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Funders link

as foundations that have supported Chicago and their interests in Mid-South.

The CCTF for almost 85 years, has been contributing donations and their time to organizations throughout the city and Mid-South. Jennifer Jobrack, a spokesperson at CCTF, said, "The \$35,000,000 a year in grants to various organizations in Chicago and 'collar counties,' have given much to the Mid-South community, supporting various black projects."

The CCTF many grants in Chicago is made possible from donations from people around the city, and interest that accrue from its more than one billion dollars in assets. The CCTF, for example, has given the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC) funds for its executive operation. "The CCTF has also supported the Center for New Horizon in the Mid-South," Ms Jobrack went on to say. "We consider our grants to various black organizations in the Mid-South a success. It may not come all at once but progress is being made. At the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, we have not only backed much of their agenda, but have likewise supported their general operation with funds for continuation."

Since inception, the MSPDC has received more than \$500,000 from CCTF in supporting various programs.

"These are the livelihood of life and to deny us is to deny a part of our existence." A spokesperson at MSPDC who did not want to be identified said, "The money does some good, and with our new energetic director, Thomas Worthy, we hope to do even better. Often politics will cloud a favorable outcome of programs."

The Center for New Horizon (CNH) only received about \$3,500 last year

from CCTF, but since starting, it has been given about \$1 million in funds for unwed mothers, operation, and various other programs. "The future of the CNH grants from CCTF depends on the results obtained from the various programs in existence that receive these funding. It is not like in the past when foundations just gave money to black organizations in Mid-South and never asked to see any results. But now these foundations have become more money conscious and are asking to see results in our education program at Wendell Phillips High School; Community



Leadership Development Program; even other corporations such as GATX, support high school students and programs are asking for a favorable outcome of money being given these programs.

"The First Chicago Bank also has a training program for black teenagers. Overall, we are pleased to receive grants and they have been helpful and productive to the black community."

Ray Boyer, at the MacArthur Foundation (MF), founded in 1978 and named after John D. and Catherine MacArthur, says "MF donates at least 2 per cent of its \$4.1 billion in assets, not only to organizations in Chicago and the Mid-South, but to various organizations around the world. "Chicago is the greatest receiver, more than \$25 million per year in programs like: Program on Human Community Development, Program on Global Security and sustainability, MacArthur Fellowship Program (grants for science and art, field of creation); General Program Support for the Media, TV and Radio. We support

WBEZ and WTTW." Mr. Boyer feels that the MF is doing a good job for Chicago. "Our goal is to improve human conditions and contribute anything positive to the community-- reflecting on needs of the people, the grants have accomplished their purpose, such as better housing, rental, education, and operational support, day care services. You can't expect results over night or in six months, or even a year, it takes time."

Last year the MF gave \$160 million in grants. "\$40 million over the last ten years have gone for school reforms here in Chicago," Mr. Boyer said. "MF only gives about 20 per cent of its grants to other countries for domestic programs. The city of Chicago gets about 40 to 50 percent of MF funding."

"In the last three years we have undergone revamping the organization and funding," Mr. Boyer said. "We are emphasizing building community, accessing economic opportunity, child and development. This is our future."

Mr. Boyer stated further that the MF has funded such Mid-South organization as CNH, MSPDC (over \$300,000 in funds), and it was the MF that funded the MSPDC into operation. Rev. Arthur Brazier, chairman of Fund for Community Redevelopment and Revitalization, (FCRR), their funding for community development has received an excess of \$1 million over several years.

Kathy Baggett, Assistant Director at FCRR, said that, "Absolutely, CCTF funding has been productive in helping the adverse housing situation in Mid-South, public safety, that have community rapport with police in easing tension between the two social services programs. We most definitely would like to see further funding for the program. We will continue to show progress when given the opportunity."

Greg Washington, executive director of the Grand Boulevard Federation, (GBF) receives money in grants from both CCTF and MF. This year he has received about \$185,000 in grants, but says it's not enough, and that about twice that much is needed.

Washington is also part of the Bronzeville Partnership Organization (BPO) where further grants are being asked for, say that "The several major organizations that make it up: MSPDC, Illinois Institution of Technology, GBF, CNH, Partners in Community Development, STRIDE for Employment,

all were organized to get more revenue from foundations to support black programs". All feel that more money is needed from foundations for continuation of programs that support the Mid-South. Three major foundations that support BPO, CCTF, MF and Annie Casey Foundation, are all being asked for more money in grants to keep vital programs afloat. So if one is diligent, there is money to be found for your cause or program.

The CCTF and MF are not by far the

only philanthropic foundations that support causes and programs in the Mid-South, but there are others like Mobil Oil Foundation, National Endowment of the Arts, and lesser known foundation as the Foundation For Independent Higher Education.

These foundations feel that they have something to offer the community, not only in money, but assurance that there is someone there when a "cause" or "program" is in need of financial help, or simply a helping hand.

BLACK METROPOLIS CONVENTION & TOURISM COUNCIL Heritage Tourism Review

Launching 1999 the Spring/Summer Heritage Tourism Program

By Harold Lucas



In response to the growing interest internationally in African American Heritage Tourism Development, the fastest growing segment of the \$502 billion tourism industry, Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BMC&TC) launched its 1999 Spring/Summer tour program itinerary. African Americans spent \$32 billion on travel and tourism in 1998.

The mission of BMC&TC is to facilitate the development and marketing of the Supreme Life Center, "the crown jewel" of the Black Metropolis Historic District, as a premier African American Heritage Tourism destination in Bronzeville.

We began on Friday night, April 23, BMC&TC premiered the "Bronzeville Blues Crawl", an authentic blues tour of traditional southside Bronzeville blues clubs, Opening reception for the Bronzeville Blues Crawl tour will be held at Willie Dixon's Blues Heaven Foundation, 2120 South Michigan Avenue. Blues lovers and tourists board luxury motor coaches provided by Greatways Transportation. The first stop on the tour for drinks, a complementary buffet and dancing was at Mr. Ricky's Blue Note Lounge, 118 East Cermak Road. Next stop was at the world famous Checkerboard Lounge, in the Muddy Waters Blues District on East 43rd Street for a live blues band performance. After that, the blues crawl rolled on to Lee's Unleaded Blues Club, 7401 South Chicago Av-

enue for an all night long, live blues band performance

The Bronzeville Blues Crawl tour motor coaches returned to Blues Heaven Foundation.

In 1999, BMC&TC will feature six authentic African American Heritage, historical study tours which will include: Bronzeville Blues Crawl Tour, Restoring Bronzeville Tour, Black Metropolis/Pullman Porter Great Migration

Blues Trail Tour, Bronzeville Historic Church Tour, Bronzeville Art Gallery Tour and the Bronzeville "Walk of Fame" Tour conducted by entry level English/Journalism student docents from Olive-Harvey College.

On May 1st, in collaboration with Women in Planning & Development, BMC&TC will host a "Restoring Bronzeville Tour". This urban planning tour will examine the implementation phase of the Mid-south Restoring Bronzeville Strategic Development Plan and evaluate opportunities for public/private partnerships that promote economic development and commercial revitalization in Bronzeville.

For more information on African American Heritage Tourism development in Bronzeville call: (773) 548-2579. Check out Chicago's Black Metropolis: Understanding History Through a Historic Place on the National Park Service-PartNet - Website.



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South Lake Shore Drive is a Priority

by U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush

With every twist and turn of Lake Shore Drive, passengers and drivers can catch a breathtaking glimpse of Lake Michigan, its beaches and Chicago's skyline. Know around the country as one of the nation's most scenic roadways, Lake Shore Drive is one of the jewels in our city's crown. The north side of this jewel has received a great deal of attention of funding for its reconstruction and beautification. The south side has not.

However, over the next several years, South Lake Shore Drive, (south of I-55 to 67th St.), will receive some much needed tender loving care in the form of rehabilitated bike paths, pedestrian walkways and bridges, roadway resurfacing, improved drainage and a newly constructed median barrier. All of this, courtesy of your federal government.

I am happy to report that, under the



Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21), I was successful in bringing \$7.8 million back from Washington D.C. for South Lake Shore Drive. This legislative funding initiative authorizes federal funding for highway, transit and safety programs.

Two million of the \$7.8 million total will be used to add an exit ramp to the underground parking lot at the Museum of Science and Industry. This ramp will come above ground on the museum's east side and will allow for a better and more efficient flow of traffic. Engineering work on this project is scheduled to begin this summer.

The \$5.8 million of federal funding

tor, "I feel that the IIA will have a direct hand in helping to reduce the number of fatalities caused by fires. We hope this will occur by increasing the number of smoke detector installations one by one."

The IIA, a property/casualty trade organization representing 75.6% of the market share and 15 insurance companies including the National Association of Independent Insurers, the American Insurance Association, and the Alliance of American Insurers, works to enhance a competitive insurance marketplace to benefit policyholders in Illinois.

State Sen. Obama gets top post, Seeks funds for Freeways

Senator Barack Obama, has been named the Democratic spokesman for the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, a key role in aiding people who are moving from public assistance into the workplace. Obama was named on the committee by Senate Leader Emil Jones Jr.

Recently Obama was briefed by the state's transportation secretary on problems on the Dan Ryan Expressway and the long-term future of repair work along Lake Shore Drive.

Street and the 57th Street bridge as well as the development of building plans for a segment of South Lake Shore Drive. Rehabilitation of all South Lake Shore Drive is a focus of the Illinois Department of Transportation. However, the well-traveled stretch of the Drive, from 47th Street to Hayes Drive, is a top priority for the IDIOT. The 85,000 vehicles that use that portion of the drive have, over the years, left in poor, deteriorated condition. So, major reconstruction is required including a new median barrier and improved drainage.

Although, procuring \$7.8 million is a positive step toward reconstruction, additional monies are needed to fund this project to completion. IDIOT estimates the total cost of the work from 47th to Hayes Drive on this segment of the drive to be \$29.2 million. So, I am presently working to acquire

Transportation Secretary Kirk Brown told Obama and other Democratic senators that asphalt resurfacing on the Dan Ryan world begin this summer. Brown blamed the pothole problems partly on the massive weather changes in Chicago saying the resurfacing will guarantee at least seven years of problem-free driving on the Ryan.

The Ryan resurfacing will cost about \$14 million, versus the more than \$500 million pricetag if Illinois was to entirely reconstruct and repave the Ryan.

Due to a lack of federal funding and increasing repair needs, Illinois lacks the funds to do a reconstruction, Brown said.

Obama also pressed Brown to support massive repairs needed on the south end of Lake Shore Drive. Working with House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, Obama helped obtain \$2 million last year to study repairs along the Drive.

"This continues to be one of my top priorities - to find the \$50 million to make Lake Shore Drive safer and easier to drive," Obama said.

Mayor Richard M. Daley said to have a complete address list, we must start with a complete address list. In the past, the Bureau has provided cities with only the total number of housing units per block, rather than specific addresses.

The Bureau solved the problem by having Congress authorize sharing the information while maintaining confidentiality.

To the most accurate Census count possible, Mayor Daley said the City will establish a number of Complete Count Committees to communicate to various constituencies throughout the city "that the Census is important, confidential and, most of all, that everyone counts."



To be safe people will undercount because a lack of trust of the government, while others are overcounting.

Cecilia Butler, Washington Park

Rush's office.

The City reported that unidentified housing units are one of the primary reasons that people are not counted during the Census. If a housing unit is not on the master address list, the residents will not receive a census form in the mail or a visit by an enumerator.

However, Cecilia Butler of the Washington Park community says a big reason of the undercount is fear. "Many people live in overcrowded units such as public housing. To be safe people will undercount because a lack of trust of the government, while others are overcounting. People have to be convince how important everybody is count for true representation." Said Butler.

an additional \$22 million from the House Appropriations Committee.

It is also my intention to include, you, my constituents in this reconstruction process. It would be unfair, inefficient and unreasonable to think that the Lake Shore community would be best-served without community involvement every step of the way. I would

encourage you to write me or contact my office with your ideas and concerns as we embark on this work together. As your Congressional representative, I have and will continue to support federal funding for our beautiful Lake Shore Drive. Its beauty and vitality must be preserved for years to come.

Rep. Kenner promotes Smoke Detectors

teaming up with Insurance

Association to improve fire safety

Representative Howard Kenner, with the Illinois Insurance Association (IIA), has announced that he co-sponsored an event to heighten fire safety awareness. Smoke detectors were donated by IIA within the local community on a one per household basis. Also available, were consumer friendly brochures which



Kenner

contain information to help ensure home and automobile safety, as well as educate the insurance buyer in a competitive marketplace.

"I am pleased to be involved in a program that illustrates the need for fire prevention devices," said Kenner. "The IIA is providing an extremely important and necessary service for all Illinois residents, and I applaud their involvement."

"In being a part of this ongoing education program in fire safety awareness," said Kevin Martin, IIA Executive Direc-

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Census

expertise."

Census officials maintain that the method of sampling will protect public confidence and make accuracy a surety. "Local governments must have a role in ensuring an accurate census but only in a complementary manner to the census bureau's work," Rush said.

The City worked with the Bureau as part of the Bureau's "Local Update of Census Addresses" project. The City compared several address databases with the Bureau's master address file. The results are now part of the Bureau's block canvassing operation.

According to Census officials, the Local Census Quality Check Act will slow down the count process and diminish the likelihood of an accurate and timely census being conducted reported Con-

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Freeing Fred Jr.

April 18, at their headquarters on 54th and Halsted.

The Convention included African People's Socialist Party Chairman and Founder of the Uhuru Movement, Omali Yeshitela and NPDUM National President and widow of Black Panther leader Fred Hampton, Akua Njeri. Saturday speakers included Burning Spear newspaper editor Sobukwe Bambaata, Ray Baker of the Committee for Liberation, CHA resident activist Francine Washington, Florida NPDUM organizer Chimuranga Waller as well as many others.

Sunday, the Convention continue with workshops on the Campaign to Free Fred Hampton Jr. and workshops on economic development. Speakers included NPDUM Director of Organization Shukura Jamila, NPDUM Campaign Coordinator from Baltimore Ra-Nu-Di-Ai-Pei, University of Chicago Professor Candace, community economic development Barbara Norman, Harold Lucas of the Bronzeville Community Development Project and many others.

Fred Jr., has been under a storm of calamity since before he was born when on Dec. 4, 1969 the Chicago Police and F.B.I. assassinated his father and Mark Clark. (Members of the Black Panther Panther Party (BPP). The Uhuru Movement outline his imprisonment in an effort to prevent another Fred Hampton from walking the streets and finishing the work his father began in the late 60's as head of the BPP.

"Fred Hampton Jr. is truly his fathers son and an organizer supreme. He was the local President of the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement when he was politically framed and imprisoned given 18 years for an alleged arson." says his mother Ms.Njeri. This was on May 9th (Mothers day) 1992, one year after the Uhuru Movement was founded in Chicago.

"The Uhuru Movement is a mass organization that defends the national democratic rights of the Black community." Explains Njeri. Its main campaign is the Campaign to Free Fred Jr."

Their activities includes meeting every Tuesday night on, 54th and Halsted, from 7 - 9 pm. Recently there is a Free Fred Jr. Vigil / demonstrations outside City Hall, which is now every Thursday from 4:30 - 5:30 pm, charging Mayor Richard Daley, with the Daley Legacy of attacks and brutality against Fred Hampton's family and the entire African community.

On April 16th a demonstration was held, at the State of Illinois building, demanding freedom for Fred Hampton's Son and an end to the U.S. War and against the African community.

"The key thing is getting the word out block to block, house to house, city to city and country to country." stress Njeri

"He (Fred Jr.) represents the growing resistance and leadership emerging in this period to complete the courageous work that young African people like Fred Hampton and the Black Panther Party. We must demand our freedom fighters."

While at Stateville Fred Jr. successfully organized, with dozens of other inmates, a campaign against inhumane prison conditions be repaired.

Citing and documenting the conditions such as no running water for weeks, forcing the inmates to wash their clothes in the toilets, to broken toilets and standing water in the cells producing gnats and other vermin that spread disease. Crumbling cell walls and boarded up ventilation and harassment of visiting family members by the prison guard and staff.

The campaign not only involved the participa-

tion of inmates at Stateville but called on people throughout the county to call and write letters supporting the inmates for the repairs and to be treated as human beings.

FRED HAMPTON JR. — HISTORY

1967 - 69: Fred Hampton Sr. Deputy Chairman of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party organizes the largest chapter in the country.

Dec. 4 1969 Fred Hammond Sr. is assassinated under a US Government Counterinsurgency Program, (COINTERPRO). Mark Clark is murdered during the pre - dawn raid, and four other BPP members are wounded.

1990 - 91 Fred Hampton Jr. becomes president of the Chicago branch of NPDUM and a visible presence as a community organizer.



March 1992: Fred Hampton Jr. is accused of murder and armed robbery. Not guilty of murder, the judge characterizes him as an exemplarity citizen, Three days prior to his armed robbery trial, there is an attempt on his life. " Not Guilty " of armed robbery, the court expressed grave doubt that a robbery of any kind even took place. in a fit of rage at the announcement of the second verdict, the prosecuting attorney shouts " Fred Hampton Jr. will get you

yet" Two months later

THE POLITICAL FRAME - UP

May 11, 1992 Fred Hampton Jr. is arrested by Chicago police and FBI agents headed by Joseph Grubisic, the commander of the Chicago police bomb and arson unit who had been a member of the Red Squad legion of justice when Fred Hampton Sr. was killed. At the time of his arrest, he's holding his young daughter in his arms. The police leave her on the sidewalk.

May 12, 1992: Fred Hampton, Jr. is charged with two counts of aggravated arson in connection with alleged incidents in two stores. Chained and shackled, his bail is initially set at \$1,000,000, then reduced to \$400,000. One set of charges is dropped because the state can produce no evidence that a fire was set in one of the stores.

The Trial: 3 days in April, 1993

Judge Michael Toomin pushes for a quick trial on the remaining charges.

A majority white jury is selected. Potential jurors with close ties to police are kept. Potential jurors who believe that police sometimes lie are dismissed.

The state presents no material evidence linking Fred Hampton, Jr. to the "arson" with which he's been charged. No fire truck was called, the store only closed its doors for ten minutes on the day of the alleged incident. There was no appreciable damage to property or persons.

May 19, 1998: Fred Hampton, Jr. is sentenced to eighteen years in prison on one count of aggravated arson.

"An arson questionable if it even occurred due to the fact that there was no evidence, finger prints, eye witnesses, discrepancies as to whether the fire department was called out." expressed Ms. Njeri. "Freeing Fred Hampton's son is a critical part of pushing back the U.S. government attacks on the African community and Black people's rights that are supposed to be guaranteed to everyone.

More police and prisons only perpetuate the violent exploitation of African and other oppressed people," said Njeri, NPDUM National President."

Donations can be made to Fred Jr's. legal defense payable to: Defense Fund, NPDUM, 5409 S. Halsted Chicago Il. 60609. For more info call (773) 924 - 7072.

Read... Between... The Lines

by: Eddie S. Read

LAND GRAB VS. MUD SLIDE

Since the February 23rd Municipal Election in the City of Chicago, there has been much talk about Mayor Richard M. Daley "winning by a landslide". Let me tell you right off the top, getting 48 to 49 percent of registered voters is certainly not a landslide. Clearly 51 percent of registered voters did not find Richard Daley nor Congressman Bobby Rush acceptable. When you take a closer look at the Daley aldermanic cabal, you will see that the votes that they did receive together with Daley is anything but a mandate.

If we really want to raise the brow of the political pundits and others, have them take a look at the overwhelming number of eligible voters in the City of Chicago that are not even registered to vote. Some landslide, huh?



The real problem is the fact that Daley and his henchmen were re-elected even though many people in the City of Chicago are not doing well at all. In fact, they are covered up under the dirt of police brutality, homelessness, land grab, wrongful prosecution and persecution,

corrupt politicians, fat cat developers and failed public policy initiatives that prevent the advancement and successful unity of all of the citizens of Chicago. Chicago is truly a world class city of haves and have-nots. There are those of you who will take serious issue with my view that we have a kind of ethnic cleansing right her in Chicago.

But, you tell me, what it is when black people are moved off the land at the same time that massive development is taking place in the loop and near loop areas. Whether you burn down people's homes, or tear them down, it is ethnic cleansing if the people who once lived in those homes are replaced by another more desirable people. We readily see the destruction and mud in Kosovo, but the subtlety of ethnic cleansing in Chicago is far more difficult for some to notice. To the victors on February 23rd, the municipal election was a great landslide. To many others, it was the continuation of an ongoing mud slide that has only been interrupted briefly during the Harold Washington administration.

A luta continua.

No clear update on Almar's



Almar Foods closed early this year was sited to reopen, the sign read, "Almar Foods & alderman Preckwinkle working to improve our community Watch for opening of remodeled new store concept, scheduled opening June 1, 1999". However, source reported that the state of Illinois will take possession of the location. The communications from Alderman Toni Preckwinkle office was that there are waiting Almar's owner to decide his plans for the store.

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A Conversation/Interview with Ed MOSES, CHA Deputy Director

Ron: You are new in Chicago. Where are you coming from?
Moses: I am part of the HUD transition team sent to Chicago. I've been at CHA for three years now.
 I have been with the public housing in LA, and New York; and I am a native New Yorker.
Ron: How does Chicago differ?
Moses: Great difference. It differs a lot. NY is the largest public housing and I can say the best. 3 million people, 600,000 units of people.
Ron: What is the difference between NY public housing and Chicago public housing?
Moses: A striking difference. The Housing stock. NY has about 350 - 500 families per development. In Chicago there is about 2,500 families per development.
Ron: What gives you the flare to work in Chicago Public housing?
Moses: I was raised in NY Public housing. Then there were working class residents.
Ron: In reference to the cloud of CHA over the years, how do you address it? What is your theory?
Moses: With all the problems of CHA, a whole look of good things/ people need to be given attention to instead of the negatives. Public housing still ran to some degree. There are some good things that kept it going.
Ron: Like what?
Moses: One is the Human asset.
Ron: Isn't that the same as any place.
Ed: No, it is not. People have to be active, I was upbeat coming here because of the interest of many people to see that CHA works for the residents and with the residents.
Ron: I still hear more complaints than compliments. Many Taylor with residents at odds with leadership.
Moses: I never seen that. They were problems in Taylor A (39th to 46th Streets). The old leadership is lost, now it is addressing hard core issues for improvements and the future.
Ron: What is going to happen when

CHA comes under the City of Chicago this coming May 1st.

Moses: I cant tell you personally. I can tell you I have high hopes. This is the only city of many large city's where City Hall has put money and muscle into public housing.

For example ABLA homes have receives great improvements.

Ron: That's fine, but I would like to address Mid-South's Public housing. Let's talk about Robert Taylor.

Moses: HUD approved of a \$25 million new plan certified by HUD, Robert Taylor, 53rd & State. They want us to possibly make an Industry Park

Ron: What is an Industry Park?

Moses: An Industry Park is an industry to create jobs for residents.

Ron: When is this expected to happen?

Moses: I envision that over 15 years from now, people will see the results.

Ron: There was a meeting in Robert Taylor two years ago where the discussion to demolish 53rd Street was in question on a survey CHA did.

Moses: I recall the meeting. Okay we (CHA) said, do it yourself. A survey was done over again by CHA residents and the results were that 80% wanted Hope IV.

Ron: In reference to Stateway Gardens what is going to happen there?:

Moses: The plan is, eight buildings coming down, with a 50/50 mixed income and Commercial development.

Ron: And Dearborn Homes?

Moses: No major plans. However the



Moses: You are talking about Washington Homes. Mary Wiggins, who took over as LAC president. The have a plan. Whether they are coming down or not? I Don't know.

Moses: What we are doing is addressing economic issues for the future, such as, how are we going to expand the job base. Start micro businesses for the residents. Already we have aided in creating 140 businesses of Public housing residents, 108 are certified. Let out \$50 million in contracts. \$5.9 million to residents.

We have training programs working in CHA, both in contracting, resident, as **Ron:** What is this Net Lease going on in the Kenwood community?

Moses: Our position, whether we own it or not. It gives our folks a first shot at the land.

Ron: Who is our folks?

Moses: Public housing Folks. It could be a 40 - 90 year lease on the land. This way public housing people are not

residents have focused their future for mixed income of 50/50 moderate and low income.

Ron: And 63rd Street?

Moses:They are coming down.

Ron: When?

Moses: In April.

Ron: What is going to happen to the land?

Moses: No discussion has been made, but we expect that there will be mixed income.

Ron: I was driving down 39th Street and Cottage with a friend and he said "I guess they will be coming down next".

pushed off the land for just the interest of developers. CHA, own the property, owns the land. We have interest and create in the contract to finance public housing. CHA can conglomerate contracts in return.

Ron: Do politics play a role in the decisions of Public housing?

Moses: We are outsiders. We have no political interference.

Ron: What about the Heat Vs. Snow as a priority with the City?

Moses: It is very On the emergency at Taylor, we contracted 95 people to remove snow. The city has provided

\$84 million, tax credit, TIFF, Bonding. State Street received, millions in curb and ground works.

Ron: So you feel good about CHA. Why?

Moses: Everyone I've has pulled together on what needs to be done. A lot of those people, at least my position is that, CHA residents are treated like citizens of Chicago. I am very proud of that.

Ron: With all the demolition of public housing, are you sure many of the families are not homeless?

Moses: No. Only if they become evicted.

We work with them in Section 8. Whatever the case is, they receive counseling, first of all.

The legal process is a long process, 6 months. If they are law abiding residents there should be no problem. We work with each and every family with placement. One family at a time."

Ron: Why aren't families place equally throughout Chicago

Moses: Ask Habitat that question

Ron: Do you know what the answer may be?:

Moses: You would think that it would be over the city of Chicago.

We ask them that all the the time.

Ron: Well we do know one case of a Stateway family is located in the Morgan Park community receiving Section 8.

Moses: Yeah. I am careful what I say.

Ron: What is your future with CHA. Where are you headed.

Moses: I look forward to being here. Do you know something I don't know?

Ron: What is it that I have not ask you, that residents of public housing will say I did not ask you.?

Moses: I can not say. You have ask me more than the average questions.

I know. One of the question may be, Why the CHA chose this development over that one in getting things done?

The answer. There are different funds for certain projects under the law we operate under. Our reinvestment funds takes us where the money is available.

CHA Review

Chicago Housing Authority will be under the authority of Mayor Richard Daley May 1. He is in the process of identifying his director and board members.

The Grand Boulevard Federaton (GBF), an organization comprise of community and social service agencies serving the Grand Boulevard community held a Community Forum on

Housing at the Charles Hayes Family Investment Center, 4859 S. Wabsh Avenue, Friday, March 26,

The fourm will address concerns on plans to demolish Robert Taylor and Stateway Gardens. However, others in Washington Park are other concerns

The alternatives for replacement housing with Section 8 and subsidized housing and plans for the land.

No HOPE VI Urban Revitalization Demonstration Program for Washington Park Homes on 63rd Street as it is

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

SSJ reported in the April 6 issue, 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.

"These legislative initiative initia-

tives, 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.

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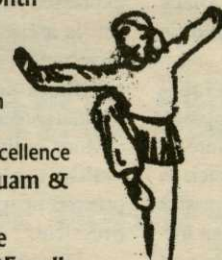
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Young school girls making the wrong choices



by Michael H. Browstein
Education Columnist

Heroes. Role models. Special individuals we all want to be like. There are a lot of them. They are on television. They are on the radio. They are in the sport's arena. They are in your home. They are in your

school. They are even in your class., They might be sitting next to you or across the table. We can find them in the library, at the park, across the street.

So why do so many of our young people revere the very person they should not? Why would they say given a chance, they would loot a store or keep a found wallet.

Why would they make a hero out of a well dressed man who beats women? Why would they want to be friends with the local drug dealer?

Why would they even get in the car with a known criminal?

Our jails are full of people who could not make the right choices. Selling drugs? Yes, it's easy money. But at what cost?

So you want to have a drug dealer for a



I remember a very beautiful woman who told me she had to have a man in the house with her because if she did not belong to someone, anyone could have her.

Where did this come from? Do we hate ourselves so much

the good in the world is beyond us? There are role models in the world. Real heroes. Fathers struggling to get by working two jobs who also coach little league. Mothers back in school to fix past mistakes. Teachers who really want the best for their students. Neighbors who know how hard life can be, but take the time to listen. Librarians who want to read with you.

boyfriend? Now he's out there selling drugs. Now he's watching his back. He is always watching his back. He watches his back even when he wants to be alone with you.

And he's not watching out for the police alone. He's watching for other drug dealers or addicts with problems or people who feel rightly or wrongly that they were gypped.

He gets you pregnant. He gets hurt. He gets jailed. He might even get killed.

What legacy does he have for you and his child? What legacy can he leave? He has nothing. This is now your life. A baby, no job, and you're watching your back now, too.

Think about the real heroes. Not the ones who make money their God. Not the ones who make drugs their God. Not the ones who make living the fast life their God. Think about the real heroes. Then make the only possible choice—the right one.

Volunteers Return for Lesson in Education Mayor Daley, City's Leaders Prepare for Second Annual "Principal for a Day" Program

The city's top corporate executives, civic leaders and media personalities returned to the Chicago Public Schools for the second annual "Principal for a Day" event on April 20, 1999. More than 500 volunteers will spend the day working alongside teachers, students and principals to experience firsthand the challenges facing public education. Joining Mayor Daley in this year's event was Stedman Graham, president, Stedman Graham & Associates; Bill Kurtis, president, Kurtis Productions; and Dr. Margaret Burroughs, commissioner, Chicago Park District.

First time participants included, Michael Jordan, Dick Jauron, head coach, Chicago Bears; Lieutenant Governor Corrine Wood; and Robert Fitzpatrick, director and CEO, Museum of Contemporary Art. Principal for a Day aims to facilitate productive relationships between the leaders of the business world and the leaders of the public schools. This year, volunteers will participate in Principal for a Day programs in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Maine, New York, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Washington D.C.

Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce promotes Youth Motivation for thirty-two (32) Years



Pictured in photo from left to right are George O'Hare; host of "Youth Motivation", Joe Ziegler; Allstate Insurance Agency, Renee Brooks; Senior Accounting Manager, McDonalds Corporation, Pauline Lee; Assistant Principal, O'Toole Chicago Public School, and Nile Gossett; Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Youth Motivation Director.

"Business must account for it's stewardship not only on the balance sheet, but also in matters of social responsibility" . . . Has been a thirty-two year program of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Nile Gossett, Youth Motivation Director of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Renee Brooks Senior Accounting Manager, McDonald's Corporation, Joe Ziegler, Allstate Insurance Agency, and Pauline Lee, Assistant Principal of O'Toole Chicago Public School was a guest on George O'Hares Chicago Cable TV Channel 19 show entitled "Youth Motivation". Gossett, Brooks, Ziegler and Lee will tell of how the Chamber is "Linking Today's Businesses with Tomorrow's Workforce" . . . By providing Chicago area Elementary and High School students with positive and inspirational role models from Chamber membership who speak on the benefits of staying in school, to prepare for their future career opportunities.

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The church, but at the same time



keep him or her out of heaven. But they had our first religious leaders to tell us that wealth would keep us out of heaven. In fact, they didnt care whether we went to heaven or hell when we left this world.

They just wanted everything for themselves while on this earth. I have never seen an African American religious leader who feels that material wealth will keep him or her out of heaven.

In order to tell how much interest our religious leaders have in our economic life, check their church programs. They have Mississippi Club, Alabama Club and all other kinds of clubs and auxiliaries but seldom will you find a church with an investment club, economic club or business club.

If there are those who doubt what I am saying, you may check for yourself and see that I am telling the truth.

I have always asked the people to stick with the church but at the same time I have always stated that the church must make some changes.

I am grateful to God that we are beginning to hear more religious leaders speak out as Rev James Meeks, Rev. Hiram C. Crawford, Rev. Ben Butler, Rev. David Moore and many others.

We cannot continue to tell the people that God owns the cattle on a thousand hills and not tell them how to

get some meat and milk on the table. We cant continue to tell the people that God owns the houses and land and not help them find a way to buy a home or pay their rent.

At this time in our history when over 50 million jobs have left this country.

Affirmative Action being done away, privatization of government jobs, foreigners coming in getting what jobs left and Welfare Reform taking place: if Blacks do not come together and do for self, we will be in another form of slavery.

But God is giving African Americans everything we need to get what we don't have. God never changes but conditions do.

Therefore, African Americans must make successful changes addressing the world today.

We often talk about spirituality but until we get more involved in economics nothing is going to solve our problems. Our problems are the result of our economic condition. While we invest in the stock market, let us join the Million-Dollar March, marching to the business people in the African American community with our dollars. God is a God of wealth. Do not accept being so poor?

Webb Evans, president of United American Progress Association and one of the promoters of the Million Dollar March.

By Web Evans

I read one of the most interesting articles in the press about Rev. James Meeks of Chicago IL. The title of the article was, Meeks offer plan to make Blacks rich and Holy. The information was good but I felt better by it coming from a preacher because in many cases it has been the minister who has misled us to believe that if you own material wealth, you will go to hell. That information came out of the Black church from African American religious leaders. Not all, but many are still against teaching economics in the church. But they all will tell you that God is concerned about the whole person.

I have published a book titled The Other Way. In the book, it tells how many of our religious leaders are misleading our people just as the slavemasters did when it came to getting wealth.

The slavemaster never felt that material wealth would

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Washington

let his agenda return to Machine politics.

As Read, told the participates. "Now Negroes who say they knew him. They all say 'He (Harold) was my friend. Where are his friends now that believed in his work?'"

Read went on to say that he is who he is today because of Harold Washington,

Ms. Penney a candidate of the 3 ward in the last election, said. "A public servant is a noble calling. Following a man such as he is a good guide for any elected official and candidate.

In review Washington's life, South Street Journal reprint in parts the Life of Harold:

A Product of this Community; Grand Boulevard,

His last public appearances was in the Oakland/Kenwood community at a ground - breaking for a housing development the day of his death (November 25, 1987) He was at another ground - breaking on September 22, 1987, to assist in the ceremony for the Grand Boulevard Shopping Plaza at 55th and the Dan Ryan..

Born April 15, 1922 at Cook County Hospital to Roy Lee and Bertha Washington. His father was an attorney, minister, and a leading precinct captain of the 3rd Ward.

As a young man, Harold attended boarding school in Milwaukee after his parents were divorced. Upon returning to Chicago, he attended Forrestville Elementary and DuSable High, while living with his father at 47th and Michigan. At Du Sable, he assisted the track team in winning a city championship in the late 1930's.

Washington was known as a bookworm and "A" student, he spent many hours studying at Cleveland Hall Branch Library at 48th and Michigan Avenue. As an adult, drafted in the US Army, and became first sergeant in an all black unit.

After the service, he went to Roosevelt University, Where he studied political science and became president of the Student Council and attended Northwestern law school in 1948.

After school he worked for his father's law office and became active in the 3rd Ward Democratic Organization. His father lost a race for alderman in 1947. Upon the death of his father in 1953, Harold inherited his position as Precinct Captain in the Democratic (Machine) Party.

Washington worked closely with the late Congressman Ralph Metcalf (1st District now held by Bobby Rush). His leadership ability enabled him to establish a distinguished public career. He served as State Rep. (26th District) from 1964 to 1976; and as State Senator



Harold Washington breaking ground on September 22, 1987, to assist in the ceremony for the Grand Boulevard Shopping Plaza at 55th and the Dan Ryan. To his left is alderman Dorothy Tillman.



Mature campaign support from Mid - South aldermen, From left in the fall of 1987 days after Washington's death (then) Alderman Bobby Rush (2), Dorothy Tillman (3), and Timothy Evans (4) now judge, along with other supportive city alderman, and his friend since youth former Congressman Gus Savage (far right) helped keep Washington's agenda soaring forward. The three alderman, as conversal as the spit may have been, they worked together to form the Harold Washington Party, when Evan ran and lost against Mayor Richard Daley which lead Daley to become mayor since.

from 1976 to 1980. He then served as Congressman (1st District) from 1980 to 1983. In all of his positions he served the Mid-South communities.

In 1977, he ran for mayor against Michael Bilandic and lost, but his campaign helped him gain momentum citywide. Later becoming a critic of the Democratic Machine, he left the party.

As political power of African Americans surfaced more during the election of Jane Byrne in 1979, many Black political leaders realized the potential for power and began organize for electing an African American for Mayor when then Mayor Jane Byrne offended the Black community by replacing them with Whites on the Chicago School and Chicago Housing Authority boards. The people protested, ".... enough is enough!"

Washington was drafted to run as Mayor at Bethel A.M.E. church on 45th and Michigan, led by leadership

such as Lu Palmer and the Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC) on East 37th Street. The movement for Chicago's first Black Mayor was on full speed.

The Voters Registration campaign was spearhead by Soft Sheen, Chairman Edward Gardner and headquartered on 47th and King Drive in the former Fuller Building (now where the Lou Rawls Theatre is to be build). The neighborhood political organization was based at the now Charles Hayes Center on 48th and Wabash.

Washington directed his outstanding campaign right in line with the community. His campaign captured worldwide press. Defeating Jane Byrne, former States Attorney Richard Daley (who has since become Mayor), and finally Bernard Epton, to become the first Black Mayor of Chicago.

During his five years of office, Mayor Washington surpassed the label of Black Mayor, to become recognized throughout the city as simple Mayor. In spite of repeated confrontations with the 29 Aldermen who opposed him, he was able to make improvements in the city which could be seen and felt across racial and class lines.

In the Grand Boulevard Community, streets and sidewalks were suddenly found worthy of repair. Social services were delivered to the community as the new direction of the city was unfolded.

Known as a reformer, Washington political agenda pulled a city coalition together. Mature campaign support from Mid - South aldermen, (then) Alderman Bobby Rush (2), Dorothy Tillman (3), and Timothy Evans (4), along with other supportive city aldermen, helped keep Washington's agenda soaring forward.

Mid-South three aldermen, as controversial as the spit may have been, they worked together to form the Harold Washington Party.

Washington was praised and deeply respected in the city. He maintained his popularity as a "People's Mayor" He changed the course of Chicago and its politics, opening the door for whomever it was right and just")

His death sent a wave of grief over the entire city that had not been felt since the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Grand Boulevard once known as one of the poorest and most neglected of the neighborhoods, has the honor of calling itself home to one of the richest and most eloquent politician Chicago has ever known

"It's a celebration of unification, connecting our youth, elders and families to know and commemorate our beloved Brother the Honorable Mayor Washington;" said Rev. Sardon, " a legendary African-American community leader and representative."

"Our march signify: education, leadership and spirituality within preserving and restoring community- unity. A multi-cultural awaking through Kwanzaa's seven principles, which is an inspirational tribute to our African- ancestor.

Vision: Black in Black Love, A Spiritual Day of Atonement in honor of our brother Harold Washington. We still miss you, Harold." Said Rev. Sardon.

Our Forefathers on Economics

From the Publisher

The South Street Journal Advisory Board declared, this editorial should be about economics. The letters to the editor covered some main points on the subject, from the Tax Increment Financing, to the Low Income Residents. Including the Police vs. Youth, and Blacks in Heaven letter as well.

Looking at two leading forefathers of the community, one, Lu Palmer and the other is Malcolm X, both many young people may not identify with. Lu gave the term "Enough to turn a Negro, Black." Then there is Malcolm X, who was enough to turn a Black, Negro.

I recall an elderly individual, Mr. Bullock looking at a picture of Malcolm on the wall. Mr. Bullock said with a questionable laugh and the tightness of his eyes pushing his neck out, in his southern dialog. "Is that? Yeah. That is him. I scared of him." He said as he backed away from the picture on the wall. Mr. Bullock, a heating contractor seems that he wasn't ready for Malcolm X. This reaction reaches to others as well many who know the truth about



Ron Carter
Publisher & Editor

Malcolm, his vision and direction. It is almost as the term another forefather, Harold Washington used, "It's our turn." Washington said it is nothing racial about it. Every group decides the course when they become the majority. It is not taking anything away from anyone.

Washington's agenda force most to be open and fair. He forced many forefathers, (Negroes) to be Black for a while. As Washington left, many have buried the term just as Malcolm's term of building businesses in your own community, "so you will not have to picket and boycott someone else for a job".

Similarly as China Town, Creek Town, if that is what Alderman mean by African Village on 47th Street. When the youths walk down their business strip and sees few examples of themselves part of the economic process, there's a small chance of understanding Harold, Malcolm and Lu.

Forcing the subject to the surface of how much compromising the community must do. Lu Palmer, made me turn Negro ten years ago. He was a key note speaker at a fund raising for the Greater Roseland Organization in 1987, in which I was the director. With funders present, to give financial support. Mr. Palmer criticize Black organizations receiving funds from foundations. Explaining Blacks need to fund their own organizations. Saying there is a price to be paid for any funds received and the price may be to turn you around and take on somebody else's agenda. Therein lies the danger. The point Lu was making was also noted in the foundation manual prepared by

A.L. Nellum and Associates, commissioned by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Surely, without foundations community organizations would not be able to function as they function. However, Web Evans may differ. He forwards to SSJ's office a list of over 40 Black businesses closed in the past 10 years. This subject is suitable for teachers, principals, counselors, professors, administrators and youth officers, among others, to begin a candid discussion of economics and the roots of economic issues. Every individual can be represented; even Ald. and Mrs. Ed Burke - him showing how noble their love is for Baby "T", should identify with the future of the black race. No, territories will be omitted on how one identifies with its own.

Many have spent decades witnessing the death and destruction caused by the lack of economic. South Street Journal will explore this at a Town Hall meeting. This meeting is the result of many involved addressing this concept. From the Chicago Housing Authority Ready Program producing businesses among residents to looking especially to parents and youth to recognize that just getting a good education and job is not the end to build ones worth. Today's youths do have alternatives such as the Black Star drive that open bank accounts for the youth. They are not just in a war zone of violence. However, more images and examples such as the Black Star needs to be developed.

An example of how controversial it may be (go back to) is a press conference, three years ago held at the Chicago Urban League headquarters. The League was to reaffirm their relationship 21st Century V.O.T.E. James Compton said that the League will not abandon the 21st Century V.O.T.E. despite the controversy surrounding the group. 21st Century V.O.T.E. has been linked to one of Chicago's street nations, the gangster disciples, and several components of its leadership had come under the scrutiny of federal investigators. When one analyzes this response by the League, several scenarios could provide answers as to the reasons for the Leagues stanch support and to question of, where is this support today (groups such as 21st Century V.O.T.E.

The League has been regarded as a grass-roots low income group since its early days of operation when they greeted poor Blacks fresh from the South. Consequently when an issue cannot be solved at the negotiating table the League needs a big stick. 21st Century V.O.T.E. did at one time prove they have numbers that are available at a moments notice.

With the 21 VOTE, the League has a ready made low

income constituency (That bottoms-up approach). It can be trotted out to potential funders for a variety of purposes; and believe this, no group is as funder conscious as the League.

Clearly, the sizable middle class membership of the League was not happy with Compton's decision to back what many believe to be current and former gangbangers. The same probably holds true for some funders who are proponents of the Chicago Crime Commission report with gangs as "Public Enemy No. 1. (Again the youth, the Bottoms-up.)

So did the League take such a big gamble. By cooperating with funders and the base of their membership; the results, those young individuals are locked out of the economic process on the surface, that the League could have taught them and/or provided to them. It could have been like the Black Star project training the youth to open up bank accounts and being responsible for their worth.

For surly any group will act like the "Blacks in Heaven", without training. Zechariah, Chapter 1, vs. 2

"The Lord would be very angry with the forefathers. "4 Do not be like your forefathers, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says: Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices. 5 Where are your forefathers now? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 but did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, over take your forefathers?"

The youth must be brought in the economic agenda. Other than being products for the economic support for the jail system, as described in the letter to editor, Police vs. Youth. For Malcolm X was once one of them.

Or maybe Lu Palmer should keep his views to himself.

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Letters to the Editor

Police vs. Youth

Dear Editor,
and Professor Robert T. Stark of Northeastern Illinois University; Enclosed is the current racial make-up of the Chicago Police Department and its Youth division. Please note the Youth Division is made up of 150 white male officers, 49 white female officers, 44 African-American male officers, and 23 African American female officers.

Considering over 90% of the juvenile offenders are African-American and Hispanic males, this over-load of whites, who can't relate to Black / Hispanic youngsters is wrong.

The suspicion is that since the Youth Investigator is a detective classification, having special requirements needed of the Youth Investigator.

This mis-staffing of the division is the main reason it is totally ineffective. It is just a bunch of white people being paid tax money for a job they can't do. To effectively deal with the African-Americans, the officer should be bi-cultural.; African-American. To deal with Hispanic, the officer should be Bilingual.

Hopefully, we can get the media and our political leaders to focus on this problem.

Clarence C. Terry
Information forward by the Chicago Police Department requested December 4, 1998.

Total number of police officers that are budgeted for the department. 13,269

Total number of officers now employed. 13,306

Total number of male African-American officers. 2,367

Total number of female African-American officers. 1,035

Youth division

Total number of Youth investigators budgeted for the Youth Division. 272

Total number of youth Investigators now employed. 266

Total number of male African-American

Youth Investigators. 44

Total number of female African-American

Youth Investigators. 23

Total number of white, female Youth Invest-

igators. 49



Blacks in Heaven

Dear Editor,

Gabriel came to the Lord and said, "I have to talk to you, I have a problem. I know we have affirmative action and we are supposed to have Blacks in heaven, but they are causing so many problems."

They have torn down the pearly gates swinging on them, they stole my horn, got barbecue sauce all over their robes, ham hocks, spareribs and pig feet bones all over the streets of gold. Some are walking around with only one wing. Angels must have two wings to fly. Those robes are eternal and must be washed five times a day. Some have not washed their robes since they arrived. Many who came here are here because they used salt, and are still using it. Some have refused to take their turn keeping the stairway to heaven clean. Watermelon seeds are all over the clouds. Some refused to wear their halos, saying that they don't fit right over their naturals, and jerry curls.

The Lord said, "It's not fair not to let Blacks in heaven. They have just as much right here as White people. Maybe we are using the wrong approach. We need to check with someone who has more experience dealing with them. Let's call the devil."

The devil answered the phone and said, "Hello Lord, what can I do for you?"

The Lord said, "We have a problem up here and we would like to talk to you about it."

The devil said, "Hold on a minute. I've got to put you on hold." The devil was gone

five minutes. He came back to the phone and said, Oh Lord, I'm back, what's up?

The Lord said, "Well, I would like to talk to you about the problems we have up here."

Once again the devil excused himself.

This time he was gone fifteen minutes. Finally, the devil came back to the phone and said, "Lord, I am sorry, but I can't talk to you right now, I have to go. These damn Blacks down here have put out the fire."

Submitted by Edmond"

Tax Increment Financing Plan for 71st Street

Dear Editor,

The Tax Increment Financing Plan for 71st Street was actually initiated in 1997 as part of the implementation of the City of Chicago's "Master Plan". Alderman Barbara Holt in her "Alderman's Report", entitled "Addressing Redevelopment" published in the Hyde Park Herald postulated volition and obscured vital issues relating to the proposed 71st Street Redevelopment Plan. This is of essence to the many current home and business owners who most certainly will be involuntarily displaced if the project is implemented as currently planned.

The City will spend almost \$4,000,000 on the relocation of current residents who own residential properties, while spending only \$500,000 on job training, according to City of Chicago records, relative to this subject.

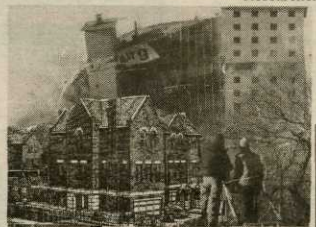
Just as the word redevelopment is spelled wrong in the title of her report "REDEVELOPMENT", there has been something wrong with the community participation aspect of this project from its inception! This project has been planned and carried out in a surreptitious manner with total disregard to State Of Illinois law which requires a public notification of every taxpayer in the project at the inception, so as to provide early public comment either orally, in writing or both.

After almost three years of a small group of people including staff of the City of Chicago's Department of Planning, contriving this project in order to provide, (after the fact), an atomization by the public with little time to amend the plan should they (the public), find something terribly wrong, like the

planning of the involuntary displacement and relocation 5,000 to 8,000 residents including business owners based on the planning activities of (200 hand picked selectively notified by the Alderman and the City's Department of Planning staff for a meeting on or about March 15, 1999, at which participants were updated on "Plans and projects already underway".

Ostensibly, the suggestion of the creation of new economic development and job opportunities sorely needed, is a good thing, if balanced with consideration for the negative impact it may have on people. I am so glad that Attorney Leslie Hairston, a candidate for 5th Ward Alderman convened a public meeting that allowed many of the unknown facts relative to this project to surface. Additionally, there is still time to make appropriate changes and improvements to this plan before its too late!

Lionel B. Nixon,
Researcher



Low Income Residents

Dear Editor,

Major issues of concern for a low income resident here in the 3rd Ward, as well as others are... Where can we find a place to live in these areas, that is affordable?

What I see from the "South Loop Development", is a plan to construct/rehab 90,000 to 300,000 condos and single-family homes, (in former rental properties), at a price higher than the number of developments.

What happens to low income single people, or families who live in these areas, after the "grea renovation". Where do we go? I have seen good buildings, as far as basic structure, torn down and made into vacant lots; to be left until it's forgotten and than, there are new single family homes built with outrageous prices. Who's suppose

to occupy these homes... the upper middle class?

Where are the low- and middle-income housing within the inner city neighborhood? Most of the buildings that have been rehabbed, from the South Loop, all the way through the City's Southside, are condos, lofts, and homes for sale. What's being built is a small city for well-to-do people with the poor being shifted on the downhill, trying to survive.

It doesn't matter if it's Tillman or Daley, it not right!

What about the retirees who only want to rent a one room home. They live on a fixed income and they can't afford to pay exuberant prices for rent.

Come on Daley and Tillman, and other officials, put yourself in our shoes.

Hold workshops on household management, give tips on cleaning methods/decorating, cooking, etc. For people on a budget.

P.S. I thought Grand Boulevard was King Drive and South Park, 55th and 47th Streets, or maybe I was wrong.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Neighbor

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Portrait of a Writer/Author

by Crystal Smothers



Vincent Tyler, is a 30-year old author of the book of poetry, "I Thought About You Today". He also has a novel, forthcoming. I am honored to interview a young man who has self-published his book and who is unequivocally living his dreams.

Mr. Tyler, when did you begin writing?
VT: I began writing in my early years. Where are some of the places that you've read your poetry?
VT: Some of the places I've read my poetry

re: Rituals, Jazz & Java, Black Erotica.
Who are some of the people who inspired you?
VT: I'm most inspired by songwriters, Marvin Gaye, Babyface, Tom ell, Prince, Hollinzoer and Holland, Smokey Robinson, Barry White. And what are some of your favorite poems?
V.T.: "Own something" by Khari.
"I've read your book "I Thought About You Today", It's a beautiful, romantic, erotic book of poetry, what inspired you to write "I Thought about You Today"?
VT: I had a collection of poems, and the more places I read my poems, I as asked if I would be doing a book of poetry. One of my goals in life was to write a book before the age of 30. This is one of my dreams, that did materialize (he smiles).
(I can see the gleam in his eyes as he talks about this wonderful event in his eyes)
What is even more interesting to me is that you actually "self-published" your book. What was your reason for self-publishing "I thought About You Today"?
V.T.: It's not easy getting poetry published. I find that you have to market yourself. However, I have discovered that in self-publishing my book, evidence is that in sales, there is a crowd for Vincent Tyler's poetry. If you have total belief in your work, headline the show.
What obstacles did you encounter prior to publishing your book, "I thought About You Today"?
V.T.: None.
None?
V.T.: None.
Are there times you question the energy and time you put into the publishing and marketing of your book, whether this is something you wanted to do?
V.T.: No, it has been great, I hustle, yes, but the book stores are constantly requesting more (restock) of my books.
What, if any, support have you received from your peers?
V.T.: I have received tremendous support from my peers; some, if I may name, are: Felicia Matlock, Elijah Aziz, Gina Bishop, Alice Walton, Mary levonia.
Cool, and what controversy have you encountered prior and presently to the publication of your book?
V.T.: Fake friends and true enemies.
You are definitely a writer, you have a twist with words. (laughter both)
What is your next project/book?
V.T.: My next project will be "The Hot Seventeenth", a poetry reading, featuring myself and other poets at Jazz & Java on April 17, 1999, 4-7 p.m. also have a novel which will be out in October, entitled "Chocolate Cookies". It's about a young man who is blown away by this one woman. he brings out the absolute best in him.
I'm sure that it will be a success, and I wish you the best of luck in your endeavors.
V.T.: Thank you.
Vincent Tyler's book can be purchased from local bookstores in the Chicagoland area.

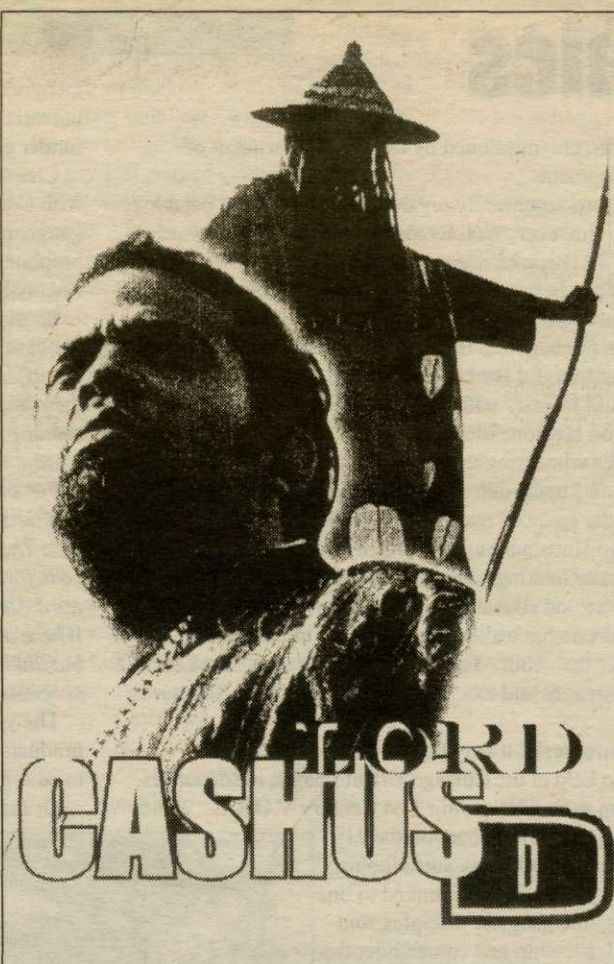
WORD

Here And Now
by Vincent Tyler

and still to this day I compare her to the beauty of the rising and setting of the sun at the beginning and closing of each day for if I was ever to compose a composition albeit sincere and from the reaches of mine own heart and the depths of my soul still I probably would fall short of expressing how I truly cherish and adore her so here and now watching her sleep under the soft moonlight which covers her body watching her breathe and dream and hoping that she might be dreaming of me looking out into the stars and asking could she this woman truly be for me? my angel? my soul mate?
For my soul dances at the mere thought of her if ever there was such a thing as a mere thought of her and a man isn't suppose to feel chills when she rubs my skin and a man isn't suppose to get weak when she turns my way to kiss me and a man isn't suppose to shed tears of joy in his solitude facing the heavens falling to his knees and crying thank you, thank you, thank you for blessing me
the full moon smiles upon you..More in "ITAYT" by V. Tyler.

Love Our Children
by Haile Davenport

Love Our Children, They didn't ask to be here Love them far, Love them near Children are our future don't you know they start from babies Wow! Do they grow They learn their ABC's and 123's how to Man or Woman to come together make a family. We hope we can be proud of, that's why it's important to love. Also to guide and show respect teach them manners your heart will smile that's your effect Love Our Children by paying attention When they have something good or bad to mention. Whatever it is just listen they're the best love we could ever have.



CASHUS D

Cashus D., father of three children and resident in the Grand Boulevard, holds the position of Emperor of the Universal Zulu Nation Mid-West Chapter and also enjoys being a youth pioneer of "hip hop".

A powerful motivational speaker who has inspired youth globally. An urban griot (story teller) with a dynamic futuristic dub poet sound with a unique spiritual in hand style achieving a world beat format crossing several musical vibes: poetry, roots and culture, reggae, R&B and Hip-Hop base with ancestral rhythms.

He speaks positive messages about love and also states that he wants our youth to have great self esteem with dignity, and unity, which he demonstrates.

Cashus does good deed 's by creating jobs for the youth and promotes merchandise that promotes peace and unity.

Although Cashus mission is to sell products such as shirts, mugs, medallions, he also wants to create a candy name "Love yourself treats". He was once apart of the group

multi-cultural teachers of cultural diversity that teach universal harmony and cultural awareness. Cashus proceeded to run a Peace fest in the Summer of 1991 and continued to 1993 in the Mid-South area. He also managed to promote the Umoja Fest in 1994.

Cashus D. is C.E.O. of Creative Minds and Millennium Entertainment, he is also creator of the L.I.F.E. Project, a project that is lifting ignorance, and forwarding education.

Yes, if you're looking for talent Cashus D is the man that entertains; his style is afrocentric story telling.

Enter the world of Lord Cashus D, artist, poet, educator, with a voice of roaring thunder and the power of the actricks. This craftsman gives new meaning to the art of spoken word.

For the last ten years Cashus has appeared on many stages across the nation such as the International Conference of Life, Chicago, IL; Opening for many acts such as: Public Enemy, Arrested Development, Queen Latifa, Jungle Brothers, A Tribe (Continued on page 11)

The 47th Street Jazz and Poetry Festival



The Sutherland Community Arts There will be a salute to two women Being honored is Gerri Oliver, at the Palm Tavern on 47th Street, pictured in 1959

Initiative presents it's "Annual Spring Arts Happening". The goal of the Gerri Oliver, Proprietor of the Palm Arts Happening is the showcase of the many facets of the African American Cultural experience with a focus on women. The theme this year is "Jazz, Theater and Poetry" that celebrate Bronzeville and 47th street.

member of the SCAL. "The community needs to be informed of Gerri Oliver and her contributions to the civil rights movement and historic Bronzeville.

Illinois Poet, Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks works have dramatically told (Continued on page 11)

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ON VIDEO

by David Schultz

ONE TOUGH COP ()** Trying to be jammed up by the FBI to turn over on childhood friend, mob boss, but won't over their friendship. Yet the mob boss friend needs Bo to do something about his alcoholic cop partner, Duke (Chris Penn) whose deep in gambling debt and suspects his friend is having an affair with his wife. 90 min. R

SAVIOR (*)** Early into the Bosnia war, mercenary soldier Dennis Quaid becomes embittered from a restaurant bombing that killed his wife and child. He turns into a killing machine fighting in Serbia. Where he reclaims his humanity by rescuing an orphan baby. 104 min. R

THE RUGRATS MOVIE (1/2)** The animated cable series that sets the mischievous toddlers into a wilderness adventure brought on by the arrival of a new baby brother. The big screen losses some of its luster that adults and kids enjoyed together. 82 min. G

STEPMOM (1/2)** Devoted mother Susan Sarandon can't stand ex-hubby Ed Harris' career driven girlfriend, Julia Roberts, whose obligations as a photographer interferes with the responsibility of handling Harris' two kids. Only when a compromise is reached between the ladies as Roberts develop motherly instincts over her job and Sarandon's character diagnosis with a terminal illness. 133 min. PG-13.

APT PUPIL (1/2)** Brad Renfro plays a high school student obsessed with Nazism from a term paper leads to an uneasy relationship with a reclusive neighbor (Ian McKellen) who hiding the secret of being a former Nazi general at the Holocaust. The kid orders the elderly man to rekindle those memories that leads to tragic results. 107 min. R

A NIGHT AT THE ROXBURY (*) Saturday Night Live's regulars Will Ferrell and Chris Kattan bring their ultra-clues night-clubbing Butabi brothers to the big screen with silly results of how Steve Martin and Dan Aykroyd did the same routine better. 82 min. PG

I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER ()** The killer dressed like the Gorton's Fisherman tricks the survivors (from the initial film) and their friends in believing they've won a tropical resort getaway. Where the killer intends to have them check in...but, unable to check out! (If you know what I mean.) 98 min. R



BELOVED (*)** Director Jonathan Demme's technically brilliant, emotional charged rendition of Toni Morrison's challenging novel about a former plantation worker (Oprah Winfrey) confronted by the ghost of a woman who represents the child she killed to keep her out of slavery. A strange mixture of slave history within a ghost story atmosphere makes often for a complex film to follow. 171 min. R

SIMON BIRCH (*)** A tender film that tugs at the heart in a story of faith, friendship, and destiny. Ian Michael Smith plays the title role of this diminutive kid with the belief of a brief but heroic purpose to his life who accidentally hits a baseball that kills the mother of his best friend, Joe (Joseph Mazzello) who develops his own quest — to find who is his natural father. 113 min. PG-13.

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AT THE FLICKS

by David Schultz

Life

(**)(**) Spanning over a sixty year relationship between two wrongly accused individuals, a small time hustler (Murphy) and a naive, aspiring bank teller (Lawrence) who together throughout their years of incarceration never give up their hope for freedom. "Life" is a movie woven together by the comedic banter of Murphy and Lawrence that is only enjoyable in parts rather than the whole. Even though their characters, Murphy and Lawrence under Ted Demme's direction try to establish the focus of the human spirit and hope against crippling adversaries. But is not enough to change the depressing nature of this prison comedy set in the racist 1930's.

Hustler Eddie Murphy agrees to pay off a debt to a nightclub owner through bootlegging through Mississippi making his partner, reluctant patsy Martin Lawrence whom he earlier tried to roll for his wallet. After making their pickup, they wander into a "blacks only" town section for some relaxation at a local saloon where Murphy is cheated out of his money by well dressed card shark Clarence Williams III, who later has a violent encounter with the bigot white sheriff. The sheriff frames Murphy and



Lawrence who are in turn shocked by the judge's life sentence decision.

Once the film shifts into their prison life together. "Life" can only seem to find its own identity and morality by borrowing from another more superior movie, "The Shawshank Redemption". It starts from the off screen narration of a surviving elderly inmate talking to two young prison gravediggers about Murphy and Lawrence that lacks the resonant tone and distinct rhythm that Morgan Freeman had in "Shawshank". And there

are some character references such as Miguel A. Nunez Jr., as the gay inmate who finally receives his release but like James Whitmore's character in "Shawshank", he can't face the uncertainties of a brave new world after years of isolation that leads to a suicidal death. But one of the more original scenes involved Bookeem Woodbine as the mute inmate with a talent for baseball that reaches the ears of Negro lead talent scout that Murphy and Lawrence tries but fails to gain their freedom through.

Per usual, Rick Baker's brilliant special effects that ages Murphy and Lawrence's character accents the changes in time, but not in the men who have developed a love/hate relationship. While the film encounters their mishaps and arguments, there is despair and frustration with themselves and each other. But their dreams and hopes remain potent, which is this movie's overall theme. Which is good, but it's not enough when it comes to how this movie is played out. As the last 30 minutes seems to have been patch work. After outliving their inmates buddies, Murphy and Lawrence wind up under the prison employment of a kind-hearted warden Ned Beatty as his gardener and chauffeur. But when Beatty welcomes a new prison superintendent, Murphy recognizes the now aged sheriff (R. Lee Emery) as the man who framed them.

Even though "Life" makes its points at times, it falters as being complete a movie as it should have been. Part of the blame is not from Murphy and Lawrence's performances, but it's the uneven and spotty nature of the script material and direction that only makes its efforts and intentions admirable.

Rated: R 100 mins. A Universal Picture Release.

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is percussionist/poet Kahil El Zabar. Malachi Thompson and his Freebop Band will be the featured jazz ensemble on the festival and will perform selections from the award winning CD *47th Street*

and his latest Delmark release *Freebop Now!* The Freebop Band will feature two of the most exciting voices on the saxophone today; Billy Harper and Oliver Lake.

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Cashus

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Story contributed
 By Luv Dashaun Ford



Maestro Paul Freeman conducts the Chicago Sinfonietta at Opus 12, the annual gala held at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel, April 8. More than 450 guest enjoyed the event which raised \$250,000 for the Sinfonietta and a silent auction

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47th King Drive Plan

Dept. of Planning to attend 47th meeting

The City of Chicago's redevelopment plan for the 47th Street King Drive area does not deliver on its pledge to provide enough housing for displaced business who want to remain on 47th Street - especially for the community's poorest area.

That's the assessment of the 47th Street Business Association (47SBA), in a view of the latest map on the African Village proposed by Alderman Dorothy Tillman.

The 47SBA continued effort to be informed of the city's plan has been held up by the city and the alderman on numerous attempts.

The city's plan, along with Ald. Tillman is to rebuild the area bounded by 45th St. to 51st and St. Lawrence to the 47th Street "L". The map of the 47th King Drive plan is an early vision of what was proposed. However, the Lou Rawls Theatre and cultural center is the anchor of this redevelopment project that will be part of an ethnicity theme of the African/Caribbean and African Diaspora reported Tillman.

Construction on the Theatre began last February and is expected to cost over \$10 million, as the main anchor with the Lake Park shopping.

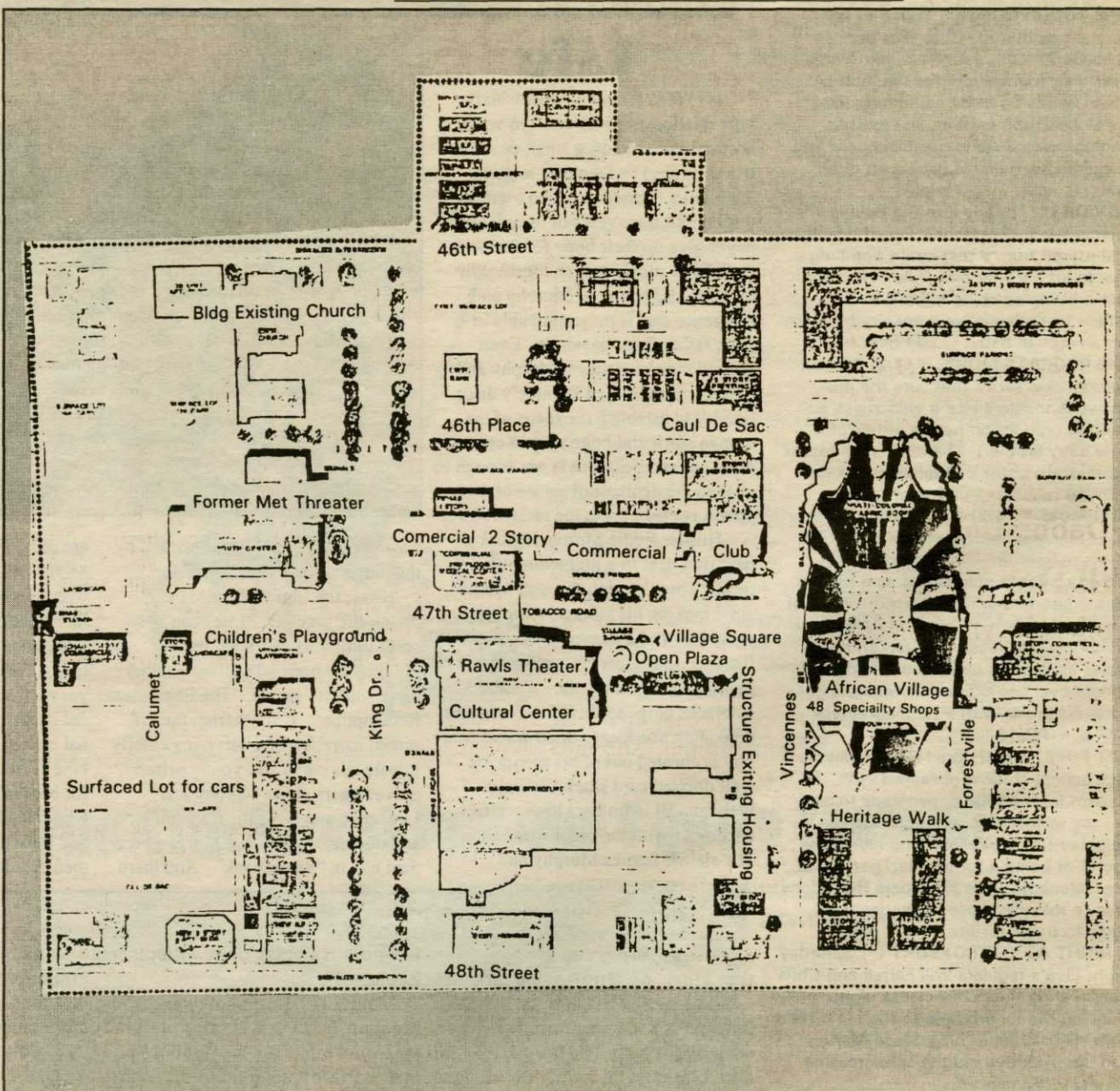
The 47SBA question the city and the alderman's ability to honor the plan that the city developed calling for securing existing businesses in the planning. The map (Right) shows not only a displacement of existing businesses but residential units as well.

"The City has not sought enough input from the business community in the past," says Ron Carter, vice president of the 47SBA.

However, the Department of Planning is expected to attend the 47SBA regular on Friday, April 30, 8 am at Illinois Service Federal to reach out to the businesses in support of the plan and to include the existing businesses. This meeting is long overdue in building resident and business participation into the planning process.

Charles Bowen, Special Assistant to the Mayor began working with 47SBA following up on a letter sent more than two months ago to Mayor Richard Daley. 47SBA hope to address concerns have yet to be adequately address, including a statue of Quincy Jones on the west south corner of 47th and King Drive.

47SBA, alone with Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, Housing Commission has developed a survey seeking community input not only plans for 47th street redevelopment, but what can be used for the Mid-South area.



Assessing Chicago Banks' Small Business lending in lower-income Neighborhoods.

A new report available from the Woodstock Institute by Immergluck, Daniel, June, 1998. 23 pp. The study uses new CRA data to analyze lending by the 50 largest small business lenders in the Chicago area and ranks lenders by their tendency to lend to lower-income area and smaller firms in such areas.

City charges more Stores with Violations

The City's Grocery Store Inspection Task Force last month temporarily closed two stores and charged 16 others with multiple consumer, health and sanitation violations.

The Task Force is made up of the Department of Streets and Sanitation, Consumer Services and Buildings, and is coordinated by Consumer Services Commissioner Caroline Orzac Shoenberger.

Shoenberger said the business owners were charged with violations that included unsanitary conditions in stores, rodent or insect infestation, and offering for purchase unwholesome or outdated food.

Stores cited in the South Street Journal's circulation area were:

Ali Meat Market, 200 E. 69th St., charged with 14 violations that included allegedly offering for sale outdated foods, improper pest control, offering for sale unwholesome foods, unsanitary meat processing equipment, an unsanitary meat display case, unsanitary display coolers, unsanitary food preparation tables, improperly storing

food display trays, unsanitary floors in a walk-in cooler, failing to repair the hand wash sink; and one building code violation for having a barb wire fence in rear of the store.

Apex Amoco, 5101 S. Halsted St., was charged with five health violations that included allegedly failing to properly elevate food off of the floor, storing food items in the washroom, failing to enclose restroom facilities, unsanitary conditions in the washroom; and one sanitation violation for allegedly failing to have enough trash cans, rodent infestation, and failing to remove an accumulation of tires and debris.

City Closes More Illegal Auto Repair Shops

In March, the City closed 10 illegal auto repair shops. The City reports the shops posed environmental and safety threats. Often, alley-ways are clogged with cars in various states of repair. Also, abandoned cars and discarded auto parts are left in vacant lots, which then have to be cleaned at taxpayers' expense, Mayor Daley stressed.

Other hazards can include the illegal dumping of motor oil and gasoline in our sewer system and the public disturbances caused by the often early morning and late night working hours.

The City reported that in addition to those concerns, car owners who do business with illegal auto repair garages may not be receiving quality repair work for their money.

The illegal shops closed in March on the South side were located at: 7739 S. Halsted Ave, 3631 S. Indiana Ave., 5908 S State St. In addition to being closed, the owners were charged with operating without a license and doing business in violation

of the City's motor vehicle repair ordinance. If convicted, the owners could face fines of up to \$500 per violation.

Consumers with a complaint against an illegal

auto repair garage or those who would like a copy of the consumer fact sheet "Choosing a Motor Vehicle Repair Shop" should call (312) 744-9400.

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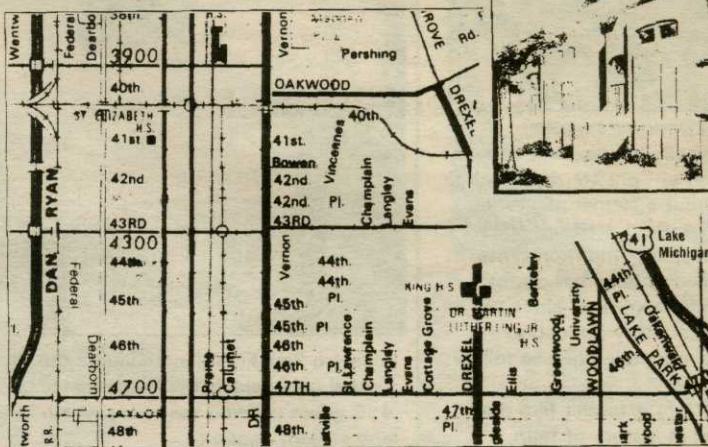
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Express building permits

by Sharon Sharron

Getting permits for major rehab and new construction projects requires architectural plans, a plotter survey and extreme patience. Owners and contractors are complaining and Building Commissioner Cheryl Thomas is concerned. Obtaining major rehab and construction project permits is a process with property owners standing in long lines for several hours and sometimes they have to return to City Hall another day to complete the process.

Mr. Leonard Tyler, a property owner for more than 40 years in the 4900 block of Indiana Avenue, began his rehab project about 6 months ago. His 1st contractor, Mr. Munson accompanied him to City Hall twice in an attempt to get a permit.

According to Mr. Tyler, "I spent two

days at City Hall. My signature was needed on papers". Very little was accomplished. Actually, the contractor can secure permits without the owner's signature. This means that the contractor can sign for and obtain permits. One reason contractors prefer owner's names on permits is to avoid any responsibility for problems which might develop later on.

Contractor should be glad they're not working in places like Paris. It's been said by residents of Paris, that permission must be given by the government to remove or change a screw in old buildings. Every architectural detail is of great value).

Major rehab work is done without required permits sometimes. If this brought to the attention of Building Inspectors, the work has to stop until fines and fees are paid and proper permits have been issued.

Neighbors report about neighbors for revenge because of altercations or due to envy. So just broadcasting about permits or the lacks of permits can pose a problem once the work on the property begins.

There is a new procedure called Easy Permit Process

(EPP) which has been implemented by the Department of Buildings and Zoning. Prior to December 15, 1997, Chicagoans who needed to make simple repairs, replacements, or do new garage or shed construction had to stand in the same line as people getting rehab or new building construction permits.

Now contractors and property owners can use EPP. Deck and porch replacement or repair, as well as plumbing or furnace replacement and fences between five and six feet high are also covered by the EPP. Fences less than five feet don't require a building permit. Even if your property requires major rehab, contractors probably can begin with EPP for the simple repairs and replacements, then continue the rehab work by getting other permits which don't come through EPP. It's worth inquiring about. There is a Permit Process Hotline (312) 744-3973.

There is another service which makes improving your home or single-family residence easier is free architectural plans which the City will provide. This is not available for apartment buildings or other larger structures. EPP projects don't require architectural plans.

Mayor Daley said, "This new program is a great time saver for any person obtaining a building permit in the City". For general information regarding permits, the number is (312) 744-3400.

who want to make major rehab changes to improve property or for new construction there are not any time savers. EPP is a welcomed procedure which seems relatively limited, since it is for repair and replacement projects of residential buildings with three or fewer dwelling units. EPP is not for any and every person obtaining a building permit in the City.

Mike, a building inspector, is optimistic about improvement of the permit process for major rehab projects. He talked about the transition to a new computer system. The architectural plans are electrically scanned. Mike has noticed within the past months the scanning has been working well.

To use EPP there must be no stop orders or violations on the property. According to the Department of Buildings, customers who qualified for EPP are immediately identified by Customer Service Reps in Room 800, City Hall, given an application with a yellow sticker on it and placed in an express line dedicated to EPP projects. This eliminates the need to stand in line behind people with large and more complex projects. Standing in line is only part of the problem. The worst experience is getting nothing accomplished after waiting in lines and leaving without a permit.



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Real Estate Transactions

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Community/Address	Rec'd Date	Price
Washington Park		
5318 - 20 S. Wabash Calven Walls to Belinda & Dorothy Wilson	2/18	45,000
5518 S. Indiana D & R Dev. Corp. to Mary Salaam	2/10	185,000
Grand Blvd.		
4746 S. Champlain Paul Walker Art's Investment Services, Inc.	2/10	35,000
56 E. 50th. St. Unit 14 Horton Financial, Inc. to Jarry Love	2/08	55,000
4733 S. Forrestville Samuel & Jessie Blissit to Ruby V. Townsel	2/09	152,000
60 E. 50th. St., Unit 24 Ivan Gray	2/05	70,000
5224 S. Indiana North Star Trust to Deborah D. Hayes	2/04	247,500
4922 - 26 S. Vincennes # 15 4922 - 26 S. Vincennes Building Corp. to G. Taylor	2/10	125,000
4815 - 17 S. Evans Del Norte, Inc. to Michael W. Bradley	2/10	70,000
52 E 50th. Unit 10 Horton Financial, Inc. to Arhur Aakon	2/10	55,000
4820 S. King Dr., Millennium Dev. Corp. to Janelley Parker		
4922 S. Vincennes, Unit 2 N 4922 - 26 Vincennes Building Corp. to J. Freeney	2/18	125,000
4922 S. Vincennes, Unit 3 S 4922 - 26 Vincennes Building Corp. to V. E. Hartley	2/11	125,000
Hyde Park		
5101-1 S. Ingleside, unit 5101-1, Mike fox to Stefanie Smith	2/24	51,420
5436 S. Kimbark Grace Wu to Viktor Westhelie	2/18	160,000
1400 E. 55th. Pl., Unit 504 S Kihei T. Otani to Evelyn V. Nelson	2/19	36,000
5139 S. Ellis, Unit 2, Allen Batteau & Susan R. Miller to Victoria J. Dooley		130,000
5300 S. Shore, Unit 205 Jagdip Raval & Vaishali Yajnik to Renate Schneider	2/08	58,500
1516-18 E. 65th. Pl. John D. Ryan to Terrance Robinson	2/05	47,000
1059 E. Hyde Park Blvd., Unit 3 Joseph Armento to Kenneth Jackson	2/08	90,000
1401 E. 55th. St. Unit 508-N Milldra Clay to Joseph & Cecilia Lee	2/04	54,000
5115 S. University Unit 2 Brian Bodie to Bob Bodie	2/19	158,000
5400 S. Hyde Blvd. EMC Mortgage Corp. to Trent & Tooshi Haywood	2/10	177,000
1401 E. 55th. St. # 804 N Dorothy & Felicia Swope to V. Prakash & A. Sharma	2/10	50,000
Woodlawn		
4149 S. Berkeley Robert Hall to Troy Peckert	2/04	138,000
541-545 E. 60th. St. # 3A&E John A. Beckett to Jacqueline Ward	2/05	114,000
6149 S. Champlain Kevin Williams to Yao Dinizulu	2/05	159,000
6126 S. St. Lawrence Lennie I. Sykes to Charles C. Sands	2/05	136,000
6127-33 S. Woodlawn, Unit J Jeff Stapleton	2/04	157,000
6651 S. Drexel St. Willis Kluzewski to Guillaume Baisette	2/04	80,000
6221-23 S. Kimbark John & Collean Fuller to Joseph Piazza	2/05	130,000
6452 S. Eberhart RSF Holding to Anthony Jimpe	2/18	36,000
6853-59 S. King Dr. & 400-18 E. 69th	2/22	120,000
6130-32 S. Ingleside, Andres E. Schocolnik & Catherine A. Connor,	2/23	32,500
6743 S. Langley, Viola B. Standford to Tyria Walton	3/2	85,000
432 E. 65th St. Arnetta C. Johnson to Nellie B. Young	3/3	50,000
Kenwood		
4841 S. Evans Ave. Maurice Ross to Mathew Ikumen	2/18	100,000
4800 S. Lake Shore, Unit 2404N,	2/22	65,000
4800 S. Chicago Beach Dr. Unit 704	2/22	180,000
4507 S. Lake park Dr., Unit 1-S, South lake park Ave. Redev., LLC to K. McNeal	3/2	156,081
4810 S. Langley, Rudy to Bell to Raymellia Ellis	3/3	679,000
4800 S. Chicago Beach Dr., Unit 801 Benjamin Millsap & Olukemi bunolung*	2/24	200,000
4554 S. Oakenwald, Unit 1 S Cole Taylor Bank to J. Umphiett & M.Redmond	2/18	128,000
947 E. Hyde Park Blvd., Unit G, RP Fox & Assoc. to Judith S. Lewis	2/24	39,000
5056 S. Woodlawn, Unit 3 William Madison to Michael Foote	2/05	240,000
Oakland		
3703 S. Ellis, Cindy I. Morris to Harry L. Bates	3/3	36,500
4058 S. Ellis, Unit 2-S, Urban Fishing Comm. Dev. Corp. to Michelle Hicks	3/3	150,000
Near South		
1826-J S. Mich. Ave. # 104, Sewing Machine Exchange Lofts to D. & J. Gruber	2/19	248,400
1844 S. Mich Ave., #103, Sewing Machine Exchange lofts, LLC to M. Higgins	2/25	124,400
1830 B S. Michigan Ave, Sewing Machine Exchange Lofts, LLC to J. B. Wood, Jr.	2/25	232,400
2023 S. Prairie Ave., Palos Bank to Prairie Properties, Inc. to *	2/18	360,000
Douglas		
2921 S. Michigan Ave., Unit 202, South Commons, LLC to Yolanda Patterson	2/25	66,135
2921 S. Michigan Ave., Unit 101, South Commons, LLC to Warren Taylor	2/18	87,000
2921 S. Michigan Ave., Unit 414, South Commons, LLC to Scott L. Martin	2/19	82,575
3533 S. Indiana, Greater Midwest Real Estate Group to *	2/24	70,000
601 E. 32nd St., Unit 1005, Lake Meadows II, LLC to Catalina Brown	3/2	95,400
2941 S. Michigan Ave., Unit 509, South Commons, LLC to Lester A. Inniss	2/22	74,175

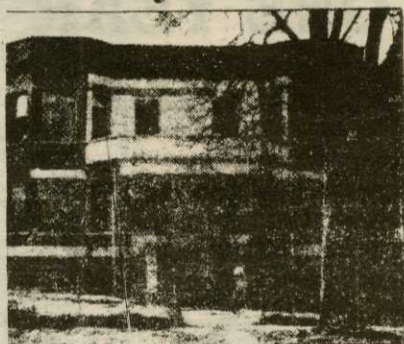
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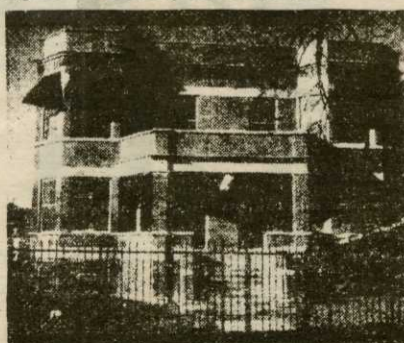
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of these youths are residents of Robert Taylor Homes, Stately Gardens Housing Development and Washington Park Scattered Site Housing. The anniversary marks 75 years of providing program services in recreation, social and education development, family life education, counseling, career development and teen leadership.

The list of youths who have benefited from EDYC is a long one. Many went on to successful careers into the arts, business, education and government. That list includes Comedian Redd Foxx, Musician Nat King Cole, Olympic Track Star Jesse Owens, Political Leader Ralph Metcalfe, Poet Gwendolyn Brooks, and writer Richard Wright. The original Harlem Globetrotters also got their start at the center. Examples of EDYC's present day successes are abundant;

Ramesha Goodall 15, is one of the young people whose talents have sparkled under the guidance of EDYC staff members, Ramesha's essay on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. recently took First Place Overall in a contest sponsored by Anheuser Busch Inc. An excerpt from her essay reads: If Dr. King could stand up to the Klansman, Bull Connor and his vicious dogs, then I can stand up to miseducation, gang violence and other forms of ignorance.

Another youth who was honored within the past year is Antjuan Clark, 15. He received the 1998 Youth Service Award from the Chicago Youth Centers for his commitment to volunteerism and the obstacles he has overcome. Antjuan volunteers 10 hours per week at EDYC. He also excels in math at Dunbar Vocational High School - all The EDYC Teen Council made its mark this winter by producing and performing "The Colored Museum" by George C. Wolfe. EDYC's history

City Announces \$40 Million in Housing Investments

Woodlawn Organization-project to Receive New Ownership and Rehab, Kenwood Revitalization Moves West to Cottage Grove

As the community around them changes, lower income residents of the Near South Side will be assured of improved, affordable housing as a result of the City of Chicago's 1999 Rental Housing Investment Program. Experience housing developer and manager Woodlawn Community Development Corporation has been awarded tax-exempt bonds yielding \$513,000 in housing tax credits and \$3,600,000 in financing to acquire and rehabilitate Prairie Courts on the 2600 block of South King Drive. When completed, the apartment complex will be known as South Park Plaza and provide affordable housing for 130 families. Built many years ago, the apartment complex is slated both for substantial physical rebuilding and new.

In addition, a new multi-million dollar housing development will help extend the revitalization of Kenwood westward as a result of the City of Chicago's 1999 Rental Housing Investment Program. The New Kenwood LLC, a partnership of housing developers Alison Davis, Tony Rezzo and Andrew Ditton, was awarded more than \$2,500,000 to leverage the additional state and city funding sources to create

goes back to 1924, when it opened as the South Side Boys Club. It weathered the depression years with help from board members like the late Elliott Donnelly, owner of R.R. Donnelly. The center was renamed in honor of Elliott Donnelly in 1959.

Many notable members, past and present, who have contributed positively

Cottage View Terrace at 4800 South Cottage Grove. When completed, the 97 unit development will provide needed affordable housing to seniors in high quality apartments while extending the improvement of housing that has swept Kenwood in the past 10 years ever further west.

The announcement of the Woodlawn and Kenwood Program award came as the city made public its 1999 investment in rental housing. The commitment of more than \$40 million in loans and tax credits was made by the Dept. of Housing, Commissioner Julia Stasch. Neighborhood-based senior housing, and experiments in creating mixed income housing for public housing eligible families are among the other 12 rental housing the City will invest in. Stasch stressed that housing represents one of the city's most productive investments.

The City will invest in 12 developments this year: five senior and seven family housing developments. The City will work with three supportive housing developments.

While the TIF funds are directly related to taxes collected in Chicago, the other financing tools are determined by action at the federal level. Stasch said that the City was working with cities and states, housing developers and advocates from across the nation to lobby for increases in both the Housing Credit, HOME funds and Tax Exempt bonding authority. None of these funding pools has been able to keep pace with inflation or need, and the Housing Credit has not been increased since 1986, thereby reducing its 'buying power' by more than 40%.

"Increasingly over the last years we to the development of our youth and families. This year's "Diamonds of Donnelly" honorees are Elliott Donnelly, Mary A. Booth, Eddie Jones, and John Davis Warner. For information on EDYC events or programs, call (773)268-3815.

have seen the City's housing investment do what many thought would never be possible: provide affordable housing while anchoring neighborhood redevelopment", said Grossman. "From Woodlawn to Kenwood to

Pilsen and Lawndale the story is the same.

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- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- g. Office Supplies
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- h. Music, C.D.'s and Presents
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- i. Greeting Cards and Presents
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

II. Where do you get the following services?

- a. Dry cleaning
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- b. Doctor/Dentists/Veterinarian
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- c. Video Rentals
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- d. Pet Supplies and Grooming
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- e. Coping and Printing
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- f. Hardware/Home Products
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- g. Florists/Specialty Items
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- h. Banking
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- i. Bill Payments
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- j. Catering, Household Help, Landscaping / Lawn Service
- Community area
 - City
 - Suburb

- III. What percentage of your earnings do you spend with community businesses?
- Less than 10%
 - 10% - 19%
 - 50% - or over

E. Do you think that community business will increase in size and diversity in the next decade?

- Yes No
- Size _____
- Diversity _____

Fa. Do you bank in the community?

Yes _____

No _____

F b. If not why the services of the black - owned financial institution to which you have access?

Yes _____

No _____

IV. What do you think?

- A. Do you think the community pays enough attention to business and other consumer concerns
- Yes No

- B. Do you think business issues should be a top priority for the community.
- Yes No

- C. Check the statement (s) you agree with:

- V. Tell us about yourself
- Number of children
- under 18
 - two
 - three
 - four or more

- Age
- Under 25
 - 25 to 29
 - 30 to 35
 - 36 to 45
 - 46 to 59
 - 60 and over

- Sex Male Female

- Marital Status
- Married
 - Single



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