

47th Street business hurdlers

47th Street is rich in stories concerning the shops, and involves individuals who are famous. Some of the stories are infamous to many; others are famous only among the community. No one is against progress; however, there is something to be said for history and the memories it unfolds. Also, there is a certain measure of respect, which should permeate when anyone, especially, outside ethnic groups, interface with members of a long-standing community.

Displaced businesses feel effect of 40% rent increase



Of the eight businesses located at 47th & Michigan, most are Black owned and operated, face possible displaced at the recent sale of the building which is a microcosm of what's occurring up and down the Avenue. (L to R) Marcus Ragland of *Legendary's*, Brenda and Mae Green of *Greens Beauty Salon* and Moses of *Shoe Shop*.

By Deborah Young

Grand Blvd. - There have always been wide spread concerns on the present and future state of 47th Street. Recently a group of business owners located on 47th Street, between Michigan and Indiana are feeling the treat of losing their stores, with the attempt of new ownership increasing rent to over 40%. The structure is known as "The 47th & Michigan Building."

John Lee now owns the building. On February 28, he toured his newly acquired shops. As he walked through the shops, he neither spoke to the shop owners, nor acknowledged their presence. While in one shop, Lee walked directly to the back of the store without saying a word to the owner. A man accompanying Lee, explained his presence. Upon leaving, one of the shop employees questioned Lee about

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47th Lake Park, New Hyde Park Co-op to open mid-summer



The Hyde Park Co-op is anchoring the shopping center at 47th and Lake Park, along with Walgreens and Citibank. Reports are that most of the 12 smaller stores will be Black-owned.

Kenwood-After years of neglect and disinvestment, neighborhood retailers and businesses went defunct in the North Kenwood community of 47th Street. Now the east end of 47th street once void is experiencing the transformation into new commercial developments.

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Forging the amenities of a healthy and vibrant community, John Wilson of the Hyde

Park Co-op said, "We are developing the new 55,000 square-foot, state-of the art, full service grocery store that is spurring new economic opportunities. This is a signal of the ongoing revitalization of North Kenwood."

The new two-story Hyde park Co-op is only the latest addition to the multi-dimensional North Kenwood neighborhood revitalization project. In not be competing with its parent store on 55th and Lake Park, Wilson said the new Hyde Park Co-op will serve as a regional store for the boarder community of Mid-

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Lou Rawls project and 47th Street Redevelopment Plan

Grand Blvd. - The long awaited project on 47th Street, for over seven years began a few days prior to election. As construction began the drilling for the foundation of the Lou Rawls Theater and Culture Center. One construction crew member responded with delight, "We are building the Lou Rawls Center!"

Concerned for the lack of Black and community workers on the site, on election day community representatives Paris Thomas, a community worker of Robert Taylor Homes and Ron Carter, vice president of the 47th Street Business Association (47SBA) addressed Alderman Dorothy Tillman's position of 70% community workers to be on the site.

The one Black worker and the crew foreman

informed Thomas and Carter, that this was the first phase of the job and the type of drilling for the foundation was not able to before by construction workers from Chicago.

Tillman, later informed Thomas of the same concern. Insuring, Black workers will be on the site after this initial phase of the job.

The project having its setbacks, Ald. Tillman reported "We are happy to announce that construction of the Lou Rawls Theatre," on the site where her annual Festival is held.

The project developer is The Tobacco Road Inc., operating from Tillman's ward office. Tillman thank State Rep. Lou Jones for being her partner in helping to secure funds for the Theatre.

Tillman vision 47th Street to be "home to an African Village that will reflect Chicago's rich African-American culture. Chicago is a diverse city where all ethnic groups have an area that is uniquely theirs in flavor and culture. The Village will be our cultural shrine."

We hope to capture the full essence of our African-rooted legacy in the Village, reported alderman Tillman.

"The Village will be 26 stores whose products and services will blend, meld, and merge the cultures of our brothers and sisters from South Africa, East Africa, North Africa, West Africa and the Caribbean."

The City council passed Ald. Tillman's plans

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Community Forum on public Housing

Grand Boulevard - The Grand Boulevard Federation (GBF), an organization comprise on community and social service agencies serving the Grand Boulevard community will be hold a Community Forum on Housing to be held at the Charles Hayes Family Investment Center, 4859 S. Wabash Avenue, Friday, March 26, from 8:30 am to 3 pm.

The forum will address concerns on plans to demolish Robert Taylor and Stateway Gardens. The alternatives for replacement housing with Section 8 and subsidized housing and plans for the land.

The relocation of thousands of tenants at the Taylor Homes and Stateway over the next five to ten years under HOPE VI Urban Revitalization Demonstration Program. The reason, as outlined by Housing Urban Development (HUD), is to cut down on gangs, drugs unsanitary conditions of rats, roaches, debris, and faulty elevators which have claimed lives over the years.

As issues continue to raise on public housing, re-

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Activists protest CHA legislative initiatives page 10

The Machine Is Back And Black

by Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

Without mentioning the Democratic Party, the Machine has proven to be more active than ever.

Mayor Richard M. Daley's landslide victory over Congressman Bobby came as no surprise to many Chicago political analysts who predicted "It would be a push-over for the mayor."

Skeptics predicted Rush wouldn't have enough punch for the hard hitting Daley who received

endorsements from major businesses around the city. During the campaign, President Bill Clinton threw his support toward Daley.

One of Daley's early campaign moves was four years ago, successfully lobbying the State of Illinois to past the City's first non-parasitism election for Chicago. Just as it is for the aldermen election.

Leroy Williams of Kenwood, an involved

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Haithcock (2)



Tillman (3)

The "Lake Front Ladies", Alderwomen of Mid-South

The "Lake Front Ladies", the term used by Bob Lucas, describing Mid-South aldermen bound by the lake (L. to R) Madelaine Haithcock (2), Dorothy Tillman (3), Toni Preckwinkle (4) and Arenda Troutman (20).

Alderman Tillman uses the term in honor of herself and her colleagues. It was not an open season on incumbents in the last election on March 23, as was expected by their opponents. The aldermen along with Mayor Richard Daley won easily over their opponents, with 44 % of the registered voters that bothered to participate in the election.

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Preckwinkle (4)



Troutman (20)

Minister Farrakhan Addresses 25,000 at Saviour Day event Reports follow of his illness - followed by stable health



Photo by Haroon Rajae

Minister Louis Farrakhan and his son, Mustafa, addressed more than 25,000 followers during the annual Saviour's Day celebration at the UIC Pavilion. The Minister highlighted concerns on the killing in the community, national election issues and the joining with Wallace D. Muhammad, son of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Minister Farrakhan, who was diagnosed with prostate cancer, was receiving treatment in a Chicago-based hospital. Reports of his ill health was reported in a New York newspaper and over stressed in the Final Call newspaper. However, Lenard Muhammad, Chief of Staff of the Nation of Islam confirmed that Minister Farrakhan health is not treating, but the Minister will be taking a four month resting period.

On Sunday, March 21, Rev. James Bevels architect of the Civil Rights Movement, conduct a prayer vigil for Minister Louis Farrakhan at St. Stephens Lutheran Church. The event was co-sponsored by the Workship Coalition headed by Calvin Omar Johnson.

King Drive received added buses

Extra buses and/or additional service are being provided on 10 bus lines throughout the CTA service area during weekday rush periods and on weekends in response to increased demand and to improve service reliability, effective immediately, according to CTA reports. Increase ridership has led to the addi-

tion of two extra buses on both the #3 King Drive local and the #3 King Drive Limited routes for trips downtown from 95th Street during morning rush periods.

New Police Recruits

Mayor Daley and Police Superintendent Terry G. Hillard presided over the third recruit graduation of the year, addressing a class of 63 police recruits who took the oath of office. The graduating

class is made up of 79% males and 21% females. The racial breakdown of the class is as follows: White: 51%; Black: 32% Hispanic: 13% Asian: 5%. The new PPO's (probationary police officers) began their tour of duty on Wednesday, March 3rd and assigned to various police districts throughout the city. For more information call 312/747-5480.

Stores Licenses Revoked since August Crusaders of Justice spotlights a campaign against their practices

The City of Chicago announced the revocation of 32 Chicago liquor licenses from August, 1998 through January, 1999. The licenses were revoked for police complaints and license violations.

- In the Mid-South stores included:
- Liberty liquor & Sundries, inc., 6500 S. Cottage Grove
- Armstead Food & Sundries, Inc, 500 R. 47th St.
- Versie Stapleton, 4310 S. Prairie
- 59th & State St. Corp., 5901 S. State.

Under Illinois law, most establishments may remain open while their revocations are under appeal. Rev. Earl Sardan, president of the Crusaders of Justice said that, "We can, and should become our own Community Consumer Protection Agency. The store owners of the community will be thoroughly review and challenged by our organization, exposing these evils that takes control over our neighborhoods."

According to Winston L. Mardis, Director of the Mayor's License Commission, 18 applications for new liquor licenses were denied due to community opposition, during the same period of time. The following types of licenses were denied in the Mid-South area:

- Packaged goods at 525 E. 47th

Helping the Homeless on 50th & Prairie



Members and friends of the McSwain Share and Care Center, 5027 S. Prairie, recently hosted a motivational program for the homeless members of the community. Pictured (l to r) are: Bishop J. Williams, board member; Cynthia Adams, advisor; Pastor Luther J. McSwain, General President; Ether Ree McSwain, executive director; Razzaaq M. Hameed, motivational speaker; and Mother Ida Fulton, board member (Recovering from the flu at the Uni. of Chgo).

A much-needed "center of hospitality, housing, and outreach" is now thriving on the southside; and the city's homeless are the grateful beneficiaries.

The McSwain Share and Care Center, Inc., 5027 S. Prairie, was founded in 1995 as a non-profit organization. According to center officials, it was originally opened at 334 W. 115th, to address the unmet need for housing for women with infants, families and support services."

Pastor Luther McSwain explains: "We were founded as a non-profit organization...our ministerial focus is comprehensive direct service, hospitality, and education for social change."

This translates into free housing and meals for the city's male homeless population; offering them a positive alternative to the streets at night. Nearly sixty men are given transition shelter and nourishment; as well as educational programs.

"We are reacting opportunities for the homeless," pastor McSwain noted, "to receive the help necessary for them to make the transition to independence; and we assist homeless persons prepare to find and keep permanent housing."

The McSwain Share and Care Center, Inc. needs volunteers, food and financial support for its Transitional Housing Program. To help the center help the homeless, call executive Director, Mrs. Ether Ree McSwain at 548-9091.

- Packaged goods at 4318-26 S. State

The Crusaders of Justice said they will extend a review of what the city is doing in mentoring the stores. It will include a review of community employment, cleanliness of premises, prices and updated food items on their shelves.

"We shall also concern ourselves with whether or not community Banks are involved in their operations, and whether their advertising dollars are spent with the community media.

It is our hope that we can help all community stores to improve a "community relations" with the Black community."

Where the City is limited in their demands, the Crusaders says they can and will insist persistently that these steps be enforced by community businesses.

To comment on an existing or proposed liquor license, contact the Mayor's license Commission at 66 W. Washington, room , Chicago, 60602, or call 312/744-8071.

Community groups can arrange a guest speaker on liquor license issues by calling the Mayor's Press Office at (312) 744-334.

Howard Hughes Medical Institute to award \$1.6

million to support University of Chicago

This is the third such grant the University has received from HHMI over the past eight years. The grant is one of 58 four-year grants the Institute has awarded to colleges and universities in the United States to revitalize science education, k says Howard Hughes spokesman David Jarmul, bringing the total contribution to \$91.1 million.

The money will go towards faculty-mentored summer research opportunities for students, laboratory equipment for non-biology majors, expansion of outreach initiatives for teachers at Chicago elementary and secondary public schools, and development of a new laboratory course for non-majors in genetics, integrative biology and modular environmental science. For more information, go to www.hhmi.org/preview/undrgrad98..

Marketing: One of the fastest growing occupations

Recent data released by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate one of the fastest growing fields for people with work experience and college education is in the area of marketing, advertising and public relations management. Consider that census data indicate that graduate degree holders earn 24 % more than B.A. holders and 22 percent more than PH.D. recipients and strong case is made for earning a graduate degree. To meet the growing demand, Loyola University Chicago's Graduate School of Business has created a master's degree in Integrated Marketing Communications to give marketing and public relations professionals specific skills and knowledge unavailable in traditional MBA programs. Potential students looking for more information should contact Professor Mary Ann McGrath at 312-915-6136

Sites to see on the Web:

Encarta by Microsoft has lessons and educational resources on a variety of subjects, including foreign language, math, information technology and more. <http://www.encarta.msn.com/schoolhouse>

The UnZip

Someone every community leader should have been aware of is **Mary Bates** of the far south Roseland community, Ms Bates passed last month, joining **Lenora Rodgers**, another noble community leader of Roseland's **Greater Roseland Organization**. May their spirits watch us all.

Police Commander Donald Hilbring, (gang specialist) 2nd District was replaced by who, well gee golly according to the second district desk night shift officer at 11:05 PM, Thurs, 3/11/99, "I don't know" said he, well who is he? He didn't know his name either. Well, Hilbring was replaced with the first "Black" woman commander of the 2nd District. Word is **Ala. Tillman** had a hand in his demotion. Maybe Commander Hilbring can come back to the 2nd District to work with the local drug dealers. **Pretty Boy** from 42nd Street says, "they (local drug dealers) are not being included in the community redevelopment plan. They would like to diversify their business interest as many politicians."

From the Westside, Mid South Planning has hired their new Executive Director, **Thomas Worthy**, replacing **Pat Dowell**... Word up, the **Mac Arthur Foundation** who first funded Mid-South Planning is now funding and shot calling a new organization, the **Bronzeville Partnership**. One of their goals is to hire a community organizer. But first identify what is a community organizer. Maybe one of the men standing on the corner of 47th & St. Lawrence sucking on a wine bottle can apply for a position... And speaking of shot calling, **Tracy Leary** said BOSS has no one to speak or comment on the result of the election. Well who's the Boss around here.

Eddie Read's "Read between the Lines" column will be returning. "Minister D. Jackson, of Liberty Baptist Church, hears one of his members was put out of Tillman's ward office meeting. A little birdie told him so.

In the one man play, **Huey P. Newton** public enemy #1 described by the FBI as grits. Grits? yeah grits. **The Black Panther Party** started a breakfast program for children. Watch out **Centers for New Horizons** lets not feed the children grits it may be just the right food additive to grow strong healthy politicians.

Jamie Kalven, the man who decorates vacant buildings (and works with **Francine Washington** of Stateway), is the editor of "A Worthy Tradition: Freedom of Speech in America by his father **Harry Kalven, Jr.** Jamie discussed his powerful new book, "Working With available Light: A Family's World After Violence", recently in Hyde Park.

Jerry "Ice Man" Butler was the M.C. for the former candidate of the 2nd ward **David Stinson** of the **Matthew House**. The fundraiser, honored **Anthony Oliver, Dr. Horace Smith, Rev. B. Herbert Martin and Barbara Krell**. State's Attorney **Dick Devine** was at a private "Media Only" luncheon on the Westside hosted by non-other than the **Conversation Starter, Morgan Carter**.

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NEWS

The meaning and color of money?

Southside Cluster still at odds with EZ process

Standing in the foreground of computers part of the Southside Empowerment Zone Cluster, projects. Its director, Karen Bozeman-Gross works with The Technology Access Initiative, with Neighborhood Technology Access Council, the Chicago Urban League, and the New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church with no financial assistance from EZ funds. The center services about 25 people (ages 14 to 65) per week in providing classes, training workshops, and other activities. The organizing still seeks the EZ funds to meet its mission.



In South Street Journal (Feb., 11, 1999, reports were that community organizations are dismayed over the process to make the Chicago Empowerment Zone (EZ) program work. They are complaining that they never have been given enough information to do a good job and trapped in red tape to implement their projects.

Reports from the South Side Empowerment Zone Cluster (SSEZC), representing Mid-South area, are centered around if the jobs are going to benefit the residents in lei of pre-development projects funding. In addition the impact on jobs for community residents in the proposals being approved.

Mid-South communities were one of three Chicago areas targeted for EZ \$100 million funds.

According to Karen Gross, executive director of SSEZC, "The organization reaffirms its commitment of support for the EZ Strategic Plan and for the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) principles upon which the goals are based.

Those principles are centered around alleviating poverty and adding investments to the main economic being of the poor; creating jobs, businesses, housing and health care."

But the EZ has not reached many residents with many not even aware of the benefits of such a program. The reason are bickering and wrestling over just what to do with the \$46,500,000 thus allocated in 1998 CEZ funds. Only about \$10,000,000 was actually disbursed to various programs under the CEZ.

Misinterpretation and misapplication of plans on how to spend the money has also frozen much of it, stalling needed money out of organizations operation budgets. Leaving many projects indecisiveness.

Ms. Gross went on to say, due to the Chicago EZ not being able to make up its mind on who should get the money and for what programs, over \$36 million dollars is left stranded. "There are many projects in Mid-South who need the money as it continues to be tied up by inaction, which can be reallocated."

Eighteen Mid-South organizations have been approved for first-round federal funding, only nine have actually

received any money for projected jobs and jobs being filled.

Brian Morioka of Elliott Donnelley Youth Center said, "40-50 projected jobs were to be developed from their \$90,000 budget. "No money has been received by his organization to date."

Pat Reed of Boulevard Arts Center said, "200 jobs were projected under a \$700,000 budget by the services of the organizations. Ten construction jobs have been filled, out of the \$500,000 disbursement for them." However, the organization has produce over 400 jobs indirectly due to a variety of services they provided to the community at large.

Even with the results of their efforts, Ms. Reed stated she will never allow her organization to get involve with a mess and red tape of the EZ.

The YMCA, Washington Park, a spokesperson said, "We had projected 56 jobs for the community but none of the \$180,000 has reached the organization."

The same hold true for the Sutherland Community Arts Initiative SCAI. After over two years of waiting for the release of its \$500,000 EZ grant, SCAI may be denied those funds according to a recent story in the Hyde Park Herald (3/10/99).

Ron Carter, the executive director of the EZ stated "Chances are slim that the funding will be approved." However, according to an official EZ performance review SCAI's proposal was approved by the EZ coordinating Council on March 5, 1996. Approved by the City Council on September 11, 1996 and their contract signed on November 13, 1996. However the funds were not released.

To secure the release of the EZ grant and meet the requirements of the department of cultural Affairs, SCAI was forced into court and filed for a permanent injunction against former board member Arlene Crawford to stop representing themselves as members of the SCAI on June 20, 1997.

EZ officials assured SCAI that the funds would be released once these legal issues were resolved.

A settlement agreement was reached in November of 1998 and Ms. Crawford and her supporters soon after re-

signed from the Board.

The city's law Department recently approved the release of SCAI's EZ grant.

Malika Thompson said, "10 to 50 jobs were lost from the \$500,000 budget they projected to received

April 7, 1999, at 3:00 PM, there will be a Southside Empowerment Zone Community Meeting at New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 5001 S. Wabash, 536-2108.

The amount of jobs being created by the Mid-South projects were not provided. Low income residents are not working these construction sites."

Mid-South Planning & Development Commission project for the Overton Hygienic Business Incubator , 3615-25 S. State. The project calls for the rehabilitation of the architecturally and historically significant overtones Hygienic building in order to provide leasing space to fledging businesses.

Kenwood/Oakland Apartment Reha-

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Clarissa Mikell "handles her business" while conducting a transaction with customer Mike Tousant, during the recent grand opening of the Nguzo Saba Variety Store located in the Chicago Housing Authority's Stateway Gardens. The 12-year-old resident who managers the store after school, works two hours per day, under the supervisor of a volunteering parent. Named for one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa, Nguzo Saba teaches the youth about collective work and responsibility, cooperative economic, creativity and self-determination.

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The Discover of Disqualified & Dissappointing



Once again Chicago had a science fair and once again I believe it was a success. I can't really say so because my students were disqualified.

No, this is not going to be a column about sour grapes. It's not going to be one giant complaint. It can't be—the reason they were disqualified was because of me.

I took over for the other teacher running the science fair when she was transferred and I just assumed this science fair was going to have the same rules as all the others.

I have been preparing science fair students for more than twenty years, so it came as a surprise to me when I discovered we could not set up the morning of the fair.

Furthermore, we had to have research projects ready the night before.

Ours were ready. I had three students who had worked hard on three great projects. I learned which battery was best, watched one of my students, create a friction measuring devise and discovered generic popcorn was as good as the most expensive.

I did not go to the science fair meeting. I did not read the material on what a sponsor had to do. So I blew it—not the children.

I carried the projects to Curie High School about a half hour before the

deadline. I sent the children home with their completed research papers to study. I was prepared to set everything up. Instead I was told because of I had not brought their research reports, they would be disqualified.

Disqualified! I could not believe it. Because of the sponsor, the children would suffer.

I'm sorry—I will take the blame for my mistakes any day, but I cannot condone a system that advertises itself with children first and then disqualifies these same children because of an adult mistake.

Back at my home school, I apologized to the students one by one over the phone. I was only glad to have caught them before they wasted their Saturday at a fair.

My students worked hard and came before school. They stayed after school. They should not have been punished by a teachers misunderstanding.

In the end, they were disappointed, but they moved on. So why am I writing this column?

I want to discover if we truly are oriented towards children first and I want to find out why the only student who did nothing before or after school—who actually set up the morning of the fair—was judged and won an award.

And she did not have a research report.

Michael Brownstein is a teacher at Mollison Elementary School of 44th & King Dr.

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Lake Front Ladies

The aldermen escaped the wrath of the Bronzeville Organizing Strategic Session (BOSS) who pledged to defeat elected officials who did not support their convenat would not make any comments regarding the election.

A contract of the Community Manifesto and Covenant was proposed to be signed by candidates and elected officials stating their stance in representing the interest of the community.

Many candidates have signed or stated they will sign the Bronzeville Convenient. However, the Mid-South alderman did not, some stating it was too general.

The aldermen as well won over the newly formed political organization of Bronzeville's Mid-South Political Action Coalition as they endorsed candidates outside of the aldermen.

Alderman Haitcock won convincingly with 64 percent of the votes

Tillman also had little trouble disposing of several candidates including Wallace "Gator" Bradley, who gave Tillman a run-off election in 1995. The candidate coming close in the third ward was police officer Patricia Hill who vowed to run again as well as Myra Penny.

Now comments were made by Ald. Tillman's office. However, Tillman did say in her acceptance speech broadcasted on WLS-TV, that she would continue to work for the people of her Ward and thanked them for their sup-

port. Kenneth Jackson, Campaign Manager for the alderman address a letter to supporters that for 13 years the alderman has committed practically everyday of her life to giving a 300% effort in protecting and rebuilding the 3rd wad. With a big vote for Tillman, will serve notice on those that would prey on our community that 3rd ward residents are committed to supporting our leader and we are committed to alderman Tillman's efforts to transform She is in the way of those desiring to retake this community and those profiting from unlawful activities.

Tillman also stated she is Lord when one becomes elected alderman she is Lord. At first glance it is hard to imagine Ald. Tillman and candidate Pat Hill do not have such a common vision.

Arenda Troutman was victorious again in the 20th Ward, against Cecilia Butler and Julius Polk. As expected, the race was not as close as predicted.

Alderman Haitcock's press secretary, Dorothy Hamilton, said, "Ms. Haitcock felt elated over the win and would continue to work for the people in her ward.

"As you know, the Ward has a diversity of people from all backgrounds. There are many issues and problems to be taken care of each day. There are those in the community who never wanted a job and there are those who do."

"The alderman's goal is to add to her accomplishments for better schools and education for the ward; jobs, housing, and she has worked with everyone to ensure this."

Hampton said one of the alderman's goals is the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing. "There is a shortage test of housing for these people. We have also been building and renovating housing in the community as you have probably seen. In the last four years, Haitcock has done much for the people of the ward and by her return, she will continue what she has started."

"The next four years, she would like to work more with senior citizens of the community in getting them better housing and medical care. People are living longer and we need better housing and living conditions for them."

Alderman Haitcock 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; held a post in State Treasurer Pat Quinn's office, and had worked for 25 years in the banking industry.

During her first election campaign in 1995, she faced opposition from Geraldine Laury, Rush's sister,

The election resulted in a runoff in which Haitcock defeated Laury, thus earning her first full term as an alderman.

Joining Laury in her attempt to defeat Haitcock was Derrick Stinson. Stinson is the founder of the Matthew House, a homeless organization. This was Stinson's third try for elected office.

Daley

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businessman said, "Like me, many were waiting for the general election to vote. Where most Blacks vote against the Democratic Party."

In addition what carry the mayor was his continued active support and endorsements from Black elected officials and clergy.

In the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 20th Wards, Daley stayed close to Rush, garnering either half the-votes or nearly tying with him.

In Rush own second ward, as democratic committeeman he lost to the Mayor. This surprised many expecting him to do much better, with his sister, Geraldine Laury running as alderman.

As many Blacks openly complained about the lack of City services and jobs they received from the Daley administration; Steve Corkley, a researcher and former staff to Mayor Eugene Sawyer said. "There are layers of effects that caused Daley's win and keeping the machine oiled. One is the compromising

approach of Black leaders. As a result the people are afraid."

"There are so many issues" said Corkley sounding Daley's victory.

However, Sena Turner of Daley's press office stated, "The Mayor is just doing a good job. I could not be fair to myself to work for the city if I did not feel he was."

But the job of the Mayor and his machine only was at recess, a left over from his father, Mayor Richard J. Daley administration, explained, Williams.

He told the story of his mother who was a clean-up lady in City Hall in the 1970's. One room was the office of the late Mayor's office.

"As she cleaned up (the Mayor's office) one day, she looked up to the wall and seen a planning map. It was the City of Chicago in the year 2000.

Looking at her community, she pointed to the concept of Bronzeville to the new home developments in the Near South and Kenwood communities, to the El coming down on 63rd street."

The twelve years after independent wins of Harold Washington and anti machine aldermanic candidates rally cry "No more business as usual.", the business plan was just as on hold. "It is occurring now", said Williams

Many African Americans, as well as other, special interest, friends and associates would

testify are benefiting from the Daley administration. Including Bishop Arthur Brazier and developer Elzie Higginbottom. Both having large business interest in the Mid-South communities and supports Daley openly.

Along with the privatization of city contracts, the Mayor keeps his political organization in full effect with control of city workers.

Even with his Chicago Board of Ethics which states

city employees and officials may not use City time or take part in, or try to use their positions, they actively are involved on his campaign as well as chosen elected officials.

Once progressive politicians such as State Rep. Howard Kenner, an anti machine candidate and former with the Harold Washington Party supported Daley reelection as most Black elected officials.

By no means restricted to the Mid-South, Daley's political power has been a historical leverage of Blacks in politics as pointed out in "The Black People of America."



As early as three years ago, State Representatives Howard Kenner meet with Mayor Richard Daley and questioned the effectiveness of Congressman Bobby Rush candidacy for Mayor. Once a progressive politician Rep. Kenner was a candidate of the former Harold Washington Party, was a supporter of the Daley reelection as most Black elected officials.

The book pointed out as now as was in the 1800's Blacks were ill prepared to use their power effectively as voters under the Reconstruction Acts of 1867.

The Rush campaign reported similar voting patterns. There were 1,330,000 persons who qualified to vote, 703,000 were African American and only 660,000 were white. At that time former slaves -90 percent illiterate and propertyless- constituted a majority of the electorate in some states. Many had no idea what an election was. They were easily misled by dishonest whites, seeking more influence for themselves.

MS.PAC: Election's "Stolen Legacy"

"Gator" Bradley sought Edward Vododak as lawyer

Bronzeville's Mid-South Political Action Coalition (MS.PAC) charge the "system" of stealing votes as they do the land.

MS.PAC reviewing the election charged 54,382 votes in the Treasures race between Santos and Brown are missing. "Votes are a prime target for control and this past election is a prime example," said George Lowe a spokesperson for MS.PAC.

However, Chicago's Board of Election says a complaint of this nature must be filed within five days of the election.

Ceciela Butler, an endorsed candidate of MS.PAC- (20th ward) losing to

Arenda Troutman, says "Our delay was having the money to file suit. Butler also said that was the reason why Brown's campaign did not do so.

Wallace "Gator" Bradley, another endorsed candidate of MS.PAC, in his third run for office charged the Daley Administration with creating an "Housing Holocaust", in the Violations of Human Rights, displacement and inhumane treatment to displacement of Robert Taylor Homes residents. "The only public agency left out of this decision was the Board of Elections."

One of Bradley's lawyer in a letter to the Board 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." to remove snow points to the city's priority, politics over people." Said Bradley.

The proportion of offices blacks obtained was always smaller than their percentage of the electorate.

With history patterns in place, some have concluded that this type of win gave Daley a mandate to maintain powerful control over the City as a working "machine". Predicting that he will surpass his father's terms and political might in office.

We will organized to be disorganized. Explained Corkley.

"For anyone to win against Daily there has to be Whites vs. White issues. and Black solidarity in order " said Corkley.

Bradley said he have received a call from former alderman Edward Vododak regarding the case and will be looking into representing Bradley's case.

MS.PAC charged the computer software, appears to have been altered, to make sure the votes cast and counted, were skewed to favor certain candidates.

Pointing to the aldermanic races, Lowe said, "We saw the numbers. We knew that a massive amount of vote stealing had taken place, and that the majority of the votes stolen had taken place in the African American community. "The media turned the other way. They pretended not to see."

MS.PAC also reported it may petition the U.S. Department of Justice, to investigate the apparent vote fraud in the results of the election.

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Empowerment Zone

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space to fledging businesses. Kenwood/Oakland Apartment Rehabilitation a project of the Fund for Community Redevelopment. This project will rehabilitate two currently vacant multi-family apartment buildings located at 811 E. 46 Street and 4001 S. Ellis Ave. in the Kenwood - Oakland area.

The Fund located in Woodlawn is also being funded for the 47th & Lake Park shopping center. The project that has been on the drawing board for over ten years for 47th & Lake Park. This particular proposal calls for the redevelopment of a 75,000 square foot, city-owned site at 47th and Lake Park in the North Kenwood area. At this time these are organization that have been approved, there are others being considered.

The SSEZC recommendation is simple, "if you got a good horse, stay with it." To change the Chicago EZ Strategic Plan and not support the local EZ/EC Cluster Plan would be a disservice to

the program and a setback for all involved."

The Chicago EZ at city hall, Becky Carrol, press agent, was not available for comment.

Ms. Gross said the SSEZC recommendations calls for fifteen actions steps. "The first is the EZ office and the EZ Corrdinating Council should return to basics: Study and carry out the Chicago EZ Strategic Plan and Support the local EZ/EC Cluster Plans.

Second, for the city "to revise it would mean taking the time and resources to start a full convention planning process, involving all the players and agents and the recipients who were parties to the original planning process."

The SSEZC will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, April 7:30 pm at the New Galilee MB Church, 5001 S. Wabash. The agenda will have an presentation of the Cluster Strategic Plan update, announcement of the EZ REF and RFQ plans for intake centers, Youth Futures, Public Safety and Economic Development.

All groups interested in applying for EZ/EC funds should attend stress Ms. Gross. For info call Ms.Gross at 773/947-9815 or 312/571-9533

STATUS OF FIRST ROUND FEDERAL FUNDED ACTIVIES AS OF 9/30/98		
ORGANIZATION NAME	BUDGET	DISBURSED
Fund for Community Redevelopment, 822 E. 63rd St.	473,900	0
Fund for Community Redevelopment, 822 E. 63rd St.	1,272,990	1,272,990
Centers for New Horzion, Inc., 4305 S. King Dr.	1,500	0
Sutherland Comm. Arts Initiavtive, 4659 S. Drexel Blvd.	500,000	0
Elliott Donnelley Youth Center (CYC), 3947 S. Mich Ave. C N	90,000	0
Chicago Housing Authority, Charles Hayes CTR.	1,200	0
YMCA - Washington Park, 5000 S. Indiana	181,866	0
Wells Comm. Initiative-Centers for New Horizons, 551 E. 36 Pl.	336,000	20,160
Mid-South Planning and Development., 4307 S. King Dr.	207,000	24,840
St. Edmunds Redevelopment Corp., 6105 S. Michigan Ave.	1,500	1,500
Mid-South Planning Redevelopment, 4307 S. King Dr.	186,000	22,680
GAPPIE Dev. Corp., 253 E. 35th St.	300,000	300,000
Douglas Dev. Corp., 235 E. 35th St.	100,000	0
Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism, 444 E. 48th St.	100,000	100,000
Tobacco Road, Inc., DJP Dev. Consultant	100,000	0
One Stop Career Center - MET, 743 E. 47th St.	1,200	0
Boulevard Arts Center,	522,967	475,731
Boulevard Arts Center ,	170,033	83,033

CHA forum

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cent concern was the blizzard of '99. A result of weather-rated damage to CHA buildings, mainly Taylor.

Emergency housing placement assistance to families also became an issue for tenants who had been displaced in housing that was in question for the good of the tenants.

Rainbow/PUSH and officials worked with residents and landlords in recent Section 8 matchmaking forums. As a result of these forums held in January and February, more than 50 CHA fami-

lies received permanent housing via Section 8 and even more families have been scheduled to sign leases.

Presentors at the GBF will include Local Advisory presidents of Taylor Cora Dillard (A) and Mildred Dennis (B), and Francine Washington of Stateway.

Representatives of HUD, CHA, Chicago's Department of Housing and the Metropolitan Planning Council and community representatives at large.

A continental breakfast and box lunch will be provide at no cost. In addition, transportation will be provided at locations of Robert Taylor and Stateway Gardens at 8:15. For information call 548-8140.

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Samuel E. Cornish

editor, we shall consider... we shall consider...



John Russwurm



Ron Carter Publisher & Editor

He also said "Those old sixty radials need to realize this is not the sixties any more."

The media downsizing of Rush campaign begun before the election, a position the Crusader newspaper took. It stood along side the Congressman charging the major media of overlooking Rush's campaign.

media of overlooking Rush's campaign. Then later it endorsed Daley for Mayor.

Unless something dramatic happens, Mayoral candidate U.S. Representative Bobby Rush campaign wont make the news.

No different than the Sun-Times, Tribune or other non-black media the character, personality and policy the editorial position reflect the publication's own appraisal and interpretation of the events involves themselves in the problems and issues which face their readers.

Black newspapers do not have that luxury of others. Just as Black public officials. The Black press has a more social responsibility, a public trust; the lesser service is betrayal of trust.

In different to the Freedom's Journal, the first Black newspaper printed in 1827 fought for the freedom and dignity of the race; the endorsements adopted by the elected officials and most Black media have become public policy exposing the Black voters to the political, economic, and social harms at several points in accountability.

Not that criticism is always justified, but if all are not represented at the table to criticize, then there is bound to be criticism away from the table.

The Mid-South elected officials found themselves at odds with SSJ for most of their incumbency. Alderman Preckwinkle staff accuse the newspaper of helping to create a climate of vigilantism against their ward by biased reporting.

When it comes to the slant of the newspaper, there is no sure position of the majority because the majority do not vote. But most share the common goals of Black economic development.

The fact is that the life or death of a newspaper has always been and will continue to be decided by the readers. As the media is basically a profit-making business, in general, advertisers, rarely interfere with news content (except for SSJ). However, enough pressure could influence the media standards.

Financially unsound newspapers usually can not afford the independence for courageous journalism, often have to compromise themselves to business interests. Thus sacrificing some of their independence for financial soundness. In the case of Black newspapers their political relations with Black leaders took a back seat to the election that have influence in their position.

The vision should continue to the royal not always knowing what is always best. As the community can protect itself from enemies, protecting one from its own is questionable.

Just as a man and the press has the right to utter what it thinks is truth, another man has a right to knock him down for what he thinks. This may have been the case the Black press avoided.

It was similarly expressed by Maulana Karenga, in his book, Introduction to Black Studies.

There are those that fear the unity of the Movement and rise of a community who could unify it and create the basis for a real Black agenda. Cautioning the media never to advertise Black activists, especially nationalists, except to discredit them, he created and fed disinformation to them. Using agent-provocateurs, he penetrated organizations, provoked them into internal struggles and violence and adventurous acts which led to their arrest and deaths.

In the 1998 edition of Black Pages on economic parity in titled "We have met the enemy... And the Enemy is us!!! In this day and time there are many betrayals that have beset our community. That set back and keep us from reaching our true greatness and place in history. There are many groups that perpetrate crimes of economic parity in our community. However, we are the most guilty of this crime of parity against ourselves.

When South Street Journal published a list of major drug locations in the Mid-South community six years ago, the editorial purpose was to provide information for improve conditions of the community. Not to for the police to put some folks in jail. Everyone knew of the location. So at what cost to the community and the newspaper to address such a issue in such manner.

So a month after the February 23rd election, all is not forgiven by the Black press by not endorsing Bobby Rush. What is generally excepted of the Black community to forgive and forget and get on with ones daily lives as it do with elected officials as John Stroger and Jesse White, who plays Rhyme and Blues during election time.

For this reason, it is no different than the drug locations are still active. Except for 53rd and State Street. However, the those Black media outlets are still in place.

The Black media as reviewed in the documentary "Soldiers Without Swords", have been called the "fourth branch of government" because, like the public officials, they represent the will of their audience (people); by providing the public with news and information, presenting and

explaining the actions of the government, and exposing unjust and illegal activities.

So let's not over look the Black media responsibility.

For the Chicago Defender, The Crusader, The Citizens, the Independent Bulletin and Indigo to be critical of the Mayor after the election. but prior to endorses him. It must have been a meeting South Street Journal was not invited to. A meeting that was also missed by the African American Reader and Nate Clay of the Metro News.

When Mr. Clay was asked about his colleagues endorsements he responded. "Man I just don't know where their heads are at."

One representative from the The Citizen stated the same. Another, Paul Davis was criticize by this reporter at the Black Task Force meeting, and was interrupted to be informed Davis resigned. Applauds followed the announcement.

When the Chicago Defender was interviewed by SSJ, the editor, said, The Defender had deep concern and debate at their editorial meeting and decided that Mayor Daley has more to offer the Black community and Rush did not have a plan or platform.

Letters to the Editor

Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, the oldest African

Dear Editor, Historic Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, the oldest African American church in Chicago has historically been involved with the needs of the African American community. It can truthfully be said that the history of Black Chicago and the history of all Chicago cannot be told accurately without reference to Quinn. Quinn is determined to recapture this legacy that was given to us by previous generations.

To that end, we are establishing an organization which will be called the "Friends of Historic Quinn Chapel". The main purpose of the organization will be to help raise the funds needed for the restoration of the historic edifice and prepare the church to play the role in the 21st Century that it played in the 19th and the 20th centuries.

The "Friends of Historic Quinn" provided an opportunity for the Chicago community at large to participate in the restoration efforts of Quinn Chapel. The Historic Quinn Planning Committee hosted a reception for all those who were interested and supported this effort.

The reception was held Sunday, March 14, 1999 of Quinn Chapel, 2401 South Wabash Avenue.

A tour of the church was provided, a brief history of Quinn, remarks by local dignitaries and an explanation of the help we are looking to have the "Friends" organization provide.

We invite all to take part of this historic mission for Quinn Chapel. The Quinn Planning Committee

An avid reader, and the situation.

Dear Editor; I have been an avid reader of South Street Journal for the past two years. Your articles are very interesting and informative.

However, I fail to understand why there are so many misspelled words, fractured sentences, or incomplete sentences, in many of the articles. These "errors" take away the understanding of the articles, which makes the article uninteresting. Maybe your proof reader was not aware of the situation.

Thank you for a wonderful news paper! Keep up the good work.

Janice Datts

Chicago, 60653

Dear Ms Datts:

Thank you for the letter Ms. Datts. I agree with you 100% and feel the same way you do.

That concern for Black newspapers was raised in a meeting of Black Media representatives sometime ago.

Herman Hartman of Nidgo said, "There is no excuse. The computers even have grammar check."

Ms. Datts, you being an educator I deeply understand your concern. It comes down to money for staff and to even buy computers. In addition, to assist in staff and computers.

Your support is needed to help rid the newspaper of the errors and to prosper. We will do all we can with all the resources provided to meet your concern.

An open letter from the (pen)

Dear Editor; I'm writing you from inside the Cook County Jail Drug Program H.R.D.I. I have been here going on 9 months for Criminal Trespassing to an automobile & taking a carphone, all in an effort to support my cocaine habit. Unfortunately, it was a trap by the police.

I have not been wasting my time since I have been here either, I've been putting a program together for teenagers.

I believe I know you from looking at your picture in the South Street Journal, but it has been a long time since traveling with you to Ohio, you sure look like the Ron I used to know. I like what you are doing in the community. I really need your assistance in an endeavor that I otherwise would not be able to accomplish without your help.

I need information regarding a non-for-profit organization, articles of incorporation, and I would like for you send me a mock copy so I can have some guidelines and maybe a mock proposal so I can complete my writing while I am incarcerated.

I am in need of any and all information that can provide me with regarding by-laws, 501-3c's and so forth? I would greatly be indebted to you.

I raised \$274,000 in one year but I was getting high, therefore, I couldn't put it to positive use. Just to give you a little information about myself: I was once part owner of a secretarial service downtown for 7years, I started a multi-marketing company, I was very instrumental in Mr. Wallace



Gator's Campaign, and created the 7th ward's logo for Alderman Beavers.

Well, I must close this letter now because it is getting late here. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely John Dear John,

I haven't been to Ohio since I travelled with my wife and then with my Grandfather 30 years ago. I will pass on your request on and appreciate your interest in what South Street Journal is doing. Till then, the community needs your skills. I look forward in hearing from you again and seeing you.

..And another letter about the system of the pen

Dear Editor; Time is running out on a 30 days appeal for my son Chester Buford Jr. who was a college student with no pass

criminal back ground. Clifford was convinced by his public defender, Mr. Marc Blesoff to plea bargain to a murder cause he did not do.

Mr. Blesoff keeps pressuring my son about the first-Truth in sentencing law, telling him not to gamble on his life.

Chester's public defender right alone with Roderick Hinton, the State Attorney and Judge is in this together as a conspiracy to protect the Chicago Police Department at 51st and Wentworth for there wrongfully charge of three young men one is my son.

There's so much to be said I've been under a lot of stress. Because of the arrest of my son, he's now 22 years old been locked up since July 14, 1996.

I know nothing about the law or the system, but I know when people don't

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Age: 35
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 Poets in Chicago who inspire me: Vincent Tyler, Pamela Osbey, Oron, Poetic Paradise, Brother Mike, Elijah.
 Favorite poems delivered by poets on the scene: "Black Water", Middle man" by Oron, "Brown Eyes" by Vincent Tyler, "You", by Pam Osbey.
 Favorite Spots: Jazz & Java, Rituals, The Clique, The Wham Bongo Bar,

Spots I've read poems at: Jazz & Java, The Ramada Inn.
 Credentials: Two (2) plays (yes, I'm also a playwright) featured in 1996 & 1997 at the Chicago Sheraton Hotel, St. Phillip Neri church, Love Poetry Jam- Jazz & Java.

WORD

Poetry Reaching Another Level

by Crystal Smothers

Question: what controversial group of people are pooping up in the poetry scene?

The answer may take some by surprise. It's no secret that the poetry scene is now being frequented and absorbed by audiences of vast variety. The crowd is also growing younger. Yes, our much talked about young adults are growing up and many are getting involved in the poetry scene. This is one art that has not been lost in the shadows of life's many distractions, clothes, video games, hair, nails, cable, etc. so, poetry is reaching another level.. Somehow we as society lose sight of common interest as we retreat to our little corners in space and time. However, poetry reaches each individual, embraces, and gives acceptance to each poets individual perception/expression of life". There are many positive poets delivering unique and rhythmically powerful messages.

Subjects that were once swept under the carpet, are now being challenged and brought to the forefront, giving each listener's brain stimulation with education. The power of the pen is mightier than any fight. There are no losers. the fight is lost when you stop writing.

One of the hottest poet spots, Jazz & Java, is a relaxed, carefree, environment. One of it's most unique features, is that there is no sell of alcohol. This is a reason why it is good to know that the "new" (younger) crowd/audience, entails a more responsible group of people, (unlike the media (at times) portrays our children. So, keep the reading going, see you on the scenes, keeping poetry in motion, like real kings and queens!

Featured poem:

Some Poets, Some Poems

by: Crystal Smothers

Some Poets, Some Poems.
 Scene Opens —

In the still of the mystical night, when sleep makes everythang alright.....

Some poems give-born,
 Soon to be delivered uniquely, from a scene rhythmically torn, from the heart of a poet.

Where the first born lyrics, come from places at times, unknown.
 Yeah, listen to the harmony of it's body-embedded, lovemaking tones of poet, musically enclined tunes,

Refined, and falling from a Poets Soul.
 Soul, baby, you got soul, you got it, baby.
 Shocking love-starved waves of telepathic wounds, from past lovers weapons... to be revealed soon, by a poets sword.

In the still of the moment, Only in a poets notion, lies a "smothered-gravy-chicken-boned, yammed, potato pie and dressings of a,e,i,o,u's and y's. Consonants provide vibes of provocative dreams, sliced between a poets edged sword of wisdom and phrases from ancestors and Past poets.

Truth - Poems are the passages to one of lyric's breath of life.
 Um, some Poems, Some Poets.

A poets birth is the living of life, and giving of gifts of each poetic geniality, who's ill is to give of himself, his art, her art of life, of advice, directly through a poet's eyes.

It's words skip line for line, holding it's profound unique ability, to provide tranquility, to your life, your poets life.

Some poets were reborn, to live the life of a poet's.

Yeah, some poets turn me on.
 As i fantasize marathon poems, reading me like a jack knife, to a southern fried Catfish meal.

A poet can make you strip but-naked... with cords of philosophical phrases, shining through me, seeing me, saying me, playing me.

Stringing lyrically to my ears, to jazz-toned melodies of love, passion and songs.

Making me dance, alone, and enjoying it.

Some poets got it going on . Some poets turn you on.
 Lights of wisdom. Flashing neon signs helping me to unwind.

Lifting me, entwined in a poets life-line.

Singing life like a song, bouncing to the ozone of on-flowing lyrics.

Um, Some poets, some poems, some song, some poems.

Some poets got it going on....in the still of turning you on.



SSJ Photo

Fernando Jones (Jeff and Black Theater Alliance Award nominated actor) closed out his latest body of work, a dramatic comedy entitled *I was There When The Blues Was Red Hot!* (inspired by the book and documentary *O* at the historic Gerri's Palm Tavern, on 446 East 47th St.. Filled with the art of "jive talk," real life situations, and original music, *I was There* is a comical, raw, and honest look inside the lives of 10 people set in a fictitious Chicago South Side club on 47th Street called *T's*. In addition to being a world famous club, *T's* is a social center and home base for the characters run by T, a tough, fearless, no nonsense proprietor. This play tells the story of how Blues people survive and continually reinvent themselves while addressing issues such as youth, racism, classism, gender, sex, relationships as well as the future of this music and culture.



Nearly 750 photographic prints from the first half of this century have been rediscovered at the Museum of Science and Industry. The collection, which is comprised of donations from noted professional photographers, as well as amateurs. The first section of the exhibition discusses the formation of photography collection and highlights the donation from Dr. Max Thorek (photo Composition), a noted Chicago surgeon and photographer. "Imagination to Image" opens to the public April 9.

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The Pen

system, but I know when people don't mean you no good at all.

I try very hard to get Chester to stick to his innocent cause he is. Six people are on the same murder case.

More than 30 people in the terra window witness the murder . Chester has at least 5 to 8 witness who said he wasn't at the scene of the crime.

I'll keep on writing letters even if my son's appeal runs out. Sure it hurt to see the system put family in all this pain making them feel like killing themselves or giving up.

I just hope its never to late. That's why I'm so upset with my son about giving up his rights.

He told me that jail life is hell he just want to do his time and come home.

I am poor but I have managed to send my children to college. Chester was at Dillard University in New Orleans La. only had done five months.

We live on 47th in a building of 455 units for over 25 years. It is called New Jack City, formally known as the Rosenwald building, now the Michi-

gan Blvd.

We have always been a close net family. Chester has never given me one day of trouble. That's way I'm here for him no matter what.

I seek your help. I have no telephone. My pager in (773)333-8279, Daughter (536-9726 or 268-1967

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by David Schultz

THE WATERBOY

(*1/2) Adam Sandler's rip-off of early Jerry Lewis movies as a "Forest Gump"-like simpleton who ultimately finds love, popularity and respect (?) working as a waterboy for a college team who becomes an unorthodox line backer for insecure coach Henry Winkler who must face his rival and Sandler's former boss, coach Jerry reed's team in the big championship game. Subliminally speaking, this comedy offers very little in script, dialogue and concept. 90 min. PG

BRIDE OF CHUCKY

(*1/2) In this horror-comedy fiasco, Jennifer Tilly plays the ex-girlfriend of the killer whose soul remains in a Chucky doll. Becoming a living doll herself, she joins Chucky on his new killing spree using two love crossed teens to drive cross country in search of a new body to inhabit. Violence, a silly waste of time. 90 min. R

MIGHTY JOE YOUNG

(**) Disney's fair remake of the daughter and gorilla who protect each other as adults in a civilized city. When an evil poacher kills their mothers returns for revenge on the siblings. Descent acting and special effects enhances this story. 114 min. PG

BELOVED

(***) The screen adaptation of Toni Morrison's novel is a difficult one to grasp. Although visually stunning but complex by its own demeanor. Oprah Winfrey plays the tormented ex-plantation worker trying to rekindle a life with former love, Danny Glover who is harbored and haunted by the ghost of a woman (Kimberly Elise in a brilliantly emotional performance) the child the mother (Winfrey) killed to keep out of slavery. A very bold and demanding film that takes the boldest stanza toward slavery and human sacrifice. 177 min. R

PLEASANTVILLE

(***) Two 90's teen brother and sister (Tobey Maguire and Reese Witherspoon) get zap inside a 50's style black and white sitcom world and disrupts the natural order of its Mayberry-like citizens. A comedy with a serious overtone about racial prejudice without the presence of Blacks. Instead, to make its point of change and ignorance its the fear of former b&w people turned to "colorized" people changing their world for the better. An interesting and inventive film. 120 min. PG

DEAD MAN ON CAMPUS

(***) Occasionally amusing frat comedy about two failing students who discover a clause when if they find a roommate that suddenly commit suicide in their dorm. The living student would receive a passing grade. So these two student seed a candidate that turns out to be the ultimate party animal that almost leads to their demise. 90 min. R

FRANK AND OLLIE

(***) An warm and affectionate look through the memoirs and film clips of the two remaining original "nine old men" who provided the groundwork and made many of Disney's landmark animated features under the supervision of Walt Disney. An extraordinary relationship between co-worker and neighbors for decades, Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnston definite the true meaning of loyalty, fun and friendship. While providing in their work, cinematic memoirs that preserve of their passion with the same dedication to their unique relationship. 89 min. PG

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AT THE FLICKS

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Ravenous

(***) An appetizing psychological horror film that is diabolical and scary with a warp sense of humor. Smart enough not to go overboard or distract from the tension of the situation. Its setting is unconventional to a conventional horror genre. Set around the Mexican-American War in 1847.

Capt. John Boyd (Guy Pearce, best remembered from "L.A. Confidential") is a decorated war hero without the distinction of being one. a coward with the luck to have played dead long enough to have the enemy place his body on top of his fallen comrades across enemy line where he captures a high ranking officer. Only his superior, General Slauson (John Spencer) knows the truth. Much to his embarrassment and resentment to the officer, the General re-assigns Boyd to Fort Spencer in California. A small 'hole in the wall' way station with an odd group of soldiers overseen by colonel hart (Jeffery Jones).

Soon after a frostbitten man is brought to the fort. Just prior to Hart



and his men leaving to investigate the story. an Indian tells them about an ancient legend known as "Weendigo". In which people are believed to take over the soul and strength of those they've eaten. which also makes them seem invincible to pain and suffering.

Hart and his men learn the horrendous truth that Colqhoun is the one doing all the eating and that the Indian myth is a reality. Which barely Boyd

escapes as the lone survivor. He manages to return back to General Slauson, but is unable to convince anyone of his experience. Until he's forced to take matters into his own hands.

To my amazement throughout this film, the soldiers are no smarter than the teenagers in those slasher movies. (Where's Kevin Williamson when you need him?)

The twist comes when

Colqhoun/Hart (Robert Carlyle) doesn't really want to kill Boyd. He's more intrigued by Boyd's resistance. Even though Boyd is hunter by the memories of eating human flesh.

Whereas Colqhoun/Hart lives to eat, Boyd only ate to live. Therefore, he beings to torment and injures Boyd to force him not to yield, but to join him in a battle not only for survival but for his will.

"Ravenous" is a deceptive black comedy with a morally serious underbelly. This movie is really exposing cannibalism like drug addiction. Much like junkies who do any one to maintain their habit. In other word to paraphrase — take drugs to live.

The film is sometimes like a subliminal public service announcement. It works up to a point, but I have a bigger fear — the temptation to make a sequel to this film as briefly suggested in one scene. I hope the filmmakers are smart enough to stop that craving. Rate: R 101 min. A 20th Century Fox Picture Release

The Arts Performing Dates

The 47th Street Jazz and Poetry Review presents Malachi Thompson and his Free Bop Band, in concert. Live on the internet at Metro Mix.com/live435. Black Men on the Move, in honor

of women's history month will host Reginal Torian former lead singer of the Impressions, singing "Daddy Loves Is Little Baby". on Friday, March 26, 7:00 - 9:00am at the Chatham Pancake House, 700 E. 87th St. For more info call Morgan Carter at (773) 918-8783 or 24 hour (312) 400-3873. "The Importance of Being

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47th & King

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for "Eminent Domain" (to take possession of land) bounded by 45th St. to 51st st. and St. Lawrence to the 47th Street "L" in order to do the plan.

Concern for the future of present businesses, property owners and residential housing around the plan, 47th SBA has request full disclosure all proposed actions and/or decisions that affect 47th Street Plan.

"It's our community," said Armadell Hicks, of the 47SBA, "we request that the City of Chicago work with every business on 47th Street. What is missing is a schedule of community planning sessions for their input before further decisions are made regarding the plan." said Hicks.

The 47 SBA plan in support of the alderman and the Mid-South Planning and Development Strategic Plan (proposed four years ago) opposes the demolition of the building at 4700 S. King Dr. to erect a statue of music giant Quincy Jones. Instead, 47SBA seeks the location for commercial and residential use.

"Erecting a statue of Quincy Jones will not provide a tax base for this community," said Hicks. "In addition special attention should be given to the New Approach Health Food Store to purchase the city vacant lot adjacent to their current for a tax base.

"47th Street is given special consideration in many government program, to assist the bottom up process, We are the bottom up," stress Hicks.

47SBA next meeting is April 2, Friday, 8:00 an at Illinois Service Federal. This meeting the association reported they will report actions with City plannings on their concern.

47th & Lake Pk.

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South.

"Thanks to the ongoing efforts of public and private agencies, the Empowerment Zone Bond is the financial tool that will help bring a vital component of redevelopment to the North Kenwood community," said Dr. Arthur M. Brazier, Chairman of the The Fund of Community Redevelopment and Revitalization. "The Hyde Park Co-op is sure to be a cornerstone of ensuring a healthy and vibrant community for years to come."

The Hyde Park Co-op is developing a new two-story, full-service supermarket with the assistance of a \$3 million Empowerment Zone (EZ) Bond.

The Bond is also funding the a comprehensive job training programs that will provide more than 100 new jobs at the new grocery store. The EZ Bond issues tax-exempt bonds to businesses in experiencing redevelopment, such as North Kenwood. As an incentive to businesses to continue fueling the revitalization of an undeserved community, the tax-exempt bond enables businesses to finance the project cost of the development at rates that are less than conventional financing.

"The recent redevelopment efforts by community based organizations and the commitment by the City of Chicago and the federal government are inspiring

47th St. Michigan

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the new leases for the building. Lee left saying the leases would be passed out the following Monday on March 1.

In the 1980s Phillip Gagerman purchased the property from someone who owned it for 29 years.. Gagerman, who also managed the building, sold it on March 1 of this year.

Mr. Lee said his son actually owns the property, but, "since he's attending law school, he Lee will be looking after things."

There was no prior notice given to shop owners that the building had been sold. The first announcement regarding the change of ownership was the presence of Mr. Lee during his tour of the building.

The store owners hesitant to voice their concerns publicly said on March 2 Lee had the heat turned off in the entire building. According to sources, Lee wants each shop owner pay for his/her own heat and water along with the increase of rent of 40%.

There are eight retail stores and owners affected by the new proprietor's purchase. Most of the shops are Black owned and operated. Greens Beauty Salon is the longest renting business in the building, for more than 35 years. Of the eight businesses located in the building, three will have their leases up for renewal.

The 47th & Michigan Building, reflects a small section of stores located on 47th Street. The recent sale is a microcosm of what's occurring up and down the Avenue. These shop holders have established themselves in the community.

"Mr. Lee position to raise the rents, is doing nothing to improve the quality of the building's present condition," said one shop owner. "Building

Lake Shore Pointe \$15 Million Townhomes & Condos

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South Shore - The latest in the Rebirth of Chicago's South Shore Neighborhood, was the break ground on LakeShore Pointe, a \$15 million, 87-home development on Chicago's south lakefront has attracted more than 200 homebuyers. Located in Chicago's historic South Shore neighborhood, the development features views of Lake Michigan and the South Shore Cultural Center. Situated near Jackson Park's golf courses and recreation areas and is just minutes from downtown Chicago.

South Shore Neighborhood - Recent Investments includes:

1. New Metra station constructed next to LakeShore Pointe including classic design, accessibility for the disabled and security systems. Complete in 1999.
2. \$13.2 million new field and beach houses at Rainbow Beach including gym, fitness room with aerobics and weights, concessions and locker rooms. Complete April 1999.
3. Restoration of the South Shore Cultural Center at 71st and South Shore Drive which includes a golf course, beach, community center and a summer jazz festival.
4. New U.S. Post Office facility at 75th and Exchange.
5. Major capital renovation of Parkside School.
6. 71st Street/Stony Island Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district to stimulate private investment in the area.

the Hyde Park Co-op to developing the grocery store," said Dick Fisk. General manager of the Hyde Park Co-Op.

"Not only the new store, but job training programs that will prepare residents of future career opportunities. This demonstrates our confidence and commitment to the entire North Kenwood community."

The Mayor's Office of Workforce Development and Partners in Community Development (PICD) will assist the Hyde Park Co-op in conducting 90-hour, job-training and skill programs that will prepare residents for employment at the Co-op.

The training program will feature outreach, pre-and on the job training programs for management positions as well as for such jobs as fish and meat handlers, produce buyers, cashiers.

Residents participating in the job training programs will receive an allowance for transportation and childcare. Mentors are also assigned to each trainee to review and discuss their progress. Supportive services required by the participant will be provided by PICD, after employment for one year.

The store expects to begin the hiring process and job training programs this May and to open later in the summer of 1999.

The opening of the new University of Chicago's charter school, the city's Ariel Community Academy and market rate and affordable homes as well as the Co-op signifies the rebirth of the North Kenwood community according to Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (4) who services the area.

codes have not been adhered to; heating regulations are being ignored (it's not even 65 degrees in each store)."

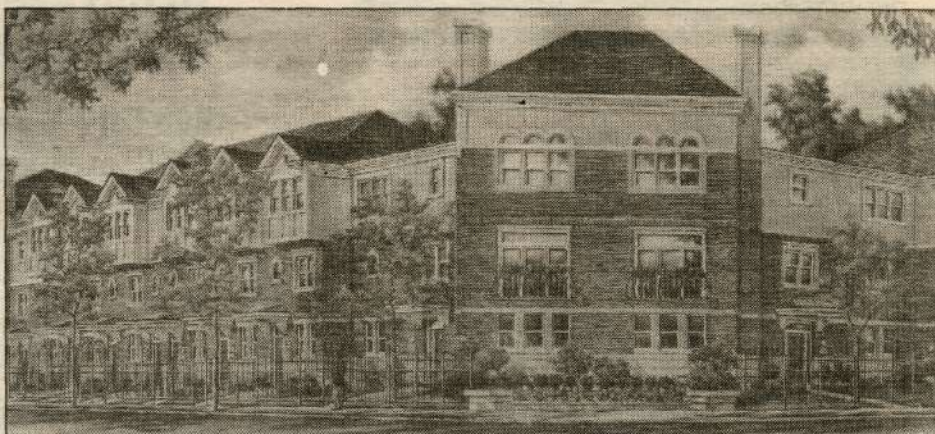
There are over three (3) pages of violations that are outstanding. He doesn't appear to be interested in working with the shop owners either. It's been made quite clear that he doesn't care if the shop owners stay or leave, because he has plans for the storefronts themselves."

As the new owner it seems Lee's right (by law), to do just about whatever he sees fit; and he's told the retailers that if they didn't like it, they could leave.

The establishment on 47th Street have worked hard to survive the many changes which have besieged the neighborhood over the years; and now that change is coming again...this time a positive change for the area, those that have weathered the storm, should not be kicked to the curb.

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The \$15 million, 87-home development on Chicago's south lakefront has attracted more than 200 homebuyers is being developed by Shore Bank Corporation.

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CHA Activists protest Bill to evict former inmates

On Thursday, March 25, at SSSJ deadline, CHA residents and supporters gather at CHA headquarters to protest the recent legislative efforts to facilitate evictions and prevent former inmates from living in CHA housing.

On of the proposed bills, House Bill 2103 would make it illegal for former prisoners to live in CHA housing, even though their debt to society has been paid. Families of former inmates would be evicted from the CHA if they chose to help their loved one by providing a place to live.

House bill 2042 would limit a tenant's ability to defend against allegations brought under the "one strike provision. Under the bill, the housing authority could evict an entire family for the actions of individuals outside the control or knowledge of the leaseholder. In addition, the bill would expand the crimes covered under "one strike" that would

make in some situations a verbal confrontation grounds for immediate eviction.

"These legislative initiative initiatives, if passed, will continue to remove housing opportunities from those who need it most," says Carol Steele, co-chair of the Coalition to Protect Public Housing. "As Chicago's housing crisis become more severe, the CHA cannot be in the business of increasing evictions or preventing families most in need from being housed."

The Bills have passed the Illinois house and are awaiting assignment to a Senate committee. The Coalition is demanding that the CHA withdraw its support for the bills. Furthermore, the Coalition demands that any future legislative initiatives be subject to review and approval by a committee of residents. CPPH is also seeking the sponsoring State Senators, Walter Dudyecz and Antonio Munoz, to withhold their sponsorship of the legislation.

Free Tax hep and Earned Income Tax Credit

Senator Barack Obama is urging families across with incomes below \$26,000 to use a free tax counseling service and for them to apply for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

Low-income families should use the Tax Counseling Project because they might qualify for the federal Earned Income Credit, Tuition Tax

Credits, Child Tax Credit, and the Dependent Care Credit, Obama said.

Obama is a proponent of establishing a state Earned Income Tax Credit and is the sponsor of Senate Bill 166.

The tax counseling centers, sponsored by the Center for Law and Human Services, will be open until April 15. the locations for the free Chicago tax counseling centers in Mid-South area are; Kennedy King college, Swan rm. 6800 S. Wentworth, open Tuesday and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 pm; and South Side YMCA, 6330 S. Stony Island, Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

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Events

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Thursday, 25

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CHA, Chairperson Karen A. Kewton, Executive Director Joseph Shuldiner, board members and residents will gather from 9:30 am - noon for the authority's monthly Executive Board meeting at Altgeld/Murray community Building, 951 E. 132nd Place

Saturday, 27

Inner City Youth Foundation, Inc., 4500 S. Michigan Ave. extends to you a personal Breakfast invitation, every Saturday 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. concerning the condition and direction of young people in the community. Solutions and resources are welcome. For Info. Call Maurice Perkins 624-0803.

Crusaders for Justice regular meeting, 12 noon at the Holiness Temple Church. Every Saturday 2nd Ward meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the Ward office located at 449 East 35th Street at 10:30 pm.

Monday, 29

DeLalle Institute, 3455 S. Wabash, is hosting its eighth annual D-Final Event, featuring the NCAA men's basketball championship game on four oversized 9x 12 foot television screens and numerous other televisions throughout the school's new activity Center, the largest high school gymnasium in the City. doors open at 6: pm Admission \$25, include a buffet and open bar. parking available in the IIT parking lot at 35th & Wabash Ave. For info call 312.842-8350 ext. 146.

United American Progress Association's/Million Dollar March, meets every 4th Monday at 7606 S. Cottage Grove. You will create jobs for the people who live in the Black Community who may be your son, daughter, mother or father. For info. Call Webb Evans 773/268-1873.

Tuesday, 30

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

Wednesday, 31

Ald. Dorothy Tillman ward meetings held every Wed. at 46th & King Dr.

April

Saturday, 3

CHA's Windows of Opportunity and the Charles Hayes Family Investment center in collaboration with the Glass Slipper Project are collecting gifts of "gently worn" formal wear for girls graduating from high school this year. Shoes, purses, related accessories, in kind donations of salon services and gift certificates are also needed. Items will be distributed to seniors from 9 am to 3 pm at the Charles Hayes family Investment Center, 48th and Wabash.

Tuesday, 6

Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, general membership meeting at King center, 43rd and Cottage, 6: pm to 8 pm. Agenda items to meet their new executive Director, Thomas Worthy, report on the Violence Prevention Program and Job Centered Economic Development and Ingrid Boyce of the Chicago Dept. of Health..

Wednesday 7

The Minority Business committee of the Chicago Minority Business

Development Council will honor a stellar group of executives, April 7-8 at McCormick Place, 23rd and Lake Shore Drive. For more information on the awards program and reception, contact Mary Pinckney at 312263-0105

Empowerment Zone meeting. South Side empowerment Zone Cluster, Inc. Cluster meeting at the New Galilee MB Church, 5001 S. Wabash. A presentation of Cluster Strategic Plan update and for groups interested in applying for Empowerment Zone Funds should attend. for info call Karen Bozeman-Gross. 773/947-9815 or 312/571-9533.

Saturday 10

Jacoby Dickens, chairman of the board of Seaway national Bank is chair of the first annual Goden Pyramid Awards gala which will be held Saturday, April 10 at the Regal Theater, 1745 E. 79th Street. Proceeds go to Black On Black Love. For info call Frances Gutter at 978-0868.

Saturday 17

The Elliott Donnelley Youth Center (formerly South Side Boys Club) celebrates 75 years with an open House, 12 noon to 5 pm at 3947 S. Michigan Ave. Free activities include a bus tour of historic Grand Boulevard with historian Dr. Timuel Black, Shoot the Hoops, Swimming, the WGCI Sound Machine, Dancing (salsa, line dancing, stepping with senior steppers), Pony rides, a Yo-Yo contest, table games, clowns, refreshments and lots more. children must be accompanied by an adult. For informa-

ORGANIZATIONS' RESOURCES

Bored after school? Sign-up for PARK Kids! At Kennicott Park, 4434 S. Lake Park Ave. Monday-Friday, 2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m., through June, 1999. Ages 6-14, \$20 per season. Activities include: homework assistance, games, sports, dance, arts & crafts, free snacks. For further inf. Call 312/747-7138

Literacy Volunteer Tutors Needed. Parkway Community House seeks volunteers to help residents of West Woodlawn with reading and writing once a week. For more info, call Joanne Jones at 773-493-1306

Openings Available for Seniors Needing Day Care Parent is not able to live alone but not ready for full-time care can take part at the YWCA Harris Center, 6200 S. Drexel; seniors with illness associated with aging spend the day under the care of professionally trained staff. Program hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (773) 955-3100. The YWCA also offers childcare and comprehensive services for victims of sexual assault. Contact: Melissa Jakubowski, (312) 372-6600, ext. 238 or Krystal Dancy, (773) 955-3100. To help the disabled population and their families cope with the depression and anxiety of rape, the Harris Y Center, provides confidential counseling to teens and adult rape victims with mental and physical disabilities. sault services in Illinois.

Having a Baby? Mercy Diagnostic and Treatment Center provides pregnant women and parents of newborns with information and support to help with the daily challenges. 1st & 3rd Fri., 1 to 3 p.m. at 2525 S. Michigan. Call Ms. Lawrence at 312/567-6165 or Ms. Bluford at 567-7320

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