

Tillman delays Mayor's CHA appointee

Recalling the past Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3rd), lead the hold up of one of Mayor Daley's 10 new board members of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA)

The appointees follows the May 27th agreement between the City and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to begin the process of transforming public housing in Chicago.

Ald Tillman charged appointee Andrew Mooney with being part of



Ald. Tillman



Andrew Mooney

the problem from the past when he was CHA chairman and executive director, from 1981 to 1983.

He was appointed by Mayor Jane Byrne to replace the controversial former Chair Charles Swibel.

The Mayor's press office commented that

Mooney's appointment will go before a public hearing to determine if the Mayor would bring Mooney back a full council vote or submit other name to the council.

Mooney, currently is the Senior Program Director of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), which help fund developments in the Mid-South communities and City Wide.

As the president of his own consulting firm for six years, Mooney specialized in urban economic development, housing and labor.

Secretary of HUD Andrew Cuomo stated in his October, 1998 speech here in Chicago, that Chicago was no longer on its troubled housing management list and that HUD no longer needed to personally managed the federal funded CHA.

Tillman did not make any comments to SSJ, however, her actions reflected the progressive position she had before Mayor Daley took office. However,

The major appointment of Daley was past the council was of former Robert Taylor resident Phillip Jackson, as Chief Executive Officer.

INSIDE



Media meeting with CHA's homeboy Phillip Jackson, "This is a personal challenge. I grew up in public housing. I know how isolated it can be. I

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The 2nd Great Fire was Black

Wednesday, July 14, 1999, marked the 125th anniversary of the 2nd Great Chicago Fire, known as the Black Fire.

The Committee to Preserve the History of Black Firefighters and Paramedics hosted it's Second Annual Celebration of the historical event at the Chicago Fire Academy, 548 West DeKoven.

The fire was of great magnitude, reported to have started at 4:30 pm, in the alley between 4th and Clark Street, near what is now Dearborn Homes. Nearly 1,000 buildings were leveled within a 3 block area from East to West, and 15 blocks from North to South; leaving 3,000 African Americans homeless.

The rich whites living east of State Street, and European Immigrants to the West, countless fires of suspicious origin forced Blacks to move south along State Street, to form the "Black Belt" on Chicago's south side.

Engine 21 was the only "Black" Fire Company in the city, located at 47th Elgridge Ct. (now 9th and Wabash).

In 1927, Blacks migrated from the South in large numbers and the members of Engine 21 were relocated into Engine 19's quarters, at 3444 S. Calumet Ave.

Under his leadership of Firefighter Kublai K. Muhammed Toure in 1994, he hosted a Cookout for Retiree's, at Engine 19s quarters. This experience moved him to look into some of the stories he heard about the

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City to decide Supreme Life building fate

Douglas - The city of Chicago last May, began administering and passing legislation to seize control and ownership of the Supreme Life building on 35th and King Drive. The central reason was to move the project forward.

Why should the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BMCTC) headed by Harold Lucas redevelop the Supreme Life Insurance Build-



presented a proposal to the City's Community Development Commission (CDC) for the city to acquire the property from BMCTC.

The Department of Planning with the support of Ald. Madeline Haithcock

ing? That question was the focus of a public hearing at the City Council Chambers, on Thursday, May 20, where the Chicago Department of Planning

requested the action by the city was because the project was taking to long, 18 months. In addition to be in concert with

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City hush, hush on 47th St. plan



SSJ Photo Armadell Hicks

Building the bridge of economic development of the 3rd and 4th ward. Residents and business owners gathered at 47th and for a press conference at St. Lawrence expressing concern over the city plans for 47th street. The City has back-off allowing full participation in Interment Domain plan for the city to buy 95% of 6 blocks of land. See map page 18, a section.

City policy- "will not meet without Aldermanic presence." on 47th King Dr. Plan

Grand Blvd. - Addressing a two year request to work with the Department of

Planning, Andy Norman, deputy commissioner told the 47th Street Business Association, "No City representative shall meet with 47SBA without an aldermanic representative present."

The decision was the result of Alderman Dorothy Tillman's (3) displeasures of Chuck Bowen, Executive Assistant to

Mayor Richard M. Daley, meeting with the association.

Prior to the city's position, there was no attempt of the city to work with the business association. said Armadell Hicks, a spokesperson and business owner.

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Marches against police brutality

continues on 63rd St.

by Jamie C. Nesbitt
Staff Writer

In the wake of the fatal shooting deaths of LaTanya Haggerty, 26 and Robert Russ 22, and just recently a killing of a youth in Harvey, Illinois, Chicago citizens will continue marches and demonstrations. The latest one will be from 64th and King Drive.

Many organizers hold the marches, meetings, demonstrations and hearings a result of Police Superintendent Terry Hiller recommendation to discipline four of the officers related to the Haggerty killing. In addition to police to have new training and procedures for pursuits, traffic stops and use of deadly force, and cameras place in police cars.

The slaying by Chicago police during a routine traffic stop, brings back memories of a day in 1995, when StreetWise vendor, Joseph Gould was gunned down by off-duty cop, Gregory Becker. Anthony Oliver, Director of StreetWise (Newspaper) organization provides employment for over 3,600 homeless men and women, was on the front line



WiseSSJ photo by Haroon Rajee

Marching against police brutality, scores of citizens and activists marched to Police Headquarters, at the recent killings of two African Americans. The two tragedies and other police brutality issues led to many hearing and action by all sectors of the City. The above march was held June 16, with the support of Rev. Al Sharpton of New York City. Rev. Paul Jakes, has been leading many actions and marches since the innocent of the case.

for justice for Joseph Gould. Perseverance paid off, the officer, Gregory Becker, was ultimately prosecuted for armed violence and ten counts of official misconduct and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

The march scheduled to begin at the El stop 63rd & King Dr. on Saturday July, 17th, noon. Organizers seeking justice as with the case of Becker will memorialize Haggerty at the site of her murder bringing flowers and march to District 8 Police HQ at 79th & Halsted, where the cops who killed her are still

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Maurice Haggerty, brother of slain traffic victim, LaTonya Haggerty, march with Anthony Oliver, Executive Director of StreetWise (pictured on the right) and over 1000 protesters against police brutality.

Student Achievements



From left of Right: Graduating class of 99 from Chicago Vocational Career Academy (CVCA) Classmate graduating from Architectural Drafting, Terrell Millsap, Teacher Mr. J. Rodriguez and Crystal Cox who graduated last year and Edmund Jefferson.

Jewel-Osco College Scholarship Funds

Oakland community eighth grader Ebony Sims (top photo) and Hyde Park's Vanessa Flowers both received a \$1,500 college scholarship from Jewel-Osco. They and 11 other eighth graders were selected as Jewel Scholars and will compete to earn two \$5,000 based on their academic performance, attendance, involvement and community service. During high school, Ebony, Vanessa and the other students will be connected with a Jewel-Osco mentor and receive after-school or summer internships. The \$25,000 scholarship fund will be awarded at the end of the students junior year of high school.



Meetings & Dates

July

The Prologue Players Children's summer theatre will be on going to July 27th, mine, masks, stage movement for students entering 5th - 9th grades, Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 3 pm, tuition: 4160; Theatre games from 10:30 -11:30, Tuition \$100, at the First Unitarian Church, 5650 S. Woodlawn Ave. Call (847) 681-0910.

make Chicago's neighborhoods better and safer. The program begins at 8:30 am with registration and continental breakfast, features a preliminary session at 9:30 am where the keynote address will by the mayor. Thereafter workshops will begin.

Monday 19

Persons involved in discrimination cases meet every Mon. at 6:30 pm at Rainbow/PUSH, 50th and Drexel.

Tuesday 20

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

Wednesday 21

Ald. Dorothy Tillman 3rd ward meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 4645 S. King Dr. 373-3228.

BOSS, (Bronze Organizing Strategy Sessions) Planning the agenda for 2000 meeting on issues of Public Housing being torn down, welfare is being eliminated, and many of our children are being taken from their biological families. At 6:00PM in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Center for Inner City Studies, 700 E. Oakwood Blvd. (773) 268-7500

Thursday, 15

The Chicago Panel on School Policy will discuss the status of Transition Centers at a breakfast briefing and round table discussion from 7:30 - 9:30 am, Sidley and Austin, one first national Plaza at Madison & Dearborn, 55th floor, conference room 6 north. The space for this event is limited. (312) 346-2202 fax (312) 704-5646.

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Friday 23,

Recipients of the 1999 Vanguard Awards will be conferred at the second annual Vanguard Awards luncheon, 11:30 am, in the Grand ballroom of the Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Ct. The Vanguard Award is given to individuals who have made outstanding efforts in making the law and the legal profession more accessible to and reflective of the community at large. Tickets are \$50. for reservations call Kathy McEnroe at 312/554-2057.

Friday 16

47th Street Business Association meets at Illinois Service Federal, 46th and King Drive, from 8:00 am to 9:30 pm.

Saturday 17

Ending six days, more than 1,600 cyclists will come together to pedal 500 miles in Twin Cities - Wisconsin - Chicago AIDS Ride 4, presented by Tanqueray, which began in Minneapolis on July 12. The goal to raise \$5 million for 17 AIDS service organizations in the Twin Cities, Wisconsin and Chicago. For info on how to ride, volunteer or donate call 800/825-1000 or 773/880-8812 or visit the website at <http://AIDSRIDE.org>.



Saturday 24

West Woodlawn Council of Black Clubs meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Parkway community House, 500 East 67th Street.

Sunday 25,

N'Cobra meeting at Washington park Field House, 55th and King Drive. meeting are held every 4th Sunday.

Mon. 26

Credit Workshops, the purpose; to manage your credit/money, to buying a house. The workshop start at 10:00 a.m. (until 1:00 p.m.) Sponsored by FaithCorp Fund a subsidiary of Partners In Community Development 2929 S. Wabash, Suite 200. 312-674-2337.

United American Progress Association's Million Dollar March. Meets every 4th Monday, 6:30 pm at 7606 S. Cottage Grove. call Webb Evans 773/268-1873.

(CAPS) Chicago Alternative Police Strategy Meetings in July

Beat	2nd District 5101 S. Wentworth 747-5109	21st 6:30 pm	700 E. Oakland Center/Inner City
213	21st	6:30 pm	700 E. Oakland Center/Inner City
221	15th	6:30 pm	4510 S. Michigan Urban League
222	20th	6:30 pm	4312 S. Cottage King Ctr.
223	19th	6:30 pm	4946 S. Vienneses McGee Temple
224	28th	6:30 pm	4801 S. Michigan Hall Library
234	27th	6:30 pm	5531 S. King Washington Park
Beat	3rd District 7040 S. Cottage Grove 747-7004	20th 7:00 pm	6105 S. Michigan St. Edmunds
311	20th	7:00 pm	6105 S. Michigan St. Edmunds
321	27th	7:00 pm	500 E. 67th St. Parkway Com. House
322	22th	7:00 pm	7059 S. So Shore Dr. S.S. Culture
333	21st	7:00 pm	2110 E. 72nd St. St. Philip Neri
334	14th	7:00 pm	7059 S. So Shore Dr. S.S. Culture
Beat	21st District 300 East 29th St. 747-2930	21st 7:00 pm	3300 S. Indiana Pilgrim Baptist Ch.
2112	21st	7:00 pm	3300 S. Indiana Pilgrim Baptist Ch.
2113	28th	6:30 pm	2701 S. Shields Ward School
2124	27th	7:00 pm	4731 S. Ellis Harvard School

SWORN IN

Young Authors Provide Motivation to DuSable High Students

Young authors, LeAlan Jones and Lloyd Newman, visit DuSable High School to provide motivational lectures to the predominantly CHA resident student body. Both young men penned the critically acclaimed book, Our America with co-author, David Isay about their experiences growing up in and around Chicago public housing. They are shown pictured with the Raise the Roof Readers of DuSable who have collectively read over 100 books in the past few months. Members of the reading club are being sworn in as active participants in the Vernon Jarrett initiative, Freedom Readers, which aims to get young students more involved in reading and oratory skills.



Englewood's Campaign to save the babies - An innovative twist is on the Horizon for the Englewood community. Nine (9) youth Development centers have open. Several community leaders in conjunction with 7th District Police Commander and the CAPS program have joined forces to address a Year Round Youth/Community involvement Initiative. Persons interested in taking advantage of the youth centers can call 224-1834,

State Senator Trotter to challenge Rush- At the Task Force for Black Political Empowerment, State Senator _Donne Trotter confirmed he will challenge Congressman Bobby Rush (I) in the year 2000. Todd charge that Rush has not delivered for the 2nd Congressional district. In addition Trotter said that Ill. Sen. Barack Obama may also run. As Todd stated that he did not having the backing of John Stroger, he did have the support of Mid-South aldermen and no clear direction if he will receive Mayor Daley support. Con. Rush was not available for comment. It has been rumored that Mayor Richard Daley will be after Rush seat.

Chicago Hailed for Welfare-to Work Program - The U.S. Department of Labor praised Illinois for its performance in moving people on public assistance to jobs in the private sector. Illinois had the highest number of welfare-to-work enrollments and placement in the country in the year-old program at placing clients who face significant employment barriers. The have enrolled 3,300 Temporary Assistance and placed over 1,300 people in jobs. No available count of the target population.

Aids Foundation of Chicago to awarded more than \$1.1 million in grants to local agencies

Grants supporting community-organizations specifically to serve African Americans and Latinos account for 50 percent of the funding. Other funding includes 61 percent to support a wide range of HIV/AIDS prevention education and high risk programs, of which 31% are targeted to support education/prevention programs for youth, and 14 percent supports projects targeting women and children affected by HIV/AIDS. For on agencies serving a certain aria call (312) 558-1770.

Vision House to address HIV-AIDS

Community leaders and legislators announce a \$4 million state grant to develop and construct a family care center for persons affected by HIV-AIDS, lead by State Sen. Margaret Smith. Vision House Family Care Center, to be located at 50th and Vincennes, will provide full day care and early childhood education, as well as mental health and case management services to low-income pre-school children impacted by HIV-AIDS. The Vision Hose Apartments, a residential for those affected, is located next door.

The UnZip

Myra Penney, who was a candidate in the 3rd ward, was elected president of the Harold Washington City College Student Government. She gave Ald. Tillman flowers and a hug at the Sister to Sister program, she overheard whispering, telling the Alderman she will run again in 2004. The word is Penney was invited to Tillman's "Who's Who House Party for the Roots Festival.... On the Alderman, it was expected that Tillman as VP of the City Council Black Caucus would become President. However, westside Ald. Walter Burnett told SSSJ, after past president Ald. Robert Shaw was elected to City treasurer, the Black Caucus just broke down. He said it was talk about putting it back together, but doubtful it would. "Does this mean they are "Free at Last" or there just are no Black issues for the Aldermen to address."

Comings and Goings—New President at Joyce Foundation, CPS teacher wins national honor, Paula DiPerna, a policy analyst and author, has been appointed president of the Joyce Foundation.

Clarence Wood, the president of the Human Relations Foundation of Chicago, was honored by Chicago Youth Centers for is dedication to improving civil and human rights in Chicago, especially in the South Shore community. ...Lula Ford, Assistant Superintendent, Dept. of Funded Programs for the Chicago Public Schools was among the honorees at the Northeastern Illinois University Alumni Day Celebration. Ford received her M.A. at Inner City Studies. Coming back on the writing scene is former SSSJ staffer Beverly Reed, as a writer for the Chicago Defender. the newspaper also has a potential new owner, from Detroit.

N'Cobra recently held their elections, stepping up the demand for Reparations for Blacks in America before the folks in War-torn-Kosovo, get their cites rebuild (reparations) after the U.S. finish bombing.

Morgan Carter with a coalition of clergy meet at Mt. Hope M.B. Church on 60th and Princeton to reverse the carnage of children being killed and brutalized throughout America, demanding a House Bill introduced to the U.S. Congress returning Prayer in public School. And what about the Ten Commandments in public schools?

American Friends Service Committee sponsored Twenty African American youths to tour New York, Maine and Washington D.C. get the chance of a lifetime by meeting with official from all over the world during the 1999 World View Study Tour.

Rev. Oscar Walden Jr., who spent 14 years in prison - "Innocent , has a new book out."The True Story of Rev. Oscar Walden Jr.

Dr. Cornelius Collins, advocacy director of the Chicago Urban League will be joining his former coordinator Jonathan Williams as he left the League two months ago. However, Williams left for reasons of a tight budget, Dr. Collins is retiring.

Cecila Butler have some ideas on who should be the next State Senator next year. And eyes and ears for State Rep. Howard Kenner... She also has some issues with the Chicago Park District planning for Jackson and Washington Park.....

Cong. Bobby Rush recently announced the appointment of Kimberly Parker, of Maryland to the position of Chief of Staff, taking the place of Rev. Stan Walkins.

NEWS

Is that one of the Palm Trees from where Gerri's Palm Tarven it use to be?



Mid-South postpones Election of Board Officers

Grand Blvd. - The Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC) board elections have postponed the election of their officers for the till August of this year.

According to the executive director, Thomas Worthy, it was due to a lack of a full slate, as determined by their advisory council. "The election will need to be rescheduled until more nominations have been received."

No nominations were received for the offices of Treasurer and Secretary. Only one eligible nomination was received for Chairman and two for the Vice Chair. Mid South Commission will continue to accept nominations

When set, at the Annual Meeting MSPDC will have their bi-annual election for the positions of Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair, Board Secretary and Board Treasurer. Candidates should include a resume, a demon-

strated year of current and consistent service to Mid South communities and explaining a level of commitment to redevelopment and human development in Bronzeville and plans for tenure on the Mid South Board

The Board of Mid South has asked the Mid South Advisory Board to perform the duties of the Nominating Committee for this election, and they have established the following general criteria for nomination to the Mid South Executive Board.

Each candidate must have a demonstrated year of current and consistent service to Mid South and show progressive experience in Community Development, Real Estate Development, Public Administration, Policy/Advocacy or Organizing.

Any questions regarding voting or nominations, call Executive Director Thomas Worthy at (773) 924-1330.

Residents seek 35th Street Police Station to be named,



Police Officers Pat Hill, president of the African American Police League join others in seeking to name the new Police Headquarters being build on 35th and Michigan in Officer Wilson name. In Memorial -- Police Officer Cornelius Wilson, Killed - May 1, 1919, was the first African American police officer killed in Chicago. For further information contact AAPL 773-373-0531. Others in memorial service for the late officer Cornelius Wilson, at 37th and State Street to commemorate the 80th year anniversary of his death. Wilson was thirty-five years old and had been a police officer for five years. On Thursday morning May 1, 1919, he was killed as he was walking to his residence, completing his tour of duty. It is reported he was approached by several young men who attempted to rob him at 37th and State street. Officer Wilson was shot after shouting "halt" to the offenders when accosted by them. Before falling to the ground mortally wounded, Officer Wilson managed to shoot one of the assailants, who was later found dead in a nearby alley with gunshot wounds to the stomach. Left to mourn Officer Wilson, were his wife and brother. He was buried in Campbellville, Kentucky. The Chicago Police Department did not return calls to SSJ on their position for the naming of the new headquarters.

For information on advertising call: 773/924-0461

Read Between the Lines

by: Eddie S. Read
A Review:
Congratulations to the released P.O.W.'s, Now lets release the P.O.P.'s.

Congratulations, Congratulations, Right on Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. and the Human Rights Delegation for their victorious mission to KOSOVO. As a Viet Nam era veteran, I know the challenges and the dangers that face military combat personnel. Prisoners of War (P.O.W.'s) is just one of many issues that have a devastating impact on military personnel and their families.

Don't let anyone downplay the value of the Humanitarian Mission by the Jackson Delegation, such a mission has far reaching implications in many circles of interest, not just humanitarian or military. Time will prove the effect the Jackson mission will have on operations and policy; whether the powers that be want to admit it or not. Rev. Jackson, we salute you for another job well done. Once again, I reaffirm my sincere appreciation for the courage and accomplishment of the Jackson Delegation. As the young people say "I ain't no player hater". So don't waste my time with the anti Jesse Jackson stuff. If I have problem with Jesse Jackson, I will continue to do what I normally do, call him up right after I complain to Mark Allen.



With that out of the way, let me move on to my real concern. We have apparently focused on the Prisoners of War (P.O.W.'s), now lets focus on the prisoners of Poverty (P.O.P.'s). Some twenty years ago, leadership launched a war on poverty campaign. Twenty years later, there are serious casualties from the failure to win the war on poverty or even fight it for that matter. Not only has the war on poverty not been successful, we now have Prisoners of Poverty (P.O.P.'s). The most noted P.O.P.'s are the children, particularly children of the homeless and those on the welfare rolls soon to be cut off. Here in the City of Chicago some say there are some passive similarities to KOSOVO. I agree with what some have called "ethnic cleansing Chicago style" Once again, put simply, what would you call the removal of housing that certain black people live in. There appears to be a concentrated effort to downsize the



black population in the City of Chicago before the 2000 census count. Naaah!!! There you go Eddie Read, just another conspiracy theory. Who would do such a thing? Why are you always picking on white people? Well you drive through the predominately black populated wards and look at the demolition of public housing multi-family

developments, the demolition of multi-family buildings and the large number of vacant lots together with the small amount of single family homes being developed. After you visit the black wards, go to the loop and the immediate surrounding areas and look at the vast amount of new building and rehabilitation of massive structures for multi-family housing. Now tell me what does it seem like to you. The ethnic cleansing in Chicago is subtle and is done under the cover of fair housing and economic development. It is far more difficult to detect. Many say that most blacks that are being moved from existing housing developments are pushed to the south suburbs or even Gary, Indiana.

I submit to you the City of Chicago does not want a large number of non-productive black folks living in it. The city appears to be making the transition from renters to home owners in its new build program. In the final analysis, many black people that remain in the city will need a higher standard of income and overall revenue to remain here. If that is not ethnic cleansing, what is? Chicago is not only implementing a program to further maintain its representation as a racist city. It is becoming more class protective than ever before, however, now there are some black people that have really bought in to and are populating the class system. After all, it would be to easy to point out a city with no more black people living in it. A main problem that we're are now going to face is the growing black elite, who's power and influence appears to be growing.

What elected official will go on the humanitarian mission in Chicago to free the prisoners of poverty (P.O.P.'s). Let's stop the ethnic cleansing in Chicago, free the Prisoners of Poverty (P.O.P.'s). Maybe you can tie a GREEN RIBBON around a tree, a light post or the wrought iron fence around the property next door that you can't visit. FREE THE PRISONERS OF POVERTY (P.O.P.'s) A luta continua

Eddie Read is International President of United Independent Workers International Union

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Police

employed.

On June 16, where a massive march took on the Chicago Police Department headquarters at 11th and State Street, led by the Revs. Paul Jakes of old St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Christopher Bullock, Rev. Al Sharpton and a host of other civil and community leaders, sought changes to avoid tragedies. Participants crossed ethnic, gender, and generation boundaries, coming out to stand against police brutality.

One participant in the march at Chicago Police headquarters, Robert Lucas, director of the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization feels the march was successful.

"It accomplished a few things. It served to wake up blacks and others that didn't march that there's a serious problem in Chicago that's affecting thousands of people. It also showed that some people aren't afraid to take a stand. And, most importantly, the march served as a training paradigm for young activists."

Like most people, Lucas feels that both officers should be indicted for the murders. He also believes that if the situations were reversed, the officers would have thought differently. "In Russ' case, the officer took an object and broke his driver side window, which had been tinted," Lucas continued. "What would the officer do if someone had broken his car window? Would he not try to disarm the person, who might be trying to take a life?"

As a former Sheriff's Deputy Court Officer, Oliver has long been concerned with the need for answers to the tragic problem of police brutality. Oliver strongly feels that the Chicago

Police and the city should do something to implement an improved system, strongly advocates the creation of an elected citizen review panel.

"It makes sense" Oliver says, "It brings objectivity and accountability into and would also give citizens a heightened sense of security."

On state and national levels, Prior to the deaths of Haggerty and Russ, Congressmen. Danny Davis (7) and Gregory Meeks (D-NY) presided over a historic national hearing called by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) to examine the rise of police brutality in minority communities. Where from New York City to Riverside, California community activists testified calling for U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to open a federal investigation into police brutality. The *Chicago Sun-Times* reported Rev. Jessie Jackson of Rainbow/PUSH has requested the same of Reno, which she did.

"What is happening African Americans and minorities today is reminiscent of the days of George Wallace, Bull Connor and Jim Crow," Rep. Davis said. "The actions of a few law officers has lead to increase tension between the police and the communities they serve."

Davis and the CBC will be holding another hearing on Saturday, July 31, to be held at Quinn Chapel AME Church, 2401 S. Wabash from 12 noon until 5 pm.

Oliver sees new and improved legislation as an important key in the fight against police brutality. Congressmen should be initiating new and stronger legislation. In addition, Oliver feels elected officials should be more proactive in dealing with community issues. As witnesses by his involvement in the Joseph Gould incident, Oliver says that elected officials "Need to be out there on the front line whenever citizens in their communities are up in arms about issues of police brutality."

Wallace "Gator" Bradley, community activist and founder of United In Peace, a non-profit organization, also participated in the march. Bradley feels that the Rev. Al Sharpton's visit has helped make police brutality "a national issue". He's currently in talks with "The Jerry Springer Show" and "The Oprah Winfrey Show" about possible segments on police brutality and prosecutorial misconduct.

Paris Thomas, of the Community Vanguard, who has demonstrated at the mayor's office for a week everyday charged the community to be consisted with pressure on the city.

Thomas said the problem is the whole racial structure of the police department. "There is about 2,300 black officers compare to 13,000 of the force. It is still racism that the two officers involved in the shooting are black. Black officers are condition that it is okay to harass the Black community. It do not happen in the white community as it does in ours."

"We wanted Police Superintendent Terry Hiller to resigned at first. Now we are not. Because this is not about Hillard. Only Mayor Daley can make real charges happen and State Atty. Richard Devine can prosecute."

Bradley said at a City Council hearing, spearheaded by Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3). "The community should target Devine, since he's the only one who has the power to prosecute. My concern, however, are the (white) officers who haven't been prosecuted for assault."

Bradley hopes that Mayor Daley won't respond by "handing the black community these two black officers while still not bringing the other (white) officers to justice."

"That would be an easy kill," he adds. "Black politicians and police officers aren't on the same level as white ones." However, Ald. William Beavers (7) has reported that the two officers will not go free saying the officers did not follow the rules.

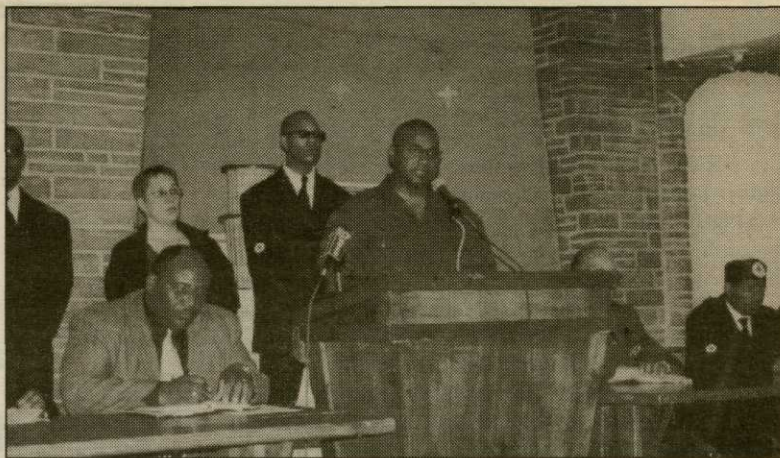
On the national level Rep. Danny Davis called on Congress to do three things: first, recognize that police misconduct is a problem and pass a resolution condemning acts of police brutal-

ity; second, pass the traffic Stop Statistics act of 1999 which will help track racial profiling; and, join with the CBC in holding field hearings in cities plagued by police misconduct.

Rep. Davis said that he may introduce legislation that would withhold federal grants from those police departments who fail to fully respect human rights.

In addition to Davis's actions Con. Bobby Rush has taken steps requesting the immediate funding and implementation of a national study that will accurately reflect incidents of police use of excessive force.

Rush committed to keeping this issue on the front burner of the national agenda, particularly, in light of the recent highly publicized reports of police misconduct.



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Paris Thomas a community organizer in Public Housing of Robert Taylor and representing the Community Vanguard (at mic.) and Rev. Paul Jakes (left seating) have been major organizers in marches and demonstrations addressing police issues. Another march is scheduled for Saturday July 17, 12 noon beginning at 63rd and King Drive with a host of endorsers.

INVITATION TO BID

MID-SOUTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The Mid-South Planning and Development Commission will receive bids for the Renovation of the Overton Hygienic Building at 3619-27 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois. This project is being funded by a grant administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA), State of Illinois. The scope of work includes the exterior renovation of the Overton Hygienic Building, including new roof, new wood & aluminum windows, new storefront, and masonry and terra cotta repairs, all in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$25.00 per set with Bauer Latoza Studio, 1006 South Michigan Avenue, 6th Floor, Chicago, Illinois, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A. M. to 5 P.M. The Contract Documents are available as of Wednesday, July 7, 1999 after 2:00 P.M. The amount deposited for each set of Contract Documents is not-refundable. A Pre-Bid meeting/walk-thru is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 1999 at 10:00AM, at the project site, Overton Hygienic Building, 3619-27 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Sealed bids are due and will be opened and read aloud on the 27th of July, at 4 P.M. at the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission at 4309 South King Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60653.

A certified check, bank draft, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission for not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid amount will be required for each bid.

The Mid-South Planning and Development Commission will require the successful bidder to furnish a performance and labor and material payment bond for the total contract amount of the project and insurance as required by the Contract Documents.

All wages paid by the Contractor and Subcontractor shall be in compliance with the Illinois prevailing wage rate act.

Bidders will also be required to comply with the applicable equal employment opportunity and sexual harassment Provisions.

The Owner encourages "minority" businesses to submit competitive bids on this project. The successful bidder is encouraged to use minority businesses for supplies, equipment, services and construction. A minimum of 10% of the contract amount shall be awarded to minority businesses.

No bids will be withdrawn without written consent of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission. The Mid-South Planning and Development Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding.

Rush Applauds Supreme Court Decision On Anti-Loitering Ordinance



U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush believes the Supreme Court made the right decision in June when they struck down the unconstitutional anti-loitering ordinance. This ordinance, recently resurrected by the Mayor Richard Daley administration after it was struck down by the Illinois Supreme Court, strips individuals of their rights to assemble and according to the ruling, "affords too much discretion to the police and too little notice to citizens who wish to use the public streets."

The campaign for the ordinance to pass, with the backing of thousands of signatures organized by private citizens of the CAPS program.

Rush squarely against the ordinance said. "No one wants to see gangs terrorize the citizens of Chicago. However, this ordinance, seeks to solve one problem by creating another. In addition, although proponents of the ordinance suggest the law prevents street gang activity in 45,000 arrests but very few of the those individual were charged.

The recent, highly questionable police shootings of two unarmed individuals, have raised suspicions and concerns among many citizens of Chicago. Instituting this ordinance would have only served to inflame the already volatile relationship that exists between Chicagoans and their police.

Girls Become Grantmakers

One of a Kind Grant Program Adds New Members

Chicago - Yonna Tyler and Whitney Turner South Side residents, are two new member selected to become girl grant makers. The program called Sisters Empowering Sisters (SES), is the first in the nation where girls give money to programs that are not only for girls, but by girls.

"As a young African - American female, I feel that empowering women is essential in today's society," Turner and the other SES members

will spend the next year preparing to distribute \$10,000 in grant money by researching and reviewing proposals for programs created by their peers from around the Chicagoland areas. The grants can fund a variety of programming including, but not limited to, sports, arts, leadership opportunities, community organizing, health and violence prevention.

Sisters Empowering Sisters was created by Girl's Best Friend (GBF) a foundation that gives over \$300,000 annually to girls' programming. SES reflects a growing trend towards programming that focus specifically on the unique needs for girls. Recent research shows girls benefit from pro-

grams and strategies that build on their unique strengths and encourage them to explore their futures.

The programs is significant not only because it provides funds that support girl - centered programming but also because it gives girls the power and authority to make decisions about their own lies.

Underlying Sister Empowering Sister and other activities of the Girl's Best Friend Foundation is the belief that girls have the potential to achieve anything they want, given the chance.

GBF is the first foundation in Illinois to focus exclusively on girls and young women. Formed in 1994, GBF is leading a national movement to support girls' unique needs and strengths. GBF and its 51 grantee partner:



Yonna Tyler is a new members of the Sisters Empowering Sisters (SES) program.

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* Support effort that organize for power and promote economic justice.

Whitney Turner, a South Side Resident, is one of six new members of Sisters Empowering Sisters (SES,) the first program in the nation where girls give money to programs designed for girls by girls. SES was created by Girl's Best Friend Foundation, a foundation that gives over \$ 300,000 annually to girls' programming.

Founder Of Matthew House Recipient Of Kraft Community Service Award



Derrick David Stinson, a lifelong resident of Chicago's South-side, is the 1999 Chicagoland Kraft Community service award recipient. His work as the Founder and Board President of Matthew House, a supportive services center.

Matthew House, located in Bronzeville, doors are open to the homeless everyday except Sundays, year round as a "hand up" operation. Supportive Service include two nutritious meal, counseling and referral for special problems, health and education services, GED, computer skills training, and job placement.

Mr. Stinson is a Treatment Plant Operator for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Cook County. He has lived in the Douglas / Grand Boulevard Community for over 40 years and a member of Progressive Community Center, the People Church. As an active member in the broader community, he was appointed by the Honorable Mayor Richard M. Daley to sit on the Blue Ribbon committee for Bronzeville Community Development. He serves as a Board Director for Faith Corporation and a member of the 126th Civil Engineering Squadron of the Illinois Air National Guard. He graduated from the Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy this past month.

Among other awards, Mr. Stinson received the 1995 Humanitarian Ser-

vice Medal and in 1988, he was selected Essence Awards in New York City on as one of the Outstanding Young Men April 30th. A special luncheon reception in Chicago at the Chicago Marriott Downtown will be given in honor of his award on June 10, 1999 at 11:30 am.

On behalf of Mr. Stinson, Matthew House will receive a \$5,000 grant. He and his wife, Sanja, attended the 1999

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TWO/WCDC gives away 300 fans to Wells' Seniors for "Operation Cool Off"

Douglas - Fans were distributed to nearly 300 shut-in senior citizens aged 60-97 years old in Ida B. Wells Development to help them cope with the summer heat and kick off the office opening of the Wells community cooling centers.

The Woodlawn Organization (TWO) and the Woodlawn Community Development Corporation (WCDC) distributed 300 box fans to shut-in senior citizens in the Ida B. Wells community as the kick off to their "Operation Cool Off" summer program in Friday 25th.

The give away marks the office opening of three cooling centers in the Wells community in an effort to provide relief to those residents most susceptible to heat related health concerns.

"We are taking proactive steps to ensure that our most risk residents, the senior citizens are taken care of during the summer heat," said Carol Mollison, president of WCDC. "We realize that those seniors who are shut-in may not physically be able to get to the cooling centers and the fans are a way of providing some relief to them."

The cooling center located at 710 E. 38th St., 511 E. Browning and 3831 S. King Drive are open between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Residents will be able to participate in a number of activities including playing cards, board games and watching movies.

TWO is a community based alliance of block clubs, churches, tenant councils, and other civic and institutional interests organized for the sole purpose of building a viable and healthy community, hence improving the lives of fits citizenry.

The Woodlawn Community Development Corporation serves as the real estate management and community

development arm of TWO. With over 25 years of expertise in managing low to moderate income housing. WCDC realizes that the residents of target specific housing developments may need more than just "a roof over their heads." In conjunction with TWO, WCDC provides a comprehensive array of supportive social services available to residents as it relates to their specific needs.

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Mid South residents taking it to the streets: for accountability



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Across section of community residents and leaders gathered on the corner of 47th and St. Lawrence Ave., wanting a change with citizens participation. They weren't looking for a story, they were looking for some leadership in action. For jobs, affordable housing and accountability on Malcolm X birthday, May 19th.

by *LaVerne Browne*

"I feel like a man who has been asleep somewhat and under someone else's control. I feel what I'm thinking and saying now is for myself. Before, it was for and by guidance of another, now I think with my own mind."

Those words by Malcolm X were echoed at a Street Town Meeting held at the corner of 47th and St. Lawrence Ave. to celebrate Malcolm X's birth, last May and to celebrate rebirth and rethinking in the Grand Boulevard neighborhoods.

The same words were heard again on July 2, at Fuller Park, on 45th and Princeton.

At New Approach Health Food Restaurant, 600 E. 47th, community members prepared to take their message to the street at 47th and St. Lawrence. Inside, it became clear the citizens of Grand Boulevard, and surrounding areas were tired of taking a back seat while others than community residents continue to buy into and buy away the communities.

From the corner of 47th and St. Lawrence Ave., residents came ready for a change. They were upset that developers, building a new condominium for the past eight months would not hire community tradesmen. There weren't looking for a story, they were looking for some leadership in action. For jobs, "If we don't work, no body work".

While most that were assembled at the restaurant prepared for an outdoor rally, Eddie Reed, community activist and President of the United Independent Workers International Union, made it clear that he would not be joining the outdoor celebration. He said he was tired of people pretending they are prepared for a cause they know nothing about.

"We have to become grounded philosophically and ideologically and recognize the white man as a perpetrator of genocide," Reed added, and then led the crowd in a childhood chant, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words may never hurt me."

Ron Carter, Editor of South Street Journal made it clear that when we went to the streets, we wanted to communicate with the people where we are and where we're going.

Commencing the outdoor celebration was the sounding of a horn as all were called to thinking. Concerned residents and community activists heard a host of concerns over a bull horn, from ministers to lay people of the streets.

One question raised was about preventing the sale of vacant lots to residents. The first speaker, Malachi Thompson responded, "We are in big trouble and it isn't getting bigger. We are ignorant because we just don't know. We have to fix up our community and take it back."

The only way they (non-African

Americans) can get away with it is that we do nothing."

Pat Hill, a representative of African American Police League of the Chicago Police and former aldermanic candidate (3), added, "The first thing we have to do is to protect the perimeters. Don't let anybody in. Our problem is," she said, "We let everybody come into our community that don't look like us. We have a tremendous



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Pat Hill, a Chicago Police officer and former aldermanic candidate (3), "the first thing we have to do is to protect the perimeters.....The guidelines and laws have not been followed.

lack of self-trust. "We trust white folks because their money appears greener and their water appears colder. But with black folks, it is the opposite."

The amount of lots on aldermanic hold have been accumulating since the 70's. Most of the buildings were either burned out or dilapidated, so the city tore them down."

During the Jane Byrne administration, alderman created the aldermanic hold. However, it isn't a policy. She continued, "We need to figure out how to change this policy. A lot of money has come into the community and there has been legislation on how it should be spent. The guidelines and laws have not been followed." Hill's solution is for the public to demonstrate a vote of no confidence. That, she believes, is one way for a public official to fail.

One participant told the story of a Hispanic hot dog stand owner. "A few days later, she was gone and some 'brothers' had replaced her. When I asked what happened, they replied, 'We low bought her.'

This is the same thing that should happen with some of these vacant lots like the one we stood on." He added,

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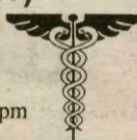
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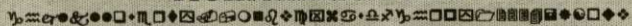
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Black Contractors



Both organizations, spearheaded by (L) Omar Johnson, the Workshop Coalition and Dr. Cornelius Collins, of the Chicago Urban League, came together to produce a detailed action outline, *Changing The Equation*, addressing Black contractors issues

Coalition momentarily locked up construction on the Stevenson Expressway. Their activity was short, focused, and apparently well-organized. Workshop Coalition founders Omar Johnson and Earl Williamson successfully placed public attention on the fact that African Americans were not getting their share of jobs in the Chicago construction industry.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Williamson brought the Workshop Coalition to the Chicago Urban League Thursday morning, June 24th to discuss that very problem. The meeting proved purposeful and inspiring. With professional in poise and purpose, Cornelius Collins, Urban

By *Etabu Larry Dunn*
AFGA NEWS SERVICE

Grand Blvd - Imagine going to a public works construction site such as the Stevenson Expressway, or a private site on the south side, to view the workers on the job. Imagine seeing, in a city that is nearly 50 percent African American, no African American workers. What city would this be?

In June a group called the Workshop

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Street Corner meetings

"If the Gap or Aldi's or Saks comes on this corner, the scenario is no different. The brothers on 47th can say, 'Wait a minute, I think I want that spot.' It isn't impossible", said the speaker.

The meeting political overtones continued to be an issue from the attendees. Responding to criticism and addressing public officials, former 3rd Ward Aldermanic candidate, Myra Penny responded, "I ran because I felt I was a viable candidate., I saw raggedy, dirty buildings and brothers standing on the street. I felt I could make a difference. She didn't believe she would win the race, but she feels that she's successfully raised the consciousness of the people.

The City of Chicago proposal to take over plans to redevelop the Supreme Life Center was addressed by Harold Lucas, the President and CEO of the Metropolitan Convention and Tourism Council (BMCTC). According to documents, this organization was awarded a \$100,000 EZ grant in 1996 to develop a feasibility study and a comprehensive business plan. To date, BMC&TC hasn't received acquisition

League retiring Director of Advocacy, brought dynamic years of leadership, experience, and research before the conference. A special sharp awareness ran around that conference table, sweeping all attendees into action.

Both organizations, the Workshop Coalition and the Chicago Urban League, came together to produce a detailed action outline, *Changing The Equation*, before an audience of African American contractors, devel-

funding from the EZ.

Lucas says, "EZ did not create (BMCTC). In 1929, in the middle of the depression, three black insurance companies merged and created the Supreme Life Insurance Company. They sold us policies when the white people wouldn't. They created one of the most prosperous business in the country that lasted till 1992. We later led a struggle to put the black metropolis district on the map. It is discrimination that is trying to keep us from building the economical substances we need."

Ms. Hill, reported that the issues east of the Dan Ryan are the same west of the Dan Ryan. "looking at developer's sites, and seeing non-Black workers; the thought of residents complaining, getting so damn tired of grown men standing around doing nothing.

"Development can be challenging, few would argue that. The process designed from the "Bottom up" has been re-designed to exclude those it is for nor protected by the law for citizens participation. Who will build it and reap the jobs? As men and women are being forced from their establishments in many ways.

Because of spiraling priorities of self satisfaction, and who controls the programs and its finances our street rallies will continue from all sides of the community."

opers, and union and government representatives. Efficiently setting pace and significance, Collins introduced speakers and methodologies that would form the conference into action committees.

Mr. Johnson, has the intense, muscled bearing of a pro linebacker. "We know that racism exists...there is about 10 billion dollars worth of construction work in this city. There are enough African American contractors. We are forced to take the front lines. There needs to be changes, there have to be."

He expressed the need for black contractors to "... come together collectively to become part of industry." Johnson asked among the conferees, "How many here are making \$24.65 an hour?" No hands were raised that could mark the prevailing union wage. He explained that if we looked around the

city we could see a lot of visible work, but that there was just as much nonpublic renovation taking place, as well as night work on the Dan Ryan and Stevenson expressways.

Johnson pointed out that the union halls were presently near empty, a great need for machine operators and electricians. But the underlined more pressing problems of the construction industry in Chicago is the racism of the unions."

Addressing Chicago Public Schools, that lets out \$50 million a month in construction contracts, Johnson said that CPS waives the majority of its construction projects from African American involvement.

"Fronts" and "Frauds" was of Mr. Williams topic. Conference participants immediately rang out chords of familiarly.

Fronts and Frauds belies a "be damned if you don't, be damned if you do" attitude. African Americans have no large bonding agencies, no immediate sources for the large funding that is required to "bond" construction bids. This point was well underscored by Eddie Forte, past official with the Black Contractor's Union who remarked, "How can a brother be worth \$10 million and he lives next door to you!"

The only functioning black developer who builds for Blacks and who is self-standing is Elzie Higgenbottom. (East Lake Management and Development)"

To reach that self-sufficiency while keeping focused at the same time would most benefit the black community. Those are two of the major challenges facing black entrepreneurs, de-

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Supreme Life Building

the Hope VI, fast developed in the area. Organizations from Bronzeville and citywide testified in support of BMCTC. Including Partners in Community Development, Mid South Planning and Development Commission, the Gap CDC, Community Workshop on Economic Development, Centers for Neighborhood Technical, Chicago Historical Society, and even the City's Dept. of Culture Affairs.

However, the Commission voted in favor of the Department of Planning with the insurance that the building will not be demolish, paving the way for the city to acquire the property at fair market rate and go forward with the development.

The city would use the same concept created by BMCTC, which calls for a Visitors Center as a catalyst for other commercial development.

Lucas said, "We wanted to create an international African American Heritage Tourism designation and visitors information center that had the potential to generate more than \$200 million a year in new revenues, which could create jobs, alleviate poverty and reinvent government."

Lucas has charged the city of engaging in a land grab by approving legislation to seize control of the old Supreme Life building. "The hearing was not about our mortgage-lender," Lucas said. "It was more about whether we have the capacity to do the project."

Cynthia Williams, a wealthy West Sider who loaned BMCTC \$150,000 to help purchase the site, testified she put up \$90,000 for delinquent taxes. She supported the city and the CDC's position to take over the project, upset that Lucas did not repay her.



SSJ Photo/Armaddell Hicks

One of the major spears heading the "Restoring Bronzeville" vision into reality, Harold Lucas, a long time community activist is continuing his mission to secure the Supreme Life building for African American Tourism; even as the city is legislatively taking procession of the building.

Lucas explained, "The funds to pay her should have come from the Chicago Empowerment Zone (EZ) funds, which delayed disbursing those funds to us."

Lucas stated that his organization participated in the design and strategic content create in the TIF, was the first to demonstrate a market for heritage tourism in the Bronzeville communities, and also help spearhead the Metropolitan Pier and Exhibition Authority sponsored the Martin Luther King Drive Walk of Fame monuments to African American leadership as a heritage tourism destination.

Lucas content that Black Metropolis has met or exceeded every established benchmark for completion to receive the \$100,000 first round EZ

grant and leverage EZ dollars with historic tax credits, bond financing and corporate and foundation grants.

Lucas, responding to questions by his fellow community activists as well about the delay of getting the project started, he said, "BMCTC should be given the resources just as the City will seek and receive the same funding to complete the project."

"If the City develops the Supreme Life Center Project, there would be no partnership, or ownership by residents, and the project would be 100% financed by tax dollars.

According to Lucas the city will use the same 5 dollars from the private sector for every dollar of EZ funding. BMCTC has generated over \$600,000 in private sector investment in the project.

Another hearing was heard on July 1, by the City Council's Housing and Real Estate Development Sub committee preparing to be heard and voted on before the full City Council.

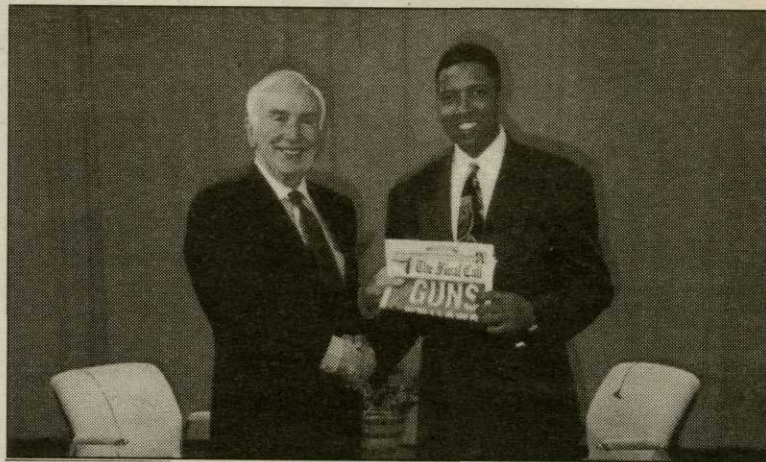
BMCTC is appealing to Vice President Al Gore and his National Empowerment Zone executive director, Alvin Brown to act on the project to be consistent with EZ basic principles: a bottom-up relationship between the government and communities.

The organization will also appeal to the National Black Caucus and file a complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development General Office, for a class Action suit to complete the acquisition.

Supreme Liberty, later known as Supreme Life) in 1929 was the merger of three Black companies....Supreme Life and Casualty of Columbus, Ohio; Liberty Life of Chicago; and Northeastern Life of Newark, New Jersey. The merger combined a joint business in force of \$27 million. This was one of the first major mergers in American business history, and it was at that time the biggest financial deal ever negotiated by all-Black business...--John Johnson. Seventy years after this historic merger, and six years after the corporation was liquidated, the Supreme Life Insurance Company is still the center of controversy.

Spiritual

"Obedience To GOD"



James Muhammad, Editor-In-Chief of the Nation Of Islam's Final Call weekly newspaper dedicated to the resurrection of the Black men and women of America and the world accentuated the positives of truth and integrity in journalism, moral values, disciplined education and obedience to GOD as he was guest on George O' Hare's special senior network Chicago Public Access cable 19 TV show on Mr. Muhammad told of his early Cincinnati, Ohio, Bowling Green University Schooling in journalism, his first assignment with the Cincinnati Call and Post, the largest Black-owned newspaper chain in Ohio-and his experience covering "The Police Beat" for Kentucky newspapers. When asked of his "Secrets To Success" for the young people of today, he said "Obedience To GOD, education, do unto others as you would have them do unto you, find somebody who can help you, and strive to learn from those you can learn from". Mr. Muhammad gave the details of the great educational opportunities for young people provided by the Nation of Islam's University of Islam for pre-schoolers through twelfth grade....He added that students, to enroll, need not be Muslim. For information call James Muhammad at 773 - 602 - 1230

The Preacher on 47th Street

SSJ Photo by Armaddell Hicks

"Preacher", of First Church of Deliverance, with broom and other essentials, quietly and observant sweeps down areas of 47th Street

The Coalition to Return Prayer Campaign

A coalition of clergy representing a broad cross section of faiths and denominations have formed a reverse the carnage of children being killed and brutalized throughout America. They are demanding to have a House Bill introduced to the U.S. Congress returning Prayer in public school. Over 10,000 petition signatures will be displayed as part of a drive to gather 10 million supported demanding that President William J. Clinton spearhead this initiative to eliminate the separation of Church and State. For information contact the Mt. Hope M.B Church 6034 S. Princeton or Morgan Carter at (312)400-3873, 24hours.

St. Elizabeth Church will serve as fiscal agent for School of Film Youth Leadership Program and on Wednesday Afternoons throughout the month of July. There will be a three hour film project at 4058 S. Michigan



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On Killings, Countering Hatred

"As we pause to pay tribute to Ricky Byrdsong today, and as we remeber the other shooting victims in our community, downstate and in Indiana, let us also remember Jesus Christ's inspiration to his followers, when he said, I give you but one command: That you love one another." Let us resolve in our sorrow to replace hatred with love, to replace divison with unity and to love one another."

Cook County Board President
John Stroger



ministries.

Q. How are you helping the members and others as the pastor Chicago Uptown Ministries who serves the homeless?

A. I counsel people who are addicted to drugs and alcohol and also serves food in the pantry, go to Advocate court, help people who are on Public Aid also people who have Social Security problems, Chicago Public School Crisis Intervention Specialist Counselor. Court Advocate at World Crisis Intervention, I also speak at Einstein Elementary school about drugs and alcohol. He also helped the kids deal with the death of James Camp a former Chicago Policeman who was murdered. The students wrote his wife letters to continue having Pastor Johnson love and hope for them in their hour of need.

Q. What are your word of encouragement?

A. Getting back to basics, put God first family second; everybody else third, and you last. Treat everybody the way God wants you to, and God will automatically take care of you. Your first should become your last.

Haile's Heart column is about people recognize for their great work and accomplishments they have done for human well-being also the community.

If you feel there's someone who should be recognized for greatness write or call or fax some information we'll be more happy to hear about it.

**by Haile's Heart
Interview with
Pastor Milton
Johnson**

Pastor Milton Johnson
Bread of Life Ministries
4720 N. Sheridan Chicago, Illinois
He's a professional musician also a songwriter at Miltson Record & Production who has new contemporary gospel cassette disk. That has guest artist also inspirational music.

What made you become a pastor?

A. The pull and tug of God, my grandma also encourage me. Family and friends suggested it. Since I was a child I always thought I would be a pastor.

Pastor Johnson has been a pastor for six years.

Q. How has it benefitted you.

A. I share in other people joys, as well as their sorrows. It also gives me a way to serve God, I watched how my life has changed, also his friends lives.

Q. What were the difficult points in your life?

A. I got married early, at 18 and I had a child. It was very difficult for me. I had to get established. I didn't graduate from high school but was and still am a musician at this time.

Pastor Johnson traveled on the road with Emotions, Earth, Wind and Fire, and the Commodores.

It was difficult for me to leave the road to go back to school. I was working five part-time jobs; working at a record store, teaching music at a elementary school as well as an after school student myself, I was also on the Facility at Chicago State University and selling life insurance.

Q. How did you turn your life around?

A. My wife prayed me into church, and my life change before my eyes. The first time it was embarrassing. I was drinking and it was obvious I was. But the members encourage me. I enjoyed the sermon; I also saw the value of the word of God. I am really grateful for Pastor James Cord a phenomenal creature, who brought me into the

**Douglas Teacher
& Pastor Named
Sam's Club
Teacher of the
Year**



Douglas - John Brazeal, a teacher at Christ The King Lutheran, located at 37th and Lake Park is putting on a happy face- but not because summer break is around the corner. Brazeal was named the SAM'S Club Teacher of the Year by the partners from the Sam's Club Store in Cicero, IL, in appreciation for excellence in education.

Brazeal's "happy face" is a special Teacher of the Year rendition of the familiar red Sam's Club vest, which the Sam's Club partners presented to the outstanding teacher in addition to a \$500 education grant for Christ The King Lutheran.

Brazeal was one of more than 2,500 teachers from around the country who were selected to receive the 1999 award. The winners received a total of more than \$1.25 million grants from their schools or school districts.

"Teachers have one of the most challenging and critical jobs in our country," said David Glass, president and chief executive officer of Wal-Mart / Sam's Club Teacher of the Year Award program.

"This is our associates' way of letting teachers know how much we appreciate their contributions to the education of our youth, which in turn contributes to the vitality of our communities."

The Wal-Mart / SAM'S Club Teacher of the Year Award is one of three Sam Walton Community Leader Awards. The Sam Walton Business Leader Award recognizes local business leaders who demonstrate a commitment to customer service, respect for employees and services to the community. A \$500 Wal-Mart economic development grant is awarded to each winner's Chamber of Commerce in his or her name. The American Home-town Leadership Award.

**BIOGRAPHY of
Rev. John W.
Brazeal Jr.**

was ordained as pastor of Christ the King in 1994. Rev. Brazeal is the Director of OK SHARE, a non-for profit development Corporation established to improve housing stock of the Oakland Community, to build new homes and education for better job skills. He is the representative for the Northern Illinois District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod on the Chicago Metro Nehemiah Plan.

He is responsible for Christ the King Lutheran Church becoming Community Partner with the Illinois Department of Human Services, Cook County, Pershing Road. As a community Partner, the church assists clients to move from welfare to work. In addition to funding a day care program run by the church, under the direction of Rev. Brazeal, a food pantry was begun at the church ten years ago. Clothing, furniture and household items are also donated to those in need.

Wal-Mart and SAM'S Club support dozens of initiatives to increase educational opportunities for students, teachers and associates, including scholarships, internships, school-to-career programs, work-based education programs, support for the United Negro College Fund and other educational programs.

**Women In
Evangelism III
AD 2000
North America
Women's Track**

More than 2,000 women from the United States and Canada are expected to gather for the Women in Evangelism III National Conference, July 23 - 25, 1999, at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

The conference is sponsor by AD2000/Christian Women United, a network of women organized by Evelyn Christenson and Kathryn Grant. The network has two major goals: 1. To train and equip women to understand the priority of prayer and evangelism, and 2. To mobilize women to pray and share the gospel of Jesus in a culturally relevant manner.

Mission America, founded by Billy Graham, works with all denominations and para-church groups to reach every man, woman and child in North America with the good news of Jesus. Women in Evangelism III is designed to be a multi-racial and cultural conference.

One of the highlights of the conference will be a special Block Party on Saturday, July 24, which will allow some of participants to share the love of Jesus in the inner city of Chicago.

Registration for this conference ranges from \$90 (without campus housing) to \$165 (for 3 nights housing and meals). For information, contact Sandra Thomas: 77-371-2344

**Bank targets Churches for
\$20 million in loans**

the fastest growing institutions in African-American community

South Shore Bank announced plans to originate more than \$20 million in loans in 1999 for churches and their congregations. The announcement was made to more than 100 African-American preachers at the bank's annual "Preachers' Night Out" last May. Since 1996, South Shore Bank's Church program has generated \$20 million in loans for what the bank calls previously ignored and under-served market.

South Shore Bank says it plans to loan more than \$20 million to churches to build centers, day care facilities, rehab church buildings, and finance new construction. One church, Progressive Missionary Baptist Church received a loan of \$1.2 million to accommodate its growing congregations.

Testifying that that loans are measured in more than dollar and cents, Clyde White, co-pastor at Trinity United Church and President of the Bank's Chatham Banking center. "The Church Program is integral to South Shore Bank's mission. It enables the bank to reach out to people who have never connected with financial institutions before or seen the value of a banks' products and services."

Under White's leadership the Church Program was conceived when South Shore Bank recognized that churches were among the fastest

growing community-centered institutions in African-American neighborhoods. He saw the need for financial institutions to connect with churches in areas where they undertook community development projects, in order to reach the families who would traditionally not approach banks for their financial needs. The bank saw churches as viable partners in community investment and recognized the value of the Church Program as a part of its mission to increase opportunities in underinvested communities.

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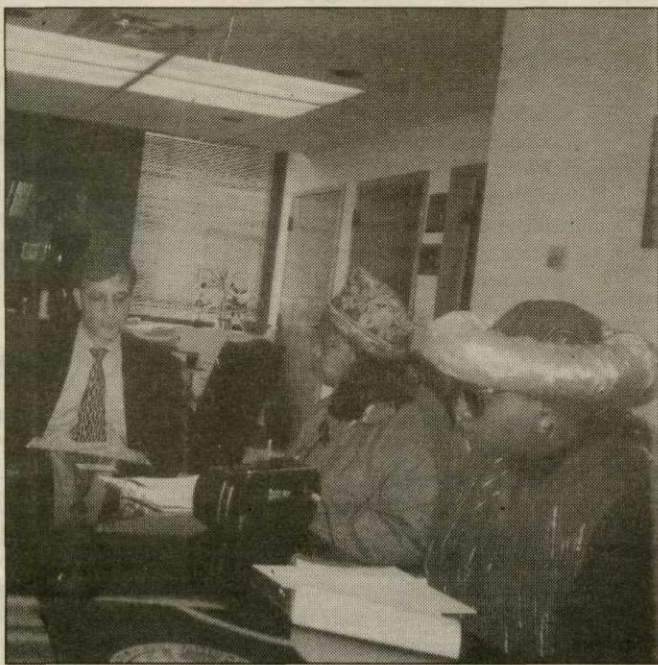
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A Conversation/Interview with Mr. Joseph Shuldiner by Beauty Turner with Queen Sister

Beauty Turner, is a free lance writer, community activist, poet, host for a show called Know Your Community. and a resident Robert Taylor Homes - An interview on April 8, 1999 with Executive Director Mr. Joseph Shuldiner of C.H.A., concerning issues of residents and tenants - such as the Relocation plans, the House Bills 2042, and 2103 that is effecting residents with the one strike rules, and with Section 8 voucher and certificates - Included in this Interview is a political activist Queen Sister.



Beauty: "Joe could you tell our readers a little bit about yourself?"

A: "Basically I'm a good fellow! Basically my public background, I started as a Attorney in New York city, suing Landlords that wasn't maintaining their building." I became head of Stocks and management in New York City Housing Department - Then I became Executive Director of CHA, for the whole country!"

Beauty: "So what is your job description? "Exactly what do you do here?"

A: "Basically I'm responsible for the chief operation of the office here, the day to day operations set by the board."

Beauty: "Do you know what the House bills are?" Queen Sister could you please state what then House Bills are?"

Queen Sister: "Blessing," its a honor to be blessed with your present. We are the Village People Organization are dealing with the Robert Taylor Village issues - and the Bills states - (Simplified) "If a person is conducted with a felony and are being released from jail the leaseholder in C.H.A lets a love one back into their home stands a chances of being evicted from C.H.A Property!"

House Bill 2103 - a verbal confrontation or threat can also get you evicted, is that true Mr. Joseph Shuldiner?"

Beauty: "Thank you very much Queen sister! "We would like to know Joe, "What do you feel about these Bills?"

A: "These are Bills that we supported, we are faced with situations about people that are being released from jail and are returning back to C.H.A. areas, we are asking that we be notified about it, "because it might jeopardizes the other tenants."

Beauty: "Don't you feel that the people that's being released have already served their time, and don't you think that if those people came back to C.H. A., it shouldn't effect the leaseholders rent or their ability to stay there?"

A: "It depends, what if the person is a sex offender, or have committed a crime on a child!".....And as for the rent, it's base on your income, if a person have no income it stays the same, but if a person comes into your home, then it must be reported and documented."

Beauty: "As you well know that some of the residents and tenants have vital issues concerning the relocation plans and the section 8 program that being impalements, "Could you tell us about those plans?"

A: "First of all let me tell you the background." In December 1999 congress passed a law, 300 unit or more had to undergo a viability test-basically Robert Taylor failed that test!"

"It will be more expensive to upgrade those building then it will be to give everyone Section 8, under the law we are obligated to close all of these building!"

Beauty: "Do you have enough adequate housing for all those people?"

A: "I don't know, This is why we are having a mark study on it."

Beauty: "What about the HR3579 Bill the defending of Section 8?"

A: "I don't know what you talking about?"

Beauty: "What do you mean there a misunderstanding?"

A: "Oh you mean they didn't renew project base Section 8, but that has nothing to do with

Section 8 for C.H.A. - Congress has issued new Section 8.

Section 8 is more likely to last longer then public housing!"

Beauty: "Do you think the relocation plan is working?"

A: "I think that we have gone to building and ask people what was their desire, what was their housing choice?"

And so far a large respond wanted Section 8.

Beauty: "How many people hae been successful?"

A: So far about 80 percent, but that's not their only options - we asked them, the people, if they wanted to stay, they may go to other units, but we don't know how long that's going to last!"

Beauty: "It was a big problem concerning heating in C.H.A. Robert Taylor Homes, back in January. Could you tell my readers how did you feel about that?"

A: "I think because of things like that is why Congress takes the position it does, the fact of the matter is the way the buildings are, the cost of maintaining them are very hard, then what do you get back?"

When Robert Taylor was build, it had a central heating problem, it had open valves that made it optional to vandalism!"

Beauty: "What is your visions concerning C.H.A. 10 years from the day?"

A: "I think the main thing would be that we have more housing opportunity for families in communities in housing that they would like to live in. "I think that too much of our housing people live in is because they don't really have a choice."

The key is to have housing available that people choose when they have children.

Beauty: "Do you think the resident management can work?"

A: "I think it can work and so could our management."

I never wanted to be a resident management, where I pay rent. I think that I'm entitled to certain privileges as a renter. "Why would anyone want that?"

Beauty: "Don't you think that that would be a step up the ladder for the residents?"

"I do!"

"Do you think the resident should call a Congressional hearing?"

A: "For what?"

Beauty: Concerning the living conditions in C.H.A.!"

A: "Remember who's in Congress the Republicans!"

"I feel that the residents have the right to call whenever they need to, but just remember who you are dealing with people who never lived in C.H.A. Homes!"

Beauty: (Comment) "You have heard from the Politician, the Developers, and the well to doers, and now you have heard from the Executive Director of C.H. A. Mr. Joseph Shuldiner, the next voices that you will hear is from the ones that it is effecting the most, and that is the Resident and Tenants of Chicago Housing Authority Development!" And then you will be the judge, are these things being done for our benefit or for their own selfish greed?"

"You be the judge!" Next issue: Residents and Tenants of Robert Taylor speak out!

Meet the Community Press with Phillip Jackson by Ron Carter



SSJ/Armadel Hicks

Phillip Jackson, formerly Chief of Staff of the Chicago Public Schools and former resident of Robert Taylor Homes meet with community base editors and publishers on his goals and directions as Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Housing Authority.

(Continued from page 1)

know the feeling of being trapped. but I also know how to survive, and I'm ready to hit the ground running."

Phillip Jackson, new CEO-designee for the Chicago Housing Authority. Can we say enough about his accomplishments? If he had his way, we would say very little. He is an extremely private person and his work IS Phillip Jackson. "What you see is what you get." However, we can boast of his accomplishments and the quality of the man, worthy of all the honors we pile upon him; he is ours.

During a conversation with Mr. Jackson, I told him I wanted to write about the star, before and behind The Black Star Project, "The man." He started to say something and I had the feeling that his remarks would definitely not be flattering to himself. Quite to the contrary. Let us just leave my assumption where it was left.....

Would you believe that Phillip Jackson could be reciprocally related the "Over Forty" column? He is quite precocious.

Journalism could never do justice to this vibrant spirit of a man who will build bridges to cover many gaps within our Chicago community, unilaterally, contagious. Congratulations, Phillip Jackson, and God-Speed.

By Bobbie Warren

Jackson is moving head on with the press as CHA's new CEO - He was joined at Ida B. Wells on 37th King Drive, with Ald. Toni Preckwinkle, Sandra Young, Ida B. Wells Local Advisory Council President; and approximately 50 CHA youth at a press conference to announce summer jobs for CHA youth. Approximately 50 youths began summer landscaping jobs on site. Other press conference was on July 15th. He and Stacy Braack, Procurement Consultant announce plans to streamline CHA finance and procurement procedures;

Jackson has echoed his administration as his new Team of CHA for an editorial meeting with the community press. As Jackson introduced his staff, he indicated that he is not the solution, but will be working development by development, apartment by apartment.

Jackson, a former residents of Robert Taylor and student of DuSable High, (the same as this reporter) brief Q&A is focus on our former home for the most part.

Lasa newspaper reporter: What is the status of the building of Cabrini Green where the residents are proposing to buy the building.

Jackson: "Right now we are evaluating everything." Jackson went on to address jobs for the residents.

James Muhammad, Final Call: CHA has had a bad rap, pushing people out to build large upper income housing. How do you address this concern in balancing the community development?

Jackson: This is a constant question...I am not going to speak for every resident. People should be part of the overall development to the community...Some people want different things. We are not just about tearing down buildings. The federal government wants them down. We are going to give the people options. Rather it is market rate housing or public housing.

CHA: Mr. Muhammad, we are taking a look at many areas. We want to make sure the residents are the beneficial of the city bloom. We look at the whole community in CHA decisions. Public housing is incorporate with the board base of the community. We

are not in the business of building P.H., we are about rebuilding communities. To the interest of the community, the residents, and the interest of the City.

R. Carter: Looking at a map of the city. Where are the former residents of CHA? Let look at the Bronzeville area, condos and \$250,000 prices for a home do not meet a great number of public housing residents. With the decrease of public housing tenant population city-wide, how can we see residents on this map based on what was promise to them. In this case for residents of Robert Taylor to return to an area that is now targeted for an Industry Park? The same concern is for 63rd street where two 16 story building have been demolish. Where are those residents living?

So public housing population is going down. Fewer residents. Less problems to report. Less of a budget.

Jackson: First of all I do not know about an Industry Park for 53rd Street. But that's okay.

R. Carter: No. It's not okay. Do any one know?

Jackson: Lets get the question right. Based on promises we made, where are we? I don't know where. I was informed we do not have that information. We are a recordless organization.

We should, but we will in the future. Mr. Carter, the most important question tot ask is are they living successfully. I can not speak before June 1, but we will make sure residents are part of the process....Every development is going to have a strategic plan.

Carter: Does this mean that any thing before June 1, you and your administration will not be accountable for agreements made to the residents.

Jackson: No. That that do not mean that. You are asking me to be accountability to residents that I do not know where there are. We have no tracking information.

Carter: There is an increase in the homeless. What is the percentage of residents? Most of those people come from public housing. Where are the numbers, and accounting for the agreements made with the residents?

Jackson: I am going to be accounting from June 1st going forward. That's what we are going to be accounted for. **CHA:** Do you have some information you can share with us Mr. Carter? Do you have a copy of the contract or information on this.

Carter: The HOPE VI project. The buildings are 5322, 5326 State and 5326 S. Federal.

CHA: The Hope VI agreement do not include an agreement that was signed with the residents.

Carter: Well they were staffed again. I was at the meeting when they were being worked out two years ago.

CHA: It is not our goal to disavow any agreements made to residents. We all have the same goal as you do, Mr. Carter. We will address your

Carter: Pardon me. But I am looking for hard core date on what has happen to the residents that lived in public housing. The Welfare to Work program are reporting more people without addresses. Records indicate many come from public housing. There is a vast decrease of tenants of public housing. Where are they? Are they homeless? on Section 8? or they are two to three families an apartment? You are receiving funds for tenant placement services. Account for the unit of people that you have displace from public housing.

CHA: We will follow up with you Mr. Carter. We will work to get you what you are asking for.

Morgan Carter, the Communicator: I have bit of a word of advise. When you come to a press conference with my name sake, you should seat to his left.

You mention about you wanted to have job readiness for employment of the residents. I would like to see a list of the persons who are ready for entrepreneurship

Editorial

The Taste of Police admitting it, the code of silence.

Response today as

then and throughout SSJ on police matters; the Racism and the code of silence is harmful to the public..

Numerous times the government has been told of incidents, by reports and studies. They are overlooked and put in the back and no proven files.

Since the city refuse to admit racism, admit there are innocent people in jail.



Ron Carter Publisher & Editor

Since nothing can be done about racism now; The Next Step, is to review cases of many innocent people in jail or who have served in jail. The other form of police brutality is police lying on the witness stand. It has happen to many. The prosecutors, the judge and everyone in the court knowing it. Free those that are in jail due to police misconduct.

Next, address the drug problem. The fact of the matter is that the police will always have a licence for harassing youth and people in general as long as the drug problem remains. Continuously reports point that drugs are killing many communities and families.

What police superintendent Terry Hilary is taking are noble steps. But the Superintendent has not admitted that the Chicago Police is a racist institution. And that drugs are the root of crime and is an illness of social and economic dependence.

Get rid of the drugs or legalize them. Heal those that are in need and can be. Then police can not hide behind harassing people look like drug dealers. Then racism in the police department can not be hidden and some kind of control can surface. Ofc. Williams can not use the excuse of "being tried of all your sh..."

This publisher was arrested and detained by the 2nd district police station, charged with disobeying an officer due to a traffic violation (no proof of insurance) on Wednesday June 29, 1994 at midnight.

The incident occurred on 47th and King Drive in front of Alderman Dorothy Tillman's office. No less than 15 police cars came on the scene in seconds to assist one police officer.

While I was handcuffed, one officer grabbed me from behind, hit me three times in the back of my head, as about 20 or more police watched. As he hit me, he stated "I'm tried of you all sh—" and threw me against the wall.

As the police officers struggled me to the ground, I felt it was me against them and all I could think of was, how am I going to protect myself? I actually understood why Rodney King would not stay still on the ground and wanted to get up. I also realized how much strength one can muster against the odds, in order to handle more than one offender. The following letter was forwarded from an officer on the scene.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I'm writing this letter to apologize for the way you were, struck by one of my fellow officers. Hopefully you want let this reflect on the entire 2nd district. Unfortunately I'm not able to disclose my identity due to the possibility of retaliation from my peers.

I read your article in the South Street Journal (July 21 - Aug. 3, 1994). The officer that struck you Al Williams has a history of mistreating citizens of the 2nd district. You're not the first person to be struck by the officer and unfortunately you won't be the last. Ofc. Williams has been transferred to unit #715 that handles Chicago Housing Authority complexes (CHA). This has nothing to do with your case but was a voluntary move on Ofc. Williams part. I'm afraid that the residents will be sub-

jective to being struck, cursed, mentally and physically abused, by the officer. Ofc. Williams has a dislike for these residents and it shows.

Hopefully this letter will correct the problem or at the very least bring it to the open. Ofc. Williams is someone that his fellow officers refuse to work with, because of his attitude towards the citizens. Supervisors are aware of this but do nothing. Around the station their betting how long Ofc. Williams will work housing before they kick him out and send him back to the 2nd District. That how much his fellow officers think of him.

Its ironic that Ofc. Williams has to submit a witness statement regarding the CR number you obtained on Vanessa Muhammad considering he's the one who struck you. No one will openly admit to it on paper.

Ofc. Williams and Ofc. Muhammad had some words over the incident. Ofc. Williams accessed Ofc. Muhammad of breaking the code of silence by telling Sgt. Chaffee that he had struck you. But these officers, people refuse to work with. As long as Ofc. Muhammad brings in tickets and continues to be little people as she works the traffic car. For Ofc Williams, there's no hope after 5 1/2 years.

The bottom line to the letter is everyone must be treated fairly regardless of their economic situation.

I look forward to reading your response in the upcoming addition of the South Street Journal.



Letters to the Editor

Jobs and contracts for African American are a concern. I did not say minority. I am concern about the business of doing business with CHA, because of the large of population of the African Americans in this city. Where is equity for contracts for African American contractors? I came here with input from eight organizations. Is there a purchasing representative here.

Jackson: No. we have a person on loan from the City of Chicago, who is managing the purchasing On African American business development program, this morning hot topic was on my staff.

We are talking about some of the same things you are talking about just this morning. We have already started a policy program on this concern.

A question on Section 8

What of the responsibility who manages the people and the resources of Section 8

Jackson: We occur the system is not proper. ...What we have found that the process slip through the cracks. We are looking for revamping the section 8 process. This means not only looking at the landlords that the apartment is up to part. There have to be a wholistic approach to helping residents in their housing options, with a case manager to help them. Helping that gets the proper job placement.

R. Carter: I must ask you -- Mayor Daley, has many buffers in the Black community, which can be good if you trust him and his buffers. From the Black contractors United to Black Elected officials, and business folks. The base of the Black community will not harm you for the good will you have provided. Are you a buffer?

Jackson: Boy, that was Diplomatic. You need to know. The Mayor knows me. Someone came to the Mayor and told him. Do you know what you are doing. Do you want Phillip Jackson. He is dangerous. He thinks he can change CHA. One thing the Mayor like most about Phillip Jackson is his Black Star project.

Some media tried to beat up on me because I said every child in CHA has a father figure in CHA, and that's me. The Mayor said get the job done. No. I am no buffer.

Jackson: Let me close this out by saying. The perception of public housing is that it is a liability. CHA is no longer taking, but giving to the city. And that is my vision and goal. And just as our great museums and cultural institutions are assets to Chicago, so should the CHA. I want to make CHA an asset to the City of Chicago. That is my vision. I think you are going to like what you will see.

The Party Line... Ameritech Continues

Dear Editor:

First of all I am again thanking you for your hard work in advocating for our community. I have enjoyed reading The South Street Journal for some time now.

Secondly, I am very pleased that on or about a year ago, you sent one of your reporters to investigate how Ameritech was not giving me satisfactory service; they had informed me that our area had old equipment and hence I was receiving poor phone service. They did come and install some kind of box into my house with the assurance that I would not have any more problems. They also informed me that there is some kind of container on a pole in the back of my house that whenever it rained a lot, this box had to be drained or would have to dry itself out before I could receive good service?????

Mr. Carter, recently I have been receiving poor service from Ameritech. This has been going on for about two weeks. I would either hear other folk on my line and they would hear me or I would receive static on my phone to the degree that I could not hear the party on the other end. Last week, began what appears to be another round of poor service with Ameritech (see attached letter) "faxed" to Ameritech, I even spoke to someone, whose name I let escape me now about this matter, this person informed me to fax my letter to executive appeals at Ameritech because all such issues would end up on his desk any way. In the mean time, the static continues, the "party-line" continues and there is disruption in my phone service; the phone will ring once and then my "message indicator" will flash... or, the phone will indicate that there is a problem, when all I have to do is "play" with one

cordless phone, then play with the other main phone... this should not be. In the mean time folk, I have missed some calls to me.

I can be reached most any time during the daytime and if not, I do have a message center on my phone— most of the times prior to this issue.

There are times when I cannot call out. This is not safe. I am again seeking your help in this matter.

Prentiss N. Byrd, frustrated cc: Mr. Richard Notebaert CEO of Ameritech

On the life of the Supreme Life building, and other Black Bronzeville's issues.

Dear Editor and Mr. Lucas,

I have been following the peaks & valleys of The Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council's struggle to maintain the history and integrity of one of our most precious Black Jewels. The Supreme Life building on 3502 S. King Dr. I think it's a sin and a shame the way Department of Planning is robbing the community and it's organizations of the opportunity reinstate and maintain this project. The issue of loans and delinquent taxes with Ms. Cynthia Williams is a case of divide & conquer. If government funding such as Bronzeville TIF and Empowerment Zone were appropriated, bills would be paid. We should not give up, especially if you don't. Thank you Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council.

Eurel Jackson Englewood

The War

Dear Mr. Carter:

The movement against the U.S./NATO war in Yugoslavia and against U.S./U.N. sanctions on Iraq is growing. Since the NATO bombing began, peace organizations in Chicago have organized three protests and participated in well over 20 forums and teach-ins to date. And Chicago has long been a hotbed of anti-Iraq sanctions organizing, intensifying since last December's bombing of Iraq and subsequent protests and public forums.

Two major protests held in June: on the 12th at the University of Chicago, President Clinton give the commencement address, and on the 18th at Northwestern University in Chicago, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was to speak and receive an honorary degree of international law.

Graduating students from both universities made known their opposition to Clinton's and Albright's policies, and to their universities' decisions to invite them as commencement speakers. Outside the graduation ceremonies, thousands of protesters from around the Midwest gather to call for peace in Yugoslavia, and for an end to the sanctions that kill over 200 Iraqi children each day.

To raise awareness and build support for the demonstrations on the university campuses and in the wider community, a fast included a component at the University of Chicago. The Reverend Thomas Gumbleton, the auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, participate in the fast on June 17. Other activists from around the country and the Chicago area joined in the fast. A fast began May 24th at Northwestern University, and continued through the June 18 protest. The action also included a component at the University of



Chicago.

Local organizations participating and accompanying fasts included the Eighth Day Center for Justice, Pax Christi - Illinois, American Friends Service Committee, International Socialist Organization, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, Voices in the Wilderness, and Illinois Peace Action, among others.

For more information, please contact me at 312-939-3316.

For the June 12th/18th Organizing Committee, Kevin Martin, Executive Director

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ON VIDEO

by David Schultz

ENEMY OF THE STATE (***) A



Slick and intense hi-tech thriller with Will Smith intended originally for Tom Cruise playing a successful lawyer whose unknowingly has been slipped an incriminating commutator disk that government official Jon Voight wants. To do so Voight used every eavesdropping, tracking device and manpower to follow and disrupt Smith's life. Gene Hackman co-stars as the ex-agent who knows Voight and reluctantly befriends Smith who doesn't know what all the fuss is about. Good action-thriller for Smith in his first non-Alien fighting role still has its shortcomings. But director Tony Scott Keeps the intensity and suspense on a full tile level. R 132 min. Now Available

THE MIGHTY (*)** Terminally ill kid (Kieran Culkin) befriends insecure chubby kid (Elden Henson) who share a bond through each other's necessities that helps turn them into one person to counter their bullies, learn a code of ethics from the "Kind Arthur and the Knight of the Round table" book, declare their independence against an abusive imprisoned father. Based on the book, "Freak The Mighty", this film adaptation is firmly grounded, and insightful. PG-13 100 min.

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RUSHMORE ()** Unique comedy that comes from left field about a quirky teenager (Jason Schwartzman) whose outrageous activities makes himself an outgoing student a Rushmore Academy as the same time being one of the worst students in school suddenly placed on probation that still doesn't distract himself from his infatuation with winning the affection of first grade teacher, Miss Cross (Olivia Williams). School benefactor and tycoon Mr. Blume, (Bill Murray) nearly steals the film in his understated comedic performance. R 93 min.

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DANCING AT LUGHNASA ()** Gentle film memoir about five unmarried sisters in a modest croft outside Ballybeg, a small town in Donegal in 1936 who has creased the family's reputation with an illegitimate son, from which this film point of view is represented. Meryl Streep heads this ensemble cast in this exquisite film. But the fine acting is not enough to

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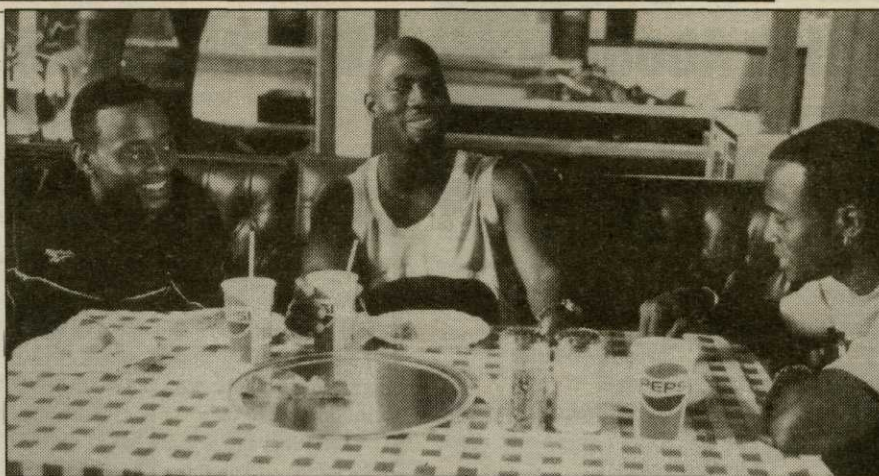
by David Schultz

THE WOOD (***)

The film's title refers to a ghetto slang abbreviation for Inglewood, California. The setting for this spicy yet charming black teen coming-of-age comedy. On which marriage-bound Rollins (Taye Diggs, first seen as the hunk of desire in "How Stella Got Her Groove Back") has developed "cold feet" prior to "walking down the aisle." His two buddies, Mike (Omar Epps) and Slim (Richard T. Jones) finds Rollins stinking drunk over Slim's ex-girlfriend's crib. Together, they begin to reminisce about their youth and unity during the late '80's. While they have new encounters while trying to convince and prepare Rollins who self doubt leads to another revelation.

As this movie shifts back and forth from past exploits that includes the trio's introduction on the basketball court. And being caught in the middle of a local mini-mart heist. To daring to "cop-a-feel" on a young girl, Lisa who happen to be the sister to a gangbanger that ultimately befriends and grants his admission to Mike (played in his youth by Sean Nelson, best remembered for the drug running street kid in "Fresh") who lucks into some courage when they're pulled over by the police. Also the bet between them at the high school dance to see who racks up the most phone numbers and ultimately who between them gets laid first.

As MTV Productions', "The Wood" is an earthy comedy that shows us "less is more" and pumps some new energy and honesty into familiar nostalgic themes and situations. The best humor comes from the recollections and the black male's ego tripping attitude and philosophy on such outlandish topics and situations as how to use tic tac or chewing gum to keep a girl from leaving. Or a youth's love jones that can't be controlled when dancing. As raunchy as they are, the



Omar Epps, Richard T. Jones and Taye Diggs stars in the wood

dialogue and reactions are hilariously on target. The film is even clever enough to work humor around gang-banging (without going into any references to drive-by shootings as was ill-attempted in the Wayans Bros' crude comedy, "Don't Be A Menace...") and their dress code, territory, etc.

Still "The Wood" represents "recent" memories that aren't that long ago. Even though for us from the 60's and '70's that observed the '80's. We can find more than a few similarities to our childhood experiences of sex and friendship. As raunchy and seemingly reckless, growing up Black in the inner city hasn't changed too dramatically over the years. The film also reflects a rarity, a coming of age comedy on Black youth with a West Coast vibe. Unlike the few other films from "Cooley High" to "The Inkwell" that were mainly centered in middle urban America. "The Wood" deserves your time and interest for its laughs, insight and memories. While encouraging more and better black-oriented movies made with universal themes along side the ethnic approach.

Walt Disney's **TARAZN (***/1/2)** Out of the numerous versions that

carry the film. Interesting but fails to fulfill.

PG 94min. Columbia Tri-Star Home Video Now Available

THE FACULTY (/1/2)** Sort of a teens' version of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" set in a high school when the teachers are the alien pods and the group of misfit teenagers band together to save their school

(Why, just to get a passing grade?) "Scream" writer Kevin Williams isn't as sharp with wit and satire in this expansion of his signature horror genre into a science fiction movie. But director Robert Rodriguez's savvy approach works the special effects with familiar teenage angst to register relative chills and thrills.

R 104 min. Dimension home Video Now Available

When the mother gorilla rescues the infant from the leopard she decides to raise the child as her own, against the wishes of her husband and leader of the gorilla herd who refuses to accept the child. As the infant grown older living within the influence of gorillas, regardless of his human appearance. Tarzan (Tony Goldwyn) keeps trying to win acceptance from his reluctant surrogate father throughout the film.

"Tarzan" lightly taps into several themes while maintaining the importance of the family unit, responsibility and finding one's place in life and love. The film contains numerous actions sequence of narrow escapes and tree surfing that is like being a part of a thrill ride or video game that is quite impressively and a feast for the eyes to behold. Phil Collins' vocal and song contributions are not as memorable as Elton Johns' for "The Lion King." But the tunes suit the mood and movement of the film. The film is relatively smart on how it handles racial issues without openly mentioning them. Disney has achieved another winner that even outshines "STARWARS." Rated: G 90 min. A Walt Disney Pictures Release

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• Food Mart, 45th & Cottage Grove
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As far as Car Dealers we have lost:

(Continued from page 7)

Black Contractors

velopers, and contractors. Both these goals, necessary as they are, can yet be quite opposing.

Clarence Chestand, later to lead the working committee on government compliance, expressed how Blacks must be vigilant on monitoring the monitors. The view shared by the participants was that state and federal monitors of contract compliance practically refuse to monitor anything but the air conditioning in their buildings.

A former official with the State Environment Protection Agency (EPA), Margaret Hardman, replying to the lax investigative procedures, drew a picture of what the serious compliance officer finds in the field from a portrayal of her own experiences. Though her own work was exemplary in diligence, Ms. Hardman found less exemplary situations where the huge buck from the construction project use a Black fronting the white construction company. Returning to the site later, the Black would have disappeared, the monies, all but a fee, making its way to the white company.

Omar sobered these concerns, using an example of necessary truth that contractors all are familiar with. "If you have \$100,000," he had said earlier, "That feeds four families."

Stephen Alexander, Urban League Public Policy Analyst, buttressed the opinion of the dearth of Blacks in Chicago's construction market with a fact-filled brochure entitled "Changing The Equations. Filled with surveys,

the booklet showed how Blacks will soon be the majority population in Chicago by 2000, and that we are quickly expanding in the suburbs. But hitting the heart of the matter were 1993 figures showing "contract construction" employment (by zip code) in black areas. Only 20 slots were filled in Englewood by that year's figures, 71 in Jackson Park, and 39 in Hyde Park.

Karen Walker, minority affairs director with IIT, underlined for conference attendees the fraud behind the proposed Pre-Qualification Ordinance that was reprinted in the Workshop Coalition's information materials. This ordinance could dangerously restrict the participation of African American firms and contractors on city bid lists by mandating certain un-African American financial outlays.

Alderman Williams Beavers (7) has been postponing decision-making on this ordinance. Walker emphasized that letters opposing the ordinance should be written to acting City Purchasing Agent, Alexander Grzyb.

Dr. Collins directed the attendees into four working committees. After a short period the committees came together and reported on goals and objectives in their four subject areas.

After Rev. Joe Bell, a contractor himself, enjoyed the closing with a blessing, working Committees on Developers, Unions, Contractors, and State and Federal Agencies left as charges d'affaires intent on pursuing, in full and purposeful procedure, necessary goals. For information on the joining the campaign, call 773 2207 or 285-5800.

Royal Foods Says It's Still Royal: Store Violations are misleading

By Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

Kenwood - Sam Tuhaimer and his family has a knack for running a grocery store. The ex-Jordanian, who has now found a home in America for the last 26 years, owns and operates Royal Foods on 44th and Cottage Grove, grossing a hefty \$2.5 million every year.

Ten years ago at this location, Tuhaimer purchased his building, priding himself with one of the cleanest stores in the city.

After SSJ received a list of grocery stores with violations, Royal Foods was on the list.

Tuhaimer-rubs his head when asked about the violations, or reasons he is having visits from City of Chicago Food inspectors. "I'm not sure why. In Chicago, just about anybody, and I mean anybody, can call the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) or the Mayor Daley's Dumpster Task Force and complain about unsanitary conditions at a particular store."

The City has been hard hitting food stores from the big stores of Jewel to the small Ma and Pa's store owners who failed to keep their stores up to par.

The City just don't stop at one violation it just keeps on ticking many store owners would claim. Meat being sold that was spoiled, pastries with wrappers two and three weeks after expiration dates. Then there are rodents and roaches that goes on in many reports of stores.

Employing 20 employees from the community, Mr. Touchier, normally

called "Sam", says, "I get along well with the community. I work with KOCO (Kenwood Oakland Community Organization) and Mr. Bob Lucas, and we get along very well. I can't understand why this is going on."

There are three city departments that handle inspection of stores for vi-

causes a rat problem at the store, they are still held liable. Mayor Daley's Dumpster Task Force, which is a department of the CSR, was implemented for this purpose, to cut back on rats in the city and alleys. The third department, CDPH, respond to complaints for the public when food is not fresh, or someone become sick from eating at that place."

Monica Hernandez, executive assistant press agent at CDPH, said that what her department at city hall looks for is, "Temperatures of foods when served, hot water at store facilities, rodents; and basically how sanitary things are, like do the workers wear gloves when serving food."

The Sam feels that the inspections of his store are not racially motivated, but business people at the 47th Street Lake Park Shopping Mall want to see him out of business that they might profit more. "My business is the only big grocery business in the area and to move is not fair to the community. I cash checks for the community, let them pay their bills here. I also work with schools, churches in the community. I just can't understand why this is going on."

There was really no big bad wolves of city food inspectors who were harassing Sam, saying no one has come to him looking for money that way.

At the Streets and Sanitation Department, Terry Levin, spokesman, said, "All complaints are looked into to see if they are true are false. An irate person can call our department and lie about conditions at a grocery store. But we will have no way of knowing that until we go out and inspect that store.



SSJ photo by Armadell Hicks
Sam Tuhaimer, owns and operates Royal Foods on 44th and Cottage Grove, displaying his always grossly floors, questions the fairness of the city's food store violation task force.

olations: There is the Chicago Department of Public Health, that makes sure things such as scales are kept well balanced, cash registers are regulated and accurate, and dates on food items are up to date. any at a place. Streets and Sanitation Department major concern is rats, garbage in alley. Even if a store has no garbage problem out in its alley, but the business next to it or across from it does, and that garbage

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Residents begins ownership petition for New Approach



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Seeking inclusion of city land in the 4th ward, Kulbai Toure' of New Approach Health Food and Restaurant address Alderman Toni Preckwinkle requesting equal participation of the City owned lot at 641 E. 47th St. where New Approach is located next to. The City property has been vacant for some time in which the alderman has delay the announcement of her plans for the area, and when and who it will be available to. Residents are petitioning requesting well in advance of any actions being taken and the right to be involved in decisions that directly affect the area, according to Charles Williams a spokesperson for the area. "Our purpose is to come together around support for a community-based planning process for our commercial district development with residents and businesses of the area.

- New Approach interest in the lot is to expand their restaurant to an outdoor cafe. However, the alderman, express concern that the community was in objection to New Approach plans.

FREE Business Seminars CUB ask ICC to reject Teen enterprise Studio Air tops \$100,000 in Sales

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City Ordinances To Create And Save 1,250 Jobs, Projects Include Centers for New Horizon

More than 1,250 jobs would be created and retained throughout Chicago under business and development incentives Mayor Richard M. Daley introduced to City Council.

The incentives - including bond issues, tax breaks and Tax Increment Financing - will help create new child care and family facilities that will assist 565 children on the South and West sides. One of the projects receiving City assistance in Mid South is: The Center For New Horizons construct a 30,000 square foot child - and - family center center through the sale of three city lots on the 800 block of East 43rd St. The \$5.2 million center would employ approximately 50 people and serve 250 children. Proposed purchase price is \$1 per lot.

Ameritech takeover, - The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will ask the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to overrule its hearing examiner and reject the proposed takeover of Ameritech by Texas-based SBC—a deal that CUB says puts consumers at risk for high rates and deteriorating quality of phone service in a proposed order issued in March, two ICC hearing examiners urged the commission to give virtually unconditional approval to the merger, despite evidence resented by CUB, other consumer groups and government agencies which shows that the buyout is a bad deal for consumers.

Rush Celebrates Opening of New Parkway Gardens Computer Center

U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush was at the grand opening of the Loretta Orme Computer Center at the Parkway Gardens Apartments at 64th and King Drive. This center will open the doors of economic opportunity to the apartment residents by providing computer and job training, Internet access, and staff assistance. The center is equipped with eleven computers.

Rush's goal of providing Internet access for everyone, including the working poor and their children says the Computer Center represents another positive step. "Computer and Internet access is of vital importance, especially to our children. Without it, they are left to become a road kill on the Information Superhighway," Rush stated. Since the beginning of this year, Rush's efforts in Congress, have yielded millions of dollars for Internet access in public and private schools. The funding is made available through the Education Rate (E-rate) Program, which provides poor urban and rural schools with a discount on Internet wiring.

Parkway Gardens is a privately owned HUD-assisted community, houses approximately two thousand low-income residents.



Germel Lewis, 13, and James McFarland, 17, of the teen-run busienss Studio Air, located in South Shore on 71st Street, celebrated the design and production company's first \$100,000 in sales last June. The sales milestone was reached thanks in part to an order for 3,500 T-shirts by the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation for its Annual Boulevard Lakefront Tour. Studio air was launched in 1996 by the Shorebank neighborhood Institute as part of its mission to cultivate economic opportunity in underinvested communities. Studio Air is run jointly by teens and adult staff with the goal of generating revenue while cultivating the entrepreneurial skills of south side teens. Teenage "arts associates" work with adult staff to set the company's sales strategy, win customer orders, and develop designs. Lewis came up with the original design concept for the bike ride T-shirt and McFarland received a sales commission for his part in winning the deal. To join Studio Air or place e an order call 363-7007.

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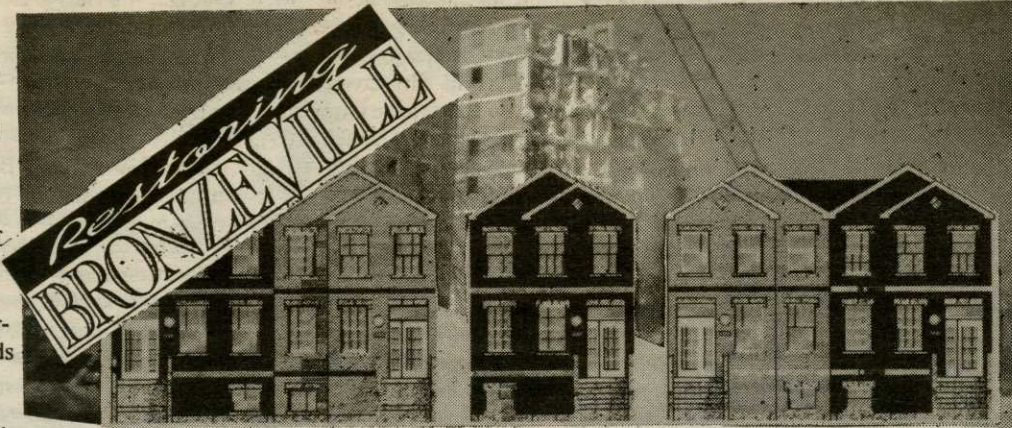
Urban cleansing of those previously mentioned people

By C. Taylor
 In response to a front page article in the MetroChicago section of the Chicago Tribune on June 14, 1999: "Ticketing of owners helps city seal vacant building," this article is not necessarily an indictment of the city, it raises questions about issues centering on the fast-track demolition of buildings in the Bronzeville community.

These issues were presented to the city in 1996, by the Alliance for Neighborhood Preservation, a group of Bronzeville residents, Friends of Bronzeville, and a member of Habitat for Humanity; and, the Bronzeville Organizing Strategy Sessions (BOSS). I strongly urge readers to consider this as questions seeking real answers.

So, the city has found "a new plan to go after vacant buildings, which often promote crime." This new plan involved writing "high-priced" tickets to owners of unboarded vacant buildings - up to as much as \$500.00 per day - instead of the more expensive method of taking owners to Housing Court. While nearly everyone may agree that this is an excellent plan, I happen not to believe that its a new plan. The City of Chicago had been under attack for its fast-track demolition program until most recently, now that communities on the southside (in the Bronzeville area (Douglas-Grand Boulevard Kenwood-Oakland, and Washington Park) have been served a menu of green space/ brown space/and litter space, where once stood reusable buildings, many of them solid, needing only to be made available through the city's highly publicized CAPS program. No housing stock, no CAPS plan!

Now that those desirable area have been significantly cleared of "obstacles", making possible new development for an influx of fresh residents, the city has suddenly found a new plan that makes it possible to keep buildings - while supplying the city with a fresh stream of dollars: Now that would qualify as a "New Plan," to acquire properties via fine-induced insolvency. Who is the architect of this plan?



What's tragi-comical, is that many people, especially African Americans, who've sought information on housing from the city have been steered to the Engelwood and Roseland communities, frequented the news with numerous tales of crime.

Are these communities the in-city alternatives to the suburbs as a repository for those who either can't afford to move into, or stay in the more coveted communities along the lakefront... where the overdue promise of creating median enhancements for traffic safety and aesthetics on par with the northern lakefront are now scheduled for within the next four years? Seems like the city wants to upgrade

the physical landscape consistent with the continuing changes in the human populace!

The African American representatives work for their constituents with the same fervor that other ethnic representatives work for theirs? Do these representatives of limited income constituents work for them with the same fervor as they do for their monied constituents? If we, the human race, were created equally by the Creator; and are defined as equals under the Constitution, to receive equal representation and opportunity for life, then, are we living in that reality, or are we living in the nightmare of ugliness - that pervasive reality of a constant and continuing war against

ugly people: those who are mentally, physically and economically disabled.

Have you ever wondered why people without homes or shelter are defined as homeless, when they're in the United States, and refugees when in other parts of the world? — All wars are not fought with guns. Housing demolition, housing bias, and affordable housing (use your own definition here) that's far removed from one's life-long community, is a form of war. politics is war without killing! And is there a more political landscape than Chicago?

We have witnessed the blatant removal of bricks and mortar, following with the relocation of many of the resident; with many more to follow with the forthcoming massive vaporization of the Chicago Housing Authority's high-rise buildings - without benefit of unoccupied/affordable residence within the communities. Whether or not shared by any others, that what we are seeing in specific areas, such as Bronzeville; parts of the Uptown communities; and, different neighborhoods on the westside, and urban cleansing of those previously mentioned people who are ethnically, mentally, physically, and/or economically different) Those ugly people whom many Americans don't like to be around, or even see. Nothing personal, not war, just politics.

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Saluted June as "Home Ownership Month" in Chicago

All over the country communities are celebrating

the resources they have available for home ownership during National Home Ownership Week (June 5th - 12th.) With home ownership rates at

an all-time high in the City of Chicago, it's Department of Housing reports this is an exciting time for Chicago residents.

As the City Council saluted the entire month of June as "Home Ownership Month" in Chicago, it all so recognized the accomplishments the City has made in creating new homeowners and the commitment of the City to continued support of individuals and families like in reaching their

goals of owning a home.

"The City of Chicago, through the Department of Housing, has all the tools you need to help with two of the most important undertakings of citizens lives- purchasing and maintaining a home." said Acting Housing Commissioner Jack Markowski.

During Home Ownership Month and throughout the summer citizens were informed by the

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Good Neighbors Awards to Mid South Developments

The Chicago Association of REALTORS® (CAR) presented their annual awards to property owners and developers at its Good Neighbor Awards ceremony last month.

According to CAR President John Andrus, "The Good Neighbor Awards were created to recognize those whose efforts in building, rehabbing and renovating have made positive impacts in their surrounding communities."

This years' award-winning properties included single family homes, multi-unit rentals, condominiums and multiple commercial developments. Winners were named in new construction, rehabs, condo conversions and restorations. These Good Neighbor Award Winners and Honorable Mentions hail from throughout Northeastern Illinois; not only across the City of Chicago, but the seven-county metropolitan area as well.

Of over 40 winning property addresses, owners/developers & categories in the mid-south area, four were awarded:

- 5201 Woodlawn / 1209-17 East 52nd Street Llia Pavljasevic Multi-Unit Rehab
- 4840-46 South Indiana George Harris & Carolyn Britten/Harris Multi-Rehab
- Kenwood Pointe-6542 South Kenwood Woodlawn Community Development Corporation- Carole Millison Single Family New Construction
- Michigan Plaza-5700-6058 South Michigan St. Edmunds Re-Development Corporation - Father Richard Tolliver Multi-Unit Rehab - Affordable Housing

of Shorebank's Chicago Companies, accepted the award, "I am honored to accept this prestigious award and to be recognized for our 25 year commitment and investment in the people and neighborhoods of Chicago."

This is the first time the League of Women Voters has recognized a for-profit company with its civic award.

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Milton Davis

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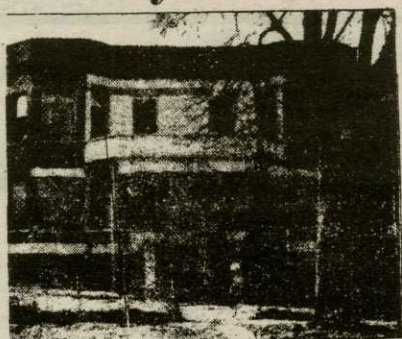
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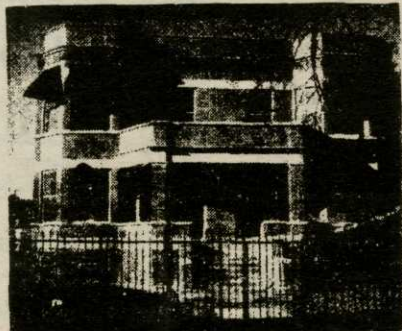
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Readers: Listed below are property transfers in South Street Journal's circulation area according to the latest report released by the Cook County Recorder of Deeds. For your convenience, transfer listings are organized by community. Display of the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

Community/Address	Rec'd Date	Price
Washington Park		
Grand Blvd.		
4927 S Wabash, Edward Davis to Michelle Smith	5/24	159,000
5411 S. Michigan, Edna Murray* to Monroe Mayfield	5/25	125,000
4321 Michigan, Pearl Cartman to Wanda Johnson	5/24	115,000
312 E. 50th St. Carrie L. Johnson to Keisha Norman	5/21	233,000
5229 S. Wabash, Cole Taylor Bank to Howard L. & Denice Ivory	5/21	179,000
4619 S. Evans Builder's Capital Corp. Barry Miller	5/13	48,000
4200 S. Calumet Quality Land Development Brenda O Williams	5/13	279,000
58 E. 50th St. Unit 20 Cole Taylor Bank to Andrew M. Lyons	5/17	60,000
Hyde Park		
4927 S. Dorchester Velvet Richardson*	5/14	85,000
5300 So. Shore Dr. Unit 24 Home Sav. of Amer., to Clinton & Lenora Hope	5/13	85,000
1450 E. 55th Pl. Unit 528-S, Thomas A. & Jacqueline Mitchell	5/18	33,000
1451 E. 55th. Unit 824, Sharon Joy A. Jackson to Mary Jo Kranacker	5/18	40,000
127-BE. Hyde Park Blvd. Lending Corp. to Jason Cunningham	5/20	269,000
1450 E. 55th St., Unit 62 S, Donna Dixon & Eva Brown to Sharon Jennings	5/24	75,500
1455 E. 56th St. Unit 1, John C. & arlene Crewdosn to Lisa F. Miller	5/24	87,875
1350-64 E. Madison Pk. Unit 1352-1004, 1350 Madison Pk Devel. Cop. to Donald Lake	5/25	189,000
5331 S. Comell Veronica Barry to Thomas E. Stewart	5/26	97,400
1400 E. 55th Pl., Unit 605 S, Lawrence & Nancy Wos to Expedito Mercado	5/25	45,000
1321 E. 55th St, Mames & Virginia Braxton to Nancy Xie & Xiao bing Li*	5/25	244,000
5618 S. Blackstone, Unit 1, John Beckemeir Jr. to John East	5/25	140,000
Woodlawn		
6130-1 S. Greenwood Andres E. Schcoluik Stacey Ellis	5/17	144,000
6127 S. Woodlawn Chicago Title & Trust Co. to Kimberley West	5/17	205,000
6115 S. Eberhart Chicago Title Land Turst # 1106754	5/18	128,000
6422 S Rhodes Ashare Development Co. Inc. Leonard Moore	5/18	72,000
6024 S. St. Lawrence, GTL Group INC to Richard Clarke	5/20	220,000
6313 S. Champlain, Surrey Acceptance Corp. to Ensil Hammond	5/21	80,000
6619 S. University, Webster Realty Group to L. Braul*	5/25	58,000
6210 S. Kimbark, American National Bank & Trust to The Threatte Family Limited Partnership	5/26	525,000
Fuller Park		
4764 S. Princeton Frank Hatchett to Janice Gilmore	4/15	70,000
4457 S. wells St. Surrey Acceptance Corp. to Ensil Hammond	5/7	65,000
Kenwood		
4525 S. Drexel, Unit 1E Lemurian Condo to Katrina & Damita Terrell	5/20	121,700
4800 S. Chicago Beach Dr. Unit 1461 Spencer Leak Jr. to Johnnie Tate & R. Brantley	5/20	87,000
4800 Chicago Beach Dr., 1105S, Donald & Gail Goldstein to James & Yonne Adams	5/20	64,000
4525 S. Drexel, Unit 1E, Lemurian Condo to Katrina & Kamita Terrell	5/20	121,700
4446 S. Berkeley Eloise Milton to James R. Jeffries Jr.	5/21	65,000
4537 S. Lake Park Robert Threatte to Warren McKeithen	5/21	190,000
4326 S. Greenwood, Unit 1 Jake Taylor Properties to Serita Dillard	5/26	161,000
4936 Ellis Ave. R. Alien to Christopher & Deborah Schreiner	5/26	390,000
4143 S. Berkeley, Standard Bank & Trust* to Chicagoland Housing	5/26	62,500
4930-C S. Cornell Ave. Unit D-32 Dan Melk Development / MCI Cornell	5/17	272,900
Oakland		
4132 S. Berkeley Carl Conway to Michael Harper	5/4	122,000
3618 S. Gilles, Kenneth & Michelle Dickerson	5/10	224,575
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4143 S. Berkeley standard Bank & Trust to Chicagoland Housing	5/26	\$62,000
Near South		
1616. Indiana Unit C2 South Loop Developers INC Gail P. Anderson	5/18	245,000
1511. Indiana, Unit 642, Christopher P. Heitmann & Aleyna S. Richardson	5/19	285,000
1601-03 D. Michigan, Unit 406&1 Skyline Lofts,L.L.C. to Dennis Andrews	5/17	145,750
1812. State St. Unit P-14 Wabansia Partner, L.L.C. Gene Brizuela	5/13	214,000
1812 State St. Unit P-8, Dearborn Village L.L.C. to Frank & Mary Williams	5/13	217,200
1812. State St. Unit P-16, Dearborn Village L.L.C. Elmer & Grace Cherry	5/13	130,250
2444 Michigan Unit 2, Bronshore Development L.L.C. to Kathy Glon-Toenies	5/24	194,000
1503 -1507 State . BLVD Natl Bank Trust #8817 to JLK Enterprises L.L.C.	5/24	2,250,000
1453 S. Indiana, Unit k-8 Darien Ridge Partners LTD to Craig J. Hofend	5/25	395,000
Douglas		
3407 S. Indiana Ave. Abraham Potts to Davis Mandeville	4/28	250,000
601 E. 23nd. St., Uint 201 Lake Meadows to Thomas S. Jarrett	5/21	155,363

\$40 Million in Housing Investments

Woodlawn project to receive new ownership and Rehab Kenwood revitalization moves west to Cottage Grove

The New Kenwood LLC, a partnership of housing developers Alison Davis, Tony Rezco and Andrew Ditton, was awarded more than \$2,500,000 to leverage the additional state and city funding sources to create 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 \$40,000,000 in loans and tax credits was made by the Department 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 developments in which the City will invest. In all, the City will invest in 12 developments this year: five senior and seven family housing developments. In addition, the City will work with three supportive housing developments so that they may obtain needed financing. 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 fund-

ing 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%. The City proud itself due to an increase over the last years City's housing investment providing affordable housing from Woodlawn to Kenwood to Pilsen and Lawndale the story is the same. A complete listing of the 1999 developments and contacts call Jack Markowski at the DOH (312) 747-2744.

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Chicago Department of Housing at various community events throughout the City giving information about the programs and funds available to Chicago home owners and buyers.

For first time buyers financial assistance to cover down payment and closing costs through the **City Mortgage Program** offered through the DOH in partnership with community lending institutions. The City Mortgage Program offers qualified buyers a grant equal to 4% of the sales price of your home and also an affordable low interest mortgage.

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Other financial resources is the yearly federal tax savings made possible through the DOH's **Tax Smart Mortgage Program**. This program helps applicants qualify for more of a house and helps meet monthly mortgage obligation.

And the **New Homes for Chicago** program is bringing newly constructed homes to neighborhoods all over the City and making affordable home ownership possible for hundreds of residents.

Moving into your home is a major accomplishment, however the City is also committed to helping you stay in your home and making your home ownership experience a positive one. The DOH provides grants for emergency repairs; and the **H-RAIL** program provides grants to senior

citizens and persons with disabilities for homes repairs and improvements. Through neighborhood-based, non-profit housing organizations, the City provides you with **free home ownership counseling**. Counseling ranges from help with budgeting and qualifying for a mortgage to foreclosure prevention.

On June 12th, DOH sponsored a Community Housing Fair at Chicago State University with 6th Ward Alderman Fredrena Lyle from

For more information about these programs, you may also call the Department of Housing at 312-744-1691.

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City policy

"The City of Chicago has made little progress in getting residents and businesses to participate in the planning process."

"I don't think Dr. Martin Luther King would appreciate, the City and the alderman (Dorothy Tillman, 3rd), blocking the community from participating in the welfare of their community," referring to two year delay by the City and Tillman.

The City has stress to the association to refer all questions and concern to Alderman Tillman.

Following up on the city's encouragement members of 47SBA were escorted from her ward meeting early this year.

"This led the 47SBA to meet with Mr. Bowen, "The most encouraging actions from the city was meeting with Mr. Bowen." Said Ron Carter, Chairperson of 47SBA. "For this door to close by the alderman and, with the Mayors blessing, surely sends a bad message of the "Bottom Up." used by them.

Mr. Bowen agreed and questioned the lack of citizens participating in the planning process. He referred to the building on 4700 S. King Drive targeted for demolition. The City plans to erect a statue of entertainer Quincy Jones at the site. Where seven businesses and over 40 employees have been displaced because of the sale.

They insist that commercial development would create a better tax base for the community in line with Mayor Daley's TIF programs.

"We oppose the statue of entertainer Quincy Jones. The project does not provide an economic environment that nurtures and protects existing business." said Hicks.

In the 4th ward, New Approach Health Food has relocated from 47th & Lake Park to the 600 E. 47th St. block only to be stifled in their expansion efforts. The owners have expressed a desire to purchase the lot next to their property. The lot is on aldermanic hold, which means it can't be purchased without the Alderman's consent.

Preckwinkle's chief of Staff, expressed to SSJ that the alderman is not ready to review her plans for 47th Street.

Ald. Tillman's plan is to rebuild the area bounded by 45th St. to 51st and St. Lawrence to

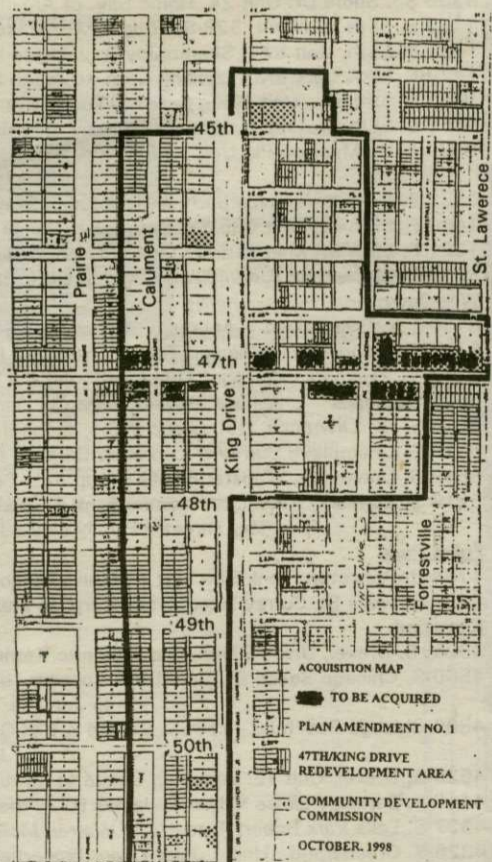
the 47th Street "L, for her concept of the African Village. (SSJ printed an early vision of what was proposed. The map shown indicates plans of 1998, which includes The Lou Rawls Theatre and cultural center as the anchor of this redevelopment project. that will be part of an ethnicity theme of the African/Caribbean and African Diaspora according to Tillman.

The course of address by the 47SBA, remains cooperation with the political structure of City Hall policy not to meet with community groups without aldermen present.

"We know that is a bunch of nonsense. The issue is not want the 47SBA or the elected officials want, but the community at large want. And is in the dark and not part of the process." said Hicks.

Aldermen Tillman nor Preckwinkle would respond to comment.

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



which now hang in the Chicago Historical Society, DuSable Museum of African History, Chicago Fire Academy, and the Fire Commissioner's office.

Among last year's program highlights, was a Proclamation from Mayor Richard M. Daley, and the official unveiling of the plaque.

Toure said this year highlights included the presentation of a Black Chicago Firefighter's Badge and Certificate to the DuSable Museum's Black Firefighter Exhibit, which dates back to the turn of the Century.

The guest include: Ramon Price, Curator, DuSable Museum of History; Dr. Timuel Black, Brd member; Chicago Historical Society, Bro. Andy Thompson PH.D., history, North Eastern Ill Univ. and International Assoc. of Black Professional

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Black Fire

heroics of Black Firefighters and the Black Fire. "After doing some research "The Committee To Preserve The History of Black Firefighters and Paramedics" was formed In 1995, with the assistance of Dr. Andy Thompson, PH.D., History," said Mr. Toure.

After a resolution was created. Toure explained, second Ward Ald. Madelene Haithcock introduced the Resolution to the City Council and it passed unanimously. Next, the entire Resolution was engraved on four (4) large Plaques -

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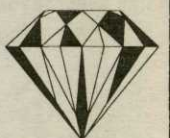
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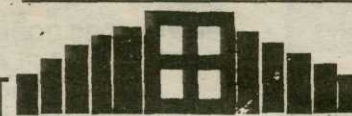
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