

3rd & 20th Ward plans approved by CDC



Left, Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3) received approval of the City's Community Development Commission (CDC) to amend the 47th King/Dr. Plan, over 47th St. Business Asso. opposition, As Ald. Arenda Troutman (20) approval for a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for Woodlawn's 63rd Street.

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Businesses at 4700 S. King Dr. building has been given notice by the City of Chicago to relocate by December 1 of this year. The building is scheduled for demolition for a park with a bronze statue of entertainer Quincy Jones. The 47th Street Business Association oppose the project that would put about 40 people out of work.

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Preparing for the next election

Town Hall meetings continued on Political Accountability



SSJ/Frankly Speaking Photo/Armadel Hicks
Joined under the banner of Chicago-Progressive Political Action Coalition (C-PPAC), political activists and candidates targeted February 23, 1999 election at a press conference calling for a Recall of City Hall. Pictured are (L to R) Myra Penny (3 ward), Carol Chambers (20) Joseph Simmons (18) Bruce Crosby, Vice Chair, Bob Lucas, Chairman, Moses Jones (20), Wallace Gator Bradley (3), Frank Thomas (34) and 22 other candidates not pictured. C-CPAC identified (left) Congressman Bobby Rush (2), as their mayoral candidate who is expected to make his candidacy for mayor official this month.

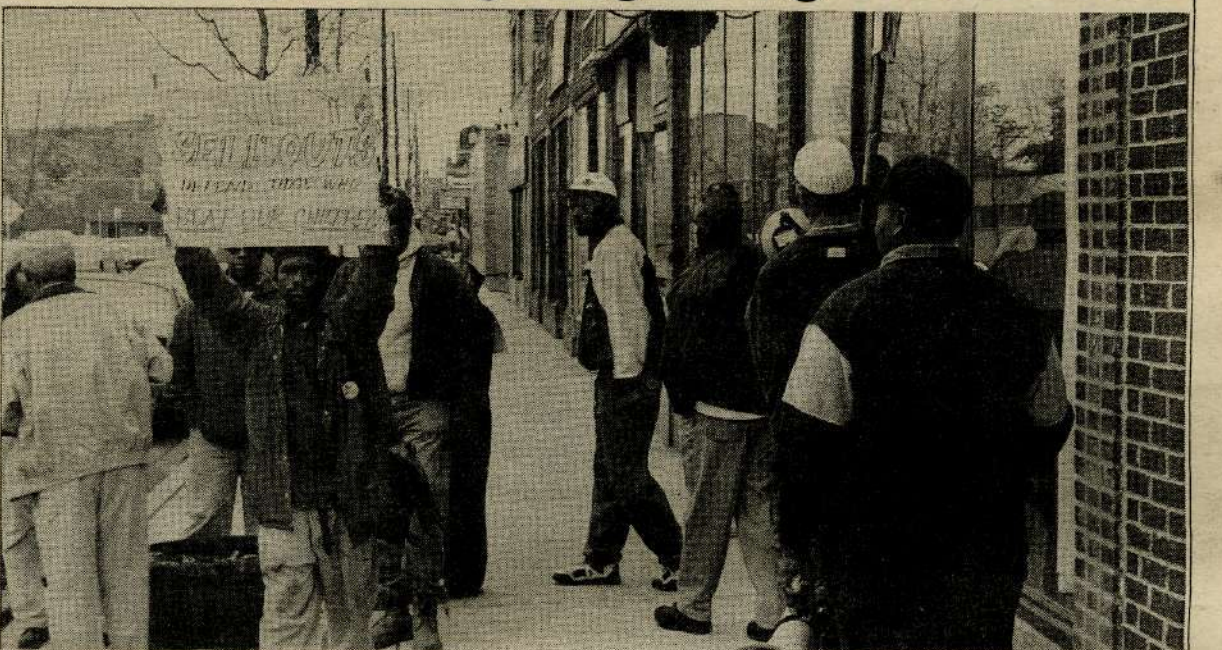
The reelection of Cook County President John Stroger and the attempt of U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun, were among the leading factors that resulted in the high voter turnout on November 3 election. Higher than most expected with 66% of the Black registered voters turn out on election day. Even with the defect of Braun, the spirit of the turn out was seen as a teaser for the February 23, 1999 city election of mayor and aldermanic candidates.

Many using the term the "The Third Force", spearheaded by the Nation of Islam leader, Louis Farrakhan. But prior to "The Third Force" term, under the banner of "Registration for Liberation", the fourth citywide Town Hall meeting was held Saturday November 7th at the Midland Hotel. Again, the room was "wall to wall" with approximately 300 people in attendance with their eyes on the February 23rd election.

At their first meeting in early August they began working on "A Community Report on Chicago", highlighting a summary of official discrimination issues against Chicago's African American people. Joseph Banks, chair of the Town Hall meetings, explained that, "This report is in conjunction with comments, thoughts, and observations from a broad number of people. It takes specific issue with the way Mayor Richard M. Daley

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Lenard Clark case Crossing an ongoing bridge for Justice



SSJ/Joseph G. Porter

By Yohance Lacour
Staff Writer

The Lenard Clark racial beating trial has ended. Frank Caruso Jr.'s eight-year sentence was upheld, his associates Michael Kwizdzinski and Victor Jasas agreed to a plea bargain of community services and probation. There were no Chicago Police standing by in riot gear as it has been difficult to ascertain the position of the African-American community. In part because of the conflicting position of the community leaders.

The Clark case has been with questionable behavior beginning just days after the beating which occurred nearly two years ago.

South Street Journal reported several questionable findings that have not

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"Sellouts", A group of citizens organized by Paris Thomas, (right, back) protested in front of the Soul Vegetarian Restaurant on 75th and Indiana Ave, charging its head, Prince Ben Asiel Israel for selling out the Black community by supporting the defendants sentence in beating Lenard Clark.

Emotions abound to relationship with the defendants

By Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

The public antics surrounding the beating of Lenard Clark has raised concerns; if they are one of promoting better understanding of relationship between race and violence, or the social and economic payoff of a hate crime in the African American community.

The Clark case bought the City of Chicago to a reminder that racial disharmony still clouds the city which has prompted action in many areas of the city.

The attack on Clark, his friends Cleavon Nicholson and William Jeramillo bought the attention and action of Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., and Mayor Richard Daley, to protest marches in the Bridgeport and Bronzeville communities. All urging

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Hayes Center Opens as an Investment

Grand Blvd. - Last Labor Day marked the celebration of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) opened the doors to the Charles A. Hayes Family Investments Center (FIC) with a block party that drew hundreds of people joining elected officials, labor and community leaders and residents of public housing.

The FIC in the making for a little over two years is a nonprofit subsidiary of the CHA. Located at 4859 S. Wabash Ave. a cross the street from DuSable High school, a block from Taylor Homes is the historical building was once known as the "Packinghouse" and before then as "Times Square."

CHA put over \$4 million in the center. Named after the Congressman and labor leader Charles A. Hayes. The center will serve as a comprehensive source of programs to help area residents make the transition from welfare to work providing job training, placement and supportive social services.

"We know that there are no simple solutions to breaking the cycle of poverty and hopelessness that traps so many public housing residents," said Zenobia Johnson-Black, President and CEO of the FIC. Johnson-Black, a Hyde Park



The Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center open officially to the public. Standing proud of the pre-work did to open are, Ron Carter, former CHA, Director of REDI who organized support and acquisition and Zenobia Johnson-Black, President and CEO of the Center's who has spearhead the concept of the center.

resident with her husband, activist/professor Dr. Timuel Black Emeritus of City Colleges. "We be-

lieve in the importance of human capital development and the Center will help; people acquire the skills need to employment, especially for careers in the prosperous fields of information and technology."

Ronald Hayes, the 1st graduate of computer maintenance and repair class put the first 12 computers in place at the center. "This center should be excellent," said Hayes. "With a high school diploma, two year college and knowledge from this training most people can be prepared to get a \$30 - 40 a year job."

Ron Carter, a major coordinator for the center and former director of CHA's REDI (now director of the city's Empowerment Zone Program) said the center will not only channel people for jobs but for businesses as well. "We have put over 5,000 in the REDI program, 40% have their own businesses. This center will enhance this.

Carter worked on the center conception and funding and

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West 50th Place Block Club Adopt its Street



Joining together for a cleaner street, the West 50th Place Block Club members were part of several blocks in Mid South taking part of the CAPS Block organizing committee "Adopt A Street Program". (L to R) Rowley Horton, 3rd Ward Superintendent, Streets and Sanitation; Ida Buffington, Jim Buffington, Marie Sutton, 2nd District Police Comm. Donald Hilbring

The UnZip

Update on SSJ associates and staff: Our sympathy goes out to the family due to the untimely lost of SSJ former office manager, **Cornell Daniels**. **Andrea Smith**, a Hyde Park residents and former SSJ writer and consultant is moving swiftly as the Assistant Commissioner for the Dept. of Housing.....Also with the government



Daniels

Debra Russell, the former second hand noise managing editor is doing P.R. for CHA. General manager **Elaine Norwood** is at The Woodlawn Organization. And on Beverly Reed, the all time super star of SSJ is performing, organizing, preparing for her cable show and doing a little editing on SSJ copy...**E.J. Jackson** is working for doing Web sites. No word on the thief **Michael Ralston** who stole SSJ computers. Word is he is about to publish the Bronzeville

News....But a special thanks those financial contributions no matter how small and large: to **Mary Jordan, Bobbie Warren, Bro. S. Muhammad, Elzie Higginbottom** (who recently received the Dantrel Davis Memorial award), **Dr. Sokoni Karanja, Mr. & Mrs. Derrick Simpson, Donald Carter, John Thomas** on the 56th and Cottage newsstand, **Dr. Collins** of the Urban League, **Bobbie Johnson; Naroy Carter, Curtis Jones, MSPDC, Barbara Kennsey, Brenetta Pearson, Mr. & Mrs. William Carter, Gerrie Oliver, Rev. B. H. Martin, Barbara Kennez, Beverly Reed, Armedale Hicks** of On the Parkway and others not mentioned;And on friends, why do politicians always call the person they endorse their friends at election time.? We never heard about their friends hanging out on the Westside or Southside of Chicago.

So those dimes add up. CTA gain of \$11 million with the fare card, is not saying how they don't give riders all they change from the machines back,And another rip-off,**People with the Illinois Link Card**, should check their balances, reports are some stores add more than what is registered at check out.

Talking about listeners, phone calls in support of Ads for WVON, Word on a flier is. **Ald. Burke's, ONE** phone call had weight in the VON laying off the Bady T. story?

Our sympathy goes out to **Dr. Leon Finney** in the lost of his son. And to **Lenore Rodgers**, a great community leader in the Roseland community. Quietly, **TWO** has done a well job, on their housing complex on 76th and Racine of the old Can factory building.

Not only **Pat Dowell-Cerasoli** has left MSPDC, **Denise Murry** has left Partners for Community Development to an organization based in Hyde Park. Taking Denise place is **Bill Gerstein** formerly of Hyde-Park Co-op. Pat went to a national youth organization, with a chapter in the loop. She plans to move in the 3rd ward. No word if she is going to have some petitions.

Mayor Daley, a Life Member of the National Association for The Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)? To bad that membership do not represents minority share of city business as outlined. The Federal govt. says the city practice employment discrimination by only hiring 42 Black firefighters out of 248. And then there's the construction of the 35th St. police station being protested by Westsider Calvin "Omar" Johnson. There's an under count of colored people. So NAACP, what do Mayor membership mean to the advancement of colored people?

Joining **President Clinton** is **CHA Taylor A president, Mattie McCoy**. Word is the residents are circulating a petition for her removal and going to file a lawsuit to impeach her. However, the residents concern was not personal as with **President Clinton**.



Mayor Daley

MINORITY SHARE

While minority-owned firms received nearly one-fourth of all city contracts in 1993, minority-owned construction firms received a lesser share of construction contracts.

City construction contracts*



SOURCE City of Chicago SUN-TIMES

South Shore Bank expand the 35tdh location

Douglas - South Shore Bank broke ground on a \$3.4 million gut rehab and renovation of its Bronzeville Banking Center at 35th and King Drive in Chicago's Bronzeville/Mid-South neighborhood today. The revitalization of the bank branch is part of South Shore Bank's \$13 million investment in the community since coming to the neighborhood in 1995.

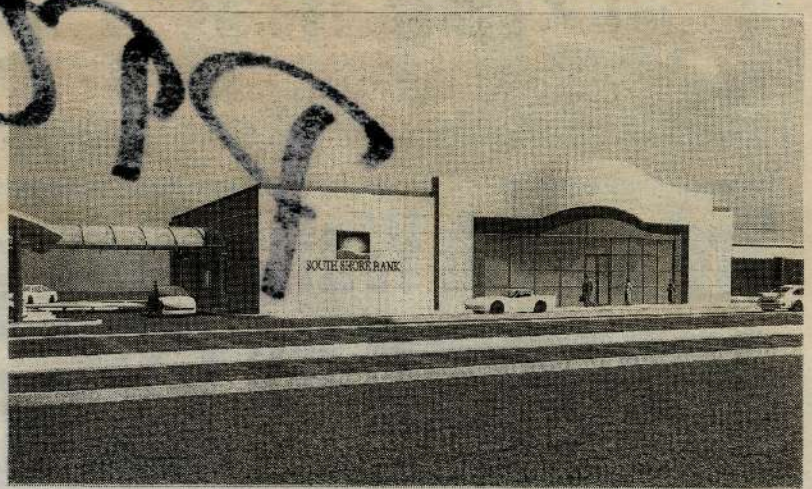
The facility will become the first "bank within a bank," catering specifically to both senior citizen and young professional customers within the same branch bank facility.

The branch will include features designed specifically for senior' needs including:

Adjoining the senior area will be a lobby serving younger residents of the community. This bobby will emphasize fast service from tellers, personal bankers, financial planning advisors and retail lenders.

"At a time when many banks charge to meet with a teller, South Shore Bank will let you sitdown with one," said Alica King, President of Retail Banking, South Shore Bank. "This one-of-a-king facility will serve our senior customers while providing the quick service that our younger customers need."

"Retailers are looking for ways to be like the Gap, targeting and attracting specific audiences with different retail concepts," said Ken Dunlap, Division Vice President of Bank Building Corporation, which designed and will construct this facility. "/South Shore Bank will take the concept one step further, segmenting the inside of the facility to attract very different audiences with very different needs."



Above is the artist design of (the formerly Drexel) South Shore Bank, Bronzeville Branch on 35th & King Dr. as Alica King, President of Retail Banking, kicks off its groundbreaking

SSJ photo Armadell Hicks



Bank Building has designed and built more financial institutions than any other firm in the nation.

When Bronzeville Banking Center will remain open during the renovation, serving customers at a temporary facility located just north of the existing bank branch. The renovation is expected to be complete in the summer of 1999. The temporary

facility has seven tellers stations, two personal bankers, a branch manager, one drive-up teller and two drive-up ATMs.

South Shore Bank is a subsidiary of the Shore bank Corporation, a community development bank holding company established in Chicago almost twenty-fie years ago. Shorebank has pioneered a comprehensive in underinvested communities.



State Senator Margaret Smith (center), along with Senate Democratic Leader Emil Jones Jr. was instrumental during the Spring Session in providing a state grant of nearly \$1.5 million for the restoration of the Overton Hygenic Building at 36th and State street. The Overton Building, located in Senator Smith's district, is a project of Mid-South Planning & Development Commission. Shown here in front of the Overton Building with Senator Jones and Smith are board member Fredrick Love, Pat Dowell-Cerasoli, former executive director of Mid-South, and board Chairman, Gregg Brown.

UIC Ranked most Diverse Blacks still lower than other ethnic groups

According to U.S. News and world Report's 1999 "America's best Colleges" ranking and guidebook, University of Illinois at Chicago is one of the nation's most diverse and affordable universities, and the top institution in the Midwest in both categories.

At UIC, tuition and fees are about \$4,000 a year. UIC graduates rank 11th best in terms of the amount of debt with which they leave college. No other Midwestern university made the top 15 for the measure of affordability. The average debt load of UIC graduates is \$10,000.

In 1997-98, UIC had a total undergraduate student enrollment of 16,283, including 1,686 African Americans (10 percent), 2,765 (17%) and 3,421 Asian Americans (21%).

Preliminary figurers indicate that UIC's new entering freshman class counts 279 African Americans (10%), 488 Hispanics (18%) and 740 Asian Americans (27%), for a minority-student total of 55 percent.

Openings available for Seniors Needing Day Care

Woodlawn - At the YWCA Harris Center, 6200 S. Drexel, seniors with illness associated with aging spend the day under the care of professionally trained staff. Two people get their lives back - the senior and the caregiver.

Program hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. for info call (773) 955-3100.

The program helps answers a growing need for day care for seniors. As American's older population increases, for the first time, an adult could spend more years caring for an ailing parent than for a child.

One Church One Child Adoption Program

Grand Blvd - One Church One Child Adoption Campaign challenges primarily African-American churches to recruit at least one family from each congregation to adopt one child.

At the Progressive Community Center - The People's Church, the One Church One Child hled their annual meeting, "Our congregation has made a commitment to the children of Cook County, to locate a

Wil Berry appointed acting Director of Mid-south planning



The Executive Board of Directors of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, appointed Wil Berry Acting Executive Director of the organization, effective August 1, replacing Pat Dowell-Ceroior.

Mr. Berry, who has been with the organization since January, 1997, was a Self-employment Trainer and Consultant, prior to his appointment.

Mr. Bery pledged to continue this mission of the organization, which is to implement the Mid-south Strategic Plan to improve and enhance the quality of life and maintain the cultural heritage of the indigenous population that live and work in the Bronzeville, Mid-South Area.

family and a place for them to call home," said the Rev. B. Herbert Martin, Sr. pastor of the church and member of the church organization..

More than 1,500 mostly African American congregations in Illinois participate in the program. There are currently 616 DCFS wards statewide who have adoption goals but await permanent placement. Of these, 535 are African-American children. These numbers will likely increase as more children are freed for adoption under the state's Permanency Initiative.

Financial and technical adoption assistance may be available both before and after a child in DCFS care is adopted. An adoption hotline (800)-572-2390 to help families begin the adoption process. People interested in becoming a foster parent can call the Foster Parent Hotline at 800-624-KIDS.

Prespective

The Tina Olson Story

Rev. Al Sampson, the man behind the Mother & Child

Excuse Me!

By Harland Hayes

Tina Olson have won the case to get her baby back from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burke.

But, behind enemy lines with Rev. Al Sampson, followers and supporter in front of alderman Edward M. Burke at 2650 W. 51st Street is a major part of the story.

This where the 40 day fast started. I have personally known the Reverend since the early 60'sf and all this time he has been a fighter a leader and a person who cares for the underdog, he is also a very wise one.

The crusade for Ms. Tina Olson and her son is honorable, just, and humanitarian. People from all walks of life came to march with the Rev. to encourage him to continue and not to give up his struggle.

Cleveland Little, who supported Rev. Sampson told a story about a young lady



seeking help for her baby taken from her by the Department of children and Family Services given to Ald. Burke.

Mr. Charles Thomas didn't know the issues too well, but he always support Rev. Sampson. "Rev. Sampson is my hero, he's the brother that comes to the aide of the helpless and the weak...I am out here right next to the Rev. because most of these ministers go behind the doors of their churches. This baby must be put back with his mother, and family members so it can enjoy the heritages like any other black child."

Ms. Olson, with no help, no support, no knowledge of the way the system works was left out to sink and drown. She went to major civil rights organizations and high profile ministers only to be lied to, deceived, and ignored, getting no help as if she didn't even exist.

Many people strongly felt the Burkes and the system were wrong, Including Dr. Robert Starks, as stressed in

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BLACK METROPOLIS

CONVENTION & TOURISM COUNCIL

Heritage Tourism Review

By Harold L. Lucas

Restoration Vs. Regentefication

What's left of the massive shells of the former homes of public housing residents loom over 54th and State Street and 39th and Cottage Grove, as the demolition ball declares that public housing is being destroyed in Bronzeville. Other than the redevelopment of a Family Investment Center in the old Packing House Building, at 48th and Wabash, few programs or grassroots initiative to empower low income public housing residents exist.

Most displaced public housing residents are being awarded vague Section 8 certificates and are forced to find subsidized housing in a market where rental housing is at a premium.

Consequently, the public housing that once circled Bronzeville and provided an effective barrier that kept downtown developers and real-estate landgrabbers out of the area are systematically being removed. Low-income people in Bronzeville are strategically being gentrified. Removed from prime land that is



rapidly being redeveloped with upscale townhouses ranging in prices starting at \$200,000. Public official are quietly retaining landholds on prime residential properties throughout Bronzeville. Some Alderman are becoming developers, a glaring indictable conflict of interest, violating the public trust of the people who elected them as representative.

The last federal resources of government dollars in the 20th century, Empowerment Zone (EZ) Funds that should help alleviate poverty, create jobs and promote economic empowerment in low income, inner city communities is shrouded in a vague complexity of ambiguous new rules. The community's vehicle for accountability for use of EZ funding, the Coordinating Council no longer has a component for public debate on the dispersal of the remaining \$66,000,000.

The Mid South Planning & Development Commission, the community participation mechanism for the development of policy for the restoration of Bronzeville, has been caught up in an internal struggle, between the Board and staff over control of the organization. Although in recent weeks, it appears, in public debate at the bi-monthly meeting, the Board of Directors has regained control of the organization. MSP&DC has restructured their

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Next Election

has treated Black people in this city." Five thousand copies of the report were distributed. It addressed issues from CTA cuts, Ward Remap, Discrimination in the the city's Fire and Police Departments, to overall economic opportunity in the Black community. The tone of the coalition was on a new mayor for Chicago.

However, the organizers focus have not put a dent in Mayor Daley political organization. He maintains his lead as in his last three mayoral elections. He has already established his base with major politicians and ministers in the African American community.

Organizers content that Mayor Daley's strength may be put on hold as political observers predicated November voter turn out is the sign that people are now ready for change. In the Mid-South communities what started from a town hall meeting on May 19 sponsored by South Street Journal resulted in a political organization for Mid-South. It has now expanded to the Chicago-Progressive Political Action Coalition (C-PPAC) with two agenda items for 1999 election; Elect: 1) a Mayor and, 2) thirty eight progressive aldermen.

Con. Bobby Rush (1) has been identified as C-PPAC's candidate for mayor. It has a host of aldermanic candidates, some opponents in the

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A SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MANY OF CHICAGO'S AFRICAN AMERICAN PEOPLE

August 27, 1998

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same ward. Wards represented at their press conference on October 2nd, were from the 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 15, 18, 19, 21, 28, 44, 37, and 34.

Bob Lucas, chairman of C-PPAC says, "Its a recall for City Hall. This is an opportunity for progressive African American to address common history and experiences identifying candidates for the February 23 election. Not to be sellouts." said Bob Lucas, who is also the director of Kenwood Oakland Community Organization.

Working with both groups, Fire Captain Ezra McCann, (4th ward candidate) said, "There are many groups formed focusing on February

1999.

"In Mid-South, there is still the Bronzeville Mid-South Political Action Coalition (B-MSPAC). We are a group in the 3rd, 4th and 20th wards wanting fair and just political representation." said Captain McCann. (McCann is the Chicago Firefighter who disclosed the racial tape of white firefighters.)

Cong. Rush, is the only Black tentatively announced his plans as a mayoral candidate. Rush says he can win now based on the voters presently on the election roll.

A source from Rush's camp stated that it will officially announce this month, and his campaign is more than ready to win in February. However, Rush challenge is to secure his base in the Black community, which includes elected officials.

Ald. Robert Shaw, chairman of the city's Black Caucus said, "He has not taken a position with Con. Rush. "I will have to sit down with Bobby."

Ald. Shaw, City Clerk elect, lost his reelection in 1983, when he endorsed Jane Byrne over Harold Washington.

Banks expressed that "The level of discrimination by the City of Chicago, many people have faced is



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Addressing political accountability, pictured above this past summer, are residents of Mid-South attending the Bronzeville Community Organizing Sessions (BOSS) Community Congress. BOSS presented a 10 point Community Manifesto and Covenant which highlighted an agreement to support candidates who agree to sign-on to their mission of the restoration of Bronzeville. It covered voter registration, economic development, housing, and other issues. In addition, concerns of courteous in returning telephone calls, directed to alderman of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 20th wards. No official has yet signed the Covenant.

unacceptable. Going into the 21st Century this way is not an option. This report is a working document to heightened awareness of the democratic process with elected leaders in our community."

"We encourage everyone to be part of this process. If the November 3rd election proved one thing. That is we are getting ready to change the direction of this city." said Banks.

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Organization Matters

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



Bronzeville youth leader receives National grant

Douglas- Community activist Kelsey Taylor has received a grant from the "Do Something" foundation for his efforts to involve youth in the neighborhood clean-up project.

Taylor and more than a dozen students are spending their Saturday cleaning up garbage on the streets and in abandoned lots, teaching the young participants the value of hard work and the pride of a strong community. Taylor, age 28, and nine other young leaders across the nation are receiving "Do Something" Grants for putting their creative, problem-solving ideas into action.

As part of the GAP Community Project, Taylor is working with the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha' giving youth the tools and opportunities to succeed. "When I was 15, my father bought me a lawnmower and showed me how to take pride in my work," Taylor says. "I want to pass on the gifts that my father gave me by giving a youth some of the tools that life requires."

"Do Something" provides grants to young people with proposals that target a specific issue, with a plan of action, a detailed budget and display adequate supervision and accountability. To date, more than 2,100 applicants in 45 states have applied for "Do Something" Grants resulting in over \$1,000,000.

"No matter what your age or back-



ground, everyone has a role to play in building better communities," says Andrew Shue, the actor who co-founded Do Something in 1993. "You just have to do something."

Do Something is a national non-profit organization that inspires,

MSPDC announce new Advisory Bd.

Grand Blvd - Mid South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC) has form the new Mid South Advisory Council. In april, the general membership proposed a resolution to activate the portion of the by-laws that allowed the umbrella organization to formulate an advisory council to augment their Board of Directors.

In response, nominations were taken and individuals were slated by

the general membership. The council will meet quarterly working with one of their eight standing committees of the organization. The new members will also work to realize the organization's goals and fundraising and maintaining the community's agenda.

The members are Etta Moten-Barnett, Sue Ish, Bill Gerstein, Ray Willis, Atty. Lester Barclay, Staci Hirsch, Psy.D., Charles A. Williams, June Fentor, and Jamie Kalvin.

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Organization: Resource \$12.5 Mil in work Grants Awarded by City

Ten Welfare-to-Work grants totaling \$12.5 million were awarded by the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training as part of a \$27 million/three-year Welfare-to-Work Formula Grant presented to Chicago by the U.S. Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) under the Personal Responsibility Reconciliation Act.

The first round of funding is to assist nearly 6,500 of the hardest-to-employ and long-term welfare-dependent recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) make the transition from welfare to work. The grants were

Nona's Column On The Issue

Don't Complain about CTA, do something about it!

By Nona Farrar

Sign the petition to elect the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) President! The C.T.A. President is currently appointed by Mayor Richard Daley. You want to have some control here, the only way we can do that is to let our State Legislators know we want the process changed. We want to elect the CTA President, so he/she is accountable to the people.

So, 128,808 signatures are needed by December 7, 1998 in order to get an Advisory Referendum on the February 23, 1999 ballot. The signatures should not be a problem, given the large number of people that complain about the service.

Can you imagine all the voters that will come out to vote February 23, 1999 if this Referendum is on the ballot! The C.T.A. problem could turn out to be a blessing in disguise for many of us and a rude awakening for others.



awarded to 10 out of 59 private companies and community organizations.

The remainder of the \$27 million will be awarded toward the end of the initial 18-month grant period and MOWD expects to receive an additional \$23 million in Welfare-to-Work funding in late 1998 or early 1999. The city will also help the state review proposals for \$4.2 million in discretionary money earmarked for Chicago.

For info call (312)744-5929.

\$100,00 Fellowships for Community Leaders

The Chicago Community Trust is now receiving Letters of Intent for the 1999-2000 Community Service Fellowship Program. The program

By the way, once we're able to vote a C.T.A.

President in, we've taken back the control we gave away. This will give us the power to vote him/her out when our complaints are not dealt with. The voters should also do an independent search for whomever it is they think should run as C.T.A. President, you can do that you know. Take your control back!

I've started a new Civil/Human Rights organization called Larger Vision Inc., to deal with many of the problems we need addressed. I hope that my efforts to assist the people will be largely supported by the people as opposed to me having to depend on foundations who may want to curb some of my efforts.

Don't forget, February 23, 1999 is the day we all must go out to vote in the Mayoral and Aldermanic races. Let's Do it Again! Vote February 23, 1999!

Sutherland Group on hold for Empowerment Zone Funds

Kenwood - The Sutherland Community Arts Initiative (SCAI) and Century Place Development Corporation (CPDC) held their own hearing September 16, call for accountability of the City council in the two and half year delay in Empowerment Zone Funds that have yet to be released to the organization.

The SCAI charged that the city council, pursuant to an ordinance adopted on March 26, 1996, authorized the City to a grant funds for the development of the Sutherland Performance Center on 47th and Drexel Blvd. The funds are to create jobs for community artists, and arts pro-

gramming and present arts-education programs in the community schools.

At SSJ deadline the funds still have not been released, but process awarding the funds are good.

Under the Alliance of Neighborhood Preservation (ANP) they called for a public hearing to determine the status of the Kenwood/Oakland EZ cultural initiatives.

According to a spokesperson, because of mis-information about the SCAI EZ situation published in the Hyde Park Herald, SCAI has agreed to a complete and total disclosure of the facts surrounding the EZ grant.

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47th/King Plan amendment Businesses seeks input

Grand Blvd. - After a year of being inactive, the 47th Street Business Association (47SBA) regrouped itself to address the 47/King Plan amendment at the Community Development Commission (CDC) hearing November 10th, at City Hall.

The 47SBA and Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC) was unsuccessful as the CDC voted with reservations for the amendment proposed by the City and Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3).

Ald. Tillman stress to the CDC that the amendment was part of the "Wholistic Approach" in refining the image and need of 47th Street. The plan is in relationship with the Lou Rawls Entertainment project proposed by the alderman. Tillman said the plan entails a Blues District of clubs and eateries and other ethnic businesses.

Tillman accused community representatives opposing the amendment vote as political foes. Supporting the 47SBA were third ward candidates, Patricia Hill, Wallace "Gator" Bradley and Myra Penny under the banner of the Bronzeville's Mid-South Political Action Committee.

Penny present at the hearing stated. "This is one prime reason why we (candidates) are going to remove her in February.

"The community is insulted that the

alderman would allow the City to push an amendment without the community knowledge nor their participation in the plan."

Ald. Tillman said the community was informed of the plan and its amendments. Owner/Taxpayers of 47th street in the area affect was informed to discuss the plan October 6th at her ward meeting.

Property owners of Public Furniture Company and the Central Arms Hotel on 47th street present at Tillman's meeting testified that the meeting was not of that nature. Saying that it is not right for the city to take their properties at will. Both owners been on 47th Street over 25 years.

The amendment extended the city power to take possession of property on 47th Street if needed to suit the plan. Final approval would have to go before the full city council.

The 47SBA, said they requested full disclosure of the Plan and its amendments before a any vote. "We took the position that the CDC do not vote on the amendment or table it because the community at large have not and should have the right to review the plan content and scope. Before any more legislation takes place." said Armadell Hicks a business owner on 47th Street. (not a candidate as printed in the Chicago Defender).

Businesses are not only concerned of their businesses future, the possible lost of jobs. One building targeted for demolition is 4700



SSJ Photo Joseph G. Porter

The 47th Street Business Association are attempting to address concerns of business displacement on 47th Street due to the 47th/King Plan of the City of Chicago. Ron Carter, Vice President stated the association focus is protecting the existing business as well wanting to work with the city and Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3) who is spearheading the plan. The association meets Friday, November 21st and every other Friday at Harris Bank 47th and Drexel at 9:00 am.

S. King, where a park is proposed that would include a statue of entertainer Quincy Jones. The association said the proposed park will effect about 40 jobs at the location.

The plan generally bound on the north by 45th st., by south 51st street, Calumet Ave on the west by St. Lawrence.

"The 47SBA are proposing to work with the city" said Ron Carter, vice-president of the 47thSBA. "But when the city and alderman hold informa-

tion back, it makes it difficult. We started out three years ago wanting answers. But to this date the we gain information from the press only."

Carter, publisher of SSJ, pointed the city and business working together is Mayor Richard M. Daley meeting with members of the Little Village Chamber of Commerce and local merchants in an effort to encourage more retail shopping in neighborhoods throughout Chicago.

Pointing to words of Mayor Daley,

"Small business are the backbone of any thriving community -- responsible for creating the majority of new jobs in the City....They support local neighborhood economies and play a critical role in the economic vitality of this city." The city's amendment, is not the case here, said Carter.

The Department of Planning is scheduled to meet at the MSPDC meeting November 17, 6:00 pm at the King Center, 43rd Cottage to go over the 47th King Plan.

witnessing four generations of the same family we serve. Clarence: I get alone well with the community. It's a lot of good history.

What would you do if not in this line of work? : Clarence: I would be at home, just being a senior citizen.

Ophelia: As a mother of four, I would spend more time with them.

What do you feel are B&B Pizza's special features and benefits?

Ophelia: The meat. We got the best, it's Scala Brand. Always fresh. The Guides (owners) are nice people.

Clarence: Yeah, they are. They care about the employees.

Advice to someone to say on the job as long as you have? Ophelia: Be on time, not be late and work together.

Clarence: Be Honest, go and come back on deliveries.

What is the stressful part of the business? Ophelia: We work hard for good service. But, we have a good time. We have a ball. There is no stress.

Clarence: Stress on a job is sometimes not enjoying what you do. I enjoy what I do.

B&B Pizza 773-373-5464

Community BUSINESS PROFILE



Ophelia and Clarence proud staff of B & B Pizza, on the corner of 55th & State, both employed for over 24 years.

James Ward, Channel 7 food critic paid B & B Pizza a visit on 55th and State Street, said "The pizza is outstanding."

Having the same family recipe for over 50 years, B& B Pizza King has been in the community for over 30 years. Bill Guide owner, says he owes much of his success to the work of his staff. Saying the recognition

should be on them, not himself. Bill stated that Ophelia Boyd and Clarence Butler have been staokes legends, "They deserve the recognition for their years of dedication and service."

How did you get interested in this business? Ophelia: I use to live behind the business when it was on 47th and Ellis. I was first a customer, then an employee.

Clarence: I like like the people and meeting them for the first time. It gives you a good feeling knowing you're giving a great service.

What do feel about this community? Ophelia: It's a nice community with a good feeling

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63rd St.

Woodlawn - The city's Community Development Commission (CDC) approved the first stage of the Woodlawn redevelopment plan as a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The approval set the stage for a \$63 million, 23 year plan for the community. Final approval will come from the City Council.

Ald. Arenda Troutman (20) called the approval a major step in addressing the many needs of the community. She was joined in support by many testimonials from the Woodlawn community.

In opposition was the South Shore, Woodlawn, Englewood Community Organizations (SWECO). Carol Chambers a member of SWECO said, "The TIF does not deliver on all views of the community.

A major organizer of getting the CDC favorable vote was Dr. Leon Finney of The Woodlawn Organization, backed by his usual position of membership support, he said, "The real thing now is for all of us to benefit from this new start." Referring

to residents opposing the vote, "We need everyone part of this plan. We are all stakeholders in the Woodlawn community. We can show how we can work together."

The 63rd Street has lost 70% of its commercial buildings and the community itself more than 50% of its population.

Beckey Carol of the Dept. of Planning explained the TIF will be made of 2/3 housing. The proposal is for 2,150 units of mixed income housing said, William Jones, executive director of the Fund for Community Redevelopment and Revitalization. The city is in the process of assembling the land.

Eminent Domain, is a City's program to legally declare one's property, as it was done with Pauline Morrison's Value Now Grocery and Liquors Inc., for 29 years on 63rd St. The oldest Black owned grocery store is forced to leave its locations due to an ordinance to change the commercial area long 63rd street.

The same case is with Vito's Foods. Vito's owner says he's happy with the offer provided by the city as he prepares to relocate to 79th street.

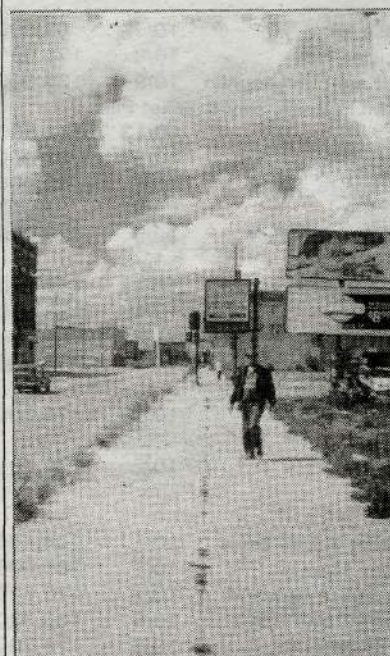
The alderman's office said, "There were some agenda problems that was worked out making sure the community has as much input as possible.

As the alderman contend that Woodlawn's TIF would general fund projects and jobs. A resident Paris, testified concern. "I support the general concept of the TIF. But, we have heard many times that projects will create jobs. And they did not benefit the people that live here as they were promised. I hope that will not be the case this time again."

Ms. Carloine Phillips agreeing said, "Residential projects general produce construction jobs and in most cases community people do not get those."

Dr. Finney stated he understand some people concerns. saying "Woodlawn TIF will be organized to address those concerns. The strategic plans calls for the whole community to come together and submit ideas, and projects for redevelopment..

In lieu of a concern that eventually the TIF will increase residents taxes faster. Ald. Troutman said senior citizens' taxes will be frozen upon the TIF being implemented.



63rd Street once one of the prime business districts in Chicago is now primarily vacant land from Dorchester to Drexel. It is targeted for a Tax Increment Financing District that proposes for a \$63 million, twenty 23 year development to the 63rd street area of Woodlawn.

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Center

other projects includes a Credit union, Offices, meeting rooms, and a business/copy center as a taste of the service that will be provided to the community. In addition, the FIC will house a walking museum of the African-American labor movement, a 350 seat auditorium, and a computer learning lab.

Ronald Hayes at the computer is the first graduate of the Center's twenty-week computer training class, here he is with area youth ready to errol and learn. From left to right is Torry White, Gaddis William, Kareem Lewis, Stevie Hayes, Mario Jones, Sermanine Wilson, Cardell Howard, and Robert Greerbe.



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**Renters:
When Your
Landlord is
Selling**

There is a lot of talk about the gentrification of Bronzeville. I know quite a few owners in the area and my experience is that most Landlords would rather keep their property, which I encourage, but a number of older landlords feel they must sell they are tired.

They are tired of begging people for below market rent. I have had clients who were pleading each month for \$150 for 4 bedrooms from relatives whose rent hadn't been raised since the migration. I'm tired and going to get me a one bedroom coop so I won't have to worry all the time about paying bills", said this seller.

I have seen 2000 square feet apartments rent for \$650 and the tenant decided that there was enough room for her sister's family and momma and uncle Joe to share the rent. I have seen children with hammers literally banging holes in walls and porches for amusement. I have seen janitors threatened when admonishing children to pick up their candy wrappers. I have seen a mother sit on a front porch eating peanuts from the shell and when asked why she was throwing shells all over the ground she replied "to give the janitor something to do"

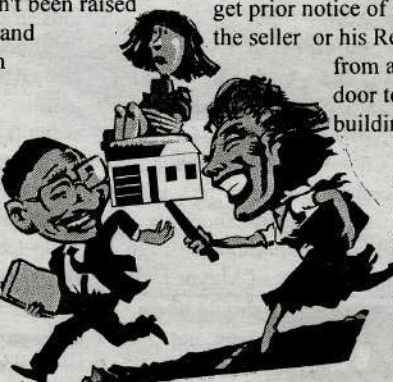
Even if you are a model tenant, you must know that destructive behavior by your fellow tenant



will eventually harm the building and your home. Be aware that there are people roaming your neighborhood who want to own the building you live in because "they don't build them like that anymore". You must realize that as costs go up so will your rent but most landlords end up paying out of pocket to you comfortable. Also, People's Gas doesn't want to hear that you're going to be behind on your rent; if the landlord can't pay, you won't have heat. If you have good landlords, treat them right. If it is decided that the building must be sold, don't be afraid to

show your apartment to prospective buyers. How you respect your home will show in its presentation. Believe me, a buyer does not want to clear the building and will be relieved to know she has good tenants. General condition for judgment of the value of the building is what is being inspected in the building. Make sure you get prior notice of showing your apartment from the seller or his Realtor and ask for identification from anyone who comes to your door to ask questions about the building. If someone claims to be a building inspector and then he asks you for your social security number and how you pay your rent, be suspicious.

Don't worry about the developers. they usually build from the ground or gut rehab buildings that are already empty. The trend is that most people buying the occupied 2-8 flats grew up in the neighborhood and are going to come back and live in the building. If your rent is paid up and your apartment is clean you generally have nothing to fear, but remember, the new owner has a big mortgage to pay and she's not your relative and she'll not subsidize you.



CHA gets passing grade from HUD

After twenty years on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) list of troubled housing authorities, the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) received a passing grade. HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced that



local control of the CHA would be restored within eight months.

In May of 1995, HUD assumed management control of the CHA to improve living conditions management. In the transition to local control, federal housing officials will work closely with Mayor Richard M. Daley who will appoint a 10-member board to govern the CHA. CHA has reported that the agency has made tremendous progress since the HUD takeover with improvements in building inspections, maintenance, financial-account monitoring and tracking vacancies. The decision to return the housing authority back over to Chicago control came after the CHA received a score of 64.69 out of possible 100.

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**Commission issues more
discrimination cases filed in
1997 than any other year**

The Chicago Commission on Human Relations (CCHR) has issued its 1997 Adjudication Report, which indicates a record high 565 cases closed and a record-high 605 new discrimination complaints filed, announced CCHR Chairman Clarence N. Wood. These include 217 new housing complaints, representing the most housing cases received by the Commission and a 31% increase over the previous year's total (166).

**Insurance companies and
Neighborhood Housing
Services of Chicago, Inc.
(NHS) announced a new two million**

dollar, low cost loan fund exclusively for home safety repairs for low-and moderate-income families. The first 2,000 families to request information about the loan fund will receive a free home safety kit, including a smoke detector, home evacuation plans, and other safety information. For information and learn more about the Chicago Home Safety Loans or the complimentary Home Safety Evaluations call 1-800-482-4090.

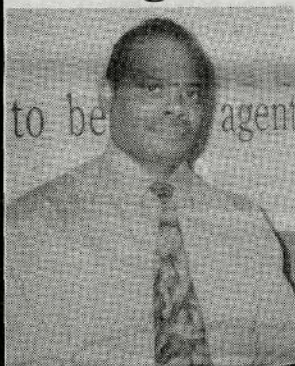
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Community/Address	Rec'd Date	Price
Grand Boulevard		
4241 S. Calumet, Heinrich Duberceau to Avis L. Ramos	10/7	102,000
5243-47 S. Michigan, 5243 S. Michigan Corp. to Jacobs, Jacobs, & Stubbs	10/13	105,900
4201 S. Prairie, Wm. & Brenda Durr to Barry Miller	10/13	98,500
56 E. 50th, Unit 16, Cole Taylor Bank to Elizabeth J. Frierson	10/8	55,000
Woodlawn		
6742 S. Evans, AKU/Investments to Daniel T. Commey	10/7	62,000
6142 S. Dorchester, Theodore Feaster to Gwen M. Carter	10/1	63,000
Hyde Park		
4800 S. Chicago Beach Dr. Unit 1011N, Torgee A. Debose, Jr	10/7	65,000
4800 S. Chicago Beach Dr. Unit 2401, Bert Stewart to Lillian Hall	10/9	135,000
1629 E. Hyde Park Blvd., Unit 1, Steve Wong to Jamie & Karen McLaughlin	10/9	135,000
1350 E. Madison, 1350 Madison Pk. Dev. Corp. to David, Elizabeth, Ray & Janet Plas	10/13	176,500
4501 S. Hyde Park, Suite 1005, Diane Griffin to Bernard Griffin	10/8	98,000
5143 S. Greenwood, Unit 1108, Martin A. Duncan to George M. Seals	10/8	82,000
5845 S. Blackstone, Unit 305, Arthur Dudden to Sheila Bator	10/6	37,500
1529 S. University, Unit 1, John R. & Sylvia Kraus to A. & M. L. Guillen	10/6	125,000
Kenwood		
4722 S. Greenwood Ave. Unit 3E, Sheila Stamps to Rozanne Brown Jahi	10/13	118,000
4347 S. Lake Park, Webster Realty Group, Inc.	10/5	133,000
4930 S. Woodlawn, Chgo Title & Trust Co. to Franciscan Friars Assumption BVM Province, Inc	10/2	1,475,000
Oakland		
4121 S. Berkeley, Northern Trust Bank to Kristan Eckberg	10/13	75,000
Washington Park		
5529 S. Indiana, Alopzo Perry to Mary Salaam	10/2	199,000
Douglas		
Near South		
1812 S. Dearborn Ct, C-18, Dearborn Village, L.L.C. to Brent & Lisa Estes	10/1	204,400
1254 S. Federal, Unit F, Kenneth J. Shorter to John Charles Matz	10/1	285,000
1441-1 S. Plymouth Court, Mark D. Smaller to Andrew & Janice Newport	10/1	270,630
1550 S. Indiana Ut. 511, The Chicago Trust Co. to Michael Davis Harris	10/5	128,320
1801 Michigan, 707, 18th St. Lofts, Inc. Dto Dennis P. Klima	10/6	179,200
1812 S. Dearborn Ct, G21, Dearborn Village, L.L.C. to Arthur & Iconna Rice	10/6	187,100
1812 S. Dearborn Ct, 14C, Dearborn Vill., L.L.C. to G. & E. Ross	10/6	202,875
1812 S. Dearborn Ct, Unit 17B, Dearborn Village, L.L.C. to Glennis Buford	10/6	180,825
1812 S. Dearborn Ct, Unit 42C, Dearborn Village, L.L.C. to Rebecca L. Ng	10/6	196,525
1522 S. Prairie, Unit F, Diane Dammeyer to Lawrence E. Flood	10/6	238,500
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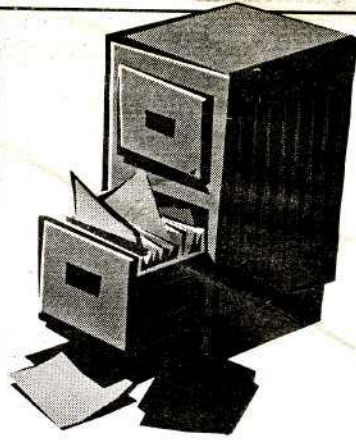
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The Chicago Metropolitan Organization of Black Churches Y2K workforce 2000 Computer Training with Tony Brown at Captain Hardtimes diner, 438 East 79th Street. For information call Rev. Al Sampson 445-7125

Saturday 14

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.

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.

Sunday 15

Culture Oasis at the Palm Spirit of 47th Street, African Market Pl., 446 E. 47th Street every 2nd Sunday, 3pm till 7pm. Music, poet, story telling, refreshments. Free. Vendors call 373-3755 or 285-9440.

Monday, 16

Chicago- Progressive Political Action Coalition (C-PPAC) meets 7:00 pm. at Hope Baptist Church, 76th and Aberdeen. Persons involved in discrimination cases meet every Mon. at 6:30pm at Rainbow/PUSH, 50th & Drexel.

Tuesday, 17

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

Mid-South Planning and Development Commission will hold their 47th King Plan. at meeting at the King Center - 43rd and cottage Grove, 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, 18

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

The Bronzeville Organizing Strategic Session will hold their meeting at the Center's for New Horizons, 42nd and King Drive at 6:00 pm.

Washington Park Advisory Council meets Third Wed. of the month at the Washington Park Field House.

Friday 20

47th Street Business Association bi-weekly meeting at Harris Bank, 47th and Draxel, 9:00 am. For information call 312/851-2881.

Saturday

DeLaSalle High School will host its 15th Annual Olympic Day for 7 & 8 grade boys from 9 am to 1 pm. Teams of five are requested for the morning-long competition which will feature Basketball, knee-tackle football, weightlifting, bowling, trivia, relay races, computer activities and tug-o-war. For more information or to register your team, contact Joe Zampillo at 312)

Sunday 22

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

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