Palm Tavern: "No plan, Is a Bad Plan"

Grand Blvd. - For more than five years, the future of east 47th Street and Gerri's Palm Tavern have been over shadowed by politics and various city plans. Two maps were proposed in 1988 and 1998, both indicated most of the businesses on 47th Street would be replaced. On May 22, the City of Chicago plans to officially takeover Gerri's Palm Tavern, under the eminent domain process. With this latest development, community supporters of Gerri's are worried about the City's direction on Bronzeville's 47th Street future.

One of many supporters and organizations working to preserve the Palm Tavern is Nathan Thompson, of the "Committee to Save Palm Tavern", and author of "The Root of Corruption - The Illinois - Six of his children were burned to death in an auto accident involving a truck driver. Upon investigation it could have been avoided. Further reports revealed the driver should never have been issued a Commercial Drivers License (CDL), in the first place.

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Changing Our Communities One Issue At A Time

Roosevelt - What began with four church concern about direct action on community issues, is now a 15-church coalition that has, through the years, mobilized over 15,000 families to act on issues of importance in the Greater Roosevelt Community and has expanded to 74th Street.

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The UnZip

by the Weatherman

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Historically, what the city is doing is controlling and/or taking out Black History in Chicago. Over the years, sources reported Gray avoided selling the property to Oliver or to any other interested party, and kept her on a month-to-month lease. Threecas President & CEO of the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council. "And it is supported by elected officials, well connected developers, and city government." Ms. Lucas spearheaded the "Restoring Bronzeville" campaign, and his organization once owned the Supreme Life Building but lost it under the city's eminent domain process. "This is a major crisis in Chicago, and we do not understand why our political leadership and Rainbow/Push have not taken a proactive position. The Mayor's press office or the City's Department of Planning would not return numerous phone calls on the matter. Calls to Ald. Tillman's (3rd) office were not returned for comments. Ald. Tillman, however, a year ago stated, "We are going to take the building." She as of yet has not announced publicly any plans for developers to participate in the future of the Palm Tavern. Early reports of SSJ, the city's law department stated upon the city taking possession a Request For Proposal (RFP) must be issued for any new ownership or development to occur.

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Expungement Bill avoid police judgement in arrest

State Representative Constance A. "Connie" Howard's Expungement Bill would automatically expunge or remove from an offender's record, court ordered supervisions, reversed convictions, certain misdemeanors and Class 4 felonies. Those convicted of felonies must not acquire other convictions during a waiting period of two or four years, and minors convicted as juveniles or adults were sentenced to probation or a conditional discharge could have their records expunged.

Persons that have been arrested or convicted of misdemeanor and/or certain felony charges may be in for some good news in the future for sure.

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The Nixon Report
By Lionel Nixon

Englewood Don't miss this! The Community Development Commission of the City of Chicago will hold a public hearing relative to the proposed Englewood Neighborhood Revitalization Project Area Amended and Tax Increment Financing Program. The meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 121 North LaSalle Street on the Second Floor.

Also in Englewood, 16th Ward Alderman Shirley A. Coleman held a first-rate Town Hall meeting at Sherman Park, 1301 West 53rd Street on Saturday, April 14, on the subject of housing. The event was widely attended by community residents. Questions and comments were answered by special guest speaker, Andrea Smith, Assistant Commissioner for Communications in the City of Chicago's Department of Housing.

Chicago State University in Englewood - African-American studies major's are holding their first annual luncheon at King Solomon's Mines in Englewood to provide a forum for recognizing the courage, skill, and talent of Lu Palmer, an African-American journalist that man is Lu Palmer. There is not enough that can be said about the courage, skill, and talent of Lu Palmer.

Washington D.C. On April 2, 2001, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Secretary Mel Martinez, issued a EEO notice to all management employees of the department across the country, that they will now be held responsible for promoting EEO/AA/DIVERSITY in every aspect of the department’s programs and practices. The most important thing Mr Martinez’s in this notice is “the department will take appropriate action when individual managers fail to take such action.”

As a former employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, I experienced first-hand the plight of African-American male employees in Washington D.C., and in the Illinois State office of HUD, relating to promotional opportunities and advancement. Will the new administration at HUD right some wrongs committed by the previous administration? Prediction: The answer is yes. Stay tuned.

In Chatham - Burdella Braden, Chairman of Saint Marks Church and Society Committee is to be commended along with her constituent members for the hard work they have under taken in organizing their community forum on “Racial Profiling” to be held on Saturday, April 21, at the church located at 8441 S. St. Lawrence from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 noon.

Bronzeville - The South Side Empowerment Zone Cluster executive sponsored by NSBE at South Shore Community Church, 7401 South Yates on Saturday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m., where documentation and evidence was provided as to why African-American people are victimized in the railroad Project Area Amended and Tax Increment Financing Program. The current celebration for Lu, a speech that will be remembered; Lu Palmer. There is not enough that can be said about the courage, skill, and talent of Lu Palmer. There is not enough that can be said about the courage, skill, and talent of Lu Palmer.

Obesity Study on Blacks, now include Mexican-Americans

Ongoing efforts to investigate the causes of hypertension and obesity among the African-American population will now be expanded to include Mexican-American families, according to researchers at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois. The purpose of the study is to understand how heredity, lifestyle and environmental influences contribute to a person’s salt consumption and blood pressure, thereby determining whether a person has a greater risk of developing hypertension.

Until now, Loyola researchers had been concentrating on causes of hypertension among African-American families. Because obesity is closely associated with diabetes and high blood pressure, the increase in obesity corresponds to a rise in cases of diabetes and hypertension.

President of the GPA Association and Alderman Madeline Harthcock (2nd), announced the beginning of a series of beat-targeted Operation Clean programs which will run on Fridays throughout spring, summer and fall. He also urged residents and homeowners to spend some time cleaning up in front of their homes, in their yards and alleys to whisk away the debris that may have accumulated during the winter months. For “Clean & Green” registration information, call City Hall’s 24-hour service request line at 311. Registration will close at the end of the day on May 2, 2001.
example, we have to broaden the net and in-clude other key public and private stakeholders, not only in the discussion, but also in the allo-cation of task and resources. We have to develop-a time phased national plan that will focus on cre-ating a sustainable infrastructure. We have to aggressively engage in a media campaign that con-firms hard-on, sexual and drug use behav-iorious. And finally, we have to persuade the AIDS activist community to continue to fight the hard fight. Having a voice in the deci-sion to drop the lawsuit is one thing, but the real need and the hard fight is the fight for the development of an adequate infra-structure. The bottom line is this, access to affor-dable medicines without the ability to distrib-ute the medicine, monitor the pa-tient’s compliance and ensure proper appli-cation is no access at all.

Legislative
Black Caucus’
7th Annual
Conference
The Illinois Legislative Black Cau-cus will be holding its’ 7th Annual Conference Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29. The keynote speaker will be former State Senator, and will be hosted by Senator Rickey Hendon. The conference will be open to the public and will host a variety of workshops on issues involving state government coming from Spring-field. The workshops are:

Healthy Facilitators are Represen-tatives Mary E. Flowers, Representa-tive Cynthia Soto, and Senator Barack Obama. Panelists are Dr. Thomas Hyens, Care Clinical Re-search, Sylvia Philpot, U.S. Depart-ment of Public Health, and Linda Rene Baker, Secretary, Department of Human Services.

Ex-Offenders: Facilitators are Representatives Connie Howard, Representative Lou Jones, and Sena-tor Donne E. Trotter. Panelists are Algire Crivens IL Lepensurer Youth and Family Services, and George Williams, TASC, Inc.

Racial Profiling/Reparations: Facili-tators are Representative Anazette Williams Burns, Metropolitan Plan-cing Council. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., and will be accompanied by Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Founder and President of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, upon hearing of the pharmaceutical industry’s decision to drop their lawsuit.

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Dear Mother Diva,

When it never fails, when you attract the ones who are what I do for a living. I have developed a phobia of leaving the house. I am afraid after being locked up for so long; I go out and fall back into my old habits, but if I don't go out I won't be able to work and pitch in and help my family. I'm sorry, but I don't want to refer 2 yourself as a recovered crack head. Also, you have to be careful with the energy you send out. You need to seek in therapy for your condition. Look in the phone book for in home therapy for your condition.

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Reparations aren't just about slavery and black history. It's about oppression today and thereafter.

The proposition of reparations for African American has, over the past few years, been picking up energy. Here in Chicago, there is a very active base of organizers. On April 21, they picked up the energy again with The Reparations Movement Rally: "Strategies and Tactics of the Reparations Movement, the U.N. World Conference Against Racism." The government has decided to put it on the back burner until a later date, which they expect won't come anytime soon, if at all. It's as if we're expected to "let bygones be bygones." This is too much to expect of a people that have been discriminated against, beaten and lynched, with no protection from the government. Not to mention slavery itself was/is a government endorsed act that has been eradicated against, beaten and lynched, with no protection from the government. Not to mention slavery itself was/is a government endorsed act that has been eradicated.

We were being lynched with entire communities knowing full well who the perpetrators were. But because they were being judged by a "jury of their peers," they usually escaped punishment altogether (as white cops do today): Most times no one was ever even prosecuted.

In the south it was Jim Crow, in the north it was De facto Segregation. Blacks simply couldn't do anything they wanted, such as live in the neighborhood of their choice. (Try and move to Bridgeport today.) The pain and suffering went a lot further than one could ever express. Reparations. It has been estimated that the 40 acres and a mule promise of freedom that never materialized is worth approximately $150,000 in today's currency. These monies would be available to each legitimate African American descendant of slaves, and is said to be worth some $2 trillion to the USA. This figure represents roughly some 12 million families. Reasons why government has adopted a hands-off. "Ignore them and they'll go away." Some have said its an impossible idea. Others have said that there's no chance of it ever coming to be.

For those that don't believe the possibilities, let's take a quick historical overview. The Jews in Germany during World War II endured the most catastrophic holocaust of the century. It was, without question, genocide at its best. They endured physical as well as mental tortures that were endorsed by government. Millions died. Families were broken and lives shattered. They were uprooted from their homes and herded together as cattle on their way to slaughter. It lasted the length of the war. The German government adopted into law what is known as the "Federal Compensation Law." Established in 1953, the law sets aside funds specifically for survivors of the holocaust. Since its establishment, more than $5 billion in Reparations have been paid to survivors of the Nazi persecution. The lame excuse that it can't be done. Enough of excuses, let's search the slate for who has their priorities straight for the coming millennium. I can't think of anything to do with 40 acres and a mule, so just "show me the money," and be a part of the process in making it happen. Join the Worldwide International Day of Protest Against Racism. For more information, call (708) 380-8929 or (773) 268-7500, ext. 144.
"I feel very responsible for everything I do," she says. "I can't say that I am a perfect person, but the things I've done wrong I don't think matter."

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The training began at home, 56th and Indiana, on Oct. 30, 1936, at 11:56 p.m., "quite by accident" her pregnant traveling mother stopped at home after her train ride from New Orleans and couldn't quite make it to the hospital, she says. Since her mother died when Dee was two, others provided additional training. Her father always told her to "look inside" when she wanted to blame others. Mrs. Robinson, her fifth grade teacher at Carter Elementary School, encouraged her to take care of herself so she went there often, looking at the dignitaries who "pointed out what their job was and did that." Two of the lawyers later became judges. Theodore Crawley became the head of the Chicago Bar Association, and Gene Woods gained a reputation as a criminal attorney.

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Anyone [black] who had any trouble went through that firm," she says. Celebri-

tio like track star Jesse Owens and producer Larry Steele often visited, she recalls. That part of 47th Street was a hub of activity for a "young girl learning the streets," Dee says.

"I could see my history, what I could be and where I could go," she says. "If somebody else did it, I could do it too."

Opera singer Etta Moten Barnett, whose husband was the ambassador to Ghana, became another role model.

"She was so much of a lady that I wanted to emulate her," Dee says. "She had quiet dignity and was outspoken, territorially intelligent, and well read."

Dee graduated from Englewood High School in 1954 and married at age 19. "I was trying to get a job and contribute to the fabric of life," she says. "I had great obligations," trying to support 12-13 children - her two and those of her siblings.

"Then aldermen were political power houses in their own neighborhoods," Dee says. "They knew what their job was and did that." Two that really stood out for her were Cecill Peece and Ralph Abernathy. Not until the '60s did she become politically involved, participating in voter registration and working for some leaders.

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Sun-Times
Agenda, What about us
Dear Editor
I read your article entitled the Sun-Times has an Agenda. There is no doubt that we as Black people need a police right to stop looters and secure peace and removing "law and order." Not about stopping police murders. Or addressing the political oppression overshadowed by the China hostage crisis.
The huge problem of contradiction here is Black riot. Others protest. Defined a riot; a noise, uproar, or disturbance made by revolts, a mob, crowd, or a large number, a random or disorderly profusion, a disturbance of the public peace. While protesters are defined as diasporal, diasporization, communities, justification, a solemn declaration of opinion and by a member to act or resolution of a legal sense.
Who are those suddenly unorganized activists and those comfortable activists to make sure riots do not happen. Unfortunately, there are suddenly unorganized demonstrations in Cincinnati, Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, and in Quebec and anywhere else in various American cities because this is the China crisis over-shadowed the Cincinnati murders and the protesters have not received any leader. Has the media reported the mind set of why violence is required. And in Quebec, perhaps the protesters were also rioting in behalf of Cincinnati. And perhaps the summit meetings, which calls for the trade zone by 2005 for free and open trade to create new jobs and new income would be reasons to stop the streets, anger and frustration that abound in Black communities all over this country. What is sure in Chicago or any other city, the geographic black communities are in questioned from Harlem andBronxville. Black rioters are sure to support building enough prisons to incarcerate them all and feed security police protection of the summit is not to reach the benefit of Blacks that live in the communities now.

Dear Mrs. Mitchell;
The truth is the CHA high-rises was the most outrageous failure of Black men to do their job in the family. For example, in your column April 1, 2001, you describe the horrible conditions you experience in CHA high-rises: 1. overcrowded top floors with galleries that made the top floors prisons: broken-down elevators that forces tenants to the stairs and become rape and robbery victims; overpopulation of un-socialized children who make learning nearly impossible in the local schools, taught by middle-class teachers who disapproved of their students and had low expectations of them.
But you did not tell your readers the cause of those conditions. Thus, you did the same thing that white writers always do. You blame the victim by inference. The truth is the CHA high-rises was the largest and most scandalous, racist boondoggle in the history public housing.
From the start, a local architectural association declared that high-rise buildings were improper for the families for which they were supposed to be built. They did not permit proper supervision of the large number of children they were to house, particularly since most of the large apartments with the most child care were located at the top of the buildings. Three-story buildings would have been more suitable. The elevators, which guaranteed that they would be in a constant state of break-down. The design left the back mechanism exposed to the elements, which resulted in break-downs whenever weather changed.
The of elevator repair was a record of the tenants were ignored, and break-downs were always blamed on the tenants.
Much of the over-crowding of young, single women with children in these high-rises was caused by the most outrageous policy of our social housing near the old people into high-rises called senior citizens buildings. This robbed the young inexperienced people of their leadership in the buildings.
Our leadership and our journalist chose to ignore this flippant piece of racist strategy. Like the White writers, they acted as though the tenants were responsible for conditions in CHA high-rises: Every piece of writing about Robert Taylor homes completely ignored the two studies in the Municipal library that documented the conclusion that: The CHA was run strictly for patronage and profit.
The CHA is a classic example of how this White racist government has used its authority to apply the Willie Lynch system on the American community. This is why we became infuriated when our own journalist fail to the trap of blaming Black men for conditions created by powers of this racist government. We expect them to know better.
I am giving you the benefit of the doubt. I don't think you know any better, and I hope you will make it your business to find out the truth.
Clarence C. Terry

Sun-Times Sun-Times Again, Open Letter: McCormick Place & Bronzeville's tourism
Dear Editor,
As community developers, activist and tax payers living just south of McCormick Place, in Bronzeville, we are wondering what legislative initiatives the Black Caucus in the Illinois Legislature and the Chicago City Council are attacking the McCormick Place expansion bill in Springfield.
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This state and city working in collaboration with the Chicago Metropolitan 2020 Project should also demonstrate it's support for development of Bronzeville, as a emerging market upscale African American heritage tourism destination. If Chicago is truly a world class, diverse city, government and elected officials must develop strategies that promote employment and business opportunities for low-income people, who will otherwise be disenfranchised and displaced by escalating property values and the systematic demolition of public housing development.
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Jesus Christ as blue eyes, blond hair, pale face, the perfect monk with elegant, longfingered hands has a new face according to a new computerized rendering. While Jesus lived, no one made a record of his face. No sketch, no painting, no photograph. The look of Jesus has been created by man. For almost two thousand years the mysteries of Christianity have inspired artists of every generation. The face of every Jesus seen was made by someone's mind and hand. Famous artists from Michael Angelo and unknown artists. From different places and different ages.

Rev. Al Sampson of Fernwood Methodist Church pointed out the Bible do not speak to a race of people (color), "It speak to the personality of people." Jews, Gentiles, etc.

"What we do know that where Jesus was born are people of darker skin. The European portrayals of Jesus have projected a concept of Jesus for superiority the looks of Jesus are a lot more like a workingman from the Middle East or Mediterranean region than actors Willem Dafoe or Jeffrey Hunter.

As reported in the Chicago Sun-Times, the new face of Jesus is which a Chicago area expert on Jesus' life and times welcomes the computer-generated depiction as more realistic than the Messiah depicted in much of Western classical and popular art. as more accurate.

The new image was crafted by studying a 2,000 year-old skull of a Jewish man from Israel.. The image was used in a British Broadcasting Corporation TV documentary, "Jesus. The Complete Story." It was on the Discovery Channel, which co-produced it. According to the new image, Jesus probably looked a lot more like a workingman from the Middle East or Mediterranean region than actors Willem Dafoe or Jeffrey Hunter.

Faith-Based, "Charitable Choice and its Critic"
President George Bush has proposed partnership with religious institutions to address poverty under his new office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives. Mr. Carl H. Esbeck, Assistant to the United States Deputy Attorney General, will be speaking at a Breakfast Forum sponsored by the Center for Church/State Studies. He will address Charitable Choice and its Critics, Thursday, May 17, at 8:00 a.m., at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Boulevard, in the Crystal Room, 5th floor. The forum is free. Reservations are required by Friday, May 11th, and can be made by calling 312-362-8818.

Church Organizing
(Continued from page 1)
Church, 10706 South Michigan Avenue at 7:00 p.m.

The issues that will be address at the assembly by the community leaders voiced were:

"DCP's mission is here to serve as a vehicle through which grass-roots leaders can effectively work together to impact decision making and strengthen the quality of life in Greater Roseland," declared Evans.

DCP is known to be the largest church-based community regenerating agency on Chicago's far south-side, began in 1984 as a branch of the Calumet Community Religious Conference (CCRC). CCRC sought to impact the massive lay-offs and closings of manufacturing plants in the 1970's and 1980's by providing job retraining and supportive services. As an arm of CCRC, DCP initiated a variety of local action campaigns to improve the quality of life for residents in the Greater Roseland area. In 1986, DCP became an independent non-profit corporation but remained church-based. Listed are some of the groups that participated in the small group Pre-Issues Assembly on April 19, 2001 and their commitment for participants at the Community-Wide Issues Assembly on April 26, 2001:

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We would like to hear a Chicago City Council designation of: "Englewood - Gospel Music Capitol of the World."

The following is an outline of the project.

The outline for the project would include a presentation on Gospel Music with a video presentation and visual collection.

The project members are in the process of collecting pictures and other memorabilia which would include highlighting Thomas Dorsey, Mahalia Jackson, and others. The goal is developing the story of Gospel Music from a birthplace to a capital of the world.

From the mind of God, three vessels have been chosen for his greater glory to manage the affairs of his safe haven and musical oasis. The vessels chosen are owners Elder Byron Artis and Derek and Barbara Morisette (sister of Byron), Noah's Ark Cafe, located in the Bronzeville Community designed to accommodate Christians and their families.

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(1/2) Sort of a "coming of age" frontier drama from director-actor Billy Bob Thornton, that is very picturesque but thin on plot. Being unable to claim his late father's land from his ex-wife, Matt Damon plays a young man who teams up with buddy, Henry Thomas roaming the west finding adventure and romance. They are joined by an abused runaway youth (Lucas Black) and later the duo becomesbroncobusters for rich Mexican ranch owner, Ruben Blades. Where Damon has an ill-assisted love affair with his lovely daughter, Penelope Cruz. On CD with strong production assistance from Troy Oliver, Raphael Saadiq, Timbaland, and Big Dog Production.

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Janssen) swims their way through a maze of cohorts to gain access to a fellow crime lord's on-line cash account. Rated: R, 95 min. TERTICAL LIMIT

(1/2) Almost successfully recycle a familiar story line in most adventure survival movies that their father sacrifices his life during a mountain climbing accident. Chris O'Donnell who quit mountain climbing unlike his sister, Robin Tunney. Only to come out of retirement to rescue her after she joins glory hungry billionaire, Bill Paxton and his crew who becomes trapped during an avalanche. Rated: R, 125 min. Columbia Tri-Star Home Video.

WOMEN WANT

(**) Mel Gibson gets in touch with his feminine side in this wonderful comedic turn as a womanizing ad executive who suffers a bathroom accident that leaves him with the ability to hear women's inner thoughts. Helen Hunt plays his new boss who intends to take advantage of for career gains. Only at the time of opportunity Gibson plays his new boss who intends to take advantage of for career gains. Only at the time of opportunity do shades her. Very funny and smart. Rated: PG-13, 125 min.

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Community partners launch
The Homeowner Communication Center

West Chatham - On April 12, the Commonwealth Community Church, the Westwood Corporation, and the Minority Environmental Association of Chicago, introduced the New Homeowner Communication Center of Illinois, to be housed in their church located at 140 E. 81st Street.

Rev. Dan Robinson, a deacon at Commonwealth pointed out that, "As success continues with the direction of Commonwealth, these organizations have also found ways to promote homeownership. We are finding innovative ways to build low-cost houses, with ownership.

The project is in conjunction with a national program to make 1 million Black families homeowners by 2005, announced early April by a Black lawmakers' group, mortgage market giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, major banks, mortgage companies and community groups.

The Homeowner Communication Center of Illinois attended the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's press conference where the new initiative "With ownership, Wealth (WOW)" was announced. The initiative will be led by the Congressional Black Caucus in which the Homeowner Communication Center formerly join in support with the local focus of neighborhood revitalization of Commonwealth Church.

The opening day addressed many of the issues facing new buyers, such as funds to cover down payment, services aimed at the challenges of accumulating wealth, developing traditional credit histories and impaired credit.

"Our partnership have taken a close look at the factors behind people not becoming a homeowner. And we have mapped ingenious strategies to get around basic problems," said Brown, who works in the Beverly community as well.

By working with government and private agencies, they have found ways to cut some or all of these problems. For example, James Hare of Wells Fargo have reduced the cost of traditional loans.

In support of the housing initiative the City of Chicago is to provide opportunities for at least 600 new homeowners, using money subsidies released to the public recently. For information call (708) 367-0735.

Ordinance on Yearly Interest Payments is News to City Renters

Southside tenants interviewed by South Street Journal were unaware of the city's ordinance that entitles them to yearly interest payments on their security deposits.

Bertha Johnson, from the 7600 block of S. Coles, said, "My landlord never mentioned a reimbursement on my anniversary date."

Ms. Williams, from another building, said, "I thought you only got a deposit back when you moved out."

Southside landlords also had different interpretations.

"I give new tenants the flyer on the security deposits," said Debra Daniels, Manager of the 51st and King Drive Apartments. "The old tenants that have been here ten years or more, receive a check on their anniversary date."

The City's Department of Housing announced a new interest rate of 3.1 percent on rental security deposits for 2001. Last year's rate was 2.71 percent.

The department wants tenants to be aware of the laws required of them and their landlords, so there will be no misunderstandings.

Under the Residential Landlords and Tenants Ordinance, a landlord is required to pay interest on all applicable security deposits that are held more than six months. Landlords must put security deposits in a federally-insured, interest-bearing account at a financial institution in Illinois.

The new provision applies to all residential rentals in Chicago if the landlord lives off the premises. However, owner-occupied buildings with six or less units are not required to pay interest on security deposits.

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The Mid-South Planning and Development Commissions
(MSPDC) is accepting nominations for its 6th Annual
Historic Bronzeville House Tour. The homes nominated must
be within the boundaries of the Mid-South Bronzeville
community. Nominations will be accepted until April 16th.
MSPDC is looking for homes, which represent the area’s rich
architectural history, the legacies of its residents and the resur-
gence of the Bronzeville Community.

The House Tour will be held Sunday, June 24, 2001 from
12:00 pm until 6:00 pm. For more information about the
tour, the nomination process or the organization, call the
MSPDC office at (773) 924-1330.

To nominate a home please complete the form below.
Mail, fax, E-mail or bring it to:

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Homeowner’s Name
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Is the Homeowner aware of this nomination? Yes __ No __

Has the Homeowner been featured in a previous year?
Yes __ No __ If so, what year? __________

Please describe the qualities or characteristics of the home that
encouraged you to nominate it for inclusion in the Historic
Bronzeville House Tour.

Nominator’s Signature
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This year’s 6th Anniversary House Tour is the kickoff of our Capital
Campaign for the restoration of the Historic Landmark Overton Hygienic
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We’ve adopted the theme of Urban Restoration giving this route in history to
display some of Bronzeville’s beautiful masterpieces.

- Tickets go on sale May 15, 2001
- For further information please contact Mid-South Office
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