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"All Souls to the Poll" Rush rally call to the Mayor's seat

47thSBA. removed from Tillman's ward meeting

Candidates sign agreements in representing Mid-South wards



Laury 2nd ward



Stinson 2 ward



"Gator" Bradley 3 ward



Williams, 4 ward



Butler, 20 ward

Addressing issues head on, the Bronzeville's Mid-South Political Action Coalition, (MS.PAC) a group of candidates and political activists of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 20th wards, reached agreements with candidates of the Mid-South wards, slant of candidates for the February 23rd election.

What formed from town hall meetings emerged from South Street Journal.

The political organization co-founder Malachi Thompson, a candidate of the 4th ward, later removed off the ballot help bring the focus for Mid-South.

"Our mission is to provide people with information about the Mid-South wards that they can use to take an active role in democracy," said Thompson, who was

"MS.PAC is proud to announce it's list of endorsements for the upcoming February 23 general election for the office of Mayor and Aldermen of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 20th wards."

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Mayoral candidate Congressman (1st) Bobby Rush, center, after leaving South Street Journal's office where he was interviewed by the newspaper's publisher and Editor, Ron Carter (far Left). The congressman was continually greeted by pass-byers after leaving the Journal's office on 47th Street

Dispelling Daley's Myth Why Bobby Rush Can Win

Mayoral Candidate Bobby L. Rush gearing up for a "Get out the Vote", added rhythm to a rally in his honor, calling for "Every Soul to the Polls". The rally was held Monday, February 15, at the Greater Salem Missionary Baptist Church at 215 W. 71st Street, host by Rev. Leon Jenkins.

Rush, while serving as a noble congressman was gearing up for the mayor seat four years ago. Since that time has been as positioning himself to revive the "Washington Coalition" that Chicago saw in 1983 and again in 1987.

Harold Washington became the first African-American mayor of Chicago because he was able to galvanized the support of the overwhelming numbers of African American voters to create a coalition with Latino and progressive white voters.

Rush focus was not only to recreate this coalition, his campaign reports that the demographics of the city are now more favorable for the continuation of this coalition than now more ever before. According to an analysis of voter registration statistics.

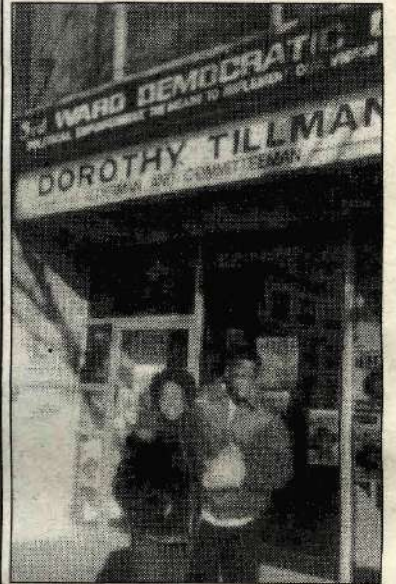
There are approximately 1.36 million voters in Chicago.

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A Conversation/Interview with Congressman Bobby Rush



South Street Journal endorsed Mayoral Candidate Bobby Rush as early as August 1998. The newspaper all so witness his block out from most media. The interview reflects a sample of issues he has submitted to all media. The interview is a recap of his platform is on page 8.



Armaddell Hicks of the 47th Street Business Association (L) with a community youth, returns to Alderman Dorothy Tillman's (3) office the next day after being escorted out by the Chicago Police attempting to address 47th Street plans with the alderman..

Grand Blvd.-The 47 Street Business Association following up on the city's encouragement for it to meet with the 3rd ward alderman, Dorothy Tillman in it concerns for the 47th Street Redevelopment Plan (47thSBA), Vice president Ron Carter was told to leave, followed by a police escort of Armaddell Hicks, area coordinator (3) for the 47thSBA.

As Malachi Thompson, area coordinator (4) arrived at the meeting was also confronted by Tillman. "I was there to get an update on the Lou Rawls Cultural Center. Alderman Tillman has been mentioning my name in the media like there's some kind collaboration going on, but she never once called me. I was there to share information with her about the Sutherland project and she asked me to leave for no apparent reason.. She's really paranoid about something".

Tillman and staff accused Carter and Hicks as being part of candidate Wallace "Gator" Bradley camp.

The 47thSBA has for two years attempting to address concerns along the 47th Street District for business expansion, and the development of new business interest within the targeted redevelopment area.

Hicks has reported that Ald. Tillman has repeatedly refused to address the redevelopment plans of 47th street with them. When Hicks referred to the redevelopment plans of 47th in the ward meeting Tillman stated that Hicks is here to disrupt the ward meeting.

The City council passed the Ald. Tillman's plans for "Eminent Domain" (to take possession of land) bounded by 45th St. to 51st st. and St. Lawrence to the 47th Street "L". The plan includes the Lou Rawls Theater that has been in the works for over seven years. The redevelopment of 47th Street has the potential to generate investments of \$100 to 250 million with public funds such as the Empowerment Zone funds.

Hicks said. "As of this date we have have targeted businesses presently on 47th Street expressing a desire to work with the City of Chicago and develop-

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The "Bottom Ups" theory for low income Empowerment Zone get turned around

Projects Political Overtones



Ron Carter, formerly of CHA, now director of the city's Empowerment Zone (EZ) projects met in a semi-close session with Mid-South representatives on the status of the projects and the realities of Chicago politics in funding. Below is Karen Grossman, EZ

As the Empowerment Zone (EZ) program works through the second funding phase, charges are that the funding is on hold by the influence of the mayor's office and aldermen that serves EZ communities.

Doug Gill, a community activist who help prepare the EZ proposal to fund Chicago three years ago said, "It was the best democratic program this conservative government could produce that reflects the needs of poor people."

Gill who represented the Chicago's EZ community groups at the national level as well added "President Clinton and Vice President Gore did the best they could. But they failed by leaving it up to the local government to implement the process fairly. There is no accountability to the people that it's suppose to serve. Nor the groups that worked for two years to bring the funds to Chicago. Not like New York city where the process is still in the community's control to ensure accountability."

In a recent candidate Bobby Rush said. "The Clinton administration is reluctant and afraid of this Mayor [Daley]. If HUD...would aggressively enforce a review process we would have a much better

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program. Chicago lost out on the second round of funding, which was \$50 to \$100 million dollars because it misappropriated funds in the first round."

In a audit report from the Federal Office Inspector General it found that the City of Chicago reported to HUD "did not maintain adequate control over its EZ program to assure efficient and effective use of the funds or accurate reporting of the Program's accomplishments. The City inap-

propriately used funds, inaccurately reported the accomplishments of its EZ activities; and reported projects as EZ activities when they were not. As a result, EZ funds were not used efficiently and, and the impression that the benefits of the program were greater than actually achieved."

Randy Evans a community researcher and activist said, "Rich M. Daley and this administration has shown their lack of respect and their inability to be fair to African people in Chicago as it relates to the EZ/Enterprise communities and TIF's. The audit proves that the monies for the EZ were 'Misappropriated' or ripped off by people connected directly and indirectly to the Daley administration and

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Revival of Woodlawn's 63rd Street

Woodlawn - After many debates on the 63rd street El demolition, a vision that emerged from over the last 30 years by The Woodlawn Organization (TWO), Dr. Leon Finney with Bishop Arthur Brazier of Woodlawn Preservation Investment Corporation held its groundbreaking ceremony on February 9th at 63rd and Blackstone with a host of community representatives, city officials and developers.

The revival of 63rd street development took another step forward when Mayor Richard M. Daley

unveiled the major revitalization plan for the area, which includes a new tax increment financing (TIF) district, market-rate housing developments and improvements for park and schools.

The revitalization plan centers on the community's main thoroughfare, East 63rd Street, where groundbreaking on Homes at Blackstone, which includes 38 new market-rate townhomes at 1428-38 and 1465-81 E. 63rd ST.

These townhomes will soon be followed by a \$40 million development of single-family homes

and duplexes, known as Woodlawn Park Homes, on 63rd Street between Ingleside and Kenwood Avenues.

A major streetscaping project along 63 Street, which will include new light poles and landscaping, is slated to begin this year.

"Thanks to cooperation between the City and private community-based investors, the momentum we've built in Woodlawn will keep this neighborhood moving forward well into the next cen-

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Breaking ground for The Homes at Blackstone and celebrating the rebuilding of Woodlawn. (l to r) Carole Millison, President of the Woodlawn Community Development Corporation; Allison Davis of Davis Ditton; Dr. Leon Finney, Chairman of The Woodlawn Organization; Mayor Daley; 20th Ward Alderman Arenda Troutman; and Arthur Brazier Chairman of the Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation.

Northeastern Illinois University's Dr. King recap



C(NEIU) Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Center for Inner City Studies (CICS) recently sponsored a live interactive teleconference featuring WMAQ television news anchor, Warner Saunders, to honor the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Following the conference, (L-R) Aaron Horne, acting director of CICS, and Wilma Sutton, executive assistant to the president of NEIU, reflect on the remarks of Saunders and the student participants.

Northeastern Illinois University is a state university serving more than 10,000 commuter students. The main campus is located at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago. The Center for Inner City Studies, established in 1966 and located at 700 East Oakwood, is one of NEIU's outreach centers bringing opportunity for higher education to the inner-city.

History in Bronzeville

Ida B. Wells

(1862-1911) rose to national prominence during the 1890's as a Memphis journalist whose advocacy of African American civil rights drew special attention. She spearheaded a protest the failure of the Chicago World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 to erect a pavilion honoring African American contributions to American history.

The house at 3624 King Drive is now the only re-



Ida B. Wells, outspoken protest leader and author



maining link to Ida B. Wells. Architecturally, it is one in a row of substantially built, carefully crafted late nineteenth-center single family homes still extant along King Drive.

The city council approved the home as a historical landmark, symbolizing her anti-lynching crusade and her fierce battle against racism. Ida B. Wells now figures prominently in chronicles of the black commitment to social justice transcends compartmentalization.

Rather Ida B. Wells is a role model for all Americans.

Initial recognition came in 1940 when the forty-seven acre South Parkway Garden Apartments was renamed the Ida B. Wells Homes. This housing development, the first federal housing built in Chicago, was built on a human scale as opposed to the later high-rise. To associate them with a woman

who devoted her life to a better quality of life for fellow human beings seems an appropriate acknowledgment. A Chicago public school is also named after Ida B. Wells.

Queen Mother of History:

Dr. Margaret Taylor Goss Burroughs

is a strong and devout believer in cultural and historical organizations and is founder of the South Side Community Arts Fair, the Lake Meadows Outdoor art Fair, and in 1961 founded the Ebony Museum of Negro History and (DuSable) Museum in her home.

She is bestowed with the title Queen Mother from a visit to Ghana. Still a resident of Mid-South's Douglas community,

she is a distinguished artist in her own right, also, she is the author of several books and winner of many citations for poetry.

The campaign to rename Lake Shore Drive after the first settler, Jean Pointe DuSable (1745-1818) was led by Dr. Burroughs. The campaign was defeated in the city council in early 1994.



DuSable Museum of African American History, at 740 East 56th Place is the oldest African American history museum in the United States. The maintains an extensive permanent collection of artifacts, books, photographs, art objects and memorabilia, which totals over 10,000 items.

It begun in Dr. Burroughs home on 38th and Michigan.

The UnZip



Aeroy Kennedy has left Illinois Institute of Technology going back to where he got his start as a community organizing in Woodlawn. He will be doing some relationship building with Woodlawn Preservation Investment Council, (WPIC) headed by Dr. Bishop Author Brazier.

Also in Woodlawn, an oversight or insight; E.L. Wilkins Real Estate Development Corp. purchased these properties city owned properties for \$5.00 each: 6323 S. Champalian and 6438 S. Eberhart.

We thought that everyone knew that Andy Mooney the head of LISC who gives out all the loans and grants (St. Edmunds, the Fund, etc.) was formerly Director of Internal governmental affairs of the City of Chicago, as well as former Executive Director of CHA, and Chair of Community Development Block Grant committee. Now put the pieces together.

Mayor Richard M. Daley and Chairman Clarence N. Wood of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations announced five recipients of the 1999 Human Relations Awards. From the Mid-South area, James W. Compton, who lives on the Near West side was one of the five. As president of the Chicago Urban League on 45th and Michigan, the award is given to him for his 30 years "as a visionary for change and bringing people together." Note: Race riots in neighboring Detroit motivate Chicago's Mayor Edward J. Kelly to create the Mayor's committee on Race relations in 1943.

As Chicago Police officer and ambassador of recruitment, sister Vanessa Muhammad is going around town and at PUSH promoting the police department, she was part of a cover-up as one of 20 officers witnessing police harassment five years ago in front of Ald. Tillman's office. Forgiven, but not forgotten. Remember.

Father Phager was honored the new Jim Jones after his endorsement of Mayor Richard Daley. The Mayor is not going to like it. But word is Ald. Tillman said she will endorse Bobby Rush if he denounce candidate Pat Hill? A WVON caller said, Father Micheal Plahger will be getting the Jim Jones award as he lead his Black congregation with the endorsement of Daley. And Ald. Preckwinkle called the School board on 5th graders wanting to hold a mock political fourm. She is also reportedly interested in running for another office.

Curtis Mayfield, a former resident of Cabrini Green, will be honored by CHA in the rendering of the Curtis Mayfield Technology learning Center.

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Heritage Tourism Review

BLACK HISTORY MONTH NOTE:
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Restoring Bronzeville Story is Still Being Written

By: Paula Robinson President, BR&R Communications Inc.

I take objection to Mary Mitchell's matriarchal analogy that the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BMC&TC), like teenage children, has ignored the ground rules of life. She is perpetuating the idea that money should always rule and that BMC&TC is in search of fame and fortune.

As a young person I grew up constantly hearing two of my stepfather's mantras that were used as his bottom line and was often the last word. One was "I pay the cost to be the boss", and the other was "poor people can't help poor people". The latter, I think he used to protect my naiveté. I'm proud to be public-spirited but to him, I seemed far too idealistic.

As a marketing communications veteran who has implemented numerous national campaigns and local fundraising initiatives, I've come to learn another truth. Poor people do in fact help poor people! When you analyze the contributions for organizations like UNCF and NAAACP it is still the sheer volume of small hard-earned donations from low-wealth people that far exceed the big private sector contributions that end up as corporate write-offs. Economists will add that when you take out property tax and add up sales tax, gasoline tax, entertainment tax and the sundry of so-called "sin taxes" low wealth people, particularly African Americans, actually support more than just poor people. In fact, low-income African Americans are primary contributors to the income tax base of the United States. In order to develop our communities, create wealth for low-income people and eliminate disenfranchised areas within Bronzeville we must begin to question some of the falsehoods that have been so deeply ingrained. A great book that has helped me make a paradigm shift is called **Collaborative Economics**.

"Restoring Bronzeville" is a virtual work-in-progress that will one day be in the annals of Black history as a companion piece to books like **The Souls of Black Folks**, **Black Metropolis**, **Why We Can't Wait**, **Succeeding Against the Odds** and **The Autobiography of Black Chicago**. The recent five straight days of Sun-Times articles, columns, commentary and editorials on the Supreme Life Insurance Building are now a part of the Black Metropolis Archives. Within this new living history will be the names of Cynthia Williams and Mary Mitchell. So, for historical and educational purposes, let's make sure we try to document it accurately and examine several perspectives. We have enough revisionist history.

The controversy that has been created in the media surrounding the Supreme Life Insurance Building must not be diminished as a community activist not knowing when to step aside and certainly not the over-simplified saga of a disappointed "good sista" standing behind a Black man.

The issue is really not about Harold Lucas or Lucas' vision. Harold L. Lucas is the President & CEO of BMC&TC, but he does not personally own the Supreme Life Building. The building is owned by the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council, a non profit 501c3 cultural and educational organization, who's mission is to promote heritage tourism, historic preservation, and information technology as tools for economic empowerment.

Its Board of Directors, members of the organization and most importantly the community for the soon-to-be-developed Supreme Life Center share the vision at large. One of the Sun-Times editorials was aptly entitled "Restoring Confidence", which really speaks to the broader issue - of maintaining the public trust. Our country as a whole is currently wrestling with this critical issue and it has become a similar national theme of Andrew Cuomo, our Secretary for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which is "Restoring the Public Trust" in our government.

In her column "Donor deserves a voice in Landmark's future" Mitchell correctly presented Cynthia Williams as *businesswoman*, she is not a donor. (I'm not sure why a distinction keeps being made with respect to West Side businesswoman vs. South Side activist). Williams is the President of William's Partners LP, a for profit investment company. However, an interesting

distinction, since we are talking about youth, is that Ms. Williams has often shared that the Partnership's loan to the project occurred when she and her college-aged son read Mitchell's column two year's ago, stating its merits, her son's response was "Mother we should help them".

At that time Mitchell was criticizing the City

to demolish the historic structure to build a grocery store on the site.

Governor Edgar agreed to gift the Supreme Life Building to BMC&TC if they could purchase the townhouses for \$125,000, secure the safety hazard and obtain liability insurance. The gift had one caveat a \$460,000 tax bill for 92-94



Marketing consultant Paula Robinson, President, BR&R Communications and Harold L. Lucas President/CEO, Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council stand at the gateway to the "Black Metropolis Historic District", 35th Street at Martin Luther King Drive.. As urban preservationists, they discuss strategy on how to work in collaboration to develop the Supreme Life Center as an anchor institution in the creation of a African American heritage tourism destination

and the Empowerment Zone (EZ) process for "too little to late" and begging the question, where was the Black elite? It is important to note that this altruistic young millionaire agreed to the use of his own capital to help BMC&TC purchase the adjacent townhomes from the receivership of Illinois State Board of Insurance and allowed the organization to go back into demolition court and save the building. We must always respect this young man's sense of value, history and compassion that his mother has obviously helped to instill. We should also be aware that he and others like him represent the new face of the so-called Black affluent that is not only younger but in many cases has no desire to begin or continue their careers in corporate America. They are staring in the face of unfinished business that the affirmative action's baby boomers chose to ignore or found to difficult to change. They are who **Collaborative Economics** calls the "civic entrepreneurs" those who would rather reinvest in the urban market, than the stock market and would rather pioneer in the revitalization of our inner city community development opportunities, than believe that only the global economy represents the next frontier.

William Partners LP made a business decision to act as private mortgage lender and provide BMC&TC a one-year mortgage loan. BMC&TC asked for a short term loan because their proposal was among the first 10 chosen out of more than 350 Empowerment Zone (EZ) proposals that received the necessary (1) rating to be funded. The EZ Coordinating Council was impressed with BMC&TC's innovative vision for a renovated Supreme Life Center to become a tourist destination, retail/office building and hub for access to Information Technology. Subsequently, the EZ Coordinating Council recommended a \$450,000 planning grant in Phase I, for predevelopment and acquisition of the property, the total grant request was \$1.5 million. BMC&TC's Board of Directors considered waiting until a capital campaign could be put in place, but the State Receiver had a deadline and wealthy developers wanted

that needed to be paid.. Black Metropolis saw the loan as a bridge loan, and made its loan request to Williams Partners for \$150,000 to cover these items and related closing fees. A few days before closing the State Receiver asked for an additional \$50,000 letter of credit in the event that BMC&TC was not able to pay the tax obligation since the reduction was still pending with the County. William's Partners agreed to present this temporary Letter of Credit after reviewing the correspondence from the County Assessors office.

I think Williams Partners were impressed with the community's vision for an African American Heritage Tourism District and the role that BMC&TC and its leadership had played in restoring other landmark buildings in Bronzeville. The loan was also a gut business decision, but William's had worked with Lucas before, she also understood the challenges of community based organizations, being an executive director of a non-profit herself. However, because of the risks William's wrote a mortgage note at a 20% interest rate, with an addendum for other collateral considerations.

BMC&TC has been successful in reducing the old tax obligation from \$460,000 to \$46,000, retiring the lender's Letter of Credit, and obtaining landmark status for the building.. On the day that Williams Partners paid \$89,535, Williams Partners had in hand a certificate for a Sale in Error showing that the rate should have been \$17,037. Williams will receive a redemption for these taxes and previous tax years that they choose to pay which have also been reduced through the due diligence of BMC&TC. Williams told Mitchell last week that she has "lost faith in Black Metropolis". However, BMC&TC has met or surpassed all EZ Benchmarks, passed the HUD Audit review, and is therefore eligible for a second round EZ Grant of approximately \$1 million. Williams Partners, is no different than other financial institutions that have lost faith in the Chicago EZ process.

Williams is being advised to foreclose which is understandable, since she has been told that the

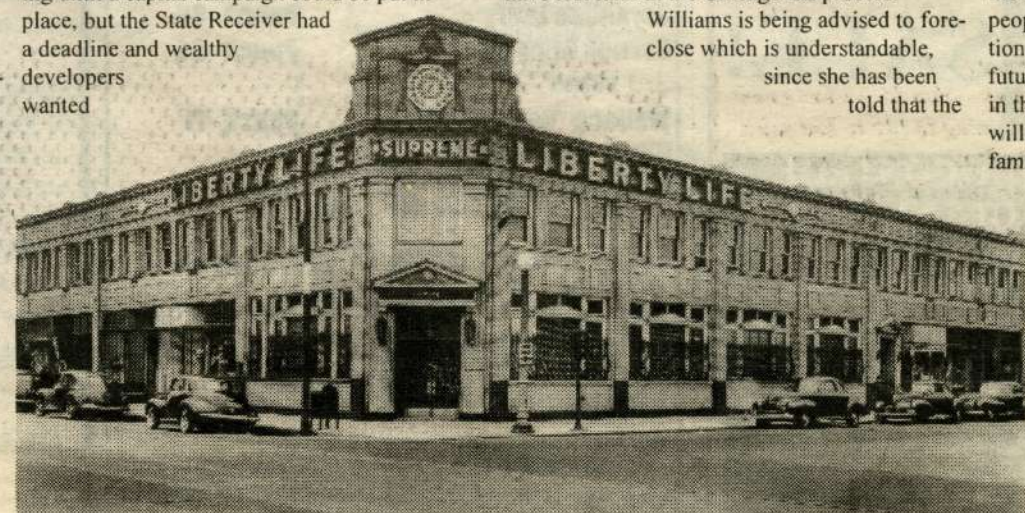
predevelopment money from the EZ has been coming for almost three years. Williams has been patient through three EZ Directors, the Federal HUD audit and the inability of the EZ Coordinating Council to design timely RFP guidelines to access 2nd Round EZ funds by community-based organizations. I think the HUD Audit Report may have been the final straw-- you can only tell your lender that the check is in the mail for so long. But remember Williams could have foreclosed after a year. It was fortunate for BMC&TC that she was the lender. As a community leader/organizer of the Austin Peoples Action Coalition (who coincidentally was trained as an organizer by Harold Lucas) she understands how long it takes for non profits to build capacity and has personally experienced how slowly government moves.

BMC&TC has not received their 2nd Round predevelopment/acquisition Grant from the EZ, but did obtain a feasibility study grant for \$100,000 in the 1st Round of funding. Having met all their proposal benchmarks and cultivated a positive working relationship with the new EZ Director Ron Carter, BMC&TC remains faithful in the Chicago EZ process. The community knows that it is an equal partner in the Federal EZ designation and that it was primarily through the community's ability to come together that City won the designation. The application received national recognition for its "bottoms-up" process. Lucas may have only had an admitted "30 cents" in his pocket when he signed the contract but afterwards the community owned a half million dollar landmark property on that day too. It reminds me that John H. Johnson who created his business empire from the second floor law library of the Supreme Life building did not have anything to use for collateral. He started with a \$500 loan by borrowing against his mother's furniture.

At Ron Carter's recent "EZ Does IT Workshop" BMC&TC demonstrated that they have been able to leverage the \$100,000 EZ grant with \$600,000 in financial contributions and in-kind services. Williams Partners should immediately provide BMC&TC with a standard pay-off letter with a sum certain amount so that the project can move forward. They have identified financial institution that are committed to taking a first mortgage position in the project. At the February 4th EZ Coordinating Council meetings, BMC&TC will request the release of their predevelopment/acquisition funds. I am sure the recent rash of new articles will help emphasize the urgency.

In the final chapter, I believe that Cynthia Williams and her family will be blessed and rewarded by her good deeds. Now that the King Drive Public Art Walk of Fame is complete, and the new Chicago Police headquarters is under construction on 35th Street, Cynthia William's critics, detractors and all the naysayers are seeing what a shrewd real estate loan Williams actually has made. BMC&TC has effectively utilized the long EZ grant delay to build local capacity in Bronzeville through community development, and studied the tourism industry by visiting other African American heritage tourism destinations throughout the United States. The organization has broadened its collaborations nationally and also has a better understanding of Information Technology as a tool for building communities for the emerging knowledge-based economy.

In the final analogy, the "one sure lesson" for the Restoring Bronzeville initiative is that it takes people with vision and people with skills in addition to people with money to create a positive future. The role that Williams Partner has played in the restoration of the Supreme Life Building will bring honor to the memory of her deceased family members and all our ancestors. We hope that Cynthia Williams will allow BMC&TC to be honorable in paying its debt to her and her family. But, it is equally important to keep the public trust of the community in mind, protect the idealism of young people and demonstrate that African Americans can own, build and control their own institutions. I guess I intended to keep some of my youthful hopefulness too.



Black History with Woman and White Perspectives

Michael H. Brownstein
Education Columnist

Now that African American History Month is here and the Month of the Woman (March) is upon us, it's time to give credit where credit is due. White people write the history books; it's too bad African American history books are written by whites as well.

Yes, Harriet Tubman did free slaves and, yes, Rosa Parks did not give up her seat on the bus in Montgomery. And that's the problem.

Hilliard Brooks, 22, was shot and killed by police in 1952 when she refused to give up her seat--three years before anyone had ever heard of Parks. Children going home from school were arrested often for not standing to let white people sit. A grandmother and her grandson spent time in jail when they refused to give up their seat.

An African American woman named Jo Ann Robinson was so powerful she could phone the mayor of Montgomery. African American women at that time could not do that. As president of the Women's Political Council, she felt it was her duty to protest about the unfair treatment whites gave to the African American community.

She was so fed up, she actually told the mayor something would have to be done. The next day--after many letters and protests--Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat. She was not the first, but, because of Robinson, she was the last.

Robinson called together the meetings that brought Parks to fame, introduced the new preacher Martin Luther King, Jr., and worked without recognition insuring Bus Boycott was a success.

Why don't we know about her? Can it be that a maid did not threaten the white establishment? Could the fact be Robinson was actually an intelligent and innovative leader that scared white individuals so much, they had to erase her--and Brooks--from history?

During February and March we hear about Harriet Tubman, the great conductor of the underground railroad, was illiterate, and suffered from headaches.

That's how white society sees it. Tubman was in reality one of the greatest



spies in history helping the Union win the war between the states--the Civil War. But we can't have that. She is, after all, an African American (and, even worse, a woman). How can she be a great spy? How could she memorize secrets just by looking at a general's notes? Wasn't she illiterate? Could it be she was intelligent? That a threat to the white community?

Perhaps given my color this column should not be written, but isn't it time we learned the truth. John Hope Franklin, probably the greatest writer of African American history wrote about Tubman. She freed about three hundred slaves, according to him.

But he also tells of others, others lost in history as white society transformed one of our greatest spies to our only underground railroad conductor.

What happened to Elijah Anderson who was known as the general superintendent of the railroad? He freed over a thousand slaves in seven years. Or John Mason who freed over thirteen hundred slaves? Or John Fairfield whose father owned slaves? Fairfield freed slaves pretending to be an agent for his own father. Jane Lewis actually bought slaves only to free them. Not to forget John Brown, Lucretia Mott, and Lewis and Bengamin Tappan who were among whites known as abolitionist.

Why is our history skewed in the direction that creates a stereotype of African American womanhood as individuals who cannot lead, who cannot think. The reality is so much different. Harriet Tubman deserves her place in history, but not only as a conductor freeing slaves. She is one of our greatest spies. Jo Ann Robinson brought in an entire era by herself. I don't even know if she's still alive. Where is the credit due her?

It's time the threat of intelligence is put to the side. Leadership comes in many colors. Now--after the end of African American History Month and the Month of the Woman--give women and people of color their rightful place in history. Color and sex is not a threat. Next year let's hear about all of the heroes--the Robinsons, Brooks, Andersons, Masons, and the Franklins. We as teachers owe this to all of our children.



A House Divided

By Webb Evans

Like other members of the Black community, I had mixed emotions about the televised picketing activities in Park Manor Saturday, December, 5 Outside the Soul Vegetarian Restaurant at 75th & Indiana. Angry jeers and chants could be heard, condemning restaurant Prince Asiel Ben-Israel for his alleged support of the Caruso Family (defendants) sentence in the Lenard Clark beating case.

Inside the restaurant, a press conference was being held by supporters of Mr. Ben-Israel, and I was included among them. This issue has deeply divided our community, and I want to clarify my position as head of the United American Progress Association (UAPA).

I have the utmost confidence that Prince Asiel Ben-Israel truly tried to help the Lenard Clark family. At the Saturday press conference, Clark's mother, Clark's friend and young Lenard Clark himself all stated that



Ben-Israel had helped them. Since all of them say he helped them, I believe he did. Those who are criticizing Ben-Israel, led by Mr. Paris Thomas, when they didn't know the truth, should now be congratulating him for what he did to help the Clark family.

Since the press conference has revealed the truth, about this issue, we

should all unite our efforts to get more people to vote, join the Million Dollar March by shopping with people who live in the community, and try to stop the violence among ourselves.

I feel that if black Americans will follow the social and economic outline that I am proposing, the future will be a better one for the Clark Family and all the rest of us.

While many shoppers were recently shopping at Black owned businesses in cooperation with the Million Dollar March, the members and friends of the United American Progress Association selected the West Englewood Christian Community Store at 8302 S. Carpenter. The adults carried their children with them to educate them on the importance of spending their money with the business people who live in the community. The UAPA has selected the West Englewood Christian Community Store to give support because Bro. D.A. Crushshon Sr. is teaching the children how to operate a grocery store. The next special shop-in was in the Chatham Food Center, 79th & Calumet, on January 9, 1999. Please join and support Black on Black spending.

By Webb Evans, is a Fuller Park resident and President, United American Progressive Association



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The following aldermanic candidates we have endorsed has signed written agreements to the Endorsement Policy with Bronzeville's Mid-South Political Action Coalition.

The Bronzeville Gold Slate

Mayor:	
Bobby Rush	Punch 54
2nd Ward	
Geraldine Laury	Punch 66
Berrick Stinson	Punch 64
3rd Ward	
Wallace "Gator" Bradley	Punch 71
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Charles Williams	Punch 66
20th Ward:	
Cecilia Butler	Punch 66

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Empowerment Zone funds

his associates."

Evans went on to say, "This is no accident. This is just one example of Daley and his departments and close associates working together to disenfranchise Blacks".

"The process is wrong," said Evans pointing out that \$12 million of the funds are going to the departments of the city when it should be going to community grassroots organizations.

Becky Carol of the city said, "There is only one city department receiving EZ funds and they really don't get the funds."

"The City Department of Housing (DOH) is the facilitator of \$12 million dollars on behalf of the EZ Coordinating Council. Because the EZ has day to day contact with the affordable housing community and developers, it made sense for (DOH) to distribute these funds through them. Funding was approved year-end in December of 1998 and the next phase is for (DOH) to disperse funds through the EZ Affordable Housing Community."

When told there are organizations charging the City for political favors in the funding of EZ projects, and funds are being held up based on the election, new Director Ron Carter denied such charges.

"No one has instructed me to hold back funding from anyone," Carter responded that there are a variety of reasons' grantees are not funded or held up. "Once a grantee is approved by the EZ Coordinating Council, then must be approved by the City Council, and then a

Grant Agreement or Contract executed. Various grantees are in different stages of that process."

Gill stated that this process is still wrong. "The funds are going to developers, but they should have submitted a proposal as well, and be approved on a point system the same as community organizations have to be."

"Also there is a link to political relationship," said Gill. "That is why the program is called Empowerment Zone, to give the community based grassroots organizations some political leverage in empowering themselves. Organizations independent in their thinking have not received funding and those are the same organizations that helped lobby the federal government to get the funds."

"They treat it like it was their money." Said one community organization representative. He charged that a representative of Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (4) said the program is on hold until after the election. In fear of having their funds on hold longer. He did not want to be identified.

Ms. Cecilia Butler, of Washington Park and 20th Ward aldermanic candidate said, "If you are an organization that gets funding you're friends with the mayor or lucky. Any time the community is held hostage by the people we elected. It is democratically wrong. If they can indict aldermen for a few thousand dollars the city government needs to be held accountable to their dastardly deeds that result in intimidation, shake down tactics, and ruthless conduct. The city government should be indicted at the same accord."

Gill agrees that the Mayor has a major role in blocking the process and puts the blame on the council members. "We went to Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3) and Preckwinkle for support in the be-

ginning. They are the problem. They did not have to give the power of the EZ to the mayor in order to get their projects awarded. They refuse to use their own power in the process for their wards. The money is for organization in rebuilding the communities and for poor people to do that."

Harold Lucas, of the Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council, (whose organization was approved but has not been released) said, "The coordinating council have abstained from their responsibilities."

"Former Director, Avery Goodrich was able to secure millions of dollars for housing without a request for a proposal. Only 89 projects of over 400 applications, have been funded to some degree," said Lucas.

"We are excited about the new Director, Mr. Ron Carter, said Lucas, "He is a career HUD employee who has aggressively come out to the community and

initiated a collaborative bottom up process of inclusion. He (Mr. Carter) hosted an Easy-Dose-It all day workshop at the Charles Hayes Family Investment Center that enabled the EZ sub-grantee's to update their project status."

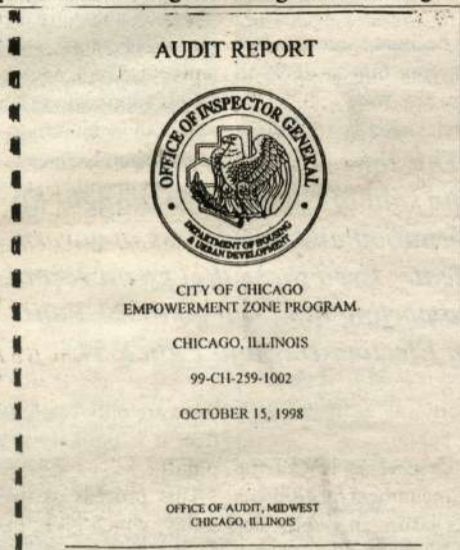
The audit report also address that the program is not creating sustainable jobs and community empowerment. The Chicago Reporter revealed that instead of 3,000 to 5,000 jobs the city reported was created, there were only 283 full time jobs.

Gill, pointing to the Little Black Pearl Workshop, said. "The organization is noted for good culture development for the youth, but the funds are to empower their parents to be owners and produce jobs for the parents." He continued "It is the same for the Shopping center on 47th and Lake Park, Does it provides community ownership of the shopping center? That's the principle of the EZ plan."

"This is no accident." Said Evans "The city is working to make sure the empowerment concept is disenfranchised towards poor people and Africans in Chicago for years to come."

— Census undercount, remapping of the city wards, Let's be clear. If the city has a strategy and is using several plans simultaneously to neutralize, corrupt, disrupt or crush any individuals or groups who try to raise these issues and other concerns. The bad part of it is that the city is using civic, business, labor and religious groups to do their wrong: giving them their tokens to keep quiet. Each of the organizations has their own area of responsibility to block real community participation.

Gill said, "We are at the point of holding the city accountable to the people that are supposed to receive the money - low-income people of Chicago."



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Rush Win

Of these, about 700,000 are African American. Assuming that 60% of the electorate votes on February 23rd, the next mayor will need 400,000 votes which Rush says he must secure.

These figures are surprising to many political observers. Even many Black activists have looked at the displacement which has occurred on the near South and near West Sides and have assumed that the Black community has lost voting power.

While there are about 25,000 fewer Black voters now than there were in 1983 there are about 250,000 fewer white voters.

There have been three basic population shifts over the last fifteen years. The first is a shifting of the Black community. Most of those African Americans which have been displaced from the near South and West Sides have



One of the many rallies for Bobby Rush is focusing on "Every Soul to the Polls reaching for the base to elect Rush Mayor of Chicago."

moved to the far Southwest Side or the North lakefront, displacing white voters. Wards with the largest increase of Black voters include 15th, 18th, 19th, 40th, 49th and 50th.

At the same time, a huge influx of mostly non-citizens, led by Latinos but also including Poles, Russians, Asians and Africans - have replaced nearly 100,000 white voters on the Northwest side. The wards which have lost the most white voters include 31st, 33rd, 35th, 36th, 39th and 47th.

The one area which has seen an increase in the number of white voters is the downtown and near North Lakefront area, which has gained nearly 20,000 white voters since 1983.

Bobby Rush

picked up an endorsement from the Greek American community at a fundraising event at the Costas Restaurant.

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Endorsements

We are not taking away anything from the other candidates. These are candidates we feel can win. However, the incumbent do not deserve to be reelected (SSJ editorial page 9).

George Lowe, a member of MS.PAC and an author of the Bronzeville's Covenant and Manifesto said, "The aldermanic candidates were endorsed on the bases of their record of community service, ability to win, accountability and signing the PAC's endorsement policy.

"We realize that our endorsement will not be to the interest of all. Most candidates are members of MS.PAC process. Our community needs informed voters to function properly and a written agreement from the candidates."

Too often, community organization and political campaigns are about everything but the issues. We are saying these are choices. Guides like ours are a remedy for that." Lowe adds that it often falls to groups like MS.PAC to

provide information because candidates tend to choose issues based on their electoral self-interest rather than the public interest.

"Candidates tend not to talk about the substance of issues because they are more intent on winning elections than educating the public. Then what was all ways missing was agreements to hold the elected officials accountability."

said Lowe is also president of the Lake Meadows Tenants Association.

Wallace "Gator" Bradley, who was a controversy endorsement of MS.PAC, lead to questions from a community activist of the Third ward, surprise that candidate Pat Hill did not receive the endorsement, charging if there was a true process of MS.PAC endorsement. They said it was not in the best interest of the community.

Bradley said, "I did not want MS.PAC to make endorsements when we were meeting last summer. I wanted unity in the community so that all candidate focus on the real problem. That is the present alderman. However, I am honored to receive the endorsement for Alderman of the third ward."

Other candidates have receive endorsements. but to receive it from your peers gives more credit to our race." said Bradley.

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now, a lower level of accountability among candidates for public office."

Rush, lacking funds and local media coverage to date stress his campaign has been reached by the voters with his walks throughout the wards.

With a poll showing him behind Daley. He charged that the polls did not have no "Soul".

With an upbeat spirit, Rush said, "This time Daley has all ready lost. The soul of Chicago see thought his corruption and unfairness in government. Even those that go on record supporting Daley will go to the polls on election day and Punch 54. This issues and his he still has the numbers to win. The election on February 23rd will not be a primary. All candidates — including, for the first time, Mayor, City Clerk and city Treasurer — will run on a non-partisan basis, without party labels. a candidates who receives 50% plus one vote will be elected to office. If no candidate receives a majority the two leading candidates will face each other in the runoff election April 13. When

there are only two candidates for an office, it is unlikely that there will be a runoff.

This process of that was pushed by Daley, which gives him a better chance of avoiding a run-off and the cloud of the democratic cloud associated as a tool against him.

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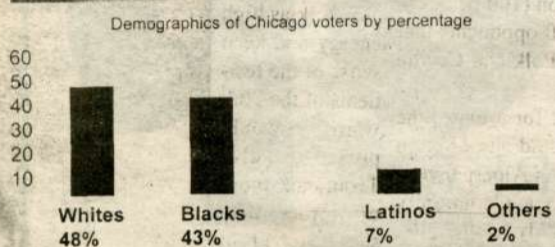
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Aldermen Races Wind Down In Mid-South

by Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

Second Ward



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Mayor candidate Bobby Rush with sister, Geraldine Laury seeking Rush's former seat of alderman of the second ward

Alderman Madeline Haithcock was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley in January 1993 to succeed Congressman Bobby Rush. Prior to her appointment, she was active in Rush's 2nd Ward organization;



Madeline Haithcock



Stinson

Reports were that Haithcock and Rush "fell out" over issues of political control. Joining Laury in attempt to defeat Haithcock is Derrick Stinson. Stinson is the founder of the Matthew's House; an organization for the homeless.

Stinson in his third run for public office charged that only 1 of out 3 registered voters came out to vote in the last Aldermanic election. Of those voters, more than 51% decided to vote for someone other than the incumbent or Laury.

Other candidates in the race is Melvin Powers, and Mary Collins, no information was provide on their campaign.



Tillman



Penny



Hill

Like all candidates, Penny. will be running on a platform to be accessible to provide the assistance to meet the needs

Candidate Listing for February 23, 1999

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Bobby L. Rush, 3534 S. Calumet Ave.,

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

Treasurer:
Miriam Santos, 1207 W. Roscoe St.
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,
Mary Collins, 2010 W. Jackson Blvd.,

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
Ivy E. Martinez, 4832 S. Dorchester
Kwame Raoul, 855 E. Drexel Sq.
Charles S. Williams, 4719 S. Langley Ave.
Ezra L. McCann, 4832 S. Dorchester,

Alderman - 20th Ward:
Arenda Troutman, 6360 S. Greenwood,
Julius L. Polk, 6137 S. Woodlawn Ave.
Cecilia A. Butler, 5849 S. Indiana Ave.,

portunity to exercise their rights to vote." show, to remove snow points to the city's priority, politics over people." Said Wallace.

Pat Hill, a former public school teacher and presently a Chicago Police officer sees too many problems in the 3rd Ward. Her message to voters are "Let's get Back living again."

Hill and Bradley has been reported in the media as heavy opposition for Tillman. Bradley won the endorsement of MS.PAC and Hill the endorsement of the Chicago Tribune, in which the newspaper said "It was time for a change."

Another candidate Dorothy O. Harris, a resident of Stateway Gardens believes that the third ward needs to have an education summit for

LSC members, parents and students in addition make sure that the young adults are registered to vote upon graduation, from high school; in addition, teach young adults to understand and value the privilege of voting.

Her focus will initiate a strategic for the CHA housing complexes to ensure the there will be no demolishing of public housing, within the 3rd Ward, until there is enough replacement unity available for the displaces resident.

"We want to stop the unchecked construction and demolishing of housing units throughout the 3rd Ward until a comprehension development plan is developed, we will not be priced-out of our home with this so called affordable housing," said Harris.

Fourth ward

Incumbent Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (D) is getting opposition from Kwame Raoul and Charles S. Williams and write-in candidate Isza McCann. Several candidates have dropped out of the race, making Preckwinkle the favorite.

On February 4, 1999 PAC members showed up at the Community Conservation Council meeting with picket signs protesting Preckwinkle's housing policy of "...apartheid in the 4th ward," stated PAC leaders. They claim that North Kenwood/Oakland community activists and their projects and plans, are routinely oppressed and derailed by Preckwinkle. Already lost is a veteran's housing plan and \$140,000 in arts funding



Preckwinkle



Williams



Raoul

for King High School.

Williams, a Hales Franciscan High School (49th Street and Cottage Grove) -was the site where Williams, a 1973 Hales graduate.

Twentieth Ward

Alderman Arenda Troutman (D) is running against Julius Polk and Cecilia Butler. Troutman was appointed by Mayor Daley to fill the unexpired term of Ald. Ernest Jones in 1990. During her tenure, Troutman is listed in Illinois Politics magazine as one of the African American aldermen with the highest pro-Daley voting records of 73 %, behind only Lorraine Dixon (100 percent).

Troutman had over 10 opponents that resulted in two, Julius Polk and Cecilia Butler.

Butler who has hinted for a long time to run for the office, said she offers a new type of politics. "As Alderperson I would like to develop a Community Congress and host monthly community. Its time for a new type of politics, "Community Politics." Where the decision is in the people's hands, and once again the Alderman becomes the people's representative not their leader.

Julius Polk a member of many organizations is a twelve-year employee of the United Parcel Service where he works as a National Account Executive. Polk and his family have lived the majority of their lives in the 20thWard where he spent all his adult life as a dedicated

community activist.

Pointing the focus on Troutman, Butler said, "63rd & King Drive is one of the busiest locations in the 20th ward. On that corner is a school and excellent transportation,

but according to police reports there is also a lot of crime and drugs. All this is under the nose of the Alderman on the 2nd floor.

Butler's visibility and proven record and Polk as high energy and keen sense of the residents of the 20th ward would prove to give Troutman more of a race than she has had in the past.

All candidates in the Mid-South wards have endorsed Bobby Rush for Mayor, and all present alderman neither support the Mayor or took no position.



Troutman



Butler



Polk

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A Conversation/Interview with Congressman Bobby Rush

As Congressman Bobby Rush enters the office of *South Street Journal*, he immediately goes over to the display of newspapers on the wall; two of which are copies of the Black Panther newspapers of 1977. His response, "Those bring back some memories."

This journalists retort was, "You just do not remember me. I was a shortee selling those papers in those days."

Ron: How are you feeling?

Rush: Man, I feel great.

Ron: You filed your campaign financial disclosure report which raised \$164,285. With \$40,730.65 in the bank, how are you going to win with such little money compared to Daley?

Rush: It goes without saying that we need contributions. However, the campaign finance report is not reflective of the energy and enthusiasm among my voters.

Ron: But, you do need money?

Rush: We understand that money does play a role in any election. We intend to achieve our objectives by buying print and broadcast advertising.

Ron: Of Chicago registered voters approximately 700,000 are African American, 500,000 are white, and some 150,000 are Latino. It is obvious that you can win. Assuming that 60% of the electorate votes come out on February 23rd, you reported that you will need 400,000 votes to win. How many have you counted so far?

Rush: I've counted 399,999.

Ron: But can you overcome not only Daley finance chest but resources to his campaign network?

Rush: We can feel the effect of a decade of Daley's intimidation and fear-mongering relative to contributors coming forth and his patronage of city workers. Nevertheless, we are running a vigorous and aggressive campaign that will result in victory.

Ron: Would you say that there is intimidation towards your campaign?

Rush: Our campaign office was vandalized. The words "Die Nigger Bobby" and "Kill Bobby Rush" and "Niggers must go" were scrawled in our elevator. Now, our staff photographer has been assaulted.



How, in one breath, can the Tribune write that "Chicago is still home to some of the highest concentrations of poverty in the country" and in the next breath endorse the incumbent?



boarded up EL stop symbolized my opponent's approach to public transportation. I will restore the severe service cuts that greatly impacted the south and west sides of the city,

Ron: Do you hold Daley forces responsibility?

Rush: These type of thuggish behavior is not new to Chicago politics. A similar series of events were reported in 1983 when Harold Washington ran for mayor. Now, in the wake of these actions. I am calling on the U.S. Attorney General's office to investigate.

Ron: There is a feeling among Black voters that they would be represented better with you as mayor. Why?

Rush: For fairness. I offer both direction and supervision of this city, with a solid economic development plan that calls for job creation and retention; the creation of a third Chicago regional airport; the creation of micobusiness enterprises; the elimination of the head tax and real economic development for all of Chicago, especially those whom are left out: African Americans, Latinos and the poor.

Ron: Why is Chicago still divided racially?

Rush: Because the powers-that-be have divided the city over a period of time. The city now is under the control of a mayor that is not providing equal access to the government's resources. The city's departments are rift with racial tension, ongoing police brutality and misconduct, corruption within City Hall and the economic regression in neighborhoods. We will unite the city with incentives to move this city forward; We will bring the city together.

Ron: How do you feel about the local media coverage to date?

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Ron: It looks as the mayor will not debate you. What about the charges that you avoided debating Rev. Martin?

Rush: Avis Lavelle (Daley's campaign manager) tells an untruth when she states that I used a "no debate" strategy in my 1991 aldermanic race. In fact, I did debate challenger Rev. B. Herbert Martin in February of 1991 at St. James Church on 279th and Wabash. More than 200 people attended; however, Avis Lavelle was not one of them. As Stephanie Gadlin's (my Director of Communication) Grandmother used to say, "It's a lie, and the truth ain't in it."

Ron: How do you feel about the Tribune's endorsement of Daley?

Rush: How, in one breath, can the Tribune write that "Chicago is still home to some of the highest concentrations of poverty in the country" and in the next breath endorse the incumbent? Most people agree that they are tired of living in two Chicago's: one that is enhanced by a Ferris Wheel and flower pots, and the other that is decaying from a lack of job creation and investment. The Tribune has engaged in biased and unfair stories before thoroughly checking facts. Somewhere I heard that the media was the eye of the public.

Ron: Based on the South Street Journal editorial on "Unity", did you count on many of the Black leaders going with Daley or being neutral? Or are you satisfied with your campaign direction?

Rush: Harold Washington had to deal with the same.

Ron: People suggest you should give the image of the Black Panther Party. Why haven't you?

Rush: The Black Panther Party. I loved my time with it. Those were different days. The BPP was a positive force and was pro-



Mayoral candidate Congressman Bobby Rush (1) at South Street Journal's office being interviewed by the newspaper's publisher, and editor, Ron Carter.

SSJ Photos by Haroon Rajaef

ductive. I am a product of what I was then which adds to why I am running for Mayor now.

Ron: Standing in front of Englewood's closed EL stop at 63rd Street and South Racine Avenue, you focus a lot of your attention on the CTA.

Rush: Yes. I want to rebuild public transportation for the 21st Century. That boarded up EL stop symbolized my opponent's approach to public transportation. I will restore the severe service cuts that greatly impacted the south and west sides of the city, upgrading the maintenance system to ensure top grade service (even during snowstorms), returning conductors to trains to ensure rider safety and returning Jitney service to Chicago As Mayor, I will set the standard of leadership necessary to bring about this CTA transformation

I believe that public transportation should be treated and funded like the vital public utility that it is. The city's annual contribution to the CTA budget, under Mayor Daley, is only \$3 million. That is only 8% of the CTA's overall budget.

Ron: But Daley said, "When the city sought more money for the CTA, you were the one who voted against it."

Rush: To vote against it would have meant to vote against all funding. So, I (together with the rest of the Illinois delegation,) voted for the bill, which was a vote for the CTA. My opponent says that mass transit has no constituency; but tell that to the thousands of Chicagoans who rely on trains and buses to get them to work, school, and the hospital.

Ron: What was your position of the 63rd street EL coming down?

Rush: I support what the community of Woodlawn wants.

Ron: What is your direction regarding crime?

Rush: As a general rule, communities with economic development have lower crime rates than those communities with little or no economic development. I will hold our citizens to a high standard. Chicagoans will be asked to respect law enforcement, and law enforcement will be required to gain the people's respect.

As Mayor, I will provide Chicago the efficient and effective public safety it deserves. Our crime rate will fall and our murder rate will likewise decline.

Those who break the law can expect to suffer the consequences of their actions; but they can also expect fairness and respect from law enforcement officers.

Our police and fire departments will more accurately reflect the populations these departments serve. Community police will work together to prevent crime and enforce laws.



Most people agree that they are tired of living in two Chicago's: one that is enhanced by a Ferris Wheel and flower pots, and the other that is decaying from a lack of job creation and investment.

Ron: What will be your first three (3) actions upon becoming Mayor of Chicago?

Rush: 1. Bringing Economic Development to communities that have long been neglected will be my first priority as Mayor. I will restore the Department of Economic Development in order to ensure the implementation of policies that will create and sustain jobs, and not just in the Northwest corridor. We want businesses to remain in the city so that our economy can remain viable and ultimately so we can put our citizens to work.

2. Increase funds and operation of CTA. d 3. Send the Denver Boot back to Denver.

As far as education is concerned, I will implement programs which will encourage our young people to stay in school and to continue to even further their education.

Rush: This is the best interview I have had. (Looking onto 47th street from the window) I see O'Dare across the street from you. So this is where he's at. I remember him from the days

Before leaving the congressman was stop and ask a question by Kesiha Carothers, Associate Publisher of SSJ.

Kesiha: What will you do to encourage the young gang banger and or possibly drug dealer to mainstream with the economic growth of this community.

Rush: Considering many of these young people have criminal records? I shall establish a second chance work and business development program. I will hire these young people. Everyone deserves a second chance.

Why

In 1983, the leadership, and Dorothy Tillman (3) examples. winkle (4), who pro alderman pressing c got its fair share, an agenda.

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Dear Editor;

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These Aldermen should not be reelected

Mid-South voters have gambled for too long on these aldermen

New progressive political recognized Bobby Rush (2) (3) from Mid-South as they came Toni Preckwinkle a full time, independent movement to ensure the ward an anti-Daley legislative

This issue has continued to rise on their watch as aldermen. The Mid-South wards of mainly low-income, the alderman solution is to move them out as the problem, opposed to being part of the solution. Whether they are responsible or not, it is still on their watch.

It is no doubt that they have gotten some things done in their perspective wards. But that's expected based on their longevity in office. Street repair and sidewalk upgrade is a given to all wards. However, because of their longevity, there still hasn't been enough done for the people who live in the wards. Their job is to represent the people of the ward and for the ward to benefit, not just the people to come.

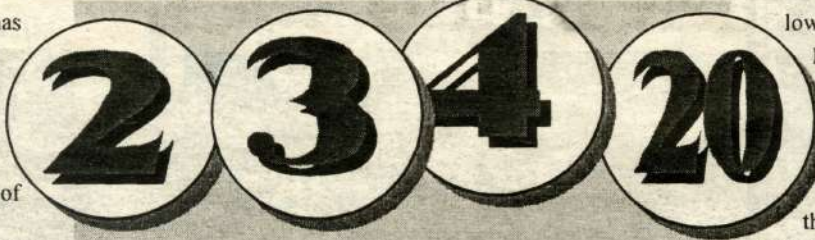
It is time for a change. If the aldermen have done so much, then take a break. See how well your work benefits the community. Don't be so bullheaded in believing that the alderman post belongs to them; (as many candidates believe).

There are many points why these aldermen should not be reelected. However, the following is a few. The following are a few points from the Bronzeville Organizing Sessions (BOSS) congress on the aldermen records. BOSS also presented the Community Manifesto and Covenant for candidates to sign on to. Non of the aldermen has signed on to it.

The aldermen (except Preckwinkle) skated with not voting on the ordinance that requires that 50 percent of the hours of each construction project be given to Chicago residents. Not voting on it is a no vote for the Mayor.

The aldermen voted yes for taking the power of the Empowerment Zone from the citizens which in turn gave it to Mayor.

They also voted yes in 1991, which was the first vote that allowed the Mayor and his allies the apparatus to control the re-mapping process denying Blacks additional wards in the city council. They later (in 1998) joined the lawsuit for additional Black wards, which would only increase the black population of the 18th ward. At the same time, they voted to give the Mayor and Alderman Burke the power to give lawyers city funds to fight the ward re-map against Black ward increase.



Ron Carter
Publisher & Editor

The aldermen of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 20th wards voted "yes" to give Chicago Police Officers the authority to disperse any individuals believed to be members of a street gang who are loitering in a public place.

Twentieth Ward Alderman Troutman declared that since people go to shopping malls, there is no need for a shopping district on 63rd Street. Tillman says she wants a 70/30 plan, meaning 70% of the construction work goes to African American and 30% to others. The ward is 70% other construction and 30% Black. If you couldn't do it in the last twelve years, how can you do it now? Businesses produce long-term employment jobs. The construction industry, on the other hand, does not. It only produces jobs for the banks and developers. Rather its private or public funds.

The Mid-South wards have continually voted against Daley. But the aldermen do not follow the direction of the wards. All are coattailing Mayor Richard Daley, helping his re-election by publicly staying neutral. Not standing on firm grounds as Alderman Barnett on the Westside being open and trustworthy with his ward why he endorse the Mayor. They are not trustworthy.

A contract of the Community Manifesto and Covenant needs to be signed by the candidates and elected officials which would state what they will and will not do on voting and representing the interest of the community. Community must be insured they will not change from their platform(s). Many candidates have stated they will sign the Bronzeville Covenant.

Not Haithcock, Tillman, Preckwinkle or Troutman; reason enough to organize your friends and neighbors and successfully overcome your main community problem: The Aldermen of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 20th wards.

Good sense and knowing when not to gamble is upon the community. We envisioned at least 80% of our readers to be thousands of active voters in many ways in the Mid-South to start anew.

As the voters begin action in their own neighborhoods for change, in the Illinois Lottery's pick 4 game or any game, the numbers 2,3,4,20 together will just not win.

Letters to the Editor

People

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supporting an unfair and bias remap scheme. The infamous "no loitering" law which is a violation of the United States Constitution and is a slap in the face of democracy. Two people standing, sitting, or talking on a front porch can be arrested for loitering. The specific charge can be anything from disorderly conduct to mob violence. The gathering is more than likely to be targeted, if it is young Black or Hispanic males that are out on the street. If they are unemployed, this places an unfair burden on young men who are living in their communities but are not suppose to be seen.

The "Red Squad" which had a free reign in the 1960's The "Red Squad" was a part of the Chicago Police Department. They went around and infiltrated certain community groups, church groups, labor groups as well as civil rights groups. The Squad, with full knowledge by the top brass in the department, would target individuals who were active in their communities for arrest, beatings, torture and even death. These activists were spied on, filer were maintained on them and their rights to have private lives were frequently ignored by the "Red Squad" and the Chicago Police Department. There were protests against these abuses. It was a number of cases that went to court.

In court, judges and juries fond that such activity was illegal and that it violated the U.S. Constitution.

Dr. Robert Stark, a professor at Northeast-



ern University, a political analyst and a contributing writer for N'Digo said there have been 43,000 to 50,000 arrest since the law passed. The law has been condemned by the Civil Liberties Union. Save our youth.

By Harlan Hayes

Gangs: Public Enemy Number One (Our Children)

The Chicago Crime Commission is the oldest and largest citizens crime commission in the nation. Founded in 1919 by 35 members of the Chicago business community. The Commission is not supported by taxes and is not affiliated with any agency of government.

Cook County is under siege. A criminal menace threatens to unravel the fabric of society and destroy our communities. No one is immune from street gangs and the harm they inflict. Nationwide, the F.B.I. estimates that there are 400,000 gang members in the U.S. active in 700 cities. Chicagoland, there are about 125 street gangs, includes a vast area of Cook, Kane, DuPage, Will, and Lake Counties.

Commander Donald Hilbring of the Chicago Police Department's Gang Investigation Section estimates "there are between 30,000 to 50,000 hard-core members in the city," and "overall there is approximately 100,000 which include both hard-core and wanna-bees or marginal members."

Their background, power and emerging political influence is the subject of this report which attempts to delineate the changing face of organized crime.

The outfit is in transition; new leaders are emerging to replace the imprisoned and aging bosses. It is the task of the Chicago Crime Commission to "cast" a spotlight on traditional organized crime and identify these new bosses, their underlings and associates. Call it the "new organized crime."

The street gangs are a mobilized army, in the tens of thousands. They represent a cross-section of society. They are Hispanic, African-American, Asian, and white. All they lack at the present time is the political backing and degrees of sophistication of the Mafia "dons" of yesteryear. In time, though, that is likely to occur if we are apathetic. We are already witnessing the early stages of the "empowerment" of the street gangs through organizations like 21st Century VOTE.

One of the fundamental principles of the Commission has been the belief that organized crime can flourish only when the citizenry is apathetic and uninformed. It is a mistake to assume that street gangs do not constitute a threat because they are not organized crime in the usual sense of the word.

The Chicago Crime Commission has fought many noteworthy and successful battles against organized crime in all its insidious forms by publicizing its activities, alerting the citizenry, and promoting laws and law enforcement efforts to effectively destroy this menace. That is why we have targeted street gangs as Public Enemy No. 1. We have also published a current and up-to-date roster of street gangs and identified members who have been prosecuted for such activities. A few of them are well known to the public. Most are not.

cuted for such activities. A few of them are well known to the public. Most are not.

The purpose of this report is to warn young people about the futility of gang involvement. We especially seek to inform parents, teachers and community groups -- the agencies identified in this report are available to help you. We cannot over-emphasize the present dangers that the street gangs pose to our children, communities, and our way of life.

Donald G. Mulack, President
Thomas Kirkpatrick, Executive Director
Chicago Crime Commission

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Poet of the Month:

Mike Hawkins (a.k.a. Brother Mike)



Age: 22

First started writing: Age 14

Most influenced by: The Last Poets, The Watts Prophets, and Langston Hughes

Favorite poets on the scene: Still Black Sea, Reggie Gibson, Malik "The Word Smith", J-Ivy, Von, Dennis Kim, Brenda Matthews, April D Pre- yar, DJ Renegade, Saul Williams, Danny Divine and Khari

Musically influenced by: Common, Nas, Jay-Z, Biggie, The Roots, Wu-Tang Curtis Mayfield, and Prince

First started on the poetry scene: December 1997 at The Velvet Lounge

Favorite Spots: The Velvet Lounge, Jazz & Java, Rituals, Jaks Tap, The Clique, The Wham Bongo Bar, Africa West Book Store

Credentials:

Hosted: Jazz & Java, Studio 517

Published: In YMCA's Poetry Magazine, Route2000(poet of the month)

Featured: Jaks Tap, Jazz & Java, Charybdis, The Hot House, Black Feather V.I.P.

To be released in 1999: Book {Shy-Town(psalms of street love)}

CD {Compilation with midwest Poets (untitled)}

Words From The Brother

by Mike Hawkins

Ah! Finally the revolution of the spoken word has come to the fore front. The Evolution of poetry in Chicago is as exciting as any artistic movement in this countries history. Words flowing from basements, lofts, clubs, and bars have come to birth a generation of hungry new writers with a style and voice so individual to any other generation that it has rendered a renaissance of unparalleled porportion. The mission of South Street is to bring these voices, these words to a forem, where the individual poet can be regonized as well as published. The mission is also to bring a personal inside look into the poetry scene, and the new and up and coming voices.

To start I will present some personal work and a profile(which will be the standard for our poet of the month for the following months to come) to let you know where I stand, so I can take you where poetry has taken me. Let us begin.

WORD

Flower in the Fondation (Ghetto Goddess)

I wanna grind in your groove watch you move to the muted measures of your music Your rythmn is quite And I want to whirl in your world standing in the darkened gem of you; black pearl Ebony syphonic girl Ghetto Goddess Granting grace from every corner that captured a glimpse of your face-Guzzled by every gutter wine-o sipping their grave at the last taste of their glass So the image of you can linger and last in their sober remberences of past Where I pass by wondering why, you Turn my rythmn into blue (voodoo) that I inject into my vain So I don't whorship you in vain As I nod to purple doves you always cry in my brain Dreaming of you in the distance of rain Cause you maintain like a sunrise on the soul of my highs That touch me like the fingertips of heaven Where I find haven in each elapsed second I stretch across moments like elastic putting eclipces into caskets Case I want to see your sun (I want to see your sun. . .) draped, night raped smile Where I find escape. . . While you stand as the silver center in between the thighs of night Where I be the prowling panther strolling the ebony surface of panio pleasures to find brief blinks Where I tighten my thoughts into kinks. . . Naps- - Prehaps A jigabo Jungle Where I be more humble Then Jesus spitting Jive to save the lives of 12 divas decieved, believed and recieved to the world as the most desired deciples

I'm just saying I'm diggin you I'm diggin you like sand men be diggin dreams draggin deams into my day dreams So I sleep walk in the slumber of you, black summer the sweet season, the sole reason I be feeling your flavor on the taste of your fingers that lingers on my hands like palms Where I be the prophet of your passion Spitting more psalms then preachers Making a bible in your honer, whispering your beautiful black features You sweet fire, making footsteps of the road to a flame burning heat through my pours Where you pours portraits of night into the doors of my sight Stroking the strob light of distorted imagination Where my reality, is just dreams of infactuation, mad fasination of you Project princess Projecting, refelecting magnificence on the mirror of your face That blooms flowers in the foundations of the concrete that are so discreat on the street- that nobody takes notice But I do; Dreaming alley arias, to mold you into an opus As you spill hoocus pocus that makes me loose focus. . . But the spell you render makes the art of you clear. . . Clear as caterpillars being congured into colored butterflies kissing compasses to be lead in the direction of copulation of the creation of you On the cosmos of Creol cupids shooting arrows of your elegance on the coners of my mind Brother



Mike: Agenda

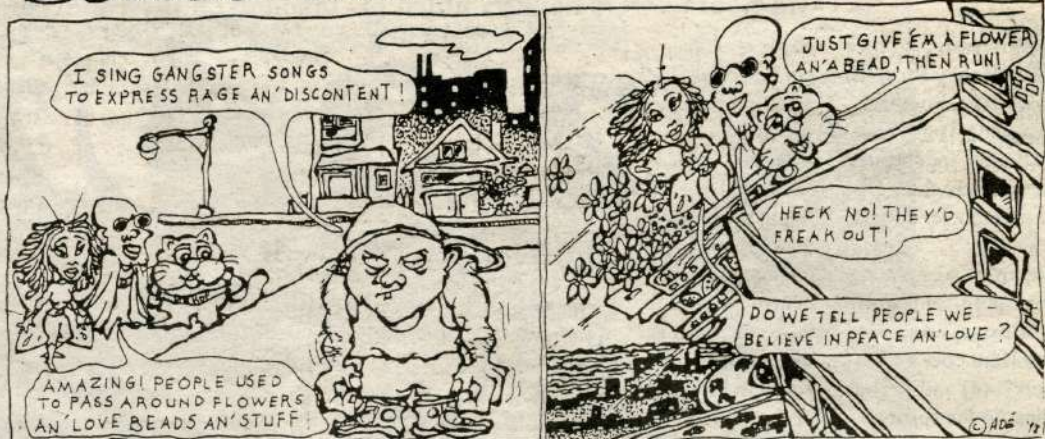
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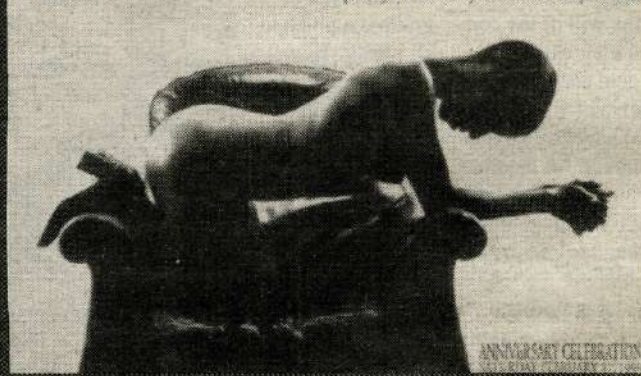
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AT THE FLICKS

by David Schultz

Pay Back



By its film title and trailer, "Payback" sounds like one of those deceptively cheap exploitation movies. But instead, it's one of the most ingeniously entertaining hard core movies of the season. The style and toughness of the film

and characters led by Mel Gibson as a professional robber out to reclaim a financial debt from his ex-partner should remind you of another film—the 1997 Oscar winner, "L.A. Confidential", which is due in part the script based

upon the novel, "The Hunter" was adapted by screenwriter Brian Helgelbrand who co-wrote that script and also makes his directoral debut here. Again, Helgelbrand breathes new energy into a familiar genre, by reworking in through its story procedure and spicing it up through its characters. Keep in mind, it's not as good or tight as "L.A. Confidential", but it does a good job of matching it while dealing from the wrong side of the track.

The film opens with a badly wounded Mel Gibson as Porter receiving makeshift medical attention for bullet wounds in his back. Presumed dead during his five months of healing and recuperation. Porter returns to the streets with renewed intensity and raw attitude. Enough to steal dollars from the poor and pick-pocket a credit card from the rich to help improve his wardrobe and appetite. Porter is searching for the whereabouts of his ex-partner, Val Rednick (Gregg Henry) who double crossed him during heist on some Japanese hoods for a attache case full of \$130G's. Porter was suppose to get \$70 G's instead his ex-wife turned junkies shoots him in the back leaving him for dead.

Moving straight ahead in his quest to get what is rightfully his. Porter encounters detours and obstacles in getting his money. Because Val used the heist

money to pay off a mob debt that helps him become a member of "The Outfit" run locally by Carter (William Devane). Still Porter remains undaunted and determined as he encounters his ex-wife who O.D's, a pair of crooked cops and other opportunistic low-life creeps. When he catches Val whose out to kill him first at a call girl's (Maria Bello) mob-owned apartment. Porter abruptly takes him out and makes an impromptu visit to the mob boss Carter requesting the money Val gave as payment for their debt wasn't completely his. Therefore, Porter has to go through the mob ranks to ask for his \$70G's from Kris Kristofferson by kidnapping his son and making arranging with the elderly Don of the clan, Fairfax (James Coburn in an unbilled cameo role). Now with Kristofferson, Coburn and other mobsters set to kill Porter whether he willing to accept the money in exchange for the son's life, leads to a neatly planned conclusion that falls into the film's unexpected twists and turns along with its jolting sensibility toward violence. "Payback" unravels like a Mickey Spillane pulp novel that grows much like "L. A. Confidential" did from its 40's style in a 90's world.

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- 1. SAVING PRIVATE RYAN**
 Spielberg, s bold and heart felt war epic
- 2. LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**
 Laughter us the best weapon against the pain anguish of the Holocaust
- 3. OUT OF SIGHT**
 George Clooney finds his niche in this witty, offbeat crime caper/love story from novelist Elmore Leonard
- 4. HE GOT GAME**
 A basketball jones for the human discord between a prison father and his hoop star-bound son.
- 5. THE THIN RED LINE**
 Director Terence Malick, s visionist approach to the human element os WW II.
- 6. DARK CITY**
 The best futuristic sci-fi since "Blade Runner" Visually stunning
- 7. THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY**
 The Farrelley Brothers' outlandish comedy is the innovator of shock humor.
- 8. THE TRUMAN SHOW**
 An Orwellian vision of a man living unaware its being televised. A clever twist on the media as "big brother"
- 9. SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE**
 A bright and well written comedy about the Bard who falls in love with his leading male star in his play whose actually a woman.
- 10. BELOVED**
 Jonathan Deeme's beguiling vision of slavery and the haunting.

Honorable Mention: "Waking Ned Devine", "The Eel" "The Butcher Boy", " A Bug's Life", " A Simple Plan"

TEN WORST MOVIES OF 1998

- 1. KRIPPENDORF'S TRIBE**
 The most racially offensive movie to al low white kids dress in tribal black face and disguising it all as a comedy.
- 2. LOST IN SPACE**
 A expansive remake flop of the 70's se ries in search os a plot.
- 3. HOLY MAN**
 Eddie Murphy's consistency to follow a marginally good film with an awfully un funny one.
- 4. FEAR AND LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS**
 Gonzo journalist Hunter Thompson's road movie is forgettable an completely stoned.
- 5. JACK FROST**
 Michael Keaton as a workaholic father back to life as a snowman. Brr-r:
- 6. GODZILLA**
 Script does matter
- 7. THE ODD COUPLE 2**
 Neil Simon , Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau waited too long to make this unfunny and flat buddy comedy sequel.
- 8. BLACK DOG**
 Patrick Swayze makes another cliché redneck movie. This time, for truckers
- 9. SPICE WORLD**
 Flavor of the month
- 10. PSYCHO**
 Why not just colorize the original, instead

Honorable Mentions: "Tarzan and The Lost City", "Practical Magic", Welcome To Woop Woop", "Kissing A Fool"

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ers on the 47th Street Redevelopment Plan. This is our main concern with the City and the Alderman."

The 47th SBA has prepared a Business plan for 47th Street as well. In it the plan calls for opposing the demolition of the 4700 S. King Drive Building for the purpose of erecting a statue of Quincy Jones. The plan reported that Mike Youses, who is currently renting two store fronts stress interest to purchase building for commercial and residential use.

The Palm Tavern recently in transaction of an auction sale for new ownership, located on 47th Street for over 30 years is also being included and well as the historical Bacon's Clothing. It has purchased 507 E. 47th at a time of indecision with the Street Redevelopment Plan.

Public Furniture has been in the community for over 30 years. This business is stress interest in the City's facade program for a fresh face lift. Employees are from the community and its owners have expressed a desire to work with the commu-

nity in the redevelopment.

New Approach Health Food has relocated from 47th & Lake Park to the 600 E. block only to be stifled in their expansion efforts. The owners of this business have expressed a desire to purchase the lot next to their property. The lot is on Aldermanic hold. Which means this lot can not be purchased without the Alderman's consent.

Lee's Barbecue at 530 E. 47th Street has four storefront locations. Mr. & Mrs. Jackson have expressed an interest in renovation to accommodate suggestions from the community and business people.

"There is much work to do this year," said Hicks. "These businesses need community support as well as the support of the city to make their goals a reality and meet the consumer needs of the residents. This is why it is important that of all interest to be part of this pro-

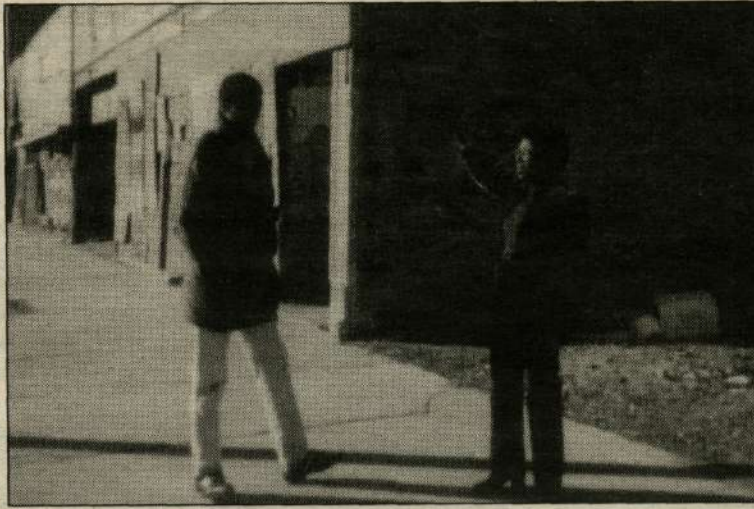
cess. Whatever our political interest is. We all have the same goal for the community.

Carter said, Tillman has refused to meet with us over the last two years as well as not addressing the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission plans for 47th Street. "The City's Department of Planning has been no help. So we went to Ald. Tillman by the suggestion of to reach out to her and was put out. This is what lead us to meet with Chuck Bowen, special assistance to Mayor Daley."

In the meeting included Thompson and Marie Ferguson of Classy Cut. Thompson reported 47thSBA submitted a copy of a letter to the Mayor for inclusion. "The meeting with Mr. Bowen, it did have some political overtones. However, we did identified a way of starting a line of communications with the alderman and the city departments and the Mayor."

The 47thSBA will be meeting Friday February 19th, 9:00 am at Harris Bank, 47th and Drexel.

For more information on The 47th Street Business Association call 773/924-0461



With construction crew having a presence at the site of 47th and King Drive for the Lou Rawls Culture Center, Ron Carter (L) and Armadell Hicks of the 47th Street Business Association stands between Forrestville and St. Lawrence reviewing the condition on 47th Street. The 47th SBA has meet with the Chuck Bowen of the Mayor's office in an attempt to open communications with Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3) who is spearheading the City's 47th Street Redevelopment Plan. 47thSBA want the Plan to included existing businesses on 47th Street and for community residents, along with their input in the plan..

Shorebank name new executive

Shorebank Corp. appointed Leon Smith as a senior vice president of the company. Mr. Smith's initial involvement with Shorebank will include work with Shorebank Advisory Services, consulting affiliate: Shorebank Pacific, SBK's conservation-based commercial banking affiliate in the Pacific Northwest; and the Shorebank Chicago Companies. Smith grew up in the Chatham community. He has been a senior vice president and division executive for BankBoston, and began his banking career at the First National Bank of Chicago, where he rose from a First Scholar management trainee to



Smith

vice president, commercial real estate lending.

Higginbottom present \$100,000 check

In an effort to provide jobs for ABLA residents, East Lake's Management and Development Corporation along with the Daly Group presented a \$100,000 check to alderman Haithcock of the Second Ward. East lake's Chairman, Elzie Higginbottom presented the check at a press conference on February 16th at the ABLE Homes, 1254 South Loomis. The proposed program is in conjunction with the Illinois Medical District Commission to support a welfare-to-work initiative for the residents.



Higginbottom

3 Mid-South stores hit with violations

Mayor's grocery store task force charges more stores with violations. It charged 15 grocery stores with multiple consumer, health and sanitation violations, 2 were closed down. In Mid-South the stores included: Frankie J. Foods, 4501 State St., was charged with seven consumer and health violations that included allegedly failing to rodent proof the doors, rodent droppings found in the store, unsanitary display shelves and coolers, failing to provide a thermometer in the display cooler, failing to properly elevate food off the floor, and failing to repair a damaged ceiling.

Grove Food & Liquor, 3751 S. Cottage., was charged with 12 consumer and health violations that included allegedly offering for sale outdated infant formula and other merchandise, failing properly elevate food of the floor, failing to repair leaks in the three compartment sink, unsanitary display shelves, meat grinder and coolers, failing to properly store food containers, and failing to cover the sewer drain of the floor. Sam's Food & Fish, 133 E. 69th., was charged with 11 consumer and health violations that included allegedly offering for sale outdated food and drugs, overcharging on the sales tax, and deceptive practices for selling prescription medicine without a doctor's prescription.

Store owners convicted of the charges could be fined as much as \$1,000 for

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