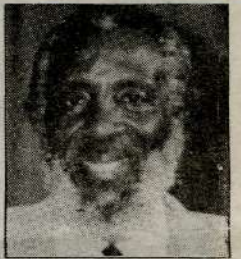


## Dick Gregory key speaker at Bronzeville Peoples Congress for Political Accountability



Dick Gregory

Bronzeville - Despite the unprecedented prosperity the United States currently enjoys, BOSS, (Bronzeville Organizing Strategy Sessions) charge that while these are good economic times for some, the growing disparity between the rich and the poor is evidence that not all is well at least in the Bronzeville area. Directing its attention to the Grand Boulevard area, 82 percent of children live in poverty.

Bronzeville, defined by BOSS is bound from the area between 22nd street to 71st, Dan Ryan to Cottage Grove as defined by St. Clair Drake and Horace R. Clayton in Vol. II of the book "Black Metropolis" (1962..

BOSS, a collaboration of key community-based organizations in the area is hosting the Bronzeville Peoples Congress, Saturday, June 27, from 10am to 12 noon, at Metropolis

Church, 4100 S. King Drive. The keynote speaker will be Dick Gregory, with special guest Malik Yusef and guest moderator Cliff Kelly.

"This is part of a series of community events that have been undertaken to improve the quality of life in Bronzeville through a community education and organizing process," said George Lowe of the Lake Meadows Tenants

Council and a member of BOSS. "We invite the community to become part of this event as we set standards for true political representation in the community."

The theme of the Congress is Political Accountability. "What BOSS hopes to accomplish at the Congress is a heightened awareness of the democratic process with elected leaders in our community," noted Lowe. BOSS will also present a manifesto detailing elected officials accountability to the residents.

In the organization's Community Manifesto and Covenant, it highlights an agreement to support only candidates for public office who agree to sign-on to their mission of the restoration of Bronzeville. It has ten points covering voter registration, Economic

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## Taylor Homes: The demo of the "Hole"

Washington Park - Terrell Elementary school received major attention early this year as numerous civic and community organizations submitted commitments once again in the Chicago Housing Authority's Robert Taylor Homes. With all the commitments for change CHA has proposed to demolish the entire 916 Taylor apartments and replace it with mixed income and commercial buildings.

The first were 154 units located at 3901 S. Federal. In process is 308 units, commonly known as the "Hole," 5322 S. State, 5323 S. State; and 5326 S. State all to be demolished by the end of this summer.

The shooting in Terrell Elementary school early this year was just one example of the problems in Taylor Homes, and specifically the Hole. Its name derived from "if you come in, you can't come out."

With all of the ill factors associated with the Hole, during the 60's and 70's Terrell school once had corporate punishment of the students.



The "Hole" at 53rd and State Street consisting of three public housing buildings is known for its name based on, once you come in, you won't come out. CHA efforts are underway to demolish more than 3,000 units of deteriorated public housing.

SSJ photo by Armadell Hicks

It also had a long history of low educational scores. Never-the-less it produced thousands of contributing citizens such as Phillip Jackson, Chief of Staff of Chicago Public Schools and Ron Carter, Publisher of *South Street Journal*. But still the low income community produce the common menaces to it.

For years the goal was to demolish high rise

buildings. Since February 1996 residents from the Hole have been informed they would have to move--as far as Denver, and CHA will pay for moving expenses," one CHA representative told a group of them at a meeting.

The choices given were scattered site housing or section 8. Many if not all chose Section 8, according to Villian Potter, a CHA spokesperson. Potter told SSJ that less than 19 families remain in two buildings.

Potter said that CHA has been working with families and the community weekly insuring all are relocated. She said all have received some form of Section 8 housing.

However, The Coalition to Protect Public Housing (CPPH) question the realty of Section 8 Housing.

Lydia Taylor a spokesperson for CPPH says

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## TIF proposed for 59th to 71st Street

### 70/30 Black economic development proposed for the 20th ward.

Woodlawn/Washington Park - A familiar site in most African American communities is major housing development followed by non-Blacks working on a great majority of the projects, especially in the construction trade. In the Washington Park community Cecilia Butler, executive director of Greater Washington Park Community Development Corporation (GWPCD) is charging the lead to address both concerns.

However, her organization's first concern is the redevelopment plan process for the Washington Park community.

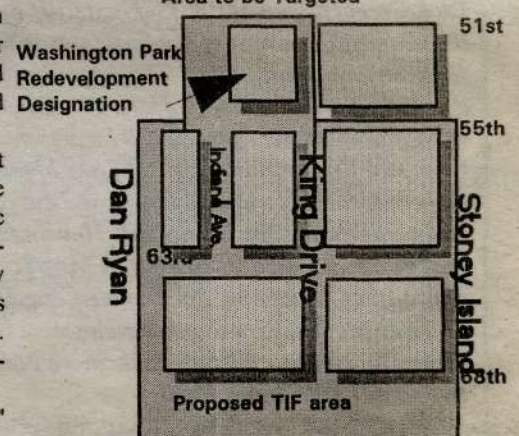
"The city of Chicago is now allowing The Woodlawn Organization (TWO), to take the assets of surrounding communities and call them Woodlawn" charged Butler.

WPPCD reported that the city's Dept. of Planning is maneuvering to create a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district for the two communities, extending from Stony Island Ave. to the Dan Ryan Expressway, down 63rd Street. The area is composed of two other communities; Englewood and Grand Crossing, all bound in the 20th ward and lead by Alderman Arenda Troutman.

The Washington Park and Woodlawn communities both lost 70% of its housing units and more than 50% of its population. The city of Chicago has allowed this to happen said Butler.

However, on-going plans for about a year

Woodlawn/Washington Park Area to be Targeted



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## The Lou Rawls Theatre: A development would revitalize 47th Street



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On the corner of 47th & King Drive, The Lou Rawls Theater & Cultural Center is nearing the start of construction as over 200 joined the ground breaking ceremony, (l to r) Mayor Richard Daley, Thema Smith, of Illinois Federal, Elize Higginbottom the developer, Ald. (3) Dorothy Tillman and Inez Andrews, gospel singer, attended the celebration.

Grand Blvd. - For over five years Grand Boulevard residents have seen their business strip on 47th Street stagnate despite efforts to revive it over the years. To their hope and wait is the

major project of the Lou Rawls Entertainment and Cultural Center which finally arrived with sound community participation of over 200 taking part in the Ground Breaking of the long

awaited Lou Rawls Entertainment Center.

Ald. Dorothy Tillman hosted a who's who in her terms, "A Wholistic Approach" in community development. Joining in the celebration was Mayor Richard Daley, entertainer Otis Clay, who starred in "Soul Food," Coco Talyor, Rev. Leon Finney, Phillip Jackson and Roy Hightower.

Unable to attend was Lou Rawls, but who donated \$100,000 to the project. He was joined with other donations such as a \$10,000 pledge by Dr. Leon Finney of The Woodlawn Organization, Hometown Distributors donated \$10,000 with an additional \$100,000 to be donated with the opening of the theatre. Elzie Higginbottom of East lake Management who is the contractor and developer of the project also donated \$50,000 in addition to property next to the land worth \$150,000.

The donations helped ease the concern that not enough private funds were involved in the project that is mainly supported by public funds--\$4.5 million from the city's Empowerment Zone funds. In addition a \$2 million city bond funded the project and the State of Illinois provided \$250,000 with the assistance of Rep. Lou Jones, who was also present at the ground-breaking.

Also in attendance was Wallace "Gator" Bradley who criticized the process, wanting a

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### Graduation Time

Dobie Gatson, a member of the class of 1998 at Mount Carmel High School, was ready to let his dreams take flight following the school's commencement exercises at Rockefeller Chapel of the University of Chicago. The graduate of Zion Hill Grammar School and son of Nobie and Deborah Gatson lives in the Mid-South community. **Congratulations to all Grads of Mid-South!!**

### Dr. Burroughs seeks former students

Dr. Margaret Burroughs is seeking all former students from all locations to set up and organize a Founders Committee. "I got the idea for the DuSable Museum from my students," Dr. Burroughs recently said. Persons interested can send their name, address, daytime and evening phone number, and the name of the school attended and the year you graduated to Dr. Margaret Burroughs, c/o the DuSable Museum, 740 E. 56th place, Chicago, IL. 60637. Meetings are now in session.



Dr. M. Burroughs

### Chicago Bee Branch at 36th State named Historic Site



Chicago's Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists presented the Chicago Public Library's Chicago Bee Branch at 3647 S. State St., with its historic sites in journalism plaque, honoring the former Chicago Bee newspaper for its editorial independence. The Bee Branch was the home of the Chicago Bee Newspaper, a leading African American newspaper that flourished during the 1930's and 1940's. The historical art decor, a Bronzeville treasure, was built by Anthony Overton, a Black entrepreneur and the publisher of the Chicago Bee.



### Disabled Children Need to Appeal Loss of Disability Benefits

Under the 1996 federal welfare reform legislation, the social Security Administration has reviewed the eligibility of hundreds of thousands of impoverished, disabled children nationally who receive disability benefits.

Some 8,595 Illinois disabled children out of 12,287 have been found to be no longer eligible to receive Supplemental Security income (SSI) benefits, but only 4,122 Illinois cases (or 53%) have been appealed.

Concerned that the parents of these children are still unaware that they have a right to appeal, Todd A. Smith, president of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), stress that lawyer volunteers are available to assist them. Even though the initial deadline has passed, anyone who did not appeal can do so immediately. Parents or guardians of children whose benefits are being terminated can call the Illinois Pro Bono Center at 1-800-471-9300 to request a referral to a lawyer volunteer.

### The Black Metropolis Boys Choir

A new 40 - member touring choral group is a vehicle to extend and broaden African-American history through young African American boys. Males between the ages of six and 16 from the Greater Grand boulevard area are invited to audition. For further information call 924-0461.

Coming:

### Chicago Bulls' 10th annual Shoot-The Bull 3-on-3 Classic

The Bulls are looking for hoopsters of all ages, shapes and sizes for the tournament. All entries must be received by Friday, July 17. Call 312/455-4000.



### In The News



## Calendar

### June

#### Thursday, 18

Mid-South Political Action Coalition (MS.PAC) meets every Thursday 7:00 pm. for info call 373-6292.

#### Friday, 19

#### Black Expo June 19 -21

#### at Soldier's Field

Having a Baby? Mercy Diagnostic and Treatment Center provides pregnant women and parents of newborns with information and support to help with the daily challenges. 1st & 3rd Fri., 1 to 3 pm at the Mercy D&T Center, 2525 S. Michigan. Call Ms. Lawrence at 312/667-6165 or Ms. Bluford at 567-7902

#### Saturday 20

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

Inner City Youth Foundation, Inc., at the Swift Mansion, 4500 S. Michigan Ave. extends to you a personal Breakfast invitation, every Saturday 10 am - 2 pm, concerning the condition and direction of young people in the community. Solutions and resources are welcome. For more information call Maurice Perkins 773/624-0803.

Lincoln Memorial Congregational United Church of Christ will conduct a community Health Fair at the Church, 6454 S. Champlain, 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. There will be inoculations for children, doctors for diabetics and blood pressure screening, pediatricians, gynecologists. Roseland Hospital will also be participating. All services are free. Refreshments will be served. For information call the church, 752-7379.

The City of Chicago's Farmers Markets will be held at 25 locations throughout Chicago runs through October. Dunbar High School parking Lot on June 20th and Oct. 24, in the Hyde Park community 52nd Place and Harper, on the Cul-de-sac at Harper Court Thursdays June 25 and last last market Oct. 22nd.

#### Monday, 22

Persons involved in discrimination cases meet every Mon. at 6:30pm at Rainbow/PUSH, 50th & Drexel.

#### Tuesday, 23

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

#### Wednesday, 24

Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3) ward meetings are held every Wednesday at 7 pm at 46th and King Drive.

#### Saturday, 27

South Street Journal's Town Hall AfterWork & Blues Set at Gerri's, 446 E. 47th St., 5:30 pm until, featuring the Andre Taylor & the Bronzeville Blues Band, Beverly Reed and Amateur Night. For information call 624-5846.

2nd Ward meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the Ward office located at 449 East 35th Street at 10:30. Phone 924-0014.

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

The Bronzeville People's Congress to be held at Metropolitan Community Church 4100 So. King Drive, Keynote speaker; Dick Gregory with special guest Malik Yusef and guest moderator cliff Kelly. For information call 312/949.9030.

University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service in partnership with the Scouting Network's Kennicott park 4-H program presents its annual citywide County Fair, at 4434 S. Lake park, noon to 2:30. Admission is free. Activities will include sports and games, contests, fashion revue, folk rock and pop show, arts and crafts, face painting, kids corner, urban gardening and nutrition booths.

#### Sunday 28

N'Cobra meeting at Washington Park Field House, 55th & King Drive. Meetings are held every 4th Sunday.

#### Monday, 29

De LaSalle High School annual summer enrichment program for boys and girls which includes both academic courses and sports camps. The program features two two-week sessions from Monday, June 29 through Friday, July 24. Students can stay a full day from 9 am to 3 pm or for a half day, taking a variety of classes. For information contact Mike Skowronske, 312. 842-7355.

### CAPS BEAT Calendar

2nd District - 5101 S. Wentworth 747-5209  
214 June 24, 6:30 pm 4058 S. Michigan  
3rd District 7040 S. Cottage Grove 747-7004  
321 June 23 7:00 500 E. 67th-Street  
21st District - 300 East 29th St. - 747-2930  
2113 June 24, 6:30 pm 2701 S. Shields  
2124 June 23, 7:00 pm 4434 S. Lake Park

## The UnZip

On the Good Ol' Boys or the White Boys, The signs are becoming clearer who some of the Good Ol' Black Boys and Girls are. Shame on or nice of Roland Burris for not naming that click. It is safe to say that State Senator Barack Obama supported John Smith, and Ald. Preckwinkle supported Smith and Burris by having them both on her election palm card. Look forward to Ald. Preckwinkle's reelection fund raiser. It is an impressive who's who in business and community politics. Among them are Dr. Leon Finney. Just formed is the new Black Panther Party, Chicago Chapter. No telling what its agenda is; however, we are sure their Mid-South member Beauty Turner is aware that the U.S. Marines were in Chicago to study how to conduct war in an urban city....The Panthers should also know as well as law enforcers two minority police officers were talking, one said to the other. "I transferred from the 22nd District because it has too many White Sheets. (The 22nd is in the Beverly community, it is also known to have the highest rate of police homeowners in one community area)....

Police and community tip: the person that stole SSJ's computers and newspaper hard copies is Michael Ralston. Some say he might have been paid to do so. Michael is about 6 ft., 200 lbs. and has dread locks down his back and resides at 7451 S. Shore Drive, Apt.#10D. James W. Compton appointed Stephanie Gatlin public relations director for the Chicago Urban League. Gatlin previously worked as a communications officer for the Community Renewal Society and as national secretary to the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. And will Hyde Parker, Delmarie Cobb, return to become Rev. Jackson's press sect. as he is considering running for president in the year 2000.



...Apologies are in order for Mark Allen, field director of Rainbow/PUSH. SSJ stated that Allen was given the pink slip to stay away from the meetings of the Black Task Force for Political Empowerment. Well Mark, we apologize as you became a member of PUSH Choir and a member of SSJ Advisory Board. We will see you at the next meeting June 11th.



Mayor Richard M. Daley was honored by the prestigious Library Journal as the magazine's first Annual Politician of the Year. Ironic with the discovery that many, if not most, school age children are reading far below national and state averages but are improving within the CPS's own new standards.. Since Daley took office in 1989, he has prepared for such an honor. 29 libraries have been approved for new construction and renovation....On the subject of BOSS and elected officials:

Dick Gregory, with Malik Ysef and Cliff Kelly will be among the attendees of a host of organizations in Mid South (Bronzeville) communities. The organization will be demanding accountability of elected officials June 27th. No word if Boss Mayor, himself will be present...BOSS ought to know that Vision's newsletter of Lake Meadows Tenants reports Ald. M. Haithcock has moved out of Lake Meadows. In Bronzeville its the Bronzeville Housing Redevelopment. This group is composed of Sharon 'Anzldi of Market Value Appraisals Community, Pat Dowell-Cerasoli, of MSPDC, Auderey Mathis, Shorebank Development Corporation, Susan McCann and Steve Weiss, South Shore Bank, and Dee Dee Williams, Communitas Realty.





**Mid-South Planning & Development Commission Honored as Neighborhood Group of the Year; membership raises question on leadership direction**



Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards, recognizes the work of the Mid south planning & Development Commission early this year. Accepting the award is (L to R) Iosu T.C. Chairperson, and Pat Dowekk-Cerasoli, executive Director, by Polly Nyberg, of the Fannie Mae Foundation presenting the award. MSPDC award comes with concern on leadership issues upon the signatoin of Dowell-Cerasoli.

the organization must move on without her.

In a plea to avert an organization shortfall between the board, director, and members, Dr. Sokoni Karanja, president of Centers for New Horizons and a founding member of MSPDC, attempted to set the tone of the meeting to avoid internal problems getting in the way of progress.

"The community has suffered from past organizational internal problems. ....The focus of the meeting should be on working to-

Grand Boulevard - As the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC) ended the 1997 year, it entered 1998 as the Chicago Neighborhood Development Award winner.

An organization of residents and representatives of community organizations, block clubs, businesses and churches, success of the MSPDC also entered 1998 with concerns raised on leadership accountability at its emotional April general membership meeting that attracted over 100 members concerned about the direction of the organization. It centered around the resignation of its executive director Pat Dowell-Cerasoli.

Bounded by 22nd to 51st Street, Cottage Grove/Lake Michigan to the Dan Ryan Expressway, the eight year old umbrella organization was formed to enhance the quality of life and preserve the cultural heritage of the community. Recognizing its achievements the Chicago Neighborhood Development Award which focused on different aspects of community revitalization, awarded MSPDC as this year's Non-Profit Neighborhood Development Group of the Year.

Under three chairpersons and its director Dowell-Cerasoli, said, "Bronzeville, comprised of the Douglas and Grand Boulevard communities, is one of Chicago's oldest and most historic neighborhoods. It was once recognized as the heart of African-American life and culture in the United States."

With pride in the work she has carried out as director, she told South Street Journal it may be just that time for her to go. But at the general meeting many members felt it was too premature for her to resign; others took the position

ther," he stressed. However, many at the meeting unaware of eternal problems wanted to know the issues between Dowell-Cerasoli and the board.

Specifics of the resignation were not spelled out at the meeting as many frustrations were expressed from the duties of board and staff to the agenda of the organization.

Today, Bronzeville is among the city's most economically distressed areas. More than 40 percent of the community's property is vacant, while 40 percent of the area's 66,000 residents live in Chicago Housing Authority developments. Using the Mid-South Strategic Development Plan (Restoring Bronzeville--a comprehensive land-use plan completed in cooperation with the city of Chicago and Illinois Institute of Technology) as an organizing vehicle. MSPDC is working with community development organizations and private developers to address both the housing and employment needs of the community.

MSPDC has also expanded the Black Metropolis concept and made it the primary theme of its work to foster "Heritage Tourism" and other business developments linked to the area's rich cultural history.

In addition to promoting affordable and market-rate housing development, MSPDC has also created the Bronzeville Institute, a collaborative partnership that offers training and support to entrepreneurs and established businesses. Among the Bronzeville Institute's most successful initiatives is the Self-Employment Program, a collaboration with the Women's Self-Employment Project that teaches residents how to start their own businesses.

**BLACK METROPOLIS CONVENTION & TOURISM COUNCIL Heritage Tourism Review**  
By Harold L. Lucas 773-548-2579



**Illinois legislative Black Caucus supports the "Black Metropolis /Pullman Porter Great Migration Blues Trail"**

The Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BMC&TC) and Historic North Pullman (HNP) traveled to the state capitol in Springfield, Illinois during the veto session on October 28 and 29, 1997. BMC&TC and HNP requested support from the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus (ILBC) for the Black Metropolis Blues Trail becoming one of six statewide Heritage Tourism Initiatives under the leadership of Donna Shaw, deputy director of the Illinois Bureau of Tourism (IBOT) of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. IBOT has launched an important new program of vital importance to the preservation of communities across the state. The Heritage Tourism Initiative is an economic development effort that uses heritage and cultural tourism as the engine to increase revenues, job growth and provide greater economic opportunity for local communities. IBOT will designate up to six large, regional, multi-county or multi-state demonstration projects for this three year project which will bring significant return to

the region while coupled with great history. Designation can bring funds for "development" activities including bricks and mortar construction projects, or extensive marketing depending on the community's need identified by the winning groups. The direct benefit to the preservation community will be additional attention, visitors and dollars spent at historic sites and communities due to increased tourism,

which in turn will provide new funds for investment in historic places. A follow-up letter from ILBC to deputy director Donna Shaw confirms the wisdom, support and legislative leadership of the membership of the ILBC on an innovative economic development opportunity for African-American communities statewide. The IBOT letter supported unanimously by ILBC was signed off by the following legislators:

- State Senators:** Donnie Trotter, Rickey Hendon, Barrach Obama, William Shaw, James Clayborne, Emil Jones, and Margaret Smith.  
**State Representatives:** Constance Howard, Monique Davis, Lou Jones, Harold Murphy, Howard Kenner, Shirley Jones, Eugene Moore, Arthur Turner, Yvetta Young, Mary Flowers, Charles Morrow, Coy Pugh, Tod Stroger, Calvin Giles.

Since September of 1996, 62 residents have graduated from the program and 123 have either started or expanded their existing businesses.

Acting as a grassroots organizer, intermediary, advocate and fundraiser, the list goes on of MSPDC's achievements for the Bronzeville community.

In addressing the resignation of Dowell-Cerasoli, board member, Greg Brown stated that if she rescinds her resignation to the board will be review and act on it. However, the T.C., chairman of MSPDC express his feelings to South Street Journal that at the meeting he questioned if anything was accomplished on Dowell-Cerasoli resignation, which is in a six month transition ending in July of this year. No update was unavailable at SSSJ deadline.

As MSPDC has created the foundation of its award it is guiding the development of the community's human, physical, social and economic infrastructure, its internal problems were seen by many as a growing stage of the organization. Many were pleased that the internal problems were put out in the public in order to keep the organization as a community hands-on development process that proves its commitment to the community.

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**People's Congress**

Development, Housing, and other issues. The Covenant also address issues of courteous in terms of returning telephone calls and answering all mail.

BOSS is expecting over 1,500 participants at this event. In doing so an all out reach for the community to be present is being organized.

BOSS will provide flyers, announcements and speakers at all requests. They are requesting all to RSVP by calling 312/949-9030. Dinner will be served at the Congress.

Participant organizations include Abraham Lincoln Center, Black Metropolis and Tourism Council, Centers for New Horizons, CHA Residents Organization, Chicago Urban League, Crusaders for Justice, Elliot Donnelley Youth Center, Gap Community Organization, Grand Boulevard Federation, Lake Meadows Residents Council, Lugenia Burns Hope Center, Mid South Planning and Development Commission, Partners in Community Development, Policy Research Action Group, South Gap Community Organization.



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# Organization Matters

## Focusing on organizations and Agencies serving the people of Mid-South



### Mid South Agency Organizations

**Community Development**  
 Grand Blvd.-The Grand Boulevard Federation 715 E. 47th St., 60653 Tel: (773) 548-8140 Fax: (773)548-6622 548-6622, 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.

Grand Blvd.-Mid South Planning & Development Commission: 4307 S. King Dr., 773-924-1330. A community organization composed of area residents, block clubs, community based organizations, institutions and businesses.

**Social Services**  
 Douglas-St. James Church, 2942 S. Wabash Ave. (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.

Douglas-Matthew House 3610 S. Giles, 773-536-3661. 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.

Grand Blvd. Onyx Resource Center, Inc., 4655 S. Michigan Ave & 1538 W. 79th St. (773) 651-6160, Fax (773) 651-6172. A social Welfare Agency with a mission inclusive to elderly, disabled, youth and families in advancing programs for money-management (Organizations pre payer for SSA), housing (HUD's FHA 203K, low-moderate income, home ownership program) work and leadership training, "I can" and "Kid for Kids" programs.

**Jobs and Economic Development**  
 Grand Blvd.-Inner City Youth Foundation, 4500 S. Michigan, 773-373-3929 Fax 773-624-5220, provides job placement, job referral, entrepreneurial and building activities for youth, and Empowerment Zone resource information on tax credits for EZ Businesses (employers) that hire EZ residents.  
 Near South - Partners In Community Development, Inc. 2929 S. Wabash, 2nd fl. (312) 674-2330 Fax (312) 674-0551. A community and economic development organization whose mission is to "Build Bridges while Building Communities".

Oakland Kenwood/-Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO) 1238 E. 46th St. Tel: 773/548-7500, Fax: 773/548-9264, provides job opportunities for individuals that possess basic work skills and skills in construction and labor. G.E.D. or High School Diploma required. Accepting applications for the new 47th St. Shopping Center. Contact: Project Director, Larry Steele, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Near South - Life Intervention for Families and Teens, Inc. 1229 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60605 (312) 435-5438. social service agency providing individual, youth and family counseling. Assistance available to schools, churches, hospitals, businesses and other agencies. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs and all special group programs. Sliding fee scale, contact: Diane Heliotis, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Director.

**Youth Services**  
 Grand Blvd. - Elliott Donnelly Youth Services of the Chicago Youth Centers. 3947 S. Michigan Ave. Contact: Marrice Coverson (773) 269-3815. The center works with youth from economically-disadvantaged neighborhoods to enhance educational opportunities, provide support systems for young people, strengthen family life, and ultimately help youth live productively in community by offering a variety social programs and activities for youth. CYC has more than 10,000 young members who participate in programs year-round.

**For your organization to be listed in South Street Journal Organization/Agency Directory please call us at our new # 773/924-0461**

By Lee Harrington  
SSJ Staff Writer

## The Ounce of Prevention fund "Making a Difference in Taylor Community"

Grand Blvd. - Nine children crowned with bright yellow construction hats and miniature shovels helped kick off The Ounce Of Prevention ground breaking ceremony for a new education facility located at the Robert Taylor homes. On hand for the festivities were Alderman Dorothy Tillman, Director of Region Five HeadStart Linda Carson, Lula Ford of Chicago Public Schools, Connie Brooks of Illinois Dept. of Human Services and Irvin Harris of the Harris Foundation. A three million dollar investment is being made in an effort to help the communities' most important residents...the children.



At the groundbreaking held at Farren Elementary School, 50th & State St. are (L to R) Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3); Linda Carson, Director Regional 5 HeadStart; Lula Ford, Chicago Public Schools; Irving Harris, Harris Foundation; Connie Brooks, Illinois Department of Human Services.

The center currently used is located on the second floor of 1848 South State where the conditions are less than ideal. The children and staff are forced to co-exist with gang activity, violence and roach-ridden facilities. "Everyday it surprises me that my staff comes to work" says Michael Burke, Public Relations Director for The Ounce of Prevention. "There was a shooting last week on the third and

fifth floor of the center. Yet today our doors are open. We have a high turnover but most people involved in this kind of work know how important stability is for the children."

The new center, designed by architect Stanley Tiggerman, will provide services for close to two hundred children ranging in ages from three months to five years. Such programs as Early HeadStart, HeadStart and Home Visits are just a few of the

learning opportunities being offered to young moms, providing them with much needed support and guidance to help raise a family, stay in school, and maintain a job.

"We're building a better future for our kids in Robert Taylor" Burke said proudly. "Childcare can no longer just be baby-sitting; young moms must learn the importance of singing, reading, and holding the baby...(because) babies can hear your voice, feel your heartbeat, and

these things can make all the difference in the world."

Founded in 1982 under the leadership of Irving Harris, Gregory Coler and Bernice Weissbourd, The Ounce of Prevention Fund is a private-public partnership between the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services along with the Pittway Corporation. The name was chosen to reflect the Fund's belief that it is more caring and cost-effective to use an ounce of prevention from the start than to treat later more serious problems through foster care, special education and the criminal justice system.

The new center will not solve all the problems in the community but it can be the foundation for a brighter future. Jewell Bell, Master Teacher at Garfield HeadStart, agrees. "Staff supports parents, parents support staff and we all support the children...I feel like all of us, the staff, the parents, the children, are a chain. We are going to keep that chain strong because we don't want to lose any links."

Due to open in the fall 1998, the Educare center will be nestled between DuSable High school and John Farren Elementary, creating a cradle to 12th grade campus.

Burke is sure this investment in the community will turn out to be well worth the effort. "If we respect them (the kids) they will in turn respect us by being viable participants in the community."

### Organization: Resource

**Akoben, Rite of Passage** forum for the basic Principles in Community Leadership and Organizing Class Spring 1998, will be sponsored by Lugenia Burns Hope Center, for the Study and Development of New World Community, featuring Dr. John Hilton, site director for the project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods. "Collective Efficacy": Developing Stronger and Safer Communities. June 16, 1998, 6 pm - Reception, 6:30 pm - Forum. At Center for Inner City Studies, 700 E. Oakwood-Lounge. RSVP by June 12th either phone, 312/949.9030 or fax 312/949.9032.

### Community Renewal Society Technical Assistance

**Workshops:** Nonprofit Startups is a workshop to introduce the processes involved in starting a community based organization from the ground up. There is no charge for this workshop. Session A - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Session B - 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 18, 1998, 332 S. Michigan, Suite.500.

### ACES Opens Office in Woodlawn

Woodlawn - To recognize families' needs, ACES, (Association for Children for Enforcement of Support) has announced the opening of the Chicago office at 1541 East 65th St.

ACES is the largest grassroots child support organization in the nation. Founded in March 1984, their goal is to reach out to the public to unite and help disadvantaged children obtain their child support payments.

The director of the Woodlawn office is Tashema Lindsey, an active community resident who has done a great deal of work with WECAN.

In Illinois 1.2 million children are owed \$1.4 billion in unpaid child support. ACES announced that Illinois will join Arizona and argue that Illinois will join Arizona and argue that parents do not have the right to sue their state government child support agency for failing to provide child support services and following federal laws.

### The city has awarded 216 cultural grants totaling \$700,100

to arts and cultural organizations through the city's CityArts Program.

Established in 1979 to serve new and emerging non-profit arts organizations, CityArts, through the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs provides funding in four income categories: new groups with income less than \$100,000; Developing groups with income between \$100,000 to \$250,000; Mid-size organizations with income between \$250,000 and \$2 million; and for institutions with annual incomes of more than \$2 million.

A total of 46 wards received funds. The 42rd ward received a total of

\$233,400, which represents the Loop and near Loop organizations and agencies.

The following is a list of grant recipients in the Mid-South wards.

**2nd Ward**  
 Black Theatre Alliance Awards, Inc. \$1,300  
 Chicago Multi-Cultural Dance Center \$5,000  
 Chicago Public Art Group \$4,000  
 CUBE \$1,600  
 Merit music Program \$5,000  
 Sherwood conservatory of Music \$4,000

\$20,000 Total

**Ward 3**  
 Elliott Donnelly Youth Center/CYC \$2,000 Total

**Ward 4**  
 Hyde Park Youth Symphony \$1,600  
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\$1,300  
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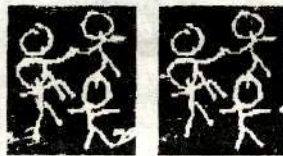
**5th Ward**  
 Alyo Children Dance Theatre \$1,6000  
 Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center. \$1,600  
 Court Theatre Fund \$4,000  
 DuSable Museum \$3,000  
 ETA \$5,000  
 Hyde Park Art Center. \$4,000  
 McKenna Ensemble \$1,3000  
 Mostly Music, Inc. \$2,500  
 MPAACT 1,600  
 Renaissance Society \$5,000  
**\$34,600 Total.**

**20th Ward**  
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# Rawls Center



SSJ Photo by Armen Hicks  
Elize Higginbottom (r) of East Lake Management, and Mayor Richard Daley on the viewing stand at the ground breaking of the Lou Rawls Center. The project received major financial support from Higginbottom and others after questions of a lack of private funding sources. The City of Chicago provided the bulk of funding for the project.

more open process with community participation. Joining in agreement was community activist Harold Lucas, both supporting the project. "We have waited patiently for seven years for community involvement in Ald. Tillman's plan for the revitalization of 47th Street."

Tobacco Road, basically organized by Ald. Tillman, received the land for \$1. The alderman informed SSJ last year, "We have a plan on 47th street. It includes rebuilding 47th street with the Lou Rawls Entertainment Center as the theatre for the area. That is where the theatre for the community will be."

The theatre will be a 42,204 square foot multi-purpose cultural center anchoring the business strip with its State of the Art features of a 700

seat entertainment theatre, 8,000 square feet restaurant, gallery/museum, walk of fame, easy access parking, educational center and radio station.

Mr. Higginbottom, one developer, stepped forward to meet the challenge for the project. East Lake Development and Management is carrying the day-to-day development of the project as it also is building communities. Tillman noted him as one of the most successful developers in the city. "We are pleased that Higginbottom is the developer. Elzie Higginbottom's credits are rated high in development projects."

His role in the community is tainted by some. Many progressive organizations have received him as a positive business leader. Many supported by him prefer to be quiet, because of political affiliations.

Under TIF (Tax Increment Financing) the city can get funds to redevelop areas that have been ignored. East Lake is involved in other areas of development for 47th street such as a Roller Rink on 47th and Vincennes, the African Village on the corner of 47th and King Drive, which soon will be open.

Last year the city's Dept. of Planning was in negotiation with major retailers such as the Gap to locate on 47th street, from Calumet to Vincennes. The City is also considering targeting 47th street as the Blues District as opposed to 43rd Street.

Focusing on the long term stability of business development, Higginbottom stressed, "We should be selling sports wear, rather than just being a consumer of them. Business leadership has been ignored here. This is a prime example of East Lake stepping up in our business responsibility."

Owning many properties in the Mid-South area, two projects on the way is a housing redevelopment on 43rd and King Dr. and converting the old Provident Hospital into a senior complex. East Lake is also providing construction for the new hotel on 39th and Michigan.

Actual construction for the Lou Rawls Center waits for additional city permits to be approved.

## White Sox Chairman visits Doolittle



Chicago White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, who served as a WITS Principal for a Day at Doolittle Intermediate and Upper School, helps students with their homework. The one-day program was organized by Working In The Schools (WITS) to help build a bridge between the public and private sectors.

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## "Gator" Bradley, announce Candidacy for Third Ward

Wallace "Gator" Bradley is preparing to run with a host of five unofficial candidates against 3rd Ward Alderman Dorothy Tillman. In a press conference held Wednesday, April 15, at city hall, "Gator" officially announced his candidacy charging that the third ward is not for sale. This would serve as the third attempt that Bradley has made to acquire the prestigious position of 3rd Ward Alderman. In his first attempt in 1991 Bradley was defeated by a considerable number only to bounce back in 1995 and force Tillman to a run-off, which still ended in defeat.

In his press conference entitled "Leadership for the People, for a Change" Bradley disclosed plans to file two separate injunctions to make inquiry into allegations of (1) a \$3 million gift of taxpayer money given to Tillman's Lou Rawls project by Mayor Richard Daley for redevelopment of land located at 4701 S. King Drive, known as the 47th/King Redevelopment Plan, subject to alternative proposals for consideration by the Community Development Commission as set forth by Public Notice; and (2) a no-bid contract the project awarded developer Elzie Higginbottom.

The press conference was to "serve notice to 3rd Ward constituents that the 3rd Ward is no longer for sale," according to Bradley. "Their concerns will no longer be taken for granted.

They will no longer be under threat of losing affordable housing; that rampant crime will no longer go unchallenged; that substandard learning institutions will no longer be permissible; and all other matters regarding quality community life and livelihood will no longer be business as usual!"

Alderman Tillman's office was contacted on this matter and when asked how they felt about "Gator" Bradley's official announcement, a reply of "no comment" was rendered.

Bradley affirmed his commitment to making the 3rd Ward like the city itself, a "community that works" for all its residents, seniors and children.

Also announced for the office was Pat Hill, president of the African American Patrolmen's League, and Dorothy Olivier, member of Stateway Advisory Council. Both are on SSSJ's Advisory Board.



Wallace "Gator" Bradley, candidate for third ward aldrman in February 1999

## KAREN'S KOMMENTARY "HAVING A (political) PARTY"

by Karen Brazil Breashears

Have you ever given a party and that special guest you invited failed to come--that brother you really wanted to get next to.

If you have, then you may sympathize with me and most of the other African-American candidates who ran for judgeships in the March 17, 1998 Primary Election. We worked long and hard hours to persuade our constituents to vote in that Primary Election, yet we had one of the lowest turnouts on record.

In many of our wards, less than thirty percent of the registered voters failed to vote. Maybe it was something we, the candidates, did or did not say, or had said.

Perhaps if we had Michael Jordan, Oprah, Puff Daddy, Janet Jackson, or Wesley Snipes telling African Americans that they would be at the polls, we would have had a better turnout. Obviously, telling African-American voters that we had a chance to elect the first African-American Governor for the state of Illinois and to change the complexion of the circuit court of cook county, did not ring a bell.

Even more



interesting about the March 17, 1998 primary is what occurred two days afterwards. That's when certain police officers took partying to another level and rearrested Jerimiah Mearaday. Now that was a party, and it didn't stop there.

Days after Jerimiah's rearrest, police officers issued to Mearaday's neighbors and other folks who happened to be on the street near his home, those invitations in the form of subpoenas to appear before the grand jury or go to jail.

Although we did not get that invite/subpoena, five African-American attorneys--R. Eugene Pincham, Cassandra Watson, Arvin Boddie, Furmin Sessions, and myself--appeared pro bono before Tom Fitzgerald, chief judge of the criminal court to have those subpoenas

squashed. That is one of the peculiarities of a party. You can't always anticipate what may happen or who may come when you give it.

However, rest assured that if African-American voters had accepted the invitation of African-American candidates and voted in record numbers in the March 17th primary, the police would not have celebrated by holding their party for Mearaday and his neighbors.

For information regarding this subject, call 773-288-6172 or 312-793-4479.



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## 63rd St. TIF



"The Washington Park community has been "Raped" and now it is on the chopping block," stresses Cecilia Butler, executive director of the Greater Washington Park Community Development Corporation.

called for the area bound from 51st to 61st, King Dr. to Indiana to be a Redevelopment Area organized by the city and Ald. Troutman.

When SSSJ contacted the Dept. of Planning, Beckey Carol representing the city said no TIF is actually set for the area. She explained that TIF's traditionally have been used for redevelopment of commercial and industrial areas. The Woodlawn TIF is made of 2/3 housing.

Ms. Carol Troutman, spokesperson (sister) of Ald. Troutman, said the TIF is on hold for four to five months. "There are some agenda problems that must be worked out and the Alderman wants to make sure the community has as much input as possible before submitting it to the city."

Butler's concern is that Washington Park is being included for Woodlawn redevelopment extending west of King Dr. to the Dan Ryan.

"We have been raped and our residents have been displaced all over the city. Now they are allowing the Woodlawn community to claim another community's assets," said Butler.

"This type of action cannot be allowed to happen. If so, communities all across this city would cross boundaries, and claim what is not theirs, stressed Butler. "The residents of these communities have been misled to think that this is strictly a Woodlawn redevelopment project by its name and it is not," Butler said. The other two communities involved have never been notified of the plans.

"We the residents of the surrounding communities demand that this TIF be called "63rd Street Corridor TIF to see if the city of Chicago will do the right thing." Ms. Troutman added that the name "Woodlawn TIF" will remain as it was voted on at a May community meeting. In addition a steering committee will be organized to address the strategic plans for the TIF. Ms. Troutman added, in lieu of a concern that eventually the TIF will increase residents taxes faster than the regular flow of redevelopment. She said senior citizens' taxes will be frozen upon the TIF being implemented.

Butler questions "Why the Reverend (Dr. Finney) is busing (people) into meetings, to fight against the righteous name of this TIF."

Dr. Leon Finney of TWO was not able to be reached for comment but did inform SSSJ early this year that a housing plan is in the planning stages for 63rd street which is part of the redevelopment demolishing the "EI". He also said that a new development organization will be formed, which was to be announced earlier this year.

In line with GWPCD, it also will be a Black development corporation. GWPCD submitted 3,000 signatures calling for a 70/30 Black economic development plan for the 20th Ward that was supported by Ald. Troutman.

Eminent Domain, a City's action where it can legally declare one's home, store, land, as their own as it was done on 35th st. for the new Police Station, is already in operation.

Ms. Troutman said many stores on 63rd street have received letters from the city to relocate as it is the case with Vito's. The grocery store's land has been identified as land to be developed on 63rd street. Vito's owner says he's happy with the offer provided by the city as he prepares to relocate to 79th street.

## Woodlawn's Dumas 4-H Club Springfield Legislative Connection



Dumas School of Woodlawn meet with State Representative Howard Kenner during their recent visit: to Springfield from L to R , Davina bogan, Vincenta Easterling, Trianna McDaniels, Courtney woods, and Jawana Lee.

Springfield--The Scouting Network of Cook County Dumas School 4-H members and leaders talked with Illinois legislators, toured the State Capitol building and learned first-hand about the legislative process during a recent 4-H legislative connection.

The even linked lawmakers with 4-H club representatives to teach club members about state law and to showcase 4-H club efforts. During the one-day event, 4-H clubs from across the state displayed their community action projects to show how they have impacted Illinois residents.

This event was truly a celebration of the many wonderful community betterment efforts led by our 4-H members," said Valerie Lyons, club

leader of the Dumas Elementary School in Woodlawn. "Illinois lawmakers had a very visual message about the size and scope of many exciting and challenging 4-H community improvement efforts."

The club members from Dumas who participated in the event included Courtney Woods, Davina Bogan, Vincenta Easterling, Trianna McDaniels, and Jawana Lee.

The Dumas 4-H program is funded by the Scouting Network, a community-based agency serving 600 youth annually in the communities of Austin, Chatham, Kenwood/Oakland, Grand Boulevard and Woodlawn. For more information, contact Tony Bell at 239-3723.

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# Taylor/CHA

the housing market in Chicago will not bear the amount of people CHA is so-called placing in CHA. "CHA already has a waiting list of 61,000 families," said Ms. Taylor. She based her findings on a market analysis by the University of Chicago that pointed to many issues from other developments such as Cabrini, Horner, and Aba relocation of tenants; 30% returned due to housing discrimination in the tight rental market. She also added HUD is no longer offering multi year Section 8; instead only annual contracts with property owners. "This can make families very transit and homeless."

Reports indicate that Chicago has 1,500 homeless families daily. Some tenants feel they have been put out and did not want to move. Ms. Day, who is now an elder, moved to 5322 S. State in 1964. She said she is forced to move and worried about her future residency. She prefers to stay at Taylor if she can.

Since the Federal takeover in 1995, CHA reported it has designed redevelopment plans that go beyond bricks and mortar--redeveloping public housing into low-rise and less densely populated developments. To achieve this will result in more than 3,000 units of deteriorated public housing to be demolished and replaced in six major developments. In Mid South it includes Stateway Gardens, 35th & State; Clarence Darrow, 39th & Cottage; Lakefront Properties, 42nd & Oakenwald; Washington Park, 44th and Cottage; and Dearborn Homes, 26th and State.

### Historic Problems

It is nothing new what is happening as many residents of public housing stress. Many say the blame lies with CHA. The other cause is said to be (80%) residents who do not live there. Millions of dollars go through public housing drug trade. "It's about making money," one police officer said. "It is all about land. It is an empowerment zone."

### Crime: Protection by the National Guard

A historically unprecedented series of events resulted in the demolishing of Taylor and other public housing. Crime has been the most ill problem of public housing. Corporate crime has been reported from CHA employees to its executives. But street crime has always been the major factor with the most attention. In spite of, CHA police Chief Leroy O'Shield said, the fact that crime is down 5% in CHA since August of last year. CHA Police Department (CHAPD) delivered nearly 500 firearm weapons to 48th & State Street, where they were transferred to a Hammond, Indiana based steel mill, melted down and used for I-beams. The weapons were confiscated during arrests made by CHA police officers between 1991-1996, and have been stored as evidence for criminal trials.

### Security

Derrick, a security officer for 21 years said when they first got started ten years ago there were about 200 security officers with no weapons in CHA. "But they (CHA) pulled us out after we got things under control." "The program was for five years. They took us off the front doors leaving the entrance doors open. They say, so the police can get easy access. But that left the door open, putting a stop on monitoring the visitors. Drug dealers became the security as they pat down visitors, buying drugs or not."

Early this year a call was made by State Rep. Howard Kenner urging Gov. Edgar to bring in the National Guard to provide protection to the students at Terrell. "They have become virtual prisoners in their own homes because of continued gang violence," recalls Rep. Kenner. "The National Guard was to provide protection for kids, allowing them freedom to leave home and attend school safely."

Kenner continued to say. "There is a basic right that all of our kids deserve, regardless of where they live. The national guard is designed to aid citizens in times of crisis. There was a crisis there (The Hole)."

The national guard never came, but residents lead by Rev. Herbert Martin of Progressive



SSJ File photos

Tenants march from Robert Taylor Homes from 53rd and State Street "The Hole" two years ago addressing the issues and problems of Taylor a demonstration that has been common in many CHA developments. As the issues and problems remain, the focus now is the replacement of the tenants and the future of public housing as HUD's direction is to demolish all public housing high rises.

Baptist Church called on Black men to provide security for the students at Terrell.

### Community Meetings

"This is not Soweto (South Africa), it is Chicago, and we need a lasting program." These remarks were made by Charles Mingo, principal, DuSable High School. He reported that Rev. Martin helped organize community meetings before the new year addressing problems of public housing along State Street corridor. Mingo said, "Social service agencies from around the community who are involved in improving the academic performance at six schools that have been on probation by the Board of Education have been meeting together." Attucks, Coleman, Farren, and Hartigan are feeder schools for DuSable High School, servicing public housing on State Street.

City wide coalition challenges CHA on building for upper income at the expense of the poor. The CPPH presently is in negotiations with CHA addressing the agency's priorities in building new housing and with an "Over Sight Committee" which has only met two times.

Last December about 175 members of CPPH, including 70 religious leaders, prayed for Mayor Richard Daley and HUD secretary, Andrew Cusomo to address the "Real" public housing crisis.

The group demanded they release details of demolition and relocation plans of public housing. Led by the Rev. Yvonne V. Delk, executive director of the Community Renewal Society, the housing advocates cited a July 10th internal CHA memorandum, which indicates that about 18,444 units are slated for demolition in the next five years and 34,000 families could face relocation or worse. "While the so-called redevelopment of public housing is being driven by federal mandate, you have the power to intervene and demand inclusive, reasonable development plans," said Delk, referring to Daley. "You have the power to prevent the massive homelessness that will result from the current federal mandate."

The advocates have vowed to continue demonstrations and to nurture the growing coalition of clergy, public housing residents, civil rights activists, lawyers and others in fighting for emergency housing needs.

As the members of the coalition are considering filing a federal lawsuit on behalf of residents to halt the displacement, the courts issued a ruling that CHA must replace at least half the

units it demolishes. CPPH wants one for one. According to the Chicago Reporter CHA contended that replacement housing is not guided by the landmark 1969 Gautreaux desegregation decision which governs all CHA redevelopment.

### Solutions

Ken Dunkin, Director, Taylor Boys & Girls

Club, reaching out to the Street Organizations said things are workable with the gangs. Dunkin stated he is working with the youth and having them to reach out to each other.

"We can come up with many solutions for the problems and issues facing Taylor Homes, but we must include the youth that are in the middle of the problem. Agreeing with Dunkin is Kubala Torre, of America-I-can, who is working with street organizations and youth and James Muhammed, of the Nation of Islam. Both stressed meeting with gang members to find out what the problem is.

One resident said, "Stop the problem by stopping the drugs."

The main focus of the committee of organizations involved with solutions will include police coordination, parent participation/tenant patrol, and gang intervention.

For the rest of Taylor, north of 47th Street Mattie McCoy, president of Taylor A, said, "We expect CHA will start demolishing our end in about five years. We know what goes up must come down." She added that maintenance service has not improved but we are continuing to address residents' concerns for better living conditions.

Still, the CPPH will hold a "People's March & Rally" on Friday June 19. They will gather at 10:00 am at three meeting points: westside, Jackson and Halsted; northside, Chicago and Hudson; southside, Roosevelt and State.

Ms. Taylor said the coalition charges that the poor people are being attacked on all sides, with public housing demolition, defunding of Section 8, welfare reform without jobs, police brutality and construction of prisons instead of homes.

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# Mid-South Wards: Getting Washington's Base of Voters Out to Vote

Mid-South - "I'll see you at 1:30," one Roland Burris supporter's announced to another on Saturday the weekend before the last election, as a group of 25 to 30 of them left the 35th and King Drive shopping plaza carrying their large red and white Burris for Governor signs.

These men and women were rising to the challenge to "Get Out The Vote." Their push, prod, pull and pump up the vote to get Illinois closer to its first African-American Governor was deflected by money for more troops. Then some say there are other reasons why Burris was defeated.

Burris won every ward in Mid-South, all Black wards in the city of Chicago, winning Cook County as he made an average of two to three stops a week in Mid-South, from Liberty Baptist Church on 48th and State, a forum at Christ Apostolic Church on 63rd and Cottage, Indiana Pentecostal Church, Harris YWCA for a candidate forum organized by Ida Fulton, on to the rally at Bethel AME on 45th and Michigan where BIPO (Black Independent Political Organization) held their rally for Burris.

Hopes were high for Burris to win the primary, but the numbers could have been greater as the majority of registered voters did not come out to vote. The registered voters can out less than most Black wards. The 2nd and 3rd wards came in even less.

Historically that has not been the case as Mid-South wards (the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 20th) have been the leaders in Black politics, setting the tone for other election results: from Oscar DePee to Bobby Rush, from Ralph Metcalfe to Tyrone Kenner, from Harold Washington to Dorothy Tillman. The base that produce Harold and others no longer vote.

There was much speculation about whether Roland Burris would make a strong bid for governor of Illinois as his endorsement from Black elected officials were weak in getting the vote out. At one time he lead in polls across the state against opponents John Schmidt, Jim Burns, and Glenn Poshard. The hope was splitting the vote as it

## GOVERNOR'S DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RESULTS in the MID-SOUTH WARDS

WARD	Roland Burris	John Schmidt	Jim Burns	Glenn Poshard	Total Registered Voters
5	7,436	1,314	286	250	28,717
4	7,089	1,132	289	188	28,769
20	6,279	226	245	84	25,159
2	6,091	771	304	282	26,825
3	5,274	224	249	82	27,803

Ranking in order of wards based on highest African-American votes cast for Roland Burris: 8, 6, 21, 34, 9, 17, 18, 7, 5, 4, 24, 37, 28, 20, 29, 2, 3, 15, 27, 19, 16, 48, 49, 46, 42, 50.

Data compiled by the Committee to Preserve Voting Rights and the Board of Elections.

happened for Harold Washington when he was elected Mayor of Chicago. Many contend that a low voter turnout was to the benefit of many candidates and elected officials secretly. *Do not wake the sleeping giant as it woke up for Harold Washington.*

As Washington's last public appearances were in the Oakland/Kenwood community the day he died, that seems to have been the last public appearance of Mid-South base of voters as well.

Burris stated money was a major set back. He expressed concern regarding people that pledge financial support that never materialized. He said to WVON talk show host Cliff Kelly that he could count on his fingers the number of Black businesses that contributed to his campaign, citing one with a \$10,000 contribution that he did not want to disclose his name.

Hyde Park resident Delmarie Cobb, Director of Communications for Burris, noted that it's sad case when many in the African American community who could have contributed support but didn't. It gave her a head full of experience never before in any campaign she has worked on.

After the campaign WVON radio proposed gathering a report to indicate who supported Burris and who did not in the African American wards. It will also look at the results of the election with the highest (89) number of Black candidates who ran in the March 17th election.

With nearly 20 years of service in government, Burris, a political veteran, staked everything he is or has been as a trusted politician on winning the Democratic gubernatorial candidacy. But regardless of Burris' qualifications the concern was not based on a great candidate, but voting against another candidate as it voted against Jane Byrne when she ran against Harold Washington. Or based on many other reasons.

At the start of Burris' campaign he targeted

300,000 votes statewide in order to win. The winner, Glenn Poshard, won with over 350,000 votes.

Burris ran his campaign based on issues, such as a third airport to bring 236,000 new jobs to south suburban Chicago. But that issue was not the turning key for votes. Many say Burris did not hit the 18 to 34 year old age group when he did not say enough or hit hard enough on food stamps, DCFS, welfare, and police brutality. Other indicate he wasn't Black enough, being viewed still to much a "democratic man" rather than an innovative Black candidate.

At one post election forum Burris was viewed as the major vote-getter in Chicago and Cook County where a motion was made by political activist Bruce Crosby to push for Burris to run for mayor in the election of 1999. The discussion lead to a motion for three prominent political organizers to come together to strategically make that happen.

But among them was their bitter history that would not allow this to happen. The focus of the forum returned its attention to the election in November where Burris endorsed Poshard.

Mid-South voters produced Harold and others. But the challenge is not to produce the right candidates. The challenge is what happens between elections to produce the voters to vote for the accountable political leadership that Mid-South strives and desires for.

As Harold would say, "Period."



### Perspective

# Reparations Aren't Just About Slavery and Black History. Its about oppression today and thereafter

by Brian Kenner

The idea of the proposition of reparations for the African American has, over the past few years, been piking up energy. The government have decided to table the issue or put it on the back burner until a later date, which they expect won't come anytime soon, if at all. Its as if we're expected to "let bygones, be bygones." This is too much to expect of a people that has been discriminated against, beaten and lynched, with no protection from the government. Not to mention that slavery itself was/is a government endorsed act that brought out the worst in mankind's treatment of his fellow man. Laws known as Jim Crow during the 50's and 60's were established with the express written intent to separate, cast out and press down African Americans. During crow's tenure as the supreme law of the land, Blacks had no protection, and all guideline led them off economic and cultural lines. They weren't able to sit at service counters in restaurants. Couldn't use the same restroom facilities as white counterparts. Couldn't drink from the water fountains. Couldn't make equal wages for equal work; sit at the front of the bus. The progression didn't end in a standing room only situation but instead started



over, even if it meant at this time that Blacks would have to get off the bus in an overcrowded situation. Money in this case was non-refundable, of course. (Ironically, Blacks were entrusted with the care of white children.) We were being lynched, with entire communities knowing full well who the perpetrators were but because they were being judged by a "jury of their peers," they usually escaped punishment altogether (as white cops do today). Most times no one was ever even prosecuted. Blacks were being unjustly punished for minor offenses. In the movie "Sounder" Paul Winfield received several years hard labor for stealing a handful of meat so that his family could have on balanced meal. This discrimination, of course, went much further. Now don't think because you lived in Chicago and not the south that you somehow received some sort of discrimination immunity. In the south it was Jim Crow, in the north it was Defacto Segregation. Blacks simply couldn't do anything they wanted, such as live in the neighborhood of their choice. (Try and move to Bridgeport today.) We couldn't take a leisurely stroll in the north. The pain and suffering went a lot further than one could ever express without writing a book. Reparations. It has been estimated that the 40 acres and a mule promise of

freedom that never materialized is worth approximately \$150,000 in today's currency. These monies would be available to each legitimate African American descendant of slaves, and is said to be worth some \$2 trillion to USA. Taking into account this figure represents roughly some 12 million families. With this kind of help you realize why government has adopted a hands-off approach to this whole idea. Understand, government would have us to believe that Uncle Sam's pockets simply aren't that big. This figure itself has made many politicians adopt that mother wit which teaches, "Ignore them and they'll go away." Some have said its an impossible idea. Others have said that there's no chance of it ever coming to be. For those that don't believe the possibilities, let's take a quick historical overview. The Jews in Germany during World War II endured the most catastrophic holocaust of the century. It was, without question, genocide at its best. They endured physical as well as mental tortures that were endorsed by government. Millions died. Families were broken and lives shattered. They were uprooted from their homes and herded together as cattle on their way to slaughter. It lasted the length of the war. The German government adopted into law what is known as the "Federal Compensation Law." Established in 1953 the law sets aside funds specifically for survivors of the holocaust. Since its establishment, more than \$58 billion in reparations have been paid to survivors of the Nazi persecution. The lame excuse that it can't be done. Enough of excuses, let's search the slate for who has their priorities straight for the coming millennium. I can't think of one thing I could do with 40 acres and a mule, so just "Show me the money."





Editorial from the Publisher

# The Mid-South Common Ground Land, Money and the Law



Ron Carter,  
Publisher & Editor

Thank's to the readers for their continued confidence that the South Street Journal would overcome its setbacks and get back on the streets. Stability of the newspaper is not at ease. But credit to those that helped and are about to.

In the absence of being printed, a lot was learned. And a lot was encouraged to stay the same; to provide the reality with integrity. However, the old saying in the newspaper business is "It's not about telling the truth, it's about getting the truth" and then the Gossip is "The Truth Shall set you Free!"

One questionable truth is in the beginning of South Street Journal, money was not the first factor. But money was the first for some Black publishers and one white, that were asked to publish a newspaper for this area. As the circles are being developed politically and financially, on who is in who's camp, the cost of freedom of the press (South Street Journal's) has been raised i.e., what circle it will belong to. One lesson for sure is there should be no question of the Freedom of the Press. But freedom does cost. Money.

The Common Ground is that Mid-South has a host of issues with political overtones. As voting is half the answer, what happens between elections is the other half. Land, Money and the Law is the groundwork of all interest. The bulk of prosperity still goes to those that live outside the community with funds granted for uplifting the less fortunate: the junkie that needs medical assistance; the youth that needs resources with a mission; social pimps instead of business development.

The common work planned by community groups seven years ago is materializing. But, the hard and often unanticipated fact is that it is virtually impossible to maintain an alert, intelligent community on all resources for survival without knowledge and how to use it. As stories are submitted of resources, still by design, too many public officials, ministers, and leaders of the community admirable and indifferent are not accountable to the present residents first. John DeVaugh, a community activist keeps saying it's the Old Model City Plan of twenty five years ago.

Land is the bottom line where the drug dealers on 53rd & State Street received a lesson on whose turf (land) it really is. As Taylor is being demolished, the

families (and many drug customers) go homeless. I don't think the Mafia would allow that to happen to their families. There should have been more accountability to the families. SSJ did warn them all.

But common residents too will get a lesson. Such as those in Washington Park community, as the vacant land between 50th and 63rd on Prairie Avenue for years is just that a prairie, waiting for someone to develop it: admirable and/or indifference for the present residents first.

Bronzeville remains the new frontier as it is featured in the *Chicago Sun-Times* and *N'Digo*. Credit to Mid-South Planning and community activist Harold Lucas who lead the drive to *Restoring Bronzeville*. The term or name represents many boundaries. Yet most residents do not see the meaning, as high cost housing is the market for most developers, making it hard for the present property owners to keep up with the new taxes and the economic incentives that come with it. As the drive continues to market for middle and upper income instead of making the middle income of the present residents. Land and housing do not produce jobs, business does.

The \$100 Million Empowerment Zone Funds are supposed to have been the seed to do that. Many residents do not have a clue of the financial and economic benefit. As one local Black businessman stated after a 47th Street Business Association meeting, "Everybody does not need to know what's going on." This keeps him in a higher position to compromise the life styles of uneducated community residents. On the other hand many can see the game, as they discuss it among themselves.

The biggest show for major development of the Empowerment Zone funds recently was the Lou Rawls Entertainment and Cultural Center groundbreaking. Once finished it is to create 100 jobs. But money was also received by Mid South Planning and Development Commission, Centers for New Horizons, the 47th & Lake Park Plaza and St. Edmunds Church and others.

Based on the Washington D.C.'s mandate of a five year projection, residents at the bottom should feel the benefit of the funds. That report status of jobs created has not been provided. There are three years left. Equally there should be about \$33 million coming to the Mid-South communities that create and

maintain jobs of the \$100 million plus. The government's *bottoms up* approach to spending the money means those who are homeless and jobless should be at the table deciding where the money goes and to who. If that's not the case, then the glass is bottom's up on the people.

When Bobby Rush and Mayor Daley say "Power to the People" then we can be assured that the *Bottom's up Process* of the money is going to be in effect. Until then, it is hoped that the BOSS Congress will ensure that.

The Law was well portrayed in the movie the "Devil's Advocate." As minor as traffic court may be it represents the inhumane unbalance of the law. The racial representation of court punishment remains 75% Black, 20% Hispanic and 5% others. It makes one wonder if African Americans in Chicago are just bad drivers; whites get away with things, have speed scanners, pay their tickets by mail or police just let them go.

Robert Lee, a supervisor of public defenders explains, "It does seem that Blacks feed the punishment and jail system but that's not the case." He continued to say, "Crime is a reflection of poverty and it is a product of poverty. The law tends to be against those of lower income. But as it just happens that Black are at the lower income level so the law works better for those that have money. We as public defenders are not about proving one guilty or not, but more of presenting a defendant's options" (Plea Bargaining).

He went on to say, "The law is a result of elected officials who feed off the public that want a strong position of punishment and increase sentencing. As a result the courts have a mandate to implement. He added that it is fair to say that 30% of the persons in jail are not guilty.

Mayor Daley recently praised his *Commission on Police Integrity* as an excellent blueprint for change. The report acknowledges that corruption exists among police officers. One of the recommendations was aimed at disciplining supervisors "who know of wrong doing, but do nothing to stop it." This commission should include the courts that protect police corruption, only paying close attention to those that can afford a good lawyer.

Instead, Mayor Daley calls on Chicagoans to sign petitions supporting the City's Anti-Gang Loitering Ordinance, where the police have the power to arrest any "gang" (youth that look like) members, in groups of two or more, those mostly at the lower income level.

As the ordinance was rejected by the Illinois Supreme Court, the city now wants to present its position to the

Supreme Court. The tragedy is the city is fueling the rise of the population of prisons in Illinois from 1,500 in 1993 to more than 2,700 in 1997, according to the corrections department statistics.

Rather it is in traffic court or in the prisons, systemically African Americans feed the punishment and jail systems. It is being done by police corruption, prosecutors and judges who have a blindness of justice, such as the man killed by police on 55th and Prairie Ave.; the Rev. and Mrs. Luther of Shine Light Missionary Baptist Church at 50th & Prairie, handcuffed to chairs while in the police station, and told if she moved he (the police) would blow the Rev.'s head off. The Coalition Against Police Brutality reported that just in the Mid-South area, over 3,500 cases of police misconduct were presented to them.

When I was arrested for DUI by Officer Shorter, as I was walking out of the police station his partner whispered in my ear, "I know its wrong." So did the other six police officers at 111th and Calumet Freeway. Just like the public at large and public officials know the law is wrong. The cases of Rodney King are hidden openly.

The two letters to the editor ask for help. I ask for help too. The right thing to do is to investigate cases of people who are victims and are in jail due to police corruption. Have the police take polygraph tests.

The Common Ground. Now more than ever the community must be involved as the community becomes victims of the land, the money and the law that is suppose to benefit them. It is almost like being a prisoner of its own resources.

We welcome editorial reply.



## RAILROAD OF INNOCENT BLACKS

Dear South Street Journal:

I am writing to you in order to catch the attention of the people in the community and let them know how investigators and detectives railroad innocent Blacks.

It all started when two boys were shot in the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartment, which occurred on July 11, 1996. One guy, Lucas Lyles, was shot a numerous times but he lived; another, Cornell Randle, was shot but he died.

A couple of days later I heard someone knocking on the door, then the knocking turned into pounding. The detectives came into my apartment with a young man who goes by the nickname of "Snoop." When I went to the door, I saw that the lock was broken. The detectives kicked the door open. When they entered I was hit. They told me they wanted to take me to the station for questioning, and I asked them for what?

The detectives didn't have a search warrant or a warrant for my arrest. They asked me did I have a gun in the house. I said no. After a search of the apartment, they handcuffed me without reading me my rights and my next door neighbor and family members were watching them take me out of my mother's house.

When I arrived at the station, the investigators asked me what did I know about the murder of Cornell Randle and the shooting of Lucas Lyles. I told them I knew nothing. They then put me in a line-up with five other guys. The three guys told the investigators that I punched Lucas Lyles with my fist before he and his friend were shot. Now I was home on vacation from college. I attended Dillard University in New Orleans. I've never been locked up a day in my life and I'm saying to myself, why me?

When I was at the station, they treated me like a criminal. They wouldn't let me call my mother or a lawyer. I was not allowed to talk to anyone. The investigators handcuffed me to a wall for two days.

Every time they came in the room and asked me questions about Cornell Randle and Lucas Lyles, I would tell them I didn't know what happened, which I didn't. One of the investigators started beating me in my back ribs and in my head. This was going on every time he would ask me what happened. The investigators told me if I didn't say that I hit Lucas Lyles I would never see my son or my family again. So I told him if that's what I have to say to go home then yes, I hit him. I was tired of being beaten; didn't know what they were going to do to me. They beat me and didn't

feed me until two days later.

I don't know the tactics investigators use to send people to jail. They got a guy to sign a statement against me and reversed it and put it on me because they guy had put my name on it.

My point is that that the police investigators interrogated me, they used police brutality, conspiracy, discrimination, racism, revenge, corruption, etc. I want some justice done about my case and the situation I am in. I need help and I want something done about this before it happens to someone else.

T. Buford  
Grand Boulevard

## A FAMILIAR "DEATH ROW" CALL

Dear Editor:

My name is Aaron Patterson. I am currently incarcerated on Pontiac Death Row for a crime I did not commit! Unfortunately I am unable to prove my innocence sitting here. I need help in doing that. I have a few attorneys who are working on my appeals which is good. What I need besides that is investigation work done on my case. I want to prove actual innocence, not just getting out on some type of court technicality. I need people to go out and search for the truth by questioning witnesses, analyzing prints found at crime scene. Whoever takes on this task must do a job the Chicago police refused to do.

We have a few leads as to who actually committed this crime but we are still missing key info. To confirm it I will furnish you with all necessary info, police reports, affidavits, trial transcripts, or any other info that is needed to help solve this crime.

My case has been in the news concerning my pleas of innocence and I have a strong following of supporters in the U.S. and overseas. There has been a lot of talk about innocent persons being released and whether there were other innocent men still on Death Row. I am one of those innocent men who is requesting "Somebody" to look into their case. I don't have the funds to pay a private investigator. I hope you will assist me in proving my innocence and contact me with your suggestions or ideas on just how to do it. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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## Commentary

# The Girl X Case & Beverly Reed: Another Media point of view

Many concerns and issues have surfaced since the



media's focus on what happened to the Girl X Funds. Justifiably so if wrong doing was done. Then there is a degree of wrong doing. Who knows that better than Ald. Ed Burke and company, the professional wrongdoers of public money. And then there is Malcolm X, a once professional wrongdoer.

In the beginning Beverly Reed's action to raise awareness around the issue of sexual violence moved not only the City of Chicago but the country to respond with their hearts to the nine-year-old Cabrini Green resident.

While some bought into the media's crucifixion of the activist, others have expressed outrage at the lack of substance and sensationalism given to the story.

But, they haven't voiced their position as of yet.

Credit is due to the media in helping to get Beverly's message out in order for people to give. But the media's insistence on taking what they have and making it into a story is insulting to those that gave. There were no charges levied against Reed to this day. The bottom line is the funds (\$250,000, plus funds from WGCI approximately another \$250,000) are still in place for Girl X.

When the Washington Post called SSJ's office last November inquiring about Ms. Reed's association with the newspaper, it hit a nerve. With such little money not accounted for, \$21,000 that went directly to Beverly Reed, is the story for the well-being of Girl X the question or Beverly Reed's ethics or X-ing out her humanitarian efforts? Sometimes the press will create

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## Letters to the Editor

### Letter from the Superintendent of Police

Dear Editor:

Five years ago, the Chicago Police Department launched a bold new experiment in policing in our City. CAPS - the Chicago Alternative Policing strategy - and it brings together police officers, community members and other City agencies to work cooperatively on solving crime problems and improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods. There were skeptics, of course, who labeled community policing as "soft on crime" and just another passing law enforcement fad. Today, as our City celebrates the 5th-year anniversary of CAPS, I am proud to say we have proven the skeptics wrong.

In the last five years, public awareness of community policing has risen sharply. Nearly three out of four Chicagoans have heard of CAPS. More important, direct citizen involvement has reached record levels. Last year, nearly 100,000 concerned residents took part in beat meetings, court advocacy and other organized CAPS activities.

CAPS is so successful due to the dedication and total commitment of literally tens of thousands of people: police officers, other City workers and, especially, members of Chicago's diverse communities. You have embraced the CAPS partnership with unique energy and creativity - and made a difference.

But now is not the time to rest. Crime and disorder, and the fear they breed, remain serious concerns in many of our communities. But CAPS has created a new sense of purpose and confidence in Chicago. The last five years have shown that by working together, police and community can solve problems and we can reduce crime. The next five years, we can - and we

will - do more with CAPS to make our City even safer and stronger.

Sincerely,

Terry G. Hillard, Superintendent of Police

### Dead Beat Fathers

Dear Editor:

Hooray! After almost two years, the Chicago City Council decided to pass an ordinance to deny "Deadbeat" parents business licenses in the City of Chicago. Keep up the good work City Clerk Jim Laski and Mayor Richard M. Daley. Thank you for realizing this wonderful program. I hope to be the first in line.

My ex-husband says he "cannot afford" to pay thousands of dollars in back child support, educational and medical expenses for our children. However, he drives a brand new Saab automobile and operates businesses in the city. Did I mention that he plans to send his live-in girlfriend's daughter to Harvard university?

I say that if we can't get them through the system -- more power to Laski and Daley for helping to get these "deadbeats" where it hurts! Any parent that can afford and is permitted by a city to run a profitable business shouldn't be allowed to get away with not paying for the basic needs of their children!

Sincerely, Marge Swierczynski  
Legislative Chair, Association for Children for Enforcement of Support  
Melrose Park, IL.

### South Street Journal, Mighty Mouse or Mickey Mouse

Dear Editor:

Mighty Mouse? Mickey Mouse? That is the question. Whether it is nobler to save the community, address harsh issues facing the community. Organize direct and assist the residents in becoming the power brokers of their community or sit complacently waiting for a piece of cheese. You answer the question.



Annabelle Johnson,  
Bronzeville

### A call for legal services from Elgin

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter concerning my claim with the Social Security Administration. I have been rejected and know I need help. I am disabled with clogged arteries and have had a stroke. I am in constant pain from day-to-day.

Can anyone assist with legal services?

Thank you.  
Patricia Eubanks  
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Elgin, Illinois 60123

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# Ameritech Finally Links the Call for Mr. Byrd

Prentiss Byrd is just an ordinary guy. He goes to work, comes home and just like everybody else uses his telephone to keep in touch with family and friends. Except his telephone didn't always work. Every time it rained or snowed his phone was either a party line or just plain dead. "When my phone first went out in 1990," explained Byrd, "I just went to a neighbor's house to call Ameritech...Back then they told me that the *Network Interfacing Boxes* in this community were old."

That community being Grand Boulevard, not the most asthetically beautiful area but according to Byrd an *up and coming neighborhood* close to downtown Chicago, Midway Airport and his mom's house in Maywood.

So, because Prentiss Byrd is a nice guy who believed Ameritech was doing the best they could, he spent the next few years living with the fact that if the weather was bad he would just have to pay his bill as usual and hope his phone would work. "My equipment (outback) would get filled with water and my service would shut off" sighed Byrd. "So I would once again look for a way to alert Ameritech about my dilemma...go next door, down the street, even pray and chant!!"

Meanwhile his colleagues at Harold Washington College could not relate or understand such unpredictable service because it had never happened to them. "When I speak to my colleagues who are white, who live in white areas, they look at



By Lee Harrington  
SSJ Staff Writer & Columnist

of Ameritech, Jack Rooney. He also sent copies of that letter to his local Alderman and the South Street Journal. Here is an excerpt from that letter:

"Whenever I make a call to Ameritech, I am told that the equipment is old and every time it

me in astonishment!" cried Byrd. "They can't relate to the problem and these people live northwest, north-side, north suburbs...these are my colleagues."

Finally Prentiss Byrd stopped being Mr. Nice and became Mr. Nasty. In February of 1998, he shot out a fiery letter to the President of Ameritech, Jack Rooney. He also sent copies of that letter to his local Alderman and the South Street Journal. Here is an excerpt from that letter:

rains or snows I will have to accept poor service. Well enough is enough! Why is it after all of these years your company has not provided our community with new Network Interfacing Boxes? Why do you continue to give me excuses and expect me and others to pay for it?..."

A funny thing happened next. Prentiss Byrd got a response from Ameritech! Not from the President, Jack Rooney but Michael R. Lach, Vice President of Consumer Provisioning & Maintenance, wrote him back and he had this to say:

"Dear Mr. Byrd, ...I apologize for the recurring service interruptions that you have experienced...but thank you for bringing your situation to our attention. An investigation into our problem revealed that the root of the outages was a defective aerial cable which has been replaced along with the new Network Interface Device you requested..."

Would you believe Mr. Nasty. accomplished what Mr. Nice could not. He got service with a smile from Ameritech. "A supervisor came out to my home and personally installed a New Interfacing Box" said an amazed Byrd. "For the days my service was out my phone bill was credited and I even got a letter of apology which included a 30 minute phone card for my trouble!"

When asked whether the entire community had received new devices Byrd could only speak for himself. But he stressed the need for everyone to demand good service no matter where they live. "If you demand it they will come...but you have to demand it," he proclaimed. "There is no reason why we (Grand Boulevard Community) should receive poor service for the same money we all pay Ameritech." Now those are words that ring true.



Prentiss Byrd is a nice guy, whose equipment (outback) would get filled with water and service would shut off, sighed Byrd. "So I would once again look for a way to alert Ameritech about my dilemma...go next door, down the street, even pray and chant!!" for better service.

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# Girl X's Reed

the news it reports. The *Sunday Chicago Tribune* devoted four front page headlines to the story. It seems the story really hit a nerve with them as well.

In working closely with Beverly for the past three years, we often debated about issues of honesty and truth. Her ethics would never allow her to act in the way the media has portrayed her.

The *Chicago Tribune* printed a story two months earlier during the summer of '97 on the front page depicting Beverly as a crook. Beverly called seeking a retraction and they conceded to one. However, it was not printed on the front page, and only a paragraph stating "based on the headline and the picture, it may have appeared that Ms. Reed has been part of some foul conduct." We could not perceive in the months to follow how distorted the story would become.

Beverly's past is extraordinary. Yet, it has become instrumental in her work to support other women like herself. Constantly, she utilizes it as a personal

testimony for change that the T.V. and newspaper were aware of covering the Girl X story. The *Sun Times* could have printed her entire rap sheet for balance to assure everyone received an insightful story of the woman behind the fund, but chose not to.

A *Chicago Tribune* news desk representative stated, "In the beginning it was a story that captured the hearts and concern of the country. Now it is news." A radio station representative, wanting not to be identified said, "The other media just jumped on the coattail of the *Tribune*." (He also made his pitch for an exclusive interview.) Another station representative asked, "What happened to the money?"

The State's Attorney is concerned with three issues:

1. **Justifying how the money was spent.** There is no doubt Ms. Reed should have received an expense account. Not like the WGCI Girl X fund, a well-established radio station had no viable reason to consume any of the Girl X funds for administration with a full time staff. Reed admitted she should have had a better accounting of the money but it had nothing to do with theft or greed.

2. **The legal percentage designated**



Beverly Reed held numerous positions at *South Street Journal*, one was associate publisher. Here she interviews Ron Carter, publisher of the newspaper at 53rd and State Street, Taylor Homes for the second anniversary issue in 1995.

for the administration of the Girl X fund. A similar case was an inquiry for the Attorney General's office in 1989, *Riley vs. the National Federation of the Blind*. The state concluded it could not impose the fee of a fund raiser, leaving it open for the fund; in this case Beverly's previous lawyer and advisors. People gave because they felt the spirit of Reed's message. As she was the administrator, fundraiser and public relations manager,

she wore many hats. Her administrative fees could be comparable or less than many organization administrators in Mid-South community. A fundraiser's average percentage is 20%, lawyers receive 33% on winning cases. In the case of Atty. Hooks the real plaintiff could receive \$82,500, representing Girl X's mother. And 3. **Reed's neglect or lying about her background.** On lying consider the many allegations raised

on President Clinton. Did Clinton lie about having an affair with Lewinsky? He'd better, being a married man. And the general public did not really care. Did Reed lie about her past felony charges? She had better, if no one else was going to step up to the plate and do the job, and there were others who could have.

The real focus now is who will administer the \$250,000 taken from Illinois Federal Saving to the Bank of America? Who now will be paid \$21,000 plus expenses to administer the funds and pick up the drive in support of Girl X?

There are many years of growth and change separating Ms. Reed from her past (a child victim of sexual assault, drug usage, and a felony charge) among the "Street Life". She has made a grand departure from the past lifestyle. Should we continue to judge and condemn or support rehabilitation?

During the media blitz Beverly cried often and spent hours walking the beach. Yet, she remained "Everything is in Divine Order, Even this."

The Million Woman March and Malcolm X come to mind, applauding those that take a lead in bringing people together. I thought of Beverly's leading role, as X is for the unknown. Still her X is one in a million.

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**YWCA Harris Center site for new Woodlawn Charter School**

**Joins in to operate Rape Crisis Hotline**

Washington Park - The YWCA Harris Center at 62nd and Drexel was selected as the site for the Golden Apple Foundation's Charter school. The Chicago Board of Education approved the school to begin in the 1998 school year. It also became one of four agencies to jointly operate a centralized rape crisis hotline.

The Golden Apple Charter School, a public charter school accountable to the CPS and supported by public and private funds, will lease space at the YWCA center for its first three years. It will open next fall kindergarten to second grade with about 20 children in each class. As the number of classrooms grow, the school will move to larger quarters in its fourth year.

"We are pleased to be part of this innovative, high quality education opportunity for Woodlawn children," said Audrey Peoples, chief executive officer of the YWCA of Chicago. "The Y has been part of this community for 50 years, 26 of them in its current building. Our partnership with the Golden Apple foundation is

an example of how continuing collaborative efforts are benefiting the community we serve."

The school is a part of the YWCA strategy to better utilize available space at the Harris Center and to plan for the best possible use of the building serving Woodlawn and surrounding communities.

Being dedicated to the empowerment of women, rape victims in the Harris location can now call a central, toll-free number for counseling and referral services 24 hours a day. The Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline began in January. The rape crisis is funded by the Illinois coalition Against Sex Assault.

The hotline answers the need for "one stop" confidential service for rape victims seeking medical attention, counseling and emotional support for the trauma they have experienced.

Funding for the first 2 1/2 years is the Harris Y and the Loop Center, the Quetzal Center/CCCC and Rape Victim Advocates. The agencies jointly operate the 1-888-293-2080.

In 1997 Chicago police reported 2,545 criminal sexual assaults or attempted assaults.

**Myths and Realities of Sexual Assaults**  
 Prepared by Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline Agencies

MYTH	REALITY
Rape is a crime of passion	Rape is a violent act meant to overpower, dominate and humiliate the victim using sex as a weapon. It is often triggered by fear of rejection and abandonment.
Rape mostly happens to women	Girls under 18 are victims of more than half the rapes reported to police.
You cannot be raped by someone you know.	Most rapes are perpetrated by an acquaintance, a date or a family member.
You can tell rapists by the way they look.	There is no single profile of a rapist.
Rapists are sex-starved perverts who can't satisfy their sexual drive.	In general, many rapists have normal sex drives, available sex partners and are married.
Women and girls who wear seductive clothing are asking to be raped.	No one asks to be raped. No person has the right to force another person to engage in sexual acts, regardless of his or her clothing.
Only young women and girls get raped.	Rape victims can be females or males of any age from infants to the elderly, from any race and of any size
Rapists are crazy men.	There is no physical profile of a rapist. A rapist can be of any race, age and gender
Respected citizens and nice guys don't rape	Rapists can be of any social and economic class.

The Roger Professional Pharmacy Corner  
**The Good News and Bad News about Herbal and Homeopathic Remedies**  
 By Rajesh R. Chotalia, R.Ph.

The popularity of herbal and homeopathic medicine is growing and cannot be ignored. Sometimes information on these natural remedies is conflicting. Where can you turn for help and guidance? Who better than a truly knowledgeable pharmacist? After all, herbs are just crude drugs, and pharmacists are experts in that field.

When considering the use of an herb for treatment or prevention of a health-related condition, you should ask questions, such as:

Is the remedy herbal or homeopathic? What's the difference? (Answer at end of column!)

Is the herb I'm buying considered safe and effective? Are there any long-term toxicity studies?

Is the herb suitable for the specific medical condition I have?

Does the manufacturer include potency information on the label? How do I know whether the potency is sufficient for my needs?

Accurate information for the selection of herbs is scarce. Herbs are not FDA regulated like drugs; as such, research on their safety and effectiveness is lacking. That's the bad news.

The good news is, a pharmacist specializing in natural medicine will possess, or have access to, the knowledge necessary to interpret information about herbals and homeopathics, and be able to explain it to you in words you can understand. He or she can be a valuable, knowledgeable resource.

Now for the difference between herbals and homeopathics:

Herbs work to support the body in overcoming imbalances and help to promote optimal functioning of body systems. Homeopathics work a bit differently. The phenomenon behind homeopathy is called *hormesis*—like cures like. In other words, what *causes* symptoms in large doses may *alleviate* them when used in minute doses.

The major advantages of both herbals and homeopathics is that most have no side-effects and the FDA recognizes them as "safe and effective." As such, you can obtain them without a prescription.

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# Business Notes for Mid-South

## Bronzeville Community Loan Center of 1st Chicago

At an early meeting of Mid-south Planning and Development Commission this year, the organization reported that present was John Johnson, new manager of the new Bronzeville community loan Center of First Chicago Bank to be located in the old Alco Drug Store building on the southwest corner of 35th and King Drive.

Among the many credit services the bank will offer, \$250 million has been committed to assist real estate projects in low and moderate income areas including Bronzeville. Johnson reported that the bank also offers a Community Pride loan for people who make \$30,000 or less and no more than 50% of the income is earmarked for debt payment.

### 35th Street Police Station

MSPDC also reported on the status of the Chicago police Headquarters scheduled to be constructed on 35th Street between State and Michigan. The City and the Developer (Walsh



Grand Blvd. - Jewel-Osco recently presented \$2,000 to Hales-Franciscan High School on 49th & Cottage Gr. at a Chicago Wolves game. The money was raised through a promotion with the Chicago Wolves where jerseys were auctioned off to benefit local charitable organizations. Presenting the check to Tim King, President of Hales Franciscan High School, (second from left) are Chicago Wolves President, Bobby McAuliffe (left), Jewel-Osco Vice President, Tom Walter and Director of Public Relations, Karen Ramos.

construction) have not yet finalized an agreement on the construction project and costs. for the last 6-8 months, the two parties have been unable to agree on the project's costs which is estimated at \$65-70 million. the project is on hold until this month according to a memo written by the Walsh group. MSPDC reported they have approximately 160 people in the database waiting to work on the project. Given

this new delay, MSPDC stated it would send out letters to those individuals updating them on the status of the project.

### Urban League Hosts Job Fair

The Chicago Urban League will host a Job Fair '98 on June 12 at the Chicago Hilton and Towers, 720 S. Michigan Ave. from 10 am to 6:00 pm. Over thirty corporations and companies will be present and hiring. A partial list of participating companies include from All-state Insurance Company to East Bank Club, First Chicago NBD to Northern Trust Company, Pepsi-Cola Bottlers to

Walgreens. The Urban League is encouraging attendees to come prepared for an interview and have resumes and business attire.

### Mayor's Grocery Store Task Force Charges More stores with violations

17 more grocery stores with multiple consumer, health and sanitation violations. Store owners were charged with violations that included unsanitary conditions in stores, rodent or insect infestation, unsanitary meat cutting equipment and offering for purchase unwholesome or outdated food.

Store owners convicted of the charges could be fined \$1,000 for each health code violation and \$500 for each consumer violation.

In the Mid-South, Grand Blvd. community, East Food & Liquors, 4700 S. King Dr., was charged with nine consumer and health violations that included allegedly failing to provide price markings on 255 items, offering outdated foods, an unsanitary dairy cooler; and four building code violations that included allegedly failing to repair a damaged floor, failing to replace a missing electrical outlet cover, and failing to replace damaged ceiling tiles. The owner of East Food & Liquors informed SSJ that the violations are in the process of being repaired.

Red apple food & Liquors, Inc., 317 E. 51st St., was charged with seven health violations that included allegedly failing to seal the seams of the cutting boards, failing to repair a leaking cooler, an unsanitary display cooler, shelves and freezers, and failing to repair leaking sinks. The owner of Red Apple was not available for

### ComEd Owe Consumers \$168 million

Commonwealth Edison owes its customers \$168 million in refunds for overcharges that occurred in 1994 and 1996 due to dismal operating performance at seven of the company's nuclear reactors, the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) reported.

When ComED's nuclear power plants are shut down, consumers pay extra for the cost to generate or purchase replacement power to make up for the idle plants and meet customer demand. According to CUB's studies, consumers were overcharged \$78 million in 1996 and \$90.3 million in 1994, a total of \$168 million, as a result of operating problems at the four nuclear plants. The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is reviewing ComEd's performance and must make a decision by the end of the year.

### Lake Park Pointe Shopping Center

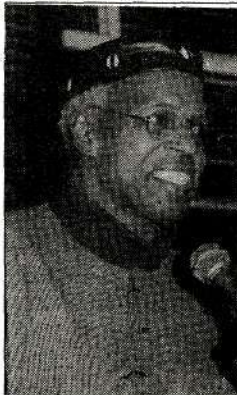
Construction is about to begin at the Lake Park Pointe Shopping Center at 47th street.

Persons interested in space rental or employment the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO) urges that persons attend their monthly meeting general membership and community meetings at the King community center, 4314 S. Cottage. For info call 548-7500

### UPS foundation grants Centers for New Horizons \$10,000.

The Centers for New Horizons, Inc. received a \$10,000 grant from the UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of united Parcel Service. The

funds will enhance Centers role in welfare-to-work initiatives within the Bronzeville community. Centers with 18 different locations for families in the Grand Boulevard community, Sokoni Karanja, its president said the grant will strengthen their ability to help the many families who wish to succeed.



Sokoni Karanja


## Million Dollar March



Just back from Alabama and Mississippi are Mid-Southerners Ida Fulton and Webb Evans joined by W.L. Willard promoting the Million Dollar March (MDM) down south as well as Chicago. They attended the 21st Anniversary of Bishop Luke Edwards who started with a church of 96 unemployed in 1977 to full employment focusing his membership in economic development projects. The MDM will hold its own lotto on June 19, at the Black Expo. Applications can be picked up at SSJ office, 117 East 47th Street. Background unidentified supporter.

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# South Street COMMUNITY HOUSING

## Technology in Housing to the Kenwood/Oakland Community

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This futuristic vision is helping now and it's not just for the well-to-do residing in far-off suburbia. In fact, the Chicago-based Urban Fishing Community Development Corporation is in the vanguard of bringing "smart" technology to inner-city homes.

The Robeson House, at 1207 E. 44th Place in Chicago, is an example of Urban Fishing's innovative use of "smart home" technology. With 2,300 square

feet on three levels, the house includes a home office and has been pre-wired as a "smart" house by incorporating extra telephone lines and digital cables in with the basic wiring. The home was listed at \$265,000 and was under contract after only twenty days on the market.

Robert Blackwell, President of Urban Fishing Community Development Corporation, offered a tour of Urban Fishing's new Robeson House to Kristin Faust, Senior Vice President, Community Development Banking, LaSalle National Bank, at a community open house.

Blackwell is a resident and an activist in the North Kenwood/Oakland community with the Community Con-

servation Council and other neighborhood groups. "The best way to rebuild and sustain a blighted community is to promote economic development and foster a mixed-income resident base," Blackwell said. "Smart technology housing provides the opportunity to attract urban professionals back to the city."

Blackwell's commitment is also reflected in the names he has chosen for his firm and for his housing developments. Urban Fishing refers to the adage, "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day; teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime."

The Robeson House is named for Paul Robeson, the actor and singer whose rich baritone thrilled generations of theater-goers. Future projects will honor scientist George Washington Carver and Inventor Lewis Latimore. Urban Fishing currently has ten projects under developments and will be named after prominent African-American heroes.

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## Plans for Stateway Gardens proposed for demolition

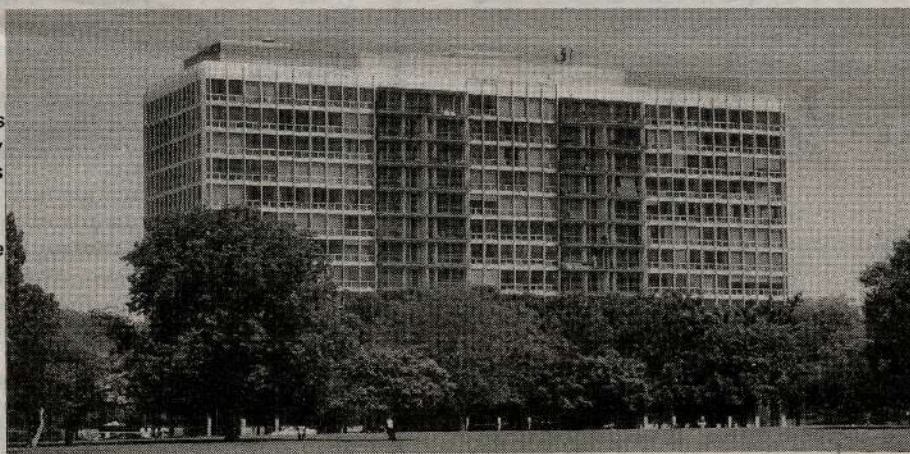


Douglas - In Stateway Gardens, the neighboring public housing to Taylor Homes, many meetings have taken place in the preparation of demolishing the development as well.

Vivian Potter at Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) made no comment on the demolition of Stateway. But, Franice Washington, a community activist of Stateway confirmed that the residents have accepted a tentative proposal. It includes demolishing five buildings on Federal, replacing them with 500 two story mix townhouse developments. Two buildings will remain on 35th Street on Federal. The plan also includes a parking lot

## Only 4 homes left at Lake Meadows condominiums

Despite the Lake Meadows residents objections to the conversion of one of the housing complexes to condominiums, only four of 140 residences are still available for purchase at the 601 Condominiums of Lake Meadows in what is described as one of the most successful condominium conversion programs in the entire Chicago area.



## Marquette Bank

Congressman Bobby L. Rush presided over community hearings to investigate charges that the Marquette National Bank has discriminated illegally in making loans. They were in response to charges raised by

to be owned and operated by tenants.

Questioning the plan is Dorothy Oliver-Harris, who has stated that the plan do not meet all the residents hopes and that replacement housing for all the tenants still needs to be worked.

ACORN and area residents, and are held at a time when Marquette Bank is being re-evaluated by the office of the Comptroller of Currency for its compliance with the Federal Community reinvestment Act.

Rush said the ACORN study by the Woodstock Institute of Chicago revealed some disturbing information.

It suggests a pattern of racial discrimination in lending practices by the bank.

The Woodstock analysis shows that 293 of the 1996 home purchase loans went to white borrowers and just 10 to Hispanic and 26 to African American borrowers. Only 32 to borrowers in low and moderate income tracts.

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# Washington Park Targeted for City's Affordable Housing Program

Washington Park - Mayor Richard M. Daley introduced four ordinances into City Council that will help revitalize four Chicago neighborhoods and assist community housing development organizations with their operating expenses, of the four one organization is in the Washington Park community.

These ordinances are instrumental in helping the City of Chicago Department of Housing (DOH) expand the affordable housing options available to low-and moderate income Chicagoans.

"The four ordinances I introduced will provide a good mix of affordable housing options for families in several city neighborhoods," Mayor Daley said. With two (2) on the west side of Chicago, two are in the Mid-South communities of Near South and the Washington Park communities.

One ordinance will enable the Eden Development Corporation to rehab two three-story brick walk-up buildings, which will contain 14 units, located in the Washington Park Community on the 5500 block of South Indiana Avenue. The total cost of the

development is more than \$1.4 million with DOH proposing to loan Eden \$930,517.

In addition to funding affordable housing for families, DOH proposes to loan Lake Front SRO Corporation nearly \$7.4 million to construct a nine-story, 207-unit single-residence-occupancy (SRO) building at 1515-21 South Wabash Avenue in the Near South Loop community. The development will serve the very poor, including 86 units for homeless and disabled individuals. Ten units will also be set aside for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

According to Hyde Park resident, Andrea Smith of DOH, the Department proposes to continue the Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) Operating Expense program, which allows these organizations to receive a maximum of \$50,000 a year in federal HOME dollars for administrative and operating grants.

To be eligible for funding, an organization must have completed at least two successful developments in the last four years. DOH has reserved \$750,000 for CHDO grants in the fiscal year 1998 budget.

# 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 in this information in each issue.

Community/Address	Rec'd	Date	Price
<b>Grand Boulevard</b>			
4712 S. Wabash, Linda Williams to William Robinson	4/30		40,000
434 E. 45th Place, Ora Wise to James Shepherd	4/30		30,000
5012 S. Michigan; Sandra Johnson to Louis Outlaw	4/22		70,000
4337 S. M.L. King Dr.; Harriet Caldwell to Marcella Stewart	4/23		115,000
4347 S. Ellis Ave., Dorset Ellis L.L.C. to Kevin Read & Laura Agapay	4/24		116,400
4517 S. Forrestville, David Mann to Steven Hackney	4/24		85,000
4235 S. Michigan, Jessie Lewis to Curtis Jackson & Darrel Lattimore	4/24		200,000
4235 S. Michigan Ave., South Holland Trust & Savings Bank to Jessie Lewis	4/24		115,000
4517 S. Forrestville, Stephen Hackney to Darrel Lattimore	4/24		150,000
4337 S. M. L. King Dr., Harriet Caldwell to Marcella Stewart	4/23		115,000
423 E. 46th Street, Robert R. Sabree to Arnold Ernie McBlackwell	5/8		196,500
5243-47 S. Michigan Unit 5247-3B, 5243 S. Michigan Corp. to W. Vinnett	5/14		109,900
533 E. 44 St., Helen Marlow to Venetia Johnson	5/20		96,000
<b>Woodlawn</b>			
6532 S. Drexel, Acorn Housing Corporation of Ill. to Dominick DiVenere	5/19		43,000
6952 S. Dorchester, Dwight Jones to GTL Group, Inc.	5/7		65,000
6952 S. Dorchester, Elvis Perkins to Dwight Jones	5/7		47,667
6521 S. St. Lawrence, Phoenix Investments to Arlene Price	5/12		36,000
6221 S. Michigan, Julia & Alvin Fouche to Lizzie Cobbs	5/6		80,000
1006C E. 62nd St., Renaissance Thresh J.V. to Cheryl Terry	5/4		201,662
6952 S. Dorchester, OTL Group, Inc. to Kenneth Washington	5/4		137,000
1002E E. 62nd St., Renaissance Thrash* J.V. to John Shelton	5/4		174,360
6630 S. Drexel, Chancellor E. Turner to Melvin Humbert	5/20		69,500
6618 S. Champlain, Felecia Dawkins to Arlene Price	5/20		62,000
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5481 S. Cornell, Unit C, Lela D. Johnson to Laretta M. Earls	4/28		115,000
5526 S. Blackstone, Unit 1N, Qian-Chun Yu & Min-Min Lu to Suji M. Kureti	4/23		122,000
815 E. 53rd St., Laura Matthews to Augusta Cunningham	4/27		46,300
5624 S. Dorchester, Unit 1, Richard D. Saller to David & Lisa Helm	4/28		225,000
5444 S. Dorchester, R. J. & C. F. Chaskin to William & Stephanie Weaver	4/28		207,000
5401 S. Hyde Park, Unit 804, J. Hao & L. Chen to Chin Tu Chen & P. Wang	4/29		75,000
5135 S. Harper, Jeffrey Sterling to Jon & Amy Dennis	5/6		270,250
5473 S. Drexel, Cat Conn to GMS Consulting, Inc.	5/8		88,000
5449 S. Cornell, Unit 1S, Fred Ousien to Diana Jiang	5/13		122,000
5485 S. Cornell, Unit 2, Sandra K. Frank to Richard Blocker*	5/5		155,000
5201 S. Cornell, Unit 11E, Yvonne V. Delk to Patricia J. Eggleston	5/1		180,000
1401 E. 55th St., Unit 304, Ayatullah S. R. Dowoudi to Mildred Robinson	5/1		44,000
1233 E. 56 St., Peter Jr. & Janet Voss to Everett & Tamara Vokes	5/14		710,000
5514 S. Woodlawn, Unit 405, Violet Stark to Jonathan G. Pope	5/19		108,000
5758 S. Blackstone, H. & E. Helsing to Karen E. & Mathew A. Leibold	5/20		196,000
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5230 S. University, Unit k, Midtown Bank to Vanessa Hampton	5/20		251,884
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4800 S. Lake Shore Drive, Unit 1612, Devon Bank to Marion Griffin Dixon	5/13		71,000
5029 S. Dorchester, Ola Smith to ***	5/15		243,000
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4800 Chicago Beach Dr., Unit 1306, Willa Bledsoe to David S. Polfle	5/19		126,000
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6912 S. King Dr., Louise Harrison to Congregational Church of Park Manor	5/20		35,000
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601 E. 31st St., Unit 308, Lake Meadows LLC to Sherry L. Luck	4/23		218,000
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1525 S. Michigan, Unit 203, 1515 S. Mich. Lofts, Inc. to Jill Richardson	4/28		125,900
1435 S. Prairie, Unit F50, Prairie Place Limited to R. & M. Brenner	4/20		410,135
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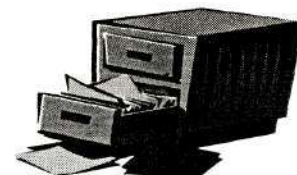
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# Living Legends of Bronzeville Blues

by Andre Taylor

Several years ago, while leaving my house to do a gig at KoKo Taylor's Chicago Blues Club, a few children who were walking by the house asked "Where are you playing? Are you playing with anyone famous?" I informed them that I was a member of KoKo Taylor's House Band and played at her club downtown. My feeble attempt to impress the children backfired before I even left the starting line as they looked at me wide-eyed and patiently. What were they waiting for? KoKo Taylor is Queen of the Blues! Their mother or father never played her music? Never mentioned her? My thoughts began to race. Surely they would know Willie "Big Eyes" Smith, former drummer for the late Muddy Waters who lived in Bronzeville on Lake Park Avenue. They shouted "yeah, there's a street named Muddy Waters on 43rd, right?" Of course you're right! Isn't this common knowledge?

I went on to tell them about Jimmie Lee Morris and pianist Pinetop Perkins, all former members of Muddy Waters Band and residents of Bronzeville. Between them they have won numerous Grammy Awards and several W.C. Handy awards and are known the world over. Our neighbors!

Pinetop Perkins will headline at the 1998 Chicago Bluesfest. All of these great Blues entertainers are still residents of Bronzeville, yet these children did not know this. I went on, informing them that Willie "Big Eyes" Smith is still playing the blues and that I am proud to say that I am a member of his current band. The children listened attentively, yet soon lost interest.

As they dispersed to the vacant lot across the street, I hoped that someone would finish my story of the Blues in Chicago. Because of their ignorance to their heritage, a musical heritage that was on their next block, this experience led me and several of my friends and associates to create the Bronzeville Music Society, an organization dedicated to educating the youth of Chicago and the world of the rich musical heritage that Bronzeville offers, along with developing the present music and talent of this great community.

No other area in Chicago can lay claim to the vast amount of stars that Bronzeville has produced, with their influence being world-wide. This is the stomping ground of the late Lovie Armstrong, the home of the late Muddy Waters, and countless other stars who attended Phillips High School, including the legendary Nat King Cole.

Every resident of Bronzeville, adult and child, should read the Autobiography of Black Jazz by Dempsey Travis, a true representation of how Bronzeville once was. We have many rising stars in our area, including Vance Kelly, John Primer, and Kenneth Hollywood Scott, all great band leaders whom I will discuss in future issues of the South Street Journal.

To kick the set off, join us at a fund raising set for South Street Journal and the Bronzeville Music Society on June 27 at Gerri's Palm Tavern. Also, look for up-and-coming events and information pertaining to Bronzeville Blues in future issues of South Street Journal.

Let's preserve our musical heritage, support our local talent, and insure a prosperous future for the youth of Bronzeville and the world. So until next time . . . peace be with you.

Andre Taylor, A.K.A. Amazing Dray, Blues Guitarist for the Bronzeville Blues Band, founding member of the Bronzeville Music Society and proud resident of Bronzeville.



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