

## Editorial

**F**irst of all there will be a national Million Man March meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 1999. Location to be announced, call 773-924-0461.

The Chicago Defender as many Black media people would say "I got my start there."

One of my most favorable moments were in staff meetings and John Sengstacke spent two hours talking about the same thing in the last meeting he had with us. Many knew his presentation by heart.

Now as a publisher myself, I now realize how the Chicago Defender has not continued to be what it use to be and what the people want it to be.

With the staff and the one-on-one meetings Mr. Sengstacke, one story he always talked about was of how the Late Mayor Richard J. Daley directed him to stop his editor from printing the negative truth about the school problems. The editor didn't stop, so Mr. Sengstacke said he fried him. I always wonder until now why he reminded us of the incident.

In most conversations he Mr. Sengstacke was very harass on Black Leaders. And he was also bitter toward them. He called names and at other times you had to read between the lines.

Many had their problems with the newspaper and Mr. Sengstacke. To me it all adds up. The

# The Year of Unity,

Mayor Daley may not like it. But he do understand



Chicago Defender did not have the support of the community.

The month of February is perceived to be the most honored, the most prided, and educational

month for African Americans. However, in the Mid-South communities, the talk other than Black History on the streets is "The Whites are coming, the Whites are coming." While some view it as a sign of better city services, others view it as a sign that they will have to leave the community. Then there is those that vision they can get a job cleaning White folks homes'.

This Black History Month should focus on how Black Chicago receive the month viewing accomplishments, and historical trends to come.

The reality is that Chicago is just as segregated as it was when Dr. Martin Luther King walked for fair housing. Institutional self-racism is at its best as leadership compromise with those supporting racist agendas. Some call it politics. Knowing how to get things done. We can't win as they receive their tokens.

The federal government's Empowerment Zone theory of the "Bottoms up" and how low-income people are treated reflects how Black History should be view and acted upon.

Many are beginning to be aware of the personal gains and significance of the race for mayor and how Black

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# \$1 Land Deal for Washington Park

Washington Park- The Washington Park community is the last of the larger Mid-South communities to get a major shot for redevelopment. The community bound from 51st to 61st street, Princeton to King Drive is number two in the city in demolition of housing units, (2nd to neighboring Grand Boulevard.

For several months the Greater Washington Park Community Development Corporation, and the Amoco Corpora-

tion have been in negotiations discussing the land at 55th & King Drive, an empty gas station.

Washington Park which is in the Empowerment Zone area and part of a Redevelopment Plan, the project for 55th and King Drive is the first new commerce project to come to the area. GWPCDC view the location as good property, the awarding of the property by Amoco is for a community center which

will include a business incubator and a credit union center.

The property had been vacant for years. Theodore Wordlaw, a former employee of Amoco Corp. and now the President of the Cosmopolitan Credit Union brought GWPCDC to the table because they are the community based not-for-profit organization. Both organizations had one thing in common, the

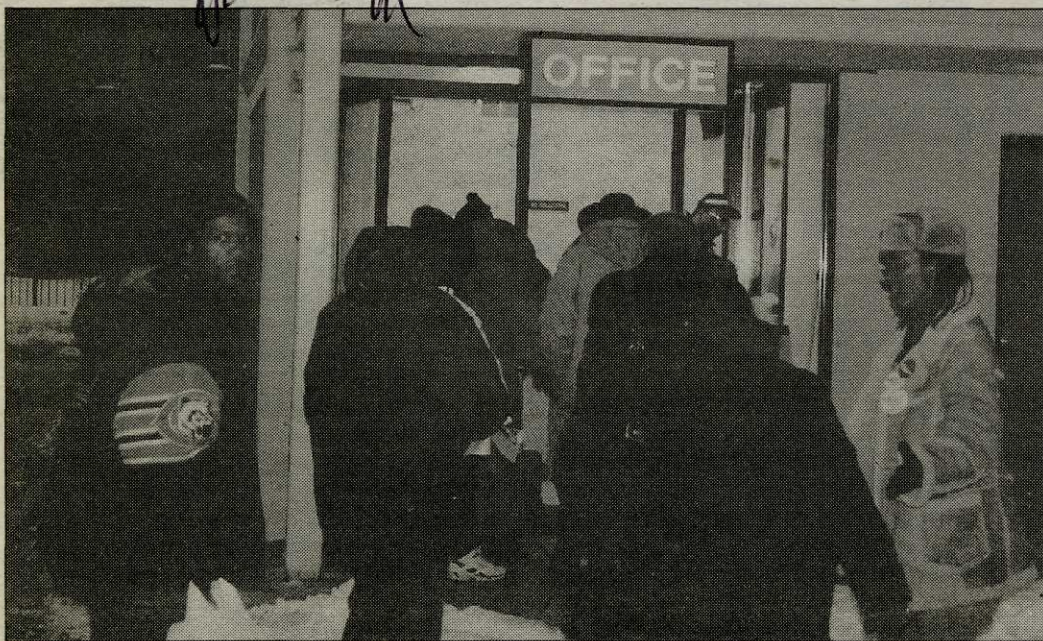
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Members of the Greater Washington Park Community Development Corporation stands at 55th and King Dr. celebrating the awarding of the land for \$1 by the Amoco Corp.. (Lto R) Ceiecla Butler, Erline Arikpo, Bertina Palm, Mark Allen and Rev. Earl Sardon of Temple Church.

# City responds to Taylor heated emergencies

## Residents battles weather and future housing



Aldermanic candidate (3), Patrica Hill (R) assist Taylor residents in securing rooms in the Amber Motel on 39th & Michigan, with the financial help of Rev. Barclay. Hill was one who attacked Ald. Dorothy Tillman, saying residents are being politically exploited. Hill said "If the alderman was doing her job, I wouldn't be running. Residents can call the Emergency Response by calling (312) 791-4747.

Grand Blvd. - The "Heat is On CHA" which spokespersons from the Chicago Housing Authority says isn't fair. The media basically reports the negative things in CHA and when the good occurs it is over shadowed by the negative.

No exception to blame was criticism of Mayor Richard Daley. A spokesperson for the Bobby Rush Campaign stated as Daley was preparing for a good image of handling the snow storm, blame is still associated with him to the lack of attention of the citizens of Taylor Homes.

Taylor is not the only development faced with the heat problem, the Washington Park Homes at 4445 S. Evans was vacated the first week of January for lack of heat (now stands vacant) and moved to the neighboring building 4414 S. Cottage Grove.

Sources told South Street Journal the Mayor was expected to visit the 4414 building as CHA

staff was told to report to work at 7:00 am for a special cleanup. Instead a representation from the mayor's office came with police inspecting all apartments for more than heat problems, they made arrest for gun and drug possessions.

At ABLA homes, where a deficient heating system plagued residents for years, the CHA used \$4 million in emergency disaster funds to replace the entire heating system last year.

The issues of Taylor resulted in many agencies and organizations coming to the aid of residents. Many addressing the issues head on as the Bronzeville's Mid-South Political Action Committee (MS.PAC) a group of candidates and political activities of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 20th wards will hold a press conference charging "The Daley Holocaust". MS.PAC will be charging the Volitions of Human Rights, Dis-

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# February 23rd Election heats up,

## Rush pushing campaign and issues



the North, South and West Sides of Chicago. The neighborhood field office extend the reach of the campaign and provide additional locations for citizens to receive information about the campaign or volunteer to join the Rush for Change.

As Mayor Richard M. Daley opened a campaign office in Hyde Park, Cong. Rush has opened an office at 8459 S. Cottage Grove. On the West Side, an office has been opened at 3022 W. Madison, and the North Side Rush for Mayor office is located at 4765 N. Lincoln. The offices are in addition to the main campaign headquarters at 9 N. Wabash.

Bobby Rush welcomed supporters to the new offices and encouraged their participation in his campaign. "I promised the citizens of Chicago that I would campaign in every nook and cranny of the city", he said. "These additional offices will help us get our message out and provide additional locations for citizens to get information about our movement for change".

In doing so Rush set a schedule to

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Dispute the glare of Black elected officials and ministers endorsing Mayor Richard M. Daley, Congressman Bobby Rush stated at a community meeting of the Vanguard he will be Mayor of the City of Chicago.

Moving forward Rush campaign announced the opening of three additional Rush for Mayor campaign offices on

## Mayor Daley line up endorsements



In announcement from Mayor Richard M. Daley's campaign office around 200 political and religious leaders attended an endorsement session for Daley's re-election bid.

Daley's campaign reported religious leaders representing various faiths and beliefs support the Mayor's efforts to provide Chicago's children a better education, bring jobs to the communities, and improve the quality of life.

They also made their endorsement on the legacy of the Daley name.

Daley's re-election was endorsed by 27 south and southwest side elected officials. Black elected officials such as Cook County Board President John Stroger; State Senator Emil Jones; State

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# 4th Ward forum

## Developers and community input focus

North Kenwood - The Concern Residents of Oakenwald of the fourth ward kicked off one of the first political forums in Mid-South on Tuesday, January 19 at Kennicott Park at 44th and Lake Park.

Prior to challenging Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4), one of the major task for most candidates is to get on the ballot. Out the ten candidates challenging alderman Preckwinkle only one is sure to be on the February 23 ballot due to the challenges of her potential opponents.

The ones officially knock off are Annie R. Smith, Ivy E. Martinez, Joseph Clark and Kublai K. Toure'. For the remaining the Board of Election has not made a final decision at SSJ deadline.

Five candidates including Preckwinkle were present at the CRO forum, a

block club in North Kenwood.

Chairing the forum was CRO president, Rozanne Hubbard who directed candidates to focusing their answers on the Kenwood community. Candidates for the most part centered their statements and answer around the lack of community input in the direction of the ward, issues facing CHA residents placement, land developers, and education. As they did so Ald. Preckwinkle opponent labeled their answers as the alderman as a tool for outside developers and her lack of community input.

On the question of challenges the candidates perceive ahead for the North-Kenwood and Oakland Communities and their plans to the challenges, Brain Marshall said the issue of building trust

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## LISC grants and loans assisting to Mid-South Community Development Corporations

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation/Chicago (LISC/Chicago) awarded nine grants totaling over \$350,000 to a wide range of neighborhood programs — from day care to job training, as well as housing development — in the fourth quarter of 1998.

In Mid-South the grant loan awards include: Interfaith Housing Development Corporation (IHDC) — a \$35,000 grant for the predevelopment of two day care centers. The center in Washington Park will assist children between the ages of two and five with special disabilities. The other center of the Southeast Side will offer care for infants whose mothers are entering or returning to the workplace.

St. Edmund's Redevelopment Corporation (SERC) — a \$100,000 loan and \$15,000 grant for the predevelopment expenses associated with St. Edmund's Manor, a new 30 unit residential center in Washington Park.

For info on LISC call Contact: Andrew Mooney, (312) 697-6104, or Marilyn Katz, Brian Berg — (312) 822-0505.

## "Fountain of Time" in Washington Park

The construction of a building covering the "Fountain of Time," will be like a barn, approx. 40x150 feet. The work will last for a minimum of two years. "Father Time" (large single structure, will not be covered. The purpose is to repair the damage that has occurred over the past 80 or so years.

Springfield—State Senator Margaret Smith

D-3, Chicago welcomes members of the AARP who came to Springfield recently to rally for support of assisted living accommodations and a patient's bill of rights.

## New Leaders of the Freed Readers

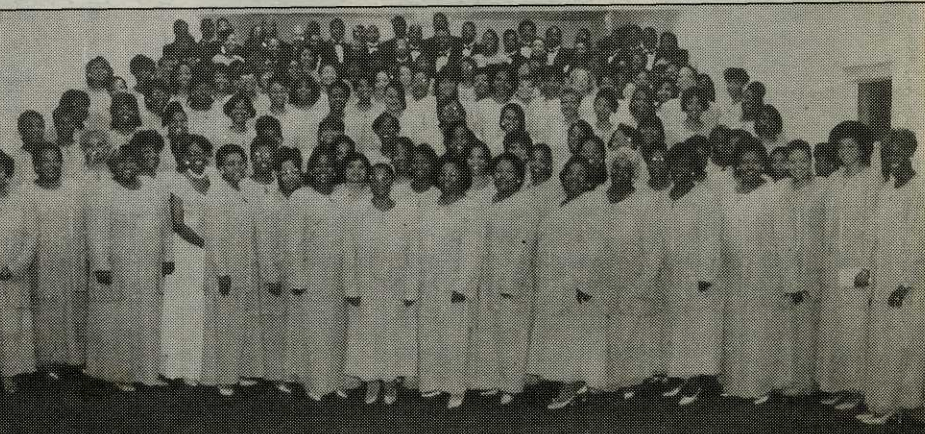
### Vernon Jarrett Swears in Young CHA Residents into New Reading Program



Over thirty youngsters from the CHA Development Lake Park were sworn in as the new leaders of the Freedom Readers. The Freedom Readers Program is the brainchild of legendary journalist Vernon Jarrett. Its goal is to promote reading awareness amongst school aged children through various activities set up throughout the city including poetry and essay readings, oratorical land essay contests as well as student discussion groups that focus on current news in the community. The youths, ages 5-14, are local students from the Jackie Robinson School. Chicago Public Schools Intergovernmental Affairs Deputy Director Robin Black presented the youths with books and led the group in an oral reading presentation. Several city agencies have taken part in this initiative. The Chicago Housing Authority's role is to facilitate volunteer groups throughout the city in public housing. Pictured are Vernon Jarrett and several young participants pledging to become active members.

## Computer Whiz Kids

Over fifty young residents from the Chicago Housing Authority's from various developments including Taylor, Stateway and Washington Park completed a ten-week computer course sponsored by CHA's Office of Residents Programs and Department of Youth Services. Counselors from the Center for New Horizons worked in conjunction with CHA in facilitating the course held at the Charles Hayes Family Investment Center, 48th and Wabash.



The Apostolic Church of God Sanctuary Choir with the Chicago Sinfonietta for a Tribute to Dr. King at Symphony Center. Bishop Arthur M. Brazier is the pastor located at 63rd & Dorchester.

# The UnZip



Our words of encouragement to all in the passing of Eric Hatchett, who dedicated his life to community service. Mr. Hatchett among the many roles he had in the community he, was a member of TWO, active with the Washington Park and Jackson Park Advisory Council.

Congrats to Mary Gilbert from Beethoven School, 47th and State She was awarded from the Chicago Foundation for Education for her Poetry Everyday Project.....Continuing on Education, A tale of two community schools: In North Kenwood, King High School, as parents and students are honored for the name of their school, they should be concern as one of the lowest test scored schools in the nation. While its neighboring South Kenwood High is among the best in the nation.

On appointments: Seth Feldman has been named Executive of the not-for-profit Research and Dedication of the Michael Reese Medical Staff,....and Jamilah Jor'dan, formerly project director for the Chicago Metropolitan Association for the Education of Young Children, has been named executive director of the newly-created Chicago accreditation Project. The Project is a \$16 million, five-year initiative to accredit 900 of Chicago's Head Start and early childhood programs in low-income communities.

Back in town is Brenda Let, life long member of Lu Palmer's CBUC and the first organizer of Mid-South Planning and Development Commission. William Barnett, former 2nd ward alderman and representative of the 35th Street Business Association said looking at his watch, "You have a few days to get it together." for folks that have problems with the government.....Derrick David Stinson, 2nd ward candidate, and president and founder of the Matthew House made the Christmas stepping over to the 3rd ward helping resident Stephanie Wright, and children. Stinson presented them with gifts of clothing and toys.....Speaking of election day..... If you are in the 20th ward and plan to be out of town on February 23, protect your vote. No word on what happen to election fraud the investigation charge of Ald. Troutman.

On a form of reparations for New Approach Health Food on 47th St., buying the city owned land next to their shop, Ald. Toni Preckwinkle told 47SBA rep, Ron Carter "Ron, give it up." & a church told him, "Don't expect any support from us until after the election...we must get Ald. Tillman elected..It came from the top." To sum things up. Looks like Hannibal Afrik and Erline Arikpo need more support to get Reparations for African Americans, since the government is prevent New Approach from buying it.

## History of Reparations Payments

by Dorothy Benton Lewis s/n Aurevouche



1990	U.S.A.	\$1.2 Billion or \$70,000 Each	Japanese Americans
1990	Austria	\$25 Million Holocaust Survivors	Jewish Claims on Austria
1988	Canada	260,000 Sq. Miles of Land	Indians and Eskimos
1988	Canada	\$230 Million	Japanese Canadians
1986	U.S.A.	\$27 Million-18.36 Treaty	Ottawas of Michigan
1985	U.S.A.	\$31 Million	Chippewas of Wisconsin
1985	U.S.A.	\$12.3 Million	Seminoles of Florida
1985	U.S.A.	\$105 Million	Sioux of South Dakota
1980	U.S.A.	\$81 Million	Klamaths of Oregon
1971	U.S.A.	\$1 Billion + 41 Million Acres of Land	Alaska Native Land Settlement
1952	Germany	\$25 Million Holocaust Survivors	German Jewish Settlement

(Prepared July '98' by D.B. Lewis - Black Reparations Press)

If you have any call 773/924-0461 or Fax at 773/924-9536 All UnZippers must provide name, address and telephone.

# CHA Implosion

## A sign of Boosts Community Development



SSJ Photo by Debra Russell

The \$2 million implosion projects marks the first time in Chicago's history that a residential structure has been taken down by use of explosives rather than by wrecking ball.

Kenwood - Marking a turning point in a community's determination to rebuild, resident of North Kenwood-Oakland, Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) tenants, and city officials viewed the awaited implosion of four long-abandoned CHA-owned high-rise buildings that line the eastern perimeter of the neighborhood.

During a weekend filled with events the CHA said it was a celebrated accomplishment in the ten years since the buildings were shut down, with pride for the past and hope for the future.

But not without protest from some residents and community representatives. The Workshop Coalition with the The Coalition to Protect Public Housing were not celebrating.

Izora Davis said CHA did not kept their end of the bargain. "Housing was supposed to be build for the former tenants first before the buildings were demolish. For every family unit demolish, CHA will replace it.

That agreement was not kept. We still have to be on guard dealing with CHA."

Too late in it suit to stop the demolition Davis with the CCPH said, "It was no secret that they were going to destroy the buildings before the replacement housing."

The Lakefront Properties, The buildings were part of two developments

know as Lake Michigan Homes and Washington Park built in 1962 and 1963, consist of four 16 -story high-rise buildings containing 607 units that have been vacant since 1985.

In about 1984 a tenant strike was lead by former tenant/organizer Joe Tillman, demanding fair and true representation in tenants relocation. A stand off which about 20 residents remain in one of the buildings until CHA cut off the utilities

after CHA order the tenants to move.

After a number of years of debate, discussion and confrontation with the residents and the community, a consensus was reached to demolish the buildings. Instead create low density housing which would be integrated into the Oakland/Kenwood community.

In 1992, the North Kenwood-Oakland Conservation Community Council which its members were appointed by Mayor Richard Daley was formed to facilitate the city-sponsored plan for community revitalization.

The \$2 million implosion projects marks the first time in Chicago's history that a residential structure has been taken down by use of explosives rather than by wrecking ball. Demolition of the Lakefront Properties is in compliance with a 1985 HUD agreement. The implosion will be implemented by contractors

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# BLACK METROPOLIS CONVENTION & TOURISM COUNCIL

## Heritage Tourism Review

By Harold L. Lucas

### Supreme Life Center

### A Community

### Call for \$400,000

Strategically located at the gateway to the Black Metropolis/Bronzeville Historic District, the Supreme Life Center is poised to become both a historically-theme premium commercial building anchoring the development of Bronzeville as internationally-recognized heritage tourism destination.

In 1995, BMC & TC intervened in the proposed demolition of the building and acquired title. BMC & TC submitted an acquisition and pre-development plan for the Supreme Life building as par of a Chicago Empowerment Zone (EZ) economic development cultural diversity proposal. The proposal was awarded a \$100,000 EZ Grant and was among the first ten approved for funding. BMC & TC was also awarded \$25,000 recoverable grant from LISC, and a matching grant of \$30,000 from the National Park Service, Urban Partners Program.

The supreme Life Center is positioned at the commercial heart of Bronzeville, a quickly gentrifying neighborhood in one of the premiere lakefront locations in the city. It is also beautifully positioned at the gateway access point for tourists entering the historic district from downtown and from McCormick Place. As a commercial and tourism facility, the building location is ideal:

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- five Blocks of the new \$67 million Chicago Police department Headquarters under construction;
  - Six blocks from the Illinois Institute of Technology \$20 million campus expansion;
  - One block away form the 8th Regiment Armory Building, currently under a \$14 million dollar restoration, turning the landmark building into a
  - ROTC Academy and African American military museum
  - Two blocks from Lake Michigan and less than two miles from the Loop and the new museum campus;
  - At the hub of an urban transportation corridor bounded by two major interstate highways and two light-rail transit systems, as well as multiple bus and car routes.
- The above project have benefit in part or whole using tax funds.

Bonxeville's History as "Black Metropolis" Bronzevill is a community

As the styles of blues, jazz, and gospel that emerged in Bronzeville have attracted an ever-larger international audi-

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## Tillman 47 Street plan approved by City Council,

Third ward Ald. Dorothy Tillman's 47th Street Redevelopment Plan passed by the city council without any commu-



Ald. Dorothy Tillman

Lawncee. The city at will can acquire any land or building in the area against the owners will if it desire..

Hicks a "why she the alderman have the power to secure such a wide area of land, when she have not did anything with the city-owned property in her possission now."

As reported in the Chicago Defender, the council approval Tillman's plan to begin the long wait lou Rawlsf project. Tillman said, "It was the last hurdle needed to get her projects going.

Tillman has propose to build an african/Caribbean and the African Di-

asora similar as Chinatown, or Greek-

Hicks, area coorinator for 47th Street Business, said. It is a good thing for the redevelopment plan for 47th Street

"We agree with redevelopment. However, 47SBA, and the community organizations may need to train residents to speak african language in order to to get a job on her projects.

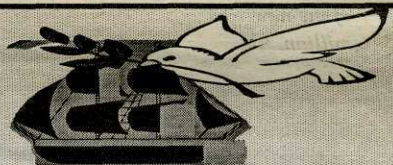
Hicks said at the SBA meeting on

Monday January 25, "the lack of board

community participation in the plan and to include community buisnesses in it is

a major concern with her leadership. The city ensured us that the department of planning would have a open process on the project. which hasn't. This is our major problem,

After seven year of delays still no official word when the Lou Rawls project will actually get on the way.



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# 4th Ward

as alderman. Charles Williams address a comprehensive housing plan and a voice in the land development of the ward. Richard "Malachi" Thompson address fair development, and good and effective schools. He charged the Preckwinkle with being bias with the New England Development as it locks out others.

Preckwinkle said the most challenge of the ward is placing 240 public housing units in the community, without taking away from a mix income community. The alderman also pride her achievement on the \$18 million development of Shakespeare school that has been closed since 1993.

Kwame Raoul in his second race for alderman address balancing real estate instead of community, making full use of the Empowerment Zone funding to

support redevelopment.

Candidates were ask to explain the meaning of "Fee Simple" and how it relates to the selling of CHA land on the Lake Front.

Ald. Preckwinkle explained that the issue is based on how CHA land will be used. Stating that properties owned by CHA will be used to build new housing. However, CHA is only will to contract or ground lease the properties to developers. A position that Preckwinkle says she, the City of Chicago prefer CHA to sell it to developers.

Marshall challenged the "Fee Simple" should have never been an issue in the first place. Implying a lack of planning by the alderman.

Kwame Raoul charged that was an example of no community inclusion for the wards' development. "It clearly sends a message that we have no voice in the process. The community is left out of its position. There should be a bottom's up process. The alderman is a representative of the community not of her on interest.



Ald. Toni Preckwinkle



Kwama Raoul



"Malachi" Richard Thompson



Charles Williams



Brain Marshall

Preckwinkle defended her action on public housing pointing out that the 4th ward concentration of public housing was made years before she came to office. A political tool by white politicians to control and Black community and, Black politicians using public housing as a base of votes.

Williams charged that "Open and fair government is the issues of the 4th "In Kenwood the issues are basically the same in North Washington Park, Hyde Park, Grand Boulevard and Oakland. This alderman has divided the community. There should not be no behind the

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## Supreme Life

ence, the community has become increasingly attractive as a tourist destination. Without any development, the area is already attracting foreign tourists seeking out the "authentic" birthplace of modern electric blues, big band jazz, making pilgrimages to this area just as the rolling Stones and other musicians influenced by the blues have done since the 1960's.

A private mortgage lender was identified to acquire the property. The mortgage lender was given first mortgage position and a commitment to repay the loan of \$150,000 within one year, due August 15, 1997. The mortgage lender has paid for BMC & TC additional delinquent real estate taxes, liability insurance and legal fees, all terms and conditions secured by deed. BMC & TC has been unable to secure 2nd round EZ funds to complete acquisition, and therefore the mortgage lender has sent BMC & TC a Notice of Election to foreclose on August 6, 1998 in the amount of \$283,481.00. To repay the loan, pay delinquent taxes which have been purchased by a tax buyer, and stabilize the buildings will require an estimated \$400,000 short-term loan to be repaid at closing on the construction loan (estimated 6-8 months, not to exceed two years).

## Aldermanic Candidates Running in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 20th Wards February 23rd

Twelve years after independent aldermanic candidates helped Mayor Harold Washington make political history, here is a new guard of candidates gearing up to prove their independence. The following are candidates in the upcoming February 23rd aldermanic election. Some candidates have been challenged and removed prior to this deadline. Others are expected to be removed as well. Aldermen receive a \$85,000.00 plus expenses annual salary. An Aldermen's main role is legislative law making as apposed to the popular belief that they are ward house keepers.

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Richard M. Daley, 1476 S. Prairie  
Joe Bankes, Jr., 8928 S. Normal  
Bobby L. Rush, 3534 S. Calumet Ave.,

### Clerk:

James J. Laski, Jr., 6029 S. McVicker

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Dorothy A. Brown, 8816 S. Constance Ave

### Alderman - 2nd Ward:

Geraldine Laury, 1317 W. Taylor St.,  
Melvin Powers, 2235 W. Adams St.  
Derrick David Stinson, 3654 S. Prairie, #1,  
Madeline L. Haithcock, 2639 S. Michigan,  
Barbara A. Duffy, 1130 S. Michigan Ave. #2116  
Mary Collins, 2010 W. Jackson Blvd.,  
William G. Higginbotham, 3554 S. Rhodes Ave.

### Alderman - 3rd Ward:

Dorothy J. Tillman, 4321 S. M. L. King Drive,  
Francine Washington, 3616 S. State, #211,  
Dorothy Olivier-Harris, 3651 S. Federal,  
Jerone P. Morgan, 4416 S. Michigan Ave.  
Lula Mae Clay, 3812 S. Michigan,  
Patricia L. Hill, 3811 S. Wabash  
Myra D. Penny, 4524 S. Michigan Ave.  
Lisa Hughes, 4213 S. Michigan #C  
Wallace "Gator" Bradley, 4812 S. Vincennes Ave.

### Alderman - 4th Ward:

Toni Preckwinkle, 5135 S. Greenwood  
Kwame Raoul, 855 E. Drexel Sq.  
Joseph Anthony Clark, 5020 S. Lake Shore Dr.,  
Charles S. Williams, 4719 S. Langley Ave.  
Brian Marshall, 932 E. 46th Street,  
Ezra L. McCann, 4832 S. Dorchester,

### Alderman - 20th Ward:

Moses Jones, 6218 S. University,  
Helen Y. Latimore, 6150 S. Ingleside,  
Arenda Troutman, 6360 S. Greenwood,  
Shadrach Goodloe, Jr., 220 E. 68th St.,  
Julius L. Polk, 6137 S. Woodlawn Ave.  
Felton Mitchell, 6826 S. Michigan,  
Howard McMillan, 6202 S. Park Shore,  
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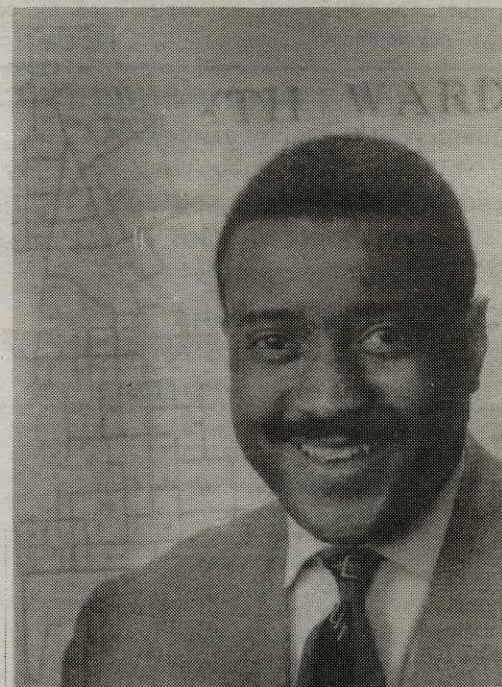
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# Assist our students; not fail them

Education Columnist  
Michael H. Brownstein

When the Chicago Board of Education changed policy and decided to fail children based on reading scores at the 3rd, 6th, and 8th grade level, I wrote that it would end up as a nightmare, not only for the students, but also for the school system as a whole.

Research with minority youth in California came to a number of alarming conclusions: African-American males who failed once were at risk at dropping out of school and getting into trouble with the law. African-American males who failed twice had a 99% failure rate by the time they were 25 years old. They were dead, in jail, drug addicts or alcoholic.

Other studies placed failure as one of the top childhood traumas right above the death of a parent. More research pointed out how failure

destroys the self esteem of students and did not help them the following year. In fact, they stayed behind their new classmates. So why this get tough approach to failure?

I could understand if we did everything possible as a system to create successes, but we do not. We have made it harder to assess special need

children; have added additional paper work for teachers; and we have set up programs that do not modify learning development. (If a child is failing in one setting, an alternative setting within the school for another method of learning should be in place.) We need to assist our students; not fail them. But it gets worse.

We do not fail children based on a year's work; we fail them base on one test—The Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

This is ridiculous, 3rd grades across the city are becoming overcrowded. Summer schools are not effectively solving the problem. If we must fail our children, let us fail them based on a number of determinants.

In mid-winter, failed students will get a chance to pass, based again, on one test (hopping from 3rd to 4th). Think about it! They missed an entire semester of 4th grade work and they will be promoted to 4th grade. Can they succeed? How? Can they be expected to catch up? We have already created a generation of failures. Now, in their new grade, they will continue to fail.

There is a better way! We must teach the entire student and create a number of alternatives to make them better students. Only then will all of our students become learners for life.



# The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. daughter, Rev. Bernice A. King Keynoted 13th King Jr., Interfaith Breakfast.

Mayor Richard M. Daley hosted the 13th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Interfaith Breakfast January 14. Chicago's diverse religious community join corporate and civic leaders to celebrate the birth date of Dr. King, which was January 15th, and to honor his life and life's work.

Delivering the keynote address was the Reverend Bernice A. King, youngest daughter of Coretta Scott King and the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King.



Reverend Bernice A. King, youngest daughter of Coretta Scott King and the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King.

Jr. Bernice King is remembered most as the five-year-old in the Pulitzer Prize winning Photograph taken as she lay in her mother's lap during her father's funeral. She also has the distinction of delivering the keynote address during the City of Chicago's first Interfaith Breakfast in 1987, which was hosted by the late Mayor Harold Washington.

tant pastor of the Greater Rising Star Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. As a child, she dreamed of becoming both a lawyer and a politician, but on March 27, 1988 she formally accepted "the call" by preaching a trial sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church. She was ordained two years later.

Although Reverend King has received awards and recognition from various civic, religious, corporate and political organizations, she has not failed to realize that "to whom much is given, much is expected." As such, she devoted her time mentoring teenage girls.

Reverend King has also written her first book of sermons and speeches entitled "Hard Questions, Heart Answers," and has been cited by Ebony Magazine as "one of the 50 leaders of tomorrow."

Musical entertainment was provided by the Kenwood Academy Concert Choir. The event is invitation-only.

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# King in Peter

**D**r. Martin Luther King is a time that we reflect on many ways. We are reminded many ways of the work of Dr. King. Here in Mid-South, there is a base of Dr. King among us: by the building named in his honor, from King High to Kennedy King College, The street Grand Boulevard, then name South h Park to its present name of Dr. Martin Luther King Drive. and the building Dr. King's Workshop on 50th and Drexel lead by his most noted carrier of his work Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

As Rev Joseph Wells at 46th and King Dr. open the doors when many would not open their church doors for him. And across the street is where Ald. Tillman began her training as a follower of Dr. King.

The past week many noble things have been said of Dr. King.

To the legacy of Dr. King as a man of God his impact is left to:

## The New Testament, II Peter 1, Chapter 5:

1 THEREFORE, as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings, a sharer, too, in the glory that is to be revealed. I appeal to the elders among you: 2 shepherd God's flock that has been entrusted to you, not because you have to but willingly, because God wants you to : not out of greed for gain but eagerly; 3 not lording it over those who are under your charge but being examples to your flock. 4 And with the appearing of the Chief Shepherd you will be awarded the never-fading crown of glory. 5 So also the younger men should defer to those who are older, while you all put on the apron of humanity toward each other, because "God sets Himself against the arrogant, but He grants grace to the humble."

6 Humble yourselves. therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may in due time raise you up. 7 Throw all your anxiety upon Him, for His concern is about you. 8 Exercise self-control. Be on your guard. Your opponent, the devil prowls around like a roaring lion in search of someone to devour. 9 Firm in your faith resist him, aware that throughout the world, sufferings of this kind are imposed upon your brothers.



Photo from The Black People of America, Dennis Dr. Martin Luther King as he marched in Chicago, against housing discrimination

(Continued from page 1) leaders are being selfish is that world leaders su bassador of African for Louis Farrakhan as the stepping up to making. ments other than the hi tions in Chicago. The South Street Journal t women of the Mid-Sou dorthy Tillman (3), Tor Troutman (20) should r last election. (If our ad dress this in future issue It is time those such a Omar Johnson, Brenda Thomas, Al Sampson, E Dowell, Micheal Jordan Lead now. Based on the munity self determinati



Ron Carter  
Publisher & Editor

Such as John Stroger gi for his victory as Cook C Moseley-Braun did. She the last minute and plead she was in trouble. Now needs her. As many are held their heads down vot turn her back again.

Mellow Sam said, "We officials that don't support election. Jesse Jackson Jr. on them."

The time is now. On Rainbow/PUSH's Fo would have been grand to man, Rev. Evans, and othe come to the call of Rev. Je

# CORRECTIONAL NIGHTMARE

**F**rom the beginning of my first trip to Cook County hell, I soon realized that there was nothing correct about this facility. The masters of institution, from the first time that you come through the "Donkey Den", that there was no respect for "criminals". It didn't take me long to find out that everyone in this place were not "criminals".

On the political stat sheet, you are supposed to be rehabilitated, in my opinion, you are spiritually broken. For someone who is not mentally inclined, it could be one of the worst experiences in their life, and to some it's a cakewalk. By definition, rehabilitation; rehabilitate is to, restore to good name or reputation; put back into good condition; re-establish on a firm basis; to bring or restore to a normal and optimum state of health. From the millions that are generated from these places all over the country, the main goal "Correct; Rehabilitate; Restore, the mass population of minorities that populate the system would turn this world into a different society. It would create more leaders, instead of followers, our children would be paid more attention to, because the positive influence that would be projected from such a "Facility" would change the outcome of the world.

There are a lot of black people in particular, that have missed out on the proper life skills of surviving LEGALLY in this society. Now you have a wide range of hate, jealousy, ignorance and poverty all from mis or no information. Now we have to look to the root of this problem. and ask questions, "Why is selling and the use of drugs a major factor in our lives, why is there so much senseless killing in our lives, why is there a large number of black people that can't read a sentence, balance a checkbook, pay a bill, or add and subtract, why are there so many fatherless children in this society?" In my opinion, it is because the powers that be have to much to gain from the suffering of the little man, and then they use the media to run the double whammy and make us believe that they are doing everything possible to "make



this world a better place".

Just from one twisted mind of a "criminal", our RIGHTS, there aren't any, the only rights you have are three hot meals, a cot, and to stay institutionalized, because the second that you stand up to strong to try to change the plan that "big brother" has already laid for his kind, you either end up dead or stripped of all dignity. We just recently found out the race is not a factor any more, even if you are the president, the so called big chief of our mighty nation. If you step on the wrong toes you got to go.

Now I want to make a proposal, if there can be funding for rockets, nuclear war and monkey genes or anything else that directly has nothing to do with the real problem at hand, I want to set my own program to help all people experiencing the struggle and all it would consist of is making people aware with no consequences just betterment for themselves and not always

being put down by the so called superiors, just because you hold a title and you wear the uniform doesn't always mean that you are the most qualified or the smartest sometimes, and more often than it should be the so called superior is not even mentally equipped for the position, now you have disrespect and a new problem

brewing, so you would have to be careful in who and how these people were picked. Then after you get the right people in place, the surroundings would have to be fit for a king, so a person could taste what it feels like to be on top of his or her game. A lot of people never had a chance to see what it feels like, so how would they no how to show their children? Some of us get satisfied with bullshit, and a lot of times because, that is all we know. The meals that were served should come from a top flight clean facility, if you feed a person slop they are to think slop. Make the clothes a shirt and a tie, because it is obvious that in this world your appearance is



The Writer

everything. The education, first you have to find out what level that a person is thinking on. Then you have to establish a trusting and honorable relationship with each individual, create activities that are geared towards mental development that are fun.

Social awareness, how to deal with others in a respectable and relating fashion. How can a person with a uniform and badge get off from work and be found in the same liquor stores, clubs, and bars; and just because this day there is a Bulls game on at 7:00 about 6:15 this person and their partner go into the same neighborhood where they buy their liquor, and round up any and everyone standing in a so called area taking people;e away from their families and responsibilities just so they can catch the game on time, telling you about it while they write the report. There's the chance of losing your job, and your family, and when you get in lockup, they treat you like refried shit. But this is the law. It's 105 DEGREES OUTSIDE and no air conditioning in the squad car. It's 1:00 and shift change is at 3:00, you get pulled over because you have five people in you car but you have a four door vehicle that seats five but you "look like", you are going to start trouble, disorderly, paper work for 2 hours "IN AIR CONDITION". Imagine That!

Your fate is put in the hands of someone who doesn't care or give a damn about how many people you are responsible for, who in your life might be affected by your leaving, but it's the system and being a minority you are a liability and can fall by the Wayside because someone is doing their job.

To get back to my point about my Correctional Facility, it should be a learning process and not something that causes more stress and you come out with more tattoos and bigger muscles but still ignorant to a lot of things, seems to me if they were so concerned about the crime rate they would spend more of our tax dollars on anti-crime not anti-minority.



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# CHA Heat

placement in inhumane treatment. The conference will be held Wednesday, January 26, 9:00am before the Board the board of Elections meeting.

Attention came from the Mayor's office directed by Chuck Bower, RainbowPUSH, Local Advisors Council of Taylor, The Vanguard, aldermanic candidates and CHA forming its own task force which consist of city departments and agencies and the Board of Education.

The Vanguard received \$10,000 from Orhfev Winfrey and \$4,000 from a major department store for heaters. In addition Wallace "Gator" Bradley submitted a check from the (Frank) Caruso Family for the funeral services of 2 month old Tyrese Walker, a twin that died in Taylor. A death CHA assuring had no relations to the lack of heat in the apartments.

Joining in with help was the Rev. Herbert Martin of Progressive Community Church that put three families, in the church's Ministries of Housing Program. With their community Kitchen, they were feeding three meals a day to families, prepared to feed up to a 100.

Rev. Martin stress that other churches in the area could do more. Wanting to assist more families Rev. Martin said his church is open and can be reached at 773/538-2677.

Due to the weather jobs were secured fore approximately 26 residents for temporary employment to work with resident-owned janitorial services for snow and ice removal at Taylor.

With the immediate service of CHA, residents question the proactive service now, when they have been complaining since November and October of the heating problem. In addition a MS.PAC spokesperson, Dorothy Harris, a building president of Stateway Gardens said



Third ward candidate, Wallace "Gator" Bradley, with Torrance Martin (in wheel chair) and other residents of the Robert Taylor Homes, hired by CHA to shovel during the heave snow storm. president of the 5100 S.State building. Wallace charged that CHA, it is all a conspires, to move voters around.

her group is charging the City with inhumane treatment, addressing the city's priority by only two city agencies the CTA and Streets and Sanitation applied for the states \$79 million emergency fund. "Public housing residents should be more important than moving snow. Ms. Harris is a third ward candidate

Janice Patton, president of 5100 S. State St. building, (daughter of. Ethel Washington former president) said "Since November of 1998 I bought the attention of heat problems of my building and finally got results. "But as CHA inspected my building residents were intimidated, by the police"

Intimidation of tenants was reported on many levels from tenants in Hotels to CHA inspect housing units as reported at the 4414 Cottage building. One elderly woman refuse to let police in. Charging she will not allow them to destroy were apartment again for nothing.

Ms Patton continued to say. "I don't know why this year we have heat problem. We have never had problems with heat before. Why now? CHA maybe is trying to save money."

The delayed results has CHA working to relocate 121 families from two buildings at the Taylor Homes, where most of the problems have occurred. Tenants

were move to two other available CHA units and hotels; 52 from 4845 S. Federal Street and 69 from 5001 S. Federal Street.

Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3) who serves Taylor Homes, counter political opponent saying they were exploiting the problems of CHA.

Wallace responded by saying, "If not now when. Election time is the only time most elected officials respond the the voters real concerns."

"CHA blaming it on the buildings and past administrations is not only showing the lack of foresightof the residents it goes back to the big public relations show to remove snow points to the city priority" Said Wallace.

decided to relocate several residents from public housing because of extreme temperatures, the only public agency left out of this decision was the board of Elections.

Wallace lawyer in a letter to theBoard of Elections noted that "We are now faced with the task of ensuring that these tenants are provided with the opportunity to exercise their rights to vote.

Wallace, RainbowPUSH with candidate Pat Hill want CHA and the board to use every measure available to ensure that the displaced residents of public

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## Rush

bought television time. Early last week Rush, denounce the harassment of churches supporting him.

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## Daley

27 south and southwest side elected officials. Black elected officials such as Cook County Board President John Stroger; State Senator Emil Jones; State Representatives Mary Flowers, Shirley Jones, Howard Kenner, Todd Stroger, and Democratic State Central Committeeman Cora McGruder; Aldermen Carrie Austin (34), Lorraine Dixon (8), and Terry Peterson (17). Mid South alderman Madeline Haitcock (2) endorse Daley as well. No other alderman from Mid-South went on record of their choice for mayor.

Mid-South ministers known endorsing Daley includes Rev. Clay Evans, of Fellowship Baptist Church, and Rev. Richard Tolliver of St. Edmund's Episcopal Anglican Church.

One minister was asked why African Americans stick by the mayor despite his dismal record on Black fairness such as the ward remap and the low awards of city contracts are under 6%.

He responded that what Daley has done for successful blacks makes up for his failure to address the problems of the majority left behind.

"African-American leaders seem willing to settle for the mayor's posturing. We have been played by Daley throwing crumbs to his selected few Blacks. They simple feel we have nowhere else to turn but ourselves."

Rush received endorsements of two Congressmen Danny Davis, and Jesse Jackson Jr. The two alderman were Shirley Coleman, (16) and Helen Shiller (46), on the far north side.

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He tied the harassment to the Daley campaign. Reports were the mayor aid Charles Bowen, was directing Black ministers not to address the public housing issue.

Political experts predicting that Black voters will be the target for winning, and heavily on racial line.

Among the approximately 1,36 million registered voters in Chicago, African Americans represents about 700,000, Approximately 500,000 are white and 150,000 are Latino. Assuming that 60% of the electorate votes will be cast on February 23rd, the next mayor will need 400,000 votes according to the RUSH Report.

Cong. Rush assess the conditions of the recent snow storm as the tale of two Chicago's continues is blanking his issues city-wide. Rush charge in one Chicago, a vital public transportation system dismally failed at the very moment the system was challenged. "Hundreds of thousands of CTA passengers have been, literally, left out in the cold." Rush continued to charge, In the other Chicago, the city's leadership has cavalierly ignored this failure. Instead, it had focused all of its attention on dismantling the system and instead creating to privatized from patronage.

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## \$1 Deal

Cecilia Butler, Executive Director of the GWPCDC and community organizer. "It was like a dream come true, land on one of the most prestigious street on the southside. We have been doing community planning in this area for years, never knowing how we could acquire the land. This is truly a blessing. We, the community, can make plans around land we own." Butler feels this is going to change their community completely around, all for the better.

This discussion was not always perky. Butler states, "Amoco stop returning our telephone calls in October.

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Rush charge that Richard Daley administration have adopted a pass the buck strategy to address the system's failures. Daley recently told the Chicago Tribune that "mass transit has lost its constituency." said Rush.

"Tell that to the thousands of Chicagoans dependent on public transportation have waited hours, to get to work, to get to school and to get on with their lives." said Rush.

In 1967, Chicago was hit with a snowstorm that was twice as bad. Yet the CTA kept going, despite even older trains and even older technology charged Rush.

"The city has not increased its contribution to the CTA since the mid 70s. Three rounds of cuts have eliminated necessary service to over two hundred thousand weekly riders."

In addition to Rush walk in the neighborhoods, a weekly campaign newspaper, The Rush Report, as another outreach tool to voters. Some 50,000 copies are being distributed weekly in communities across the city.

"My campaign is about moving all of Chicago forward", Rush said. "And I am committed to doing all that I can share information about my campaign with all of Chicago".

This is after we met all of their demands.

They requested architectural designs of our plans, we were able to meet that demand. Next the signs were erected on the property stating, that it was available for auction. Butler said, "We were all very ill when we seen that."

After weeks of trying to get through to Amoco, the GWPCDC went to issue advisors, Cliff Kelley, Rev. Al Sampson and RainbowPUSH's field director, Mark Allen. Communications open up and the land was granted to GWPCDC for One dollar.

Details of the construction and time frame for developing the project was not finalize. However, Butler stress that the plans will be forthcoming and will be a major assess the the community when finish.



## ShoreBank Turns 25

Company Invests In Low- & Moderate Income Neighborhoods — Loans Have Community Impact, Profits; Critics Said It Couldn't Be Done

Chicago...Shorebank Corporation, the bank holding company and parent to South Shore Bank in, with two locations in Mid-South is celebrating its 25th year of investing in Chicago neighborhood as of December 1998.

Over the last twenty-five years, South Shore Bank's legacy has been financing African-American "mom and pop" real estate rehabbers such as Leroy and Josephine Jones. Leroy Jones, a plumber by trade always dreamed of owning his own business or real estate.

That dream came true when South Shore Bank financed the couple's first apartment rehab in the early 1970's. Six buildings, 77 apartments and 25 years later, the husband and wife team have worked full-time jobs by day, rehabbing and managing apartment buildings at night. "It makes me feel really good when



Photo Jonathan Becker  
The founders of Shorebank Corporation (L to R) Mary Houghton, President, Milton Davis, vice-Chairman, James Fletcher, Chief Executive Officer who past away in 1998, and Ron Grzywinski, chairman.

you've done all you can to make a community and a building look nice", said Josephine Jones, who recently retired from her day job to spend more time managing the business. "When tenants see our good work they appreciate our effort and make the unit their home".

The Jones's credit South Shore Bank with having faith in their business. "Whatever we've asked for, they have at least considered it and most of the time met our needs", said Leroy Jones.

"Through these loans we have created assets and opportunities for residents that live in our neighborhoods", said Shorebank founder and Vice-Chairman Milton Davis. "We have helped African-American create wealth for themselves and their communities".

Shorebank, founded in 1973 by four idealists believed a bank could invest in poor neighborhoods, make a difference and a profit.

Shorebank stated critics said it couldn't be done. Struggling for several years, twenty-five years later, it has proved the critics wrong, by investing more than \$700 million in communities throughout the country and it has consistently turned a profit.

Since 1995, South Shore Bank, Shorebank's retail bank in Chicago, has invested \$163 million in loans to small businesses and to rehab housing in its target neighborhoods on the city's South and West Sides.

## Group focus on "The Million Dollar March" discussion



Businesses attending the Freewill Ministers Organization discussing taking care of the needs of the community would put most African Americans to work if Blacks were used to building buildings.

Ministers, business people and laymen were attended the Freewill Ministers and Laymen Organization recently at the First Steadfast Baptist Church to discuss the benefits of the Million Dollar March to the African American community.

Rev. Ben Butler, pastor of the First Steadfast Baptist Church and president of the Freewill Ministers Organization lead the discussion on the many mergers that are taking place and the effects the Black community. They also discussed the misinformation on unemployment in the Black community.

Reports from the indicated that unemployment is below 4% and in some places below 2%. "But this is not true in the Black community. It is as high as 40%." Webb Evans stated, "If African Americans will wake up enough to spend their approximately 500 billion dollar income with business people who live in the African American community, they could wipe out unemployment. There would be a job for everyone who wants to work."

Evans emphasized what is hurting the Black community most is Blacks are spending most of their money with business people who do not live in the community. "Just taking care of the needs of the community would put most African Americans to work if Blacks were used to building buildings, cleaning their clothes, doing their plumbing and electrical work, preparing our food in the restaurants, and selling us our own groceries." Said Evans

Evans continues to say, "Other ethnic groups put their people to work first and then hire others if needed. Blacks spend most of their money where it make jobs for others."

Evans did a demonstration with a one hundred dollar bill. He spent it with a

Black-owned business. The one hundred dollar bill kept circulating until it had passed through 10 Black businesses. That one hundred dollars, by going to at least ten Black-owned businesses, did the community \$1,000 worth of goods. Evans stated if he had spent the money with some business person who live out of the community, it would have done only \$100 worth of good.

Other speakers at the meeting were W. L. Lillard of Straight Talk Economic

Round Table, Prince Asiel Ben Israel of the African Hebrew Israelites and Rev. Ben Butler who was host.

Chicago Black people spend \$25,000,000 a year, and less than 10% of that with Black businesses. "Our goal is to redirect a vast amount of these dollars into the Black community," said Evans. "We will march the money and move the mind."

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From left to right in photo: Luncheon panel Discussion for the Abraham Lincoln Center Business Council Retreat held at Willie Dixon's Blues Heaven Foundation on Tuesday December 10, 1998 are Paula Robinson Moderator, BR & R Communications, Shirley-Dixon Nelson Director, Milli Dixon Blues heaven Foundation, Bill Gerstein Executive-Director Partners In Community Development, Ester Barnett, Gappie Community Organization and David Baker Vice President of External Affairs, Illinois Institute of Technology.

## Chicago Urban League Support from Office Depot



Chicago Urban League President & CEO James W. Compton (center) accepts a \$1,000 contribution from Office Depot to support the League's community service and job training programs. Also pictured are Terry Motter, Office Depot store manager at 54th Street & Lake Park and Nancy Pickering, District Manager, Office Depot.

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**Kenwood**

Brandenburg and CDI. "In the ten years since the Lakefront Properties were shut down, this community working together—CHA resident, homeowner and renter alike—has accomplished a minor miracle", said Alderman Toni Preckwinkle. Showing a detailed map of the community, Preckwinkle stressed that the new public housing that will be built to replace the high-rise will reverse the historic trend and be an asset to the community described what has transpired in North Kenwood-Oakland in the last decade.

Omar Johnson of Workshop Coalition said. "The tearing down of the high rises have cast a cloud over CHA. It is a matter of historical trend that CHA has not kept its word in serving the community of public housing.

However, Ms. Davis agreeing, questing development without displacement. "The residents force to leave are gone. But I do have them ready to move back to their homes. with



Ald. Toni Preckwinkle



Izora Davis

an eye on CHA, to make sure it do what it suppose to do." Said Davis.

Valerie Jarrett, the granddaughter of Robert Taylor, lives in Kenwood, and was the City's Planning Commissioner who developed the community process. She

is now Executive Vice President for The Habitat Company, the court-appointed entity responsible for overseeing the development of replacement housing. Jarrett said she was determined to help ensure that my grandfather's dream

would be realized - that public housing would be an asset to those who lived in its housing and to the communities in which the housing was built.

CHA plans for the Lakefront Properties include:

- 1) the creation of 300-400 homes on the site of the former buildings, of which approximately 100 will be rented to public housing residents
- 2) the creation of 141 new homes for public housing residents within the North Kenwood-Oakland community
- 3) 200 other apartments for public housing residents throughout the city
- 4) the issuance of more than 302 Section 8 certificates for use throughout the metropolitan area.



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For more information or for a copy of the Ordinance Summary, visit the Chicago Department of Housing at 318 S. Michigan Ave.

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ated with the loan and read the contract thoroughly before signing.

Anyone with a complaint about a tax preparer or fast refunds should call 312/744-9400.

**Tax reduction for Seniors Citizens**

Cook County Assessor James M. Houlihan announced that applications for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption allows eligible senior citizens to apply for a freeze of the equalized assessed value of their property.

To qualify for the exemption for the 1998 tax year a person must be 65 years of age or older in 1998 and have a total household income of \$35,000 or less in 1997. Those taxpayer who apply within 30 days and qualify for the Senior Assessment Fee Exemption will automatically receive the exemptions. Deadline to apply is June 1, 99. For info contact, The Assessor's Office, 118 N. Clark St. Rm. 301, 312-443-7550.

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**Real Estate Transactions**



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

Community/Address	Rec'd Date	Price
<b>Washington Park</b> 5820 S. Wabash Ave, Josephine Mason to Martin Shaw	11/12	39,000
<b>Hyde Park</b> 5330 S. So. Shore Dr., # A-6, Cosmopolitan Bk & Trust to M. K. Savage	11/12	641,127
5611 S. Drexel, D.H. Coleman to John T. McGarry	11/16	305,000
5700 S. Kimbark, Unit 3, Milan & Barbara Drazenovic to Jenny Dai	11/16	125,000
5532-34 S. Kimbark, LaSalle Natl. Bank to Taryn Edwards	11/17	610,000
1463 E. 56th St., # 1E, William & Joyce Jenkins to Charles & Kathryn Singer	11/12	116,000
5230 S. University, Unit 1, Midtown Bank Trust to Robert I, Lee	11/18	318,000
5629 S. Dorchester, Unit 2-S, Yu-Wei & Betty Shen to Tracy G. Powell	11/20	153,000
5523 S. Dorchester, Fredric Stein to Robert Klonowski	11/23	364,000
5518 S. Cornell, Unit 3-W, A. Hayes to Stephanie Garrison	11/20	72,000
5135 S. Kenwood, Unit 202, Paula Abram-Foster to Jolly Bussie & Joyce Saffold	11/24	48,000
5841 S. Blackstone, # 101, Kevin Burke to John Landola & Patrice Magierski	11/18	60,000
<b>Grand Blvd.</b> 4406-22 S. King Dr., # 4414-C, American National Bank to Patricia R. Dowell	11/12	156,000
4201 s. Prairie, Barry J. Miller to Jerome Murff	11/23	160,000
740 W. 50th Street, Azalee Smith to Betti Lucente	11/18	32,000
929 East 49th Street, The Chicago Trust Co. to Felicia Davis	11/18	549,000
<b>Woodlawn</b> 6117 S. Rhodes Ave., Pamela Adams to Norma Clark	11/12	90,000
6640 S. Vernon, Webster Realty Group to Elite Neighborhood Homes & Assoc.	11/12	39,000
6604 S. Langley Ave., Alco Trading, Inc. to Sandra Bell	11/18	150,000
6148 S. Champlain Ave., Velma Thurman & Doesrous L. Philli to Janet Penny	11/20	85,000
<b>Kenwood</b> 4800 S. Lake Shore Dr., Unit # 2511, Kevin E. Baskins to Margaret Anderson	11/13	66,000
<b>Douglas</b> 3152 S. Wells, Samuel Sanchez to Lilia O. Rodriguez	11/20	139,900
<b>Near South</b> 1200 S. Federal, Unit G, Helane V. Ashton to Travis Latham	11/19	155,000
1904 S. Indiana, Helen Falchero to Shel Mort. Corp.	11/20	200,000
1801 S. Michigan Ave., # 105 & P-1, 18th St. Lofts Inc. to David & C. Westfall	11/23	175,000
1439 S. Michigan, Unit 210, David & Stephanie Morgan to Jonathan Hand	11/18	147,000
1812 South Federal Court, # E-8, Dearborn Village L.L.C. I to Jerome & B. Dye	11/18	221,750

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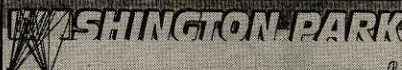
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