

CHA 2000 Plan:

Residents still In Limbo

Mass March set for October 28th

by Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

Mid-South communities (Bronzeville) has the most concentrated area of public housing in Chicago, from 22nd to 63rd streets. Similar to a hurricane the Chicago Housing Authority is to tear down 51 high-rises, including all of Robert Taylor Homes and Stateway Gardens. Residents and public housing organizers view it as an all-too familiar preparation for another onslaught to move low-income people from the city and create homelessness.

To counteract the city's plans, a city-wide march on City Hall is scheduled for October 24th, sponsored by the Coalition to Protect Public Housing (CCPH).

CHA Chief Executive Officer Phillip Jackson, acknowledged he may be the meanest guy in town in his undertaking of transforming the housing developments, emphasizing his image at a community press meeting. At the same time moving the deadline for the relocation for some residents from the later date of November 15, up to October 31.

CHA offered tenants who meet the new dead line to relocate, two months free rent.

Jackson's comprehensive plan of CHA's Budget for Fiscal year 2000 call for \$615 million.

Jackson reported the plan is a,

"Holistic approach that will link public housing residents, including Section 8 residents, to needed social and community based services: such as job training, drug abuse counseling, day-care and other services." Jackson continued to report that, "The demolition of many of the public housing buildings is to make room for better housing units in the community for lower income people and those of moderate income."

Reports from Daley's office supports CHA's budget 2000, which must be approved by the City council. Daley stressed the plan for public housing is not to move resident out, but to enhance the lives of the residents.

Many residents of the 5266 S. State Taylor building are still in the dark as what to expect next concerning future housing. Tenants were told they had to move due to deteriorating building conditions, only to be coerced by building management to move even sooner.

Tenants complained that they were not given Section 8 vouchers nor told what was going on concerning their moving and future living quarters.

Rene Maxwell member of CPPH said, "Hope VI Plan is to rehab the existing housing units. But cautions 'Let's say, of 500 housing units, only about 50 would be low income families from Taylor, the rest would be market type units."

"First, we started with the 'Hole,' (53rd and State Street) demolished a year ago giving the people there Section 8 vouchers, only to discover that families with five or six children or more could not find suitable housing

due to landlords caution of tenants with many children."

Fifty percents of the tenants at Taylor have chosen not to leave, facing eviction and possible jail confinement for not complying to the November 15 deadline.

"Once you receive Section 8 voucher, you can not return to public housing. Lifestyle is different at the CHA, but you can make it if you want

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In one of many meetings addressing the issues of public housing, (standing left), Alderman of the 3rd ward, presented her version of a holistic approach to addressing relocation needs of the residents at Robert Taylor building, 5266 State Street, who have until Oct. 31st to move. (Seated left) is Mildred Dennis, Local Advisory Council president of Taylor B, State Rep. Louana Jones, and (standing right) Phillip Jackson, CEO of Chicago Housing Authority.

Burkes wins Custody of Baby "T"



SSJ Photo by Haroon Azzaam Raja'ee
Rev. Anthony Williams (left), Tina Ollison (center), and Sister Souljah, (forefront.) Joined together in protest of the decision to award guardianship to Ald. Edward Burke (14) and Judge Ann Burke of the Circuit Court.

Tina Ollison was to receive possession of her child March 1, 1999, however on Oct. 20, 1999, Judge Judith Brawka awarded guardianship to Ald. Edward Burke and his wife, Judge Ann Burke of the Circuit Court. Lu Palmer, WVON talk show host, calls the decision, by the judge, nothing but an obvious indication about the power of these individuals (the Burkes) against the Black community.

Ms. Ollison should have parental rights, but the child will remain with the adoptive parents if Ms. Ollison keeps fighting she will not receive her other child.

"This is morally wrong what they did to her," said, Rev. Anthony Williams who is a supporter of Ms. Ollison.

Ollison who was addicted to drugs, says she's reformed.

She filed a class action suit, Ed Burke sits on the panel to appoint judges. She has 30 days to file an appeal, in which she has not decided whether or not she will do so.

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Co-Op Markets anchors on 47th Street

Kenwood - When the venerable Hyde Park Co-Op, purchased a second neighborhood institution in 1996, they simply called it by its old common name, Mr. G's. But today, with a third store opened at 47th and Lake Park Ave., officials report it was clearly time for a change.

On Friday, October 1, the Hyde Park Co-Op recognized its emergence as a multi-store corporation and became Co-Op Markets. The grand opening celebration was held a week after opening with a host of community groups, government officials and private institutions saluting the project envisioned as an momentous occasion for the Kenwood community.

The name change symbolize the move to adopt a corporate identity; the resurgence and growth of the south "Lake Front" community is also prompting a change in virtually every aspect of the store.

Since its founding in 1932 as a buying club during the Depression, the Hyde Park Cooperative Society has served the near south side as a neighborhood institution for more than six decades, constantly adapting to best fit the needs of its customers, who are also its owners. "Being confronted with creating a corporate identity enabled us to examine who we were and what we wanted to be," said Richard Fisk, General Manager of Co-Op Markets. "We asked what does it mean to not only be community owned and operated, but how do we best serve the community? The answer was we had to simply be the best."

The concept for the shopping plaza has a long history of community work. Bob Lucas of the Kenwood Oakland Community



Employees (pictured above) prepare for the grand opening celebration of their new store at the new Lake Park Pointe Shopping Center on Saturday, Oct 9th at 10:00 a.m. at 47th Street. The free celebration features live music, entertainment, and refreshments for the entire family.

Organization (KOCO) stress the importance of the plaza's history.

"As a result of a nine development plans for the community developed in 1985," explained Lucas, the project, "began happening in 1988 by former Mayor Eugene Sawyer appointment of a Neighborhood Planning Committee, which resulted in a Conservaton Plan making way for City Council approval in September 1992."

The plaza will include about eleven other stores, which mostly are chain stores.

Striving to become the best grocery store the anchor, Co-Op Markets embraced a new mission statement: "A love affair with wonderful foods," with new and diverse food, responding to the varied tastes and interests of shoppers.

"While we have always carried fine foods, we

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10th Annual African Holocaust Memorial



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About 200 people marched from the Center for Inner City Studies to 39th and the lake to take part in the ceremony with Baba Hannibal Afrik (center) and Sister Roberta Cash (right) paying tribute to the many millions of Africans ancestors who were brutalized and/or killed during the four centuries of the African slave trade from African to North, South and Central America and the West Indies that developed as a result of European settlement in the western hemisphere from the 15th thru the 20th Century. Praise was also given to those people of African descent who struggled against slavery and all the various forms of racial injustice that people of African descent were subjected to by Europeans.

New Chair for NCOBRA,

The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America, (NCOBRA) the Chicago Chapter has been graced with the dynamic abilities of the talented Ms. Cecilia Butler who stepped forward to replace the ailing Erline Arikpo. Ms. Butler will co-chair with Mr. Wilton Summerlin of Newlife Health Services. "We feel confident that the action, intelligence, courage

and persistence that Ms. Butler has demonstrated in her consistent fight to upgrade the community and to enhance the lives of the residents will have a catalytic affect on the Reparations movement" said Ms. Arikpo.

"It is a disgrace that, as we approach the new millennium, this country has not yet apologize for Slavery nor paid Reparations for the more that 200 years of free labor provided by the enslaved Africans." said Ms. Butler. "Every descendant should as-

sure our success." Arikpo added the Chicago Chapter under the leadership of co-chairpersons, Butler and Summerlin will bring them closer to the goals. Meeting every 4th Sunday of the month at the Washington Pk. Fieldhouse, 5531 S. King Dr., 2 to 4 pm.



Cecilia Butler, stepped forward to replace the ailing Erline Arikpo

100 years for Big Mama

Approaching the new Millennium, Mary Q. Smith (AKA Big Mama) will be celebrating her 100th birthday on October 25. Ms. Smith was born in Aberdeen, Mississippi on October 25, 1899. She is the oldest of three sisters and two brothers. She and her husband, Robert L. Smith Sr., were married on December 26, 1916, and moved to Chicago in 1944. They lived in the Grand Boulevard community near 48th & Cottage Gr.. They are the proud parents of five children, four sons and one daughter, all who preceded her in death except for one son Willie Lee Smith.



Mary Q. Smith (AKA Big Mama) celebrating her 100th birthday

Big Mama is very alert and active. She has been a member of Rayfield M.B. Church since she came to Chicago, there she sang in the choir and was President of the Willing Working Club. Even now she is still a honorary President of the Willing Working Club.

Big Mama is a devoted White Sox Fan and up until five years ago she enjoyed cooking and baking and was well known for her exceptional dinner rolls. She continues to listen to the ball game on the radio or cheer her team while watching T.V.

Big Mama and her family will honor the 100th birthday celebration at Judd's Red Derby Banquet Inn at 12700 South Kedzie in Blue Island, wishing Mrs. Mary Q. Smith a Happy Birthday

U.F.I. ROC, for Woodlawn/Englewood

The United For Improvement Rights Of Citizenship, UFIROC, set up in the Woodlawn and Englewood communities. "We are not bound by race, religion, gender or any discriminatory practices based on superstition, reported UFIROC. "We maintain our commitments to the principles handed down from God to Man and seek to magnify his grace with care and concern. The organization focus on landscaping, Construction, Est. Bank, Sales, Leisure Activities, Meeting Days: Wednesday 8:30 pm, Monday 6:30 pm.

Meetings & Dates

Saturday 23

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

Monday 25,

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

Sunday 27,

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

Wednesday 27

Unique solutions for Chronic back pain offered by The Rehabilitation Institute Center (RIC): a free community program designed to help back pain sufferers. RIC at Windemere House, 5548 S. Hyde Park Blvd., from 5 - 6 pm. For more information or to register call 312/908-9554.

Friday 29

Fall Festival at Bynam Island - Washington Park, 5531 S. King Dr. 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. A less than frightful celebration of the Fall season - The entire Island turns into a fantasy land for kids of all ages. There are fall arts and crafts, face painting and lunch (hotdogs, chips and punch). a petting zoo and 'Haunted Hut' round out this afternoon of fun. \$3 per child.

Octo - "Boo" Fest - Metcalf Park, 4134-4258 S. State Street, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. The "spirit" of Halloween - Witchcrafts, a haunted house, hay-ride, pumpkin patch, tomb and skull throwing contest, "freaky faces" and treats to eat - including "witches fingers", "bat wings" and "witches brew." \$3 per child. Sponsored by the Chicago Park District call 312/747-2623 for information.

47th Street Business Association meets bi-weekly at Harris Bank, 47th and Drexel. 8:30 pm. For info call 773/684-7175.

Saturday 30

We are the Village People, Org. Millennium Youth Movement Oct. 30, 1999 Washington Park Chicago. For more information call 773.6844. Meetings held Every Thursday at... "Some Like It Black" 1904 S. Michigan Ave. 5:30 - 7:30pm.

Sunday 31

St. Mary A.M.E. Church at 5251 S. Dearborn St. will have an "ANNUAL FALL CONCERT" featuring "THE Wooten Choral Ensemble," @ 4:30. Donations: \$10.00 - Rev. William L. Townsend Jr., Pastor.

Nov.

Tuesday 2

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

Wednesday 3

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

Saturday 13

A Gathering of Sisters: "Advancing," A day-long retreat for working women at Harold Washington College. women who are committed to thier physical, spiritual, emotional and financial well-being should plan to attend from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Room 104. Sponsored by the Human development Institue, and presented by the Watowgah Project, a study on women in the workplace. Presentors include Carol Berrien, CPA, Controller, apostolic church of God and Sammie Dortch, professor at Harold Washington College. Registration fee is \$90. For reservations and info call Barbara jackson at 800-424-7713.

The UnZip



Chicago Association of Realtors, Education Foundation announced that Nicole L. Veal is the 1999 recipient of their Chicago Public School Scholarship. Ms. Veal graduated from Hyde Park Academy in June and is presently attending Western Illinois University, majoring in Business.



Ziff Sistruck

Ziff Sistruck, the founder of this "The Unzip" column, (then the Zif Zone), honored over 20 folks for their community services: which includes Police Superintendent Terry Hillard, Rev. Higginbotham of Quinn Church, Beverly Reed, Paris Thompson, East Lake Management, Sally Honson, Williams and Esther Barnett, Charles Brooks, Dr. Mark Sengstacke, Silas Purnell birthday folks Harold Lucas, and SSJ publisher Ron Carter whose celebrates his Holloween Birthday. So what did Ziff get out of the deal. A prospect grant from the Black United Fund by one of the awardees Bob Stacks.

Commissioner Daniel Alvarez Sr., the head of the Chicago Department of Human Services for the last 10-1/2 years, confirmed reports that he is leaving City government to become a private consultant on human services and Hispanic affairs. Now who will lose and gain the 500 staffers during another ordinary and extreme emergencies, electrical blackouts and especially weather-related crises-both summer and winter. "

Ald. Arenda Troutman needs to look around the corner of her office on 62nd & King Dr. to address the serious drug distribution at 6250 & 64th and King Dr.. What do Cliff Kelly of WVON, Hermene Hartman of Indigo and Ralph G. Moore of RGM have in common with the Paul Vallas and the Chicago Public Schools oppose to education? Money.

Just back from Africa are the Crosby Brothers, Bruce and Will. reports are they are going back, one of them stated they will eventually go and stay. That will make some political animals happy.

Officer Pat Hill is back on the streets in her "Blues" and doing some teaching as well. No word if she'll run for committeeman.

To SSJ's E-mail, It has been suggested that all consumers boycott gas stations, this is due to the high price of gasoline. Gas is stockpiled and this forces the price to the consumer to rise. Low sales of gas will cause the prices to go down. Pass the word on to others. From: Chipat@webtv.net (James Patrick), NAACP's Victory - A small victory, a giant step, Found on the locker of a Black firefighter at the Fire Station on 80th and Ashand was the German Swastika.



Mfume, President and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) won a land mark decision opposing the people at Merriam-Webster Dictionary. They have rerecognized the error of their ways. So beginning with the next edition, the word nigger will no longer be synonymous with African Americans. It shall be duly noted that it's a racial slur, not what African-Americans

themselves are. Along with this, all racial and Religious slurs will be indicated for what they really are-cruel and evil slurs to often used to degrade people. Rappers be advised.

Since Larry Bloom is no longer alderman to oppose renaming Stony Island to Elijha Muhammad Dr., the Coalition Of Remembrance Elijha can resubmit it to the City Council. The Honorable Elijha Muhammad birthday was October 7. Leaving SSJ is Lionel B. Nixon, on his way to other consultant roles (rolls)

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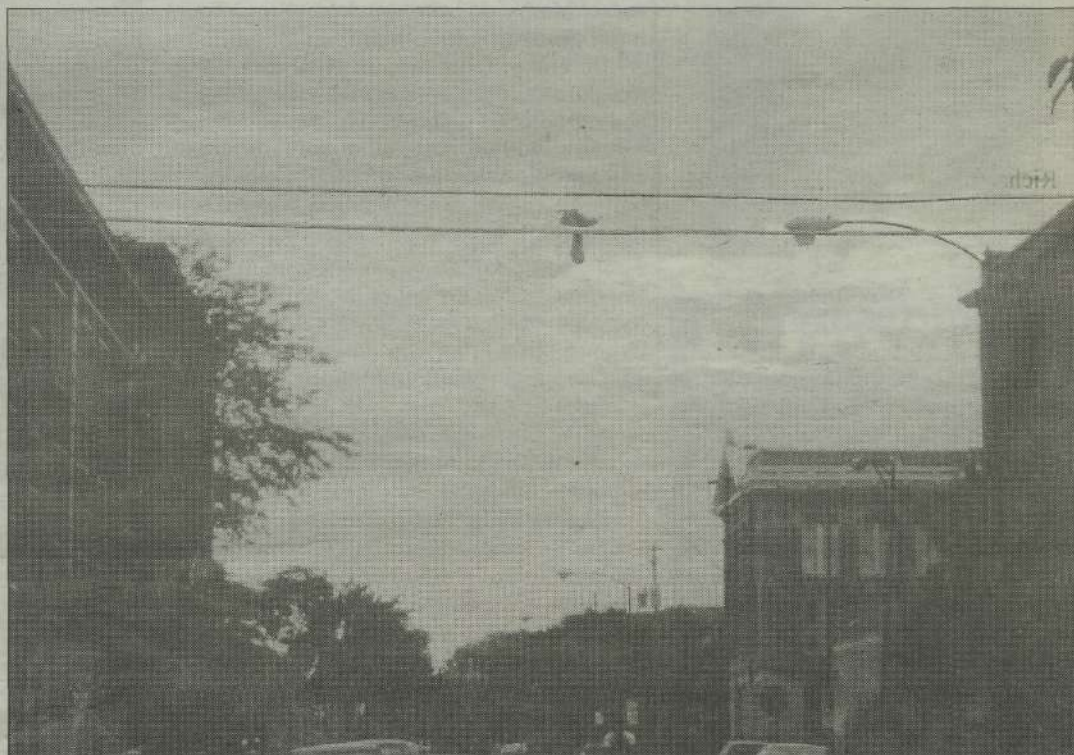


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Hanging of the shoes in trees and lightpoles represents the death (in most cases) of a member of a street organization.

Protesting Police Brutality



SSJ Photo/ Owen M. Lawson, III

Relatives the relatives of African-Americans shot and killed by Chicago Police officers voiced their view that their loved ones were unjustly shot and killed by the police at a October 16th, rally. In Richard Hogan-son killed by corrections officer, Carmile Reeves-Mahomes & Jamal Mahomes, Bro Zeb, Katherine Smith, Rev. Chris Russ-relative of Northwestern Senior Robert Russ was shot and killed by police, Gwen Hogam, Maurices Haggerty-brother of LaTanya Haggerty who was shot and killed by police, Marcia Washington and Brandi Spencer Russ.

During the past eighteen months, there have been not less than six major public hearings, dozens of rallies and community meetings, along with numerous demonstrations and actions targeting local public officials focused on police brutality. These efforts have become more extensive and appear to have been intensified during the last several months. During October, alone, several related events and initiatives have been planned, highlighting necessities of citizen action against police violence and acts of criminal misuse of power.

A broad spectrum of organizations, religious leaders, and artists have joined with a multitude of families and victims of police brutality across the country calling for the 4th National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation on October 22nd.

On Thursday, October 21, at the University of Illinois, Circle Campus Center, 750 S. Halsted St. Amnesty International, the noted Human Rights advocacy group, in conjunction with anti police brutal-

ity violence and social justice groups throughout Chicago will host a day-long Town Meeting and Strategy Conference on police brutality.

Famed civil rights attorney, John

Cochran, Jr. headlines a distinguished, knowledgeable and credible panel of jurists on law, civil and human rights. Other panelists include Ward Churchill, Professor of American Indian Studies and Angela Wright, Amnesty International Researcher and Writer.

As one local organizer, Beauty Turner stated, "The last year has been tragic. The police killings of Amadou Diallo (NY), Tyisha Miller (Riverside, CA) and LaTanya Haggerty and Robert Russ (Chicago) are just the tip of the iceberg. We need justice. The problem of police brutality is national, we need a national response to it. This is what October 22nd is about."

Local organizers have planned for this year's October 22nd rally to take place at Federal Plaza (Dearborn and Adams.) 12 noon. Last year's National Day of Protest took place in 60 cities across the country involving over 10,000 people.

Activities leading up to October 22nd will include the release of the 2nd edition of the Stolen Lives Project which documents the cases of 2,000 victims of police murder. Although the federal government has

been legally required to collect national data on police use of excessive force, Congress has failed to provide funding necessary to do so.

Noting the growing number of reported police brutality incidences across the United States, Amnesty International has targeted Chicago among several US cities to focus national and international attention to the growing assault on the human rights. Meetings and Police brutality hearings have been held in Los Angeles earlier this month. Others are planned for Pittsburgh and New York.

On October 2-3, 700 youth and their supporters held a "Youth Summit," sponsored by a coalition of youth serving agencies. One of the main problems facing youth was sighted as police brutality. This included police abuse of power and terrorization, targeting young people without the vote.

Youth felt empowered that they could begin to organize politically and rally with adults and elders while educating and defending themselves. The Chicago Justice Coalition has continued to focus on the death

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Addressing Police brutality "Challenge the Power" Former Cong. Savage

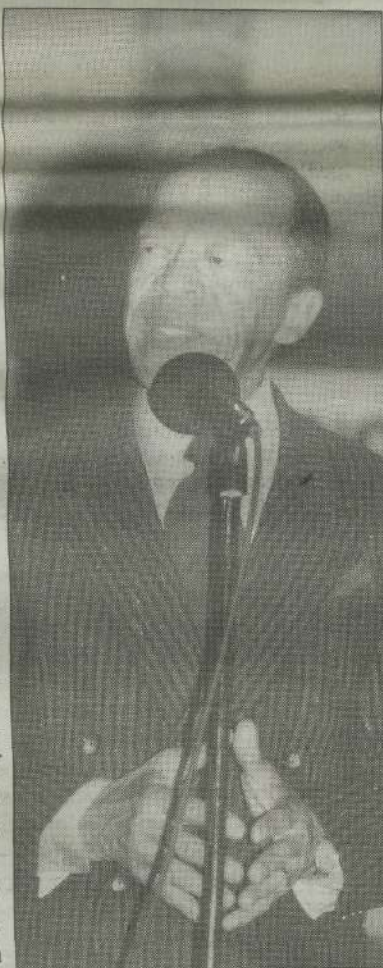
Former 2nd District Congressman Gus Savage riding down 63rd street describes Chicago as changing. In his address on Police Brutality he focuses on related issue of housing, crime and politics.

He challenge the audience to "Challenge the Power" to police brutality, it (Government) is the result of the ills of the community.

As the keynote speaker at a rally early this month, former U.S. congressman Gus Savage received a gift of an image of Malcolm X from the Rev. Paul Jake, president of the Christian Coalition of Chicago and the man who has been leading the anti-police brutality crusade in CIA.

In Mr. Savage remarks at the rally held at Mt. Moriah Church, 6400 S. Eggleston, former Congressman Savage stated that the Mayor Richard M. Daley is the person re-

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Former Congressman Gus Savage, 2nd District

The Opening of Harambee House the new home of Washington Park Community Organizations and the South Street Journal



Visitors register in order of sign-in (some in pitched) includes: Cliness Carter (mother of SSJ publisher, Floyd Rawland, Joshua E. Frank, Dorothy-Jean Carrigan, Floyd Leroy, Koumba Johnson, John H. Jackson, Dwight Brewster, Ann Brittman, Roosevelt Martin, Bruce Crosby, Dion Trotter, John Devoughn, Karen Shaw, Lonnie Richardson, Gerald Ross, Paris Thompson, Elaine & James Arckpo, Crystal Tate, George Smith, James Evans, Lynn Foreman, Nina M. Brown, Robert Floyd Plump, Anna L. Clark, Freddie Walker, Kathryn M. Walls, Delores Harrison, Ronald Yardly, Bobbie Johnson, Msyo Flenori, Cecilia Butler, Ron Carter and Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Perkins, prepares for the Open House November 20, at 128 East 58th Street..

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1st District Congressional Race, Historical



by Frank Ottman Staff Writer

The election on March 21, 2000, will not only nominate the President of the United States, it will make a difference in the direction of the historical 1st Congressional District of Chicago.



1st District Congressman Bobby Rush, (center photo) has expressed no real concern of his opponents, State Senator Donne Trotter and Left photo, Senator Barack Obama, announcement of his candidacy for Congress surrounded by elected officials, community leaders, family and friends.



concerning their political future. He not only represented his district, but all the African Americans of the United States.

The seat was a lukewarm race in 1992

when Congressman Bobby Rush defeated Hayes, in what was labeled as new leadership in the 1st congressional district.

As Mr. DePriest gave African Americans "new hope, new courage, and new inspiration," in 1936 when Arthur Michell was the first Black Democrat ever to run for Congress replacing DePriest, the concern then was not race, but political direction as it is not now for the election of 2000.

State Senators Barack Obama (D) and State Senator Donne Trotter announced their candidacy along with Street Wise newspaper executive director, Anthony Oliver, (who is expected to withdraw).

Daily newspapers have pitched the mood that the perception is Con. Rush may be more vulnerable due to his loss to Mayor Daley last March and it is time for new leadership.

The announcement of Obama as a candidate immediately drew strong criticism from State Rep. Lovana Jones, community activist Sam Ackerman and attorney Timothy Wright.

icism from State Rep. Lovana Jones, community activist Sam Ackerman and attorney Timothy Wright. The three felt that Obama erred in choosing the Palmer House as opposed to a site within the black 1st congressional District.

By all accounts, the 38 year old Obama though, seems unconcerned, and made a good impression at his announcement. He feels that he has a good chance of unseating Rush having the ability to raise the money to win.

Obama, elected three years ago replacing Sen. Alice Palmer has been having a strong presence at community events, with reports he has captured liberal white votes in the district. There are those who still question his loyalty to the black community in supporting black candidates for office, though he worked to get Carol Moseley-Braun elected.

The 1st Congressional District is 75 percent black, extending from 26th Street to south 103rd Street, with about (Continued on page 5)

Election Foot Notes

Rev. Williams to challenge Sen. Burke

Rev. Anthony Williams in his first run for public office, will be running in the election of March 2000. The district is 80% Black, now being served by Senator, Dan Burke, the brother of Ald. Ed Burke

Ald. Coleman for County Clerk

Alderman Shirley Coleman (16) is not only running for the committeeman of her ward, she is also a candidate for the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Justice Cousins' hires D. Cobb

Appellate Justice William Cousins, Jr. has hired The Publicity Works—headed by Delmarie Cobb—to provide consulting services for his Supreme Court race.

Cobb, who was the press secretary for Chicago's 1996 Democratic National Convention, has worked on nine successful campaigns since opening her business in 1990. In the last city election, each of Cobb's aldermanic candidates won their respective races in



Cousins



Coleman



Williams



Pearson

the 9th, 21st, and 17th Wards.

Cousins said "I feel very fortunate to get Delmarie and her company for my campaign. She is in great demand." I owe a great deal of thanks to Roland Burris who convinced her to come on

board for my candidacy."

Cousins won his first elected office for 8th ward alderman in 1967. As an independent candidate, his campaign slogan was: unbossed, unbought and unbowed. After serving for nearly 10 years, he ran for Circuit Court Judge—where Cousins remained until 1992—when he was elected to his current position of Illinois Appellate Judge.

Cousins is running for the vacancy that will be left by Supreme Court Justice Michael J. Bilandic, who is retiring. Cousins ran for Supreme Court in 1990, but narrowly lost.

Political Awareness Committee formed

Political awareness classes and seminars to address the upcoming election of March 2000 and beyond are in the planning stages coordinated by Bernetta Pearson, convened by the Political Awareness Coalition. The first seminar will be held in November 20, 1 pm to 3 pm, at the Pan Cake House, 87th and Cottage.

The topics covered will be running for elected office, voter awareness of issues importance. "We are interested in what political understanding the public is interested in," stated to Ms. Pearson. For more information and meeting schedules call 773/684-7175.

Cong. Davis Announces SIM School-to-Work Grant

Congressman Danny K. Davis (IL07) today announced the award of a \$1,000,000 grant to the Hospitality Business Alliance to expand industry participation in the School-to-Work initiative.



Congressman Danny Davis

"School-to-work provides students with opportunities to connect their classroom lessons with the workplace in ways that will challenge them to study harder in school and plan more for the future," Labor Secretary Alexis M. Herman said. Employers can encourage students to make that connection.

"I am pleased that these national and local leaders in business and industry have committed so much of their time and resources to School-to-Work," said Education Secretary Richard Riley. "The stewardship that these adults offer will have immeasurable benefits to students as they prepare for life in the 21st century, and begin to develop the skills they need to be lifelong learners."

Employers in the School-to-Work

partnership offer work based learning - internships, apprenticeships and job shadowing. School-to-Work also encourages employers to become involved in classroom instruction and curriculum development.

The Hospitality Business Alliance (250 South Wacker Drive, Suite #1400, Chicago, Illinois 60606 - Contact: Michael Bartlett @ 312/ 715-5387) was founded by the National Restaurant Association and the American Hotel and Motel Association. It represents one of the five largest industries in America and all of the nation's employers in restaurants, hotels and motels. HBA already has State Hospitality Education Partnership (SHEPS) in 16 states and the District of Columbia. That will raise at least 510 million annually to support 50 SHEPS and ensure sustainability.

Congressman Davis stated, "This grant will be a significant boost to the School-to-Work programs locally and nationally. We are pleased that the 7th Congressional District is home to the Hospitality Business Alliance and we are delighted that they are pressing ahead vigorously with the School-to-Work program. The hospitality industry expects employment to grow significantly over the coming years and HBAs participation will help open career doors for many of our youth."

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Renaissance Group to Open the Historical "Y" at 37th & Wabash

SSJ/File photo
Now under rehab, from the inception of the new Black YMCA at 37th and Wabash, in June of 1913, there was much hardship in getting funds for its erection and suitable location cite. Now the "Y" will be rehabbed. It will consist of 101 dormitories and a full range of community support services.



By Frank Ottman
SSJ Staff Writer

Douglas - The Renaissance Group, (RG) composed of four churches, (Saint Thomas Episcopal, Saint Elizabeth Catholic, Quinn Chapel AME and the Apostolic Faith) will be opening a new Young Men Christian Association (YMCA) at 37th and Wabash. Wendy Toyana, vice president of marketing and communication, said that the new 'Y' is planning for an opening day in 2000. The site of the new YMCA is a historical one

in the Douglas influences for young men growing up in the neighborhood." Funding for the new "Y" had been encouraged as a means for helping guide black youth toward, a more Christian orientated lifestyle. At the biggest thing going and many young men looked the turn of the century the YMCA was the

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Congress

half of it votes coming from the 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th and 19th wards.

"I believe the people of the 1st District deserve to have a Congressman who can make a real difference in their lives, and in the life of our community," Obama said. "I believe we need new leadership."

Crime, education economic development outlines Obama's main agenda for the 1st District. "The 1st District is one of the most economically distressed area in the nation. Our schools still don't make the grade and our kids are being cheated out of the opportunity to prepare themselves for a high-tech, highly competitive future. Too many of our youth have been lost to the streets. The culture of violence threatens our neighborhoods."

Graduated from Harvard Law School the well educated Obama, was the first black president of the Harvard Review. He received a strong backing from Aldermen Toni Preckwinkle (4), Leslie Hairston (5), Terry Peterson (17), Ted Thomas (15).

Preckwinkle said on her endorsement of Obama, "We want State Senator Obama to know that there are many in the 1st Congressional District who believe that the time is right for new dynamic leadership in the Congress. These aldermen represent a significant portion of the vote in the District."

Alderman Leslie Hairston said, "Senator Obama has brought new leadership to the General Assembly on several issues. For example, on the issue of campaign finance reform he stuck his neck out and negotiated the toughest ever campaign finance and ethics law in Illinois. He fought for the Motor-Voter Law in Illinois, and he sponsored the Cardinal Bernadin amendment to the Illinois Constitution which would guarantee health care for all persons in Illinois. He is already an accomplished legislator."

Ald. Thomas said, "Obama is doing what he should be doing now. He's listening and talking to folks throughout the 1st District and hearing their concerns about education, crime, health care and other issues that he is already a leader on in Springfield. He will take that sensitivity and use it to craft an excellent campaign that is community and neighborhood-minded."

State Senator Donne E. Trotter honored as "Outstanding Legislator," by the Illinois Hospital and Health Systems Association on October 21, and as a strong advocate for quality health care for all people, stated he has entered the race to "bring home the resources to the district."

Known for his focus in youth issues, during the past 11 years in the Illinois General Assembly, he has also been a leader in sponsoring legislation promotion; adequate health care He is responsible for creating Kid Care, a comprehensive childcare program providing health care to over 53,000 children who previously were without health care.

These awards mark the second time in Trotter's political career that the Illi-

nois Hospital and Health Systems Association voted him "Outstanding Legislator."

Rush's campaign staff seems not worried

candidates in the race. Robin Wheeler, stated, "That Congressman Rush's record speaks for itself and can stand firmly against any opposition."

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Oscar DePriest, elected the first Black to congress in 1929, made the district the longest in history to have black representation. The winner on March 20, 2000 will also set the tone not only for the district leadership but also for the tone for black political leadership as DePriest did.

sition in past election is excepted to announce his reelection bid this month. He has hired Louana Peterson-formerly Cong. Gus Savage's, chief of Staff, as his campaign manager.

Reports are he suprisingly secured the support of C o o k C o u n t y

Senator Patrick Fitzgerald.

Whichever candidate wins in the 1st District, their leadership will be following in the footsteps of Oscar DePriest and William Dawson, in giving the district the longest history in this country of having black representation in the U.S. Congress. The winner will also set the tone not only for the district leadership, but also for the nation of black political leadership as DePriest did.

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CHA Public Meetings

The Chicago Housing Authority Plan for Transformation Public Meetings

North

Monday, November 1, 1999,
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Lathrop Boys & Girls Club,
2915 North Leavitt

West

Tuesday, November 2, 1999,
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Malcolm X College,
1900 West Van Buren

Central

Wednesday, November 3, 1999,
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Duncan YMCA,
1000 West Van Buren

South

Thursday, November 4, 1999,
6:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Family Investment Center (FIC),
4859 South Wabash

Final Meeting

Tuesday, November 16,
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
McCormick Place, 2300
South Lake Shore Drive

The Chicago Housing Authority's Plan For Transformation

* This plan will rehab or build 24,000 units for every lease-compliant CHA family over the next five years.

* This plan will provide 3,000 jobs for CHA residents and social services to help residents who need assistance to elevate themselves academically, socially and economically.

* This plan will demolish obsolete high-rises and produce low-rise and mid-rise, mixed-income communities, primarily on CHA property.

"For 20 years, the CHA has been a disaster. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to solve the problems in CHA now," said Phillip Jackson, CEO of the Chicago Housing Authority. "People are afraid of change. Change is not easy, but in this case it is necessary."

For more information about the plan, please call the CHA Plan Hotline at (877) 425-7526.

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Copies of the proposed plan are available at:

- CHA website: www.thecha.org
- CHA Central Advisory Council
- CHA Local Advisory Councils
- CHA Management Offices
- Chicago Public Libraries (for on-site review)

CHA Administrative Offices:

- 626 West Jackson Boulevard
- 4700 South State Street

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A Bus Ride for Heritage Tourism Review

By Harold Lucas

Today, the Supreme Life Center is a valuable real estate property. It is the "Crown Jewel" among the seven structures and monuments that make up the "Black Metropolis Historic District." And, from a heritage tourism and information technology perspective represents the epicenter of Black Capitalism in America.

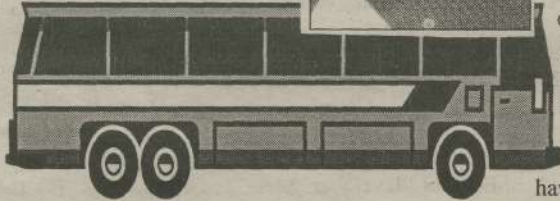
Strategically located at the gateway to the Black Metropolis Historic District (35th and King Dr.), the Supreme Life Center is an economic empowerment project being developed by the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BMC&TC). It is poised to become both a historically-themed premium commercial building anchoring the emerging upscale neighborhood of Bronzeville, and catalyst for the development of Bronzeville as an international tourism destination that leverages the community's extraordinarily rich African-American history and culture.

Formed in 1995, BMC&TC mission is to develop and market African American heritage tourism districts throughout Illinois that preserve the unique character of the neighborhoods, improve the socio-economic and physical conditions of these communities, build resident pride and enhance race relations.

To move forward, BMC&TC will

lead a delegation of tourism professionals by charter bus on a research and development study junket to Kansas City, Missouri, to attend a national African-American Heritage Tourism and Community Development Forum.

On October 25 and 26 1999, a small roundtable of experts will be convened in Kansas City, Missouri to discuss how African-American communities can transform their cultural capital into strategies for economic development. Hosted by the Reverend Emmanuel Cleaver,



former mayor of Kansas City and Board Chair of the 18th and Vine Authority and John P. Mascotte, Executive Vice president, Blue Cross, Blue Shield Kansas City and Co-Chair of the Jazz District Redevelopment Authority. Partners for Livable Communities, an organization having twenty years experience with community development goals, is the secretariat for

the forum.

Untapped potential exists in many inner-city neighborhoods in the forms of local history and heritage as well as current artistic expressions from jazz clubs to colorful murals. These resources can contribute to the identity, pride and education of a community.

They can also generate economic vitality through tourism. Cultural tourism creates jobs and brings in taxes. Cultural tourists stay an average of a half-day longer and spend an average of \$62 more than travelers who do not visit historic sites.

How to bridge the gap between community development and heritage tourism are issues to be raised during the day-and-a-half meeting. Focus will be on both challenges and opportunities. They will also have the opportunity to sample the rich heritage of Kansas city, famed for its jazz.

Your participation is essential, as we rapidly approach the new millennium. This National African American heritage tourism development event is timely.

For more information, or to make reservations call me.

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Bronzeville Mayor, Herb Kent to host "Times Square Union" for Hayes Center



Mayor of Bronzeville, Herb "The Kool Gent" Kent, (center) receives his honorary street name from former U.S. Senator, Carol Mosely-Braun. Sharon Gist-Gilliam, unidentified, Zenobia Johnson-Black, Natalie P.

Grand Blvd. - On Saturday, October 15, the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center, formerly and affectionately known as "The Packinghouse" and "Times Square" step out to the nostalgic sounds of the 50's and 60's with a "Times Square Reunion" Celebration.

The benefit event acknowledged the remarkable history of the Packinghouse and celebrate the FIC's first year of outstanding community service.

Herb "The Kool Gent" Kent, the Mayor of Bronzeville, served, as the Times Square Reunion Celebration Chairman and Party MC.

Mr. Mayor Kent is recognized as the King of Chicago Black Radio Broadcasters with a career that spans over five decades. His trail blazing success

has also launched the careers of dozen of Chicago radio personalities. The street of 48th and Wabash was named in his honor in a ceremony at the Charles A. Hayes Center

The Center has demonstrated its fierce commitment to the community with its on-going programs of career preparation, job training and entrepreneur development programs.

The benefit provided the seed money to continue that commitment with the Jackie Vaughn Teacher Media Center and Library which will archive the first comprehensive

The Center will offer a significant resource to the community," says Zenobia Johnson-Black, Executive Director of the Center.

Amer-I-Can

In 1991, "Brother". Kublai K. M. Toure lost a son to gang violence, based on mistaken identity. Since that time Brother Kublai picked up the mantle and developed an affiliate Chicago program and became Amer-I-Can Illinois Executive Director.

Brother Kublai, a well known activist and humanitarian has conducted programs on behalf of the Chicago Housing Authority, The Chicago Board of Education, and The Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

Amer-I-Can, believes dynamic leaders teaching and sharing concepts related to individuals self-esteem, can significantly and positively impact society.

"That is the focus of Amer-I-Can, a Life Skills Management training program which is applicable to all people as it transcends race, age, gender, religion, and socioeconomic status," said Kublai.

Viewing troubled youth, Kublai said, "We believe the failure in personal development is rooted in a lack of self-esteem. By enlarging the scope of individual lives, and introducing individuals self-determination techniques we can motivate people with goals...showing people how to achieve

success and financial stability. We can save lives which now are lost."

Amer-I-Can help people manage their lives and change their attitude by stressing their motto of changing "I CAN'T TO I CAN."

Founded by football star and actor, Jim Brown, Amer-I-Can is a not-profit concern conceived by athlete, activist, and humanitarian Jim Brown in 1998 committed himself to helping stop the violence perpetrated by street gangs in Los Angeles, California. Thus the redevelopment of this universal program. To date many of the program's graduates have gone on to achieve great success in life.



Amer-I-Can Illinois Executive Director, Brother Kublai K. M. Toure, a well known activist and humanitarian

A replica of this program has had great success in many states: California Colorado; Florida; Illinois; Iowa; Louisiana; Nebraska; Omaha; New Jersey; New York; Nevada; Oregon and Ohio.

The auspicious Board of Directors of Amer-I-Can Illinois is chaired by Mr. James E. Hill, II, and includes Robert Anderson, Maisha Hamilton-Bennet, Jerry Butler, Syd Finley, Spencer Leak, Lewis Meyers, Jr., Larry Mitchell, Eugene Sawyer, George W. Townes, and State Senator Donne E. Trotter.

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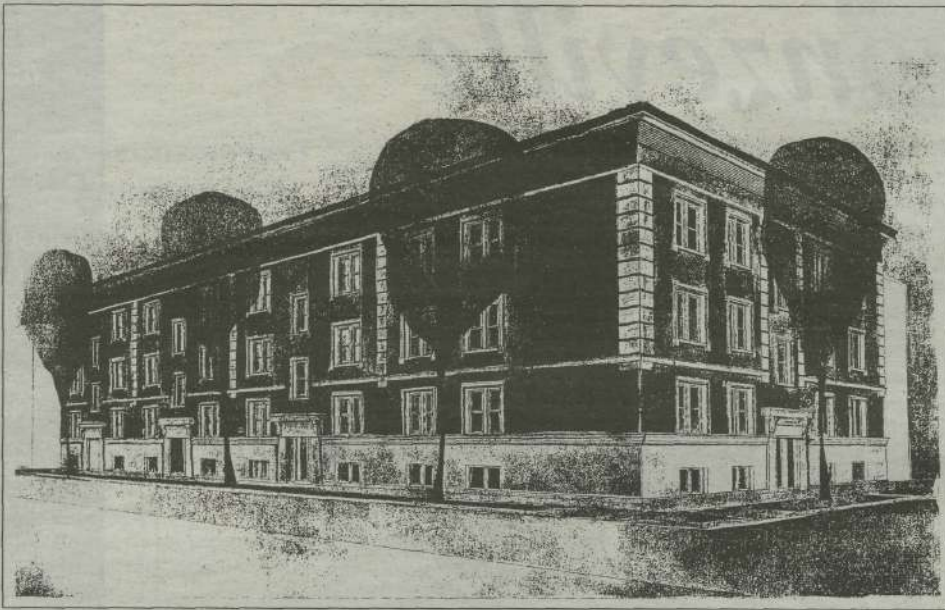
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Homeless Women Create Own Housing Solutions Women's Group First in Country to Redevelop Building by and for Homeless Families



Participants held a prayer vigil to commemorate the start of construction on the \$2.7 million, 24-unit building on September 29th, at the location of 103-115 East 58th Street. Additionally, the women received funding for building maintenance, home-ownership readiness, and job training from the Archdiocese of Chicago's Campaign for Human Development.

Washington Park -Twenty-five homeless families will get off the streets and into permanent, affordable housing due to the efforts of homeless and formerly homeless women to rehab an abandoned building in the Washington Park community. The development is part of Brand New Beginnings, one of the only programs in the country in which homeless and formerly homeless women have managed the redevelopment of a building from start to finish.

The women came up with the idea to rehab an abandoned, dilapidated building, chose the site, secured funding for the development, and selected the architect, developer, and contractor.

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"We were discussing the lack of affordable housing with a group of women in a shelter," said Della Mitchell, lead organizer for Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and head of its Women's Empowerment Project. "The women felt that nobody was creating affordable housing for families and decided to do it for themselves.

That was the start of Brand New Beginnings in 1995, and the group has persisted since then."

Additionally, the women received funding for building maintenance, home-ownership readiness, and job training from the Archdiocese of Chicago's Campaign for Human Development.

Participants selected the site because of its proximity to schools and transportation, and purchased it for \$350 through the Chicago Abandoned Property Program (CAPP). The group began clean up of the property and meeting with community residents, local school officials, and church leaders. "When we explained what we were doing, the community was very supportive," said Mitchell.

The project will help move homeless women and families to self-sufficiency by offering more than a clean, affordable apartment. The program will offer life skills and job training, childcare, community living, and substance abuse and other counseling referrals.

"I was really scared when my kids and I became homeless because I thought it would never happen to me," said Sharon Jackson, a member of

Brand New Beginnings. "I've been getting encouragement from the group to rebuild my life, and I'm looking forward to living there and showing everyone that we can make it ourselves."

Rents at the Brand New Beginnings building will not exceed 30% of a family's income, which is defined by the federal government as affordable housing. Money from rent and development fees will be reinvested in the redevelopment for upkeep and additional supportive services.

Brand New Beginnings plans to expand their development work into other neighborhoods in Chicago, rehabbing other abandoned buildings and serving as a model that can be replicated in other parts of the country.

The Women's Empowerment Project of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless has been working with homeless women in shelters since 1989, helping women develop the skills they need to empower themselves and move toward self-sufficiency.

The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless has been organizing homeless individuals to fight for their rights since 1980, creating, researching, and implementing programs to reverse the severe decline in affordable housing, create jobs that pay a living wage, and to end homelessness in metropolitan Chicago.

From the Office of 5th Ward Alderman, Leslie Hairston Streets, Alleys & Employment Updates



Contrary to popular opinion, Chicago has more seasons than the two we are most familiar with: winter and summer. City government also has its own rhythms and we are now in the midst of street repair season in the Fifth Ward. Many residents have already noticed that streets are being resurfaced, sidewalks are being repaired, and alleys are being repaved to include speed bumps. By the time the asphalt plants close in mid-November, the entire Fifth Ward should have seen improvements that reflect the work of our office and our commitment to providing the highest level of service possible to all residents of the ward.

The resurfacing of South Lake Drive has also been completed, and with minimal disruption. The work was done mostly in the evening hours, and the improvements are noticeable. We want to commend our state legislators, State Sen. Barak Obama (D-13) and State Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie (D-25) for their leadership in securing the funding for this necessary and timely project.

The Fifth Ward Employment Forum was held on September 21-23, at the South Shore Cultural Center. Representatives from the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development and the Illinois Department of Human Resources were there to meet prospective applicants and assist them in filling out applications. The three-day event was divided by age group—adults, youth, and seniors, to service constituents more efficiently.

This event was co-sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, and we hope to take advantage of the healthy economy to help our residents move forward and create a better life for themselves and their families.

Rehab Efforts Move Forward in Fifth Ward

Several abandoned properties in the Fifth Ward have been given a new lease on life due to rehab efforts begun since I took office this spring. Each of these projects will create homeownership opportunities in the communities of the ward.



Residents of West South Shore will be getting new neighbors in the next few months when the former apartment building at 1430-32 East 69th Street is finally completed as a condominium conversion. The building will house 10 units, including some duplex units, down from the 19 it held as a rental property. In the same spirit, work on the demolition of the former St. Stephens' Church in Hyde Park (5640-48 South Blackstone Avenue) will begin shortly. The church will be converted into 20 condominium units with 33 underground parking spaces. The developers are also working with preservation experts to save valuable items in the church, and they have promised to preserve the facade of the historic structure as well.

In the most dramatic example of the Ward Service's commitment to preserving structurally sound buildings for the Fifth Ward, we personally intervened to stop the demolition of a home at 7427 South Clyde when demolition crews showed up early one morning. Residents of the block have asked for help in saving the structure, and our office filed an objection in the Circuit Court of Cook County to keep the building from being demolished.

Smaller-scale projects are also moving forward. The single-family house at 7807 South Dobson was recently purchased by a South Side realtor, who has rehabbed it and is in the process of selling the property. rise units of single-room occupants (SRO) as well as recreational and "educational features."



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Part 2 of 2

By Nathan Thompson
Featured Writer

Review of Part 1

Last September marked the 65th anniversary of the election of the first ever Mayor of Bronzeville, an honored tradition that would span some four decades as a constant in Chicago's Black Experience.

Last August, the Bronzeville Merchants Association, with the Chicago Defender newspaper, restore the Mayor of Bronzeville conducting a citywide campaign. Over 2,000 votes were cast, and Herb Kent, "the Cool Gent" was elected Mayor of Bronzeville, recapturing the historical tradition.

On Saturday night September 22, 1934, behind the walls of the Eighth Regiment armory on 35th and Giles Street, Tiny Parham's Orchestra rocked the house as a Pullman Porter-turned-leading businessman James E. Knight, policy King and one of the architects of the "new downtown Black America" East 47th Street, and founder of the world-famous Palm Tavern, was elected as the first ever Mayor of Bronzeville, hallmarking a new era in "race progress."

The name Bronzeville has been around since before WWI, but the neighborhood began to come of age in 1934...Chicago's Southside was known to ethnic Whites as the black Belt for its Negro population, upward mobility was taking place...a rising and thriving mecca of social, economic and political power.

Part 2 of 2

The Set Back of Bronzeville

In 1959 Cora Elois Carroll, community activist and grocery store owner, became the first and only woman ever elected to the post and served two consecutive terms, terms by now extended to two years. Ms. Carroll can be credited with having restored some of the magic once associated with the honor with her successful fight with the Jays Potato Chip company in hiring African-American drivers. But in 1963 the Bronze Mayor engine ran out of gas with the election of 22 year-old CTA bus driver William Davis, the youngest ever and unfortunately the last. Davis was a protégé of Ms. Carroll's and his victory was largely due to her encouragement and efforts as his campaign manager. Some time later however Davis joined the military and was unable to make the usual rounds required of the esteemed mayor and people basically lost interest.

By then Bronzeville was already in decline, Black Flight among the more affluent was on the increase. Self-reliance was replaced with dependency, numbers runners were replaced with heroin dealers and the screening process that prohibited unemployed people from moving into CHA housing was discarded, thus creating a breeding ground for much of the very crime, dependency and poverty that virtually destroyed the neighborhood.

Bronzeville the Emerging Market

Today as we approach the next Millennium Bronzeville stands at the threshold of giving rebirth to its own renaissance. "Things" are happening again and the possibilities are endless.

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce is working with a committee from Mayor Daley's office to wire inner-city schools for the Internet. Other organizations are donating computers with highly skilled training and at the Charles Hayes Center (the old Bacon's Casino building), technology is gracing the lives of CHA kids who are literally building computers. Housing is going up, the projects are coming down, real estate has never been better and the Lou Rawls Theater project may get off the ground.

Common wisdom in some political circles however, is that if Bronzeville is to realize it's full growth potential, better leadership will be needed in the 3rd Ward. Looking at the history of the ward's black leadership calls on some of the most legendary names in politics including Republican Congressman Oscar DePriest who doubled as the ward's committeeman from 1928 to 1948 when the reigns were turned over to State Representative William King. On the Democratic side, in 1939 Benjamin Grant, a former deputy coroner, became the ward's first black Alderman. And in the years that followed,

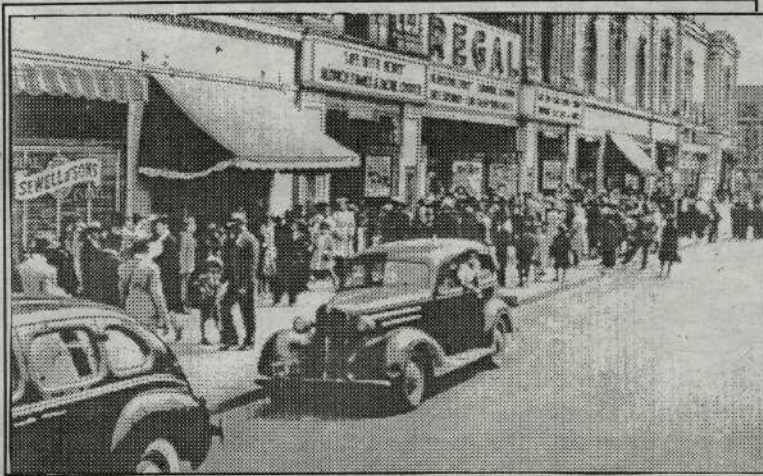
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The Return to Bronzeville

One of the glory stops of Bronzeville was 47th street. Where the Regal Theatre was the anchor for the community.

Through the years, lending names like Lena Horne, Duke Ellington, Etta Moten and Sammy Davis Jr during the early days. The Regal continued to be the base for Black entertainment in the 60's for Jackie Wilson, James Brown, the Temptations, Jackson 5, and many others until its closing.



including Earl B. Dickerson, William Dawson and Christopher "CC" Wimbish succeeded those reigns of ward-leadership. Plus there was Olympian Ralph Metcalfe.

If the new Bronzeville is to emerge as a true upwardly mobile and prosperous community, someone who can pull together all of Bronzeville's business and community associations under one united umbrella is clearly needed. For it is the future of the people and the community that is at stake-not the career agenda of a single politician. What made Bronzeville great in the first place was the strong unity among its citizens and the feeling that we were all in this thing together. Or as "PRIVATE" the great Duke Ellington himself once noted about Bronzeville:

"The Southside was together. It was real "PRIVATE" us-for-we, we-for-us community... it was a community of men and women who were respected, people of great dignity..."

I recently spoke with Bronzeville's last Mayor regarding his feelings about the old neighborhood. Like most folks, Williams- presently a successful fencing contractor- is saddened by it's present conditions but feels that there is hope and offers: "The main thing people should do is respect one-another and other people's property. If you can get people to respect other people and their property you won't have the problems that you do".

Today there are few monuments that remain from that great era gone-by. The one's that are still standing should be preserved and cherished for future generations as a constant reminder that African Americans can achieve great things on their own. Then perhaps this once mighty Black Metropolis can take the ride back to it's future. Back to a thriving mecca of independence where a black kid could grow up to be anything he or she wanted to be- even Mayor.

The Mayors of Bronzeville

1934-1963

James E. Knight 1934 elected, served 1935 term. As Mayor of Bronzeville, Jim Knight would add his voice to the issue of jobs for the black man in the construction of what was to become the Housing Development in the honor of Ida B. Wells (Homes), on 37th and King Drive.

W.T Brown 1936, Mortician
Dr. I.H Holloway 1937, Noted physician
Robert H. Miller (2x) 1938/39, War veteran, leading mortician, garage owner and a member of the Executive Board of the Inter-Racial Business Council. Notable candidates defeated by Miller were boxing champ Joe Louis, Marjorie Joyner and Jim Knight.



James E. Knight

Joe Hughes (2x) 1940/41, Owner of Joe's Deluxe Club at 6323 South Parkway and the West Lake Inn at 2724 W. Lake Street. At age 29 and with the backing of Duke Ellington, Hughes was the youngest elected Bronzeville Mayor to that date.

William A. Little 1942, Post office worker turned entrepreneur. Owner of Duds Cleaners and Hatters at 405 East 61st Street, and the Michigan Boulevard Cleaners.

C.H Talley 1943, A Bronzeville community leader and owner of the New Club Store at 129 East 51st Street.

Dr. James M. Scott (2x) 1944/45, Noted physician and surgeon at Provident Hospital. As Mayor of Bronzeville, Scott was an outspoken opponent of juvenile delinquency.

Robert Harris 1946, Manager of the 5 Soul Stirrers and owner of a 47th Street dry cleaning business.

Benjamin H. Young (2x), 1947/48, Mortician, school teacher, agent for the Julius Rosenwald Fund, claims adjuster for Unity Mutual Life Insurance Company and Chairman of Protective Services during WWII. Young's mission as Bronze Mayor was to focus on control of juvenile delinquency and to carry on the tradition of self-reliance set forth by Robert Abbott. Notable among the defeated candidates was Marjorie Joyner.

Al Benson 1949, Radio legend and club promoter.

1950-1954 no elections for Mayor of Bronzeville.

John Earl Lewis (3x) 1955, 56, 57 and 58 (Term extended to 2-years in 1957), Bronzeville's only 3-peat mayor. Owner of the 1246 Club on East 47th Street and President of the Green Donkey Social Club. The 1957 ceremonies paid special homage to guest of honor Sammy Davis Jr. Notable among those defeated by Lewis were future motel tycoon Herman Roberts and future saxophone legend Von Freeman.

Cora Elois Carroll (2x) 1959-62, Ms. Carroll, community activist and grocery store owner, became the first and only woman ever elected to the post and served two consecutive terms,

William Davis 1963



John Earl Lewis



Cora Elois Carroll

View From the Top

"Exposing the Columbus Myth"

By Baba Hanibal Afrik,
Training Elder

As we prepared for AFRICAN HOLOCAUST MONTH in October, most people should have heard about the mounting controversy concerning the now infamous saga of Christopher Columbus.



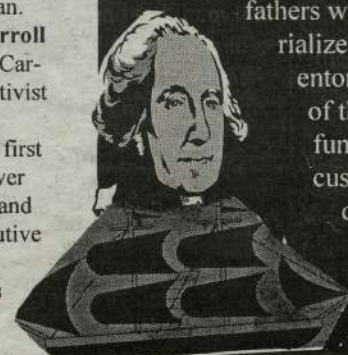
When one examines the available evidence and compares it to the textbook stories. It is amazing how educators are still afraid to just teach the 'truth.' As difficult as it may be to break old habits, educators must have a professional responsibility to teach the truth and expose falsehoods.

There are numerous documents that prove Christopher Columbus never set foot on North or South American soil on any of his voyages. He did not discover a new route to India and was deceptive when he named the native people "Indians." As to his seamanship, in reality, the only thing Columbus really discovered was that he was lost! Furthermore, he concocted an enormous scheme to capitalize on his evil explorations through hypocrisy, greed and deceit.

The evidence shown that Columbus entry into the Western Hemisphere initiated a vile campaign of genocide against the indigenous people. Along with Bartholomew de Las Casa, the Columbus era introduced human slavery in a form previously unknown to civilization and nearly exterminated entire native populations.

Prof. Jan Carew, in his essay, Columbus and the Origins of Racism, describes how the European conquest in this hemisphere actually represents a holocaust of enslavement against Caribbean and African people, even today! Dr. Ivan Van Sertima's book, They Came Before Columbus: The African Presence in America, reveals scientific evidence of ancient artifacts of cultural diffusion in the Olmec civilization. Some of these massive Olmec statues have been dated to 1100 BC and are among many Africoid sculptures found in Mexico.

As painful as it may seem, parents and educators must insist that the myth of Columbus be exposed! Nationally, a campaign is underway to implement the African Memorial Project. In this endeavor, our foremothers and forefathers will be memorialized and ritually entombed as part of the traditional funeral rites and customs they deserve.



Publisher's Editorial

Ron Carter
Publisher & Editor



The Driving Plan

Eviction of Black farmers raises bitter South African memories

Johannesburg, South Africa (UPI) - About 40 elderly Black farmers are defying a court order to leave their ancestral land in an incident recalling years of bitter showdowns over the forcible relocation of millions of Black South Africans. The Supreme Court last week ordered the Blacks within seven days to leave the Magopa farm, some 80 miles west of Johannesburg, from which they were unlawfully removed five years ago. The highly publicized violent removal of the Magopa families in 1984 marked the last major attempt by the white minority government to eradicate so-called "Black spots" in white areas and was followed by an announcement of a re-thinking of its policy of forced relocations. The issue at stake is that the government is very concerned that if they let these people get the land back what happens with the other 3.5 million people who have been removed....

Chicago Defender, Thursday, May 11, 1989

Phillip Jackson, is driving the biggest deal of his life: and a great many others lives as well. It seems a done deal that the Chicago Housing Authority will transform public housing with Mr. Jackson as the driving force.

But the reality is as Mr. Jackson says he is

only responsible for June 1, 1999 and thereafter, this plan was in operation before he took office. If it wasn't, then Jackson is a master of operations, and Mayor Richard Daley and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, should be driving Jackson while he sits in the back seat.

In an interview of Mr. Jackson, I asked him if he was a buffer for Mayor Daley. The question was posed because Mr. Jackson was noted as one of the most highly respected representatives of the Black community. In many ways he was considered a leader with his Black Star Project and his commitment youth development.

He responded jokingly, that I asked diplomatically, and replied with, "The answer is no."

His answer, is not about truth, its about perception. The perception is that he is the meanest guy in town, as he says.

What is happening throughout the Bronzeville community is a reflection of what is happening in CHA. The agreements to enhance the lives of low income residents are being broken. Like treaties broken with the Native Americans as well as the people in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr. Jackson was raised in Taylor Home. Mayor Daley identified this background as an aid to his understanding the needs and direction of where CHA wants to go.

With this, Chicago Sun-Times and other me-

dia praised Mr. Jackson in his direction.

I question the moral obligation to guarantee the human rights being driven by Mr. Jackson and Mayor Daley. Mr. Jackson continually says "Lets look at the people living successfully in public housing."

My concern is what is happening to the vast number of people that are not living successfully from the new transformation of CHA.

From Taylor Homes, where Mr. Jackson was raised, there still is not a count of what happen to over 800 families that have been displaced.

Land has always been the basis for political empowerment. As Chuck Bowen, the assistant to the Mayor has stated, the decision to build Taylor Homes was a decision not for the propose of providing housing for low-income people, but for political control of the vote, population and land control and political expedience..

The caption from the Chicago Defender on South Africa may be far fetched, but even Mayor Daley may be innocent of the lasting impact that will occur in the displacement not only of CHA tenants but of the general population of low-income families in communities such as Bronzeville. This will be the result of

CHA's 2000 budget and the City's total budget of new taxes and fee increases. The taxes are being raised on homeowner so high to the point that the City and County government has developed a relief by offering homeowners loans to pay their taxes. It is a catch 22, where the low-income homeowners will be at the end indebted to the city.

Yes, Mr. Jackson is all we want, a person to be raised from communities such as public housing. He is a Black Star, an example of what any child can grow up to be. Rather he is from public housing or Beverly Hills. However, there needs to be an accountability to ones roots, to ones understanding of the suffering that people have lived. And Mr. Jackson was appointed to this position by Mayor Daley because of his roots to Robert Taylor and low-income communities.

As Mr. Jackson says the Mayor made it clear that his primary goal was to transform the CHA into an asset for the City of Chicago, then lets include the frustrations of public housing people over the last 40 years. Not just from June 1, 1999. Honor the Coalition to Protect Public Housing; and their demand for a moratorium, until further understanding can be formed, and reassurance given that people will not be homeless. Not "Just get with the Program" as Jackson says as he's driving it for the Mayor.

Letters to the Editor

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Concerning C.H.A. "A Great Reminder"

Dear Editor:

Let me give you a great reminder." Reverend Jessie Jackson, Congressmen Bobby Rush, Jessie Jackson Jr., Danny K. Davis, CEO of CHA., Mr. Phillip Jackson and a number of other prominent people of color.

"If it wasn't for courageous fighters such as Ms. Barbara Moore, myself and members of the Coalition to Protect Public Housing - "going against the grain - such, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ms. Rosa Parks, Malcolm X and Black Panthers leaders, Huey P. Newton and Fred Hampton, all got tired and weary of an unjust system. If it wasn't for these poor people you wouldn't be in the prominent positions in which you are in.

Think about the children of the poor, for they are the ones who will be losers, by losing their homes with no sure replacement.

Just remember some sacrificed comfort, shed tears, sweat, blood, lost sleep and even gave their lives for someone like you to obtain greatness. I have a vision, and that vision is for a great future for our children and those yet to come!

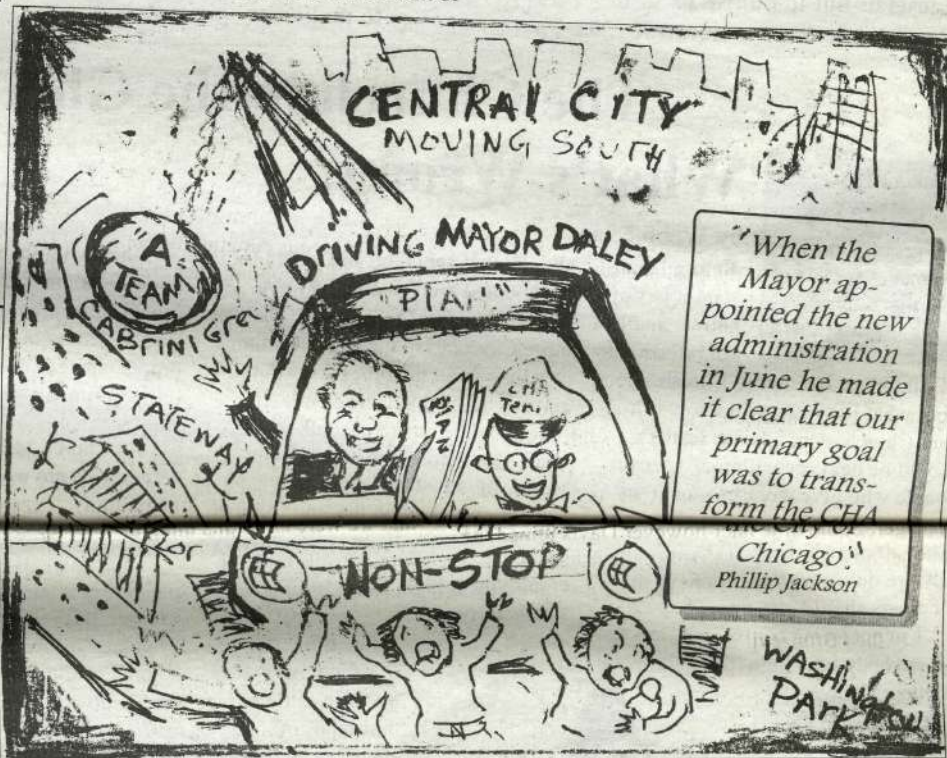
You must remember that the poor will be among you always!

Get right beside us in the trenches, on the frontlines, in the battlefields against injustice, and fight hard, long and deliberately for justice.

For there is already too much homelessness, joblessness, poverty, and despair in America. Do not add on by continuing to relocate and displace the poor, remapping political grounds. Stop *Urban and Ethnic Cleansing!*

Like the coalition state's "there's not enough affordable housing to go around."

For God is watching you - the Heavens,



piercing the skies, with a mighty roar - "Let My People Go!"

For let me remind you, my foundation is God and my feet are standing firmly on the rock which is truth. With this I don't have to add nor take away! and the one who sent me said - "I Am That I Am!"

Beauty Turner, Free-lance Writer

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Gavin Stokes
Lakeview Community

You can Get Your car back Before the law change

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Perception Correction

In the July 9, (16), 1999 issue of South Street Journal, the story on Welfare-to-Work, displayed a photograph of Eddie Read that normally is used for the column "Between the Lines". The article was taken as his normal column in this newspaper, which it was not. Mr. Read had no part in the writing of the story. We regret and apologize for any misleading perception that the story has caused readers of Mr. Read

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and the merriment of cheer,
But our hearts would lose their tenderness
if we never shed a tear.

Our Father tests us often
with suffering and with sorrow.
He tests us not to punish us
but to help us meet tomorrow,

For growing trees are strengthened
when they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of a chisel
gives the marble grace and form.

God never hurts us needlessly
and He never wastes our pain,
For every loss He sends to us
is followed by rich gain,
And when we count the blessings
that God has so freely sent,
We will find no cause for murmuring
and no time to lament.

For our Father loves His children
and to Him all things are plain,
He never send us pleasure
when the soul's deep need is pain.
So whenever we are troubled and
when everything goes wrong,
It is just God working in us
to make our spirits strong.

The Church in the Ghetto - What's Wrong?



by Webb Evans

Before I start I want it to be known that I'm not referring to all Churches; but before I finish I hope from what I say you will know if it is your Church. Our Church leaders should be held accountable. Many people who give money to them say they have no more concern about how it is used. Some givers usually say, if the Church leaders don't use it right God will punish them. He knows what they are doing with it. I believe the Members should also know.

I'm not trying to tell anybody how to run their Church. Before I go any further I want it to be known that I am a Member of a Church. I don't want anyone to believe I'm against Churches. I would



not want to live in a place where there was no Church. I've seen a lot of good done by the Church. But let's take a hard look at some of the churches in the ghetto. I feel that the Church

should represent God and where He is represented there should be Love, Peace, Unity and Prosperity. There are more Churches in the Black Community than in all the other areas put together. Since that is true our area should be the most Peaceful, most United and most Prosperous in the world. It is just the opposite.

On one street on the south side of Chicago there are ten churches within three (3) blocks. In the same area, the crime rate is high relief rolls high, unemployment high, business poor and streets dirty.

The Bible states that God our Father own the cattle on thousands of hills. He owns the world and all that is in it. Since our Father owns everything we should take a serious check to find out why His children in the ghetto have such little amount of His possessions in our care and are so poor. God being right, therefore, it must be something wrong with His children in the ghetto.

I believe if the Church with the largest membership of any form of organization among us will take the lead in getting our people to make the proper changes, God will Bless us not only Spiritually but, also economically.

As Church Members let's ask ourselves what are we doing to make our community. Peaceful, More Prosperous, Cleaner, Eliminate Crime, and Unemployment.

This article is not intended for people to read it and start downing the Church; But instead hopefully that the Churches will become more active in helping to solve the many problems of the ghetto and you will help.

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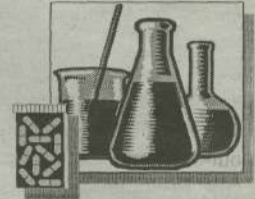
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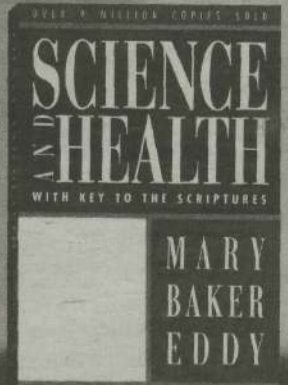
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Savage

sponsible making certain that officers who break the law are properly disciplined. The Congressman also encouraged people to have a qualified and viable African American candidate

challenge Cook County States Attorney Richard Devine when Devine runs for re-election. "The government teaches death, not life.." said Mr. Savage, "when the biggest budget is for military action. Violence is what you have to use when people do not obey commands." Savage supports the families of recent police victims: Kelvin Morris, Brennan King, Jorge Guillen, Aaron Patterson, LaTanya Haggerty, Gregory

Riley, Mumia Jamal, Randy Alexander, Jason Collins, Stanley Jones, Anthony porter, Kelsey Hogan and Robert Russ. Savage questioned the police department about its latest hiring of 95 police officers in which only 19 were Black compared to Chicago's Black population of half or more. "There is no way Chicago can be fair at the rate the city is going to balance fair representation of the police department. Savage accused the Mayor of imple-

menting the same political practices as his father, Mayor Richard J. Daley. Savage also charges the community to make States Attorney Richard Devine accountable for not prosecuting police officers allegedly abusing their power. "Richard Devine needs to be replaced" said Savage. "A no challenge for the State Atty. office would indicate that Devine is ok with the African American community by not prosecuting abusive

officers. Black leadership has accepted too many favors from the government. They can't challenge the power. "If you are afraid to challenge the power, move out of the way." stressed Savage Savage was a member of the 2nd congressional district for 12 years. He lost that seat to Mel Reynolds. Savage now retired living in Washington D.C. working on his memoirs.

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Police

penalty and its relations to the criminalization of youth and the brutalization of their peers and community members by police-out-of-control. As of this date, a partial list of national endorsers include: 29 family members of police

brutality victims, Amnesty International, USA; Sister Helen Prejean, author, Dead Man Walking, American Civil Liberties Union, S. California; Danny Hoch, performer; American Friends Service, Texas; Pam Africa, Concerned Families and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, Philadelphia, Los Angeles Catholic Worker, Gloria House, Professor Emerita, Wayne State University, Detroit; Citywide Coalition to Remove Giuliani, NY;

Pastor Dewayne Butler, Uncle of Tyisha Miller, Riverside police murder victim; Congress of Racial Equality, California; Charlotte Kasl, Rh.D., psychotherapist and author, S.F., CA; FACTS - Families Against California's Three Strikes; Vietnamese Residents' Association, S.F., CA.

A partial list of Chicago endorsers include: Sonny Lee Carter, father of Jeremiah Mearday, Family members with children killed by police: Midred Hamilton, mother of Michael Russell, George Morris, father of Kevin Morris, Bessie Perkins, mother of Frankie Perkins, Mary Reed, mother of Leroy Reed; Rev. Paul Jakes; National Lawyers Guild; Amnesty International, Groups #259 and #250; Little Village Community Council; Prison Action Committee' Standish E. Willis, Chicago Conference of Black Lawyers; Comite Exigimos Justicia; Rev. S. Michael Yasutake, Executive Director of Chicago Interfaith Prisoner of Conscience Project.

For a full listing of endorsements, call (773) 528-1701



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During the past eighteen months, rallies on police brutality have been ongoing. The efforts to address the problem have become more extensive during October, where several related events and initiatives have been planned, highlighting necessities of citizen action against police violence and acts of criminal misuse of power.

Boys & Girls Clubs partnership applauded by CHA



CHA CEO Phillip Jackson joins community volunteer in cleaning and preparing the Ida B. Wells extension site for the full-time fall program. Previously at risk of closing, four Boys & Girls Clubs extension facilities will remain open as a result of a partnership between the CHA, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago and the Illinois Department of Human Services. The sites, which serve families living in and around CHA developments, will offer full-time programs five days a week beginning this fall. Pictured are CHA CEO Phillip Jackson and President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago Robert Hassin with volunteers and residents.

But...Where Will We Live?

Many readers of this newspaper, already know that low income people all over the country whose families have relied on public housing are being displaced from it in unprecedented numbers. Because of new federal funding laws, and because of how the CHA and other public agencies consistently mismanaged and neglected this housing, Chicago stands to lose four times as much housing as any other city.

As you can see, if you drive past Cabrini-Green, Henry Horner, the ABLA Homes near UIC, or the Robert Taylor Homes among others, the CHA has already begun tearing down buildings. If all goes according to plan, a total of 18,000 or more units could be demolished, and more than 42,000 people forced from their present homes. The CHA has announced a plan to empty more buildings at five different developments by November 15th, relocating present renters to temporary units, with no guaranteed plan for their permanent relocation. It hopes to empty and demolish 51 high-rise buildings, or a total of 16,000 units, at a time when 29,715 families are on waiting lists for CHA housing, 29,927 are waiting for section 8 housing, and the private market has been decidedly unresponsive to residents seeking private replacement alternatives. Numerous housing studies confirm that there is simply not enough low-income housing available in Chicago's already overburdened and increasingly upscale rental market for the former or soon to be former residents who need them. There are already two families, seeking low-income apartments, for every one that is available.

But this isn't stopping the CHA from emptying more buildings and displacing more families. THE RESULT? Communities are being disrupted and families broken up. Networks of neighborhoods who have depended on and watched out for each other for decades are being dispersed. Churches congregations are being devastated. Some families have been relocated in neighborhoods that have more problems than those they left. Children are being forced to bus for hours across town to continue going to their schools. People are unable to get jobs or Doctors. CHA craftsmen have lost their jobs, and community businesses are losing their customers. And many people--far too many are falling through the cracks, into Chicago's already burgeoning homeless population. This already bad situation will only get worse if the new CHA plan is implemented. Therefore:

WE DEMAND A MORATORIUM, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ON THE FURTHER DEMOLITION OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND DISPLACEMENT OF CHA RESIDENTS, UNTIL AN ADEQUATE PLAN HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND PUT IN PLACE TO INSURE SAFE, AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE HOUSING THAT MAINTAINS COMMUNITIES AND PREVENTS FURTHER HOMELESSNESS.

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On Cable



Audrey Cooper - Stanton and Dr. Frances G. Carroll (center and L) was guest on George O'Hare's (L) special Chicago Cable 19 Television.

Dr. Cooper - Stanton, President of the AKA, ThetaOmega Chapter told of how the AKA chapter promotes community service through volunteerism and socially conscious activities targeting health, education, economics, the arts and the black family.

Dr. Carroll, chairman reported on "AKARAMA 99" dinner, show and dancing event entitled "Rockin' the Century Away with AKA!" Which will take place at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers City Front Center on Saturday evening October 23;.....For more info call 773-221-7335.

Black Films get showcase at Chicago Children's Film Festival

By David Schultz

More than just "kid's stuff." The Chicago International Children's Film Festival will reach maturity on its 16th birthday in screening various movies and shorts designated for and about children from over 40 countries. Regarded as "Cannes for Kids," this festival has long been regarded as an entry point of all major children's films into the United States, which will take place at Facets Multimedia, 1517 West Fullerton Avenue, October 14, through October 24th 1999. This year's festival will have as its honorary chairperson, Ms. Maggie Daley. The Chicago International Children's Film Festival expects to draw a high attendance of filmmakers, celebrities, media professionals and other dignitaries participating in the cinematic celebration and completion.

Director-comic-writer Harold Ramis hosted the opening night gala at Bank One, Fri. Oct. 14. Actress Penelope Ann Miller made an appearance on behalf of her film, "Ruby Bridges" (Oct. 24, 1 p.m. at Biography Theatre.) Filmmaker Rod Gailes, a protege of Spike Lee was in attendance for his new film, "Twin Cousins" (Oct. 15 and 22 at Facets). Actor Lou Diamond Phillips also attended the World Premiere screening of "In A Class Of His Own," at Burnham Plaza Theatre.

The 16th Chicago International Children's Film Festival featured several Black-oriented movies and shorts. Here are some reviews on those films during the Festival.

KIRIKOU AND THE SORCERESS (France) (★★★1/2) A marvelous and daring animated feature based on an African folklore about a infant who encounters various adventures to save his village from a sorceress for whom he sets out to rid the thorn in her back that has led to her evilness. Better, more pure and imaginative than Disney's "Lion King" that maintains the traditions and lifestyle of tribal Africans amidst its imaginative story, wisdom and adventurous spirit. Highly recommended.

TWIN COUSINS (USA) (★★) Filmmaker Rod Gailes' gentle story of childhood friendship. Vonda and Boogie are two girls from the opposite sides of the tracks who has a close bond that is put to the test. When the sassy yet meager living Boogie's mother dies. She's



Kirikou and the Sorceress

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sent to live with her mean aunt who is determined to make a woman out of her. by planning to send her to a girl's boarding school. Under the threat of losing her bond to Vonda, schemes to raise her grades enough to get into the same school as her friend.

SUMMER'S END (USA/Canada) (★★) Showtime's "Summer's End, his cable TV movie originally aired on Showtime. The story on two white brothers who develop a closer bond toward each other from the recent death of their father. Until, the area's first black resident, Dr. William Blakely (James Earl Jones) befriends the younger brother, Jamie. Much to resentment of the older teen brother, Hunter who allies himself with a group of troublemakers who harasses the doctor. Which leads to a decision for Jamie, between the man he's grown to admire and the

brother he loves. Directed by actress Helen Shaver.

A FUTBOL (Soccer) STORY (Brazil) (★★) Brief yet affection look at the childhood life that led to one of the greatest soccer player—Pele. Through his humble beginnings in his native land. It makes the grade but doesn't detail enough to get the "goal."

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BIG DADDY ()** Adam Sandler stars as a manchild who hopes he can keep his girlfriend by proving himself responsible by caring for a five-year-old kid belonging to his out-of-town roommate (Jon Stewart). Naturally, it leads to some self-awakening. Some toilet humor, but not the big laughs expected as Sandler tries for a touch of pathos. Rated: PG-13 Columbia - TriStar Home Video Available: Nov. 2

AUSTIN POWERS; THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME (*)** Better and more hilarious than the original. Mike Myers returns as the British spy thwarted out from the cold when Dr. Evil steals his "mojo" to prevent the agent from disrupting his plot for world domination. Rated: PG-13 New Home Video Available; Nov. 16

WILD, WILD WEST (*1/2) Bearing little resemblance to the 1965-69 Robert Conrad TV series "Men in Black" director Barry Sonnenfeld breaks all the rules from casting to attitude with Will Smith as the coolest 19th century secret agent out to foil the evil intentions of Dr. Loveless (Kenneth Branagh) with a 80 foot steam powered tarantula. The film has all concepts, but not content in its script. Cool looks and special effects and gadgets aren't enough. Rated: PG-13 Warner Home Video Available: Nov. 16

TEA WITH MUSSOLINI ()** Filmmaker Franco Zeffirelli's memoirs about an illegitimate manufacturer's son taken under the wings of a group of eccentric British ladies (Cher, Maggie Smith, Lily Tomlin, and Judi Dench, Joan Plowright) in Florence, Italy during the 1930's. Picturesque and charming with fine performances under a script that falls short. Rated: PG MGM/UA Home Video Available: Nov. 16

BESIEGED (*) An African woman (Thandie Newton) works as the maid for a pianist (David Thewlis) who she seeks his help in getting her imprisoned husband freed. But each side goes too far in this murky tale. Rated: R Columbia Tri-Star Home Video Available; Nov. 9

LIMBO (*)** Set in the Alaskan wilderness, writer-director John Sayles' unabashedly schematic drama starts out as a romantic tale between a traumatized fisherman (David Strathairn) who meets a singer (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio) and her daughter. When her brother (Casey Siemaszko) enters into the picture with a favor that alters everybody's lives. A fascinating character-driven odyssey that veers back and forth between moments that feels wonderfully spontaneous and awkwardly expository. Rated: R Columbia Tri-Star Home Video Available: Nov. 23

DEEP BLUE SEA (*)** Test mako sharks made chemically smarter from a female researcher's unethical experiments aboard an aquatic lab terrorize the crew. It's ridiculous fun at a thrill-a-minute pace. Skillfully handled by director Renny Harlin ("Die Hard") with Samuel L. Jackson as the rich adventure-investor and LL Cool J. as the resourceful cook. Rated: R Warner Home Video

THE IRON GIANT (1/2)** An enchanting animated tale about a young boy somewhere in Maine who befriends a 50ft. robot from outer space in his backyard that is being hunted by the Unexplained Phenomena office in Washington. Adults, more than children are likely to find stimulation, provocative and controversy in this skillful example of 50's animation set to a contemporary feel. Rated: PG 90 min. Warner Home Video Available: Nov. 23

SPENDOR ()** In this comic romance, three free spirits wind up forming an unusual menage in this 30's styled screwball comedy that is somehow devoid of genuine human feeling. Rated: R 93 min. Columbia Tri-Star Home Video Available: Nov. 23

MICKEY BLUE EYES ()** A weak comedy that follows too close in the vein of "Analyze This" Hugh Grant is miscast as an art dealer who marries (Jeanne Tripplehorn) into the mob. As the daughter's "connected" father, James Caan tries to "school" him into "the family." Burt Young is quite good as the mob boss and Joe Viterelli (who was also in "Analyze This") brings the atmosphere and familiarity. But it's Grant who lacks the fear and innocence to be conniving in his attempt at "Gangster-ism 101." Rated: PG-13 Warner Home Video

SIMON SEZ (*1/2) Dennis Rodman as an Interpol agent who aids an inept private eye (Dane Clark) hired by a wealthy executive to find his kidnapped daughter in an arms deal trade. A stale popcorn B movie. Rated: PG-13 86 min. Tri-Star Home Video Available: Nov. 30

LOST AND FOUND (*1/2) David Spade quips his way through this weak romantic comedy about a love starved restaurant owner who spots his solute in new neighbor, a cellist (Sophie Marceau) and tries to woo her by stealing her dog who has swallowed her boyfriend's engagement ring. While he competes with her neighbor's handsome, persistent, ex-fiancee. Rated: PG-13 90 min. Warner Home Video

THE BEST MAN

(***)

It's been a long time in coming. But regardless of it's cinematic source of inspiration, "The Best Man" maybe labeled as a 70's Big Chill" for the 90's African American, but it clearly stands out on its own merits and insight into the black love and relationship psyche. When a non-committal Chicago writer, Harper Stewart (Taye Diggs from "Stella Got Her Groove Back") authors a controversial book that has been leak to his college buddies who think the characters and situations refer to them.

A bit of a control freak, Harper tries to manipulate all situations to hide his own imperfections. He continuously denies that until it ultimately leads into a confrontation that challenges himself, his friendships and romantic relationship.

Leaving his current girlfriend, Robin (Melissa DeSousa) hanging on their discussion about marriage, Harper flies out first to New York to "hang" with his old college chums that leads to flirting, memories, confessions and confrontations while he's the ring bearer at his best friend and football star, Lance Sullivan's wedding ceremony to Mia (Monica Calhoun). However, Harper learns that an advance copy of his book has been flowing through his ranks of his frat buddies and past love interests. Which includes Jordan Armstrong (Nia Long), the best girlfriend he should have had now working at BET trying to gain a promotion by trying to video Lance's wedding for the news. Murch (Harold Perrineau, best known currently as the regular on HBO's prison drama "Oz") whose continuously being whipped down by his self-centered girlfriend, Shelby (Sanaa Lathan) and (Terrence Howard), the womanizer of the group who always speaks the truth expect about himself.

The movie reaches its critical point at the bachelor party, where Harper tries to sneak out with the book before Lance can read a certain chapter. But Harper becomes drunk; the book falls out of his jacket and is discovered by Lance who figures something's wrong here. So Lance retires to the bathroom to read the book and figures out that Harper who introduced him to Mia had a one-night stand with her. That leads Lance into a violent rage against Harper and plans to cancel the wedding, during the ceremony. Unable to cope with the "drama" that he created, Harper is led by the late arrival of his girlfriend, Robin (Melissa DeSousa) who he felt was against his friend to face his responsibility for his past indiscretions, as well as save not only the wedding but his friendship. And at the same time through the situations that follows, Harper finally realizes that he already has his perfect mate all the time in Robin. Because a lot of men think of marriage as to what they loss rather than what is gained. But in all fairness, this film doesn't point out enough of



Harper Stewart (Taye Diggs), and Jordan (Nia Long) are part of a group of friends who are reunited when one of their college buddies gets married in Universal pictures "The Best Man"

Lance's own indiscretions. Perhaps, an act of dramatic license from Writer-director Malcolm D. Lee (Yep, he's a cousin to Spike Lee) that is one of the few distractions that strides for emotional honesty in its depiction of these characters. On a \$9 million film budget, Writer-director Malcolm D. Lee has created a poignant and funny movie filled with likeable real people with foibles we all can recognize and relate to. One thing that does stick out is the "role playing" that is placed into relationship and friendship that always leads to troublesome turmoil. People have to learn what to base a relationship on, as well as the importance of unconditional love. No doubt, "The Best Man" will be trivialized as another "Soul Food." Even though, this film isn't daring enough, "The Best Man" can walk that aisle while standing on its own. Rated: R 115min. A Universal Picture Release. Presented at selected theatres.

MUSIC OF THE HEART (**)

Inspired by "Small Wonders," the Oscar nominated documentary about music instructor Roberta Guaspari who developed the East Harlem Violin School Program, and taught the violin to over 1,000 inner city kids. "Music Of The Heart" is unable to overcome some of the familiar cliches. Regardless of the immerse performance of Meryl Streep who is an obvious upgrade in the lead role



originally set to star Madonna who quit after two weeks. But as a film, its still an odd choice for horror director Wes Craven ("Scream" and "Nightmare on Elm Street"), who may be trying to make himself more legitimate like his other horror director-cohort, Sam Raimi ("The Evil Dead" and "Army of Darkness") who scored with "A Simple Plan" and "For the Love of the Game."

Even though the movie fails to capture enough of Roberta's complexities, Streep delivers the pain and the passion within this real life person.

While Roberta encounters some rivalries and confrontations between students, parents and administrators, she begins to win most of them over, that is reminiscent to Sidney Poitier in "To Sir With Love." But later the movie turns itself into a rehash of those old Mickey Rooney/Judy Garland "Let's Put a Show to Save the School"-type musical finale set to the classics. When the Board of Education shuts down the program, Roberta rally support that leads to a benefit concert joined by well-known classical types as Isaac Stern and Itzhak Perlman (and this film's release) that provide the proceeds to keep the program going. But good intentions within a familiar story aren't enough to make "Music of the Heart" hit all the right notes. Rated: PG 123 min. A Miramax Films Presented at selected theatres

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BLUE STREAK (**)

More Attitude than substance in this typical, hyperactive action comedy, in which Martin Lawrence hams it up as a jewel thief whose heist job goes astray thanks to a greedy partner. But before Martin is captured and serves a 2-yr. prison term. Martin hides the stolen \$17 million gem inside a metal air duct for a new building under construction. Upon his release, Martin returns to the scene only to discover the building where the diamond is hidden is in a police station. So using a fake ID, Martin poses as a newly assigned detective to get inside the building to recover the diamond.

As Martin's character is a crook that seems to more enjoy the thrill of the chase. He discovers he gets the same rush role playing as a cop. Impressing the white legit cops who are clueless that Martin's the character's observations and methods are based on his criminal knowledge, skills and raw nerve that enables him to solve theft and burglary cases on the streets.

Built more on excitement and fun over suspense and accuracy, "Blue Streak" is only half of what it could have been. Even though Martin Lawrence almost pulls it off. The movie is good enough for a few predictable urban laughs. Still, we deserve more than an amusement ride through Lawrence's antics. Believe that!

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Co-op market

realized that fine was just not enough and that as employees of the community, we had to scour the earth to offer the best foods the world has to offer our members and shoppers," Fisk said.

Shoppers at the Co-Op Markets are greeted by employees who not only have shiny new uniforms, but also polished new skills. Under the tutelage of the Co-Op Markets trainer and former store manager, Ernie Griffin, more than 400 employees, including top management and administrators from all three stores have undergone extensive customer service training.

Besides the training, more than 100 employees have participated in a City of Chicago and State of Illinois food sanitation service course. After nearly six months of training, the result is, according to Griffin "the best staff in the city - who best know their food, their stores and most importantly know how to best serve the customers."

In addition to the Co-Op Markets is the revised *Evergreen*. The stores' monthly journal that sports the same eggplant, ocre and green colors of the new trade mark. And a new web site, with information about recipes, sales



Bob Lucas of KOCO

and storewide services. While helping to forge new relationships with the community, Co-Op Markets is introducing ongoing expanded services, as just some of the stores' new attractions.

According to Fisk, the Co-Op Markets' changes are less a transformation than as outgrowth of the store's 67-year history in the community.

With the major uplift the new plaza provides to the Kenwood community, Lucas encourages the community residents to realize the roots of community growth.

Developer dispute claim for not hiring Black workers

Washington Park- Several community organizations reported Black contractors have not received equal access to construction jobs for a new 60 unit housing development on 56th and Prairie Ave for moderate and low income families using public and private funds.

The Crusaders of Justice, Washington Park Community Coalition and the Workshop Coalition have voiced their resentment at a ground breaking last month attended by public and private supporters of the project.

The coalition said because of "No Bid" deals on plumbing, masonry, electrical, heating, and air conditioning contracts. "It looks as if Jim Crow has found a rebirth in the construction field as many Black construction workers are cut out of a bidding. "No Bid"

means that a person or company seeking a job for the infrastructure of a building can revert to hiring whomever he or she chooses, leaving other contractors out in the cold."

Richard Sciortino, the developer in the Washington Park community for over six years dispute the charges that less than 15% of the jobs go to Washington Park community contractors. He informed SSJ that, the coalition nor the Alderman (Arenda Troutman, 20) has not provided a single applicant for work since the announcement of the project over a year ago.

Mr. Sciortino reported that the project has exceeded its goal of 30% Black workers to 60%.

He further explained he is working on a training program with the Good Shepard Church, assistant pastor Jesse

Knox, in conjunction with Dunbar High for construction training.

A representative of the coalition viewing the city-wide construction industry, stated they are not getting "a piece of the pie but a few crumbs thrown their way." But, Sciortino questioned the Washington Park Coalition for a lack of follow through on behalf of applicants and how much community concern supporting their claim.

Cecilia Butler, chair of the Washington Park Community Coalition said, "If there is 60% Black workers on the job prove it." She added "This is not just about the project on 56th and Prairie but a historic pattern of Sciortino leaving Black workers out in the cold.

Sciortino whose company has developed over 200 apartment in the Washington Park community and its new focus to rehab new market rate single family homes, will hire qualified workers when submitted to him.

City Closes Grocery Stores

Mayor Daley's Grocery Store Inspection Task Force temporarily closed down four stores and charged 12 stores with multiple consumer, health and sanitation violations.

Mayor Daley reported that Many of the stores were inspected as a result of complaints received by the Department of Consumer Services."

The task force is made up investigators from the Departments of Streets and Sanitation, Consumer Services and buildings, coordinated by Consumer Services Commissioner Caroline Orzac Shoenberger.

In Washington Park community inspectors temporarily closed State Garden Food and Liquors, 5701 S. State St., after rodent feces was sighted in the food storage area. The store was also charged with improper pest control, failing to provide price markings on items, failing to post the store's name on the customer's receipt, failing to post the store's refund and return policy, failing to post the store's check cashing policy, overcharging, offering for sale outdated foods, offering for sale unwholesome foods, floors, display cases, and shelves, failing to provide a thermometer in meat cooler, failing to properly elevate food off of the floor, failing to repair holes in the walls, failing to provide hot water at exposed hand sink, failing to provide paper towels or soap in bathroom; and one sanitation violation for allegedly improper garbage

dumping. In South Shore, inspectors temporarily closed Cental Finer Foods, 1374 E. 70th St., after rodent feces was found in the store. The store was also charged with improper pest control, offering for sale outdated foods and unwholesome

Lincoln Center are the recipients of Rush's \$10 Million Welfare-to-Work



The Chicago State University and The Abraham Lincoln Center are the recipients of \$5 million each in Welfare-to-Work Competitive Grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor by efforts of Cong. Bobby Rush (c) with the Center's staff, CEO, Jesse Madison, Cedric Melton, Assistant director of the the Bridge to Work Program, and Margo Brooks, Executive Director of the program.

Efforts of U.S.Rep. Bobby L. Rush (D-IL) has resulted in \$10 million for two Welfare-to-Work programs located in the 1st Congressional District. The Chicago State University and The Abraham Lincoln Center are the recipients of \$5 million each in Welfare-to-Work Competitive Grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor. "These institutions are the forefront of making a difference in the lives of my constituents in the 1st Congressional District and the citizens of Chicago. They deserve and need these funds to continue their outstanding work," Rush said.

These Welfare-to-Work grants are two of 64 grants that Labor Secretary Alexis Herman announced today. However, they are the only grants that

will go directly to Chicago-based institutions. Herman congratulated Rush on his "support, leadership and champion efforts on this matter." She continued. "Your work means Chicago institutions will benefit."

The program at Chicago State University will focus on the special needs of individuals who face problems with domestic violence as a barrier to their successful transition from welfare to work. The Abraham Lincoln Center's "Bridge to Work Program" will provide comprehensive employment assistance to non-custodial parents in need of job training and entry level job opportunity, Rush stated. "This federal funding will mean jobs and financial independence for thousands of welfare recipients who simply need a helping hand."

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to. I was born at Ida B. Wells and grew up at Stateway Gardens. I am a good example of one who could make it out of the projects."

With about 50 percent of the people at 5266 S. State asking to take Section 8 vouchers, two out of every three people who leave try to return. The streets are mean, but many housing managements can be so as well.

"Phil Jackson can't move people around like cattle," says Maxwell, "90 percent of the people at the Taylor building are woman of a single parent household, holding the lease. CHA is using the same scare tactic that Hitler used on Jews during World War II, no laws or the peoples' voice in what is going on. The CHA management along with the CHA police are threatening people by knocking on doors asking people to evict, with no search warrant or right to legally do so."

The federal government has for years used money from one department to replenish another.

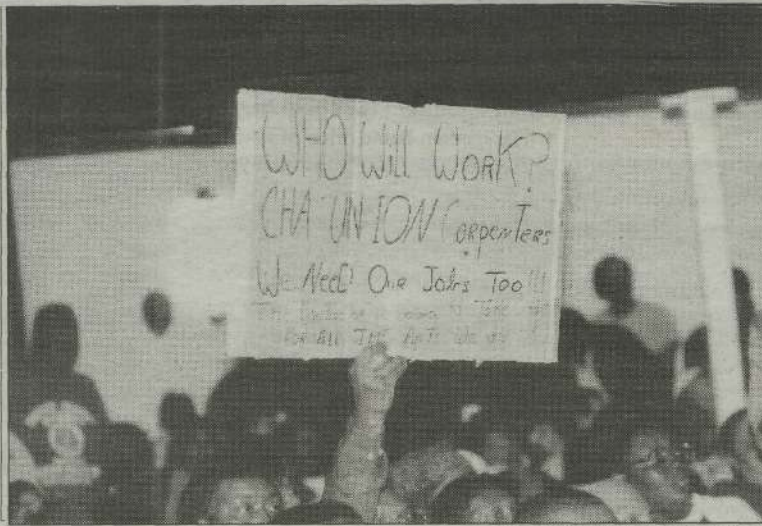
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New "Y"

forward to the "Y" for training, recreation and prominence within the community.

During the late 1800s and early 1900s, the "Y" was comparable to many social clubs of today. It was the "In Thing" at the time.

Men like Julius Rosenwald, a Jewish philanthropist, who was at the time president of Sears, Roebuck and Company, thought of the YMCA as a good way to help blacks in Chicago, offered funds and help in building a "Y" in the black community. Along with Dr. Jesse E. Moorland of the International Committee and others who wanted to see a YMCA in the black community, they worked towards raising enough funds. With more people supporting a black "Y", it gained national attention and to the surprise of many, it caught the attention of President William Howard Taft, who in December of 1911 spoke at a meeting of the now 152 year old Quinn Chapel on the Southside asking for public support for the YMCA. Ironically, churches that had been hesitant at first to donate funds for a black "Y" now did so along with other organizations and fraternal orders.



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The transitional plan for CHA includes massive layoffs of employees. Displeasure was shown at a public meeting by CHA employees.

As so with the CHA, badly needed funds can be taken from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and allocated elsewhere. With a national tax cut people at the CHA would suffer even more. Without funds conditions at public housing would become even more deteriorated.

The Pullman Company later contributed \$10,000 so that its black porters could use the dormitories on the third floor and have a place to stay during stop overs while in Chicago. On June 15, 1913, the new Wabash Ave. Department of the YMCA opened.

The five-story building saw Leroy Tucker as the first executive secretary. It would have a modern day swimming pool, reading room, billiard room, gymnasium, dining room and offices. 114 dormitory rooms were on the third floor.

Patricia Abrams, executive director and a founding board member of Renaissance Corporation (RC) in 1992, said, "The new "Y" is being funded by private individuals, corporations, city and state funding. First Chicago Bank, Seaway Bank, the city of Chicago (community block grants under the Empowerment Zone) as well as the State of Illinois, with almost \$2 million of the \$11 million needed for the project. Tentative opening date is April of 2000.

The "Y" will institute child care programs, job training, community development, recreation and youth programs designed for younger people. Sylvia Bratcher, assistant director to the executive director at RC, said, "The former "Y" at 37th and Wabash will be rehabbed. It will consist of 101 dormitories.

"Local advisory councils were told about plans by the CHA but lied to tenants about their moving and all," Maxwell said.

Mildred Dennis, CHA president, said, "Nothing has changed on the Hope VI Project, its still in developmental stage. We'll introduce our five-year plan for public housing."

There are many at Taylor who feel that the Hope VI Project to rehab existing buildings and provide better living quarters at Taylor will not work.

Not according to Maxwell, "We can win back some of Taylor and obtain better housing for people leaving.

But we must fight, demonstrate for the cause, not being indifferent.

Renewed Assistance with Tenant Relocation

Rainbow/PUSH is prepared to assist again

with tenant relocation into permanent housing, especially those with valid Section 8 certificates who have not been able to find permanent housing.

Rainbow/PUSH was successful in creating the "matchmaking" sessions bringing face-to-face, prospective landlords to meet with eligible tenants. "We are able to find almost 100 new residences for those CHA residents who were still living in their old residence's. There were a few problems, but the majority are still living successfully in their new residences," said Mark Allen field director for Rainbow/PUSH

"Through our process, residents were not forced to move into areas where they did not want to — they had the opportunity to meet with various landlords from their immediate area as well as, other areas of the city," Allen explained. "At that time, we rejected landlords from out of the city, because we remained committed to not displacing residents out of the City, unless the residents specifically made that request."

Reports of residents being unable to maintain their new property raises concerns of blocking future funding for tenant relocation into new or replacement housing.

Mayor to raise Property Tax to build Police Station, Fire Houses, Libraries

The combined property tax, sewer and fee increases will climb from \$2 per month in 2000 for an average homeowner to \$4 per month in 2001, \$6 per month in 2002 in 2002 and \$8 per month in 2003.

For the increases Chicago neighborhoods would receive \$800 million in new and improved community anchors over the next four years under a bold neighborhood investment plan unveiled by Mayor Richard M. Daley.

The plan, Neighborhoods Alive 21, calls for 19 new and renovated police stations, up to 20 new or improved firehouses, new or improved branch libraries throughout the city and more campus park projects, open space acquisitions and other improvements throughout Chicago's neighborhoods.

"In this, the first budget of the new century, we

are asking the people of Chicago to join us in laying a foundation on which every neighborhood can build and grow," Daley said at a news conference outside the 16th District police station in Jefferson park.

Daley's plan, paid for with a new tax levy phased in over the next four years, will cost the owner on the average \$150,000 home \$1 per month next year and \$4 per month by 2003, for the remainder of the life of the bonds.

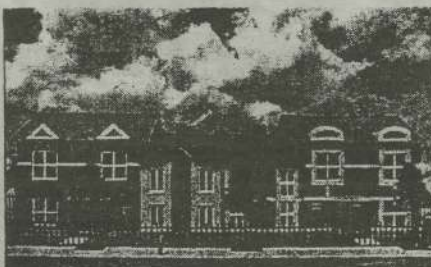
The Mayor also proposed a \$340 million program over the next two years to improve Chicago's water and sewer systems, paid for with fee increases totaling another dollar per month in the first year and increasing to \$4 per month by 2003.

"Commonwealth Edison has shown us what happens when maintenance is deferred and needed upgrades are not made," Daley said. "Reliability and service suffer and quality of life declines. We can't let that happen."

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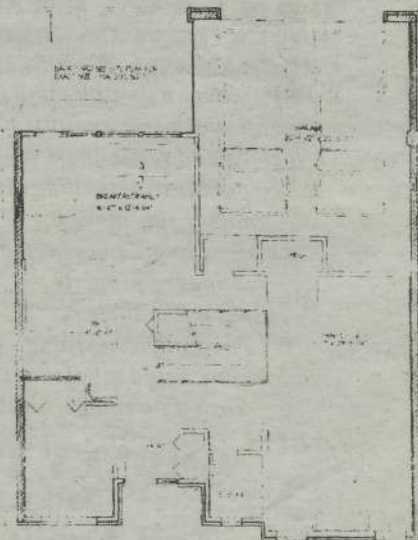
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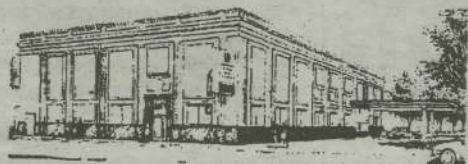


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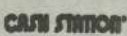
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Home Buyers Paying More for New Construction, Chicago Title Study Reveals

Metro/City of Chicago Reports

Housing industry experts have long assumed that homebuyers shell out more money for new construction, but how much more has not been clear.

According to a new study by Chicago Title Insurance Co., the area's leading insurer of property titles, the median home price for newly-built homes in the Chicago market last year was 27.0 percent higher than the median price paid by those who purchased previously-owned homes. The median means an equal number sold for more and less.

Over the past seven years, Chicago Title has surveyed a representative sample of area homebuyers in each of the seven counties that comprise the Chicago metro area. Using 1998 data, the company created a separate pricing and income analysis report on new and existing home sales in the metro market for the first time.

"New construction was more costly in every county last year," said H. Stat Geer, vice president and Chicago central metropolitan regional manager, Chicago Title. "But the percentage spread between prices for new and previously-owned homes varied widely thought the area."

For example, in Chicago the 1998 median home price for new construction was 43.3 percent higher than the price of previously-owned homes. At the other extreme, Kane County recorded a modest 10.2 percent price spread.

For the metro area, the median home price for all buyers in 1998 was \$169,600. The median price soared to \$204,300 for those purchasing new construction. In contrast, the median price for a previously-owned home was \$160,900.

Among metro area buyers purchasing new construction, the median household income last year was \$82,900. However, median income

dropped to \$66,400 for those purchasing previously-owned homes.

"Most counties in the metro area saw a large earning gap between buying new construction and previously-owned homes," said Geer. "That pattern didn't hold up in Lake County. Apparently, housing demographics unique to that area contributed to this disparity."

In the city last year, the median price for a newly-built home was \$212,500 compared with a median price of \$148,200 for those purchasing a previously-owned home. The median household income for those purchasing new construction in the city was \$105,000, the highest for the area. In sharp contrast, those buying previously-owned homes in the city had a combined household income of \$63,000.

Among repeat buyers in the city, 16.2% purchased new construction. The percentage dropped to 10.6 for the first-time buyers.

The Chicago Title report reveals that Will County was the most active new construction submarket in the metro area last year with new construction accounting for 41.0 percent of all sales in the county. Kane County was the next most active with a 33.6 percent new construction market share, followed by McHenry County, 29.0 percent; Lake

County, 27.8 percent; DeKalb County, 24.7 percent; DuPage County, 18.8 percent; and Cook County, 14.0 percent.

Among those purchasing newly-built homes, the median income ranged from a high of \$105,500 in the city and a low of \$61,400 in Will County.

Chicago Title also has conducted a home buyers survey in 20 national markets annually since 1976. Results of last year's national survey confirm that homebuyers are paying more for new construction nation wide. Some notable national

findings include:

- The median home price of new construction in 1998 was \$188,400 compared to the median price of a previously-owned home at \$161,200.

- The median price spread between new construction and resale homes is dropping—the cost of new construction was just 16.9% greater than the cost of resale homes in 1998 compared to an average of 21.6 percent the three years prior.

- In 1998, one-in-four repeat buyers purchased a newly-constructed home versus only one-in six

for first-time buyers.

- The combined household income of those purchasing new construction was \$78,000. In comparison, these purchasing previously-owned home had a combined household income of \$68,500 last year.

Chicago Title Insurance Co. is the largest title organization in the Chicago area, with 27 locations. Chicago Title provides title products, field services, foreclosure and reconveyance services, and valuation, credit and flood certification.

Assessor Introduces Revised Notice

Assessed Valuation New Format Designed for More Complete Property Information

- Appeal information and an estimate of the pending property tax bill are a few features included in a newly-designed notice of proposed assessed valuation introduced by Cook County Assessor James M. Houlihan. Assessor Houlihan and Assessor's Office staff reformatted the notice in an effort to provide more concise and easily understandable information to Cook County property owners. For the first time, property owners will also receive an appeal form attached to the reassessment notice should the owner decide to contest the proposed valuation.

New components of the revised notice include:

- * The percentage change in both assessed valuation and market value from the previous assessment year to the current year;

- * A lengthy estimated calculation of the pending property tax bill based on the proposed valuation, state equalizer, various exemptions and the most recently available tax rate.

- * The address for the Assessor's Office Interactive Website that contains comparative information on neighboring properties.

Chicago Metro Area New Versus Resale Home Purchase 1998

	New	Resale
Bought New Homes	20.1%	13.6%
First Time Buyers	15.6%	10.6%
Repeat Buyers	24.0%	16.2%
Bought Resale Homes	79.9%	86.4%
First-time Buyers	84.4%	89.4%
Repeat Buyers	76.0%	83.8%
Median Home Price		
New	\$204,300	\$160,900
Resale	\$169,600	\$153,300
Age		
New	36.1	34.6
Resale	34.3	31.5
Income		
New	\$82,900	\$69,100
Resale	\$66,400	\$63,000

Real Estate Transactions in the Mid South Area



Readers: Listed below are property transfers in South Street Journal's circulations 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
Hyde Park		
5335 Cornell, #3; Herbert L. King Jr. & Lynne M. Reed-King to D. & C. Andrews	8/11	93,500
906 E. 54th St., Gregory & Cheryl Lunn to Todd Wells & Virginia Pace	8/13	241,000
5801 S. Harper Ave., Loma Stone to Yuval Taylor	8/12	229,000
1451 E. 55th St., #417N Sabita Busch to Julie Apolinario	8/12	74,000
1228 E. 54th St., # 228-2 Winston Simmonds, Jr. to Elizabeth Hendel	8/12	76,500
5401 Hyde Park Blvd., Unit 702 Beatrice A. Ross to Mark Lewis	8/13	96,500
5557 Blackstone, #1, Phillip Connolly & Janet Clemenson to C. & Mildred Cary	8/13	108,500
1332 E. 56th St., # 1E Harshal K. Patel to Monte L. Kimball	8/13	88,900
5547 S. Kimbark, Unit #2., Michael Delgass & Jessica Spector to Lena Jansen	8/13	72,000
5224 S. Ingleside, #1., Wanette A. Wise to Kenneth & Cynthia Fife-Townsel	8/17	112,000
5708 S. Harper, Kevin J. & Teresa L. Fagan to Paul Levy	8/18	600,000
5733 S. Maryland Ave., Robert & Laura Gruen to Unitvesity of Chicago	8/20	430,000
1451 E. 55th St. Uit 517., Donna M. McAfee to Yuxing Ruan	8/23	79,500
1716C E. 54th St. Cosmopolitan Bk & Trust to Richard Kron & Deborah Bakker	8/24	345,000
5442 S. Cornell, Unit 1-S., Gregory V. Campbell to Daren Freel	8/18	110,000
Fuller Park		
Armour Square		
Near South		
1631 S. Mich; #303 American Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. to Gary R. Rubenstein	8/19	148,136
2944 S. Mich, Unit 5 Brinshore Dev., L.L.C. to R. & C. Brantley	8/19	340,000
1631 Mich; Unit #201 American Nat'l Bank of Chgo. to Carrie A. Walden	8/19	181,094
1631 S. Michigan #308, American Nat'l Bank & Trust to Michael Bathgate	8/19	160,220
1521-S.Indiana Ave., # J-64 Timothy Buckley to Michael Relihan	8/19	350,000
1631 S. Mich., # 305 American Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. to Christine & Peter Ng	8/20	230,000
328 W. 23rd Pl., Unit A Don & JoAnn Moy to Shiu K. & Wai L. Lam	8/20	155,000
1631 S. Michigan, # 310 American Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. to Mary E. Gudas	8/20	179,365
1631 S. Michigan, # 604 Dr. Gary Rayl & Sylvia L. Roberts to Kevin J. Riley	8/20	215,000
1631 S. Michigan, # 312 American Nat'l Bank to Jacqueline E. Jaimes	8/23	177,905
2709 S. Michigan; Scott & Tanya Cheshareck to Debra Clarkson	8/17	215,000
Oakland		
4350 S. Lake Park, Unit 2S, Lake Park, Inc. to Anthony Rosette	9/7	129,000
4313 S. Ellis, Essie L. Witherspoon to Bayyinah Dupart	9/8	85,000
Washington Park		
5616 S. Indiana., North Star Trust Company to Michelle Goree	8/18	161,000
5922 S. King Dr., Lolita Jefferson to Timothy Yarbrough	8/18	300,000
5812 S. King Dr., Unit 2 D. Daniel Doyal to Darius Meaux	8/25	87,000
5730 S. King Dr. Unit 3G, Cosmopolitan Bank to Joseph Fang	9/3	94,000
57301 E. King Dr., Unit 1 E, Cosmopolitan Trust to Derek Leonard	9/3	91,000
Woodlawn		
6442 S. Maryland, # 3A., Lemurian Condo Assn. to Bahram Rajabi	8/12	124,000
6442 S. Maryland, # 2S., Citi Investment & Develop. Inc to Bahram Rajabi	8/13	124,900
6442 S. Maryland, # 1B., Citi Investment & Development to Bahram Rajabi	8/17	124,900
6442 S. Maryland, Unit 1A., Citi Investment & Develop. to Bahram Rajabi	8/20	124,900
6116 - A.S. Greenwood., Mark R. Yim to Bruce L. & Camille N. Cook 1	8/20	225,000
5512 S. Woodlawn, Unit 403., Jill Fine & Jacob Apelbaum to Mark Borsody	8/25	76,000
6521 S. Ellis., Norman & Arlene Perry to Latonya Jones	8/24	68,000
6426 S. Kenwood, S. R. Blockson-Bruce to David & Terry McLeod & L. Bryant	8/24	135,000
6106 S. Dorchester, Unit 1W., Victoria James to Annie R. Jones	8/19	89,000
6717 S. Euclid Ave., O. Odum to Moses Benson	8/25	170,000
6442 S. Maryland, Unit 2A., Citi Investment & Development to Bahram Rajabi	8/20	124,900
1002F E. 62nd St., Renaissance/Thrush J.V. to Anthony Cole & Evelyn Nabors	8/18	187,565
843 E. 65th St., First Nat'l Finance Corp. to Charles E. Hicks, Jr.	8/23	130,000
Douglas		
Kenwood		
4525 S. Drexel-3W, Lemurcan Condo Association to Yvonne M. Burns	8/11	75,600
4810 S. Drexel Blvd, Unit K Dwight Jones to Julius Lucas	8/11	30,000
4926 S. Blackstone, Midtown Bank & Trust to Steven & Shirley Busch	8/11	200,000
4529 S. Drexel Blvd., # 1E Lemurian Condo. Assn. to Valary E. Wright	8/12	125,000
4822 S. Langley, Builder's Capital Corp. to Gabriele Heyschmidt	8/13	227,250
4940 S. East End, # 8-BX., Devin T. Lee to Ava Griffin	8/13	165,000
530 E. 45th St., Norma McDonald to David L. & Jennifer M. Bradburn	8/24	130,000
Grand Boulevard		
_831 Drexel Square, Larita Rollins to Danielle Garrett	8/12	180,000
1429 S. Calumet., Paul Franks to Charles Hicks	8/19	100,000
5730-3E S. King Dr., Cosmopolitan Bank to Deida K. Massey	8/20	93,000
4623 St. Lawrence, Prairie Bk & Trust to L. Davis-Carruth & Joy Willis	8/18	181,500
4243 S. Champlain., Heritage County Bank & Trust Co. to Sonya Martin	8/19	45,000
4752 S. Evans, Lakeshore/No. Washington Park J/V L.L.C. to Squire Lance	8/16	175,750
4519 S. St. Lawrence., Elite Neighborhood Homes to Denise Page	8/16	190,000
5017 S. Wabash St., Michael Canty to Tara Canty	8/20	210,000
4318 S. Prairie Ave., Allene W. Johnson to Chapman Real Estate Corp.	9/2	40,000
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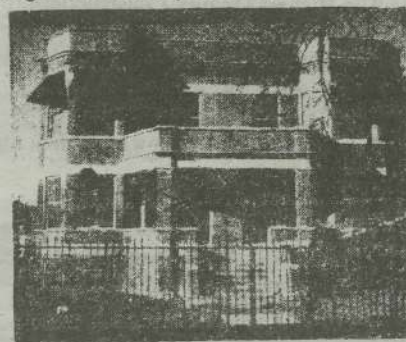
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