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FIFTH CITY PAVES THE WAY AGAIN!

SPRING COUNCIL 5TH CITY HOLDS ITS

FIFTH CITY SPRING COUNCIL "PEOPLE BUILDING COMMUNITY"

The 1979 Spring Council, held on March 31, at 7:30 P.M., at the community Center (3350 West Jackson Blvd.), was attended by a congregation of Fifth Citizens of various backgrounds, who reside throughout our boundaries, and visitors interested in becoming active in the Fifth City Movement. There was representation from the Fifth City Voice, senior citizens, block clubs and local people, businesses, Reformulation Corp., Commercial Corp., Child Development Institute, Industrial Promotion, Citizens Redevelopment and landlords. The Council Theme was appropriately entitled "People Building Community."

The meeting started with Joyous Singing, the Drama of Humaness, blessing of food and feasting. Reports from all representatives regarding their past accomplishments, main concerns, and issues of particular concern were expressed. Each auxiliary, also, presented compilations of victories to be accomplished within the current quarter (April, May, and June).

In addition, special statements were expressed by the spokesman of the Fifth City Council Steering Committee, Mr. Verdell Trice. Announcements were made concerning Block Leaders Meeting, and a pothole survey to be conducted throughout Fifth City.

And..., to climax the evening, an Adult Disco Party was held in the Tom Washington Hall, featuring our own local talent, "Peace, Love & Happiness" Band & Disc Jockey, who are certainly on the road to professional stardom and success in the Live Entertainment and Recording Business. Everyone enjoyed the Disco Dancing and stimulating refreshments. The entire evening was considered a real successful event.

RUTH WILSON, a long-time resident of 5th City who returned to Mississippi in 1977, addressed the Guardians Consult here in Chicago last Saturday. Mrs. Wilson is now Director of the Governor's Office of Citizen Participation for the State of Mississippi. She enthusiastically reported on the Town Meeting Program, the Global Women's Forum and the impact of her office on other state offices.

Town Meeting has become an official program of the state. During the past 6 months 112 Town Meetings held in rural communities with about 5000 people participating in them. Governor Finch and most of the legislators have attended one or more meetings. Local people and officials alike have been impressed with the spirit of the community gatherings and the improvement work that has been generated by them. By June, there will have been 200 Town Meetings covering all 10 Planning and Development Districts in the State.

One of the greatest events sponsored by Mrs. Wilson's office was the Global Women's Forum in which 120 women from all over the state, black and white, of all social and economic styles, participated. Mrs. Wilson quoted the Executive Director of the YWCA: "We were all kinds of women, talking together, as women, about our common concerns for family and children and jobs and community. Just five years ago, this meeting could not have happened in Mississippi." Other state agencies and offices have been deeply impressed by the work of Mrs. Wilson's office. Comments have included: "You get more done with less money than anyone else here." "Town Meeting needs to be a permanent program in our State." Other agencies have begun to look at the methods her office uses, and to adopt them to their own offices. Mrs. Wilson smiles broadly as she reports that her methods are those that she learned in Fifth City.

--Ed Miller

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THE VALUE OF A human life can't be measured, but the cost of death is high, several federal agencies report. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that the cost of a life lost in a traffic accident in 1975 was \$287,175. And the National Center for Health Statistics says a male worker who dies of cancer while in his late 20s loses \$274,496 in life earnings. The administration broke down the cost of a life lost in a traffic accident. The figures: \$211,820 in lost production and consumption in the marketplace; a \$63,545 loss to home, family and community; \$275 for a hospital; \$160 for doctors and \$130 for a coroner; \$925 for a funeral; \$2,190 for legal expenses; \$295 for handling insurance claims; \$30 for accident investigation; \$3,685 in losses to others; \$3,990 in car damages, and \$80 for delay of traffic.

THE ELDEBS SPEAK

THE SENIORS SPEAK

The seniors of 3700 W. Congress, have been on shopping trips and are doing rug hooking. We are also going to the Playboys Club in June. Rev. Brunsons Songfest will be on April 29, and also the 11th District Police Workshop. We are very happy to have this service as it is very helpful.

TRIP?

Keep getting ready to go with 5th City this August to JAMAICA. Trip will cost less than \$300.00 per person.

We are asking the schools in the area to submit to the Youth Page; however any school-age living in Fifth City area may send written material to the Voice.

The Youth Page needs poems, short stories, and drawings. Send articles to Mattie Simpson, Fifth City Voice, 410 S. Trumbull, Chicago, IL

The material for this edition of the Youth Page was taken from a newsletter compiled last October by fourth grader students who participated in an enrichment program, called, The Study of Japan.

A DAY IN JAPAN

By Vivian Edwards (Faraday Sch)

It would be fun to go and visit Japan. Once I got there, everyone was staring at me. One person came up to me and said, "Konnichiwa." I said "what" and he went back to his family. I saw one of my friends. She told me that she was learning to speak Japanese. I told her to teach me how to speak and write in Japanese.

I told her, that I had to go back to America. She said, "can you stay at least a week?" I said, "alright." She took me to see the Japanese palace. It was beautiful. It had a garden in the back of the palace. I learned how to write and I learned how to read in Japanese.

The day has come, when I have to return home. She told me sayorara. I said, "ariguto" and I told her that I would write her.

The End

HAIKU POETRY

By Tracie Lewis (Melody School)

A December day
It was very cold outside.
I was very glad.

It was in the fall
And I was playing with leaves.
I was very glad.

It was in the spring
My friend's mother was planting.
And I was not mad.

In the summer time
My sister and I went swimming
And I was not cold.

In the winter time
They began to throw snowballs.
And I was not glad.

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PROGRAM OF GWENDOLYN BROOKS

BLACK INSTITUTIONS PARLEY IS APRIL 21-22

The Council of Independent Black Institutions will hold its convention and national science fair April 21 and 22 at the Center for Inner City Studies, 700 E. Oakwood.

Workshops will focus on improving educational skills for black children. For more information, call 651-0700, 626-6664 or 268-7500.

HUMOR FROM TRUE STORY

MY MEAN MOTHER

I had the meanest mother in the world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have eggs, toast, and milk. When my friends had Cokes and chips for lunch, I had to eat soup and a sandwich. You can guess my dinner was different, too!

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. She had to know who our friends were and where we were going. I am ashamed to admit it, but she actually paddled us occasionally. Can you imagine someone hitting a child because he disobeyed?

Another thing: My mother had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work. We had to do dishes, make beds, learn to cook--all sorts of cruel things.

Now maybe you can begin to see how mean she really was.

Because she was so mean, none of us has ever been arrested, divorced, or even psychoanalyzed.

Who gets the credit for our being honest, law abiding citizens?

You're right! Our mean mother.--Clara Null

Gwendolyn Brooks, Illinois' Pulitzer Prize winning poet, will present a program of her poetry and prose at Chicago State University, 95th and King Drive, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. May 16. The program, which is free, will be held in the auditorium of the Douglas Library.

WHAT?.....Arts and Crafts, sewing, leather work, drawing, photography, typing, you name it!

WHEN?.....Now! Eight week classes are forming.

WHERE?...At the Garfield Community Service Center, 10 S. Kedzie.

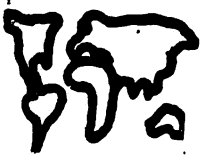
Tired of sitting and holding your hands? Come on over where the creative activity is! No special skills needed.

EMPLOYMENT

The 11th Police District is currently accepting applications for employment for the Beat Representative Program. Applicants must reside in the 11th District, and have the ability to type at least 50 w.p.m. The starting salary is \$9,865. You may apply at the Neighborhood Relations Office which is located in the 11th District Police Headquarters - Harrison Street at Kedzie Avenue.

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP
PROTECT FIFTH CITY!

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE 5TH CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, 3350 WEST JACKSON BLVD., ON APRIL 25, AT 7:30 P.M. DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP PROTECT THE COMMUNITY OF FIFTH CITY. COME AND BRING A NEIGHBOR.



World News

REPORT ON OTHER 5th CITIES:



THE CONSERVATIVE Liberal-Democratic Party of Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira scored a clean sweep of 15 governorships in final election results Monday that showed key victories in Tokyo and Osaka prefectures. The results of the first round of local elections held throughout Japan Sunday boosted the political prestige of Ohira as he prepared for his first talks with President Carter in Washington May 2. The results showed that the conservative party, in alliance with other moderate factions, is too strong for leftist groups led by the Japan Communist Party. Sunday's balloting was the first major election since Ohira became prime minister in a stunning upset last December.

FROM AROUND THE WORLD (Brazil)

Area: Rio de Janeiro--Bananeiras HDP
Carrots are planted, and okra and zucchini are harvested at demonstration farm. Arrangements are made to begin eye testing in Rio Bonito for Bananeiras residents who need glasses. Public health nurse and dentist arrive for Saturday afternoon talks on first aid, medical and dental services to Bananeiras women's group, preschool and youth, and make plans to return to train health caretakers and do diagnostic and preventative dentistry. Dr. Marcos plans curriculum for infant/mothers course. Seven health caretakers are recruited from five stakes. Community comprehensive health program is presented at the community meeting.



Nation

MAYOR KEVIN H. WHITE is planning to bring the Massachusetts Supreme Court into his fight to prevent the sale of Gilbert Stuart's portraits of George and Martha Washington in Boston. "We view selling 200-year-old paintings of the nation's first President and First Lady with the same reluctance that the ancient Athenians would have shown in auctioning off the Acropolis," White said in a statement Sunday. White wants to prevent the Boston Athenaeum, a private library having financial difficulties, from selling the two portraits for about \$5 million to the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

5TH CITY VOICE

The 5th City "Voice" is a program of the 5th City Human Development Project in Chicago. We are always looking for more volunteer help, as well as any stories you think need to be written up.

Advertisement rates are \$10 for an 1/8 page, \$20 for a 1/4 page etc. Announcements are free.

FIFTH CITY LAUNCHES CLEANUP WEEK

5th City has chosen a full week in April for a community-wide cleanup effort. This is also the City of Chicago's Cleanup week and the Public School vacations. It is hoped that everyone can work together to do a clean sweep. Two work days are planned on Saturday, April 21 and Saturday, April 28. At these times special equipment will be available, trucks for moving heavy stuff, hand tools and plastic bags for block and building groups doing cleanups. People are asked to bag or box trash and pile it in accessible locations near the street or on the edge of a lot so easy pick ups can be made. Please make one big pile per block rather than many little ones. The first workday emphasis will be on blocks and alleys. The second workday emphasis will be on vacant lots and public spaces such as playgrounds. The week of April 21-28 block clubs are encouraged to create youth teams with an adult volunteer leader to do further work on cleaning up the block area. Equipment, tools, and supplies may be borrowed for work teams from 5th City, call 722-3447 - Theo.