Unanswered questions of witnesses and other attackers lead to talk of cover up

Bridgeport Investigation in Question

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During, Bridgeport—From the office President Clinton, nearly everyone has heard via media or word of mouth of the vicious hate crime in Bridgeport that left 13 year old Stateway Gardens resident Lenard Clark fighting for his young life. However, questions has still yet to be fully detailed with answers in the three weeks since the brutal attack took place, several question-able developments have occurred.

So far, the answers surrounding what transpired that afternoon has been reported as such: Lenard, another 13 year old African American, attacked from Stateway Gardens and one Hispanic teen were riding their bicycles along the 3300 block of South Shields where three caucasian males attacked everyone was able to flee except for Lenard, who was caught, beaten and ultimately left for dead for a few blocks away on 34th and Princeton where his comatose body lay savagely beaten in a pool of blood.

Community Batery of Support

The following morning it was not yet determined by investigators whether or not the attack was racially motivated. Natural outrage and con-cern among authorities' handling of the crime, various African American community leaders immediately called for protest. Rev. Al Sampson of Fernwood Methodist Church, one of the organi-zers for the Million Man March and founder of Million Man March Inc., marched through Bridgeport the following Thursday. Eddie Read, president of CBUC (Chicago Black United Community) match to the scene of the crime the following day. CBUC's march included de-livering a summation to De LaSalle High School, Patrick Huide, alderman of the 11th ward of Bridgeport, and Thomas Folliday, commander of the 9th district in Bridgeport.

Right after the marchers had answers in the black community to answer why Bridgeport has the 2nd largest number of hate crimes in Chicago and what is being done about it. "White leadership must be held accountable for racist acts committed by their constituents,"

The next day, Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of PUSH/Rainbow announced the establishment of a Take It to the Block fund, Lew Collins, president of Illinois Institute of Technology located across of Stateway Gar-dens on 35th Street and State, has announced a university-wide effort to contribute too. Finally, a third march to the site of the attack, led by another group took place that weekend.

Members of the Committee Against Violence and Racism (CAVR) have voiced concerns with Rev. Jackson's "Healing Rally" at PUSH on 50th and Drexel, questioning the motives for inviting the family members of Mayor Richard Daley in particular. Lu Palmer of CBUC and CAVR have attempted to meet with Rev. Jackson for clarity of the healing process.

What Happened, more than three involved

In the community protest, still lies unanswered questions. South Street Journal spoke with Cleon Nicholson, the 13 year old boy who accompanied Lenard Clark to Bridgeport from their Stateway Park resi-dence. According to Cleven, he and Lenard were riding their bikes in search of air for one of Lenard's tires, as they travelled to a Bridgeport gas station where air is free. Upon entering Bridgeport, they met three Hispanics, ages 11, 12 and 18, with whom they played nearly two hours of football. Afterwards, they walked the youngest of the two Hispanic kids home and rode their bicycles slowly down the 3300 block of Shields to let the older Hispanic, who was still accompanying them on foot, keep up.

He went on to tell reporters that while riding, he noticed one white male running towards them from the east, while two others quickly ap-proached them from the west. Once the attacker who was running alone was close enough, he ini-tiated the attack by hitting Cleven.

"I heard one of the other two white men who ran up from the other direction say 'not him, he's too little'. Then the one that hit me said, "so, this— this nigger", Cleven told reporters. He barely es-capad, running on Shields to 35th Street and eventually home, where he relayed the story of what happened to his mother who immediately notified the police.

Unfortunately for Lenard as he ran, he led his

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Businesses Coming Together to Restore Bronzeville

Douglas (Bronzeville)—Many of those who support the restoration of Bronzeville heading business men met last month, March 20, 1997, as Alderman Maddie Hartshock ad-dresses a large group of community people in the 2nd ward who want to restore Bronzeville to its glory days. Bronzeville was once the Mecca of the black community in Mid-South during the 40s to 60s, but started a de-cline due to businesses leaving the area. Now many are saying they want the Bronzeville of old back.

The meeting started off with a con-sensus by those businesses that would be supporting the restoration project and to be a team. Douglas (Bronzeville), Michael of De La Salle Institute and the Illinois Nurses Association was to hold a meeting March 25, at the Kenncourt Park Fieldhouse to address the future of the Bronzeville Health Center.

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Stateway Garden Clean Up

Douglas—Saturday March 22, at the Stateway Gardens a clean up was under taken to rejuvenate grounds of the development. This is the first part of cleaning up Stateway Gardens. In later months plans call for the planting of flowers and other greenery at Stateway. Saturday, food and drinks were served to all those who participated in the project.

There was also games for children and other festivities.

The Public Allies, an Ameri-corps program hosted their Tomor-row's Leaders Today show. The purpose of the service is to honor individuals between the ages of 18 and 30 who have made a dif-ference in their community. On May 13, 1997, the Tomorrow's Leaders Educational Empowerment through Literacy will hold a cere-monial honoring 60 young adults who show leadership in their communities. It will be held at the Chicago Historical Society. There is also a Parent/Child Program for children between the ages of 2 to 5 years of age. The program offers information concerning chil-dren of this age.
Race to Knowledge

New 55th & Cottage Health Center

Final plans are now in progress to establish a pediatric and maternal health center. Wyler's Children's Clinic and The Woodlawn Maternity & Child Health Center will merge at the Friends Center at 55th & Cottage Grove. The Woodlawn Material & Child Health Center is holding a "Open Community Forum on the Future of Quality Health Care". Residents are encouraged to attend. Workshops will cover the following topics: What's happening with Medicaid? What is managed care? How to advocate for yourself if you have trouble, either with traditional Medicaid, or managed care.

The Illinois Department of Public Aid has delayed the implementation of Mediplan Plus, their mandatory Medicaid managed care program. This means that the Voluntary Enrollment Period, during which Illinois residents can knock on people's doors and call them at home to market health plans, has been indefinitely extended. In light of this, the above information is vital forcontinue this story in its next edition.

The Role of Fathers in the Welfare System

Mr. Ademola Adamson of the Parental Involvement Project (PIP) spoke at the "Symposium on the Role of Fathers in the Welfare Debate" at Malcolm X College on March 12th. PIP stresses low-income, non-co-ethnic fathers into the lives of their children by encouraging financial and emotional contribution and helping them secure employment to support and maintain meaningful relationships with their families and children. For more information on this project contact Eric Fenton of L.R. Glenn Communications at 312-642-6813 or rebecca@lrg.com.

HUB's Homebuyer Fair at McCormick

Sat 5

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Homebuyer Seminars held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 1-800-244-8118.

Sat 19 - 26

The African Youth Congress (AYC), Chicago Division is sponsoring their 1st Annual "Youth Spring Clean-up Project. Out of school spring break can be a clean up for our community clean-up. We are asking for donations of brooms, rakes, sheavels, garbage bags and gloves from your organization. 773-488-8884.

Now 26

Exercise with Dora. Time to shed those winter layers and extra pounds!!! This April 24th, Snap Aerials - Tues. & Thurs. 6:7 p.m. Stretching & Toning - Mon. & Wed. 6-7 p.m. Harris YWCA, 6200 S. Drexel, 312-688-4593, 840.00 12 - 13 - 26

Cruisers for Justice regular meeting is at 12 noon, at Holiness Temple Church. The new location of the church is approximately 100 East 61st Street, every Saturday.

Mon 14

New Structure organization weekly meeting begins at 8:30 at 1669 S. Indiana Ave. Call John Thomas at 324-6256.

Wed. 16

Washington Park Advisory Council meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Washington Park Field House, Thursday 17

Black Man Pushing every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Operation PUSH in the Evans Chapel.

Sat 19th.

Adolescents Harris YMCA, 8200 S. Drexel 955-3100, ext. 36. This group is for women only and there is no charge.

Every Sat.

St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center presents its 10th annual dinner, dance and auction, "Unmasking Human Potential," in the grand ballroom of the Ritz-Carleton Hotel. Black tie and masks are optional. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph's St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center cares for children and youths with behavioral disorders and special learning needs. For ticket information contact St. Joseph's at (773) 624-7443.

Home Owners Association, The I.H.A. will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Kenncott Park. Please drop a note at 1123 E. 45th St., if you would like to be on the agenda.

The Chicago Urban League will host the Minority energy Assistance Program at their office, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to examine the issues, dissemination of information and discussion about the proposed deregulation of utilities.

Minister Tony Hiphano, Sr., of Sillage master- Global Ethnic Fashion Design Co. at Freedom Now Center. A presentation on "Discover how with a small monthly investment"; financial rewards at the Freedom Now Center 6351 S. Cottage. Every first and third Saturday.

Sat. 26

West Woodlawn Council of Black Clubs meet on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Parkway Community House, 505 East 67th Street.

Sun. 27

N-COBRA meeting at Washington Park Field House, 55th and Eng Drive. Meetings are held every 4th Sunday each month. Website: arm@arc.co.uk.

May

Sat. 3

4th Annual 1964 - 1984 for St. Anselm, Betsy Ross, Carter and Nexus schools. If you attended these schools during those years, please come and join us in a reunion celebration at St. Elizabeth Hall, 80 E. 41st Street. 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. $10.00 in advance, $15.00 at the door. 773-374-3254, 841-3422 or 708-326-4105.
Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4) addressed religious leaders at City Hall, after a march around the building in support of guaranteed wage increase for city workers with the city. Preckwinkle is a sponsor of the ordinance. However, it remains in the finance committee on hold.

According to CRS, the city’s Finance Committee chairman Alderman Ed Burke (14) has stalled the increase and the organizations backing an increase of wages are asking that those who oppose such an increase come forth and bear at City Hall.

“The opposition of the living wage has remained in hiding and now is the time for them to speak up or let this ordinance pass,” says Charles Bright of the CRS.

As the opposition does not support, and to this date there has been no public or elected official opposing the ordinance. However, it remains in the finance committee on hold.

In an effort to incorporate the needs of the community served by this venture, a one-day Cultural Facilities Planning Charette was held on Saturday, March 29, 1997 at the Chicago Cultural Center. It included participation by community, city, state, national and corporate entities in the expression of the feasibility plan and its relationship to the Heritage/emergence industry.

In recognition of this trend the Chicago Jobs and Living Wage Campaign, the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council (BM&TC) has successfully secured funding through the first round of Empowerment Zone applications to the City of Chicago for acquisition and pre-development phase of the Supreme Life Building and adjoining townhouses.

By Eurel Jackson
Washington Park - A community meeting was held by the Washington Park Community Coalition (WPCC) on Saturday March 29th. The meeting was held at Washington Park Field House. Headed by its chairperson, Ms. Cecilia Butler.

Approximately 150 residents and interested parties discussed issues from proposed jail at 63rd and Prairie to Black developers taking the leadership in the construction of the overall development of the Washington Park community.

At the entire Washington Park area is preparing for the construction of 550 new homes projected for the community. Residents viewed two maps of their community, one of it present state with 70% vacant lots and the other with the proposed new construction. The consensus of the meeting was for the residents to take an active role in the development process.

The targeted designated redevelopment area is from 61st to 51st King Drive to Indiana. With almost 70% of the area desolate with vacant lots. "Vacant land is a commodity" stated Ms. Butler "and if we don't come up with a redevelopment plan then someone else will do it for us".

Community concerns were expressed on zoning, which would limit the number of homes, apartments, business and commercial areas. Questions arose about the designations of the 53rd & Calumet and 55th & Prairie common areas. A local business, Bronzeville Patrician was recognized for its board up service.

The imminent dormant topic had its pros and cons. If there is one building on the block and the owner wants to sell, he/she is guaranteed market value for the property. There are financial and other benefits for displaced residents and businesses under the U.S. Uniform Relations Act.

A training center was proposed at 63rd & King Drive. The facility will take up 1 block, 8,000 square feet, 2 stories with a gate around it and no guards with guns patrolling the perimeter. It will house offenders serving 6 months to 1 year. Staffers and job employment positions will receive 20th ward priority consideration.

WASHINGTON PK. RESIDENTS ADDRESS DEVELOPMENT

BMC&TC is an Illinois not-for-profit organization that has taken the lead in the development and marketing of African-American heritage tourism districts throughout Illinois. BMC&TC strives to preserve the unique character of the neighborhoods in which African-Americans reside, to improve the socioeconomic and physical conditions of these communities, to build resident pride and to improve race relations.

The vision of the BMC&TC is to make Illinois a premier African-American heritage tourism destination and the number one destination of African-American conventions and leisure travelers.

This minority enterprise has recently focused its marketing strategies on Chicago, the city that just launched its $4 million cultural marketing campaign to draw more attention to its diverse multi-cultural communities that are overflowing with rich heritage and historic landmarks.

With mix views on its location, many of the residents responded favorably even when asked to be located at 64th and State street due to the commercial BMC&TC has adopted the marketing campaign "Restoring Bronzeville," and is committed to developing a heritage tourism destination in the Bronzeville area, which was considered the center of African-American culture from the turn of the century until the 1960s. The BMC&TC has taken an active role in making this vision become reality. BMC&TC recently secured and acquired the Supreme Life Building at 35th and Martin Luther King Drive.

Over $400 million was generated in the United States in 1995 from tourism. The African-American community should organize effectively to attract its fair share of the projected 29 billion in tourism dollars that will be generated by Illinois in 1997.

With a multi-cultural community the follow-up was for more in-depth in all phases of the community development and direct benefit for the residents.

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Illinois Legislative Black Caucus: Watch Over Governor's Budget Push for Better Focus on Education & Welfare

Springfield — The Legislative Black Caucus was concerned and watchful about Governor Edgar's budget address. They were quick to point out that there are a lot of issues that need to be addressed.

"The state of Illinois has a budget of $14.9 billion dollars. Any corporation with a budget this large has a CEO that is held accountable for the successful management of that company. Our CEO is Governor Jim Edgar and he has shown no leadership in the management of our budget. He should be held accountable for his lack action, particularly with regards to the funding of education and health care. He has given us no detailed account of how he plans to handle these very important issues and by needs to be held responsible," said State Senator Donny L. Trotter.

The other major concern of the Legislative Black Caucus has regarding Edgar's budget deals with the amount of money families can receive for child care under the changing welfare reform regulations that have been taking place. A family of three that has been on welfare in the past may earn up to $26,000 and still receive funding for child care expenses. Under new welfare guidelines, the amount of money a family of three was cut to $17,000.

"The Legislative Black Caucus vows to account for new education spending while at the same time pushing for better access to child care opportunities for welfare recipients."

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Jones: Governor's budget finally makes children a top priority


The bill aims to assist former welfare recipients who are unemployed with plan proposed by Democratic House Speaker Michael J. Madigan. The bill would extend coverage based upon need and the availability of funding.

"As chairman, I plan on to work in a bipartisan fashion in order to accomplish real goals and to end the gridlock in government," Rep. Burke was appointed by Speaker Madigan to serve on the Regulation and Registration and Financial Committees. The Registration & Regulation Committee considers legislation affecting licensed professionals such as doctors, realtors, and insurance agents. The Financial Institutions Committee deals with the evaluation of legislation affecting banks, savings and loans, currency exchanges, credit unions, and other financial institutions. The Children and Families Committee looks into juvenile delinquency, family law, and domestic violence. Rep. Burke's appointment will allow her to have a supervisory role on the issues regarding children.

"The future of our society is our children. It is necessary for us to carefully look at what issues affect children most of these days, in an attempt to provide for their well being in the years to come," Representative Howard said.

Howard's Appointments

"This plan truly provides the opportunity for working class people to achieve the goal of a college education. Representative Howard said.

Under the plan, students or parents of students who make under $10,000 a year will be entitled to a $500 per child income tax credit. The credit must be used for undergraduate tuition or fees and the university by working full-time and attending school part-time.

Recent Legislation Creates New Job Opportunities

Gov. Rod Blagojevich — State Rep. Howard Kenner (24) presented a legislative package aimed at creating more job opportunities for people who might otherwise be trapped on welfare.

"This legislative package will help families to work their way out of poverty and help them obtain economic self-sufficiency," said Rep. Kenner. "Many working individuals in our communities deserve a fair chance to obtain and maintain a decent job."

Rep. Kenner's package includes House Bill 609 and House Bill 611. House Bill 609 requires the State to give hiring preferences to participants in the Earnwork program. Many minority businesses are limited to temporary and low paying jobs. Kenner's legislation will create long-term, better paying job opportunities by opening access to State jobs.

House Bill 611 allows Earnwork participation eligibility to be extended three months (from six to nine months) for successfully-employed participants. This legislation will allow low people who are working hard in good jobs to stay in those jobs.

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Ald. Jones seeks ordinance for City's Towing Contracts for Minorities

Mr. Delay, one of Chicago black-owned towing company is very upset on how the city is handling its towing contract. According to sources there is an exclusive contract with E & R Towing, and no other companies are allowed to bid. Mr. Delay stated, that it is unfair that African Americans can be a part of the bidding process, and for almost a year the city has not provided information for minority for the city's towing. E & R Towing was reported to have the brother in law of Mayor Daley, which allow them to have an exclusive right to tow in the city of Chicago, with no competition. There are two towing companies who are minority that sub-contract from E & R Towing. Hunter Towing, 7 yrs, 1 C. Towing, 3 yrs. When Mr. Delay contact the Deputy Commissioner Office, and was informed that the bidding was off limits. There is a municipal law —92430 that is a minority law set aside for minority municipal goal awards of 25% for African Americans. But, by this law, the city of Chicago has the right to stop minority contracts of towing if they choose to. Under this ordinance, minority rights can become inapplicable if the city council or the Mayor denies it.

Ald. Virgil Jones (15) will be introducing an amendment to change the ordinance for minority towing companies.

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Fourth grade students at Carter Woodman Elementary School, 4414 S. Evans Ave (above) and the fourth-grade students at Fuller Elementary School, 6412 S. St. Lawrence Ave., both schools joined Mayor Daley's "Graffiti Blasters" and pledged to avoid any involvement with this vandalism after a classroom presentation on its dangers to their community and to the personal lives of youngsters arrested for this crime. Other schools interested in hosting a similar program can call the Mayor's Office of Inquiry & Information at (312) 744-1234.

To illustrate the inadequate funding per student, according to the National Council on the Aging, the need for adult day care will increase 150% by the year 2000. "The elderly are the fastest growing segment of the population, yet few are aware of our services," said Pat Buckner, program director for the YWCA Harris Center's Adult Day Care.

"Adult day care allows seniors to live at home rather than enter nursing homes prematurely," Buckner said. "It also allows the care givers to continue to work."

"With seniors, the need for supervised care arises suddenly and is usually urgent," Buckner said. "Caregivers come to us when they become burned out or when they realize that their elderly parent is no longer safe alone."

Currently, the YWCA programs can offer placement within several days. Transportation is available and fees are offered for impaired seniors and developmentally disabled adults Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

"My mother spends her day doing things she's never been able to do at home, like exercising," said Singleton. "She gets up every morning ready to go. I thank God for this program."

"To adequately fund Illinois schools the measure guarantees that every school district statewide receives at least a minimum $4,225 foundation per student.

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Nicholson maintained he can positively identify Frank Caruso as the Hispanic youth's identity combined with the family of an accused suspect claiming innocence, to the mother of the victim raised questions.

Other media reports state that Leonard Clark's friend Clevan is the only witness who was interviewed on the March 21 attack, but that he cannot positively identify any of the accused teens, nor any of those who claimed they had participated in the attack was filmed saying, "get that camera out of my face before I break that cameraman's teeth out," he said to reporters while holding back tears. Clevan identified his assailant in a police lineup, but his statement was made after he had been taken off of the suspects list by SSU.

During SSU's interview with Clevan, he confirmed that the accusation taken into police, custody aired on a TV news show featuring how many people had seen the attack, "they (the attackers) didn't do anything to him. He just stood there and watched," Clevan revealed to SSU.

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Some facts that we all should know, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Funds and Death Row in U.S. Since 1990, there were 8 executions performed in Illinois -- 3 Blacks and 5 Whites; 1 each in 1990, 1994 and 1996, and 5 in 1995. The last execution was executed.

Race of the victims: 82% White, before the suspects' prints were taken. Sources said the delay was intentional to prevent the youths from having to go to general populations, where inmates, mostly African-American, may have caused harm to the youth. Pat Hill, president of the African-American Police League, found what he called "a gross contradiction" with the handling of the case in terms of how similar cases involving black suspects are handled. "If a black father or a black attorney representing a black child comes in and says this is his cash, it is my opinion that there would surely be questions asked about the origin of the money, but in this case all three bonds were paid in cash with no questions asked," Hill told reporters in regards to the use of public funds for the case.

The number of executions in Illinois are 159, of which 101 were Black, 52 were White and 6 were Hispanic. Does it look like its out of proportion? At the present time in the U.S., there has been 335 executions, of which, 127 were Black, 184 were White, 16 were Native American and 10 were Asian. It appears that the Hispanics are getting more than their share of executions.

In fact, there were 1,537 people that were sentenced to death row who later were proved innocent and released in the U.S. Since this large number of people have been sentenced to death and was found innocent, don't you think execution should be slowed down rather than sped up with a shortened appeal process? You should look about that and put yourself on death row.

From the Grill

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By Frank Otten
Staff writer

Durham, the French scientific community, was moved to express its appreciation of the intellectual contribution made by the late American scholar, who was well known for his work in the field of epistemology. The French Academy of Sciences has awarded him the prix Poincaré for his contributions to the theory of the calculus and the theory of the integral.

Robert Taylor Homes

By Stacey Simmons

Stacey Simmons, a young woman at the Robert Taylor Homes, tried suicide as a way out of the problems she was going through.

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Thirty-six years old, left two sons. Like many girls her age, she enjoyed dating and having a good time out. Becoming pregnant, she had two children by the same man. When the Public Aid Department found out this, they wanted the father of her children to start supporting them and not city taxpayers.

Shanetta refused for reasons unknown. It was her life, her children and if she wanted to leave it her own business, she would.

That she did, and her monthly checks were cut off.

In the last three months there have been several attempts at suicide by blacks at the Robert Taylor Homes (mostly teenagers).

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Tina McGowan, 36, attempted suicide by taking 30 pills. She was discovered in time to save her young life. Her mother's alcoholism hadn't helped her any, and coming home from school many day to see her mother this way, and her bitterness towards the young girl, made things even more difficult for her. Tina, living in poverty and wanting things she had seen some of her friends having, started to slide deeper into "nowhere" world of the no return. The impoverished conditions of Taylor Homes didn't help her any. Either often seeing other children as herself, being hungry, without new clothes, and their parents having no job, she decided on ending this life for another, wherever.

Tina was lucky. Ed Wimp of McDonald's Restaurant heard about Tina condition and decided on a job for her. After leaving Hargrove Mental Facilities, he went to work for her. The job, with her family support would lift her spirits, slowly bringing her out of suicidal despair. Her future now looked brighter, and day by day, Tina started to become more of the normal person that she was.

Ernest Jeffers, Aaron Carter's friend, almost killed himself as well. From a drug habit he had hooked day and night, he came close to taking his own life several times.

But by the grace of God, or as he put it, "God didn't want me to die yet." After coming off drugs he decided to help young children to avoid the addiction he had been through. It was a dark hell he could help others to avoid such a life, he would.

D. A. R. T. (Drug Abuse Resistance Team) was formed by him and all those who could find help to cut off their children with the kids baseball team and other programs.

Also, through government funding there is an increase in gun power on his trigger. The next time he had used on himself was found beside his body free of his hand and the gun power on his trigger finger; enough, whereby the authori ties could only rule it a suicide.

Ernest Jeffers, said that Aaron was always there with his quick sense of humor when you needed him. A former army vet, navy, and Wendell Phillips High School graduate who excelled at football. Many of his friends remember his easy-going manner. Loved by his mother and father and those who knew him, Aaron would leave a son and daughter for those who loved him. He was loved by many of his friends.

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John Jackson Jr.

Letters to the Editor

Harold and the November 1996 election

Dear Editor,

The most important aspect of the November 1996 election was never mentioned by the political pundits in their analysis of political parties' strategies, candidate strategy, voter turnout and post-election results. Among all of the theories and analyses they all agreed on was the mention of the resignation of Harold Washington by the Chicago and Cook County Democratic Party.

Yes, the memory and legacy of our community's revered and honored Harold 'The Mayor' Jackson Jr. is being swept from the short rest by the winds and currents of our time.

Almost immediately after his death (many marijuana), the gradual disarray which was set in motion for the assassination of his memory, to let him go. Stop the grieving, it is done. Don't make an icon of his image. Don't make him go, let him go! And we did. We let him go, then slipped back into the waiting arms of history... We wanted it in the hopes of making a political move, but it was to the advantage of the young men who beat the chord from the future, from the reality that Clinton had and during his presidential campaigns, talking at a black church, "I know if I was black, I could not probably be president," and he signed the Welfare Bill.

The next day after the O.J. trial, WLS prepared a song celebrating O.J. 's verdict. Some comments on this month in black history asks, "How can we stop the racial tension?' We can't and we will never unless there is some major healing that takes place. The racial history has made us as a society and that includes the Black-on-Black Violence and the dope on the streets. Racism has gotten so bad that Black legislators are proposing a prison in the Black community to get jobs. Supporting the notion to send our children in jail to order to feed us its going to take a major operation. At this most flexible time if white leadership do not start these operations surely their fellow southerners as well as their youth won't. It is not about moving in Bridgeport, or healing, or marching. It's about the operation, without it, there is no healing.

Sincerely,
Imogene Harris Volunteer Coordinator

Hook on Ebonics

Dear Editor,

Leroy is a 20-year-old ninth grader. This is Leroy's homework assignment. He had to use each vocabulary word in a sentence.

Foreclose — If I pay alimony this month I'll lose my house.

Racket — I had two cadillacs but my 'ole lady' been bugging me.

Disappointment — My parole officer tol' me if I miss an appointment they gonna' send me to da' big house.

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From State Representative Daniel J. Burke 23rd District

Dear Editor,

The beginning of a new era in the Illinois State Legislature is in motion. With the 90th General Assembly I look forward to an era of cooperative and productive government in the State of Illinois. In the November election, the Democrats have a balance of power in the House of Representatives, but the margin of our victory was very small. In order to work together with all members of the General Assembly, House Speaker Michael Madigan shares this outlook. He has promised to appoint some Republicans to the House to come together and improve the lives of the people of Illinois we need to work together with all members of the General Assembly. House Speaker Michael Madigan shares this outlook. He has promised to appoint some Republicans to the House to come together and improve the lives of the people of Illinois.

There is another facet to government, besides cooperation, that is vital to its success. This important aspect is input form the people of the 23rd district. In order to be accessible as possible, I have always had a district office where members of the district can reach me. My office is located at 2650 W. 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois 60632. The office number is (773) 471-2599. I encourage anyone who has a problem, question, or suggestion to contact the office. The office hours are from 9 AM to 5 PM. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of the 23rd district for returning me to the State Legislature and allowing me the privilege to serve you and this community to the best of my ability. Once again, I am looking forward with great excitement to watch Illinois government through more cooperative and increased productivity in government.

Sincerely,
Daniel J. Burke State Representative - 23rd District

Penis — I went to do 'doc' and he handed me a cup and say 'tuck it in.'

Israel — Alonso tried to sell me a rollex. I said no and he got mad. He beat me up and said, 'Yo, Catwoman — Don King was at the fight the other night. Man, somebody oughta' give dat, catwoman. '

Undermine — There is a fine looking chick livin' in the apartment under mine.

Ancestral — What in the world did he mean? Uncle bought me acoustic and took me to da' poolhall.

Stain — My mother-in-law stopped by and said, 'You need to buy clothes for the Nickels game but I sold them.'

Honor — At the rape trial the judge axed my buddy who be home first, 'Are you sure?'

Odyssey — I tol' my brother, you odyssey the boy you sure.

Axe — The cop wanted to see me some questions.

Tripoli — I was gonna buy my ole lady a bra for her birthday but I couldn't find no Tripoli.

Income — I just go in bed and me and my wife, 'Office hours.'
A Review of Easter

By Frank Ottman
Staff Writer

Turn on your TV or pick up your local newspaper about a month or two before the Easter Holiday and what will you see? Ad after ad that advertises the coming Easter Holiday. Little is said on TV or Radio about Christ in comparison with the billions of dollars that will be made by businesses from one major holiday. Easter has become a tradition of new clothes and merchandise that make up the holiday what it is and not the Judeo-Christian belief. In talking to people I found many in agreement that Easter holds little religious connotations, but conveys materialism more than anything else in our society.

I wanted to get out and meet the people who went to church on a regular basis and not those who dressed up in a new suit of clothes or dress, to parade down Fifth Avenue. What better place to go to meet these people than a church or call them up on the phone to hear their sides of what Easter means to us today.

Elder Walter Hall of the Church of God sees "Easter as no more than many of us dressing up in new clothes to be seen by our friends." That the religious meaning of Easter and the man it was founded on has little if any significant for most of us."To associate a rabbit and eggs with Easter is nothing but paganism," he said, that some societies still practice around the world.

The true meaning of Easter for us today was the ascension of Christ from the grave after three days of hell, to an eternal life. Men had been brought back from death before, and even Christ had accomplished that feat with Lazarus. But no one had come back from the dead to say that they had immortalized as Christ. "This Sunday School 9:30 years ago with his family, said he was not only a christian, but true believer in the Word.

Those who heard him talk were surprised to hear that his description of Christ coincided with other blacks, "that Christ was indeed a black man with early hair and dark features." In the Midwest, color is not as important as here in America. "Many of my people believe the same," he said, in the description of Christ. "But it is the" message of God's son that is important to us and not so much his color. Anwar Sadat was a black man, and in Egypt, the people thought very little of it.

Sister P, a catholic nun for 50 years and who did not want to reveal her name for personal reasons, said that "Easter has taken on little meaning today other than commercialism." The love and message Christ died to give the world has become a material battle over who can make the most money during Easter, or wear the best clothes to church to show off.

"Many people will come Easter Sunday who seldom set foot inside the church," she said. "Ash Wednesday, the church is crowded, but the rest of the year after Easter, fewer and fewer people will attend services.

Sister P., and the Christ is her friend and true friend to all who about would be more appropriate in celebrating the holiday.

Rev. Watkins of the Church of the Living God at 14 East 45th Street, said, "He doesn't believe in judging another person," if they come to church on Easter Sunday in a new suit of clothes or dress. It is not his job to judge another man, but to preach the work of God He said he "believed in the true resurrection of Christ."

What did Christ say? "Christ was more black than white," Rev. Watkins said. "His physical features are kinky hair and dark feature," more black than anything else. Rev. Watkins also invites all those who would like, to visit his church, not only Easter Sunday but any Sunday, to come into the House of God.

Abdul, an Arab who was born in Syria, and moved to this country 18 years ago with his family, said he was not only a christian, but true believer in the Word.

John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 17:1—"Father, the time has come, gloomy your Son, that your Son may glorify you."

John 16:28—"I came from the father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the father."

John 16:7—"Unless I go away, the counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." John 14:28—"I heard you say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you. If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the father, for the father is greater in I."

John 14:1—"In my father's house are many rooms; if not so, I would have told you. I am going to the father."

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Juice Issue

"Juice Issue" extends further than one issue. It has multiple faces and facets. Specifically — The Juice Issue, O.J., juice in particular.

Primary — The Juice Issue, your and mine as a collective bargain pool.

Additionally — The Juice Issue, societal juice that somehow flavors on issues and situations that the masses goals and wishes are out flavored, so to speak, because of the wishes and desires of the majority group.

To settle the specific issue we’ll ask the question, did he do it? To respond to this never ceasing exercise in emotional gymnastics, I’\’ve heard from the majority group.

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Kenner’s Prespective By Brian Kenner

highest tree. Dave Letterman Jay Leo and a host of others, in monologue after monologue, proclaimed O.J. did it.

His guilt was so ingrained in the public’s psyche, until Judge Fuqua found himself allowing evidence that in no other case would be heard by jurors. Aren’t polygraphs results inadmissible because of the unlikelihood factor? Hearsey evidence is something that cannot be cross examined because who could you use to refute what someone “says” they were told by a now repentant party, happened to be a notorious one, wasn’t touched. One thing for sure, he had to go along.

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To settle or conclude on the “Juice” issue, after learning of the relationship that he had with his wife, and the sometimes disgusting conduct on both of theirs parts, a wiser man or woman would have realized that it was indeed an accident waiting to happen. The wise would have bailed out with all the proper “See Ya’s” and moved on. That’s the issue with the most “juice”.

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Three Mid-South Developers receive the Chicago Association of Realtors Good Neighbor Award

Richard Sova (right) Developments was honored with the CAR, good Neighbor Award presented by Ms. Benson (left) for the investment in the Douglas (Cap community), for turning a vacant lot into seven luxury townhouses whose style reflects the landmark character of the Gap neighborhood. The construction of Douglas Row, located at 3408-3420 S. Giles has also made an impact on the neighbor economy, not only by improving adjacent properties, by by hiring numerous subcontractors and individuals form the community for the project.

Every year, "Good Neighbor" awards are bestowed upon property owners and developers whose efforts have helped improve the overall quality of the areas in which people work, play and live literally making them a "Good Neighbor". Criteria for judging properties include: The impact of the improvements and / or services on the surrounding community; Removal of an eyesore or "problematic" property that is a haven for crime; Encouragement for neighbors to renovate; How well the subject property fits or complements the surrounding properties; Quality of craftsmanship; Historic preservation; and Pride of ownership.

Fourth (4th) Good Neighbor Awards were presented throughout the city of Chicago at a ceremony held at the Chicago Cultural Center on February 19, 1997. Three of them were in the Mid-South communities noted as Bronzeville in the above photos.

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Bronzeville
In all, the Bronzeville Restoration Project has started to develop into a realization. And in time many more people and businesses will come forth to support the Bronzeville Restoration Project. Mayor Daley, as well as many aldermen on the city council have voiced their support of the Bronzeville Project. Let's hope that those glory days of old can shine brightly once again.

City Reminds Property Owners About the Heating Cost Disclosure Ordinance

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