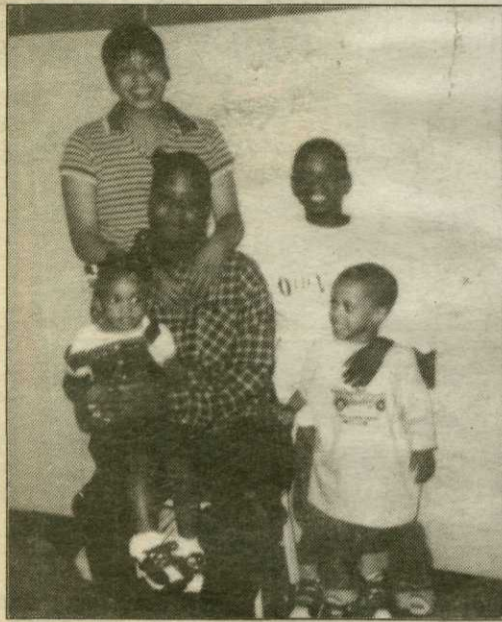


New City residents protest police Brutality of Woman



Chantel Johnson 26, pictured with her children was reported being savagely beaten by a number of Chicago Police officers.

By Everloyce McCullough
Englewood Writer

New City - The arrest and reported savagely beaten by police of Chantel Johnson 26, on August 1st, prompted a meeting at the Chicago Commons Mary McDowell Settlement House at 1335 W. 51st, with Ald. Shirley Coleman (15th) on August fourth. In addition on August 8th, residents marched to the courthouse at 51st and Wentworth, where Johnson was charged with seven counts, including spitting on police.

Residents demand the release of Ms. Johnson and for the charges to be dropped.

Many eyewitnesses on the block of 51st and Justine maintain the charges were "completely fabricated" by the arresting officers.

The incident started when Saniah Foster, Johnson's mothers told South Street Journal, she called Chicago police to a domestic disturbance in her home where Johnson

was intoxicated and was fighting her sister. When the police arrived they advised Johnson to take a walk. "She left but returned causing her me to call police a second time". Said Ms. Foster.

"Parked around the corner the police arrival was almost spontaneous," explained Ms. Foster. "I requested the officers to take her to Saint Anthony Hospital for alcohol treatment. The police removed her from the house in handcuffs."

Reports not clear when the beating started. However, before the police call left the block, eyewitness accounts approximately sixteen police responded to the second call. Officer in beat car

2793 and 914 were observed removing their badges as they approached the corner of 51st and Justine streets.

One eyewitness identified only as Liz, recalled from her porch across the street, the officer in beat car 2793 started putting on black gloves.

Horrified by what she was seeing, "Oh no!" she screamed. Liz looked on while an officer snatched Johnson by her blouse from the rear of the car. She watched from her vantage point the gloved fist of the officer in beat car 2793 batter Johnson's body. Others officers went on to kick the petite woman, as she laid on the ground.

"Chantel body laid undressed from the waist up, blood pouring from her mouth. She was unconscious and seizing," Liz recalled

As Liz approached the beating, she said the officer responded to her,

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Bud Billiken

Parade Kicks off the Millenium



The annual Bud Billiken parade a Chicago South Side tradition for 71 years and the nations second largest parades is sponsored by the Chicago Defender, begins it's legendary march down 39th and King Drive on Saturday, August 12, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. One of the celebrity parade floats will feature Queen Latifah.

Herb Kent, the Cool Gent the



Mayor of Bronzeville Ball,

By Sharon Dukes
SSJ Staff Writer

Researched by Nat Thompson

Bronzeville - The first Mayoral Ball of Bronzeville of the New Millennium will kick off on August 10, at the McCormick Hyatt Regency, 22nd & King Drive.

The Chicago Defender in partnership with the Bronzeville Merchants Association and the Department of Housing and Urban Development revived the gala event last August.

The last Mayor to be elected before Herb Kent in 1999 was Cora Ellis Carroll in 1961 who received about 13,728 votes. A gala, was held at the Grand Ballroom on the Southside of Chicago.

Bronzeville's long and treasured history began before World War I on the south side of Chicago and lasted well into the 1950's, and during it's peak it reigned supreme as the most powerful cultural, economic, and political force in America even eclipsing the fame of New York's Harlem Renaissance who's luster and influence faded in the 1930's.

During Bronzeville's heyday their was one event that towered above everything else the election of the Mayor of Bronzeville. This popular institution began in 1930, the brainstorm of Chicago Defender writer and club promoter James "Jimmie" Kent who financed the annual Miss Bronze America beauty pageant. Kent while working at the Chicago Bee Newspaper dreamed up the Mayor of Bronzeville

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City backs off to 63rd & Ashland Police Station

by Everloyce McCullough
Englewood Writer

Englewood - Terry Levin of the City of Chicago Building Commission has recently stated that the proposed site for the 63rd and Ashland police station has been put on hold, as he says "indefinite hold because of community opposition, and that the city will be looking for alternative sites."

Residents and homeowners bound from 61st to 63rd Justine, Justine and Ashland was determine to decide their community's future, challenged the City of Chicago for their rights and their homes to be maintained.

They meet at a special meeting held at Beth-el Children's All Nations Church, 1532 West 63rd Street, where Bishop Edgar Jackson is the pastor and help lead the opposition to the city taking the property of the church and the surrounding homes for a new police station for the Greater Englewood community.

In a public meeting, a letter campaign, and bus ride to the Building Commissioners meeting, resulted in the City's to back off its offer to

purchase property around 63rd and Ashland. The city's withdrawn came without no further comment to South Street Journal.

Langdon Neil, attorney. for the City Building Commission, which is chaired by Mayor Richard Daley, was present at the meeting to inform the resident of the process for the residents to begin selling the properties to the city within the next 90 days.

Neil address all acquisition of the properties questions, but felt short on answers when residents ask why the City sought no public insight as to its site selection process to construct a new Police Station.

Alderman Ted Thomas (15), also present at the meeting in support of a new larger public facility for the 7th District police station, share the views of the residents.

However, the alderman stress displeasure as he was not informed by the city of when the decision was made or where the location would be.

"I don't believe the aldermen in the other wards were informed as well on the new police

station plan for the wards neither.

"The City failed to measure the impact of its decision and apparently spent no time to work with residents and local groups to determine the best site." said John Paul Jones of the Neighborhood Capital Group and a resident of Englewood.

Another resident pointed out, "It is our understanding that your former infrastructure czar Terry Teele moved quietly through the communities making site selections. We do not consider this as a form of good government."

Bishop Jackson, reported to SSJ that the church is a landmark. "The City had no serious assessment to truly measure their decision's impact to our business and residential area."

The city targeting the 63rd location as an economic benefit for the area was rejected by the residents. William Rodgers a resident of the area said. "The station relocation can not be viewed as a community anchor, its potential visitors would more likely be the most at-risk of our community."

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InSide

Hyde Park, The Island on the South Side,

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UnZip-Mail

By the Weatherman,

The Englewood people gave Hal Baskin a toast of grads at the Honey Suckle Restaurant, hosted by the Rev. Anthony Williams and GSF Mortgage whose president Phillip Siebert is the National President of Mortgage Brokers.....In relationship with Baskin's 16th Ward Political Task Force is the new 17th Ward Political Task Force, who has already identified its aldermaic candidate for 2003.



Hal Baskin, an unidentified supporter and Rev. Anothnoy Williams

No surprise to Professor Bob Sharks that the so-named Task Force for Black Political Empowerment re-chartered by Paris Thomas has ceased to be on 58th and Indiana by order of Thomas. However, the spirit of the people refused to be stop by a name. They have renamed themselves, **Black Economic and Political Action Network**.

Mama Dee gave Mayor Daley ten days to respond to his position on the City of Chicago paying Reparation to Blacks born and raised in Chicago. However, hope that Mayor Daley, give her a response better than what Judge Pincham gave her at Dorothy Brown's campaign office meeting on 95th and Ashland.....Based the Judges response, Cleveland Little of BEPAN got pretty hot. Somethings just cannot be UnZipped for fear of the law.. On other tip, the in-depth mind of Clev re said some things are not to be known before their time. However, some UnZips just must be explored: Clev wrote on a sheet of paper:

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Gore picks Jew VP candidate Joseph Lieberman.Hummmm?

Cecilia Butler and the NCOBRA members should be aware that while presidential candidate, vice president Al Gore was at the Rainbow PUSH convention, the question was raised if he would support reparations to Blacks. He responded, He prefers affirmative action....

Mother Ida Fulton is one senior on the move, she is about to begin some major construction developments on the south side. In addition she is about to do a major salute, to the movers and shakers of the black community. W.L. Lillard, Webb Evans, Minister Farrakan, Atty. Derick McNeal, Cletus Coleman, Dempsey Travis, Prince Asisel, Cliffon Kelly, Mark Bradley, and Ail Sampson



Syron M. Smith

Happy Birthday to Beverly Reed, who celebrate her 40th (oops!) at Gerrie's Palm Tavern.

Special note: due to the passing of Versie Graham sister, the Shop-in of Graham's Grocery store at 56th and Hoyne is rescheduled for Friday, August 18th.Supporting the Shop-in is Web Evans.

The Chicago CAPS program and the Acorn organization got their eyes on Syron M. Smith as he leads and expands the Chicago Block Club Union, coming back to the south from the Westside. See the story in the next SSJ supporting Graham's shop-in..

Congrats to Morgan "the Conversation Starter" Carter and Wanda Armstrong of the Chicago Communicator, of their wedding in which the UnZip was not invited to.

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Broken Arrow Horseback Riding Club, bringing horseback riding back to Washington Park. The 12 year old African American Cowboy and Cowgirl organization recently held a fund raiser for LaRabida, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the University of Chicago Medical Center. Last month over 150 horses were rounded up in Washington from their membership and affiliate cowboys and girls. They are also focusing their attention on bring back horse riding in Washington park as it was years before, working with the Chicago Park District.

Reaching With Love To The Community

Webb Evans, President of the United American Progress Association was present at the open house of a 15,500 square foot dormitory in Mcleansboro, Illinois that is being built and owned and operated by Living Light Ministries headed by Bob and Angie Weeden. The Living Light Outreach was founded in 1976 to preach the gospel in the streets and prison. In 1983 they started a Christian training program in the Englewood area. They trained men how they can live happy and productive lives as God had planned for them. The Living Light Outreach is a volunteer organization with no government support. They

They now operate at 1412 West 63rd street where they distribute about 10,00 lbs. of food weekly to people and supply many with clothing. In addition to their dormitory which cost over a million dollars and their 360 acres of land in McLeansboro, IL that is know as The Valley of Peace Ranch, they own many lakes and ponds stocked with Blue Gill, Copper and Bass Fish.

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Rev. Jesse L. Jackson,

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Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's top civilian honor, presented by President Clinton. Rev Jackson was honored with 14 others at an afternoon ceremony at the White House. "It's just sinking in" Jackson said of the honor.

79th Street

The question whether, years from now, will the new 79th street be viewed as a lack of local businesses redevelopment, or as a beginning to move them out of the future. Tyrone Hawthorn, who owns three businesses on 79th street His



store, De'Andre's on 79th and Loomis was rezoned residential for any new businesses prior to him opening up last April. Caught in the maze of redevelopment, working with former Ald. Terry Peterson, a letter was submitted in support of waiving the rezoning in order for De'Andre to continue to operate.

Hawthorn remaining optimistic that the economic realities will be enough to spur some sort of compromise, the zoning board did approve Hawthorn's request. In the mean time Iva Wesley said. "It is my hope that someone will investigate how ward development is done. The direction should be that no other property owner is deprived of his/her right to run a legitimate business in favor of special interests groups and friends."

Original 43rd Streeters annual Reunion

Picnic, Sunday August 13, 2000, 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Washington Park 55th & Payne Drive at Cottage Grove (Across From The Play Ground) Families Bring Your Own B.B.Q. Grills, Chairs, etc. Some Pop & Snack For The Kiddies Enjoy with our Extended family The gang from Radio Station WHHPK 88.5 FM on the Dial COMMITTEE: Tucker* Wardell (Big Jack) Sutton* Brains* Joey Drish* Hank Poindexter* Joe Nash* Joker* June Kahn* Dappy* Elbert Hart* Lil (Pig Meat) Thompson* Ted Henderson* Liz Ward* Joe Miderhoff* Roscoe Keith* Lavita East* B.B. Williams* Gilbert Davis* James Cooper* Lawrence Hill* Tommy Miderhoff* Billy Cannon* John Woodson* Ruben Jemison* Clara Pettigrew* Willie Christmas* Clifford Gale* Johnny Owens*

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Fronts and fraudulent companies:

Sharon Dukes
Staff Writer

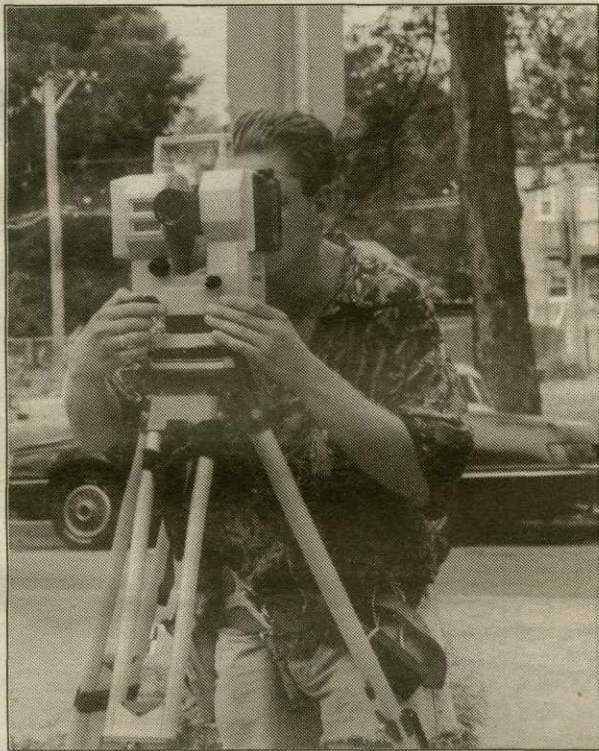
The heat has been turned up again on the continuing controversy surrounding the construction industry and its discriminating practices. Again the criticism has landed squarely at the door of the mayor's office. The uproar stems from an ordinance proposed by Mayor Daley and passed by the city council.

Promising to crackdown on front companies posing as minority and women owned businesses. The levy set stiff penalties against contractors that fail to meet their subcontracting goals to minority and women owned (MBE/WBE) businesses.

Mayor Daley firmly stands behind the ordinance. "This new ordinance" The mayor stated in a release "further displays our commitment to full participation by minority and women owned companies in city contracts, "we will continue" he added "to build upon our efforts to change processes that will offer more opportunities to these businesses."

The city also released its year to date figures of M/WBE activity. The figures state that from the period from January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000 the city has awarded 44% of contract dollars, \$284 million, to minority firms. It goes on to say that this far exceeds the city's stated goal of awarding 25% of contract dollars to MBE firms and 5% to WBE firms.

These figures drew sharp criticism from Workshop Coalition Co-founder Calvin "Omar" Johnson who says "let the Mayor's office



The ongoing sight of little representation of Black contractors on public jobs continue to be raised. Even to the point that many non-Black contractors is a sign of front companies, charged Omar Johnson. Mayor Richard Daley reports the percentages are improving for Black contractors and his office is going after the front companies. Johnson disagrees.

ment, but two companies that have been publicly accused by Workshop Coalition of being front companies, Riteway Construction and G.M Harston Construction, defended the Mayor's record on rooting out front company offenders and protecting the interest of minorities.

"I think the city is putting forth an effort" said Larry Huggins, the owner of Riteway construction "to get this issue settled".

G.M Harston of Harston Construction agrees. "I think Mayor Daley has taken bold steps" he said "to abide by the Supreme Court decisions."

Workshop is also asking for an investigation of; U.B. M.; Inc.; Target Group, II In One Contractors, and H. L. F. Construction;

The Workshop Coalition remain unconvinced by the Mayor's efforts and believe that the only way to expose discrimination in the construction industry is to call for a full scale Federal Investigation into the politicizing of the Affirmative Action program in the city of Chicago, by the Chicago Public Schools, and the Public Building Commission.

"We have found" explained the Coalition, continuous use of front and fraudulent companies working on City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, and Building Commission Projects." Calvin "Omar" Johnson is firmly convinced that the Coalition will eventually win their rights because he says "The mind can only work successfully on the truth."

show us the proof, the minute receipts and accounts to back up these claims."

However, the Coalition has also asserted that during its two year investigation into the construction industry Mayor Daley and other civic leaders such as Jesse Jackson of Operation Push had been less that responsive until recently.

"During the past two years of our investigation" Johnson said, "Jesse Jackson has never spoken out on the issues of front and fraudulent companies. "Now" he added he is suddenly ready to team up with Mayor Daley to speak out on these issues."

Neither Jesse Jackson or Mayor Daley could be reached for com-

(From the Washington Park Herald, Washington Park Empowerment Center)

Washington Park gets Super L Station and Band Shell

Super Station that will replace the L at 55th Street

Washington park will soon be home to a long awaited "Super L Station, located on the north side (instead of the south side of the street) replacing the facility on 55th Street between Calumet and Prairie Avenues. The station will be fully ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

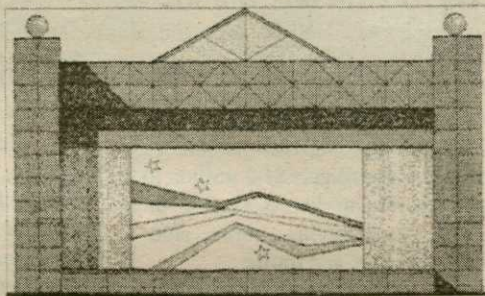
It will feature one elevator with access for wheel chair and elderly and an escalator up to the Loop bound platform

New Band Shell for Washington Park

In 1999, the Chicago park District initiated the "lake Front Frame Work planning process" which included South Shore, Jackson park, Midway pleasance, and Washington Park.

The major feature for Washington park will be a band shell. The only discussion left will be where is it going to be and how it is going to look. The Washington park Advisory Council suggested that the best place for the Band Shell is in the Seven Hills area.

The Washington Park Advisory Council meet every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Washington Park Field House, 5531 S. King Dr.



A Rendering (Pro Bono by Clarence Harvey III) of the new Band Shell in Washington Park

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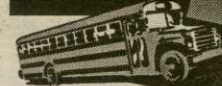
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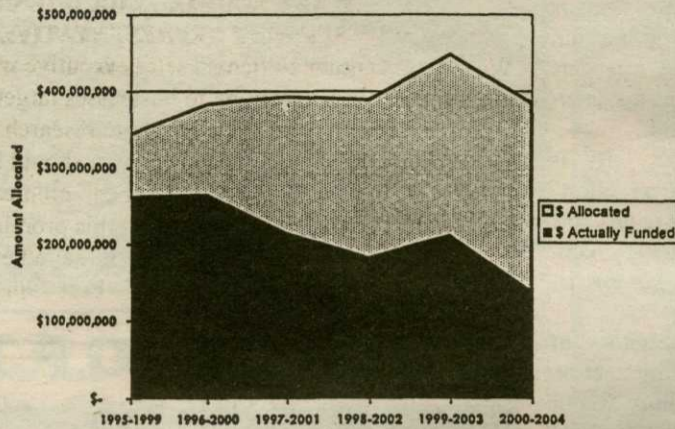
What is "Neighborhood Infrastructure?"

Neighborhood infrastructure is the nuts and bolts of Chicago's areas - streets, sidewalks, street lights, alleys, and in some cases, cul-de-sacs and "traffic calming" measures. Of course, there is much more that goes into making a neighborhood work—sewers and water mains, libraries, health centers, and improvements—the ones your Alderman has the most control over—help to form the backbone of a neighborhood.

"Funded" VS. "Unfunded"

When the City develops the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)—its five-year road map for public works investments—one of its main tasks is figuring out how much money is available and where that money is coming from. This means looking at all the State and Federal dollars that will be available to the City as well as the money it can raise locally from sources such as property taxes, water bills, and other fees. Once the City knows how much it has, it can figure out how much it can spend on infrastructure and other programs. The CIP includes all this state, federal, and local money, but it also includes projects for which the City

The City has promised more money for neighborhood infrastructure since 1995 ...



... but those promises are much less likely to be backed up with real dollars.

CIP Year	\$ Allocated	\$ Funded	% Funded
1995-1999	\$344,500,664	\$264,292,014	77%
1996-2000	\$383,236,399	\$267,381,399	70%
1997-2001	\$392,627,575	\$216,521,575	55%
1998-2002	\$388,511,070	\$184,425,690	47%
1999-2003	\$448,504,412	\$213,480,562	48%
2000-2004	\$384,829,015	\$140,635,890	37%

Source: Figures reported in the City of Chicago's Capital Improvement Program documents for the years stated.

has not identified a funding source. In other words, the City says it wants to do the project, but it hasn't figured out how to pay for it. Why is this important? Unfunded projects are more likely to be delayed—sometimes for many years—or dropped from the books altogether. An unfunded project—marked "GOF" in the CIP document represents a lesser commitment by the City than a project to which it has pledged Federal, State or local dollars. In other words, all promises are not created equal. Some of the promises included in the CIP—those with definite funding sources and construction schedules—are fairly likely to actually come true. But for too many neighborhood projects, taxpayers are in for a long and frustrating wait.

Neighborhood projects are largely unfunded ---and it's getting worse.

In the 2000-2004 CIP, almost two-thirds of all neighborhood infrastructure projects were unfunded. This the lowest percentage of fund-

ed projects in at least six years, and probably longer. In fact, the City's commitment to neighborhood infrastructure is declining. In the 1999-2003 CIP, the City allocated about \$449 million for neighborhood infrastructure. This year, that number decline to \$385 million — a one-year drop of more than 14%. If we look at what percentage of these projects are actually funded, the result is even more distressing. The amount of funded projects dropped from \$213 million in 1999 to \$141 million in the latest CIP—a decline of more than 33%. This huge drop in the City's commitment to neighborhoods in the year immediately following an election demonstrates how shallow

the Mayor's commitment to rebuilding Chicago really is. As the graph shows, over the past six years the City has generally promised more to neighborhoods, but guaranteed funding for a smaller percentage each year. That means more empty promises and more projects that are likely to be delayed or dropped altogether.

The Aldermanic Menu

Your Alderman controls some of the dollars that go to neighborhood public works program through a program called the "Aldermanic Menu Program." In 2000, each member of the City Council gets \$1.2 million to spend at his or her discretion on alleys, street paving, curbs, sidewalks, lighting, and traffic signals. Your Aldermen should base his or her decisions on the community's most pressing needs as voiced by area residents. If you have an infrastructure need that fits these categories, be sure to let the Alderman's office know as early as possible. For information call 312/939.7480 WWW.NCBG.ORG

17th Ward Transition



The new alderman of the 17th ward Latasha Thomas flanked by family members as Mayor Richard Daley looks on.

By Sharon Duke
SSJ Staff Writer

Auburn Gresham - As many residents of 17th ward express the good work former alderman Terry Peterson was done in his short term as the alderman, they are facing another transition of political representation. Mayor Richard Daley acknowledged the concern saying "many residents are uncertain about what lies ahead." He added "give us time and give this plan a chance."

In the short time of moving Peterson from alderman last month to become Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Housing Authority, Mayor Daley named Latasha Thomas 17th Ward Alderman, making her the 26th alderman the mayor has appointed; ten



Former Alderman Terry Peterson

The city council approved the mayor's choice of Thomas on July 18, replacing Peterson, (who the mayor appointed in 1996,) reported to be the closest black official to the mayor.

Thomas an attorney left her city post as director of Inter-governmental Relations for the Chicago Department of Human Relations. She was Peterson's first chief of staff in 1996 and 1997.

"Latasha Thomas will provide the residents of the 17th Ward with the type of strong representation they received from Terry Peterson" Mayor Daley said at a news conference announcing her appointment. "She is well-qualified to carry on his programs of economic development, housing and crime reduction."

Thomas 35, joined the Department of Human Services in 1997 as Associate Director and was promoted to director of governmental relations last April. She oversees the department's relations with local, state, and federal governmental agencies and was in charge of restructuring it's Children's Service Division.

She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a law degree from DePaul University. She has been a lawyer in private practice and was a law clerk to Circuit Court Judge Odas Nicholson and in the City Corporation Council's office.

She and her husband, Timothy Thomas, director of Administrative Services in the Chicago Department of Cultural affairs have two children, Victoria, 10 and Timothy, 7.

Peterson was appointed by Mayor Daley to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Allan Streeter. He was elected Alderman in 1997 and re-elected to a four year term in 1999.

Mayor Daley in his maneuvering of key heads named former CEO, Philip Jackson Mayor Daley's Special Assistant for city-wide education programs. Peterson 41, had been Alderman of the 17th Ward since 1996, and from 1990 to 1994 he was Chief of Staff for the 17th Ward Alderman's office.

Before joining City Council he served as an Executive Assistant to Mayor Daley and as an Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development.

"Terry Peterson has my full confidence," Mayor Daley said. "He must work hard and continue the effort to build the trust and confidence of residents and make them his partners in transforming the CHA."

Peterson was Project Manager for the redevelopment of the areas near the Chicago Housing Authority's Henry Horner and Cabrini-Green developments.

He acted as a liaison with local, state, and federal government agencies and coordinated citizen involvement in the Empowerment Zone Program.

Neither Alderman Thomas, or Peterson could be reached for comment.

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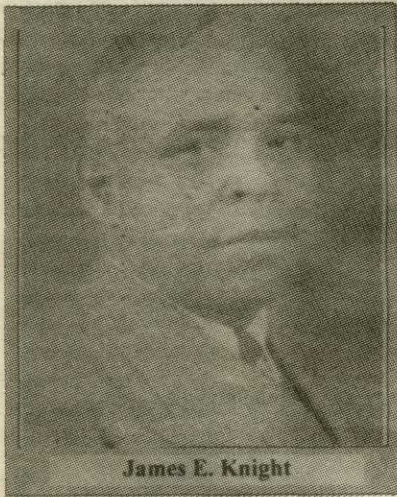
The Mayor of Bronzeville Ball

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as a clever promotion to sell newspapers, it didn't work, but the idea was soon revived by the neighborhood policy racketeer, Ed Jones with the support of publisher and founder of the Chicago Defender Robert Senstacke.

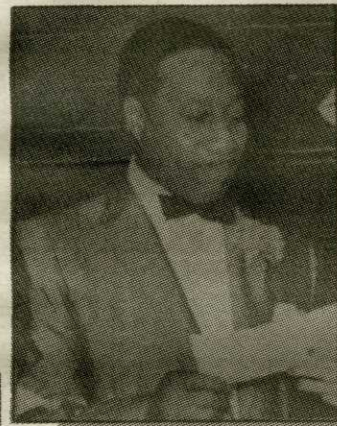
The Mayor of Bronzeville's main purpose was to be an upstanding, uplifting, man of character who's integrity served the betterment of the Bronzeville community.

The idea was a runaway hit and on Saturday September 22, 1934 at the Eighth Street Armory, ex-Pullman Porter turned successful businessman



James E. Knight

James E. Knight (pictured bottom left) became the first Mayor of Bronzeville. All together there were nine (9) mayors. (Pictured center



John Earl Lewis



Cora Elois Carroll

top, John Earl Lewis (# 7) elected three times, from 1955 to 1958 and Cora Elois Carroll (# 8), elected two times, 1959 - 62. (pictured center bottom).

In late 1955 the popularity and power of the Mayor of Bronzeville died, until 40yrs later, when Bronzeville's Phoenix rose from the ashes, and Revitalization began in old Bronzeville, and with Revitalization came renewed interest in the Mayor of Bronzeville.

Herb Kent "The Cool Gent" was crowned Mayor of Bronzeville in August of 1999 and a good time was had by all.

Sadly there will not be a Mayor of Bronzeville for the year 2000, "There was not enough time to do it right." explained Esther Barnett an officer of the Bronzeville Merchants Association. So the gala will be renamed the Mayoral Ball 2000 and the election will be held next year.

Tickets for the event are \$50.00, For tickets call (312) 842-7050/ 842-7033.

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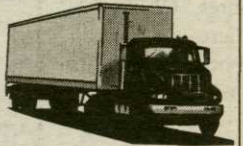
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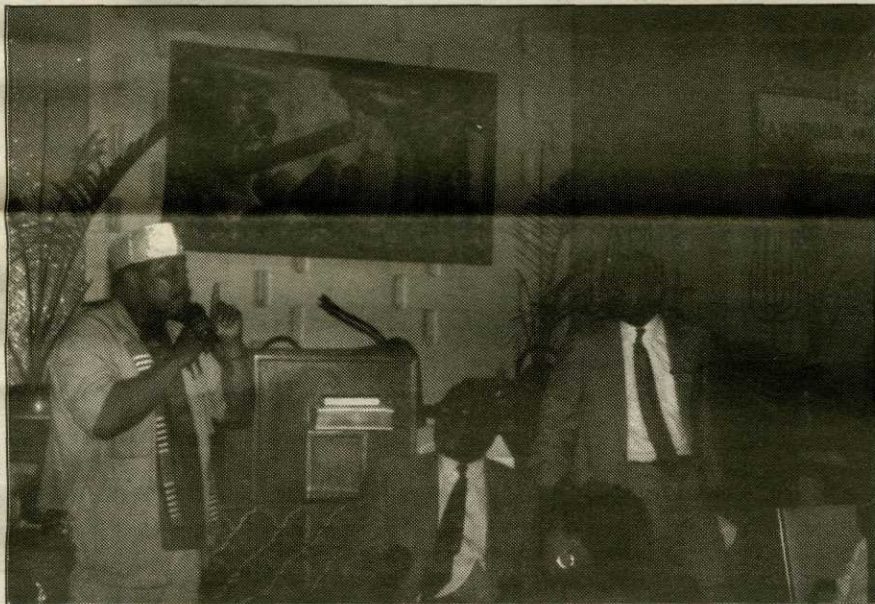
"We expect very little, if any, economic benefit from this consumer base."

Crystal Harris Dulap, said, "As community re-development occurs, we wish to be apart of its future, not be required to move in order to satisfy City's need for public building space.

Jones reported, other sites in the community would require much less residential impact than the current proposed site,"that we believe is worthy of investigation."

With a victory of accountability to the community, the residents request from the Public Building Commission a selection process and review alternative sites for the new police station.

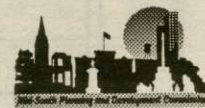
"We look forward to working with the city in a positive and mutually beneficial partnership." said Jones. "But the City should not sup-



A special meeting held at Beth-el Children's All Nations Church, 1532 West 63rd St., where Bishop Edgar Jackson (L) is the pastor help lead the opposition to the city taking the property of the church and the surrounding homes for a new police station for the Greater on 63rd and Ashland. Alderman Ted Thomas (15) (seating) supporting the residents, and Langdon Neil, atty. for the City Building Commission, which is chaired by Mayor Richard Daley,

port plans that bring negative impacts to residents and voters.

For more information and / or technical assistance, contact John Paul Jones, Director of Community Outreach, Neighborhood Capital Budget Group (NCBG) (312) 939-7198



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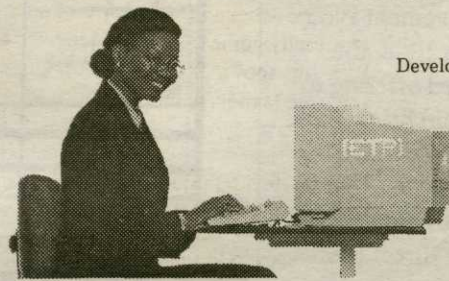
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Hyde Park, The Island on the South Side

By Jason Housley
SSJ Assignment Writer

nce a suburb of Chicago, the Hyde Park - Kenwood neighborhood still maintains a somewhat separate identity from its neighboring south side communities. "It was like a small town community," said Anne Hoag, a Hyde Park resident since the mid-1970's. "It's almost like it's not even part of Chicago." The perception of Hyde Park-South Kenwood as an 'island' has persisted almost since the community's inception and was strengthened after the massive urban renewal project of the 1950's.

To many residents, Hyde Park-Kenwood is seen as a winning example of racial and economic diversity, but it was not always this way. Throughout its early history this community utilized such tactics as restrictive housing covenants, vandalism and bombings in an attempt to "make Hyde Park white."

In 1889, the Village of Hyde Park was absorbed by the city of Chicago and almost immediately two events spurred its growth: The World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 and the creation of the University of Chicago in 1892. While most of the remnants of the Worlds Fair have disappeared (the notable exception being the Museum of Science and Industry), the University has continued to exert its influence in the community.

Throughout the first two decades of this century, Hyde Park-Kenwood was populated by residents of Irish, German and Russian ancestry. Meanwhile, the majority of black Chicagoans remained west of Cottage Grove, the traditional western 'border' of Hyde Park. To prevent a 'take-over' of the neighborhood by blacks, several homeowner organizations were formed, the first being the Hyde Park Improvement Protective Club. Created in 1908, the Club's tactics included offering to purchase property from black Hyde Park homeowners as well as black-listing real estate firms that sold to blacks. If these moves didn't work, they resorted to more direct means, such as vandalism.

The Hyde Park Improvement Protective Club was succeeded by the equally militant Hyde Park-Kenwood Property Owners' Association, which resorted to everything from inflammatory racist rhetoric to bombings, in an effort to "keep Hyde Park desirable for ourselves." The first bombing occurred at the home of the Motley family, the first black family on their block, in July of 1917. As a result of the bombings and other forms of intimidation, excepting a few pockets along the edges of the neighborhood, Hyde Park-Kenwood would remain segregated for the next 30 years.

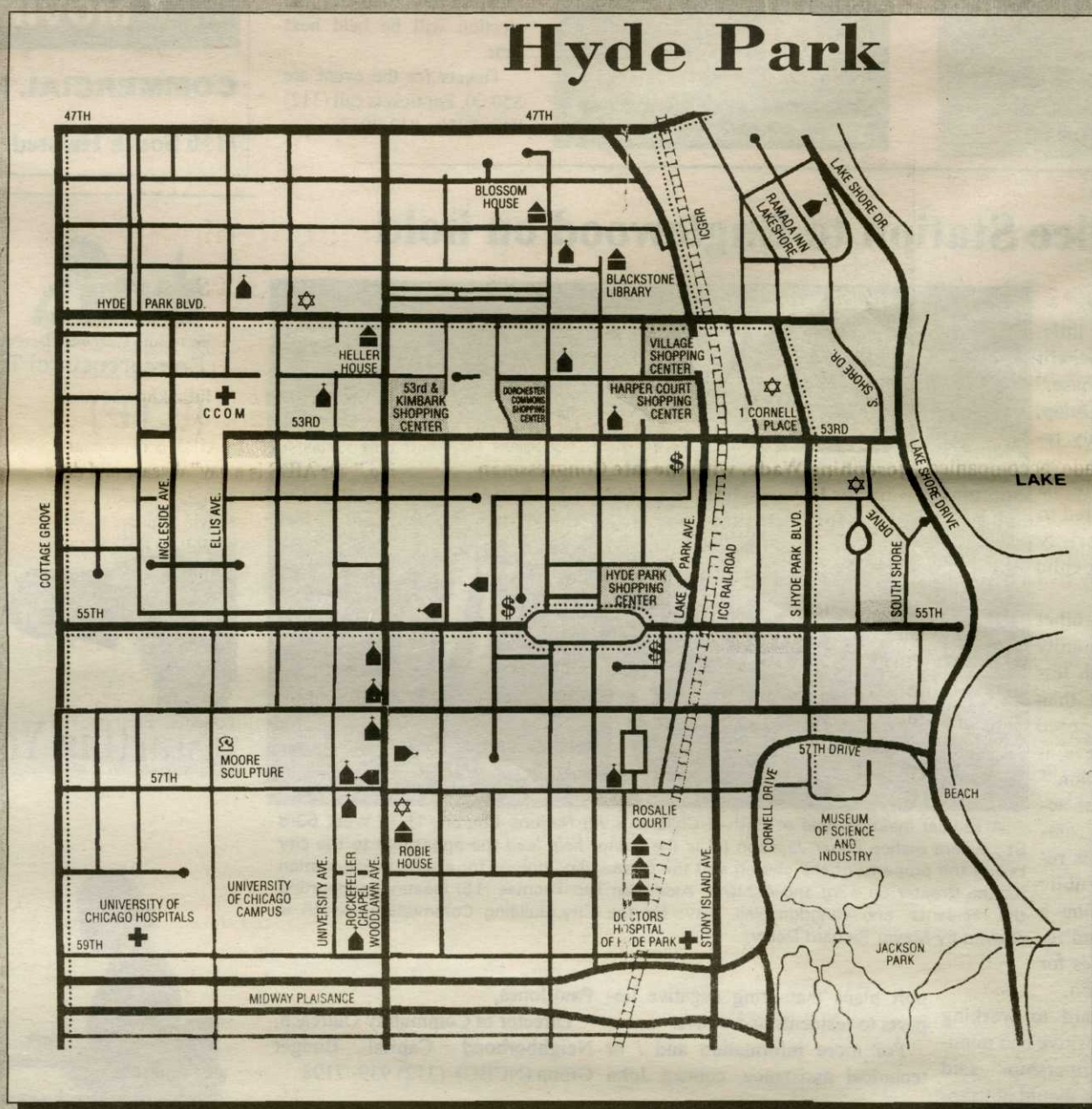
The postwar period saw the arrival of thousands of southern black migrants to Chicago. The so-called Black Belt was becoming heavily overpopulated; a condition exacerbated by the construction of the Lake Meadows-Prairie Shores developments in the heart of Bronzeville area. Displaced black residents had little choice but to move further south and west. This migration, helped by the striking down of restrictive housing covenants as unconstitutional, paved the way for the integration of Hyde

Park-Kenwood. The portion of Kenwood north of 47th Street became the most heavily populated by blacks, causing a racial dichotomy between the northern and southern portions of Kenwood that continues to this day. Even with this further spreading out of the black population, overpopulation was still a problem. One-time mansions were not being subdivided into separate apartments to accommodate the new residents. A consequence of these events was "white flight," the fleeing of white residents to the suburbs. Fearing that such an acute racial turnover could cause Hyde Park to experience many of the same urban ills suffered by neighboring communities, several new organizations were created that would take steps to encourage inte-

Grocery stores such as the A&P were displaced. Theatres like the Frolic and nightclubs like the Beehive disappeared. More importantly, many residents, especially on the southwest side of the community, were forced to move. To compensate, new housing was built and new shopping areas such as Harper Court and the Hyde Park Shopping Center were developed.

Today, the Hyde Park-Kenwood remains integrated, although certain pockets maintain a racial and economic imbalance. This is especially true of the area known as "North" Kenwood, which is located north of 47th street. North Kenwood is almost exclusively black, while "South" Kenwood has a majority white population. South Ken-

wood is often considered indistinguishable from Hyde Park, something that Timuel Black, Professor Emeritus of City Colleges, attributes to South Kenwood having "historically more in common" with their Hyde Park neighbors. North Kenwood "never got the investment that South Kenwood received," acknowledges William Gerstein, President of Partners in Community Development, an organization that serves to link together south neighborhoods racially and economically. Gerstein recalls when two schools were built to accommodate the increased student population of the area. "One school was built with better materials, that was Kenwood." The other school, King, which served North Kenwood, "was not built as well, being poorly engineered and constructed. Hyde Park was more vigilant in the construction of Kenwood." However, Gerstein affirms that North Kenwood is fast becoming a "solidly middle-class black community." Also, the University of Chicago had always seen the boundary of their community influence as ending at 47th Street.



gration and curb urban decay. Highly instrumental in these efforts was the University of Chicago, who established the South East Chicago Commission in 1952. According to Robert Mason, present head of the SECC, the University was responding to figures that showed that Hyde Park-Kenwood had the "second-highest crime rate" in the city. Because the University had such a major stake in the community, it increased its' community involvement for the sake of its' own survival.

The Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference was formed in 1949 to foster racial harmony in the changing community. According to Arnold Hirsch's *Making The Second Ghetto*, the HPKCCs "one indispensable function was its fervent espousal of the necessity of creating an interracial community."

Perhaps the most significant event aimed at stabilizing Hyde Park-Kenwood was the "Urban Renewal" project of the late 1950's. There have always been mixed feelings about this project that demolished a large part of the 55th Street business district for the purposes of "conservation."

Residents of Hyde Park-Kenwood consider the major strengths of their community to be its' diversity and sense of community involvement. However, they feel that the neighborhood should not exist in a vacuum. "Building a wall doesn't solve anything," feels Rick Mulder, manager of O'Gara and Wilson Books in Hyde Park, "You just maintain the resentments and divisions." No community can exist as an island," affirms 4th Ward Alderman Tone Preckwinkle. Yet, despite this caution, Hyde Park-Kenwood's inhabitants are generally satisfied by their community. "People get involved in the say-so of what happens [in the community]," feels Camille Hamilton-Doyle, who works with the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, a community-driven neighborhood. Despite missing "a more active nightlife," Rick Mulder feels that Hyde Park-Kenwood is "a good place to live. I don't see myself moving out of the neighborhood."

FROM THE EDITOR

Gov. Ryan & Legal Drugs

Governor George Ryan is bold. First he went to Cuba, next setting a moratorium on the state's deaf penalties. Now considering truth on drugs. He told the WVON listeners of the Cliff Kelly show he will consider putting a commission together to look



Ron Carter
Editor & publisher

at legalizing drugs. Giving his age, he was not smoking a joint, taking such a bold position. At this time in President Bill Clinton's career he may nod to the idea as well. After all, his experiments with illegal drugs could be similar to many others. During my youth, drugs were not as prevalent as they are today. Drugs were not a source of jobs and economical survival, nor a means of escapism as they are today. They were more like when cool Bill did not inhale, or moved on to other habits' people enjoy.

Just as Cliff Kelly supports legalizing drugs, South Street Journal has taken this position as well. The *Chicago Defender's* headline story raised the question again. Now the other newspapers should ask for the question along with

government. Many over look the reality that 60% of the jail population are drug related. And Blacks are 68% of the jail population being only 12% of this country. Now AIDS cases are higher among African Americans, due to drugs. Those not for the legalization of drugs, such as Lu Palmer are caught in a critical situation. They are facing contradictions, not trusting their own intelligence. Comments made by Cliff Kelly referring to the CIA as the Cocaine Importing Agency, has particular relevance to the African American community. They know the sources of the drug trafficking. Many reports acknowledge the roles of the corner operations to former Presidents Bush and Reagans agreements with South American and corporate drug lords (such as Seagram Gin "Dope USA"), to embezzle drugs on the streets. As young children and people overall are innocent victims of drug crimes, Mr. Palmer himself a victim of crime at his home was likely related to illegal drugs. Illegal drugs are heavily indebted to the communities and families. Instead of Redlining, it is drug-lining. Most people would maintain their visions of people walking down the streets smoking a joint. (That will not happen because it is too expensive to share. Someone may ask for a hit). The visions of TV shows such as police stories capital-

izing off stereotyping drug arrest of African-Americans on the streets, while corporate and non-minorities are admitted to rehabilitation or kill themselves before being arrested. Governor Ryan direction is very noble. Even under a cloud of illegal operations. While most politicians speak of law and order and more police, the Governor's actions to develop this commission should not frighten no one. It will report and support sociologist past reports that the drug trade has systemically supplanted communities such as Bronzeville, the CHA, and communities such as Englewood in order to suppress them. The commission report would state legalizing drugs will cause a reduction in the prison and police budget. It will report many people in jail should be free with reinvestments of their rehabilitation. Farther it will report today's medical science can treat addiction to any habit forming substance. The commission's *honest* hard work will report illegal drugs will continue illegally related and indirect crime of theft, robbery, burglary, embezzlement, con games, and killings. The poor people, many African-Americans have the least to lose and the most to gain. With the legalization greedy, racist folks have all to lose.

A Drive for Black Portraits in the White House



On March 2, 1999, Captain Hardtimes owner, Ms. Josephine Wade, accompanied by friends, had the opportunity to tour the White House as guests of President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodam Clinton.

Josephine Wade, with the late Congressman Charles Hayes, whom Ms. Wade is leading a drive for portraits to be place in the White House depicting the rich and proud heritage of African-Americans.

At the end of the tour, Ms. Wade and her group realized that with the many noble portails in the White House, it had not seen one portrait depicting the rich and proud heritage of African-Americans. Upon returning home to Chicago, Ms. Wade organized a group of African-American women, known collectively as Women Empowered, to rectify this omission. Following careful and considered research, Women Empowered recommended that the portraits of African-Americans Benjamin Banneker and Mary McLeod Bethune be prominently displayed in the public area of the White House.

has recommended that a portrait of Chicago Reverend Addie Wyatt be commissioned to hand prominently in a place of honor in the United States Department of Labor.

Along with the City of Houston adopting a resolution, a resolution was also adopted by The City Council of the City of Chicago, Illinois Presented by Alderman Edward M. Burke on July 7, 1999.

"We have renowned intellectual that should be protailed in the White House." said Ms. Wade. "Benjamin Banneker a mathematician, astronomer, compiler of almanacs, inventor and writer; and Mary McLeod Bethune an educator who was active in African-American affairs anda special adviser to Franklin D. Roosevelt on problems faced by minority groups"

Additionally, Ms. Wade said, Women Empowered

A Resolution Women Empowered

American history is filled with accounts of dedication, perseverance, sacrifice, and vision on the part of countless people who sought liberty and opportunity. It is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people.

In 1999, Women Empowered (WE) was organized in response to the realization that no portraits of African Americans depict the rich and proud heritage of our nation at the White House. To rectify this omission of history, Women Empowered recommended that portraits of Benjamin Banneker, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, and Justice Thurgood Marshal be prominently displayed in the public area of the White House; and that portraits of the Reverend Addie Wyatt and Congressman Charles Hayes be commissioned to hang in places of honor at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C.

The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Houston do hereby endorse the implementation of the recommendations made by Women Empowered so that the noble history of people of color will embrace walls of the White House. Approved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston this 9th day of March, 2000, A.D.

Mayor Lee P. Brown
City of Houston

Letters

The Eugene Sawyer Center Saint Stephen Family Services:

Dear Editor:

Are you aware? Did you know? We all have a little bit of knowledge about HIV and AIDS, but a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing. Assumptions turn into beliefs such as "AIDS is disappearing." Or AIDS is a gay" disease and does not affect "straight people." Or Chicago has many facilities at which people with AIDS can get help." Well, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Those assumptions are wrong.

Right now, the far southeast side of the city of Chicago has no comprehensive HIV/AIDS services. People in need are overwhelmed. Faraway support agencies are overloaded with clients. Former Mayor Eugene Sawyer and the Evangelical Catholic Church are joining forces to provide assistance in this area to those who are waging their own battle against this dread disease.

With pride we announce the creation of The Eugene Sawyer Center for Saint Stephen Family Services to be established on the far southeast side this coming fall. Saint Stephen, a martyr of the Christian community, ministered to all who were forgotten by society.

Like this dedicated saint, throughout his distinguished career, Eugene Sawyer championed equal opportunity for every person regardless of perceived social status or financial means. It was his dream that anyone in need could find assistance and that no one would be forgotten or overlooked. Saint Stephen's mission guided Mayor Sawyer as he worked toward achieving this goal.

We now ask you join Mayor Sawyer in his dream for Chicago. The Evangelical Catholic Church stands with him in creating the Eugene Sawyer Center.

Together with your involvement, we can make the center a reality for people with HIV and AIDS. Things need to get done and we need you in order to do them. Please help us offer drop-in services such as anonymous AIDS testing, education, information, ecumenical pastoral support, human assistance services, and a food pantry.

We ask you to be generous is supporting the war against HIV and AIDS and to support those who face that struggle of living with HIV or AIDS on a daily basis.

On behalf of Mayor Sawyer and for the Evangelical Catholic Church, I thank you. Please know that I shall remember you and your family in my prayers.

Respectfully yours,
James Alan Wilkowski

July 25, 2000

Governor George Ryan
Room 207, State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Gov. Ryan:

It was with great interest that I viewed your press conference with Mayor Richard Daley and Police Superintendent Terry Hillard regarding the gun violence crisis in Chicago. Your interest and commitment to alleviate this crisis has been well-received by myself and others.

However, I am disappointed by your announced plan because I believe it is limited in scope. Therefore, I request a meeting with you in order to present ideas for a more comprehensive, and therefore, a more effective approach to curtailing the escalating level of violence in our neighborhoods.

I will make myself available anytime that your calendar permits. I look forward to working with you on these and other matters.

Sincerely

Bobby L. Rush
Member of Congress.

Southside agencies receive Grants to address AIDS

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) recently awarded grants to 15 HIV/AIDS organizations based in the south side of Chicago that provide AIDS care prevention, education, and advocacy projects for people in those areas.

The Foundation's board of directors awarded more than 1 million in grant awards this year. Service agencies from the south side of Chicago that received grants are:

AIDS Pastoral Care Network (\$20,000)- collaborating with Humbolt Park and South Shore Ministerial

Associations; American Red Cross of Greater Chicago (13,000)- targeted to African-American service agencies.

Centro Comunitario Juan Diego (15,000)- targeting Spanish-speaking youth and young women;

Chicago Recovery Alliance (\$38,500)- to

purchase syringes exchange sites in of Englewood, West Englewood, Woodlawn, and Grand Boulevard;

Church of the Open Door (20,000) - for general operating targeting African - American men who have sex with men;

Community Supportive Living Systems, Inc. (30,000) - support of its housing programs targeting African Americans on the city's south side.

Connexions Enterprises (17,000) - to clients in the Englewood, West Englewood, Greater Grand Crossing, and Auburn-Gresham communities;

Horizons Community Services, Inc. (\$25,000) - for multi-level interventions, HIV/AIDS prevention education;

Open Hand Chicago (25,000)- to provide food and nutritional services to people with

HIV/AIDS on Chicago's south and west sides;

Rafael Center / Chicago Connections (\$20,000)- to support mental health services; Research & Education Foundation of Michael Reese (25,000)-to provide adherence counseling and provision of non - HIV medications;

Roseland Christian Health Ministries (\$25,000) - to conduct HIV/AIDS testing and provide primary care services in the Greater Roseland community.

South Side Help Center (\$30,000)- for the Gay Men of Color Initiative that will expand street and community outreach;

Unity Parenting and Counseling Center (\$20,000)- for street outreach, prevention case management and peer education for at-risk African - American youth;

University of Chicago Pediatric HIV Program (\$8,500) - for support of the Pediatric and Adolescent HIV Care Team and the Women's Access to Comprehensive Healthcare (WATCH) clinics.

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) awarded grants to 58 programs at 56 Chicago area HIV/AIDS organizations for AIDS care, prevention, education, and advocacy projects.

Police

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"black nigger b---h get back on your porch." Ignoring the police's threats she went down the street to Ms. Foster house to inform her of what was taking place.

"The police slapped and threw her into the squadrol." said Roshanda Brown, a long time friend of Johnson, who came to her defense witnessing the police actions. Brown aided Johnson by putting a shirt on her semi nude body. As she did, she said the police called her 'A nigger b---h'. "I replied back you're another one."

Brown was also arrested and charged with obstruction of justice.

Other eyewitnesses gave similar accounts. One remembered one officer saying to another with the gloves whose shirt was covered with Johnson's blood, "you better have that nigger tested for AIDS."

Ms. Foster said once she arrived at the scene the police told her to get back in her house. Fearing she could not control her emotions seeing her daughter lying on the ground, she returned to her home fearing the police might do the same to her.

"When I called the police I only wanted her to be taken to the hospital. It doesn't matter how often they were called, my daughter did not deserve to be treated like an animal." said Ms. Foster.

Liz went to a pay phone at the corner of 51st and Justine to call for an ambulance. When ambulance number eight arrived Liz said, "the

Caucasian attendant picked up Johnson's unconscious body and threw her into the ambulance."

New City residents gathered at the Chicago Commons Mary McDowell Settlement house for a march on August 8. In attendance was Reverend Stanley Watkins, District Director for Congressman Bobby Rush and Reverend Paul Jakes Jr. of the Christen Leadership Council.

As they gathered with the group of more than fifty marchers, Rev. Jakes said. "In light of the recent situation, State's Attorney, Dick Devine should ask for the indictment of the officers. I hope the OPS (Office of Professional Standards) officials will investigate fairly and that police Superintendent, Terry Hillard will decide to discipline the officers involved."

"This situation like in Philadelphia has become a sickness among law enforcement and it will be dealt with." said Rev. Jakes.

The marchers went on in an orderly and organized manner. Chicago police officers amid cheers and honking horns of motorists accompanied them along the route. Nearly half the marchers were children, and they were very intent and fully aware of the gravity of the occasion.

Brown met the marchers for Johnson at the court date where her case was called before Johnson's.

The Police News Affairs Department did not give a statement, reporting the investigation is ongoing.

Alderman Coleman was not available for comments was to schedule a meeting with Superintendent Hillard and the 9th District Commander. The meeting has not been set as of deadline. The alderman was not at the march informing the protestes due to the Englewood Beauty Salon robberies.

Police Issues continues



The Street Wise vendor's death Joseph Gould sparked controversy in 1995 on police brutality, in the case of Gregory Becker, the former Chicago police officer who killed Gould, have place Chicago police under a cloud of those who have been charged with the responsibility of upholding the law, have been proven to be violators of the law. Rev. Paul Jakes has lead marches and meetings to address a culture within which disrespect for human life. The Rev. added, "The failure to indict the police for their actions. " When the police are actually called on the carpet for the misdeeds, the States Attorney refuses to prosecute. In general, there is wide spread violation of the public trust."

In the case of Gregory Becker, the appellate court ordered a new trail. As report lead that the former Cook County State's Attorney Jack O'Malley failure to make charges against Becker to stick. Present State's attorney Richard Devine has not decided whether to appeal or retry the case according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

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African-American Showcase of Homes for Bronzeville

Bronzeville - Mayor Richard M. Daley joined Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3rd) and a host of African-American contractors and developers for the African-American Showcase of Homes for the Bronzeville community.

The multimillion-dollar initiative will in 10 new homes in the 4500 block of South St. Lawrence Avenue. Each will be built by a different member of a the newly formed African-American Home Builders Association (AAHBA), which has contributed \$2 million to the effort. The City will donate the lots.

"I'm especially pleased by this program, because my administration has worked very hard to encourage minority and women-owned businesses," Mayor Daley said. "This project is a wonderful example of a community being built by its own residents."

The Mayor noted that Bronzeville "was one of the strongest and most exciting neighborhoods, not just in

Chicago but in the entire United States" during the period between the two world wars. Then the area deteriorated, losing almost two-thirds of its population between 1950 and 1990.

Ald. Tillman said the 10 developers are making history because this is the first time this level of investment and collaboration between African-Americans to develop in the community. "I think this project will dispel all the myths that African-Americans won't pool their resources and work together to rebuild our community."

"This is a proud and historic day for the Bronzeville community," said Ernest Brown, president of the AAHBA. "The homes will complement public and private sector reinvestment initiatives underway in the Grand Boulevard. Each developer will build a model house with a unique design, ranging from traditional brownstone to modern masonry. One house will be ranch-style

to be accessible to people with disabilities.

Homes will have three bedrooms, range in size from 1,500 to 2,000 square feet and include off-street parking. Construction is expected to be completed by this fall, and prices are expected to start in the mid-\$200,000 range.

The houses will be designed to appeal to a broad spectrum of potential buyers.

Once the Showcase homes are completed, AAHBA members expect to continue building homes on other City-owned vacant lots in the immediate vicinity.

The members of the AAHBA are Art's Enterprises, Inc, Benol Development, East Lake Management and Development Corp., Forston Ward & Moss, In-Town Properties, Lakeshore Development Corp., Le-Na Enterprises, P & K Development, Parkshore Equities and Setnom & Associates.

One resident said, the price of the homes are the norm for new homes, "But, will this there be a drive to reflect the income of the present residents of the community.

Frank Lloyd Wright Architectural Tours

Hyde Park - Robie House in Hyde park. Guided tours of Frank Lloyd Wright's spectacular Robie House, the quintessential example of prairie style architecture, are offered weekdays at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm., and weekends from 11 am to 3:30 pm. The Robie House is managed and presently under restoration by the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio foundation, and located at 5757 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Ill. on the campus of the University of Chicago. Fee: Adults \$8. Seniors (65+) and youth (7-18) \$6. For more tour information about any of these tour programs please call (708) 848-1976.

The New Birth Community of the Church of God receive funds to create Wheeler House

Englewood....A new multi-million dollar housing development will be available to strengthen the redevelopment of 69th Street as a result of the City of Chicago's 1999 Rental Housing Investment Program. The New Birth Community of the Church of God in Christ has been awarded \$553,000 in tax credits and \$3,423,000 in financing to create Wheeler House an 898-apartment complex at 1450 W. 69th. When completed, the building will be dedicated to serving the needs of area seniors, allowing them to stay in the community in quality hous-

ing with affordable rents.

The announcement of the 69th Street award came as the City made public its 1999 investment in rental housing. The commitment of more than \$40,000 in loans and tax credits, was made by Department of Housing Commissioner Julia Stasch. Neighborhood-based senior housing, and bold experiments in creating mixed income housing for public housing eligible families are among the other 12 rental housing developments in which the City will invest. Stasch stressed that housing represents one of the city's most productive investment.

For more information, call Jack Markowski at the Department Housing (312 747-2744), or representatives of the individual developers.

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