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PUBLIC HOUSING IN CHICAGO

VIDEO: 1995-99, 200 VIDEOTAPES

From the first large-scale housing projects built in 1950s to the last decade's focus on mixed-income developments, Chicago has constantly debated the best way to help low-income residents. The Cabrini Green projects were one of the first large-scale developments to be torn down in the 1990s, and the process was documented in the *Voices of Cabrini* collection.



CHICAGO CONSPIRACY TRIAL

VIDEO: 1973-2001, 10 VIDEOTAPES PAPER: 1968-1975, 2 LINEAR

The antiwar movement came in direct conflict with the political establishment in 1968 as young people from around the country converged on Chicago to protest the Democratic National Convention. The event resulted in the trial of "The Chicago Seven," who were accused of conspiracy to cross state lines to incite a riot. The collection contains firsthand transcripts from the trial, clippings from both mainstream and underground press, and interviews with participants.



THE CHICAGO DEMOCRATIC "MACHINE"

VIDEO: 1960-2000, 150 VIDEOTAPES PAPER: 1977-1987, 3 LINEAR

The Richard J. Daley Chicago "Machine" is often defined as a system that functioned without debate. The videos in this collection take an inside look at the mayor, city council, aldermen, and the system itself--both working smoothly and reacting to Chicagoan reformers, such as Alderman Leon Despres and Alderman William Simon.



BUGHOUSE SQUARE

VIDEO: 1989-2000, 20 VIDEOTAPES

For many years, particularly the first half of the 20th century, Washington Square Park, known as Bughouse Square, was the site of public discourse in Chicago. Anyone, including poets, revolutionaries, hobos, and cranks, could step up on a soapbox and speak their mind. Bughouse Square is an important part of Chicago's oral history in its preservation of freedom of speech through debate.



THE COUNCIL WARS

VIDEO: 1980-1987, 20 VIDEOTAPES

In the 1980s under Mayor Harold Washington, the City Council split into two factions: a group of 20 aldermen aligned with the mayor, and a group of 29 "The Eddies" (Vrydolyak and Burke). This period is now referred to as the "Council Wars," and it was a time of bitter divide over racial issues and city politics.



video stills from 1992 election collection



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Living Produced through Videopolis by Skip Blumberg, Paul Macomber, Joel Gold, Judy Hoffman, Anda Korsts, Jim Mayer, Jack Madden, Tom Shea, Tom Weinberg, and Jim Wiseman 1975 It's A Living was the first locally produced independent videotape broadcast on radio television, airing May 9, 1975 on WTTW. More than a dozen pioneers [...]

Great Men, Division Street Wed, 06 Apr 2011 16:51:20 +0000
Skip Blumenthal presents his video, "Great Men, Division Street." In honor of Kenneth Green's book, "I'm From Division Street," old friends from the 1950s Humboldt Park reunite at Manny's in 2010. Watch this video on Media Burn for more information about the "great men."

Paul Nadler and David Halberstam on the economy Tue, 22 Mar 2011 21:25:51 +0000
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It's A Living

Production Date: 1975
Author(s): Videopolis
Running Time: 60 min.


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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `mediaburn.org/Video-Preview.128.0.html?uid=4418`. The page features the MediaBurn logo and the text "independent video archive". A search bar is present. The navigation menu includes "Title Index", "Videomakers", "Educators", "Donate", "About Us", "FAQ", "Links", "Store", and "Blog". The main content area is titled "Video Preview" and includes social media sharing icons (email, Facebook, Twitter, and ShareThis). The video title is "Slices of Chicago" with a date of "01/01/77" and a running time of "31 min.". Below the title is a video player showing a cityscape with the text "Chicago Videomakers Coalition" overlaid. To the right of the video player is a description box with tabs for "Description", "Credits", and "Documents". The description text reads: "Compilation tape highlighting the work of the members of the Chicago Area Videomakers Coalition. The group was formed in 1977 to formally bring together Chicago's independent videomakers to create a higher profile and bring their work to the public. This tape was first broadcast on Channel 44 on June 18, 1977, based on a commitment from general manager Ed Morris. The production of this tape made it apparent that the most pressing need in the videomaking community was editing facilities. In 1978, aided by the visibility produced by the sampler tape, the Coalition opened the Chicago Editing Center, which provided low-cost editing facilities to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis." Below the description is a list of 13 items with timestamps and titles, such as "00:18 Color bars.", "00:47 Titles", "01:19 Vallerie McLenighan and Scott Jacobs introduce their piece.", "01:39 Tape: Documentary about panhandlers in San Francisco.", "03:37 Denise Zaccardi talks about her work teaching video to kids in alternative schools.", "04:26 Tape: MaryAnn by the Community TV Network. Two little girls shoot a short documentary about their older sister.", "06:10 Jim Passin introduces his tape.", "06:31 Tape: Murals by kids in Chicago.", "08:30 Tape: Jane Veeder. Diary tape about tattoos.", "10:42 Judy Hoffman introduces tape by Kartemquin about Cook County Hospital doctor's strike.", "11:06 Tape: Interview with striking Cook County Hospital doctor.", "12:29 Tape: Regina and Thomas Shea's tape of autumnal scenes with Canadian geese.", and "15:58 Commercial hole." At the bottom of the page, there are sections for "My Clip Video Editor" and "Your Clips".

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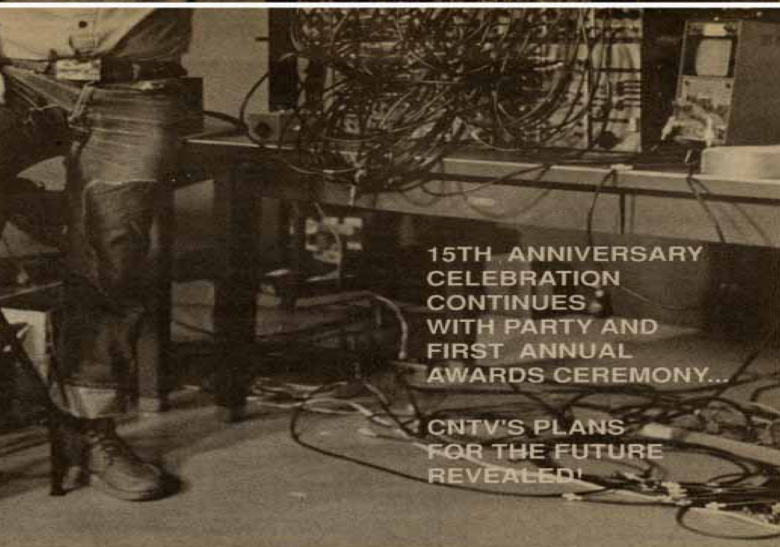
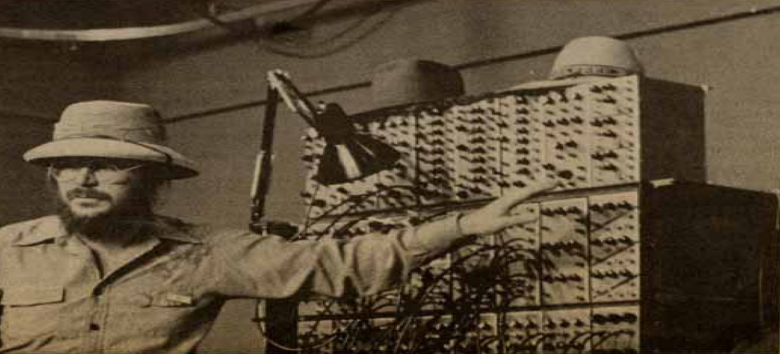
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