BEPAN continues support for Black owned hotel

Preckwinkle confirms no, to the developers land

Chez Finley Staff Writer
Oakland - The Oakland community is the center of a city-wide effort for the proposed building of a Howard Johnson Hotel and Plaza in the 4th ward, Bronzeville district.

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The hotel is being developed by Anthony Fields, an African American businessman who owns the land.

The project lacks support of Ald. Preckwinkle (4) and the City of Chicago, Department of Planning. In a letter to Mr. Fields dated February 16, 2000, Ald. Preckwinkle, noting, "In sharing the proposal with Shirley Newsom and Nancy Kienan (members of the Kenwood Oak-land Community Conservation Council, (CC) they agreed that (the hotel) is not an appropriate development for the site.

Preckwinkle also informed SSJ she questions the ability of Mr. Fields to develop such a project. Saying, "Mr. Fields have never developed a project of this size."

Mr. Fields also has been chal-lenge on his business license, unpaid taxes, and attempts to discredit his financing and for Howard Johnson to back down from their agreement with him. In addition there are re-ports that public housing residents from the area oppose the hotel.

James Newborn a spokesperson of BEPAN and a resident of the Kenwood/Oakland community said, "We are concerned about the lack of support for this project from the al-derman or anyone else, and the orga-nized attempt to stop it. This is the kind of project that supports the City. It stands for everything we (Blacks)" (Continued on page 6)

One Church One School to Host 6th Annual Midwest Conference in Chatham

Photo by leon Parker (DCOS Freedom School student)
Chatham resident and One Church One School volunteer, retired educator Mrs. Fay Walker (back) and friends: Omari, Angela, Langston, Marcus, Ashley, Mikela and Marshall participate in literacy appreciation activities during Freedom School at Carter Temple CME Church.

Chatham - Carter Temple CME Church, located in the Chatham Com-munity of Chicago, and its pastor, Rev. Dr. Henry M. Williamson, Sr., National President and founder of One Church One School Community Part-nership Program, will sponsor its Sixth Annual Midwest Regional Conference beginning Wednesday, October 18, and continuing through Friday, October 20, 2000. Rev. Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, DePaul University Professor and best-selling author, will deliver the keynote address to over 200 high school students from Chicago and Gary Indiana, during DCOS, Annual Youth Empow-erment rally held on the Campus of Chicago State University at the Robinson Center on Wednesday October 18th at 10 Am. Mr. Daryl Demard, head of the Broadcast Media Department at Kennedy King college will act as the rally's emcee.

"Church/School Partnerships building Healthy Minds, Bodies and Spirts" is the theme for this first conference of the new millennium. According to veteran educator and school administrator, Mrs. Phedonia J. Johnson, National Education Director of One Church One School (OCOS), "There are many ex-amples of the positive impact that churches have in encouraging and en-abling families and communities to be involved in childrens learning." Explained Mrs. Johnson.

"The theme of this year's conference was born out of the need to focus attention on the fact that there are over eleven million children who do not have health insurance benefits and proper preventive medical and dental attention that every child needs. Without insurance they are at risk of illnesses, learn-ing problems and disabilities." (Continued on page 10)

DCFS closes Alpha House

Photo by Steve Gary
New City - Concerned citizens, clergy and other civic and commu-nity leadership assembled at the Alpha House, alarmed of its closing by the Department of Children and Family Services. Their concerns were heightened when learning that DCFS has a $1 Billion with, only

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Jackson Park Highlands neighborhood, Tabatha Russell-Koyless is the new project director of the "Museums In the Park and Chicago Public School's", MAPS is a new education collaboration teaching tool in which the vast resources of Chicago's museums are incorporated into the schools.

Dazon Diallo, Founder & CEO of SisterLove, Inc. and Financial Planner from Waddeii & Reed, Vundora Daniels, a National HIV/AIDS Activist and Leola Smalls of the Northeast Austin Council were the speakers at the 3rd Annual African -American Women Evolving (AAWE) Health Conference at the Center for Inner City Studies. - In an effort to further empower Black women of their physical and emotional well-being.

One woman with the theme "A New Face that Can Renew Our Faith" is Rebecca Smiley, who is running this coming November 7th election as a Write-In candidate against State Representative Charles Morrow (26th District), the new or perspective owners of Media Works schools daily mission collection. Those coins have added up to $16,227.68 

"Chicago Reporter", In the School's, MAPS Jackson Park Highlands neighborhood, renowned Singer, Writer and Actor received a lifetime ownership, other than not this month as "Chicago Defender.."

Did confirm under whatever course of development the building will not be demolished as planned in 1995... Above is a new vision for the Supreme Life building, 35th and King Drive. Still on focus to preserve the building project has the potential to generate over $200 million annually. Opposition came from the City of Chicago for the IMCTC to take on the project that lead the City to take the building under eminent domain. Court hearings are still on-going as to the ownership and management. Last year the City did confirm under whatever course of development the building will not be demolished as planned in 1995.

Englewood - A consortium of residents, PTAs/SC, Churches, and community agencies working to improve the quality of life in Greater Englewood meets every Thursday at 9:00 am, 1414 West 63rd Street. GECFTF is now organizing a letter writing campaign for the city to hire Mental Health workers, support the reopening of the ECHOS Building to house the new mental health and substance abuse agencies, develop a rape crisis counselor team for Englewood and enact new Gun Laws at the Federal and Cook levels. For information call 312-4758.

Cornel West Speaks at NEIU on Race

National acclaimed lecturer, philosopher, author and educator Cornel West, Ph.D. speaks at Northeastern Illinois University at 6 pm, Thursday, October 12 at Alumni Hall, of the university's Student Union 5500 North St. Lake Worth, Illinois. He is the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., not the freeway. Tick-"Few people rival Roland Burris when it comes to public service and that is why it is fitting to name this program in honor of his distinguished career in state government. "

Ramon B. Price Dies

Ramon B. Price, an artist and chief curator at the DuSable Museum of African-American History and a half-brother of the late Mayor Harold Washington, died September 28, 2000. Mr. price who was 70 years old, died in his south side home of a heart attack. He was a painter and sculptor, his work can be found in numerous collections.

Writing and teacher Michael Brown, winner of Legacy of Knowledge, S

SSU Writer and teacher Michael Brownstein wins legacy of knowledge as an unprecedented national contest for teachers. Brownstein was honored by Troll Communications for his selfless act of heroism saving a student from a life of violence and early death. He risked his life to save the stu-

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Memorial Park playgrounds built in honor of Ryan Harris

Englewood - Residents, government, business, a non-profit organization and the community came together to help build a dream in Englewood. Thanks to a partnership between the Chicago Park District, Englewood's 16th Ward Political Task Force, the Chicago Tribune and KaBOOM!, two safe new playgrounds was erected at Ryan Harris Memorial park, 6700 S. Lowe Street. Ryan was an 11 year old 5th grader who was tragically killed in that Englewood community just two years ago.

On August 29, hundreds of volunteers from each partnering organization worked side by side to build play areas for toddlers and school-age children; as well as a three hoop basketball post in celebration of little Ryan. Some of her favorites, the color purple and a love for basketball, will be incorporated into the new playgrounds which will be constructed by volunteers in one day.

"Parks often serve as the heart of the neighborhood," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent David Dig. "We are pleased to participate in the building of the Ryan Harris Memorial park and to offer a reflection where neighbors come together and there are new playgrounds for children to play. The Ryan Harris Memorial park will draw neighbors together and there are new playgrounds to participate in the building of the Ryan Park." said Dig.

The playgrounds will be constructed using the community build model of KaBOOM! - Under the guidance of KaBOOM!, volunteers will assemble a play area, for ages 2-5, which will feature bucket-swing, slides and interactive panels; as well as a play area for ages 5-12, which will feature more adventurous slides, swings, horizontal ladders, climbers and an interactive voice component.

Last year, at the request of the Harris family, Englewood's 16th Ward political Task Force spearheaded the campaign to rename Normal Park the Ryan Harris Memorial park in her honor. In December, the group received permission from the Park District and participated in a celebration to unveil park signage with the new name.

Two years ago, many thought the renaming couldn't be done. Now, we've built two playgrounds and it's just the beginning." Keith Harris, chairman, 16th Ward political Task Force. "This park and playground are testaments of what a community can do when they put their minds and energy into something positive. We still have work to do and, together, we will get it done."

"We are pleased to participate in the building of the Ryan Park," said Harris.

Scam on Slavery Reparations

The Cook County State's Attorney's is issuing a consumer alert warning people, particularly elderly African Americans, not to respond to mail solicitations seeking personal information in return for a cash settlement from the federal government called "slavery reparation."

States Attorney Richard A. Devine said his office has received a copy of the letter which states that African Americans born prior to 1928 are eligible to receive a $5,000 refund from the federal government for "slavery reparation."

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Lucas challenge Ouster by KOCO board

Aaron Brown, Chair of KOCO

Kenwood - is a press statement from Mr Aaron Brown is still Executive Director of the Kenwood Oakl. Community Organization (KOCO). Pointing out that he wishes to cause no harm to the organizations that he loves deeply, leading it for over 30 years. He charged members of the board illegally took over the organization.

However, from the KOCO office it announced that Mr Aaron Brown is its newly appointed Chairman of the board and was acting as Executive Director. Early October the board had a new executive committee.

Lucas said that certain board members violated the KOCO constitution and/or the personnel policy manual. Stated questioning meetings, Lucas pointed to two meeting; one on June 26, 2000, violating Article V, Section 5. And at a special meeting of the board held Tuesday, June 20, 2000 to approve the FY 2000/2001 budget.

Lucas reported that on August 14, attending a family reunion for three days, he encountered Brown and board members at the KOCO office, while conducting a staff meeting. Mr Brown had the locks changed in the office. Lucas had them changed back.

During a battle of control Lucas stated that Mr Brown went to the 21st Police District and swore out a warrant for his arrest claiming trespassing.

Lucas was arrested, but was later released on a recognizance bond after district Ryan.

"Those stores are too far, we need our neighborhood stores to remain," stressed the group of about 20 residents. Concern for a lack of recreation facilities or parks like in other neighborhoods for our youth. In addition to crime.

Payne pointed out that the statistics in the word that there are no real problems as many elected officials sometimes want the public to believe, "Our neighborhood is the safest by far," said Payne.

"However, trespassing for the youth is the real problem..." The alderman should be able to work with the contractors in the word in solving the gang problem. Education and jobs are the answer over and over again. Not locking them up.

Others attending the meeting were Anthony Fields, the developer wanted the gang problem. Education and contractors in the ward in solving the gang problem.

"The thrust behind every KOCO program, meeting and conversation is to help us help ourselves," Lucas said. "As long as Brown remains at the helm of KOCO that organization will go downhill, and will finally be completely destroyed because they have no knowledge of an organization community." Brown responded by saying.

"KOCO programs and activities are continuing in this time of transition. Community and membership meetings have been outstanding, with enthusiastic support for the direction that the organization is moving." However, determined to stay at the helm of KOCO, Lucas said, "Again, I can not too good to connemit, allow this to happen to this very worthwhile organization.

The next meeting is scheduled in December of this year, at 548-7000.

Rev. Announces Candidacy for NAACP post

Rev. Dr. Christopher Bullock State Commissioner on the Governor's Commission of discrimination and hate crimes announced his candidacy for president of NAACP south side branch.

Mr Bullock made this announcement Sunday August 10, 2000 at the Progressive Baptist Church 3658 S wentworth. In addition to serving on the governors commission of discrimination & hate crimes. Rev. Bullock currently serves as chairman of the religious affairs for the Chicago south side branch of the NAACP and pastor of the progressive Baptist church.

To date, Rev Bullock has received the endorsement of more than 35 prominent Community leaders, one being Rev Clay Evans who had this to say about Rev Bullock "he is eminently qualified for this position and I urge all to support him. Pastor bullock has also received endorsements from local elected officials. Margaret Senator Smith had this to say..." Rev. Bullock proven track record of civic & community involvement in Delaware along with his vision for change and cooperation an reasons why NAACP members will be excited to elect him as the next president of the south side branch of the NAACP"
Mother Ida Fulton salute of “Great Community Black men”

Englewood - Ms. Ida Fulton AKA Mother Fulton who has been inducted into the City of Chicago Senior Hall of Fame 2000 held a salute of “Great Community Black Men” last month at the first Annual Senior Citizens Family Health Fair. “These are caring men and young men and women, said Mother Fulton. Honored were, W. L. Lillard the director of Straight Talk Economic Round Table which comes on every night on Channel 25. Mr. Webb Evans, president of the United America Progress Association. Minister Farrakan, Head of the Nation of Islam, and spearheading the Million Family March. Lawyer Derick McNeal, a Community Activist and CPA Derek is a Co-Host of the consumers eye a radio program WKKC at Kennedy King College. Mr. Cletus Coleman, a Black Business man who has over nine people who work for him making furniture and a member of the Economic Round Table, a Mason, a supporter of the Ms. Ida Fulton Foundation and a support of the UAPA. We salute you Mr. Cletus Coleman. Dempsey Travis who supports the Ms. Ida Fulton Foundation. Author of many great books and the owner of the Travis Reality Co. Prince Ashel' Ismaile and community leader, know commercially for the Soul Vegetarian restaurant. Clifton Kelly Radio personality of WYON. Mr. Mark Bradley, a board member of the South Street Journal Newspaper, and a board member of the Mother Ida Fulton Foundation. Rev Dr. Al Sampson, an activist with Martin Luther King Jr., and Pastor of Fernwood Methodist Church. Rev. Sampson is organizing support for the Black Farmers from Minnesota.
always wanted and by a Black businessman; to support this is self-defeating."

Mr. Fields stated that the hotel would create over 250 hundred jobs and career opportunities for residents. In addition it would fit the Wells/Madden Park Hope VI program for commercial development.

As grand as supporters see the project, the city’s Department of Planning stood against the project supporting the alderman.

Park Scale's plan for the planning department generally stated that the project did not need the support of the alderman and the land was not enough for the hotel. In addition the Wells/Madden Park development calls for land acquisition for mixed used housing. Informing SSJ that the city forwarded a letter to Mr. Fields and other property owners indicating plans the city has for the area. In which the city will take possession of the land by a city ordinance of eminent Domain. Mr. Fields denied receiving such a letter in which Ald. Preckwinkle submitted a letter of that nature was not mailed to Mr. Fields or any other property owner in the area.

Mr. Fields aware of the Hope VI stand he reviewed the map in March this year and that his land was not part of the acquisition plan. Sources informed SSJ community groups endorsed Mr. Fields project for commercial development. It included the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization. But, they did not take a public position in support of the project. Indirect support for a hotel came from the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission. In 1994, the community organization proposed a hotel at 22nd street in its community revitalization plans to support Bronzeville Tourist projects. The Chicago Tribune reporting on the plan printed a map of the area mistakenly located a hotel on Oakwood, where Mr. Fields land sets. However, Mary Steward executive director of MSPDC stated the organization can not speak on Mr. Fields project without being confirmed at SSJ deadline. As grand as supporters said she would speak to Scales on his findings. She also said she would consider another site for the project. Which McCullough said BEPAN and Mr. Fields objected to. Standing firm that it is Mr. Fields land and the city should not have the right to take it for their own interest.

With financing and a franchise agreement Mr. Fields submitted a letter to Mayor Daley seeking a meeting. The Mayor’s office and the Planning department has contacted Mr. Fields to seek support Mr. Fields to further discuss his plan. No meeting date was confirmed at SSJ deadline. Sources close to the Mayor’s office indicated the Mayor would not become involved. However, Lu Palmer, WVON talk show stated the Mayor would not become involved. But, all roads lead to the 5th Floor.

After picketing Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (4) ward office, members of BEPAN continued its demonstration at the Kenwood/Oakland Community Conservation Council monthly meeting in support of the Howard Johnson Hotel and Plaza. Barnam Obadele (with sign) a member of BEPAN stress concern to residents of area the plight of Anthony Fields, who owns the land and is the developer of the proposed hotel. The CCC members are appointed representatives by Mayor Richard M. Daley that reviews developments in an advisory capacity submitted to the Department of Planning.

Erronged by protesters supporting Mr. Fields to present his project to the CCC meetings. Ms. Newsome question if it would ever be present ed. The hotel has been receiving support from many community organization city-wide. Continuing to seek support Mr. Fields has sought the support from other civil organizations such as Rainbow/PEISH, elected officials and the media. However, sources indicate most Black elected officials do support the project, but will not go public. BEPAN views the project as a major opportunity for the African American community to secure economic development in the community. "It strengthens the local economy and increase the impact on the area from more jobs, and more investment." Said Everylyce Mc- Callough, chair of BEPAN. "Even more the hotel is bigger than Mr. Fields. This has energized the community for economic parity in Chicago. It also sustains the purpose for BEPAN. Our primary purposes are to educate on the political and social process and to hold elected officials accountable to the community they serve. It is very alarming for a Black elected official to be this opposing, when historically they should know how important it is to their race."

On the process of community outreach for the hotel Mr. Scales was not sure what alternative could be made to change the city’s position. However, he informed SSJ he would work with the matter. Ald. Preckwinkle firm on her position said she would speak to Scales on his findings. She also said she would consider another site for the project. Which McCullough said BEPAN and Mr. Fields objected to. Standing firm that it is Mr. Fields land and the city should not have the right to take it for their own interest.

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Why is your business located in this community?

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Hobbies: Interacting with the inner city kids.

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If you weren't in this business, what business would you be in?

I would most likely be doing some motivational speaking, like Les Brown.

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Historical Foundation of the Bronzeville Leadership Organization Inc.

Author: W. Carl Harris

In the year 1900 the near south side of Chicago was the dwelling place of an overwhelming concentration of black folk. The boundaries were Ceramic Road on the north, 55th Street on the south, Wentworth Avenue on the west, and Cottage Grove Avenue on the east. This socio-geographic configuration was called the “Black Belt”.

It is not very likely that the term Black Belt emerged from the ranks of near south side residents. It is more likely that this term was a manifestation of outsiders who needed to characterize a population that was begging to spill over into the hostile territory of other ethnic groups: the term was a caricature of a significant point in the development of black Chicago.

Between 1924 and 1929, in tandem with the rest of the country, the near south side experienced a brief period of prosperity. A cultural renaissance of sorts prevailed in the area, and the continuous of socio-cultural and economic achievements that were rooted in the preceding 174 year history of blacks in Chicago intensified and increased.

It was in the context of this renaissance and prosperity that James J. Gentry, a visionary local promoter/entrepreneur, coined the term “Bronzeville” in 1927. In the same year the northern boundary shifted further north from Cermack Road to Roosevelt Road; while the other boundaries remained pretty much the same. In 1934 Gentry promoted the term in the form of the “Mayor of Bronzeville Contest” and with this a number of residents came to accept the term as a symbolic name for the near south side area. In honor of these precedents in 1927 and 1934 I have devised the service mark “Historic Near Southside Bronzeville” as a vehicle to connect the historical continuum of the past to present and future of Black Chicago.

On April 3, 1953, via to John H. Senthacke, publisher of the Chicago Defender, Gentry expressed dissatisfaction with an arrangement for the Defender to sponsor the Mayor of Bronzeville Contest. In that letter Mr. Gentry declared his proprietary rights over the term “Bronzeville” and announced his intentions to sponsor the contest under the auspices of his own newspaper. In the same month, on the same day (April 3), in the year 1949 the Bronzeville Leadership Organization was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois; thereby becoming the legal standard bearer of Gentry’s legacy and the service mark “Bronzeville”.

The Bronzeville Leadership Organization Inc. took the term “Bronzeville” out of the realm of narrow symbolism and gave it currency as the first legal entity to collectively promote the “Bronzeville” concept; educated near south side residents on the importance of it’s historical legacy; assist with other local initiatives revolving around the “bronzeville” concept; and advocate for the protection and revitalization of this important historical area.

This remaining core group of families and property owners, some of whom have lived in the area for more than 5 decades, stood their ground and refused to move even though many had the resources to do so. In more than a few instances these residents have invested in the maintenance of their properties, and have also invested in the purchase and rehabilitation of abandoned properties on the near the 4200 block of Champlain Avenue.

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The boundaries of “New Bronzeville Village” as reported on this map new neighborhood are Cottage Grove on the east, Dr. Martin Luther King Drive on the west, 35th Street on the north, and 55th Street on the south. This boundary area is noted as part of the “New Bronzeville Village.” The boundaries reported on this map reflect the residents on the near south side experienced a brief period of prosperity. A cultural renaissance of sorts prevailed in the area, and the continuum of socio-cultural and economic achievements that were rooted in the preceding 174 year history of blacks in Chicago intensified and increased.

The Supreme Life building on 35th and King Drive part of Bronzeville was a vehicle to connect the historical continuum of the past to present and future of Black Chicago.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you today to express my gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to this esteemed publication. I have always been an avid reader of your work and am particularly interested in the topic of urban history, which has been a focus of my recent research.

As a historian, I have long been fascinated by the unique role that Bronzeville has played in the development of Chicago. Since its inception, Bronzeville has served as a beacon of hope and progress for generations of African Americans, offering a place of refuge and opportunity in the face of systemic injustice.

In recent years, however, Bronzeville has faced new challenges, as many of its residents and businesses have struggled to keep up with the demands of the modern economy. Nevertheless, the spirit of resilience and community that has defined Bronzeville remains strong, and I believe that the work of organizations like the Bronzeville Leadership Organization is essential in preserving this legacy.

I would like to congratulate the Bronzeville Leadership Organization on their work to promote and protect the historical heritage of Bronzeville. Their efforts are vital in ensuring that the contributions of past generations are not forgotten, and that future generations can learn from the experiences of those who came before them.

I am particularly impressed by the work of the Bronzeville Leadership Organization in preserving the physical infrastructure of Bronzeville. Through their efforts, they have been able to protect and restore many of the historic buildings and landmarks that are a testament to the ingenuity and determination of those who built Bronzeville.

I would like to encourage others to support the work of the Bronzeville Leadership Organization and to visit Bronzeville to experience its unique culture and history for themselves. By doing so, we can all play a role in preserving this important part of Chicago's legacy.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
munity, and the Gerri's Palm Tavern

In this case Malcolm X would have had no idea that his words of caution on Black business would be worse than what he said. In his speech "Ballot or Bullets," he noted it's about the Land. Without the land, your business can be taken from you. Such as in the case of the Palm Tavern, (Where Gerri's is being denied the opportunity to purchase the land, by the owner who is now developing homes with city contracts on the Westside.) Malcolm went on to say when the black man makes it time to build his own business it will be too late. Other nationalities will own the businesses, and Blacks will have no choice when they spend their money.

Now words of caution have come to pass, from the grocery stores, coffee supply stores, gas stations to most fast food restaurants. There is a saying that people in the country of Korea know the Englewood Community in Chicago.

The sight of Blacks having their land and business dreams taken away from them spearheaded by empowered Blacks can be very hateful and contemptuous. As it is with Ald. Toni Preckwinkle on the Hotel issue, and with Ald. Dorothy Tillman not working with the Gerri's Palm Tavern. South Street Journal is accused of not being fair by these Aldermen. While nothing is gained taking an extreme position. However, not understanding the compromising of these simple good deeds - coming together is enough when Tillman is taking away history and Preckwinkle is stepping history.

In the interim, we would hope that at least moderate Black elected officials' voices would make themselves heard, and denounce such acts by one of their own. At least at some point able to convince them they know not what they do.

However, all remain silent support. Not one has made their voice public.

In Elvérige Carter's "The Black on " he wrote, "Just as William Dawson was co-opted by the white machine, he was an outcome champion of the race. Afterward, he became a tool of the Democratic power structure. The black community no longer had an effective representative who would articulate and fight to relieve their grievances."

Now the representatives are reverting to political style and make their presence known in the stock market to secure their communities - Rather than organizing and representing legislative action to support those who want to invest in their own.

Clearly, Preckwinkle, Tillman, and other elected officials are contesting and perpetrating an economic poisoned on the community. Just as "Gang Bangers" should be drugged to the full extent for contributing to such a disgrace on the future, elected and public officials are in the same company. They are the neglectors who seem to be turning the backs on the importance a Black Hotel and Gerri's Palm Tavern. They know the historical role and the contribution both would have for the City of Chicago. Both would be an example of what direction the funds being targeted for Englewood can re-direct.

This is surely the time for a summit, rally, conference or march. For issues to be avoided like these, is surely the signs of times to bare. "If not now... When? If not here... Where? If not me... Then who?"


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Dear Editor:
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Lorlene Gillispie is a resident of 66th Blackstone. All we are living in a dangerous community. Three innocent people get shot last week 3 coming out of the liquor store. About a month ago a eight year old boy got shot behind the bank on 67 Stony Island. It's bad every where you live. They've taken control of the hallways of the building, and all of the corners and streets of the neighbor hood. Especially the Blackstone where you can't even breathe walk to the store. We the people of our community are afraid to walk or go out of the window. You can spot the drugs that they are selling, fighting or shooting. This is a fine community to live in if we can join together as one and clean it up, not for our self but for our children.

Let's everyone stand together for as one we should have a better envi ronment to live in. Let's join together now.

Frank Bell has been living in the neighborhood for two years also. He said that it's ok to live here but the drugs addicts and the prostitution make it bad for the people who live in this area. He say's it's not safe to walk to the store for woman because it's a lot of guys hanging around the store and you don't know what there intentions are. It was had when I first move around here, but it slowed down now for now.

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“Two Marches, One Agenda,“  

This is a day that the Lord has made, so let us rejoice and be glad in it,” said the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan July 24. “Our families, our ancestors rejoice today that the children of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the children of Elijah Muhammad and the followers of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad are now together as one family fighting for the common cause of the total liberation of our people.

Under the theme, “Two Marches, One Agenda,” the principal conveners of the Aug. 26 Redeem the Dream March against police brutality and racial profiling — Martin Luther King III and Rev. Al Sharpton — and the Oct. 16 Million Family March (MFM) — and Min. Farrakhan — stood together during a press conference to announce their support of each other’s march.

Both marches are to take place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The Redeem the Dream is the 37th anniversary of the historic March on Washington. The Million Family March is its 5th anniversary for the 1995 Million Man March, which nearly two million Black men to the nation’s capital.

King reminded the press of his father’s 50 years in 1963, at the March on Washington. There Dr. King said he hoped that his four little children could one day live in a nation and not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. “The tragedy is today in America it’s been 37 years since that speech was delivered, and African Americans are still judged by the color of their skin,” he said.

The Redeem the Dream March is special emphasis on racial profiling and police brutality. Organizers are demanding an immediate executive order from U.S. president Bill Clinton, doing the practice of racial profiling and stronger laws against police brutality.

Offering to place the unity in context, Rev. Sharpton said, “In February of this year the family of Elijah Muhammad reunited publicly with the family of the students of Elijah Muhammad in what is the traditional Savoir day. In the Civil Rights community, the children of Martin Luther King have united with student of Martin Luther King to together what will be the Redeem the Dream March. What you are witnessing today is the family and students of Martin Luther King and the family and students Elijah Muhammad coming together in the 21st century for the liberation of our people.

Rev. Sharpton said the marches are not lightweight in scope of consequences. “The ramifications of this will determine who will be the next president of this country and who will be the political agenda for millions of people in this country.”

“If this is a government of white people, by white people, for white people, then America cannot survive. But, if this is truly a nation of pluralistic views and ideas that wants to expand the vision of the founding fathers to really (reflect) a pluribus unum—not of many, one — then America has to change,” he charged.

White supremacy as a prevailing philosophy has to be destroyed and institutions that are race based have to be rebuilt, and restructured in order for America to survive, said Min. Farrakhan. The greatest failure of this country, said the Minister, is the destruction of the American family, particularly the destruction of the Black family.

“This march on Aug. 26 to Redeem the Dream and the march on Oct. 16 are marches of mass mobilization, mass voter registration, mass voter education, mass spiritual reevaluation, then we will produce a movement beyond Aug. and Oct. 16,” he said, “it will produce a movement for change.

The Million Family March is a call for one million men to retrace their vows of marriage and family responsibility and for 10,000 new couples to wed and strengthen family ties.

Clashing the Million Family march national Agenda, Min. Farrakhan said, “We believe that if we go into the new century and the new millennium as a strong and united family, then that united family will affect public policy. That united family will affect foreign policy. That united family will become the moral conscience of a nation and we will turn this country around by the help and the power of almighty God.”

— Min. Louis Farrakhan

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan (c), Southern Christian Leadership Conference president; Martin Luther King III and New York activist, Rev. Al Sharpton join in support of the Million Family March, on October 16, 12000.

Watch out for Generation X.

Southern Christian leadership conference president, martin Luther King III (c) and New York activist, Rev. Al sharpton, congratulate iarnel McMorris for this work on coordinating the Redeem the Dream march held August 26, 2000, the co-convener of the 27th Anniversary march on Washington personally selected the 27-year-old Chicago native because of his leadership skills. McMorris gave the welcoming address to the 100,000 who gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to protest racial profiling.

Spiritual Workshop
On Thursday, October 19th at 7 pm the world renowned artists, Walt Whitman and the Soul Children of Chicago will perform in a benefit concert at Carter Temple CME Church, 7841 S Wabash Avenue, Chicago. A performance where children are encouraged attend.

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Special Educator and presiding Bishop of the Third Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Williamson in inviting all concerned with the quality of life and of education for children to attend the conference. "It is especially designed for school administrators, teachers, parents, early childhood program directors and teachers, parent council officers, community volunteers, religious and business leaders and political representatives," said Rev. Williamson.

For conference registration info or concert ticket information contact the OCOS office at 773.651.0071.
Get your dancing shoes on..... Jazz City is back! in Englewood

Englewood - On Friday, October 20, the Chicago Jazz and heritage programs, a collaborative series by Chicago Park District and the Jazz Institute of Chicago, will present its second Jazz City event in the Englewood community with a special program celebrating the danceable rhythms of the Big Band Era of the '30 and '40s.

"Big Band/Big Dance" will take place at Hamilton park, 911 West 72nd St. The dance floor opens at 6:00 pm with free dance lessons offered by the Chicago Swing Half Breeds. The party officially begins at pm with a concert by the TS Galloway Big Band. Galloway, a veritable host of many of our Jazz and Heritage programs, has put together a band especially for this concert featuring Art Hoyle, Burgess Gardner and vocalist Bev Perry. The Master of Ceremony for the Chicago news-caster Harry Porterfield, will conduct on-stage interviews with the musicians between sets.

Admission is free, as well as a reminder after the concert. The jazz city series, presented by the Chicago Tribune, is a citywide program that explores cultural connections in communities throughout Chicago.

Rules of Engagement (*** When third world civilians are shot and killed to a rescue attempt during a protest rally at an U.S. embassy in Yemen. Samuel L. Jackson stars as a 30 year veteran, decorated Marine officer who is suddenly being set up to be the scapegoat for the mission. While the evidence that could prove his innocence has been suppressed, Jackson hires attorney and fellow comrade-in-arms, Tommy Lee Jones, a disillusioned ex-Marine due to personal problems that Jackson once saved his life. Jackson retains Jones to find the truth that he and his men were fired upon first. Chi-born filmmaker William Friedkin delivers a gripping military drama with credible performances. But the story seems lacking in areas that only involves our interest from a distance. Rated R, 127 min. Paramount Home Video.

THE PATRIOT (••••) Mel Gibson versus the Redcoats. In this epic adventure with a human angle, Gibson plays an 18th Century widowed dad who helps build an underground militia. While his parental instincts involve him with his son who seeks to go off to war against his father's objection. Rated R, 154min. Columbia Tri-Star Home Video.

ROSEMARY'S BABY (***••••) Commerative edition re-releases this 1968 genre-setting modern-day thriller from Ira Levin's novel perpetuated by writer-director Roman Polanski remastered with behind-the-scene footage. A normal situation becomes oddly abnormal when a young new mother begins to lose her grip. Mia Farrow's husband, John Cassavetes who becomes involved with a witches' coven in their apartment building. As the tenants aim for Farrow's newbown to be Lucifer's son. Still holds its own even by today's standards. Rated R, 131min Paramount Home Video.

Calling All girls... Girl Power writers club is seeking ad- ditional members, any girls aged 10-13, who are interested in exploring their creativity through writing should join this unique club.

The girls will explore various aspects of creative writing including poetry & journal writing. The girls club is designed to broaden their self esteem and creative spirit in a supportive and fun atmosphere. Classes will meet on Sunday 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at 423 E. 43rd Street Co-op. All are meeting at the 55th street Co-op for more information contact Beverly Reed at bvwerk@cs.com
The Chicago Block Club Union and the Chicago Fire Department has recently announced at a press conference their joint project to raise safety awareness issues of Chicago residents. They have a 3-fold mission. (1) is to get the message across that having a working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as a fire evacuation plan is a essential components of fire safety. (2) To utilize the fire department on City blocks for reasons other then annual block party. (3) To offer voluntarily services to any block club or resident who wishes to have this type of hands on training.

Syron Smith of the Chicago Block Club has the support of elected officials including Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-7th), & Ald. Ted Thomas (15th) in this citywide effort to save lives. Michael Callahan a deputy with the Chicago Fire Department was also present for the unveiling of this new plan.

Police

shot him in the stomach after Wilcher asked Pate to leave because of his hostile behavior at the gathering. Witnesses also reported that after the incident Pate threatened a direct eyewitness to the shooting, as well as other guests at the party. Wilcher's father contacted Chicago police last week to check on the status of the investigation, and was alarmed to learn that detectives were apparently unaware that Wilcher remained hospitalized in critical condition, and that in addition police were weighing bringing criminal charges against the victim and eyewitness rather than pate. Pate has claimed that he fired on Wilcher in self-defense, an assertion witnesses flatly deny. The Harvey police department, which has been dogged by charges of corruption and brutality in the past, has also reportedly taken steps to shield Pate from police investigators, and the family fear the sluggish pace of the police investigation and the lack of response from the State's Attorney's office will cause the case to be buried.
By Lemichael Wilson

Owning a Business

"Failing to Plan Equals Planning to Fail"

A friend, who later became my mentor told me if I wanted to succeed, I had to reflect on every mistake I had done. It was crucial for me to identify those things that were good, the things that were bad. Then start over.

Instead of office space in the big ski scraper downtown, I use the family room in the basement. I began working on the new game plan. Four years later, I am still the Chairman/CEO of the world's largest American owned service corporation bonded by the State to assist businesses with articles of incorporation and many other corporate filings.

This column will be multicolumn. The goal is to showcase the efforts of entrepreneurs on various business related issues. It will take at least a successful and not-so-successful African American entrepreneur. For example, is there an underlying reason for Rainbow PUSH's Wall Street Project? From time to time, I will ask one to discuss a business question we receive from readers. This column will serve as a resource market for the business owner.

Palm Tavern goes to court

Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3) said, "We are going to take the property," from Ms. Gerri Olivier, owner of Gerri's Palm Tavern on 47th St. in Bronzeville.

"In order to offer additional tax incentives to current businesses, and to those looking to relocate, we finalized at 47th Street in the Grand Boulevard. The city of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development hired Appraisal Real Estate Analysis in 1997 to conduct a market analysis for a South Side Blues District. The analysis looked at 43rd street or 47th street in the Grand Boulevard. Both of streets once housed nightclubs where many legendary blues performers formed. Based on an analysis of Chicago's growing tourism the report concluded that the conditions on 47th street were conducive for the establishment of the Multi-million Dollar Streetscape design for 47th Street. Commitments from Buddy Guy to locating his night club to 47th Street, and as well Second City Comedy Club. In addition developing the Quincy Jones Park by renowned sculptor/designer Ed Dwight, and developing the Micro African Village.

The setting your own hours. I couldn't wait to move from rags to riches? Failures and obstacles they had to overcome to move from rags to riches? I didn't have enough money was generated. Sure the business plan that everyone stuck about how successful company generated could not cover the expenses. The business plan that everyone thought was excellent was several pages of nice text and graphics. The plan did not indicate what the contingency plan would be if not enough money was generated. Sure enough, fail to plan definitely was my plan to fail.

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New ordinance introduced

Pullman - An ordinance was introduced to expand Chicago's Enterprise Zone#3. It was expanded to include the West Pullman Industrial Business Park in order to offer additional tax credits and development incentives to current businesses, and to those looking to relocate. A separate section of the report assessed the market for a demand for new housing in the area. The Pullman Township slated to be acquired by the city under the city's Building Commission, chaired by Mayor Daley, must submit to the court a plan to restore Gerri's Palm Tavern to a state of the art facility without compromising the integrity of the tavern, to develop a cost efficient plan versus destroying it. And how do you plan to develop the night club along the flowing plans of 47th street.
City Pass
New Law on Lenders

The city council recently passed Mayor Richard M Daley's legislation to curb predatory lending, which many believe is the cause of unprecedented rates of foreclosure and abandonment of single-family homes in Chicago and other parts of the nation.

The ordinance requires that any financial institution wishing to do business with the city sign a pledge stating that it neither it, nor any of its affiliates, engages in predatory lending. "The people and the government of this city have worked hard to bring about positive change in our neighborhoods," Daley said, "We will not stand by and let con artists tear down what we've worked so hard to build up."

This is the first ordinance of its kind to be passed in the country, the Mayor has completed a legislative package aimed at redressing foreclosure and abandonment, which often breed crime, create health and safety hazards and reduce property values. The mayor said he believes the Chicago ordinance will provide a benchmark for similar legislation nationwide.

....Devine Charges Suit

Cook County State's Attorneys Richard A. Devine charged in a suit that a Chicago mortgage firm bilked senior citizens out of hundreds of thousands of dollars in a complex swindle that often stripped them of their equity and left their homes uninhabitble.

Senior Income Reverse Mortgage Corporation, 130 S Jefferson St., and its owner Steve Baez, have been charged with violating the consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act in providing seniors with equity Conversion Mortgages, which are better known as reverse mortgages.

Devine said "This scheme left many of our seniors with nothing in the end, stripped of the equity in their homes". Many of the targeted victims lived in depressed areas, including a 90-year-old South Side man.

Home Buyers Seminar

A home buyers seminar is being presented by Faith Corp Fund, Inc; Genesis Housing Development Corp, and Bank One-Bronzeville on Thursday October 19, 2000, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. The meeting space is courtesy of Ald. Toni Preckwinkle, 4th Ward Aldermanic Office, 4646 So. Drexel Boulevard. Reserve your free space now to learn what safe steps to take to become a smart home buyer by contacting either: Faith Corp Fund, Inc.; 1525 East 53rd St.; Suite 504, Phone: (773) 493-1002 or Fax: (773) 493-0116. Genesis Housing Development Corp., is located at 1014 East 47th Street, phone: (773) 285-1685 or Fax: (773) 285-1695. The program is funded by the City of Chicago Department of Housing.

City Pass
Credit Seminar in Bronzeville

There will be a free credit seminar held at Bank One-Bronzeville 3500 S King Dr. You can learn how to review your credit report, budget to buy a home and much more. For more information call FaithCorp Fund, Inc.Anyone looking to buy a home should attend this Home Buyers Seminar, where you will learn what safe steps to take to become a smart home buyer. This will take place on Thursday, October 19, 2000 6:00PM-8:00PM to reserve your free space call Genesis Housing Development Corp at 773.285.1695 or FaithCorp Fund, Inc., 773.493.0102

$75 Million City Mortgage Program:

City of Chicago is providing extremely competitive mortgage rates along with grants of up to 4 percent of the loan amount to cover down payment and closing costs. The program is targeted to low- and moderate-income individuals. Applicants must not have owned a home for three years; qualify for a mortgage from one of 18 participating lenders; and meet income and purchase price guidelines.

The City introduced the ordinance authorizing the Department of Housing to issue $75 million of single-family mortgage revenue bonds to underwrite the cost of mortgages for first-time home buyers.

The program is available city-wide for the purchase of condominiums, single family and town-homes, as well as 1- to 4 unit buildings. Since the program’s inception in 1996, the city reports it has helped more than 3,500 individuals and families realize their dreams of home ownership.

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