Dick Gregory key speaker at Bronzeville Peoples Congress for Political Accountability

Bostonville - 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 evident that not all is well in the Bostonville area. Directing its attention to the Grand Boulevard area, 82 percent of children live in poverty.

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.

Bronzeville, defined by BOSS is bound from the area between 26th and 64th, Dan Ryan to Cottage Grove as defined by St. Clair Drake and Homer R. Clayton in Vol. II of the book "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 is that the city has a democratic process with elected leaders in our community," noted Louise BOSS will also present amanifesto detailing political 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 revitalization of Bronzeville. It has ten points covering voter registration, Economic Development, Crime and Violence, Jobs and Economic Development, Education and Youth Development, Housing, Transportation, Community Development, the Arts and Culture, and the Environment.

TIF proposed for 59th to 71st Street

Woodlawn/Washington Park - A familiar site in the Chicago area's development plans in major housing development followed by non-Blacks working on a great majority of the projects, especially in the construction trade. In the Chicago Housing Authority, the new and developer of the project also donated $50,000 in addition to property next to the land and developer of the project also donated.

BoSS provided $250,000 with the assistance of Rep. Luis Gutierrez, but who also present at the groundbreaking. In attendance was Wallace "Guitar" Bradley who critized the process, wanting a

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

On the corner of 47th & King Drive, The Lou Rawls Theater & Cultural Center is nearing the start of the $45 million project over 200 joined the groundbreaking ceremony, 6 to 1 Mayor Richard Daley, Thama Smith, of Illinois Federal, Eliza Hightower the developer, Ald. Des Tildan and Joe Andrews, gospel singer, attended the celebration.

"Black Metropolis" (1962)
Dr. Burroughs seeks former students

Dr. Margaret Burroughs is seeking all former students from all Jackson schools to set up and organize a Founders Committee. "I got the idea for the DuSable Museum from my students," Dr. Burroughs recently said. Person 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, 748 E. 56th place, Chicago, IL 60637. Meetings are now in session.

Chicago Bee Branch at 36th State named Historic Site

Chicago's Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists at the University of Chicago, and as national secretary to the Rev. Jesse Jackson, St. And will Hyde Parker, Delmarie Cobb, return to become Rev. Jackson's press sect, as he is considering fellowship in The Black Metropolis Boys Choir

A new 40 + member touring church group is a vehicle to extend and broaden African-American history through young African American boys. Middle ages between the ages of six and 16 from the Greater Grand boulevard area are invited to audition. For further information call 924-4661. Caption:

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 312/465-4000.

Calendar

June

Thursday, 18
Mid-South Political Action Coalition (MS-PAC) meets at St. George the Virginian, 5255 S. Evergreen Ave., Chicago. Info call 373-6232.

Friday, 19

Black Expo June 19 – 21

at Soldier’s Field

Having a Services Diagnostic and Treatment Center provides program women and parents of newswomen with information and support to help with the daily challenges. 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. At the Mercy O&T Center, 2525 S. Michigan. Call Ms. Lawrence at 312/567-4165 or Mr. Buford at 567-7902.

Saturday 20

Crusaders for Justice regular meeting, 12 noon at the Holy Name Temple Church. The next location of the church is 312/265-2661. Call Rev. Raulston. In City Youth Foundation, Inc., at the Southwinds, 4550 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. Information call Maurice Petters, 773/624-0003.

Black Memorial Congressional United Church of Christ will conduct a community Health Fair at the Church, 6944 N. Wayne, 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. There will be inoculations for children, doctors for diabetes and blood pressure screening, pediatrics, genealogists. Nutritional Hospital and Recreation will also be participating. All services are free. Refreshments will be served. For information call 267-7379.

The City of Chicago’s Farmers Markets will be held at 28 locations throughout Chicago from June 15th to October 24th. Dunbar High School parking lot on June 30th and Oct. 24, in the Hyde Park community 52nd Place and on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Hyde Park Community Center. Get your fresh produce and baked goods on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Hyde Park Community Center.

Tuesday, 23

Task Force for Black Political Empowerment meets ev­ ery Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the inner City studios, 700 E. Oakwood.

Wednesday, 24

Ald. Dorothy Tillman (33) ward meetings are held every Thursday at 47th and King Drive.

Saturday, 27

South Street Journal’s Town Hall AfterWork & Blues Set at Gen’s, 446 E. 47th St, 5:30 pm until, featuring the Andre Blue Band. For information contact Mike Skowronske, 312-842-7030.

The Bronzeville Boys Choir is scheduled to perform on its 4th Saturday of each month at the Parkway Community House, 500 E. 67th Street. The Bronzeville People’s Congress will be held at the Catholic Community Church 4100 So. King Drive, Keynoter speaker is Dick Gregory. Call 312/567-4661.

Sunday 28

N’Cobe meeting at Washington Park Field House, 55th and King Drive. Meetings are held every Sunday 4th. The 10th annual Shoot-The-Bull 3-on-3 Classic is a vehicle to extend and broaden African-American history through young African American boys. Middle ages between the ages of six and 16 from the Greater Grand boulevard area are invited to audition. For further information call 924-4661. 

CAPS BEAT Calendar

2nd District - 5101 S. Wentworth 747-5209
214 June 24, 6:30 pm 4048 S. Michigan Avenue, meeting the 2nd Saturday of each month. For information call 267-7355

3rd District - 3991 S. Cottage Grove Avenue, 526 June 26, 7:00 pm 5204 S. Lake Park Ave., meeting the 3rd Saturday of each month. For information call 267-7355.
Mid-South Planning & Development Commission Honored as Neighborhood Group of the Year; membership raises question on leadership direction

The Mid-South Planning & 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.

Surrounded by 22nd to 51st Street, Cottage Grove/Lake Michigan to the Dan Ryan Expressway, the eight year old umbrella organization recognized the work of the MSPDC as this year’s Neutral Development Award winner.

Under the leadership and its director Dowell-Cerasoli, “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 on working together to set the tone of internal problems.

However, many at the meeting viewed the resignation as the onset of internal problems. More than 40 percent of the board members felt the board was too quick to change in form of leadership, the list goes on of internal problems.

Addressing the resignation of Dowell-Cerasoli, board member, Greg Brown stated that if she rescinds her resignation, the board will be “working on his own.”

In a plea to avert internal problems, BOSS will provide thank you, announcements and speakers at all events. They are requesting all to RSVP by calling 312/949-9030. Dinner will be served at the Congress. Participation organizations include Abraham Lincoln Center, Black Metropolis and Tourism Council, Center for New Horizons, CHA Residences Organization, Chicago Urban League, Cruizers for Justice, Elliot Domebody 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.

People’s Congress

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Mississippi Metropolitan Convention & Tourism Council

Heritage Tourism Review 1997, 2:1, 1-6

I1inois legislative Black Caucus supports the “Black Metropolis/Pullman Porter Great Migration Blues Trail”

The Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Board (BMCTC) and Historic North Chicago Neighborhood Development Award (HNCP) approved of the state capital in Springfield, Illinois during the veto session on October 8 and 29, 1997. BMCTC and HNPC worked 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 heritage tourism across the state. The Heritage Tourism Initiative is an economic development effort that uses heritage and cultural tourism as a means to increase revenue, invigorate the sector and provide greater economic opportunity for local communities. IBOT will designate up to six counties, regional, multi-sectoral, multi-county demonstration projects for this three year project which will bring significant return to

The Black Metropolis concept and made it the primary theme of its work to foster “Heritage Tourism” and other business development 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 entrepreneurial 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.

Since September of 1996, 62 residents have graduated from the program and 12 have either started or expanded their existing businesses.

As MSPDC has created the foundation of its development process that proves its commitment to the community, the region while coal led with great history. Designation can bring funds for activities including bricks and mortar construction projects, for extensive marketing depending on the community’s need identified by the winning groups. The direct benefit of the preservation community will be additional attention, dollars and efforts 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 Commons shows the support and legislative leadership of the membership of the ILBC on an innovative economic development opportunity for African-American communities statewide. The ILBC letter supported plans. The ILBC was signed off by the following legislators:


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### Organization Matters

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

#### The Ounce of Prevention Fund

**"Making a Difference in Taylor Community"**

With the leadership of Iris Harris, Dorothy Tillman and Bernice Weissbourd, The Ounce of Prevention Fund is a private-public partnership between the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Patton with the Chicago Public Police.

The name was chosen to reflect the Fund’s belief that it is more 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 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 of 1998, the Fund center will be nestled between DuSable High School and John Farren Elementary, creating a credits 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,” Burke added. “We must be positive role models in the community.”

### Funding Opportunities

- **AIDS**
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Prevention
  - Education
  - Research
  - Services
  - Training
  - Support
  - Information
- **Arts and Culture**
  - Performing Arts
  - Visual Arts
  - Film/Video/Dance
  - Literature
  - Music
- **Community Development**
  - Housing
  - Economic Development
  - Transportation
  - Infrastructure
  - Environmental Protection
- **Education**
  - Pre-K
  - K-12
  - Higher Education
  - Adult Education
  - Special Education
  - Remedial Education
- **Employment**
  - Job Training
  - Workforce Development
  - Employment Services
  - Entrepreneurship
- **Family and Children**
  - Parenting
  - Childcare
  - Foster Care
  - Adoption
  - Child Abuse and Neglect
  - Child Support
  - Youth
  - Elderly
- **Health**
  - Prevention
  - Treatment
  - Research
  - Education
  - Services
  - Information
- **Human Services**
  - Mental Health
  - Substance Abuse
  - Homelessness
  - Aging
  - Disabilities
- **Humanitarian Assistance**
  - Disaster Relief
  - Food Assistance
  - Shelter
  - Emergency Services
- **Neighborhood Development**
  - Community Revitalization
  - Economic Revitalization
  - Environmental Revitalization
- **Public Policy**
  - Advocacy
  - Research
  - Legislation
  - Regulations
- **Social Services**
  - Social Work
  - Social Services Administration
  - Social Services Cooperation
- **Technology**
  - Information Technology
  - Telecommunications
  - Video/Computer

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**Garfield Head Start**

Half-day care and education for your 3, 4 and 5 year olds

Safe, quality care that’ll help your kids in school

Nutritious meals

Health care

Computer learning

Special field trips

Help for you as you prepare for work

a chance to earn your GED and gain computer skills

With help from our staff...
Bawls Center was community activist Harold Tillman's plan for the revitalization of 47th Street. It includes rebuilding the area. That is where the theatre entertainment Center as the theatre for 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, our 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 hotel communities. Tillman noted him as one of the most successful developers in the city. "We are pleased that Higginbottom is the developer. His credits are rated high in development projects." His role in the community is tained by none. Many progressive organizations have received him as a positive business leader. Many supported him 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 Chestnut 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 telling 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.
"Gator" Bradley, announce CANDIDACY FOR THIRD WARD

Wallace "Gator" Bradley is preparing to run in the March 17 primary against 3rd Ward Alderman Dorothy Tillman. In a press conference held Wednesday, April 13, at City Hall, "Gator" officially announced his candidacy, charging that the 3rd Ward is no longer 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. In 1995 and force Tillman to a run-off, which still ended in defeat.

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"This Washington Park community has been "raped" and now it is on the chopping block," said Cecilia Butler, executive director of the Greater Washington Park Community Development Corporation. "That's why says he's happy with the offer provided by the TIF." Butler questions "Why the Reverend (Dr. Finney) is hosting (people) into meetings," to fight against the righteous name of this TIF. "The Blues People" Bronzeville Youth led Project auditioning youth between 6 - 21 years old for Audition Call Art Zone (312) 409-4803 For info call 741-3972 or 741-3973.

"Love at that Chicken" 312-808-2999 Expires 1998

"KAREN'S COMMENTARY
HAVING A (political) PARTY"

Have you ever given a party and that special guest you invited turned down—'cause that fellow 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 judiciaries 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 ever on record.

In many of our wards, less than thirty percent of the registered voters filled the polls. Maybe it was something we, the candidates, did or did not say, or had sold. Perhaps if we had Michael Jordan, Oprah, Puff Daddy, Janet Jackson, or Wesley Stipes telling African Americans that they would be at the polls, we would have had a better turnout. Obviously, telling African-American voters that there was a chance to elect the first African-American Governor of the state of Illinois, and to change the complexion of the Cook county, did not ring a bell.

Even more interesting about the March 17, 1998, and the 1999 primaries. That's when certain police officers took partying to another level and reenactedPATHUMONDAY. Now that was a party, and it didn't stay there.

Days after内饰's latest, remotest police officials issued to Monday's neighbors and other folks who happened to be the street near his home, these 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 Pridham, Candace Wittenau, Arvin Budde, Fumion Sessions, and myself—appeared two subpoenas. 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 all four African-American voters had accepted the invitation of African-American candidates and voted in record numbers in the March 17th primary. However, no one would have not be re-elected holding that party for Monday and his neighbors.

For information regarding this subject, call 773-288-6172 or 312-793-4478.

Woodlawn's Dumas 4-H Club Springfield Legislative Connection

Dumas School of Woodlawn meet with State Representative Howard kayak during their recent visit to Springfield from L to R, Davina bogan, Vincenta Easterling, Tamecia Daniels, Courtney woodson, and Jawana Lee. 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 Woodson, Davina Bogan, Vincenta Easterling, Mychelle Daniels, and Jawana Lee. The Dunas 4-H program is funded by the Scouting Network, a community-based agency serving 600 youth in the cities of Chicago, Aurora, Chatham, Keenwood/Oakland, Great 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 that 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 Greene, and Ablavah, relocation of tenants, 30% removed 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 transient and homeless."

Reports indicate that Chicago has 1,500 homeless families daily. Some tenants that have been put out and did not want to move. Ms. Day, who is now an elder, moved to 3325 S. State in 1964. She said she is forced to move and worried about her future residence. She prefers to stay at Taylor if she can. Tenants march from Robert Taylor Homes from 53rd and State Street "The Hole" two years ago to address 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 in 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 Ming, principal, DeSable High School. He reported that the Rev. Muhammad helped organize community meetings before the new year addressing problems of public housing along State Street over ten years ago. Ming 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." Attacks, Coleman, Freeman, and Hartigan are feeder schools for DeSable High School, servicing public school 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 Eight Committee" which may only last two times.

Last December about 175 members of CPPH, including 70 religious leaders, prayed for Mayor Richard Daley and HUD secretary, Andrew Cuomo 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 mandates, you have the power to intervene and demand reasonable development plans," said Delk, referring to Mayor "You have the power to prevent the massive homelessness that will result from the current federal mandate.

The advocates were 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 against HUD in the coming days to halt the de­molition of public housing, the court issued a ruling that CHA must replace at least half the units it demolishes. CHPP wants one for one. According to the Chicago Reporter CHA con­ceded that replacement housing is not guided by the landmark 1969 Conyers de­cision which governs all CHA redevelop­ment.

Solutions

Ken Dunkin, Director, Taylor Boys & Girls

"It's about making money," one police officer said. "This can make families very transient and homeless."
Reparations aren't just about slavery and Black history. It's about oppression today and thereafter the same restroom facilities as cultural lines. They weren't guideline led them off economic and 60's were established with the express written government endorsed act that brought out the that has been discriminated against, beaten and table the issue or put it on situation but instead started bygones." This is too much to expect of a people over the past few years, Washington's red and white Burris for Governor signs. elected officials were weak in getting the vote out. governor of Illinois as his endorsement from Black no longer vote. Pentecostal Church, Harris YWCA for a candidate Apostolic Church on 63rd and Cottage, Indiana wards in the city of Chicago, winning Cook financial support that never materialized. He said expressed concern regarding people that pledge defected by money for more troops. Then some prod, pull and pump up the vote to get Illinois King Drive shopping plaza carrying their large Base of Voters Mid-South Wards: Poshard. The hope was splitting the vote as it光伏 against Jane Byrne not based on a great candidate, but voting against Democratic gubernatorial candidacy. But Burris, a political veteran, staked everything he is candidates who ran in the March 17th election. gathering a report to indicate who supported any campaign she has worked on. when many in the African American community want to disclose his name. One with a $10,000 contribution that he did not expressed concern regarding people that pledge defected by money for more troops. Then some prod, pull and pump up the vote to get Illinois King Drive shopping plaza carrying their large .

Washington’s Base of Voters Out to Vote

Mid-South - "If you see at 1:30," one Roland Burris supporter's announcement to another on Saturday the weekend before the last election, as a group of 25 to 30 of them left the 35th and Kenwood where they were carrying their large red and white Burris for Governor signs. These men and women were rising to the challenge of "Get Out the Vote." Their push, prod, pull and pump up the vote to get Illinois closer to its first African American Governor was defended 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 Apostles Church on 47th and Cottage, Indiana Pentecostal Church, Burris YWCA for a candidate forum organized by Idra Fulton, on the rally at Bel in the Mid-South, and Westside JPFO (Black Independent Political Organization) held their rally for Burris.

He was offering Burris for 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 could cut less than 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 the city as a whole. But between Oscar De Leon to Bobby Rush, from Ralph Metcalfe to Tyrone Johnson, we now look to the future.

This was the 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 led in polls across the state against opponents John Schmidt, Jim Burns, and Glenn Poshard. The hope was splitting the vote as it happened for Harold Washington when he was elected Mayor of Chicago. Many said that a few lost was a trend to the benefit of the other candidates and elected officials secretly. Do not write the sleeping giant as it woke up for Harold Washington.

As Washington's last public appearances were in the Oakland/Kenswood community the day he died, it seems that to be 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 he will talk shoot Cliff Kelly that he could count on his fingers the number of Black business that contributed to his campaign, citing one with a $500,000 contribution that he did not want to disclose his name. Hyde Park resident Delmar Coh, Director of Communications for Burris, noted that was no easy task when many in the African American community could have contributed support but didn't. It gave him a full of experience never before in any campaign she has worked on.

After the campaign WVON radio prepared 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 (29%) number of Black candidates who ran in the March 17th election. With nearly 20 years of service in government, Burris is a popular veteran, making things he or has been as a trusted politician on winning the Democratic gubernatorial candidacy. But regardless of Burris, qualifications were not based on a great candidate, but voting against another candidate as it voted against another candidate 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 winter, 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 anything or hit enough hard on food stuffs, 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 man.

At one post election forum Burris was asked as the major vote-getter in Chicago and Cook County as election was made by political activist Bruce Crosby to rush for Burris endorsement for mayor in the election of 1999. The discussion turned to a question of how prominent political organizers came together and really make that happen. But among them was his bitter history that would not allow this to happen. The focus of the forum turned to the potential for the history of November where Burris endorsed Poshard.

Mid-South voters produced Harold and others. Burris did not hit the numbers to produce an Ohio Jackson candidates. The challenge is what happens when Black voters do not vote to win for the accountable political leadership that Mid-South strives and desires for.

As Harold would say, "Period."
**The Mid-South Common Ground**

**Land, Money and the Law**

Ron Carter, Publisher and Editor

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 - was designed to bring together police, community members, and other city agencies to work cooperatively on solving crime problems and improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods. The idea was that by involving the community in the creation and implementation of a police strategy, we would maintain the support of our communities without losing the professionalism and expertise of our police officers.

CAPS is so successful that the law enforcement agencies themselves continue to support it. New members have been added to the CAPS board, and the program has expanded to include more neighborhoods. But now we are faced with the challenge of maintaining the support of the community without losing the professionalism and expertise of our police officers.

I asked my colleagues in law enforcement and community leaders to give me their views on this issue. All of them were enthusiastic about the concept of CAPS, and many were surprised at my question. One of them stated, "It is the law enforcement agencies themselves who continue to support CAPS. Without their support, it would be impossible to maintain the program.

This is the question that we are all facing. How can we maintain the support of the community without losing the professionalism and expertise of our police officers?

Sincerely,

Ron Carter
Publisher and Editor
Ameritech Finally Links the Call for Mr. Byrd

By Lee Harrington

SSS Staff Writer & Columnist

Byrd 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 service would shut off," sighs 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.

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 suburban...these people live in white areas, they look at me in astonishment!" cried Byrd. "They can't relate to the problem and three people live northwest, northeast, south, southeast...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:

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If you demand it matters where they live. "If you demand it they will come...but you have to demand it," proclaims Byrd. "There is no reason why we have to accept poor service. Everyone should receive poor service for the same money we all pay Ameritech." Now those are words that ring true.
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other media just jumped on the coattail of the Tribune. "A radio station representative, was a story that captured the hearts of the Chicago Tribune," said the associate publisher. Here she interviews Ron Carter, publisher of the

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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

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By the Spirit of Paul Robeson and others

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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 Conservation 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 development. 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 Latimer.

Urban Fishing currently has ten projects under developments and will be named prominent African-American heroes. For information about Urban Fishing call 773/373-3120.
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(DOH) expand the affordable housing options in the Washington Park community.

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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 the 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 worldwide. 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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