates and is bias toowners.

1990. Matter of fact, the current Mayor, Daley, when he was a State Legislator, sponsored the bill that would see the restoration of abandoned buildings and property in Chicago, enabling the community residents to buy property, as well as that the city had taken over. CAPP is not the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), but a city program by the city of Chicago.

who comes to us to buy CAPP

property a list of CAPP property exceptions."

This is not what Jake Williams who

(4), he still got the run-around on obtaining city property.

Williams' case sounds like many other residents who went to their Alderman asking for help in purchasing CAPP property, only to be given the run-around as to what was available



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year to buy city property that was up for sale, and no one wanted but himself, or at and why some of them had to wait CDH said "CAPP is Chicago property two years before being told they and belongs to the city. It is for any-

could not purchase the property they wanted even though it was up for sale by the city of Chicago.

Alderman Madeline Haithcock (2) said that "If Williams had the money, he or anyone else could obtain city property under CAPP that was up for sale."

On asking how much property the city has under CAPP for sale, Alderman Haithcock said she didn't have those figures and to check with the Chicago Department of Housing."

Chicago Department of Housing (CDH) said, "Roughly, about 30 to 40 buildings and properties are up for sale each month under the CAPP program. Thelma Agustin of the

one who can buy it, and that final decision is not made by the Alderman but CAPP Committee."

Ms. Betty Sherrod of CAPP, director, said, "120 units of houses last year was purchased by residents here."

"Those being denied ownership of CAPP property are simply doing something wrong as far as filling out application forms and should contact us," Ms, Agustin said.

For further information contact: Chicago Department of Housing 747-9000; Dave Doig, CEO at the Chicago Department of Housing-747-2570; CAPP- (312) 747-1670 (FAX)

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## Many Say That They Are **Unable to Benefit From CAPP**

### by Frank Ottman staff writer

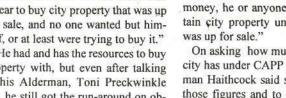
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Alderman Arenda Trout- On the block of 43rd and Champain, where almost half of the block is city owned, man's (20th Ward), press secre- Jake Williams came into the SSJ office reported that he had "waited more than a tary said, "We give each person least were trying to buy it".

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came into the SSJ office said. He reported that he had "waited more than a year to buy city property that was up for sale, and no one wanted but himself, or at least were trying to buy it." He had and has the resources to buy

property with, but even after talking to his Alderman, Toni Preckwinkle





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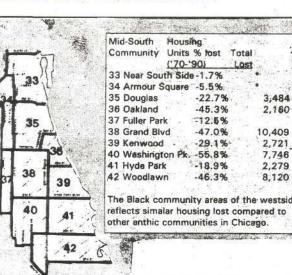
## Saving the Housing Structures Putting a Halt on the Demolition

By Frank Ottmah, Staff Writer

Bronzeville-For the past several years a major effort has been going on in the Mid-South communities, straight from 12th street to 69th Street, where in the Near South community Daley Mayor has moved on 13th and Indiana all the way south on 69th Street. The Woodlawn Organization has began new construction on 69th

and Dante. In between the other

Bronzeville (the area between 12th



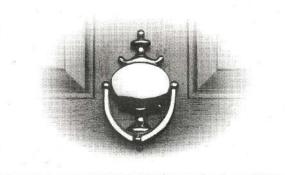
and 71th Street, Dan Ryan to Cottage Grove, SSJ ) to restore the

community to the Bronzeville of old and stop the demolition of buildings and homes in the area. Many in the Mid-South community have come together to preserve the community during its heydays of the 40s through

60s. But still there is that faction of the Bronzeville community who would like to see a great deal of the community demolished for outside developers to come into the area.

Of the more than 40 buildings on court dockets to be demolished, no date was given to when these would take place or would at all.

Kathleen Walsh, Press Secretary at the Demolition Bureau (DB) said, "Fast-Track demolition of two-story or less has been halted by



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you buy, your monthly payments may not be much more than your the courts. In the past three months there have been court orders to stop the demolition of these kind of homes." According to DB, across the city about 5,000 homes have been razed over the years. In the Mid-South communities other than Hyde Park, the area has been number one in demolition with thousands of properties demolished. These homes and buildings had to be demolished because of and safety of them. The DB, Ms. Walsh states, 'It does not destroy any home without proper court orders. These are lawsuits filed by people and communities to stop the demolition of houses."

Sam Wright of the Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC), Building Engineer, since 1989, said "Demolition of buildings in Bronzeville is out

of proportion. From 37th Street to 43rd Street.

"Many of these building can be renovated, rehabbed by the community. In the last 20 years, 43rd Street is a good example of homes being demolished from east of King Dr. . De-population of blacks is Daley's goal to keep blacks from having anything in Chicago"

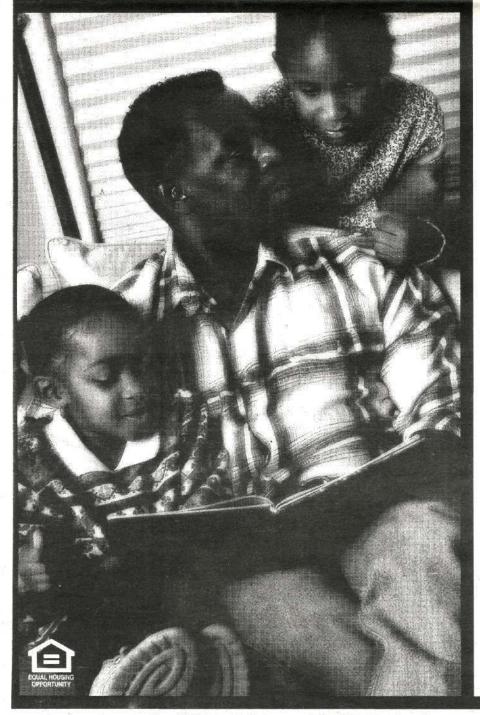
Wright continued to say by 2002, thousands of units will be torn down, leaving blacks with little. Already, about 5,000 homes and buildings have been demolished in Bronzeville since Daley has been in office."

Aldermen Tony Preckwinkle (4), Dorothy Tillman (3) and Madeline Haithcock (2) all support restoration of Bronzeville as outlined in their programs for the community that consist of renovating and preserving as much history of Bronzeville as can be done.

Now many organizations such as the Urban League, Chicago Black United Communities, Neighborhood Preservation Alliance and Block Clubs are uniting together as a political bloc to preserve the Bronzeville of old and stop demolition.

Mary Stewart of Neighborhood Preservation Alliance said that "my organization called for a moratorium on the demolition of homes and buildings in the Bronzeville area. The reason is simple, Bronzeville is a historic community- unlike any you'll find in the city, as far as architecture and unique buildings." Ms. Stewart, who is also board member of Mid-South Planning and Development, went on to say that "people like Nat King Cole, Lou Rawl, Harold Washington, Sam Cooke and many others, carry the history of Bronzeville and preserving it.

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"The community has been raped by outsiders over the years, jobs and shopping malls should be built here and not giving out money to outside shopping centers."

Pat Cerasoli of the Mid-South Planning and Development was very supportive of all initiative to build businesses in Bronzeville and (Continued on page 13)

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# **Robert Taylor Homes** Another Bronezville Story



SSJ Photo by Don Carter Thus far the building at 39th and Federal is presently being demolished at a cost reportedly at \$600,000. The residents of the building were told they were making room for a dormitory for DuSable high school students.

#### By Frank Ottman Staff Writer

Washington Park - The nation's largest and most densely populated public housing project, Chicago State Street Corridor, stretching for four miles, including the Robert Taylor Homes (RTH) is now in the process of being demolished in part and renovated as part of Plan B.

Over the next five years, 2002, RTH will be fazed out in part and renovated as plans call for of the housing complex.

Three apartment housing units at RTH have been moved for demolition. Robert Taylor - B complex located at between 4844 S. State Street and

5326 S. Street (State Street to Federal Street) consist of a one-mile long 74 acre site built between 1959 and 1963, which will be redeveloped under the HOPE VI Urban Revitalization Demonstration program.

RTH A encompasses from 3919 Federal to 4544 Federal.

Thus far the building at 39th and Federal is presently being demolished at a cost reportedly at \$600,000. The residents of the building were told they were making room for a dormitory for DuSable high school students. That never happen. And at 5041 and 5001 S. Federal residents have 90 days to move out starting from early June of this

year. The tenants there were never informed of the Chicago Housing poor who were in the way. Authority (CHA) plans, as the main focus was on three buildings at 53rd during the early years of World War and State Street.

The overall plan is under the HOPE VI Urban Revitalization Demonstration program calling for the demolibuildings, the construction of houses on the site and off-site housing for tenants left homeless. Plans also call for creation of hundreds of jobs for Robert Taylor residents.

CHA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) stand firm that the conditions of the housing projects are so bad

## **Public Housing Demolition**

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**Brazil** - Breashears

he wrecking balls are demolishing 3919 S. Federal and four more of the sixteen story buildings at the Robert

Taylor Housing Development. Buildings in Cabrini Green, Henry Horner, Ida B. Wells and Washington Park have met the same fate. This is just the beginning. More

will fall.

These are not isolated incidents. The destruction of these buildings by the wrecking ball is the result of planned obsolescence. Those who planned this

obsolescence do not care that families lived in

those buildings. Had the planners of the obsolescence card about those families,. they would not have stopped the funding for maintenance and upkeep way back in 1971, allowing public housing to self-destruct.

But they did not care- they facilitated the destruction of those buildings that the residents called home. You may ask, how could anyone be

so callous. Don't they care? What ever happened to compassion?

It appears that caring and compassion collided with callous greed result in the destruction of housing for the

Public housing came to Chicago

The purpose was to provide decent housing for low income working class families. The term family had the tion of the 16 dilapidated high-rise traditional ring, meaning married with children or widowed. Not until thirty

> that tenants must be relocated for health and sanitation, as well as for their general safety. Elevators, plumbing (toilets, sinks, showers), waste disposal system, electrical wiring, ventilation are all so bad and outdated, that tenants must move out as soon as possible.

years later, would public housing be available to the unmarried single woman with children that's another story).

When public housing came to the city it was placed on land that was not attractive to developers who were looking for the greener grass and cash

of suburban development. It was there that ticky-tacky houses for the care and feeding of babyboomers would emerge safe from city life.

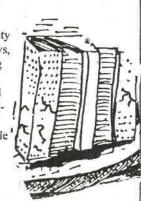
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But then lo' and behold, time passed and the offsprings of the babyboomers had more than enough of tickytacky living. Moreover, they found that the grass was much greener in the city and particularly on the land where public housing was

built.

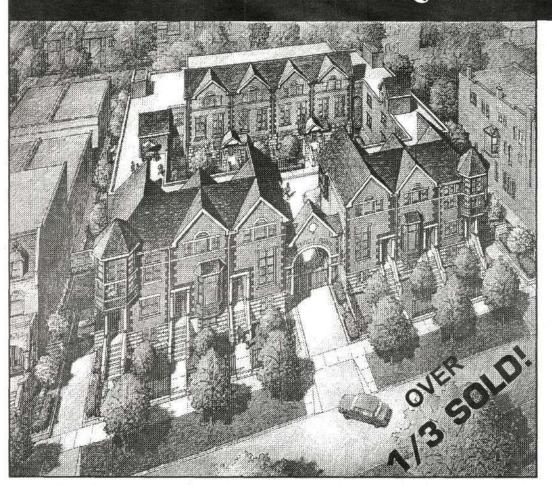
Ergo, Cabrini, Taylor, Horner, Welles, Washington Park must fall. The land upon which those developments stand is too valuable for public housing

residents. As Beauty Turner says, "It's being reshaped, remodeled and beautified" but poor people need not apply.



But Deborah Smith, a resident for 10 years at the housing project and member of the Local Advisory Council at RTH said, "Many of the buildings at the RTH are in good shape and don't have to be torn down. I feel like cattle being moved around. It's the HUD (Continued on page 14)





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# **Contractors Fraud**

The Department of Consumer Services charged north side contractor Robert Policastro with multiple counts of consumer fraud, deceptive practices and operating a business without a license.

The charge are the result of an investigation conducted by Consumer Services after receiving complaints from home owners who hired Policastro's company Oakdale Group Ltd., to repair their buildings.

The charges allege that Policastro took a total of more than \$23,000 from three home owners but failed to perform the repair work for which he was hired or to obtain proper Building permits were obtained.

"The facts of these cases indicate that Mr. Policastro defrauded these hone owners out of thousands of dollars of hard earned money. We want to make

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## **Taylor Homes**

strategy to relocate blacks around the city and country."

In one meeting with the residents HUD officials did in fact offered to move residents to anywhere in the country and even pay their moving expenses. Under HUD's guidelines, residents can be relocated in any state or city that has HUD funding.

"Blacks are only being moved to lose what little they have gained here." said Ms. Smith. "There is really no reason to move tenants here under the Section 8. The fact is CHA didn't put enough guards and money into the RTH to fix it up when it needed fixing up.They could have done more to fight drugs and gangs here, but didn't"!

The CHA say 11,040 residents make up the Robert Taylor Homes, with the average income being 41 percent of residents make less than \$5,000 a year, and 84 percent earn less than \$10,000 a year. This looks even worse when you learn that only 4 percent of the residents at Robert Taylors are employed, according to Vivian Potter of the Chicago Housing Authority.

One woman who has lived at RTH for the last seven years and did not want to identify herself said," I would be more than happy to move to something better than this. Rats and

sure that they get their money back and that Mr. Policastro never has the opportunity to cheat anyone else", said Commissioner Caroline Orzac Shoenberger.

Policastro is currently on probation in Lake County after pleading guilty to theft and forgery charges.

Shoenberger said that her office is working with Cook County and Lake County authorities to pursue criminal charges against Policastro.

A court hearing on the charges will take place in July. If convicted, Policastro could be ordered to pay restitution to each home owner as well as pay fines.

Anyone with a complaint against Robert Policastro, his company Oakdale Group Ltd., or another home repair contractor is urged to call the Department of Consumer Services at 312-744-9400, TTY: 312-744-9385 for the

roaches are so bad that no matter what you do to kill them, they get worse and worse. I live on the 10th floor and it's still bad where I live. Conditions are just as bad, everywhere."

Mary Stewart of the Small Development Corporation said that "Robert Taylor residents must have affordable homes to move into; being a good neighbor is as important as having jobs as well for those who relocate or remain in the housing complex. An emancipated teenager wants out from parents but must accept the responsibility of the two children she must take care of."

Cecelia Butler of the Washington Park Community Coalition said, "We welcome Taylor residents in the community. After all Taylor is in the Washington park community.

In surveying city owned land and buildings in the 3rd ward which house Robert Taylor, Mildred Dennis, president of the LAC of Taylor B, stated they was only about 40 city owned properties available for the residents of Taylor.

"The demolition that is happening in our community has a good reason and not for us." said Dennis. She calls the move is to create the Silver Coast, on long Street Street. "The majority of residents at RTH will be glad to relocate due to conditions at the housing complex. That was one of the reasons for a Section 8 certificate survey for relocation of tenants last year."



## Real Estate Transactions in the Mid-South Communities



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	6321 S. Drexel St. Eugene and Ollie Davis to Douglas Grant	4/28	90,000	
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	6535 S. Rhodes Karry L. Young to Raymond King	5/ 12	145,000	
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	925 E. 61st St., Unit 1 First Bank and Trust and Co to Melvin K. Eilard		77,625	
	6622 S. Vernon Ave. Milton C. Stephens to Kelly M. Gray	5/20	82,000	
	6548 S. Champlain Susie Smith to Michael Maghett	5/16	57,000	
	6508 S. Kenwood Woodlawn Homes Joint Venture to Carol A. Adams	5/01	104,200	
	6346 S Greenwood Annette White to Germelina Rambo Harris	4/09	80,000	
	6802 S. Champlain Ave. Security Pacific Fin. Svcs. to Yasmeen Sturdivant	4/09	36,000	
u	6536 S. Kenwood Woodlawn Homes JointVenture to Iris L. Troutman	4/15	117,200	
I	6516 S. Kenwood Woodlawn Homes Joint Venture to Lillie Johnson-Owens	5/15	102,000	
e	6515 S Eberhart Harold Smith Jr. to Carolyn A. S. Banks	4/23	49,900	
_	Kenwood			
	4072 S. Lake Park Asonica L. * Cox to Angela Adams	5/22	70,000	
	821 E. Bowen New Homes for Kenwood Oakland to A. Willis & K. Clarke	4/28	109,120	
nt	5042 S. Drexel, Unit 5042-C * to *	4/24	23,728	
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e	1248 E. 46th St. Ernest Brown *		265,000	
ıt	4800 S Lake Shore Dr., Unit 507N Sengstacke Enterprise, Inc. to Camille Dolphin		116,000	
e	1350 E. 49th Theodore Swain to Lisa Kohn		277,000	
-	4607 S. Lake Park Wade Enterprises and Associates, Inc. to Willinda Washington		170,000	
ıt	4611 S. Lake Park Wade Enterprises and Associates, Inc. to Harriet L. Day	3/04	210,400	
0	4914 S. Ellis Household Financial Services to William and Susan Lampley	4/02	410,000	
	1640 E.50th St. Barbara Gushiniere to Thomas E. and Mary E. Bindon	5/15	64,000	
k	4940 S. East End, Unit 2C Lillian sangster to Alice V. Horton	5/15	44,250	
e	4926 S. Kimbark Ave. Pat and Jim Smoot to Renwick A. Paige and Wendy	5/16	587,000	
11	Hyde Park		and the second	
1-	5434 S. Blackstone Theodore A. Slaudidan* to *	5/22	315,000	
	1032 E. Hyde Park Blvd. Suzanne Turner to Antonio & Denise B. McKinney		230,000	
-	5044-C S. Drexel American National Bank to Lavenia* Galloway	5/22	125,000	
	5332 S. Kimbark, Unit 2 Robert D. Morris to B. Panciera and R. Lloyd Smith	4/30	86,000	
rt	5445 S. Cornell, #3 Terry and Michelle Y.n Wells to Donna Rutana	5/7	148,000	1
e		5/7	95,000	
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	5430 S. Blackstone Ron and Leslie Gatton to Daniel and Sharon Hunter-Smith	5/13	242,500	
ır	836 E. 52 St. Carolyn Sartor-James to Nghi Thue Au-Yeung and Gerald F. Brown	5/9	186,000	
r	5472-2 S Everett American National Bank to Richard M. Jackson	5/8	117,000	
0	5701 S. Blackstone, Unit 3N D. Blobaum ,L. Wardell to M. Brehm Susan Phillips		136,000	
t.	5555 S. Kenwood Mary Ellen Cowan to Thomas and Barbara Miner	5/20	74,000	
e	5100 S. Hyde Park Blvd., Unit 1B George A. Reisch to Barry A. Thorson	5/02	58,000	
e	5141 S. Greenwood, #3 Henry Richards to Khaled Keshk	5/07	95,000	
1-	5445 S. Cornell, #3 Terry & Michelle Y. Wells to Donna Rutana	5/07	148,000	
-	5551 S. Kimbark Ave., Unit 1 Helen M. Roberts to Marta J. Larrea	4/10	52,000	
5	5115 S. Cornell, Unit 1 Mamon & Susan Cruttenden Gibson to Joyce E. Malden	4/14	226,000	
	5748 S. Dorchester, Unit 5748 American Nat'l Bk to Fernando & Aracelis Sosa	4/09	410,000	
	5432 S. Eastview Park, Unit 5431-1 Steven J. Szbener to Arnold Kaplan	4/18	192,000	
٦		4/21	80,000	
1	5000 S. Cornell, Unit 2-D Sibyl Waring to Suzanne Flandreau	4/01	217,000	
ł	5405 S. Greenwood Julie B. Simon to Laurie P. Smith			
I	4800 S. Chicago Beach Dr., Unit Melverene Gibson to Emma Smith	4/02	60,000	
1	Grand Boulevard			
1	4412-4414 S. Prairie Ave. Chicago Trust Co.to John Dio	4/30	42,000	
	4318-20 S. King Dr. Geraldine Peek to *	4/24	100,000	
	437 W. 46th Pl. James Spiller to Ricado Campbell	5/1	150,000	
1	4530 S. King Dr. Chicago Trust Co. to Edgrick C. Johnson	5/2	220,000	
	618 E. 50th Pl. John M. Lawrence to Shaunda Bradley	5/14	149,000	
	4421-23 S. Calumet Frederick Mitchell to Earnestine Miles and Jacqueline Gill	5/13	50,000	
	5832-36 S. Michigan Ave. Erueoto* to *	5/15	114,500	
	4530 S. King Dr. Chicago Trust Co. to Edgrick C. Johnson	5/02	220,000	
	437 W. 46th Pl. James Spiller to Ricardo Campbell	5/01	150,000	
		4/11	41,000	
1	4903 S. King Dr. Bryan M. Spencer to *	-1/11	41,000	

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Hughes Accounting &	No Transactions during this period		
Tou Consultanta	Oakland		
Tax Consultants	814 E. 42nd St. New Homes for North Kenwood/Oakland to Marion B. Sandle	5/12	114,290
Accounting	4137 S. Ellis New Homes for North Kenwood-Oakland to Lillian Camille Barne		114,380
Loan packaging	4047 S. Ellis Ave. Robert Threatte to Richard Maloney	3/27	236,000
Bookkeeping	4143 S. Berkely Community Capital Resources Corp. to Curtis Hudson	3/04	95,100
Financial Planning	Douglas	- / <b>1</b>	100 105
	3609 S. Prairie Lakeshore/* Joint Venture to John A. Cook	5/1	108,465
AnnuityInsurance Complete	831 E. Bowen New Homes for North Kenwoo/Oakland to Vicki Igess	5/01 4/28	117,600
Tax Service	3238 S. Prairie J. Grafft to *	4/20	35,000
Rapid Returns	Washington Park 5816 S. Michigan Christopher Huddleston to Mary Beck	1/10	79,900
	5427 S. Wabash Avenue Carmen Bontemps to Pamela V. Hopkins	4/11	78,500
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8 /	3203 S.Calumet James K. O'Neal to Arthur D. Moore	5/1	45,000
(312) 268-5300 Fax (312) 268-5449	1522-0 S. Prairie MCL/Central Station LTD Partnership to John Berry	5/22	304,660
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