

Bronzeville Jobs Campaign

Partners in Community Development

By Elaine Norwood
Staff Writer

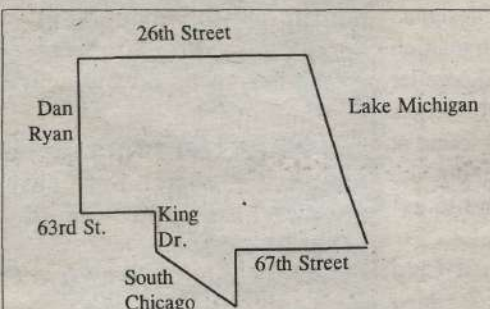
Saturday, June 28, 1997 the Bronzeville Organizing Strategy (B.O.S.S.) a coalition of organizations, held a rally with an agenda that focused on the history and purpose of the Mid-South residents benefiting from the 2,500 jobs to come in the Bronzeville area. Basically bound from 26th street to 39th, Dan Ryan to Cottage Grove.

This is the area proposed by the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee for Bronzeville.

Mr. Harold Lucas, Black Metropolis T&C, Executive Director, supplied food for thought by acknowledging that we need to ask ourselves, "Why are we in this condition?" and stated "We've got to know where we've come from and have a strong spiritual base" He suggested as a historical analysis of our present revitalization efforts, reading *The Black Metropolis*, by Horace Clayton & Sinclair Blake.

B.O.S.S. mission is "to develop the capacities of individuals and families in the Bronzeville Community". Community residents, advocates, and gappers stopped by to see what services were being delivered.

George Lowe, President Lake Meadows Building Council, mentioned that within a thirty day time frame, a process will be developed to inform community residents about jobs that will be



Organizers of Bronzeville Organizing Strategy (B.O.S.S.) is focusing on the Mid-South residents benefiting from the 2,500 jobs to come in the Bronzeville area from a variety of development projects as they define the area above, opposite to the Mayor's area stopping at

available.

Lowe stated that B.O.S.S. is in the process of developing a Buddy System that will support residents who will be working.

Yvette WigFall, Jobs Initiative Manager, for Partners in Community Development, collaboration of Centers for New Horizon, Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council, Kenwood Oakland Community Organization, and the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, expressed "I've been aware of the process and this occurrence," this is a wonderful opportunity to support the community toward empowerment".

Founder and Executive Director of Centers for New Horizon, Sokoni Karanja commented "The community needs a voice that's people driven". Beverly Reed, Founder of Wordsong, an initiative that promotes women's issues through advocacy was in

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Campaign to Reopen the Old Met Theater:

Wendell Granville to Renovate Met

By Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

Grand Blvd.— For almost a century, a city landmark, the Metropolitan Theater has remained standing. And thanks to the young current owner of the Met it will have a new life and longevity.

Wendell Granville the 32 year old owner of the 16-17 thousand sq. ft. structure since 1994, which he inherited he says, from Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, 4622 S. King Dr., told the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission at its July 1, 1997 community meeting that the future of the Met was in renovation not demolition. The Met being a historical landmark that saw such names as the Marx Brothers, Bojangles Robinson, Earl Hines, Louis Armstrong, Ethel Waters, Bessie Smith perform there.

Historical buildings and sites can not be torn down," Mr. Granville said.

A court order would be needed for the demolition of the Met. "I have by-passed demolition by my actions in claim's court and the paying of the \$219,000 taxes on the property. The building itself is worth more than half-a-million and needs work on it. I'll hire 50 to 100 people from Mid-South to work at the Met. There'll be a Black Entertainment Television (BET) Restaurant, sound stage— like the one you see on BET. I plan on showing only cultural films, stage music as big bands, talent shows. Already, other businesses and organizations have become interested. The president of Chicago Blues Museum, Gregg Parker, wants to use the Met for over 1,000 historical pictures of blacks. This would add much culture to the city and community."

The mild spoken Mr. Granville who graduated from Morehouse College goes on to say, "We'll bring jobs, culture, that will show older black adults that the young blacks can qualify as community leaders and entrepreneurs. The Met



Wendell Granville the 32 year old owner of the Metropolitan Theater (The Met) since 1994, stands near the historical landmark 16-17 thousand sq. ft. structure. The saw such names as the Marx Brothers, Bojangles Robinson, Earl Hines, Louis Armstrong, Ethel Waters, Bessie Smith perform there. Granville is in the planning stages of reopening the theater to it's

will benefit the community and the Lou Rawl Center to open will work together."

Timuel Black a life long resident of Chicago can remember when Bronzeville was called the Black Belt. "The Met was the biggest

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Registering for Section 8

How To Register For The Chicago Section 8 Housing Lottery

For the first time since 1985, CHA reopened Section 8 waiting list for two weeks, June 30 through July 14, 1997. During this two-week period, registration forms for a random choice Section 8 lottery will be available at all Chicago Public Libraries. The registration forms or a photocopy of the form must be completed and mailed before July 14, 1997. Registration forms postmarked after July 14, 1997 will not be eligible for the lottery.

Using eligible registration forms as a pool, a computer will randomly select 25,000 names and assign them a position on the waiting list. All families who register for the lottery will receive written notification as to whether or not they were selected for the waiting list in September. So

far, 20,000 applications have been mailed in and more than 100,000 forms distributed.

To register for the Chicago Section 8 lottery, registrants must be 18 years or older and must keep the following lottery rules and procedures in mind: 1) Don't submit more than one registration form. All duplicates will be removed. 2) Don't send any additional information, documents, questions or letters with the registration form. 3) Don't hand carry registration forms to CHAC, Inc., Chicago Housing Authority or HUD offices. Forms must be mailed to the post office box indicated on the form. 4) Do answer all the questions. In order to be included in the lottery, every question on the registration form must be answered. 5) Do sign and date the registration form. Registration forms that are not signed and dated will not be accepted. 6) Do attach the correct postage.

"The following of the rules will ensure that everyone who is interested in the Section 8

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Plans to Make-Abandoned Henry Horner School into Condos



Mr. and Mrs. Myrrick Golliday and their architect goes over plans for the abandoned Henry Horner Grade School at 4101-13 South Michigan Ave., proposing to turn the empty school into a 22 apartment condominiums

by Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

Grand Boulevard - Hopps and Associates, (HA) a construction firm would like to invest in the abandoned Henry Horner Grade School at 4101-13 South Michigan Ave., turning the empty school into a 22 apartment condominiums residency for the people of Mid-South.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrrick Golliday told community leaders of Grand Boulevard community at a meeting held Monday, July 7, at the Chicago Urban League headquarters at 45th and Michigan Ave., that she wanted to buy the former Henry Horner School on

an installment plan that would cover several years before the \$2,000,000 asking price is paid.

As a construction engineer at HA, Mrs. Golliday has built and renovated numerous buildings, one recently completed by HA in Evanston, Illinois, rehabbing a building that became a home for the aged.

The meeting came as a result of demolition court Judge Bowie, who will make a decision concerning demolition of the building and is listening to arguments presented by HA to build a model condominium with other condos to follow. It was Judge Bowie's ruling, telling Mrs. Golliday that she needed community backing for purchasing the building. That even though she had the necessary \$80,000 for security rights to buying the building, he still felt that a need of community awareness and involvement in Mrs. Golliday buying the building structure was necessary.

Judge Bowie decision for Mrs. Golliday to seek community backing for the building left many at the 90 minute meeting in doubt to the credibility of HA and Mrs. Golliday and husband as chief buyers, even though White and Day Corporation and Associates (WDCA) will financially back the development.

The majority of the community members were hesitant in their support of change to Mrs. Golliday buying the Henry Horner property, or openly said they had no support for her.

This would come as somewhat a surprise to some of the community people at the meeting who were supporting Mrs.

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Community Briefs

Mayor Daley and Representative Kenner meet in Springfield "Taste"



Springfield - State Representative Howard Kenner (D-Chicago) greeted Mayor Richard Daley at the Taste of Chicago in Springfield on May 13th. The Mini-Taste, held in honor of State Democrats, offered a sampling of the city's best food from over 15 Chicago-area restaurants. Helping to create the Chicago atmosphere was the soulful music of the Lonnie Brooks Blues Band.

"It's always fun when you get a chance to share the Chicago experience with others", said Rep Kenner. "I'm always filled with a tremendous sense of pride at these events. Chicago, its people, its food and its music, is a wonderful place.

In their brief time together Rep. Kenner and Mayor Daley chatted about local issues. Mayor Daley was in town to open up the celebration. While in Springfield, he did not pass up the chance to lobby support for education funding reform, a plan that Rep. Kenner is also in full support of.

The UnZip



3uff Sistrunk, whom the UnZip was partially based from, was seen at the **Ralph Metcalf Park** on 43rd and State Street, preparing his shortees for some boxing matches. Sistrunk is now located in the Robert Taylors boys and Girls Club on 51st and Federal with State Senator Potential Ken Dunkin.

Back on SSI program is **Beverly Reed**, former all round Co-Publisher of South Street Journal is back.

The Political UnZips: Rep. Bobby Rush was honored "Man of the Year" by the **Lithuanian-American Bar Association (LABAS)**, whose district is home to the largest Lithuanian population outside of Vilnius. Rush was instrumental in preventing the closing of the honorary Lithuanian consulate in Chicago. Rush accompanied Vytautas Landsbergis, chairman of the Lithuanian parliament, to a meeting with Vice President Gore and Secretary of State Madeline Albright. For the callers on **WVON**. Word is **Rush** will be making his special announcement in November, 1997, (This time Joe Gardner will not be running, (May he and his mother rest in Peace).....And for 1999, **Sam Williams**, from **Progressive Community Church** on 48th and Wabash, says its not **Wallace (Gator) Bradley** turn to run for third ward alderman, its his turn. In addition **France Washington**, who was knocked off the ballot last election says it is her turn, and Officer and President of the **African American Police League**, **Pat Hill** has made it know for a while, its not a matter of turns but a need. However, **Alderman Tillman** has made it known "come on with it"..... And for Governor is **Roland Burris**, and his media consultant is **Hyde Parker Delmarie Cobb** who was the media person for Jesse Jackson Jr. and the Democrat Convention in Chicago last year among others....and for Water Reclamation District is **Derrick Stinson**, of Matthew's House. He hasn't made it public but we can be assured to count on it. And the Matthew's House new location at 36th and Indiana is well on its way for completion.

Brother Al Saladin want it to be known that in the last issue of SSI the photo of the Supreme Historic Review is property of Blisschords Communications Network Archives.

Ceila Butler of the Washington Park Community Coalition has moved the Empowerment Center on 55th street to a place that is unknown at this time.

A dispute is happening between **Robert Taylor B Local Advisory Council** and **CHA**. Word is, **CHA** is taking the council to court because of a public telephone contract that the council set up which pissed **CHA** off based on the profits.

The **NAACP** convention is about to happen in Pittsburgh, and is considering a working relationship with **Minister (the Sheikh) Louis Farrakhan** to be self reliance, as Farrakhan has stress many Black organizations do at the Million Man March. And what about the **Rainbow/PUSH** as their convention gets on the way, will they reach for the Sheikh as well in brotherly love.

Harold Lucas, should move up his steps in his interest for the Forum on 43rd and Calumet as other interest would like to convert the building into a nightclub/restaurant.

Elaine Rhodes the famous, drill leader now with the Center's For New Horizons may be coming out with a new program.

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

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

City Wide Chicago Olympia for Youth

Chicago Park District and other agencies compete against each other in a series of basketball, volleyball, softball and tennis during the Inner-City Games. More than 400 participants will gather what promises to be as intensive as a NBA playoffs. The winning teams advance to the ICG finals on July 26th, July 17th (South Region) at Washington Park, 5531 S. King Dr. Let the Games begin.

Jewel - Osco Transit Card

The Jewel-Osco store at 87 West 87th Street and the Dan Ryan Expressway hosted the Transit Card "Try It" Trailer. on July 7th. The trailer is designed to educate the riders to make a successful transition when the new system comes into effect. The trailer included a Transit Card vending machine, turnstiles and fare card machines similar to the ones found at the CTA train stations and buses throughout the system. CTA representatives were on hand to explain the new system to riders.

"We're proud to be a part of the Transit Card launch. The CTA's new system will bring added convenience to riders and also added service to Jewel customers", said Greg Josefowicz, CEO of Jewel-Osco.

CHA'S Wentworth Gardens Turns to Gold

Armour Square - Georgia Washington, 97; Wentworth Gardens at (39th and Wentworth) oldest tenant Edna McNeal (since 1946), Wentworth Gardens "Healthy and Safe Community Initiative: Committee; Wentworth Garden alumni and residents celebrate 50 years of working to make Wentworth Gardens a beautiful and healthy place to live. The day long celebration kicked-off with a parade at 9 a.m. and continued with basketball tournaments, jump ropes contests, an awards ceremony and a 50th year birthday party for alumni. The event took place on Saturday, June 28 from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. at Wentworth Gardens, 3770 South Wentworth.

CAPS CALENDAR

2nd District-5101 South Wentworth-747-5109

221 July 17, 1997-6:30pm New Haven Baptist Church 4413 S. Indiana

222 July 15, 1997-6:30pm King Center-4312 S. Cottage Grove Ave.

223 July 21, 1997-6:30pm McGee Temple-4946 S. Indiana Ave

3rd District-7040 South Cottage Grove 747-7004

314 July 23, 1997-7:00pm Jackson Park Field House-6401 S. Stony Island

321 July 22, 1997-7:00pm Parkway Community House-500 E. 67th Street

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MEETINGS and EVENTS



July

Thursday. 10

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

"**Comfort Stew**" Closes out **ETA's 26th season** July 10 - August 17 with an exploration of Love "Closing the Circle," works by Cheryl M. Purhnell. **ETA** For show times and tickets call 773/752-3955. **ETA** is located at 7558 S. South Chicago Ave.

Saturday. 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.

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.

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

Sunday 13

All Star Soft Ball Come join The Washington Park Sunday's Best All-Stars. The best soft ball players from 26 teams will combine their talents and showmanship along with free food, beverages and music, provided by Mr. G's(1547 W. 87th). Game time will be at 1:30pm at diamonds 6 & 7, in Washington Park (51st and Cottage Grove).

Monday. 14

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

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

Tuesday. 15

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

Wednesday. 16

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

Saturday 19

The West Woodlawn Council of Block Clubs, Regular Council Meeting,, (Third Saturday of each month) at 3:00 p.m. at Parkway Community House, 500 East 67th Street. Call 493-1306 for information..

The 47th Street Blues Fest sponsored by alderman Dorothy Tillman, noon till 10:00 pm. Various artists.

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

Friday. 25

Urban Gear Bookstore Publishig Seminar

A host of established and up and coming authors and poets(author Sharazad Ali, educator Shahid, Final Call journalist Toure Muhammad, also available for interviews, 773-602-1230) will be at Urban Gear Bookstore Saturday July 26 to teach aspiring authors "How to Self-Publish Your Book" at 7300 S. Jeffery from 12 to 2:00pm. The seminar is \$10.00 per person

Obama Disappointed with Defeat of Landmark School Funding and Electric Deregulation Plans

Senator Barack Obama, said he was disappointed that Illinois' best opportunity to reform public education funding in decades failed in the general Assembly's 1997 spring session. In his wrap-up report of the session, Obama also expressed dismay with the defeat of legislation that could have lowered the utility bills of Commonwealth Edison customers by 15 percent.



State Senator Barack Obama

"There were many opportunities to help the citizens of the state this year in the General Assembly, whether it mean a permanent source of funding for our public schools, or lower heating bills," Obama said. "I was disappointed that partisan bickering led by Republicans hurt our school children. Democrats were firmly committed to reducing property taxes, providing a tax credit for renters, and providing needed funds to give all our public schools a boost. I'm proud of our commitment in that area."

Edgar's plan would have resulted in \$130 million in new funds for next school year for the Chicago public school and more than \$100 million in property tax relief for homeowners, Obama said. However, Obama voted against the \$35 billion state budget because it would not provide an adequate amount of permanent public school funds for Chicago.

Kenner's Bill calls for Tight Scrutiny on CHA Police

In response to growing reports of abuse, the Chicago Housing Authority Police Department will soon be made more accountable to the people they are intended to protect. New legislation passed by the house of Representatives on Friday creates a Citizen Review Board to monitor CHA policing activities. Co-sponsored by State Representative Howard Kenner. Senate Bill 25 establishes a nine-member investigative body to hear accounts and decide disciplinary action on-duty police officers accused of physical abuse.

"The Cabrini Green incident this past March appalled many Chicagoans," Kenner said. "What is more appalling, however, is that these types of abuses go on all the time." and Kenner went on to say, "The CHA has its own police department with the same powers as Chicago police officers. They're there to deal with gang violence and drug-related activities on the rise in housing projects. Unfortunately, innocent people, those the CHA police are supposed to be protecting, are getting caught in the middle".

BLACK METROPOLIS CONVENTION & TOURISM COUNCIL Heritage Tourism Review

By Harold L. Lucas 773-548-2579



"Instead of creating work for the unemployed," the Reporter found, "the grants organization providing temporary positions for the myriad organizations providing social services to the West and South Sides. Real businesses-the kind that generate profits, operate factories and stores, and produce goods and services-are conspicuously absent".

The editorial on the Empowerment Zone and BMC&TC

On June 30th, the Crain's Chicago Magazine did an article on Bronzeville which headline read, "Bronzeville: not yet quite golden yet". Crain's finally wrote about the urban renaissance going on in new housing and construction, and local community based organizations working to revitalize historic structures associated with the Black Metropolis Historic District. At this stage of the move upward economically and spiritually towards becoming the premier African American heritage tourism destination in the county.

The Crains, article mentioned the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee recommendation that the Mid-South area be promoted as a tourism destination and be supported with a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) designation, but stated that major developers and the banks have not stepped forward to take advantage of development opportunities.

In the Monday, July 7, the Chicago Tribune editorial on the Empowerment Zone picked up on the theme of the issue of the Chicago Reporter, an investigative monthly newsletter, which was critical of how funds were allocated during the first round of EZ grants. The claim is that from the five million in empowerment zone grants only about 400 jobs have been leveraged, a far cry from the 5,000 that City hall had predicted. Another 283 staff jobs created have been within not-for-profit groups- from staff work from child care to "community outreach"-but these jobs, the Reporter notes, will disappear as soon as the one-time grant money disappears.

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Well, the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BMC&TC) agrees with the reporter story and the Tribune article to an extent. In the first round of EZ funding, the BMC&TC was awarded only \$10,000 for acquisition and pre-development planning for restoration. of the Supreme Life Building which will be adaptively reused as the Bronzeville Visitor Information Center supported by a Communications Technology center and the South Side One-Stop-Capital Shop.

Because of the slowness of the EZ grant process BMC&TC had to get a interim loan from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to pay back taxes and insurance on the landmark building. To date the loan of

\$69,088.96 to be paid back to the National Trust by the City of Chicago EZ Coordinating Council remains unpaid and has gone into default as of May 10, 1997. Job creation and reinventing government have been the hallmarks of all of the EZ activities coordinated by BMC&TC.

Fully aware that heritage tourism is projected to become the number one growth industry by the 21st century with Communications Technology following close behind. Our goal remains to create jobs for low-income people as tour guides, docents, research specialist and vendors who would educate and solicit international travelers coming to Chicago to purchase memorabilia, be entertained with blues and jazz performances while they witness the rebirth of Bronzeville.

We continue to embrace our collaborative partnerships as we continue: Restoring Bronzeville". Collectively we successfully convened this year, the 5th Annual 43rd Street blues Festival, an informative Housing Fair and the Third Annual Restoring Bronzeville House Tour which was attended by over 500 people from all over Chicago.

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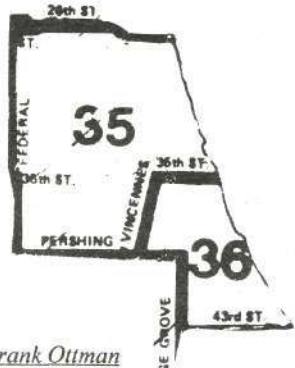


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Now this is the law of the Jungle, as old and true as the sky, and the wolf that shall keep it may prosper, but the wolf that shall break it must Die. As the creeper that girdles the tree trunk, the law runneth forward and back. For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack.

Kenwood Oakwood's Bob Lucas Still Going

Premature Demise: Strong at KOCO



By Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

Rumors had him ousted. That he was no longer able to perform his duties as executive director. He was getting old and could no longer satisfy the conditions and people of the communities he had been a part of for almost 30 years. Having made a career out of social service work, attending college, a political science major and that of social work, he had never given those rumors of his premature demise as head of Kenwood/Oakwood Community Organization (KOCO) much thought, other than the rumors they were.

Bob Lucas is a gentle man when he talks to you. On listening to him talk, you would discover very early that he is a man who is in the social service field and very learned of it.

Since 1969 Bob Lucas has been a part of KOCO. Starting at the grass-

roots of the organization, he worked his way up to the top as chief executive director of the organization in 1975, that takes in thousands of families and community people in Kenwood/Oakland.

KOCO was founded in 1965 by Kenwood, Oakland and Hyde Park Community Ministers, as well as community social workers who wanted to provide better housing, jobs, health care, and a general better life for the people of Kenwood/Oakland communities.

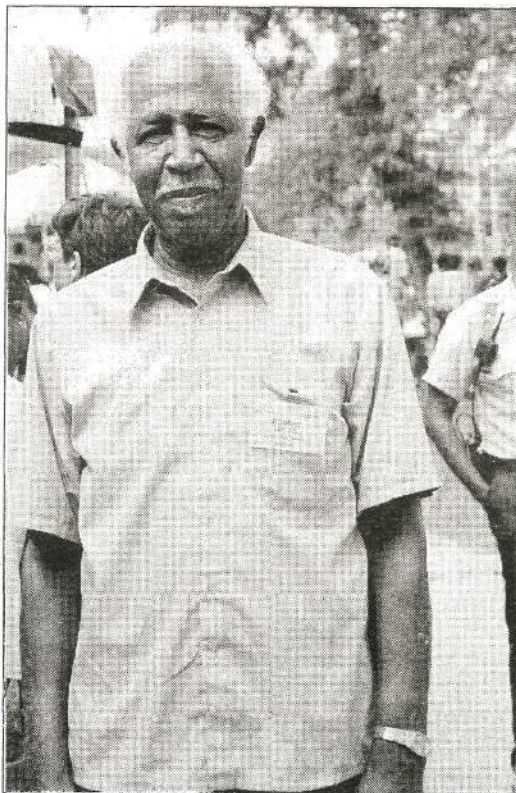
Support for KOCO came from corporations, foundations, individual funding, to city and federal grants to get the program off the ground.

Some grants and funding come easier than others and even Toni Preckwinkle (4) is having trouble in her attempt to obtain Empowerment Zone Funding for KOCO. Hopefully on August 21 of this year at KOCO's General Community Meeting, the communities can learn if more

money will be given to KOCO to help its residents.

"KOCO has been very successful over the years in helping the people of Kenwood/Oakland," Mr. Lucas says. "It was KOCO that built Komed (Kenwood/Oakland Medical Center). Money from the federal government and loans helped us establish the badly needed medical center for the communities. \$600,000 of the \$2,000,000 to build Komed came from the federal government, another \$1,400,000 in private loans. Komed has been of great help to the community and only recently has brought out Holman Medical Center— In 1976 Komed opened its doors to the people.

"Harold Washington dedicated the ground breaking of Woodlawn Vil-



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lage Townhomes, from 44th -46th Street South. 75 units of townhomes were dedicated by the late mayor in 1987, and in 1989 the doors were opened."

Rehabilitated multiple-family low income-moderate homes has been and is a priority of KOCO. "275 units of building apartments from; 41st -48th and Cottage Grove to Outer Drive, has helped somewhat to ease the shortage of homes for the area. "It was also KOCO that started a Conservation Designation Program. From South 47th Street to 36th Street on the North, Cottage Grove on the West— Oakenwald, East, 368 acres of community land (largest in the country) was set aside for conservation. It was KOCO's initiative that saved the land, along with Southside redevelopers who helped provide the impetus."

Not being modest, Mr. Lucas goes on to say that, "There is a big problem with homes for the people of Kenwood/Oakland. It is that of low income and upper-income families. Many families are unable to afford the \$100,000 to \$300,000 homes because of their low incomes. Everything being built is for middle and upper-middle class families and not those homes in the lower income to moderate range. It is difficult for them to get mortgage loans in buying these kind of homes. Taxes on real estate increase also, make it very difficult for lower income people to buy homes. Homes in the \$80,000 to \$100,000 range for these family are needed and there are few if any."

If there is one thing Bob Lucas does not lack, it's being direct and sincere. As you talk to him you come to realize this more. "We would like \$80,000 to \$100,000 homes built for the community— Douglas, Oakland, Kenwood, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park and Woodlawn are experiencing the same (housing problem) trouble".

"We have what we call an 'Interested Person List of Over 100,' who make \$30-\$40,000 and want new homes. About 300 people every two months will want a home who have income in this range and we make it a point to keep them in mind."

Mr. Lucas goes on to say, "There are two question I ask people: Who is going to build Kenwood/Oakland? Who benefits from Kenwood/Oakland Development?"

The answer to the first question is simple— Outsiders have been building Kenwood/Oakland and not the qualified people who live here."

"Right now, only middle and upper-middle income families benefit from the \$100,000 to \$300,000 homes being built here. We would like to see \$80,000-\$100,000 home built for the communities."

What about jobs? Mr. Lucas being asked, and the high rate of black joblessness in Mid-South?

"One thing is for sure, I don't pay any attention to what the national figures on unemployment have to say. Here in Kenwood/Oakland it's more like 70 percent for black men and 85 percent for black teenagers. It is much worse than what Washington and the city and state is saying it is."

"300 job applicants for construction jobs at Lake Park Pointe Shopping Center on 47th Street in the last two months, for only a handful of construction workers. People want to work but finding it is difficult."

Last year KOCO held no annual summer festival as they usually do. On talking to Toni Preckwinkle (4), she said, "Some of the people who lived on Drexel and in the neighborhood did not want the noise, congestion of traffic and people, as well as the debris from the festivities, and for this reason a permit for the festival was denied. Kennicott Park, which is nearby could be used since for so long KOCO had been using the Drexel area for the festival."

The annual festival for this year has not been decided.

Mary Jordan, a spokeswoman and chairman of KOCO, says, "Bob Lucas is a fine man for the job. She stands behind him one-hundred percent."

Though a recent elected chairman at KOCO (June 1997), she supports the organization as she has done so in the past. "We have 13 board members at KOCO and some new board members are coming in. But Bob Lucas has made many personal sacrifices for

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Over 100 Participate in Firman Job Fair



Grand Blvd - Firman Community Services sponsored "Job Fair '97: Pathways to Success—Unleashing Your Capabilities", at the Robert Taylor Park District which attracted several companies and over 100 potential employees. Coordinated by Firman's Family Case Management's Director, Lindsay Walker, Firman's Job Fair 97. Prospective employers are now aware that there are indeed people in the Grand Boulevard area who are looking for employment and are ready to start work. Moreover, Job Fair '97 showed community residents that Firman knows that it takes more than just talk to make a lifestyle change and being committed in helping people find jobs. Participant, Regina Rice said the Job Fair was extremely helpful in her in securing new job. "I was quite impressed with the companies participating and the job openings they offered. I'm looking forward to starting a new job and I plan to spread the word to my friends". This is one of many supporting efforts Firman has established in employment.

Firman Community Services, established in 1872, serves Fuller Pk, Washington Pk, Douglas, Grand Boulevard and Englewood.

Mid South Agency Organizations

Directory of Services

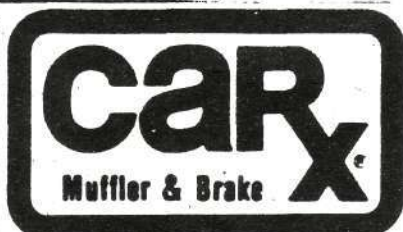
Grand Blvd. -Mid South Planning & Deleopment Commission: 4307 S. King Dr., 312-924-1330. A community organization composed of area residents, block clubs, community based organizations, institutions and businesses.

Douglas Matthew House 3610 S. Giles, 312-536-3661. A supportive services agency for the homeless offering programs such as intake and assessment, basic needs & social development, education, employment, benefits assistance, money management, substance abuse counseling, family reunification & follow-up.

Douglas St. James St. James Church, 2942 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616, (312) 842-1919. Services that are provided to the Community by St. James Church: Food Pantry - Services residents in the 60616 zip code area; Job Bank - Saturday Only; Mentor Program - Saturday mornings; St. James Catholic School.

Grand Blvd. The Grand Boulevard Federation is a collaboration of community residents, organizations and institutions, whose mission is to improve the effectiveness of the human service delivery system by influencing policies, funding and programs, by empowering residents and by enhancing the coordination of human service resources within the community. Contact Greg Washington, Executive Director, 715 E. 47th St., 60653 Tel: (773) 548-8140 Fax: (773)548-6622 548-6622.

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When And Where I Enter:

Wesley Snipes at The Taste Leaves Me With a Bad Taste, What Would Betty Think?

Prespective



By Beverly Reed

Recently, I had occasion to visit the City's highly touted Taste of Chicago I am one Chicagoan who manages to keep my romps to this dazzling display of diversity down to a minimum.

After blowing my money on tickets that held promises of gastronomical delights but instead delivered inadequate offerings from overworked people.

I found solace in the cold, sweet seedless watermelon from the Dominicks stand. That I could have done in my own neighborhood.

Had I not been in excellent company armed with plans to enjoy the Ohio Players and

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Bronzeville Jobs

Mr. Clarence Harris a resident of the Grand Boulevard area, who resides at 5639 S. Wabash stated "The Rally is important to everyone in the community. It's time for us to come together and get what we need. We need skills development programs, I have an apprenticeship in carpentry; but, there are a lot of people who are without trades".

Advocacy for trades such as plumbers, carpenters, engineers, masons, electricians, etc. was a change of venue compared to entry

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Bob Lucas

KOCO. One time (Several months to a year), Bob was not getting a pay check. This has gone on by him several times at KOCO. He is one of the most dedicated persons I know and a hard working man.

"So many people in this area need KOCO, especially lower income families who have little and need help in making ends meet."

Most of the staff and people you talk to at KOCO backs their head. Most feel that he is indeed the man for the job. Rumors of him leaving KOCO are only that they say.

A busy man who has made Chicago his home, Bob Lucas works on an average of 14 hours a day. Some days, he says, it's more like 18 hours of an hectic day at the office and doing business around the town.

A member of the NAACP, Chicago Urban League, Rainbow Push, Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), Chicago Rehab Network Board, First National Bank, just to name a few of the organizations Bob Lucas belong to, makes him a very busy man and sometimes hard to reach because of the fast pace he sets for himself. He does find time to relax and get away from it all. A married man with a son, now grown. Still enjoying his work, and those who foretell an early demise for Bob Lucas are very mistaken of the man.

Kool and the Gang, I would have been pissed.

The concert was a great opportunity for me to manifest memories of my "party days" and based on the filled to capacity crowd, I was not the only one there to "get down".

Kool and the Gang jammed playing all the old hits and when they got to Summer Madness the music seemed to float above us and melt into the shapes of the clouds, the colors of the sky and the flight pattern of the birds soaring above. It was magic, all I could think was Heaven must be right here.

Then the band did an amazing thing. They asked the audience to get serious. They wanted to honor and acknowledge the transition of the late great Betty Shabazz.

They explained to the now somber crowd how important they felt it was that we not continue to wait until tragedy occurs to recognize the greatness of our selves, individually and especially collectively.

Having utilized the ancient ways of raising energy through song, dance and chant, the band had expertly directed that energy into the hearts and minds of all present. It was

poignant and powerful.

If only I could end the story right here, but I cannot. As we swayed to the beautiful tune Cherish, collectively opening our hearts just a little bit to reveal the deep shame and grief we felt as witnesses to the terrible reality of the Shabazz family. You could feel commitment settling into our minds...

Suddenly I was jolted back from my reverie by the sound of commotion. I opened my eyes and saw that people had turned away from the stage and were deeply engrossed in some activity on the far side of the arena.

Then I heard, Wesley Snipes is here over and over as people stood on their chairs grasping at the air trying to touch the man.

As he began to make his way around the area I realized with horror that the vibration had changed. What was only moments ago a deeply spiritual experience in the African tradition had become a parody. I watched with shame as the band continued to play to the backs of an audience that had deserted them.

Couldn't Mr. Snipes had waited just a few minutes longer or shouldn't he have left earlier? He had to know the impact he would have on the crowd. Did he care or was he deaf and blind to the spirit that had begun to flow.

I cried for Betty and for me, for the band and its fickle audience and I even shed one tear for Mr. Wesley Snipes. Just one

Eventually the audience remembered what they had been doing and settled down long enough to hear the last few seconds of the song. I looked towards the sky and saw that the clouds had turned black.

Party On People.

level positions that are usually promoted. B.O.S.S.'s strategy and focus is to provide job opportunities that will benefit families and move them toward permanent self sufficiency.

Ms. Denice Murray, Director of Partners in Community Development distributed information and encouraged participants to take advantage of PCD's jobs initiative program, and identified their job bank as a resource for job referrals.

Eight-hundred fifty persons have applied

for jobs at the Mid-South Planning Committee for positions at the new head quarters to be located at 25th and Michigan. This list will be utilized as the beginning of a job listing bank to refer persons to other jobs within the community. For further information regarding job referrals, contact: Mid-South Planning Committee at 773-924-1330 and Partners in Community Development at 312-674-2330.



For El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz & Betty Shabazz

By Beverly A. Reed

May They Incarnate Together And Bless Us Once Again.

Shall I speak to thee of uphill climb of jagged edges or twisting vines of faded glory or distant chimes whose melodic sounds stir memories of times my mind just won't forget.


Or shall I speak to thee of such as the scent of violets or a babies touch of promises kept or the winners circle of overcoming that final hurdle.

Oh, to find for one self the strength to bear the many faces that does wear with grace and style and a razor's touch knowing nothing really matters much when all thy ships set sail have gone. Thy deeds are what shall carry on.

Thank you for witnessing the naming ceremony for Beverly who has been called to heal the wombs of women and girls. Ritual is the way of the Africa and must become our way as for we are the African who dwells in America.

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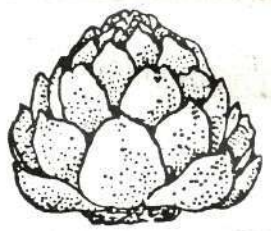
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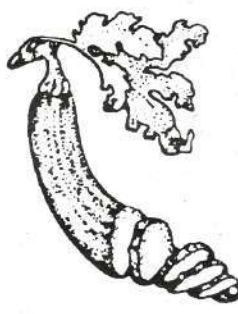
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Liquorlining

Liquor Store Concentration and Community Development in Lower Income Neighborhoods

A report by The Woodstock Institute

The excessive concentration of liquor stores in lower-income and minority neighborhoods pose a real impediment to community development in these areas according to a research report conducted by the Woodstock Institute. The seriousness of this problem has led activist and local government across the country to work and control or reduce liquor store development in their communities.

In Cook County, the per capita density of liquor stores in lower income zip codes is more than two times the density in higher-income zip codes. The American communities.

disproportionate concentration of liquor stores in low-income, and especially minority, communities such as mid-South, works as an impediment to the economic and social vitality of these neighborhoods.

The negative effects of excessive liquor store density in a community are manifest in a variety of ways. Typical complaints include: the serving of minors; littering; loitering; harassment and intimidation of pedestrians and customers; public urination; drug dealing; prostitution; assault; and even murder. Fidel, a liquor store representative on 47th & St. Lawrence said: "I've called the Police three times today already."

These specific grievances represent more general quality of life, public health and safety problems that feed into the economic and social deterioration of an area.

"It's just not a good climate for business since regular customers are scared away" Laments Dave Betlegeski of the 63rd Street Growth Commission. One barber shop on the South Side had to shut its doors after decade-long regulars refused to walk through the crowds outside of nearby liquor stores.

The economic problems associated with liquor store density are not all due to perception. Liquor stores can act as physical impediments to a better retail mix. Once liquor stores replace other commercial establishments, the business community, as well as residents, no longer enjoy the benefits of a healthy, retail economy including regular government services and local chamber of commerce activities supporting the area.

The median number of liquor stores per 100 retail establishments is 6 times as high in African American zip codes as in white zip codes.

In Mid-South from 39th to 67th - Dan Ryan to Cottage there is approximately 32 stores that make more profit on liquor in African-American communities. The high per capita density of liquor stores is combined with low levels of other types of retail activity, making the portion of retail space occupied by liquor stores relatively high.

Why do low-income and African-American communities have high concentrations of liquor stores and high income areas have low concentrations? One frequently proposed explanation is that the disproportionate concentration is merely a reflection of consumer demand. The underlying assumption is that low-income, minority individuals drink more. Fidel said: "Blacks, Puerto Ricans and Mexicans drink more alcohol than whites. The types of liquors that are most popular in the black communities are Gin and Beer". However, analyses of drinking patterns show that whites and those with higher incomes are more likely to be heavy drinkers (defined as consuming five or more drinks per occasion) than those of other ethnic backgrounds with those with lower incomes. In

Hyde Park at Gold Standard and Chalet Wine Shops at 53rd & Lake Park, Steve said "Hyde Park is a mixed community, we have Blacks, Whites, Chinese, Asians, people. 65% of our sales are fine wines".

In lower-income neighborhoods, alcohol is sold in liquor stores that have been associated with a

business districts within the community. This requires a liquor referendum and a precinct wide vote. In the 1970s, the Campaign Committee of the Citizen for Safer South Shore secured liquor referendums on the ballots in 10 precincts and helped vote in a change of the zoning ordinance regarding liquor sales in these areas.

A consumer task force is based in the 20th ward, lead by Ida Fulton. The group has been targeting stores on the 63rd street strip with poor consumer services and violations.

More recently, the Beverly community, on the South Side, voted to change the zoning ordinance of 95th Street. The 95th Street commercial district is now zoned under B4-1. This categorization allows existing liquor establishments to continue, but requires that any new liquor establishments, excluding restaurants, apply for a Special Use permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Because there is a substantial amount of work and money involved in passing a successful referendum, many communities in Chicago have turned to their alderman to secure a moratorium on new liquor licenses through the city council.

Residents have been challenging stores themselves mostly with little results. Residents fed up with beer and wine bottles discarded in the yards and along 47th street organized their displeasure by petitioning the area to vote it dry for the Nov. 4 general election. In last years general election

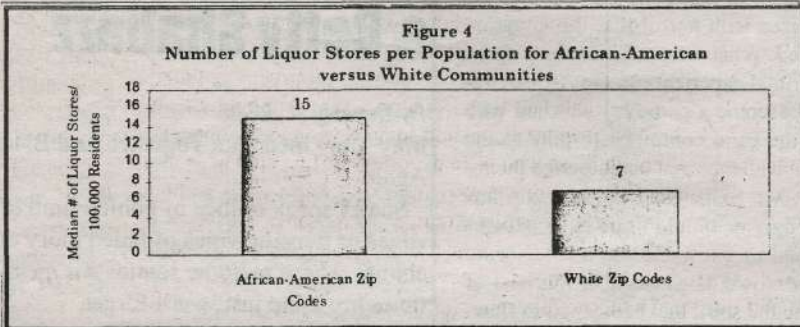


Figure 4 shows that the per capita density of liquor stores is higher in African-American zip codes.

variety of community problems, while in many more affluent areas, it is distributed through grocery stores, multi-purpose stores, malls, etc.. These types of stores do not present the same types of problems to communities that liquor stores do. In some suburbs, the selling of liquor is banned entirely, which essentially pushes sales into nearby suburbs or cities.

Liquor stores, as a particular retail entity, thrive in lower-income areas. As neighborhoods begin to lose population and income supermarkets and other businesses begin to move out. Liquor stores, with their higher profit margins, remain and often become a relatively major retail presence in the neighborhoods such as 63rd street. Problems accessing credit and capital make it difficult to establish conventional retail stores.

The difference in liquor stores concentration between low and high income neighborhoods is not simply the product of economic forces. It is

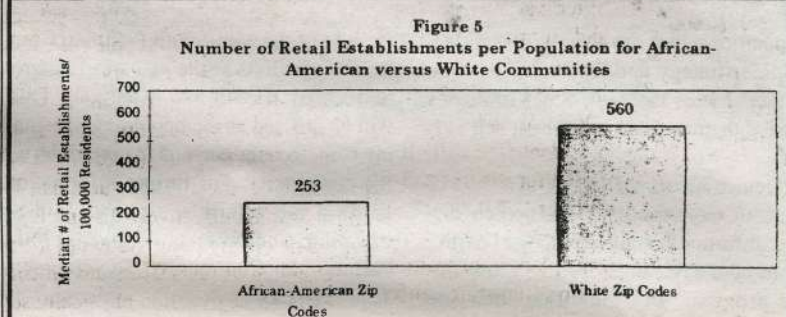


Figure 5 shows that in these same African-American communities, the per capita density of all types of retail establishments is less than half that in white communities.

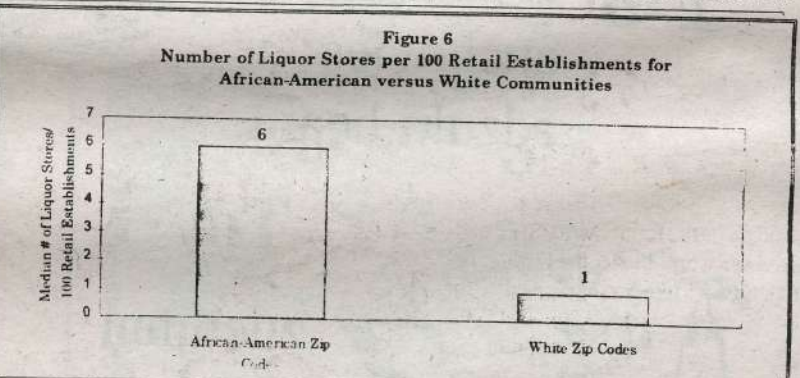


Figure 6 shows the combined impact of establishments is 6 times as high in African-American zip codes as in white zip codes.

also due to differences in zoning laws and enforcement among different types of neighborhoods. In high-income communities, the decision to locate a retail establishment is often more tightly regulated by larger community concerns that are expressed through law, ordinances, and zoning policies for the common good. These communities have the power to enact and enforce laws prescribing acceptable ways of distributing alcohol. low-income communities often lack the political clout necessary to create or enforce laws reflecting their concerns, especially when it involves restricting private investment that generates sales taxes for a larger jurisdiction.

Despite the scale and scope of the problem, battles against liquor store concentration in the Chicago area have often been fought at the neighborhood level, sometimes liquor store by liquor store. This has meant citizens and community groups working together at the precinct and ward level. Typically, these groups have used the tools provided them by the city government.

One possible route to combat liquor store density is through changing the zoning ordinance of

stressing their concerns to the Merchants Association. "Residents feel that these products are sold and bought along 47th street between Vincennes and St. Lawrence, which causes a maintenance problem in the area." said South Street Journal publisher Ron Carter, who is also a coordinator for the business association said,

However residents have addressed the problem to the association. We are a business association that represents liquor stores as well as other businesses. In representing liquor stores the association is open and encourage residents to take action in the discussion to address any businesses pertaining to 47th street".

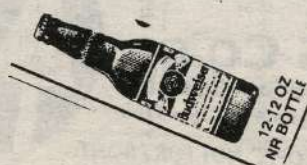
Rev. Peterson insisting how liquor stores have hurt this community pledged to work with the residents regardless of the odds and the lack of support from other ministers, alderman or intimidation of gangs. However some liquor stores have charged that Rev. Peterson has used the issue as self serving and not just in the interest of the community.

In a mini poll conducted by SSJ to liquor stores sells persons whose locations between in the Mid-South community.

An innovative approach to reducing liquor store problems is the use of a Special Service Area (SSA), which uses a supplemental real estate tax on businesses in a targeted area to fund special services. Another SSA uses their money for a Facade Incentive Program, capital improvements and street and sidewalk cleaning. Planning and policy should aim at reducing liquor store density by restricting new liquor stores from entering oversaturated areas while also mitigating the negative impacts of the liquor stores already in operation. Ideally, this should be done on a city-wide level, with ample opportunity input.

It should offer automatic protection to vulnerable communities rather than laying the onus of preventing liquor store concentration on citizens. At the same time, planners and community developers must work to create local economies that favor a mixed and healthy retail environment. The report is concluded

S.S.J.: "Do you think theres a conspiracy to put liquor in Black Communities?" Gladys, a community resident said: "Yes, they (white People) do it to keep the black family down, to corrupt them and



Perspectives

On America's Apology to African Americans for Slavery

I APOLOGIZE

With a little help from her friends sister girl Anita Baker wrote these lyrics, "I apologize, believe me I do I apologize, honest and true I know I was wrong so I'm singing this song. Trying to get thru to make it up to you I apologize." Husbands and wives, boy and girl friends, lovers can certainly identify with those lyrics. Intimate relationships often become stressful and result in harsh words, intemperate conduct, guilt, apologies and making up or reconciliation.

An apology is given and accepted for certain kinds of misconduct, how can I as a descendant of African slaves view President Clinton's public ruminations about issuing an apology for slavery? What could he possibly tell me? I consider myself fortunate to have a lithograph of my great grandmother who was a slave in Georgia. I have no knowledge of her mother or father, but I do know that they were slaves.

As such, just as other slaves in Georgia, Mississippi, the Carolinas, Texas, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois and elsewhere in this nation...they prohibited from learning to read, marry, claiming their children as their own, receiving the fruits of their labor, complaining of mistreatment, taking a sick day, owning property, voting or in the words of Chief Justice Taney, when writing the Dred Scott decision, having any rights that a white man was obligated to recognize.

My ancestors did not come to this country by choice, but were by brute force. They were kidnapped, stolen from Africa, no Kings and queens among their own, but the chattel property and others.

Karen's Kommentary



By Atty. Karen Brazil - Breashears

Somehow they survived the horrors of the middle passage, No doubt they could write volumes on what it means to be the victims of state-sponsored terrorism, for the United States government aided and abetted the criminals against humanity who profited from African slavery.

And now, the president of the United States has issued a trial balloon to assess how the political wind blows on an apology for slavery while at the same time ignoring slavery's legacy of Black Codes,

Jim Crow laws, lynchings, separate but equal, Orville Faubus, George Wallace, Ross Barnett, Institutional racism, Rosewood, Emmett Till, Fred Hampton, Rodney King, Joe Gould Lenard Clark.

It was through the peculiar institution of slavery that my ancestors were brought to this land. The self-perpetuating legacy of that institution is well and alive. Now tell me, how can an apology rectify that!

Apology's Not Enough

In the middle of May, President Clinton in a brave and astounding act of courage decided it was time to apologize to the survivors and the survivors families of the Tuskegee experiment. You know, the syphilis study involving around 400 men all African American, that went untreated for syphilis for over 40 years although a cure was available.

I happened upon another paper the other day and learned that now he's considering to the descendants of slaves. Larry King in an unrelated story, "An apology for slavery is long overdue" This may well be the the initial "Step to promote racial harmony and understanding in America" as the president, says, but, is it enough?

Slavery was more than an episode in America's long history of injustice to minority groups, it was the beginning of a succession of injustices to African Americans. It has left us economically disadvantaged, with a blatant distrust for the American system and an unwillingness to absorb into this system. But, the plight of the African American, is not alone.

During World War II when America found itself embroiled in a bitter war against Japan and Germany. During this war, close to the end, in 1940 Executive Order 9066 was introduced by president, Truman. It called for the internment of over 100,000 Japanese American citizens placed in concentration camps in California).

They were in effect treated like prisoners of war by their own country, mainly because of their heritage. To this

Kenner's Prespective



By Brian Kenner

day they are still grappling with the effects of this move by the govt. Another example would be the holding of thousands of Cuban political refugees in 1982 in Florida. The refugees were subjected to prison like confines and fenced in like prisoners under expressway underpasses and anyplace else that afforded enough room to hold these thousands of people. They lived in tents and endured inhuman treatment and some were deported, although those who were deported also had it coming. (Most deportees were found to be violent criminal types; rapists and murderers etc.)

The Japanese and Cuban Americans for the most part were fairly successful economically and educationally. So, what's the difference and would an apology alone erase the stigma of what history says they endured. For one, neither group had to endure a systematic racism here for over 200 years. As for the apology aspect, being neither Japanese or Cuban, I honestly don't know if it would be sufficient. Understanding human emotions I wouldn't think so.

Now about this apology situation. An apology simply for slavery in the African American mindset wouldn't scratch the surface. African American people have had much more to endure than only slavery. Slavery started the effects of systematic racism. After freedom, we were jibbed of our forty acres and a mule. The sharecropper system economically enslaved us. The Klan socially separated us. The industrial revolution effectively dis-employed us.

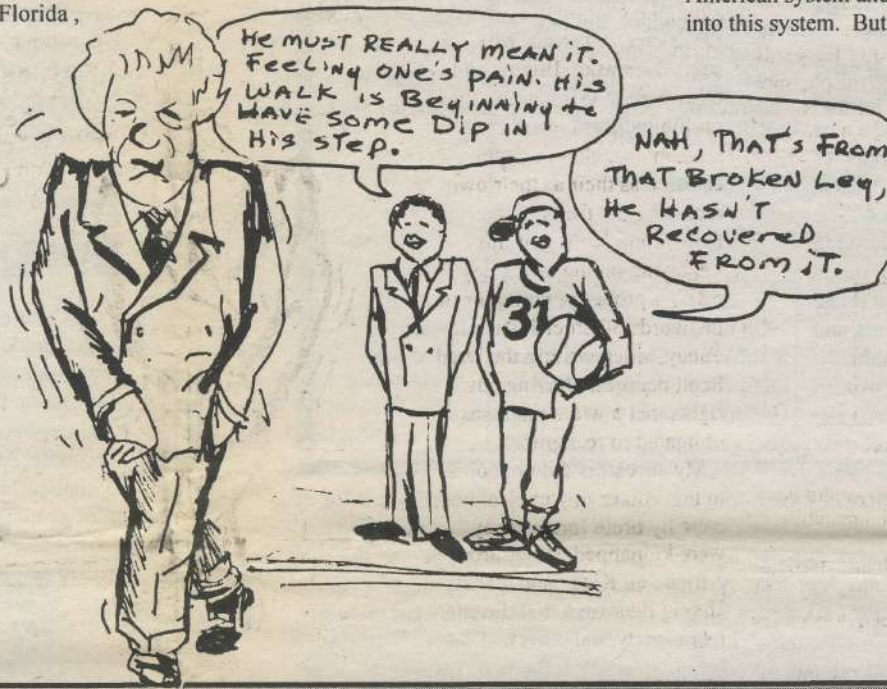
The county point system in the south politically castrated us. Jim Crow laws mentally drowned us. Defacto Segregation physically separated us. Education, even past Brown vs. Bd. of Ed. educationally ill prepared us. Reverse Discrimination suits reversed us. Now, with this brief synopsis one begins to get the idea that an apology definitely falls short. And this was only a drop in the bucket, because it's felt millions of times over.

With a past as bleak as this, it was a domino effect perpetuated by slavery. The only apology acceptable would be one chock full of solutions. 1. A real economic recovery programs in economically disadvantaged areas. (Not a so call Empowerment Zone) 2. Technical assistance programs in impoverished schools. 3. College preparatory programs to prepare those about to enter colleges and universities as well as social changes incurred through the entrance of the post ivy-league mindset. 4. Legislation aimed at attacking still existing social ills, such as, red lining and home-steering. 5. Tax breaks and other incentives in place for businesses that hire those trying to break the bonds of the welfare system. 6. Counselors in areas that may be deemed "socially challenged".

Although this won't solve all of our social ills, if sincerely done, this could prove to be that "initial first step in promoting racial harmony in America". Apologies without concrete evidence of solving some of the consequences of any situation is only lip service, just as the racism and prejudice in Bridgeport still is alive. So, if you're looking for the proverbial "magic bullet", it simply doesn't exist. On the other hand, if you want the recovery from slavery to truly begin, try some these ointments".

If not, stop talking and take a chill pill, Bill.

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Letters to the Editor

Open Letter to Cong. Rush on Ald. Preckwinkle

April 8, 1997

The Honorable Bobby Rush
U.S. Representative for the First Congressional District
655 East 79th Street
Chicago, IL 60619

My name is Mrs. Ella Mae Davis. I live at 4317 South Ellis Avenue. I have been a community activist for fifty years and this mess is worse than Claude Holmans and Timothy Evans tenure in office. First we want protection from our Alderman Toni Preckwinkle who has and still is using the powers of her office to influence, harass and ham us; as well as all city agencies or departments that had anything to do with the orchestration, the manipulation or planning of this blatant land grab.

I have kept my property in top shape, my children, born and raised here, my neighbors raised their children here. We have a true sense of family and know what it takes to build a strong community. A practice field and an outdoor amphitheater does not build a community. In fact, a practice field will destroy our community's historically heritage and commercial potential. It is elderly homeowners and business owners who

held on to this land for more than seventy years and it hasn't been easy.

The race is not given to the swift nor the strong but to him that endures to the end. This is our community, we worked for it, we suffered for it and some of us have died for it, so we are here to stay. We are not giving in or up, when we get tired our children and grandchildren will pick up the torch. We don't want to sell our homes or lose our commercial strip to this city's illegal abusive use of its power of eminent domain for the purpose of land clearing. North Kenwood is a grand community that should be preserved, not torn down or placed on lock down by rezoning 43rd street as public institutional. For example, a prison, a mental health facility, a public aid clinic etc. can be built on our existing commercial strip because of this land use charge. We are not simply land holding, waiting to be gobbled up by planned developments and taxed out as a result of these non-revenue generating projects.

We have a conservation plan which clearly states our wishes. The city agencies and representatives have not followed proper procedures to amend the land use established by the Community Conservation Plan. We were never notified of the city's action to take property through eminent domain. We never received written notification informing us that our area was designated for a campus project. We are outraged at this site designation which is a surreptitious attempt to zone us off our land. Our Alderman has not held one town hall meeting to inform this community of what our rights are or what we can do to stop this. We are outraged at

the Alderman's open display of disrespect for our community's planning intelligence and our committed struggle to keep this neighborhood intact.

"Just A Dream Coming True"

Dear Editor;

The need for a Legal antidote should be getting funded by some private sector to get rid of the "Venom". All our politicians and Judges need a commission of citizens to investigate with freedom of information less limited since the consumers are paying all expenses for the processes in which we live.

Welfare reform whether they are aware is the same vehicle in which they also ride. Funded by the people but never enjoyed by the people. Now is the time that Public opinion and decisions are held. Stop the Spending Without the Voice of the People, even the salaries of the Politicians then maybe there will be a fairer process. It is now our time to Decide what happens since their voices fail us.

Beatrice Hamb
former Ida B. Wells resident

Rev. Jackson Statement On:

Tyson Apology to Holyfield

Kenwood—The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, President of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, asked the world to "let the healing begin" after boxer Mike Tyson appealed for forgiveness from Evander Holyfield for Saturday's biting incident, that left him disqualified and under investigation by the Nevada Boxing Commission.

Rev. Jackson, who attended the fight, counseled both boxers following the incident and today released the following statement: "In a most sincere way Mike Tyson is reaching out to people who have the capacity to care. he has admitted, painfully, before the world a gross error. He seeks renewed understanding and redemption. He obligates us to be available in the process of rehabilitation.

"I am glad that he had the courage to apology to Evander Holyfield and to the boxing world. I hope the Nevada Athletic Commission will exercise tough love and good judgment in its response to Tyson's appeal.

"So many of your troubled youth have unresolved inner conflict of self destruction. Many are in jail. Tupac Shakur and Christopher (Notorious B.I.G.) Wallace were at the last fight, but now are dead. I am sure it took much courage for Mike to face the press and the world today in humble submission and con-



trition than (for him) to face a boxing opponent. This is a great expression of maturation.

"I have talked with Mike and tried to counsel him. I baptized him in Cleveland many years ago. I counseled him while he was in Indianapolis. My boys and Mike have developed a meaningful relationship. We have sought to be available and in this hour we remain so.

"I talked with Mike last night. I am sure he is sincere in his apology. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Let us work with the Commission and Mike and let the healing begin".

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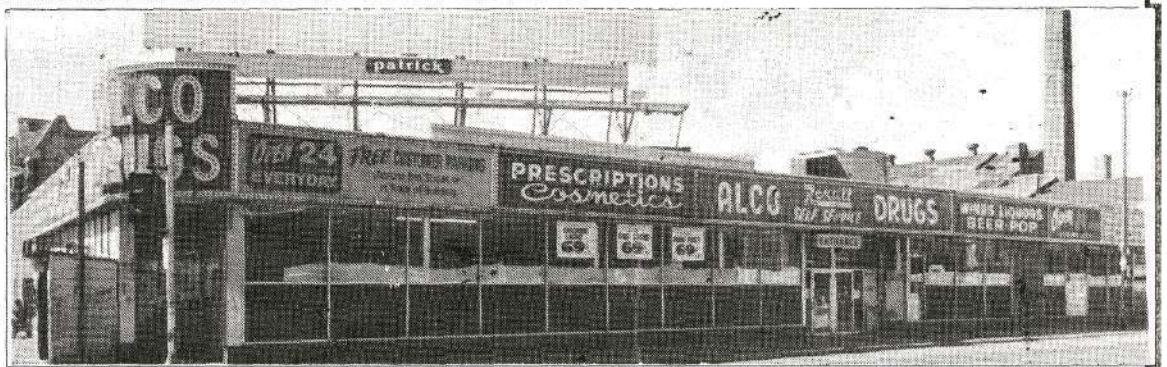
BUSINESS MATTER BRIEFS IN MID SOUTH Massive Commerical Improvements on 35th Street

Former Alco Drugs on 35th and King Drive, is about to begin its massive rehab with multi businesses to be located in the building; proposed businesses includes First Chicago Bank (who is financing the project as well), a Jazz Club, a bookstore, a family restaurant, and a bakery or florist.

In addition to the Alco corner, the Lake Meadows shopping center has plans to make some massive improvements and expansion and to bring in new stores.

McDonald's on 35th Street, that is to be relocated due to the building of the police Headquarters, will be relocated on 35th Street and will open with a Bronzeville theme to the location. The Michigan Ave. Inn is still on schedule to relocate on 39th and Michigan without the Blessings of the Elliot Donnelly Youth Center located next to the lot. The Hotel is promised to bring jobs to the community and is supported by Ald. Dorothy Tillman.

Connexions Expanding Services, Tim Jones, President and CEO of Connexions, Inc., held a Press Conference this month at Doctors Hospital of Hyde Park, 5800 Stony Island Avenue. The purpose is to inform the public that Connexions is expanding their services and can accommodate twenty additional beds as a safe haven for the chronic



homeless mentally. - Black Book

Ms. Barbara Murray of Washington Park has stories about getting calls after 8 p.m. concerning the reinstatement of the Black's Blue Book line which is recorded by the Cook County Recorder and sealed by the State of Illinois on April 16, 1977 by Secretary of State, George M. Ryan. This book is the first black telephone book with all black businesses since 1923-24. This book needs help in becoming published. For the research of Afro American history and literature, call Barbara Murray at (773) 752-1657



Sarah Ford

Sarah Ford Jones New Director for Real Estate Loans at SouthBank

South Shore Bank (SSB) at 7054 South Jeffery Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, has recently created a new position at the bank—Director of Marketing Real Estate Loans, awarded to Sarah Ford Jones.



Barbara Jones

Ms. Jones, 50, has been hired in charge of marketing SSB single family and multi-family real estate loans to community residents and the various real estate brokers on the southside.

One of the growing number of black women entrepreneurs in Chicago and the nation, she presents outstanding credentials as a former

owner and proprietor of Impact Real Estate Company. And as a real estate broker, Jones has brought her multi-family buyers to SSB for financial help.

Another branch of SSB on 35th Street has her Director of Marketing for real estate loans as well, "I hold the same position at South 35th Street as I do at the Jeffery branch of SSB. I've been with SSB since earlier this year and it is a challenge for me as other jobs I've worked over the years."

"Too many blacks are starting to voice openly resentment of other blacks in power who can help other blacks but do not. Jones is consistent in her work ethic and habits".

"People don't realize the wide variety of loan products we offer. We can not be matched when it comes to acquisition and rehab of properties. SSB supports our community."

With a bright future, Ms. Jones will strive to help those whom she can.

For further info contact Mark Russo at 312-408-2580, Sarah Ford Jones, Director of Marketing- Real Estate Loans South Shore Bank, 773-753-5621.

SSJ Correction

On our June 13 - 27 issue Mr. Howard Stanback of Shorebank /Drexel's name was misspelled on page 1 (Mid South Tours [Harold Halback]). We Apologize

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Met Theater

name in theater entertainment on the southside," he said. "It was not until

the Regal Theater came along that the Met started to decline from its glory days. Not that people stop going there, but Balaban and Katz (B&K), theater owners, had many theaters around the country and in big cities. They called the shots of what entertainer

performed where and what movies played."

Vaudeville was popular during the height of the Met. But slowly vaudeville as the Met started to decline. Essences Entertainment had the say in what movies were being played at the Met, unlike the B&K team. People still came to the

Met in large numbers but a lot of them were being lost to the Regal people who brought in the big names.

Wendell Granville went on to say, "Terra Cotta had been stolen from a facade at the Met. I was lucky to get it back. And maybe, I'll be even luckier."

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Pre-Construction sales are now underway for Bronzeville Pointe, an 18 unit development of Rowhouses and Townhouse Condominiums. The first 30-days of sales have yielded over 25% of the units being sold. Located on Chicago's near south side, in the heart of Bronzeville on the Grand Boulevard (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive). The Project will break ground in early July 1997 and includes the construction of two and three bedroom townhomes that will be completed by Spring, 1998. Best American Builders, Inc./Urban Equities, Inc., a joint venture, is the developer.

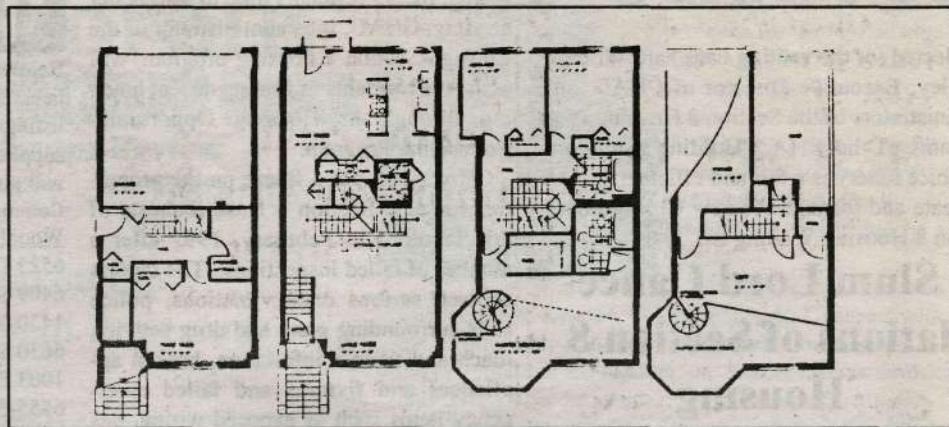
The first larger-scale residential development in recent history on the Grand Boulevard will include six units fronting King Drive. This new project, valued at over \$4 million, has prices that range from \$125,000 to \$249,900. Interior features include 2 1/2 Baths, master bedroom suite with double high ceilings (16 ft.) with a panoramic view solarium and private loft area. Construction features, to name a few, are brick and stone facade, central air conditioning, decorative oak front doors and steel insulated exteriors. Security system with motion detec-

tors, private side driveway entry to two-car attached garage with remote control, and well lighted common areas are some of the safety features offered at Bronzeville Pointe

Thanks to the City of Chicago, King Drive will undergo a second major renovation between 35th and 51st Streets extending the boulevard parkway landscaping, new street lighting and curbing and the installation of original artworks, further restoring the historic Grand Boulevard's original elegance. The residences will further rekindle this spirit of elegance where the city's most fashionable residents once lived.

Best American Builders /Urban Equities, a Joint Venture, the development reflects the rich tradition of "Grand Boulevard", "BRONZEVILLE POINTE". It offer exterior architecture that blends with the integrity of the community and floor plans with various residential possibilities. Additionally the partnership is working on New Merrill Square, a 8-unit condominium development and Alpha Village a 3-unit development also on 44th Street and King Drive

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homes that will enhance this historic neighborhood. We have kept the prices as affordable as possible to ensure that all of our buyers, regardless of price, can have an elegant brick home" said Lennox Jackson, President of Urban Equities, Inc.

"Best American Builders, Inc. is a full service construction company specializing in all phases of commercial and residential construction. BRONZEVILLE POINTE, the latest development, is a new project for Bronzeville. In addition to the high quality construction and product features, the "added value" in buying our homes is that nearly any floor plan can be

customized to suit a home buyer's personal needs within their budget", said Byron Gregory, President of Best American Builders, Inc.

"Further enhancing the value of BRONZEVILLE POINTE is our prime location on the "Grand Boulevard". Our project is based on the rich traditional architectural values of the neighborhood, along with the desirability of new construction. We intend to provide our customers with the best possible service available and a choice of quality selections that will meet today's lifestyle needs" said Ezekiel Morris, Director of Sales.

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Henry Horner

Golliday and HA. That many Aldermen and community people in Mid-South have voiced more black ownership of property and businesses, and why wasn't Mr. and Mrs. Golliday getting more support in buying abandoned city land, renovating it into productive property?

The Gollidays and HA were not

putting up the \$2,000,000 asking price for the property but would be purchasing it on an installment basis. They had not satisfied the inquiries of where the rest of money would come from and showed none of the members present any data pertaining to financial backing and future backings, other than the \$80,000 put up for security rights to the property.

But in spite of the "financial backing" Mrs. Golliday said she had, Sylvia Ruffin of the Chicago Urban League Development Corporation said, "at this stage and from what I've heard, you say concerning Henry Horner School building, I do

not feel that I can support you."

Father Avery of St. Elizabeth Church also was hesitant to back Mr. and Mrs. Golliday as well. "Two-million dollars is a lot of money to come up with," he said. "Several other people have tried to buy this building unsuccessfully. What makes you think you can?"

Mrs. Golliday replied that, "I plan to do roofing, windows renovation, plumbing, and much more. There will also be a model condominium for people to look at. As I have stated before, I am not buying the building outright for \$2,000,000, but will be purchasing it over time. Many other

buildings have been paid for this way, building as you have the tenants to pay for the condominiums. The building is in an Empowerment Zone and many of the people who live in the community will be able to afford the \$80,000-\$125,000 condominiums, that will have a 11,025 sq. ft. apartments."

Ms. Draper of Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC) said, "I'll be at the hearing July 9, 1997, the ruling should be very interesting."

Pat Dow-Cerasoli, also of MSPDC said, "At the moment, more information is needed."

Mrs. Golliday was repeatedly asked by members present what renovations would be made on the property. Mrs. Golliday reiterated that all renovations and the fixing up of the school would be no problem. "I had done such work numerous times before, successfully."

On talking to Mrs. Golliday, she said, "I've tried several times to talk with Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3), only to be unable to. We have a fight ahead of us and we'll continue to go on."

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Section 8

selected for the waiting list". said William Riley, Executive Director of CHAC, administrators of the Section 8 Housing Programs of the CHA. "Holding a random choice lottery is a fair and efficient way to create and manage the new Chicago Section 8 Housing Waiting list".

Slum Lord Cancellations of Section 8 Housing

Earlier this year, the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a national effort to crack down on landlords who rip off taxpayers by abusing federal assistance for the poor. The Chicago Section 8 program pays out 9 million dollars monthly in Housing

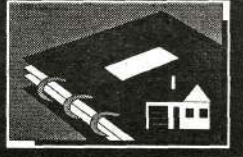
Assistance Payments (HAP) to nearly 10,000 landlords in the Chicagoland area.

Final cancellation of the contracts will not go in effect until September 30, 1997 to give the 93 residents time to find better housing. CHAC, Inc., administrator of the Chicago Section 8 housing program, will assist the residents in finding decent housing through its Housing Opportunity Counseling Program.

CHAC, Inc. put a freeze on the properties for new Section 8 lease requests of this landlord in February, 1997 after a number of failed inspections. The reports showed serious code violations, police calls surrounding gang and drug activity, roach and vermin infestation, broken appliances and fixtures and failed emergency items such as exposed wiring, gas and water leaks. Follow up inspections showed little change which precipitated the contract termination.

The "Get Tough" initiative will allow CHA and HUD to build on its success in turning around Chicago's Section 8 housing program.

Real Estate Transactions in the Mid-South Communities



Readers: Listed below are property transfers in South Street Journal's circulation area according to the latest report released by Jesse White, Cook County Recorder of Deeds. For your convenience, transfer listings are organized by community. Display of the "*" symbol next to a listing indicates that information supplied on the State Real Estate Transfer Declaration may be incomplete or incorrect. South Street Journal will publish this information in each issue.

Community/Address	Rec'd Date	Price
Woodlawn		
6525 Drexel Apryle D. Robinson Arlethia P. Hale to Annie Owens	6/02	42,000
6409 S. Greenwood Ave. Eleanor Rone-Harris to Renee Williams	6/02	60,900
1430-32 E. 67th St. James Bokios to Rochelle Everly	6/02	37,000
6630 S. University Sallye J. Johnson to Janette Arthur	6/02	64,900
1003 E. 61st St. Renaissance Thrush J.V. to Bobby Hodges & Martha Preston	6/03	140,000
6555-57 S. Langley Lillian Edwards & Dorothy Austin to Willie Brickhouse	6/05	55,000
6528 S. Kenwood Woodlawn Homes Joint Venture to Thomas & Trina Phelps	6/05	149,445
921 E. 61st St. #3 First Bank and Trust Co. to Dannelle* Gonzales	6/10	85,000
6530 S. Kenwood Woodlawn Homes Joint Venture to Larry B. Snelling	6/13	108,800
6148 S. Woodlawn Chicago Title and Trust Co. to Samir C. Patel	6/18	80,000
6131 S. Rhodes Lorraine S. Purgeson to LaJuene Brown	5/23	60,000
925 E. 61st St., Unit 1 First Bank and Trust and Co to Melvin K. Eilard	5/20	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
6516 S. Kenwood Woodlawn Homes Joint Venture to Lillie Johnson-Owens	5/15	102,000
Kenwood		
4049 S. Ellis Welbourne* Development to Michelle Bailey	5/29	198,500
4329 S. Greenwood Marvin E. & DREWINARD T. THOMAS to Nicholas Kladis	6/05	48,000
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
1640 E. 50th St. Barbara Gushiniere to Thomas E. and Mary E. Bindon	5/15	64,000
4940 S. East End, Unit 2C Lillian Sangster to Alice V. Horton	5/15	44,250
4926 S. Kimbark Ave. Pat and Jim Smoot to Renwick A. Paige and Wendy	5/16	587,000
Hyde Park		
1417 E. 56th #2 Brian & Deborah Charlesworth to Kevin Truitt	6/02	139,000
5042-B S. Drexel Drexel Park Corp. to Earlene Miles & Sharon Montaux	6/02	125,840
5143 S. Greenwood, Unit 3 Marcene Broadwater to Todd Holmquist-Sutherland	6/03	114,000
5511 S. University, #101 Daniel & Sharon Hunter-Smith Jonathon A. Zerkowski and Laura B. Rosen	6/03	117,500
5510 S. Woodlawn, Unit 402 Jeff Eertmoed to Mark L. Kasakevich	6/05	80,500
2215 E. 68th St., Unit 2F John H. Lee to Carl Muhammed	6/06	54,000
1213 E. 53rd St., Unit 2W John* to Nicole Alter	6/09	122,000
5621 S. Harper Norman Harelik* to George Surgeon	6/09	210,000
5323 S. Drexel Ave. Pau & Ruth Ann Weinberg to Adrienne & Michael Pitts	6/11	213,000
5331 S. Dorchester, #1 Stephen Andrews to Jacqueline Jackson	6/10	85,000
5629 S. Dorchester Molly A. Daniels to Garry B. & Kerry S. Barronette	6/10	140,000
5431 Hyde Park, Unit 1N Stella Stokes to Yolanda Harvey	6/11	113,000
5401 S. Greenwood Ave. Jean Knoll to Zoa Conner & Walter Roscello, Jr.	6/13	108,800
1401 E. 55th St., Unit 311N Guy Williams to Christopher Philip Mauer	6/13	31,000
1369 E. 50th St., Unit 20 Alex Papadopoulos to Michael Myers & Jennifer Cohen	6/17	120,000
5716 S. Dorchester, 1N Prasenjit & Juliette Duara to Patrick & Ruth Billingsley	6/17	139,000
5434 S. Blackstone Theodore A. Slaudidan* to *	5/22	315,000
1032 E. Hyde Park Blvd. Suzanne Turner to Antonio & Denise B. McKinney	5/22	230,000
5044-C S. Drexel American National Bank to Lavenia* Galloway	5/22	125,000
5555 S. Kenwood Mary Ellen Cowan to Thomas and Barbara Miner	5/20	74,000
Grand Boulevard		
4745-47 S. St. Lawrence Ann Hampton to Adam Robbins	6/05	33,000
5346 S. Michigan Unit 3-A Ola Johnson to Norman Walton	6/09	31,000
4850 S. Evans James L. Hadnot to Marilyn Washington	6/12	55,000
5832-36 S. Michigan Ave. Eruoto* to *	5/15	114,500
4734-36 S. St. Lawrence LaSalle National Trust to John and Sarah Johnson	5/16	65,000
Fuller Park		
No Transactions during this period		
Oakland		
4127 S. Berkeley Community Capital Resources Corp. to Mary Young	6/10	93,000
814 E. 42nd St. New Homes for North Kenwood/Oakland to Marion B. Sandle	5/12	114,290
Douglas		
3565 S. Prairie Lakeshore/D & D Bronzeville* Joint Venture to K. Trotter	6/17	106,470
3654 S. Giles FTB Mortgage Services, Inc. to John McGlynn	6/04	30,000
3609 S. Prairie Lakeshore/* Joint Venture to John A. Cook	5/01	108,465
831 E. Bowen New Homes for North Kenwood/Oakland to Vicki Igress	5/01	117,600
Washington Park		
6824 S. Indiana Cynthia Williams to Jacalyn M. Sawyer	6/09	49,000
Near South		
3351 S. Prairie F. Qureshi to Jacek Jasko	6/03	43,000
1632 S. Indiana, #303 American National Bank & Trust to *	5/30	123,990
1632 S. Indiana Ave., Unit 407 American National Bank and Trust Co. to *	5/30	123,990
1632 S. Indiana, Unit 605 American National Bank & Trust to Eric Turner	6/03	100,095
1623 S. Indiana, Unit E ANB to Yvonne & James Montgomery	6/04	253,405
1423 S. Indiana, Unit B * to Glenn & Margaret Shaffer	6/05	675,000
1632 S. Indiana, Unit 706 American National Bank & Trust to Juan Torres	6/05	103,490
1632 S. Indiana#307ANB & T to Mendez and Bragado	6/05	120,990
1632 S. Indiana, Unit 709 ANB & T to Kevin Hineline	6/10	156,490
1632 S. Indiana, Unit 402 ANB & T to Patrick Crosby	6/10	178,990
1432 S. Michigan Ave., unit 501 * to Polly Ann Mapes	6/11	153,500
1522 E S. Prairie, #84 MCL Central Station Ltd Partnership to D. Wright	5/16	275,000
3203 S. Calumet James K. O'Neal to Arthur D. Moore	5/01	45,000
1522-0 S. Prairie MCL/Central Station LTD Partnership to John Berry	5/22	304,660
1632 S. Indiana, Unit 404 Paul Sinein* to Detera Katsulis	5/22	91,490
3112-14 S. Prairie *Bank of Chicago to Chris Anthansopoulos	6/13	50,000
1632 S. Indiana, #304 American National Bank & Trust to Sheryl Bond	6/12	97,990
1632 S. Indiana, #301 ANB & T to *	6/12	151,490
1632 S. Indiana, #309 ANB & T to D. Osborne Gresham	6/12	144,990
1632 S. Indiana, #601 ANB & T to Terrence Swope	6/13	149,400
1632 S. Indiana #306 ANB & T to Denise Conway	6/12	87,490
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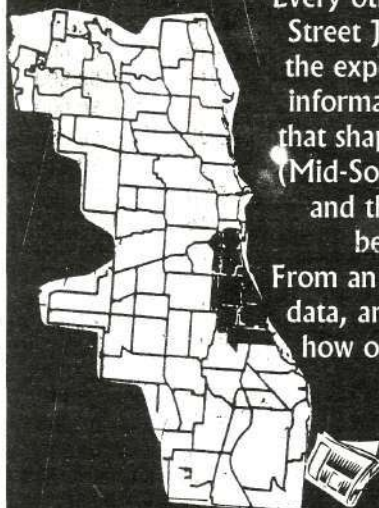
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