

# Metropolis

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## What's Going On in Bronzeville?



Bernard Loyd of Cuisine of the Diaspora

### Cuisine of the Diaspora on 51st & Prairie

Cuisine of the Diaspora is the brainchild of Bernard Loyd and will transform the once largest liquor store in Chicago into an ethnic destination dining district in Bronzeville. Loyd will have five venues that will cover one block on 51st Street from the Green Line heading west. There will be Cecelia's featuring southern breakfast, the Bronzeville Jerk Shack featuring jerk, jerk, and more jerk. Majani 310 will be vegetarian, there will be a Smoke House and Grill, and a Speakeasy spot. The complex will also house Bronzeville Fresh Produce, a much needed addition to the neighborhood. Loyd says Cuisine of the Diaspora will bring 130 jobs to the area and that they are using green technology in the building's construction. Loyd is in the final stages of TIF negotiations and hopes to start construction in June to be open in 2011.