The Master Developer for contract of the Lakefront

Hope VI Program, residents question the selection process

Douglas/Oakland/Kenwood - Over $200 million of redevelopment resources is on line for the Lake Front. Philips of Douglas targeting Chicago Housing Authority's Ida B. Wells and Madden Park developments, extending south to 47th Street. A project that has been debated on and discussed since the election of CHA have been working with the tenants on arrangements for relocating, giving residents five (5) options for relocating by November 15. However, he did not confirm it was mandatory that the residents must leave by the date.

Other options will include, to move residents down state as well as out of state all together in order to find suitable housing. Jackson did not say the reason to relocate residents was to meet the five year deadline to demolish all Taylor homes, but to a $47 million gap in the 1999 budget effecting the year 2000 budget short fall. He disputed the short fall was the fault of the former management of HUD, but due to the unexpected problems of the winter of 1999. And the rush to relocate residents was for the safety of the former residents of Ida B. Wells. HOPE VI is to revitalize public housing developments bound from 35th to 47th, Cottage Grove to Lake. Public funds of up to $55 million will be granted to begin the project. It includes substantial rehabilitation of existing public housing and/or tearing down and replacing it with units that blend with the surrounding neighborhoods.

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Return to Bronzeville

By Nathan Thompson

The September will mark the 65th anniversary of the election of the first ever Mayor of Bronzeville, an honored tradition that would span four decades as a constant in Chicago's Black Experience. And through the years, scores of Bronzeville's most respected players would compete for the honorable post including such notables as pioneer cosmetologist Marjorie Joyner, boxing great Joe Louis and jazz legend Tiny Parmah. The name Bronzeville has been around since before WWII, but the neighborhood began to come of age 65 years ago in 1934. The city was in change and bearing the fruits of the sweeping change and bearing the fruits of the sweeping social and philosophical. To those who lived there, and to their friends and family abroad, it wasn’t called the Black Belt; it was called Bronzeville, a rising and thriving mecca of social, economic and political power. In 1934, it was the year that the Chicago City Clerk Harold Ickes announced a $7 Million dollar plan to build what is known today as the Nation of Islam.

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Ald. Burke reinstatement as Finance Chair 50-1 vote

There were many city aldermen in Chicago calling for the resignation of Alderman Ed Burke as Finance Committee chair, saying that he wasn't the man for the job due to his unethical business transactions, reportedly conflicts of interest to supposedly taking money illegally. Even questioned by Mayor Richard M. Daley, a big turn around came when the mayor appointed Burke to become finance chairman once again. Previously, Burke had been appointed to the top financial post in 1991 and 1995. By a vote of 50 to 1, Burke was back in business once again in May of this year. Mayor Daley appointing him as finance committee chairman, but not to the dismay of the 50 aldermen who wanted him at that position.

Alderman William Beavers of the 7th Ward said, "The decision was a political one. Those who backed Burke's accomplishments were simply backing the mayor who is "Boss" at City Hall.

"I was actually voting for myself to be elected to my position as chairman of the Police and Fireman Board.

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**On-going**

"Settlement In A New Homeland" presented by the National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum, located at 1801 S. Indiana, is an exhibit providing insight into the success of the Vietnamese who survived the Vietnam War, and began their new lives. The exhibit opened in November 1999 through Oct. 4, 1999. For more information, call 312.326.0270.

**Friday 17 - 19**

An opening reception for Bank One, Bronzeville Loan Center 3600 S. King Dr., featuring jazz music, raffles, refreshments, and other entertainment from 5-7pm. For RSVP or more information, call 312.528.4382.

**Meetings & Dates**


**Saturday 18**

Immunizations and back-to-school physicals will be offered to children 5 to 18 years of age on Saturday, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Kom ed Holman Health Center, 4320 S. Greenwood Ave. Medical staff and practitioners will provide physicals on a first comes/first serve basis to the first 75 children. The Outdoor Health Fair also features live entertainment, games and refreshments for the entire family. For info call Marlyn Katz, Brian Berg 312/822-0505.

**Tuesday 21**

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

**Wed. 22**

SBA Small Business Financing Seminar, Will be held at Chicago State University on 9501 S. King Dr., at the Business and Health Sciences Building, in room 104, from 9:00-12:00 noon to offer business owners and entrepreneurs information on Loan Programs, One Stop Capital Shop, Bonding Program,...more, there will also be free counseling, Loan Packaging, Business Training/Compliance Plan Development...and more. Sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration - Chicago District Office Co-sponsor: The Illinois Small Business Development Center at Chicago State University.

**Friday 24**

47th Street Business Association meets at Harris Bank, 47th and Drexel. 6:30 pm. For information call 773/684-7175.

**Saturday 25**

West Woodlawn Area Council of Black Clubs meet on the 4th Sat. of each month at the Parkway community House, 500 W. 47th Pl. 6:45 pm. Sponsored by South Street Journal and Washington Park Advisory Council. 

**Monday 27**

United American Progress Association's Million Dollar March, Meets every 4th Monday, 6:30 pm at 7806 S. Cottage Grove, call Webb Everson 773/268-1783.

**Sunday 26**

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

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**Law Firm Gets Down and Dirty for Children**

Grand Blvd. - About 40 volunteers from Kirkland & Ellis, one of Chicago's largest law firms, transformed Firman Community Services' Day Care West facility into a brighter and vivid environment for its children. The firm painted classrooms and planted perennials at the 47th and Grand Blvd. site. About 40 volunteers from Kirkland & Ellis, one of Chicago's largest law firms, transformed Firman Community Services' Day Care West facility into a brighter and vivid environment for its children. The firm painted classrooms and planted perennials at the 47th and Grand Blvd. site. About 40 volunteers from Kirkland & Ellis, one of Chicago's largest law firms, transformed Firman Community Services' Day Care West facility into a brighter and vivid environment for its children. The firm painted classrooms and planted perennials at the 47th and Grand Blvd. site. The site, known as a child care center in the African American community, was given a facelift in the summer of 1998. The project was organized by a group of volunteers from Kirkland & Ellis.

**African-American Child Welfare Act is a Petition**

The State of Illinois will mandate that the best interest of African-American children be met when making foster family of adoptive home placements, and in juvenile court and guardianship cases by giving due consideration to their culture, which includes extended family, community and ethnic lineage. The petition asks that Governor George Ryan and all Illinois state legislators support the immediate passage of House Bill 1913, also known as the "African-American Child Welfare Act."

**Marian Carrington to Head 100 Black Women**

Marian H. Carrington, co-owner of Carrington, Ltd., has been elected President of the Illinois Directors of the Chicago Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. Carrington & Carrington, Ltd., with billings of $3 million, is one of the nation's largest and oldest executive search firms specializing in the placement of African American and Hispanic executives in Fortune 500 Companies. The coalition of 100 Black Women, an advocacy organization that seeks to empower Black women by networking programs with the corporate and political sectors.

**March for Justice.**

Internationally respected social justice activist Angela Davis, was joined, at the National Civil Rights Museum, by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the Mississippi Freedom Library, 195th and 11th, Sept. 9, by local activists and members of the National Women's Manpower Commission, at the Chicago Public Housing Authority Community Center, on 60th and Halsted.

**Angela Davis forum on police brutality**

**Mango**

Englewood - Israel Crawford, Ph.D., the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) grant making committee chairperson, is pictured (left) with AFC grant recipients Rev. Alma Crawford of Church of the Open Door and Lynette Stamps of Aunt Martha's Youth Services at a special recognition breakfast recently held for AFC grant recipi- ents. More than $11.1 million in grant awards were made to 97 organizations in the agency's largest grant allocation ever awarded in one year by the Foundation. The Open Door will use its grant to support prevention services for African American and Latino youth on Chicago's Southwest side and the development of a Black lesbian/gay/transgender leadership roundtable on HIV/AIDS. Aunt Martha's Youth Services will use its grant to assist in supporting peer education prevention programs for youth and other South Suburban youth in high-risk areas. For information, call 312.558.1770.

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**Irving Park News**

Calling Chicago's Police & Fire Committee hearings with talk show host Jerry Springer a popular public stunt, says police brutality opponent Chris Gosnell . . . community activist Wallace "Gator" Bradley charged that it would later be known that Ald. Ed Burke (14) has stock in the Springer Show. Reports are the show ratings are down since...Burke also is still trying to keep Tina Olson's Baby "T".

Doreen Taylor the former advertising manager of SSJ, came to Chicago from Atlanta, giving a party for seniors at the Village Apartments on 63rd and Taylor. Doreen Taylor is also an investor in SSJ. National Louis University announces its appointment of its new senior vice-president for administration, James A. Alexander at the University's new Chicago campus, 122 S. Michigan Ave just open this month. Alexander holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and a ju- nior doctorate from Yale University.

Zambia Johnson Black is not short to say the CHA sponsored Charles Hayes Investment Center on 48th and Wahash is getting little amenities with an uncertain budget...Bassett Cong. Danny Davis may be opening an office there. On the next black: DaSable High prince Charles Mingo is leaving the school. Maybe now he will go on record about the Chicago Public Schools.

Corrections from the last finzip: 3rd Ward resident, Stan Watkins, co-owner of South Street Journal and Washington Park Advisory Council office warns residents feelings about drug dealing, gang-banging and crime.

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SSU Photo/Armadele Hicks

A time to pitch in for the fall clean-up.

What is now a vacant lot, youth at 47th and King Dr. meeting are held every 4th Sunday.
African Festival of the Arts bring wealth to Bronzeville

By Harold Lucas
MetroSource Community & Tourism Council

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Success Lab Learning Centers—Private business handling the education of the students

South Shore - When the starting bell rang for the 1999-2000 school year, no one was more excited than Ken White, founder of the Success Lab Learning Centers. The six-year-old company, which provides individualized prescriptive instruction for elementary through high school students, is having the best year of its educational life.

From Wednesday, September 15 through Saturday, September 18 parents, already accustomed to visiting the new facility, located in the South Shore Cultural Center.

"This year has been a significant expansion. It is a validation of what we have been promoting all along," explains White. "that is, we're very effective at improving the reading skills, the performance and achievements of students."

The expansion that Success Lab Inc. is experiencing is an almost 300 percent growth from 8 learning centers to 22 in Chicago's public and parochial schools. Although, this is the first year the local company will operate its directories, by late winter, White plans to spread the unique instructional system for teaching students to three Chicago public schools in the city's South Side, three on the North Side and one community learning center in the west suburbs.

For information call 312-386-2000.

Empowerment Zone Fund Available

by Frank Otten

Mid-South - In July, the City of Chicago released a series of Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for Chicago's Economic Empowerment Zone funds.

By mid-year, 10 requests were opened throughout Mid-South to the EZ area helped prepare persons and organizations to submit proposals to the Empowerment Zone and other funding sources.

September 30th of this year is the deadline for getting those funds. Request For Proposal (RFP) are now available and can be obtained at your alderman or the city's Empowerment Zone office.

In the Mid-South (Bronzeville) area, meetings were held in Oakwood Woods, at the Washington Park Field House, the Grand Boulevard Area, at the Chicago Urban League. The meetings are sponsored by the South Side Empowerment Zone Cluster, Inc. and the Grand Boulevard Neighborhood Organization, in collaboration with neighborhood organizations.

The South Side Empowerment Zone Cluster, Inc. serves Fuller Park, Grand Boulevard, Kenwood/Oakwood, New City, Washington Park, and Woodlawn. Brief history of South Cluster and the EZ/EC initiatives, Karen Dozenman, SBG, Inc. executive director targeted EZ/EC initiatives for 1999, provided questions on the EZ Cluster office, economic empowerment — ($2 million), affordable housing, single family preservation ($25 million), One Stop Capital/Shop/Partnership ($3 million plus), Greater South Side Small Business Development, Technology initiatives — Doug Gills, Steve Fraizer, Digital Divide Coalition, Chicago Technology Learning Center.

Technical assistance workshops for cluster members will be held through November 30, 1999. Main Sister — Nes Gilbert Technology Outreach, African American Advocacy Center, 5001 S. Blackstone, 773/536-2108 or 536-2194 (fax).

For up-to-date information about meetings, release of RFP's, assistance contact telephone 773/591-9090.

Persons that have a creative idea to make your neighborhood safe, started an informal home business but want to become a certified MBE/WBE/DBE, have ideas for child care services or constructive activities for youth (13-17) years or an idea that will employ people in your community, for your home, organization, school or church, should attend the meetings for information about thousands of funds and resources available to empower local organizations.

For information about the meetings or any other EZ progress call 773/548-6625 or 773/947-1815.

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Burke

Those that would have voted "No" would have simply been opposing the mayor, risking their own political future and whatever. Democrats monopolized City Hall and it was a natural progression for Burke to vote against Mayor Eugene Sawyer. Those that would have voted "No" have been a great opportunity for me.

Alderman Lorraine Dixon (8th Ward) said, "I supported Alderman Burke. His experience".

Alderman Leslie Hairston (5th Ward) said, "I am also trying to get the Park District moving forward on repairing the steps at Grand Crossing park. These have been left in disrepair too long, especially for a park that holds such a central place in the community."

Alderman Burke's office could not be reached for a comment.

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From the office of 5th Ward Alderman Leslie Hairston

I want to think the South Shore Journal for the opportunity to address its readers on matters in the Fifth Ward. As many of you may know, I was elected to my first term in a run-off election in April of this year. I took office on May 3rd, and it seems I haven't slowed down since. This is a busy and challenging time in the Fifth Ward, and I am proud to be able to play a part in the revivization of our communities.

The summer has been a busy time filled with block club meetings, community events, and other such activities. I'm native of South Shore and went to school in Hyde park, so these events have been a great opportunity for me to meet my constituents in the Greater Grand Crossing areas of the Ward. Although I traveled all throughout the Ward during the election campaign, this summer's parties and events have enabled me to meet people in a more relaxed setting, and I've appreciated the hospitality that I've been afforded in each part of the Ward. I've also enjoyed the food that everyone has shared with me — there are a number of very good cooks in our Ward.

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berly disappointed with the number of times that the 63rd St. beach was closed this summer, especially in light of the money that the Park District and the City put into repairing the historic beachhouse. The Park District found unacceptable levels of contamination in the water, making it unsafe for use. By the date of this writing, the Park District had still not uncovered the source of the contamination, and they seemed to be dragging their feet until the North Side beaches were similarly effected.

I called on the Park District to close the beach until the source of the contamination was positively identified.

Finally, I have worked closely with Alderman Fredrenna Lyle (4th) and Lorraine Dixon (8th) on a redevelopment plan for 71st St. Our goal is to revitalize the area as a viable, attractive commercial district. We are requesting that the City's study of the area look at shopping patterns and the percentage of African-American dollars going to retail, and that an analysis be done to determine the percentage of dollars spent by zip code. We will hold a meeting with the existing businesses in the area, and then schedule a joint community meeting.

The City has also begun work on the street resealing, alley resurfacing, side walk and curb repair requests that I made at the beginning of my term. I have pledged that my office will work to ensure that all areas of the ward receive the same level of services, and that we do not fall behind the other wards in the city in the essential work of providing safe streets and sidewalks for all residents of the ward.

Many of the things put out by the media are only hearsay, and until a person is proven guilty in our courts, he or she is considered innocent. I support Alderman Burke now as I did in the past and feel that he is well qualified for the job.

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The Rush Race for the 1st District

Political observers have said that Mayor Richard M. Daley was after Congressman Bobby Rush (1st) seat last November, because.they declared his opponent and anyone else who directly or indirectly enters the race. Rush has no real competition since he won of Congressman Charles Hayes, but enthusiasm is growing in the race as three known interesting candidates has made their interest known for Rush's seat.

As young State Senator Barack Obama, was noted as the next Black mayor of Chicago, his political relationship has been questioned in his position of supporting progressive Black candidates.

Community activist in Mid-South, Paris Thomas is leaning towards State Senator Donne Trotter, saying Trotter has supported many programs to help with his work with youth. The latest to announce their interest to run is Street Wise reporter, Executive Director, Anthony Oliver.

The election could dramatically change the dynamic in the upcoming race for congressman by giving Rush a heavy primary challenge. In which many are view Rush not doing well in his committee ward, receiving only 28% of the vote in his Mayor's bid.

The same factors that elected Rush are still at work today. The district represents predominantly African American constituency of Chicago's South Side. A longtime political observer says Rush is still the "800-pound gorilla" to beat for the Democratic nomination. Regardless of his low turn out, he still has a solid base, which includes most of the 11th and 19th wards.

Observers say Sen. Obama has focus to capture the liberal White voters. Obama who was elected in 1996 told South Street Journal, "It is true people discuss with me, my potential as a congressional candidate. At this point, I am in the process of discussing the possibility with a wide range of the community. I will make a final decision before Labor Day."

However, the decision has not been confirmed by his office.

Senate Sonar Don Trotter that said Rush has not brought home the resources to the district, the district needs someone who can.

Compte. who reported at the Task Force for Black Power Empowerment he will not receive the support of Cook County Commissioner John Stroger, but he will receive the support of the Mid-South aldermen of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 20th wards.

Oliver lives in the Beverly community point to his interest by saying, "We face big challenges as we prepare for the next century. It will be a time of many and great changes."

Oliver stressed technology and vast economic and social changes will propel forward at a grueling spread.

"For all of us to thrive in the 21st century, we will need leadership that understands the future, has a plan to meet challenges, which will act upon those challenges and has the determination to lead."

"The would be candidates would be better servicing the community by reining in Springfield."

Rush in a press meeting did not want to focus on the congressional race, but wanted the media to be concerned with the programs that Chicago received from congress, but the citizens only sees the Mayor implementing what he produce.

Reached in Washington, D.C., Robin Wheeler, communications director for Cong. Rush said, "as an incumbent, Congressman Rush's record of over seven years of service speaks for itself and can stand firmly against any opposition."

State Comptroller Hynes Fact Finding Meetings on Cemeteries and Funeral Homes

The Mount Greenwood Cemetery has been cited for mismanagement which includes graves being removed, roads paved over gravesites, no records of removal. Cedar Park, now under receivership by African American businessman to takeover ownership, has been cited for eroded caskets of cheap boxes causing exposed human remains, because of flood and poor maintenance of the land.

Evergreen Cemetery, 87th and Western, has graves filled with water and no concrete wall that the casket is placed in.

The magnitude of complaint calls prompted Illinois State Comptroller Daniel W. Hynes to launch a series of statewide hearings in response to the high volume of cemetery care and funeral calls within the state. Hynes address and listen to South Side community concerns on Monday, August 30, at Thornton Township Hall in South Holland, whose office have attorney over the cemeteries in the State of Illinois.

Over Memorial Day Weekend, a time when many people traditionally visit loved ones at cemeteries, Hynes' office set up a special "cemetery hotline" for consumers to call and report problems. The hotline received several hundred calls from around the state over Memorial Day Weekend and continues to receive many consumer calls.

The community meeting in Thornton is part of the effort to learn more about local cemetery and funeral problems while boosting public awareness of the problems within the industry.

Later this year, Hynes will develop a legislative agenda of cemetery and funeral home industry reforms based on the scope of problems and programs discussed at regional statewide meetings.

In addition to the launch of a cemetery care and funeral home hotline number (887) 203-3401, the office of the comptroller has launched the statewide hearings with a website address, www.state.il.us/cemetery.

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The Departments praise was highlighted with President William Jefferson Clinton visit Chicago supporting more efforts of the City of Chicago to provide welfare recipients services. In the first seven months of the City's welfare-to-work program, MOWD and its network contractors have enrolled 3,300 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients and placed over 1,300 people in jobs.

MOWD's welfare-to-work programs provide participants with the tools and resources necessary to live independent lives while also expanding the job applicant pool of entry level worker filling a critical business need.

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Chicago Hailed For Welfare - To - Work Program

"Hard to place clients still a concern" Eddie Read

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The Departments praise was highlighted with President William Jefferson Clinton visit Chicago supporting more efforts of the City of Chicago to provide welfare recipients services. In the first seven months of the City's welfare-to-work program, MOWD and its network contractors have enrolled 3,300 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients and placed over 1,300 people in jobs.

MOWD's welfare-to-work programs provide participants with the tools and resources necessary to live independent lives while also expanding the job applicant pool of entry level worker filling a critical business need.

President William Jefferson Clinton with Mayor Richard M. Daley, visit Chicago supporting more efforts of the City in it role to reduce the number of persons on welfare.

Chicago Hailed For Welfare - To - Work Program

"Hard to place clients still a concern" Eddie Read
Lincoln Centre' Bridge to Work

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Douglas - The Bridge to Work (BTW) Program received new funding to serve 200 less-than-job ready TAF recipients: $1.8 million to help 250 people on Chicago's South Side, and $1.2 million to open a Bridge to Work office in South Suburban Harvey which will serve 164 people.

Sharon Tenard, computer instructor for the Bridge To Work Program, pictured students in one of the Bridge to Work office in South Suburban Harvey which will serve 164 people.

Under the leadership of BTW Executive Director Margo Christopher Brooks, the program proved that with the right development and training, TAF recipients could be placed in meaningful employment, with ongoing support from BTW, participants would stay employed.

Douglas - The Bridge to Work (BTW) Program recently awarded the Abraham Lincoln Center Bridge to Work office in South Suburban Harvey which will serve 164 people.

The Abraham Lincoln Center Bridge to Work Program two new contracts to serve less-than-job ready TAF recipients: $1.8 million to help 250 people.

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Master Developer

Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (3) who is a member of a nine member panel will select one Master Developer, in which CHA/RBD will make the final decision. The panel consists of three public housing residents, community organizations, and government officials.

Two of the bidders are from the Mid-South communities, The Woodlawn Organization in partnership with the New England Builders and Wade Enterprises, and Centers for New Horizons and the Abraham Lincoln Center in partnership with developer Allison Davis as All Umg Long. The third is the Lincolnpoint Development Corp. with St. Louis-based developer Mc. Cormack Barron & Associates with Masmor Stein Development Services Inc. (MSDS).

The partnership is to ensure creates social services with a focus on housing, creating jobs and relationships with Empowerment Zone Boards and businesses.

According to the new Lincolnpoint O- lark, the Kenwood Oakland Community, Conservation Council (CCU), a governing body for the Oak- land/Kenwood communities, (appointed by Mayor Richard M. Da- ley) voted for the St. Louis group, because the project would be best serve by an outside group. McCormack Barron & Associates was identified on one of the best developers in the Country.

Questions arose because of MSDS close relationship to Julia Stasch, Chief of Staff for the Mayor. She was employed by McCormack Barron & Associates and had previous experience as a consultant to the program from five Depart- ments.

Bidders would be selected by SDS, a consultant to refine the program and to develop a sound model to success.

Mr. Hare's experience in the rebirth of community just as well. Emphasized his relationship with the Abraham Lincoln Centre. "how are we going to achieve the program's goals? We are going to create jobs, says, IDHS Secretary Howard A. Peters. "I am pleased that they have accepted the challenge of working with clients who need extra assistance to become employed." In slightly less than a year, the Bridge to Work Program (BTW) has achieved the best performance of the more than 50 programs funded by IDHS to move people from welfare to self-sufficiency.

The Centre', reported, of the 12 Chicago area organizations funded by IDHS to provide Illinois Job Advatage (IJA) services to people receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), BTW continues to excel above the rest. 'The Bridge to Work Program has been successful in many areas including reducing welfare dependency, and economic self-sufficiency.

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Bronzeville Merchants Association

The Bronzeville Merchants Association and the Chicago Daily Defender wishes to extend its thanks for the support and participation in the rebirth of the Inauguration Ceremonies for the Mayor Of Bronzeville.

Which was held August 13, 1999, at the Hyatt, McCormick 1920, 1930, 1940

The Bronzeville Merchants Association

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Bronzeville Merchants Association
**Open Letter:**

To: Mayor Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago
Mr. Norman Bohms, President and C.E.O. of La Salle Bank N.A.
Ms. M. J. Haithcock, Alderperson of the 2nd Ward

From: President of the Chicago Marathon

Re: The appearance of Non-consideration to Olivet Baptist Church by the Chicago Marathon

In 1997 I sent Mayor Richard M. Daley, Alderperson Madeline Haithcock and La Salle Bank a letter voicing my concern about the amount of noise and the appearance of disrespect afforded Olivet Baptist Church during the Chicago Marathon. This was done in consultation with both the Mayor's Office and La Salle Bank assuring me that in 1998 Olivet Baptist would not have to endure such disrespect.

Again, in 1998 the Chicago Marathon was run and again the members of Olivet Baptist Church could hardly conduct worship services due to the noise level in the same block (across the street, westside of King Drive). They were playing secular loudly and we, at Olivet were playing religious music. We had trouble at the morning message due to the noise produced by the noise across the street. It is not enough that the marathon is run down 31st Street, it is not enough that the marathon is run down 31st Street, but to compete with the loud noise on King Drive also is just too much.

While we are pleased that the marathon in a part of our community, we are not pleased that we're not able to worship God with a fair amount of peace and respect.

Hopefully, you will honor God along with us on October 24, 1999 and a least stop the noise on King Drive across the street from us. May I remind you that it is yet warm at that time and we have our windows open while we worship. We still came prepared to have a fair amount of peace and respect.

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From: David Dunlap

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. Her spirit was whole, her body was only temporary.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you life so that you may enjoy all.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations, it isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You loves me. God said Ahhh, finally you have the idea.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me. God said...makes no sense. God said, No. Her spirit was whole, her body was only temporary.

This book can be purchased at Christian Science Reading Room

**The fourth annual Jericho Walk of Englewood**

Englewood - The fourth annual Jericho Walk stepped off on September 11, from Saint Andrews Temple at 6722 S. Hermitage preceding west to Marquette Park. The walk was founded by Pastor Connie Crawford-Banna of the Chicago area, the living God, in the words of her father Bishop Melvin Crawford, "she was given the vision of this event."

This event generally generates more than 3,000 participants and pastor Crawford-Banna envisions participation to swell, tripling every year.

The walk was formed to identify and eradicate the ills that plague the Englewood community. She metaphorically describes the problems existing in the community as walls like those confronted by the patriarch Joshua in the Old Testament. Her vision is for this event to serve as a model for communities besieged by crimes, poverty, ignorance and hate all across the country.

Pastor Crawford-Banna a onetime aldermanic candidate has for many years championed the cause of the residents Englewood. She has a sold record of accomplishments operating a daycare center that offers volunteer participation to swell, tripling every year.

The Jericho Walk enjoys the support of residents, concerned citizens across the city and a diverse group of prominent leaders in the religious, political and business community. ted Thomas' 15th ward alderman introduced a resolution to the city council that September 11, 1999 he proclaimed Jericho Walk Day. Spencer Leak, deputy director of the Illinois Department of Corrections calling Englewood, "a community in crisis" lend his support urging the pastor not to give up all the community to be exploited. Denise Gray a longtime Englewood resident and supporter...
Bronzeville Mayor

Ester Barnett, an officer of the Bronzeville Merchants Association. The Mayor of Bronzeville is a prominent community role model that represents progress and unity.

The Bronzeville Merchants Association and the Chicago Daily Defender conduct a citywide campaign to recruit the "Mayor of Bronzeville" community election. Over 2,000 votes were cast, and Herb Kent the "the Cool Gent" was elected Mayor of Bronzeville. Background is Frank Bacon, lower in Mayor Kent, Paul Griffin Martin "gaz" gaze and Egin Mayze Feavy.

Washington Park Children's Clinic

The clinic has three primary goals. First, WPC provides free healthcare services to infants and children in the community. Medical services, provided by an attending physician, pediatric interns/residents, and medical students from the University of Chicago School of Social Services Administration, include help enrolling in KidCare, Well-infants-and-Children (WIC), and Medicaid.

The clinic is located at the University of Chicago Medical Center and is operated by the University of Chicago Plastic Surgery of Medicine Community Health Initiative. The clinic is open every Thursday from 3:30 to 7:30 and patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.
The Return to Bronzeville

The Mayor of Bronzeville idea was believed by many old enough to remember—re-born out of several "handcuffs" bestowed upon one Ed Jones who acquired Chicago's Rich Boy rocket with the blessing of the county's political machine. One of those affectionate nicknames was "Boss of Bronzeville". Through common repetition and recital of catch phrases, Boss of Bronzeville turned into Mayor of Bronzeville and with that, Gentry's idea was reborn.

The stories of his beginnings and of Robert Sim- gatock-Abbott—founding Publisher of the Chicago Defender Newspaper, and Ed Jones—the King of the City, were never published. As framed in her citation mission statement, the Mayor of Bronzeville was conceived to elevate an outstanding figure to heights beyond imagination and to make of him a symbol for the city.

As Mayor of Bronzeville, Gentry would add his voice to the notion of the work of the man or the black man in the construction of what was to become the Housing Development in the area of Ida B. Wells, the 37th and King Drive.

Saturday September 22, 1934, behind the walls of the Eighth Regiment Armory on Giles Street, Tin Pan Yar's Or- chestra rocked the house as Pullman Porter-turn leading businessmen James E. Knight was elected as the first ever Mayor of Bronzeville—marking a new era in "race progress".

Knight was known affectionately as "Genial Jim", Knight was a ranking member of the Massasoit Order, the king of the bronze people. His presence on the streets of Bronzeville was an inspiration to all.

As such, when the Mayor of Bronzeville talked issues with outside business and political leaders, his words were taken in a sense that this person truly spoke for the concerns of the community. And many of the women of the community's most respected and privileged personalities would have the privilege of serving, including 2 noted physicians and a top radio personality.

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PREVENTING THE CULTURAL ARTS
The Mayor of Bronzeville Ball was always the very height of the social season and well attended by the highest levels of African American society. The major film and stage. Through the years, their rendition to the King’s song was attended by Herle, Duke Ellington, Elia Kazan and Sammy Davis Jr. At the 1935 event kicked off with a 100- car parade through the neighborhood, the event held at the famed Savoy Ballroom featuring Earl Fatha.

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Other options will include, moves to mid or down state Illinois or out of state altogether in order to find suitable new housing and the land lords accept their vouchers. As HUD which I predict will now reduce housing under several years after internal fraud , waste, mismanagement and mate- rial complicity with the Urban Minor Developers. The people of the black community will be left even more out of context and of loss of community interest. In 1955 however the Bronzeville Mayor-shit was restored, though short-lived.

Return of Bronzeville continues Next Issue;
The Master Developer

Ron Carter
Publisher & Editor

Would you vote now to see who needs to be persuaded or discuss it more to find some common interest before the vote. From the corner of 47th and St. Lawrence Ave., the vote came from residents that develop in the city and communities. Among the people who decide to vote, the city and communities they are not the last word, and saw the non-black workers, keep in mind residents of Mid-South complaining, get-ting the last home to the people who are building with little Black workers on the job. I said to myself: of the people of the city of Chicago, in order to protect the city's society. The AHA, the largest voluntary health orga-nization fighting cardiovascular disease and stroke. The AHA's March is to raise public awareness about the risk factors and warning signs and what to do if stroke occurs. The AHA's March for 1999 is "Save a Medical Emergency—Call 911." The AHA recently reaffirmed and strengthened commitment to stroke prevention and education, establishing the American Stroke Association, a division of the AHA devoted exclusively to stroke. There are several local AHA volunteers and spokes persons that can offer important informa-tion on stroke and the preventive measures that can reduce risks. For more information, please call us at 312.346.4675. Karen Trauernicht, Communications Director, Chicago Chapter Jennifer Polovick, Field Communications Manager Northern Illinois & NW Indiana

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**Beltway to Bronzeville**

In April 1999, composer Ernest Dawkins was commissioned to write a large-scale work based on the rich musical and social history of the Chicago neighborhood popularly known as Bronzeville. Once a Mecca for jazz music and musicians - Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Ray Nance, Milt Hinton and countless others made a home and living there - it was also the landing place for many who moved to Chicago in the first Great Migration from the South.

The Jazz and Heritage Program, a collaboration between the Chicago Park District and the Jazz Institute of Chicago, was joined by the Chicago chapter of the American Composers Forum to create an exciting new program called the Chicago Composers Project. The idea is to offer the opportunity for community members to work collaboratively either as a composer - such as influencing the creative process of the other. Ernest Dawkins is an internationally acclaimed saxophonist, leader of the group New Horizons and president of the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM). Dawkins' compositions have been distinguished by his lyric glance and his virtuosity in drawing upon jazz languages of past, present and future. He composes with his musicians in mind, and Beltway to Bronzeville will not doubt provide some exciting challenges for the young Gallery 7players.

The South Shore Cultural Center Gallery 37 Youth Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Ron Carter performed Beltway to Bronzeville with guest soloist, saxophonist Arli Brown, trumpeter Steve Baby and trumpeter Orbert Davis.

The celebration of community included a free reception created by the Bronzeville Market and Delli, an exhibition of photographs of the neighborhood and its families by children from the Elliot Donnelly Youth Center, plus paintings and sculptures by the Little Black Pearl Workshop. The reception and exhibition was held at Donnelly Youth Center, 3947 S. Michigan Avenue.

Beltway to Bronzeville also performed at the 21st Annual Chicago Jazz Festival September 5th, at the Jackson State.

The Chicago Jazz and Heritage Program, now in its second year, is an innovative music education program that traces the evolution of Swing, Bebop, Latin, Jazz and Free Jazz highlighting Chicago's rich historical legacy. It is a celebration of local musicians, through oral history, workshops, concerts and the new Chicago Composers Project, the Chicago Jazz and Heritage Program seeks to reconnect Chicago's communities to their own jazz history and America's own art form.

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**BIRD**

by John E. Woodson

August in Chicago is affectionately referred to by many, especially musicians, as "Charlie Parker Month."

His tradition, embraced by musicians to this day, is to consent to its inception in the late 1950s memorializing the birth month of the one-man band whose single-tuned style turned the music scene around. Joe Segal, Chicago's own jazz promoter of Jazz Show Case fame, can be credited with getting it started, with innovation, off the ground.

Charlie Parker, despite his death in March 1955, is still being acclaimed, as the person responsible for having the biggest influence of jazz instrumentalists since the second World War. The late bassist Milt Hinton said after Parker's death, "Most of the soloists at Birdland (a jazz club in Manhattan, New York, dedicated to Charlie) had to wait for Parker's new record to find out what to play next. What will they do now?"

Bird's career started at an early age back in Kansas City, Missouri, where he played baritone horn in the school band. He switched to alto saxophone at the age of eleven. Parker gained much of his formal training while playing in the Old Lincoln High School Band. He dropped out of high school at age 15, in 1935. That same year, Bird played his first professional gig on Thanksgiving Day, earning $1.25 for that evening.

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The next few years found Bird working with many local bands including Jay McShann, George Lee, Lawrence Keys, Buster Bailey and Charlie Christian. He met young Dizzy Gillespie in 1939 at the Booker T. Hotel, in K.C. Shortly thereafter, he made his first trip to New York, where he worked as a dishwasher and occasionally gigged for peanuts. The following hearts from The Legend of Charlie Parker, by Robert Remer, Da Capo Press, N.Y., contains Bird's own words about this period.

"I played at Monroe's Uptown House. Nobody paid me much mind at first at Monroe's except Bill Moore, one of Count Basie's trumpet players. He liked me. Everybody else was trying to get me to sound like Benny Carter. There was no jazz at Monroe's. Sometimes I got forty or fifty cents a night. If business was good, I might get up to six dollars. I remember one night I was jamming in a chili house (Dan Walls) on Seventh Avenue between 139th and 140th. It was December, 1939.

Now I'd been getting bored with the stereotyped changes that were being used all the time, and I kept thinking there's bound to be something else. I could hear it sometimes, but I couldn't play it. Will, that night, I worked over-"Cherokee" and, as I did, I found that by using the higher intervals of a chord as a melody line and backing them..."
On Video

By David Schultz

THE KING (and ***)

Inferior animated rendition of this film's action
stemmed from a telecast based on the Broadway play.
the western melodrama reaches for the East. When an
American school teacher sent to instruct the children of
the King of Siam who has a drearier task aiding
to kill him for his throne. Although and Changes
version that kids can't wait too much for and per-
sons would rather stick with the 1974 version of
Bye-Bye Deborah Kerr.

DRA W YOUR OWN DELTA (**) 

Alfred Wedlock finds a solid cast in this mild
domestic dramedy family drama. To get Woodard and
the depth with some insight and predictability, but not enough
overdrawn.

CHILDREN OF HEAVEN (***)

An old Jackie Chan film import gets repack-
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involves a retarded daughter (Juliette Lewis) who
was so prominently featured in the
same interest in a mind therapy
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McDonald’s manager graduates from its Hamburger University

Sandra Turner, of the McDonald’s of 13444 East 53rd Street and Marium L. Bland, of the McDonald’s at 6000 South Lagos, have been awarded a bachelor of Hamburgerology degree from McDonald’s Hamburger University (H.U.) for graduating from the University’s Advanced Operations Course. McDonald’s is the leading food service retailer in the global consumer marketplace, with more than 22,000 restaurant businesses in more than 109 countries. About 80 percent of McDonald’s restaurant business are locally-owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs.

Woodlawn Business Association regenerates with plans for 63rd

Woodlawn businesses have renamed themselves from the Woodlawn Business Association to Woodlawn Business Association to fund a reconstruction for future of commerce, redevelopment for assurance of small businesses growth. The reconstruction of Woodlawn is meant to become the process of providing the community local consumer needs, said Terrence Miller, president of the Association. The association opened its new office at 616 East 63rd Street to begin rebuilding the association after the loss of nearby 63rd Street businesses.

The association reported 63rd Street infrastructure damage isn’t that, leading them to conduct an economic analysis of the area, said Miller.

Case No. 992457-
Judge Manning

Lawsuit filed against Phone Companies, State & County

A class-action law suit was filed in the United States District Court on behalf of the thousands of family members of State and Cook County prisoners. The claim is a result of a series of illegal and unconstitutional kick-back contracts between four major phone companies, the State of Illinois, and Cook County, that callers have been forced to pay exorbitant phone rates and special surcharges in order to receive phone calls from inmates in prison.

The suit alleges that the State of Illinois, through Central Management Services, entered into exclusive contracts with ATT, MCI, Ameritech and Consolidated Communications, giving a different phone company sole power to control the phone service and rates in each prison. In return for such control, the phone companies agree to give the State a huge monetary “signing bonus,” in some cases up to $500,000, and up to half of the revenues generated by prisoners calls.

In 1997 they exceeded $25 million. A similar agreement was entered into between Cook County and AT&T.

The attorneys for the class are Michael E. Deitch of the Center for Constitutional Rights, Stephen Seliger of Stephen Seliger Ltd., Alan Suler and John Stanthorp of the People’s Law Office and James Broderick of Soulé and Imbrie.

Terrence Miller

47th Street still moving ahead, but unclear to the residents

Alderman Dorothy Tillman was captured by camera posing 47th Street with developer Wendell Campbell and his associates. Ald. Tillman dispelled with the photographer reconsidered her orders to have Armenak Hicks arrested for unknown reasons. With the opening of Dollar Junction and as 47th Street Plaza on Lake Park is targeted to open in October, plans want to King Drive are still in question with letters mailed to property owners from St. Lawrence to Calumet (L), informing them that the City of Chicago plans to rehab businesses, or demolish them for replacement businesses. Still not clear if the City will place a statue of entertainer Quincy Jones on the corner of 47th and King drive. The City nor Ald. Tillman is giving any status of the Lou Rawls Entertainment Center, now labeled the 47th Street Culture Center.
Loans a-plenty in Mid South's Bronzeville

By Frank Ottmann

The grand opening of the new Bronzeville Center of First Chicago, 35th and King Drive is no surprise with the many financial institutions opening up their doors in Mid-South.

When other banks and loan companies were not giving loans to low and moderate-income families ($12—$18,000), the South Shore Bank (SSB) made available small block businesses and residents of Mid-South low-income areas. As well as personal loans on cars, leases, home renovation and local debts, according to Woody Baire, vice president of the bank.

Kevin McVey, assistant vice president at SSB business office said, they have specifically, over the years catered to African-Americans, in helping low income families obtain these loans when no one else was helping out. "SSB has helped Southside families that knew how to say..."

The five banks in the Chicago area that provide the highest proportion of their loans to lower-income neighborhoods (more than 30%) all have under $1 billion in assets and maintain a significant branch presence.

The banks conduct more lending in their lower-income neighborhood than many banks that are much larger. Conversely, the five largest bank holding companies in Illinois have focused almost exclusively on higher-income areas, with only 11% of loans going to lower-income communities.

The vast majority of banks, according to SSB, have failed their mission of creating an equitable community. SSB, one of the five banks, claims that it is the only bank that has consistently made loans to low-income neighborhoods.

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In 1974, SSB reported it was the first providing single-family rehab loans in Douglas and Grand Boulevard communities, leading to the community’s two residential landmarks districts as well.

Mortgage companies also have a presence. In a surveys, 1990 the Ad-Advantages Vantages Mortgage Company (AM) has enjoyed quite a success in the Mid-South and targeting the Washington Park Community. Of the many mortgage and realty companies that have folded over the years, the AM has persevered in the inner-city communities.

Jeff Harris, president of AM says, "Rehab loans are the hottest things go- ing in the Mid-South right now. We have helped quite a few people in the Mid-South with these loans. If you own a building, it doesn’t call for that much extra effort to keep it up and the cost of fixing it up is only a fraction of what it will bring back over the years."

Advantage finances mostly residential mortgages and businesses that have multi-units, apartments, condos, townhouses. A private finance company, it finances Housing and Urban Development (HUD) loans; Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and Veteran Administration (VA) loans.

An area needing improvement is busi-ness loans. Most large banks neglect small business lending in lower-income neighborhoods. A recent Woodstock study, "Getting Down to Business," uses new CRA data to show that large banks make few small business loans in lower-income neighborhoods.

The report raises concerns of increasing consolidation and merger activity in the banking industry and documents the importance of branch presence in small business lending patterns.

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City Offers Grants to Residents for Home Improvements

Private/Public venture targets $2 million to low and middle-income in Mid-South

Bronzeville/Woodlawn - Homeowners in Bronzeville and Woodlawn can now receive non-repayable grants from the City of Chicago for exterior improvements to their homes, through a pilot program. The City will provide at least $2 million in Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) grants for those residents who have lived in their occupied single-family home or apartment with up to four units for at least three years. The owners can receive up to 120 percent of the Chicago Metropolitan Area Median Income, adjusted for family size. Maximum grants for these owners range from $10,000 to $17,500, depending on the size of the building.

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Alderman Dorothy Tillman, whose ward includes Bronzeville, Woodlawn, emphasized that this program is not a handout. "This is a sound investment in two communities that have the will and the know-how to reach new heights," said Troutman. "This is a sound investment in two communities that have the will and the know-how to reach new heights," said Troutman.

This innovative public/private effort should prove to be a model for other neighborhoods in Chicago and ultimately for revitalizing urban areas throughout the country," said Andrew Mooney, Senior Program Director of LISC/Chicago, the Chicago branch of the nation's largest nonprofit financier of affordable housing and community development projects. The City is working with groups from the financial, non-profit and community development sectors to foster home improvements through a loan program with negligible risk. Homeowners rehabilitate and refinace their homes, neighborhoods improve and the entire city benefits. This is an innovative testament to what these partnerships can accomplish.

Alderman Dorothy Tillman (38), whose ward includes Bronzeville, highlighted the role long-time community residents are playing in those neighborhoods. She is pressing for revitalization. "Bronzeville is going through a period of growth unheard of since World War II. People and businesses are moving in and the future is very bright. But they are not coming into this vacuum. There are people in this community living in this neighborhood for years, even decades. This program ensures those residents will be able to more fully enjoy the fruits of their labors," Tillman said.

Deadlines:

- Single-family homeowners interested in learning more about this program and receiving an application should call Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) at (800) 4560982. Owners of multi-family apartment buildings should call the Community Investment Corporation at (312) 258-0770. All applications from Woodlawn residents must be fully completed and turned in by Friday, September 17, 1999. All applications from Bronzeville residents must be fully completed and turned in by Friday, October 15, 1999. Grants will be awarded on a first-come/first-served basis. However, if there are more eligible applicants than grants available, a lottery will be held. Those not picked in the lottery will be placed on a waiting list.

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Washington Park Community,
Under new construction with opposition

Washington Park - A coalition of African-Americans are charging that the Washington Park community have been systematically and illegally excluded from construction market through years of institutionalized discrimination against the coalition. The concern of the Crusaders of Justice, Washington Park Community Coalition, and the Workship Coalition.

On 56th and Prairie Ave. the coalition reported 56 units were developed, and that Black construction workers are not allowed to bid on major trades because of "No Bid deals" work such as: plumbing, electrical, heating, air conditioning, and masonry. Mr. Richard Scortinno, a developer in the Washington Park community that is responsible for the community receiving less than 1.5% of the jobs. The coalition said Scortinno is a recipient of Empowerment Zone funds, which he has been charged with blocking Black construction workers on major trades because of "No Bid deals" said protesters at the site.

Projects the coalition is targeting, are those receiving public funding/grants ie; Empowerment Zone. According to the Chicago Defender, Aida Arrenda Troncot (20) reported that the project includes federal, state, county, and city funding.

For info on the petition contact: Rev. M. Earle Sanders, 773-924-0233, Cecilia Butler 773-667-0464, Omar Johnson - 773-291-2207

Chicago's Real Estate market - no end in sight

According to statistics released by the Chicago Association of Realtors (CAR) the Chicago real estate market is still going strong, despite a slight decline in interest rates.

A comparison of the first six months of 1997, and 1998 show increases in units and median prices for all three residential housing types (single family detached, single family attached, 2-,3-and 4-flats). According to John Andrus, CAR President, "These numbers indicate that prices are stable in the market, and that the growth in units sold is still outpacing the increase in median prices over the years studied."

Condominium sales are leading the pack again (type 2, single family attached) for the number of units sold and the increase in median prices. "Traditional" condo neighborhoods (i.e., "Near North, Lakewood, Edgewater") all showed increases over the past year (compared to 1997 to 1998). Andrus noted that "the condo boom may still be far from over in these areas, because the inventory of product may be decreasing."

"Newer" condominium neighborhoods (such as "Near South, Near West, Lincoln Square & West Town") again reflected the most explosive growth in the condo market, showing triple-digit gains over the two years. Andrus explained, "These statistics indicate that the residents of these newer-choice neighborhoods are still strong in their desire for proximity to work downtown."

Single family detached housing is still holding strong, with neighborhoods such as Ashland, Belmont Cragin, Northwood Park, Portage Park and Northwest Chicago showing the greatest levels of activity in number of units closed.

What is news is the 15% increase in the number of 2-, 3-, and 4-flats sold throughout the city. This segment of the market is often viewed as an affordable option for homeownership, i.e., live in one half of the building and rent the other. It showed very little growth between the first half of 1997 and 1998, but increased 15% from 1998 to 1999. Although 2-, 3-, and 4-flats are only 20% of the Chicago residential market, this type of housing often dominates certain neighborhoods, such as Lincoln Park, Humboldt Park, North- and South Lawndale. Andrus predicted, "The activity increases in this segment would be of rejuvinating these areas."

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