

BEPAN continues support for Black owned hotel

Preckwinkle confirms no, to the developers land

Chez Finley Staff Writer

Oakland - The Oakland community is the center of a city-wide effort for the proposed building of a Howard Johnson Hotel and Plaza in the 4th ward, Bronzeville district.

A newly formed political organization BEPAN (Black Political & Economic Network) held a public meeting on September 28, in support of the hotel. The meeting was held at the hotel site, 916 East Oakwood Blvd., under a tent, after the Kenwood United Church of Christ denied use of the church hall due to reported threats or concerns of the purpose of the meeting.

Across the city, community and civil leaders are voicing support that the hotel be built as a major commercial development. Echoing BEPAN's position that it would raise the profile of African American business and economic development in the nation.

BEPAN along with residents of the 4th ward headed by Robert Lucas have launched a petition drive for a zoning variance to pave the way for the \$16 million hotel.

The hotel is being developed by Anthony Fields an African American businessman who owns the land.

The project lacks support of Ald. Preckwinkle (4) and the City of Chicago, Department of Planning. In a letter to Mr. Fields dated February 15, 2000, Ald. Preckwinkle, noted, "In sharing the proposal with Shirley Newsome and Nancy Kienan (members of the Kenwood Oakland Community Conservation Council, CCC) they agreed that it (the hotel) is not an appropriate development for the site.

Preckwinkle also informed SSJ she questions the ability of Mr. Fields to develop such a project.



Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (4) and the City of Chicago, Department of Planning, opposes a hotel noting it is not an appropriate development for the site.



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Anthony Fields presents his plans for a Howard Johnson Hotel and Plaza to be located in 39th and Oakwood in 4th ward, to the Black Economic and Political Action Network (BEPAN).

Saying, "Mr. Fields have never developed a project of this size."

Mr. Fields also has been challenge on his business license, unpaid taxes, and attempts to discredit his financing and for Howard Johnson to back down from their agreement

with him. In addition there are reports that public housing residents from the area oppose the hotel.

James Newborn a spokesperson of BEPAN and a resident of the Kenwood/Oakland community said. "We are concerned about the lack of

support for this project from the alderman or anyone else, and the organized attempt to stop it. This is the kind of project that supports the City. It stands for everything we (Blacks)

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One Church One School to Host 6th Annual Midwest Conference in Chatham



Photo by Leon Parker (OCOS Freedom School student)

Chatham resident and One Church One School volunteer, retired educator Mrs. Fay Walker (back) and friends: Omari, Angelo, Langston, Marcus, Ashley, Mikela and Marshall participate in literacy appreciation activities during Freedom School at Carter Temple CME Church

Chatham - Carter Temple CME Church, located in the Chatham Community of Chicago, and its pastor, Rev. Dr. Henry M Williamson, Sr., National President and founder of the One Church One School Community Part-

nership Program, will sponsor its *Sixth Annual Midwest Regional Conference* beginning Wednesday, October 18, and continuing through Friday, October 20, 2000. Rev. Dr. Micheal Eric Dyson, DePaul University Professor and best-selling author, will deliver the

keynote address to over 200 high school students from Chicago and Gary Indiana, during OCOS, Annual Youth Empowerment rally held on the Campus of Chicago State University at the Robinson Center on Wednesday October 18th at 10 Am. Mr. Daryl Dennard, head of the Broadcast Media Department at Kennedy King college will act as the rally's emcee.

"Church/School Partnerships building Healthy Minds, Bodies and Spirits" is the theme for this first conference of the new millenium. According to veteran educator and school administrator, Mrs. Phedonia J. Johnson, National Education Director of One Church One School (OCOS). "There are many examples of the positive impact that churches have in encouraging and enabling families and communities to be involved in childrens learning." Explained Mrs. Johnson.

"The theme of this year's conference was borne out of the need to focus attention on the fact that there are over eleven million children who do not have health insurance benefits and proper preventive medical and dental attention that every child needs. Without insurance they are at risk of illnesses, learning problems and disabilities."

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DCFS closes Alpha House Resident Questions Justice



SSJ Photo by Steve Geary

New City - Concerned citizens, clergy and other civic and community leadership assembled at the Alpha House, alarmed of its closing by the Department of Children & Family Services. Their concerns was heighten when learning that DCFS has a \$1 Billion with, only

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UnZip-Mail

By the Weatherman,

Jackson Park Highlands neighborhood, **Tabatha Russell-Kolass** is the new project director of the "Museums In the Park and Chicago Public School's", MAPS is a new education collaboration teaching tool in which the vast resources of Chicago's museums are incorporated into the schools.



Russell-Koylass

Dazon Diallo, Founder & CEO of SisterLove, Inc. and Financial Planner from Waddell & Reed, Vandora Daniels, a National HIV/AIDS Activist and Leola Spann of the Northwest Austin Council were the speakers at the 3rd Annual African-American Women Evolving, (AAWE) Health Conference at the Center for Inner City Studies, - In an effort to further empower Black women of their physical and emotional well-being.



Dazon Diallo

One woman with the theme "A new Face that Can Renew Our Faith" is **Rebecca Sankey**, who is running this coming November 7th election as a Write-In candidate against State Representative **Charles Morrow** (26th District), who was based from former Alderman **Alan Streeter** 17th ward organization....Add Three to the people who are running against the new alderman **Latasha Thomas**, in the election scheduled for February 28, 2001. This includes a former candidate from the **West Chatham** area, **Charles Partlow**. Will it be a battle of choice or clout.

In the "Chicago Reporter", look for the upcoming story of the **Beverly Reed** story of the **Girl X** story not told. Ms. Reed, also has a weekly column in the **Chicago Defender**..... the Chicago Defender good news is that **Vernon Jarrett** is a weekly columnist as well. No word on the new ownership, other than not this month as **Public Media Works** the new or perspective owners of the **Chicago Defender**



Beverly Reed

Pat Murray the former publisher of **South Side Scoop**, is still putting out the information, on Monday's, 3 - 4 pm on **WHPA, 88.5 fm**, before she moves south. Does this mean she is not going to run for alderman of the 20th ward. Kudos to **Bennetta Pearson, RN** talk show host on **WKCC 89.3 fm** Saturday mornings at 9:00 She received the **Silas K. Brown** from the consumers eye during the 6th annual awards dinner.



Dick Gregory

Dollars Days. A fundraising party for the **Washington Park** community, 128 East 58th Street, held their building fundraiser with an evening of social pleasure of table games, **Cecilia Butler** the chair of the Center hosted the partying with a purpose. She also has some hot news on the City's grants for homeowners to the point that they are parting with the money.

George O'Hare want people to know just in case you might not have heard the **Tribute to Dick Gregory** it was held on Monday, October 9, at the **John F. Kennedy Center** for the Performing Arts. Some of the guest will include **Bill Cosby, Cicely Tyson, Sonia Sanchez, Ruby Dee, Ossie Davis, Isaac Hayes, Coretta Scott King and Dorothy I. Height**. In case you may not know the **John F. Kennedy Center** in Washington D.C., not the freeway. Tickets were \$1,500 for four, minimal. At a lower cost, **Legendary and world renowned Singer, Writer and Actor Oscar Brown, Jr.** received a lifetime Achievement Award on October 8, at the **Regal Theater** on 79th Street at \$25. its sponsored by the **African American Arts Alliance**. The students at **DeLa Salle Institute** on 35th & Wabash has dropped in a few coins here and there and sometimes even an occasional dollar at the schools daily mission collection. Those coins have added up to \$16,227.68 for the 1999-2000 school year with the faculty help of which \$6,276.86 went to **St. Joseph School, a Christian Brothers school in keren, Eritrea, Africa**. The **Ziff Sistrunk School of Film, Inc** held the **Bronzeville Awards 3rd Annual Affair**: A tribute to **Dick Allen**, at the **Charles Hayes Family Investment Center**. **Lu Palmer** may be right about **Sistrunk** the hire gun for the higher check. Word is a higher check made him drop the ball in the 4th ward.

BRIEFS



Above is a new vision for the Supreme Life building, 35th and King Drive. Still on focus to preserve the historical legacy of the great African American businessmen of the building, the \$5.9 million redevelopment project is spearhead by the Black Metropolitan Convention and Tourism Center (BMCTC) which they have reported the building project has the potential to generate over \$200 million annually. Opposition came from the City of Chicago for the BMCTC to take on the project that lead the City to take the building under immanent domain. Court hearings are still on-going as to the ownership and management. Last year the City did confirm under whatever course of development the building will not be demolished as planned in 1995..

Englewood - A consortium of residents, PTA/LSC, Churches, and community agencies working to improve the quality of life in Greater Englewood meets every Thursday at 9:00 am, 1414 West 63rd Street. GECFTF is now organizing a letter writing campaign for the city to hire Mental Health workers, support the reopening of the ECHO Building to house the new mental health and substance abuse agencies, develop a rape crisis counselor team for Englewood and enact new Gun Laws at the Federal and Cook levels. For information call 436-4758.



State Comptroller **Daniel W. Hynes** announced that a fellowship program for individuals interested in pursuing a career in public service has been named in honor of former three term State Comptroller and State Attorney General **Roland W. Buris**, the first African American state officila in the history of Illinois.

"Few people rival **Roland Buris** when it comes to public service and that is why it is fitting to name this program in honor of his distinguished career in state government. He has inspired many young people to pursue careers in this arena and his legacy is known throughout state government." said Hynes.

The **Roland W. Burris Fellowship** is open to college students and recent college graduates. The paid positions consist of one or two-year full-time or part-time positions in either the Chicago or Springfield offices of the Comptroller. Comptroller Hynes and his staff will mentor participants as they gain experience in the legislative process, administration, fiscal policy, state accounting and intergovernmental relations.

To learn more about the program or to receive an applications, call **Enoch Clarke-Bey** at (312) 814-5915 or **Larry Selinger** at (217) 782-4669 or contact via e-mail through Comptroller Hynes' website www.comptroller.state.il.us.

President of **Troll Communications**, and **Mable McClendon**- principal of **Mollison** will honor **Brownstein** with a free book fair commemorating his committed dedication to education, his students and community **Mollison Elementary School, Library, Rm. 105, 4415 So. King Drive**, on Friday

Cornel West Speaks at NEIU on Race



National acclaimed lecturer, philosopher, author and educator **Cornel West, Ph.D.** speaks at **Northeastern Illinois University** at 6 pm, Thursday, October 12 in **Alumni Hall**, of the university's Student Union 5500 North St.

Cornel West, Ph. D Louis Avenue, The professor of Religion and Afro-American Studies at **Harvard University**, will address the topic "Issues of Race, Equity and Gender as We Face the New millennium." Part of the university's ongoing presidential lecture. This event is free and open to the public. A book signing will follow the lecture.

Ramon B. Price Dies

Ramon B. Price, an artist and chief curator at the **DuSable Museum of African-American History** and a half-brother of the late Mayor **Harold Washington**, died September 28, 2000.

Mr price who was 70 years old, died in his south side home of a heart attack. He was a painter and a sculptor, his work can be found in numerous collections.

Writer and teacher Michael Brown, winner of Legacy of Knowledge, S



Brownstein

SSJ Writer and teacher **Michael Brownstein** wins legacy of knowledge an unprecedented national contest for teachers. **Brownstein** was honored by **Troll Communications** for his selfless act of heroism saving a student from a life of violence and early death. He risked his life to save the student and prevent bloodshed in **Mollison Elementary school**. **Candy Lee, CEO &**

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Memorial Park playgrounds built in honor of Ryan Harris

Englewood - Residents, government, business, a non-profit organization and the community came together to help build a dream in Englewood. Thanks to a partnership between the Chicago Park District, Englewood's 16th Ward Political Task Force, the Chicago Tribune and KaBoom, two safe new playgrounds were erected at Ryan Harris Memorial park, 6700 S. Lowe Street. Ryan was an 11 year old 5th grader who was tragically killed in that Englewood community just two years ago.

On August 19, hundreds of volunteers from each partnering organization worked side by side to build play areas for toddlers and school-age children; as well as a three hoop basketball post in celebration of little Ryan. Some of her favorites, the color purple and a love for basketball, will be incorporated into the new playgrounds which will be constructed by volunteers in one day.

"Parks often serve as the heart of the neighborhood," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent David Dig. "We are pleased to participate in the building of the Ryan Harris Memorial park and to offer a respite where neighbors come together and there are new playgrounds for children to play. The Ryan Harris Memorial park will draw neighbors together to celebrate life," said Doig.

The playgrounds will be constructed using the community - build model of KaBOOM! - Under the guid-



Chicago Park District General Superintendent David Doig, Alderman Fred-drenna Lyle, Senator Barack Obama, Chicago Park District Region Manager Arnold Randall, Keith Harris and community residents join Sabrina Harris cutting the ribbon for the new playground at the Ryan Harris Memorial Park. The new playground equipment was constructed as part of a community build with KaBoom and volunteers from the Chicago Tribune and community.

ance of KaBoom, volunteers will assemble a play area, for ages 2-5, which will feature bucket-swings, slides and interactive panels; as well as a play area for ages 5-12, which will feature more adventurous slides, swings, horizontal ladders, climbers and an interactive voice component.

Last year, at the request of the Harris family, Englewood's 16th Ward political Task Force spear-headed the campaign to rename Normal Park the Ryan Harris Memorial park in her honor. In December, the group received permission from the Park District and participated in a

celebration to unveil park signage with the new name

Two years ago, many thought the renaming couldn't be done. Now, we've built two playgrounds and it's just the beginning." Keith Harris, chairman, 16th Ward political Task Force. "This park and playground are testaments of what a community can do when they put their minds and energy into something positive. We still have work to do and, together, we will get it done."

"We are pleased to participate in the building of the Ryan Park," said Harris.

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Scam on Slavery Reparations

The Cook County State's Attorney's is issuing a consumer alert warning people, particularly elderly African Americans, not to respond to mail solicitations seeking personal information in return for a cash settlement from the federal government called "slavery reparation."

States Attorney Richard A. Devine said his office has received a copy of the letter which states that African Americans born prior to 1928 are eligible to receive a \$5,000 refund from the federal government for "slavery reparations."

The City of Chicago became aware of the scam from Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3), and is working closely with her and Arenda Troutman (20) where residents also reported receiving flyers.

According to the letter, persons who qualify for the refund must forward their names, addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and dates of birth to a post office box registered to T.R.E.A. Senior Systems League in Washington, D.C. The recipient will then be mailed an application for the \$5,000 payment.

"This letter is a cruel hoax targeting the elderly. The federal government has not enacted a 'Slave Reparation Act' and no one is eligible for a \$5,000 payment," Devine said. "Giving out the kind of personal information requested in this letter can lead to identity theft."

Identity theft is the unauthorized use of personal identifying information such as a name, date of birth, or social security number to commit fraud. Identity theft can range from the unauthorized use of a credit card to complete assumption of another's identity and financial accounts.

Copies of the hoax letter have been received in other areas of the country, including Philadelphia, Milwaukee, and Baton Rouge.

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17th Ward Community Action Network

Auburn Gresham - While Mayor Richard Daley and Alderman Latasha Thomas (17) were celebrating the opening of the LaSalle Bank on 79th and Halsted, and announcing many improvements of the ward, the 53rd & 15th precincts of the 17th ward convened a community at the Pleasant Hill 7950 So. Normal denouncing improvements slated in the ward.

Shun Payne, chairman of the 17th Ward Community Action Network said his organization help sponsor the meeting in the 53rd and 15th precincts due to concern of the housing development and lack of recreation for the youth.

Meeting focus broaden as residents were concerned that the plans to upgrade homes in the area, that 90% of people living in the area would not be able to afford the price range from \$130,000 to \$190,000. Payne said the prices are geared on 77th and Normal and 77th and Wallace. "As a result, those people will be pushed to the far suburbs." Added Payne.

On the issue of business and shopping, complaints were many Black owned businesses have closed in order to move other non-Black businesses in.

The city is restricting Barber and Beauty shop on 79th street & that makes it hard for young entrepreneurs since these are the businesses that many young business people are seeking to enter. In addition closing the long time liquor stores and giving the permits to larger stores such as Osco and Walgreens are defeating long time good will businesses.

Bobby Hayes says that Paul (79th and Vincennes) is one of the stores that gives back to the community than many of the stores put together do not give. "We should continued to support 79th and Vincennes. Its an example of what other stores should do in the community.

There was also a concern making it hard for seniors to walk long distances on dangerous streets to shop on Halsted, 79th & State, or 87th & Dan Ryan.

"Those stores are too far, so we need our neighborhood stores to remain." stress the group of about 20 residents.

Concern for a lack of recreation facilities or picnic areas like in other neighborhoods for our youth. In addition to crime.

Payne pointed out that the statistics in the ward point that there really is no real problem as many elected officials sometimes want the public to believe. "Our neighborhood is the safest by far, said Payne.

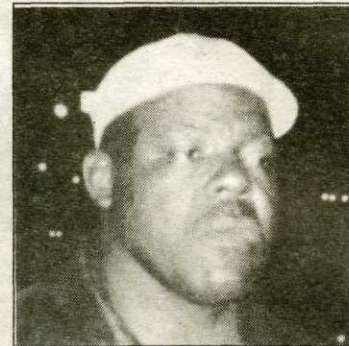
"However, training for the youth is the real problem..... "The alderman should be able to work with the contractors in the ward in solving the gang problem. Education and jobs are the answer over and over again. Not locking them up."

Others attending the meeting was Anthony Fields, the developer wanting to build a hotel on Lake Park and Oakwood in the Oakland community.

Payne indicated that economic Development without community input is not fair. He changed that the plans for the community was dictated from downtown (Mayor's Office) and alderman office.

The next meeting will be held November 6th at the church. Payne said invited guest will include elected officials from the 17th ward from the alderman to Congressmen Bobby Rush and Jesse Jackson Jr. both represents part of the 17th ward.

Lucas challenge Ouster by KOCO board



Arron Brown, Chair of KOCO



Robert Lucas, in question his role at KOCO

Kenwood - In a press statement Robert Lucas said he is still Executive Director of the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO). Pointing out that he wish to cause no harm to the organizations that he loves dearly, leading it for over 30 years. He charged members of the board illegally took over the organization

However, from the KOCO office it announced that Mr Aaron Brown is its' newly appointed Chairman of the board and was acting as Executive Director. Early October the board hired a new executive director.

Lucas said that certain board members violated the KOCO constitution and/or the personnel policy manual. Siting questioned meetings, Lucas pointed to two meeting; One on June 26, 2000, violating Article V. Section 5. And at a special meeting of the board held Tuesday, June 20, 2000 to approve of the FY 2000/2001 budget.

Lucas reported that on August 14, after attending a family reunion for three days, he encountered Brown and board members in the KOCO office. while conducting a staff meeting. Mr. Brown had the locks changed to the office. Lucas had them changed back.

During a battle of control Lucas stated that Mr. Brown went to the 21st Police District and swore out a warrant for his arrest claiming trespassing.

Lucas was arrested, but was later released on a recognizance bond after promising the district commander that he would stay out of the KOCO office until the law suit is resolved.

Interviewing one board member they explained that "We were just following up on Mr. Lucas retirement resignation, in which we honored. He later changed his mind. But we did not change ours.

"KOCO has had a history of being

the voice of the community." one member of the board said. "This will not change."

"KOCO is also ready and willing to work with any organization or individuals who are committed to community and development.

Eager to strengthen its relationship, KOCO issued a letter to that effect to Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4). The alderman read SSJ a letter of cooperation from KOCO informing her that Mr. Lucas was no longer its executive director. KOCO and the alderman has been on many different sides of issues.

Brown said. "In this critical time doing our history. KOCO will work harder than ever"

"However, KOCO provides more than just advocacy and our goal is much larger than service in the areas of affordable housing, career development and job placement, quality education for adults and youth leadership development.." said Brown.

"The thrust behind every KOCO program, meeting and conversation is to help us to help ourselves."

Lucas said. "As long as Aaron Brown remain at the helm of KOCO that organization will go downhill, and will finally be completely destroyed because they have no knowledge of administration of a community organization"

Brown responded by saying. "KOCO programs and activities are continuing in this time of transition. Community and membership meetings has been outstanding, with enthusiastic support for the direction that the organization is moving."

However, determined to stay at the helm of KOCO, Lucas said. "Again, I can not in good conscience, allow this to happen to this very worthwhile organization.

The next court ruling is schedule in December of this years. at 548-7000.

Rev. Announces Candidacy for NAACP post

Rev. Dr. Christopher Bullock State Commissioner on the Governor's Commission of discrimination and hate crimes announced his candidacy for president of NAACP south side branch.

Mr Bullock made this announcement Sunday October 8, 2000 at the Progressive Baptist Church 3658 S wentworth. In addition to serving on the governors commission of discrimination & hate crimes. Rev. Bullock currently serves as chairman of the religious affair for the NAACP and pastor of the progressive Baptist church.

To date, Rev Bullock has re-

ceived the endorsement of more than 35 prominent Community leaders , one being Rev Clay Evans who had this to say about Rev. Bullock "he is eminently qualified for this position and I urge all to support him". Pastor bullock has also received endorsements from local elected officials. Margaret Senator Smith had this to say " Rev. Bullock proven track record of civic & community involvement in Delaware along with his vision for change are compelling reasons why NAACP members will be excited to elect him as the next president of the south side branch of the NAACP".



Mother Ida Fulton salute of "Great Community Black men"

Ms. Ida Fulton with WVON radio host Clifford Kelly, one of the "Great Community Black Men" Ms. Fulton saluted.

Englewood - Ms. Ida Fulton AKA Mother Fulton who has been inducted into the City of Chicago Senior Hall of Fame 2000 held a salute of "Great Community Black Men" last month at the first Annual Senior Citizens Family Health Fair.

"These are caring men and young men and women. said Mother Fulton.

Honored were. W. L. Lillard the director of Straight Talk Economic Round Table which comes on every night on Channel 25.

Mr. Webb Evans, president of the United America Progress Association.

Minister Farrakan, Head of the Nation of Islam, and spearheading the Million Family March.

Lawyer Derick McNeal, a Community Activist and CPA Derek is a Co-Host of the consumers eye a radio program WKKC at Kennedy King College. Mr. Cletus Coleman, a Black Business man who has over nine people who work for him making furniture and a member of the Economic

Round Table, a Mason, a supporter of the Ms. Ida Fulton Foundation and a support of the UAPA. We salute you Mr. Cletus Coleman.

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Prince Asisel' Israelite and community leader, know commercially for the Soul Vegetarian restaurant.

Clifton Kelly Radio personality of WVON Mr. Mark Bradley, a board member of the South Street Journal Newspaper, and a board member of the Mother Ida Fulton Foundation.

Rev Dr. Al Sampson, an activist with Martin Luther King Jr., and Pastor of Fernwood Methodist Church. Rev. Sampson is organizing support for the Black Farmers from Mississippi.

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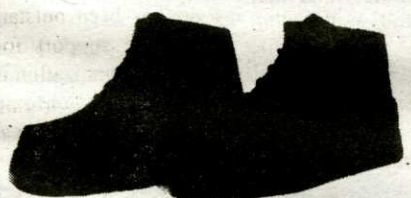
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Hotel

always wanted and by a Black businessperson. Not to support this is self defeating."

Mr. Fields stated that the hotel would create over 250 hundred jobs and career opportunities for residents. In addition it would fit the Wells/Madden Park Hope VI program for commercial development.

As grand as supporters see the project, the city's Department of Planning nodded against the project supporting the alderman.

Pete Scales of the planning department generally stated that the project did not have the support the of alderman and the land was not enough for the hotel. In addition the Wells/Madden Park development calls for land acquisition for mix used housing. Informing SSJ that the city forwarded a letter to Mr. Fields and other property owners indicating plans the city has for the area. In which the city will take possession of the land by a city ordinance of Emanate Dormain. Mr. Fields denied receiving such a letter in which Ald. Preckwinkle admitted a letter of that nature was not mailed to Mr. Fields or any other property owner in the area.

Mr. Fields aware of the Hope VI stated he reviewed the map in March this year and that his land was not part of the acquisition plan. Sources informed SSJ community groups endorsed Fields property for commercial development. It included the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization, But, they did not take a public position in support of the project.

Indirect support for a hotel came from the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission. In 1994, the community organization proposed a hotel at 22nd street in its community revitalization plans to support Bronzeville Tourism projects. The *Chicago Tribune* reporting on the plans printed a map of the area mistakenly located a hotel on Oakwood, where Mr. Fields land sets. However, Mary Steward executive director of MSPDC stated the organization can not speak on Mr. Fields project until its December general meeting.

Ald. Preckwinkle said she has never seen the need to present the project to the 4th ward community because the Hope VI project calls for residential development. Mr. Fields land falls in the area for that purpose to meet the overall good of the city said the alderman.

However, her chief of staff Al Kindle not

aware of a letter to Mr. Fields said Mr. Fields must present the plan to the CCC in order for such to be considered for development. A process Shirley Newsome, chair of the CCC indicated that the appointed members only reviewed projects submitted to them by the City's Dept. of Planning.

Enraged by protesters supporting Mr. Fields to present his project to the CCC meetings, Ms. Newsome question if it would ever be presented.

The hotel has been receiving support from

BRONZEVILLE RESTORATION PLAN

Consequently, the Mid-South Planning & Development Commission, projects for community redevelopment of 1994 proposed on 22nd street a major hotel and entertainment complex. It was to serve as the official gateway to the tourist district. The *Chicago Tribune* reporting on the projects mistakenly located the hotel site on Mr. Anthony Field's land, 916 E. Oakwood, where he proposed to develop the Howard Johnson Hotel and Plaza.



many community organizations city-wide. Continuing to seek support Mr. Fields has sought the support from other civil organizations such as Rainbow/PUSH, elected officials and the media. However, sources indicate most Black elected officials do support the project, but will not go public.

BEPAN views the project as a major opportunity for the African American community to secure economic development in the community.

"It strengthens the local economy and increase the impact on the area from more jobs, and more investment." Said Everloyce McCullough, chair of BEPAN.

"Even more the hotel is bigger than Mr. Fields. This has energized the community for economic parity in Chicago. It also sustains the purpose for BEPAN. Our primary purposes are to educate on the political and

social process and to hold elected officials accountable to the community they serve. It is very alarming for a Black elected official to be this opposing, when historically they should know how important it is to their race."

On the process of community outcry for the hotel Mr. Scales was not sure what alternative could be made to change the city's position. However, he informed SSJ he would look into the matter. Ald. Preckwinkle firm on her position said she would speak to Scales on his findings. She also said she would consider another site for the project. Which McCullough said BEPAN and Mr. Fields object to. Standing firm that it is Mr. Fields land and the city should not have the right to take it for their own interest.

With financing and a franchise agreement Mr. Fields submitted a letter to Mayor Daley seeking a meeting. The Mayor's office and the Planning department has contacted Mr. Fields to further discuss his plan. No meeting date was confirmed at SSJ deadline.

Sources close to the Mayor's office indicated the Mayor would not become involved. However, Lu Palmer, WVON talk show stated at the public meeting. "Ald. Preckwinkle is a target. But, all roads lead to the 5th Floor."



SSJ photo by Michael
 After picketing Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (4) ward office, members of BEPAN continued its demonstration at the Kenwood/Oakland Community Conservation Council monthly meeting in support of the Howard Johnson Hotel and Plaza. Bamani Obadele (with sign) a member of BEPAN stress concern to residents of area the plight of Anthony Fields, who owns the land and is the developer of the proposed hotel. The CCC members are appointed representatives by Mayor Richard M. Daley that reviews developments in an advisory capacity submitted to them by the Department of Planning.

COMMUNITY PROFILE: TYRONE DE'ANDRE HAWTHORNE

During Tyrone De'Andre Hawthorne tenure as an activist, he have been dedicated to changing hearts and minds of the youth in the community. For the past 12 years he has toured community schools and colleges, providing anti-drug and gang programs, and reaching out to the youth, providing; on the job training, experience in a business setting, and instilling a strong work ethic for future endeavors.

Business specialty: He is the proud Owner of three businesses in the Aurburn-Grewsham community.

Birthdate: 4-18-72

Birth place: Chicago

Education: Simeon High School

Family: Engaged with two children

Personal hero: Minister Louis Farrakhan

Person inspired by: My parents. They represent the voice that keeps me focused on freedom, and our right to choose to serve the community and the representation of being true to what I am about to the people I encounter.



If you weren't in this business, what business would you be in? I would most likely be doing some motivational speaking, like Les Brown.

Why is your business located in this community?

I feel that you dont have to move out of the community to serve your community. Why go to school to be a lawyer or what ever you choose to be and then let other communitites benefit from your education.

Feelings about his neighborhood and the people: Living in the community, I've seen our families and community deteriorate as a direct result of drugs,

crime, and gang activity.

Hobbies: Interacting with the inner city kids.

Future goals: I want to continue to implement drug prevention programs: I know that it is important that I work with the community to provide on the job training programs as an alternative to the connection between youth and crime.

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Alpha House

3% contracted to African American vendors which includes the Alpha House.

The African American social service teen male group operated since 1994, lost its official funding from the DCFS this month. Alpha House representatives says termination of its contract by DCFS officials is under questionable circumstances.

The group protested the action of DCFS with a press conference on September 25, and on October 10, residents of the House locked all the doors refusing to let anyone in until all involved listened to what they had to say.

The residents of the 10 bed house range from ages 13 to 17 years. One resident Carl Weems said. "Alpha House is a good group home. They keep kids out of trouble. The staff has motivated me to do something with myself."

Weems added. "I've recently been awarded a 4 year scholarship to Rush college."

Along with being a group home, Alpha House has served the youth with GED's, mentoring and board social services pointed out Rev. Anthony Williams a supporter to maintain funds for the home.

Mrs. Cynthia Hannah, assistant Principal of Tilden Career Community Academy forwarded support by noting that Alpha House is the most responsive and best represented; it would truly be an injustice if this facility is closed; not only will the school lose an ally, but the clients that are represented by the facility.

Agreeing with Hannah was Jerry Solmka, Deputy director of DCFS, adding that since 1996, Mr. Richard Pitts, director of Alpha House has provided 13 students with full scholarships to Rust University in Mississippi, Tennessee State and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Benny Travis another resident of Alpha house said that "They just want a chance to be heard. How can they come and just snatch us from our home"

With concern that the DCFS down sizing their funds, community leaders and supporters believe that the race of the owners of Alpha House is the primary reason for the proposed closing of the group home.

Martha Allen of DCFS says, "The Alpha House is uncooperative and a lot of wrong doing has been chronicled about them".

"We asked Alpha House for a audit they didn't comply with the time-frame, so we gave them an extension and they still didn't comply."

She continued to say that several community leaders has tried for years to keep the House afloat with no success. Adding that "Many of the neighborhood residents has complained about the loitering and the behavior of the house residents."

Rev. Williams said the residents of Alpha House and the community adamantly believes that the staff is doing a tremendous job of helping to improve lives

"In the midst of high crime in the impoverished Englewood area. It is very questionable of DCFS actions. In light there are few positive opportunities of any kind for Black teens.

Englewood and New City represents 15% of the State of Illinois children in risk of harm from property.

Allen says that DCFS are going to keep the kids as close together as possible and that all but one child will remain on the south side.

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Police Brutality charges of New City resident

New City - The family of police shooting victim Lamont Wilcher convened a press conference on Wednesday, September 6 at the Daley Plaza and then hand delivered a letter to Cook County States Attorney Dick Devine urging him to intervene in the the investigation - and move to bring criminal charges against Wilcher's attacker.

Wilcher, who remains in critical condition, was shot on August 19th by an off-duty Harvey police officer Charles Pate at a wedding party for wilcher's brother at 1400 w. 119th in Bevelry. Eye witnesses, who assert that the shooting was completely unprovoked, report that Pate pulled a gun on Wilcher and

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Historical Foundation of the Bronzeville Leadership Organization Inc.

Author: W. Carl Harris

In the year 1900 the near south side of Chicago was the dwelling place of an overwhelming concentration of black folk. The boundaries were Ceramic Road on the north, 55th Street on the south, Wentworth Avenue on the west, and Cottage Grove Avenue on the east. This socio-geographic configuration was called the "Black Belt".

It is not very likely that the term Black Belt emerged from the ranks of near south side residents. It is more likely that this term was a manifestation of outsiders who needed to characterize a maturing ghetto; with a bulging black population that was begging to spill over into the hostile territory of other ethnic groups: the term was a caricature of a significant point in the development of black Chicago.

Between 1924 and 1929, in tandem with the rest of the country, the near south side experienced a brief period of prosperity. A cultural renaissance of sorts prevailed in the area, and the continuum of socio-cultural and economic achievements that were rooted in the preceding 174 year history of blacks in Chicago intensified and increased.

It was in the context of this renaissance and prosperity that James J. Gentry, a visionary local promoter/entrepreneur, coined the term "Bronzeville" in 1927. In the same year the northern boundary shifted further north from Cermack Road to Roosevelt Road; while the other boundaries remained pretty much the same. In 1934 Gentry promoted the term in the form of the "Mayor of Bronzeville Contest" and with this a number of residents came to accept the term as a symbolic name for the near south side area. In honor of these precedents in 1927 and 1934 I have devised the service mark "Historic Near Southside

"Bronzeville" as a vehicle to connect the historical continuum of the past to present and future of black Chicago. To reiterate, the boundaries of Historic Near Southside Bronzeville are: Roosevelt Road on the north, 55th Street on the south, Wentworth Avenue on the west, and Cottage Grove Avenue on the east.

On April 3, 1953, via to John H. Senstacke, publisher of the Chicago Defender, Gentry expressed dissatisfaction with an arrangement for the Defender to sponsor the Mayor of Bronzeville Contest. In that letter Mr.

Gentry declared his proprietary rights over the term "Bronzeville" and announced his intentions to sponsor the contest under the auspices of his own newspaper venture. In the same month, on the same day (April 3), in the year 1989 the Bronzeville Leadership

Organization was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois; thereby becoming the legal standard bearer of Gentry's legacy and the service mark "Bronzeville".

The Bronzeville Leadership



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Organization Inc. took the term "Bronzeville out of the realm of narrow symbolism and gave it currency as the first legal entity to collectively promote the "Bronzeville" concept; educated near southside residents on the importance of its historical legacy; assist with other local initiatives revolving around the "Bronzeville" concept; and advocate for the preservation and revitalization of this important historical area.

The birth place and major inspiration for the Bronzeville Leadership Organization Inc. is the 4200 block of South Champlain Avenue. In 1989 this block and the adjacent blocks symbolized the manifestation of the continuing historical deterioration of Historic Near Southside Bronzeville. On the other hand, however, the residents on this block and adjacent blocks have symbolized the fortitude and resilience of those who refused to be intimidated by the social and physical decline that has confronted them.

This sturdy group of families and property owners, some of whom have lived in the area for more than 5 decades, stood their ground and refused to move even though many had the resources to do so. In more than a few instances these residents have invested in the maintenance of their properties, and have also invested in the purchase and rehabilitation of abandoned properties on the near the 4200 block of Champlain Avenue.

This remaining core group of property owners and residents have either directly or indirectly played a significant role in the evolution of the B. L. O. Inc. As such, they have enable the B. L. O. Inc. to reach beyond its birth place to establish the boundaries of "New Bronzeville Village." The boundaries for this new neighborhood are Cottage Grove on the east, Dr. Martin Luther King Drive on the



55th street, where the Michigan Thither once stood is noted as part of the "New Bronzeville Village." The boundaries reported on this new neighborhood are Cottage Grove on the east, Dr. Martin Luther King Drive on the West, 39th Street on the north, and 55th Street on the south.



The Supreme Life building on 35th and King Drive part of Bronzeville was a vehicle to connect the historical continuum of the past to present and future of Black Chicago.

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Dear Editor:

Hats off to Rev. Jesse L. Jackson for nice that President Clinton recognized awarding him the presidential Medal of of us knew of his greatness long before idential Medal of Freedom. He is one p served the needs of humanity regardless color; rich or poor. There is another in ness many people remember as a I do h say they wold never vote for Rev. Jacks cause he associated himself with Arafra on the other foot as the old saying goes

Rev. Jesse Jackson could say the san Now that one of theirs is running for Vi could say the same thing about Jewish running for vice President.

If he was like many of them he would say; they didn't vote for me. Therefore, I am not going to vote for one of theirs. But instead he is asking people to vote for Joe Lieberman. It takes a person with a big heart to do what Rev. Jackson is doing after being treated as he has been treated by Jews.

Congratulations to Rev. Jackson. Our prayers will always be for your success.

Webb Evans, president
United American Progress As-
sociation

Block Clubs, the Mayor of Harvey and CHA

Dear Editor

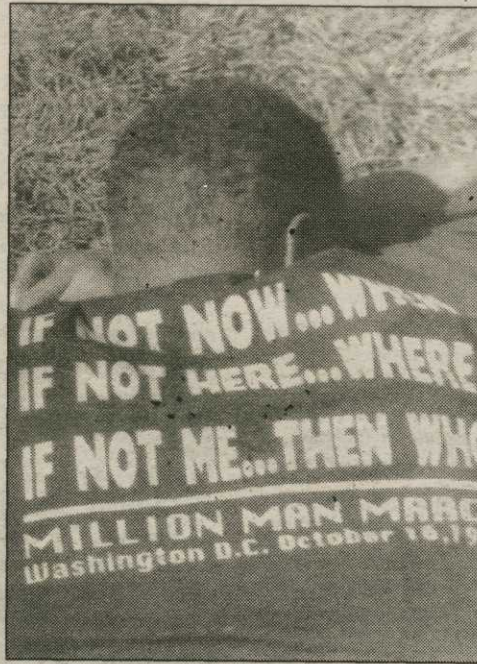
I would like to express how much I enjoyed reading the Au-

Editorial

Community, and the Gerri's Palm Tavern

and question continues to be the driving force as justly the City gave way to acquire 413 parcels of land in Englewood community. This land acquisition supposedly benefited organizations have been in the process for sometime and community residents will benefit. Englewood, just as many communities in Chicago, the development is wrongfully spearheaded by the aldermen, the residents. Many residents including the aldermen and the alderman's job description is to represent the ward by laws, not being a developer. Except when there is a accountability of elected officials to the community opportunity. As Bronzeville had its community plan, Englewood's catalyst for revitalization will be the planned relocation of the University of Chicago's College Campus to a new \$150 million area near 63rd and Halsted streets. Other planned projects include a new \$21.5 million Jewel Food Store and shopping center; \$12.5 million in infrastructure work; nearly \$437 million in mixed-income housing; \$2.7 million in park projects; a new District police station; a Chicago Public Library and a new Workforce Development job Training center. Yet no development there is a very small percentage indication of ownership. **This is a reflection from Roseland to the South Side.** The historical Black empowerment to reap these government benefits. **Community participation is not working from the bottom people who have suffered from the racism, redlining and the Anthony Fields project with his own land and money.**

In this case Malcolm X would have had no idea that his words of caution on Black business would be worse than what he said. In his speech "Ballots or Bullets," he noted it's about the Land. Without the land, your business can be taken from you. Such as the case of the Palm Tavern, (Where Gerrie is being denied the opportunity to purchase the land, by the owner who is now developing homes with city contracts on the Westside.) Malcolm went on to say when the black man realizes its time to build his own businesses it will be too late. Other nationalities will own the businesses, and Blacks will have no choice where they spend their money. Now words of caution have come to past; from the grocery stores, beauty supply stores, gas stations to most fast food restaurants. There is a saying that people in the country of Korea know the Englewood Community in Chicago. The sight of Blacks having their land and business dreams taken away from them spearheaded by empowered Blacks can be very hateful and contagious. As it is with Ald. Toni Preckwinkle on the Hotel issue, and with Ald. Dorothy Tillman not working with the Gerrie's Palm Tavern. South Street Journal is accused of not being fair by these Aldermen. While nothing is gained taking an extreme position. However, by not understanding the compromising of these simple good deeds - - enough is enough when Tillman is taking away history and Preckwinkle is stopping history. In the interim, we would hope that at least moderate Black elected offi-



cial's voices would make themselves heard, and denounce such acts by one of their own. At least at some point able to convince them they know not what they do. However, all remain silent support. Not one has made their voices public. In Eleverge Clever's "Soul on Ice" he wrote, "Just as William Dawson was co-opted by the white machine, he was an outspoken champion of the race. Afterward, he became a tool of the Democratic power structure. The black community no longer had an effective representative who would articulate and fight to relieve their grievances." Now the representatives are reverting to political style and economic convenience and investing in the stock market to secure their communities -- Rather than organizing and representing legislative action to support those who want to invest in their own.

Clearly, Preckwinkle, Tillman, and other elected officials are contemplating and perpetrating an economic misdeed on the community. Just as "Gang Bangers" should be drilled to the full extent for contributing to such a disgrace on the future, elected and public officials are in the same company. They are the nobles who seem to be turning the backs on the importance a Black Hotel and Gerrie's Palm Tavern. They know the historical role and the contribution both would have for the City of Chicago. Both would be an example of what direction the funds being targeted for Englewood can really benefit. This is surely the time for a summit, rally, conference or march. For issues to be avoided like these, is surely the signs of times to bare. "If not now... When. If not here... Where. If not me... Then who."

Million Man March, Washington D.C. October 16, 1995.

Letters



August 23, 2000, edition of the South Street Journal and was especially excited about the article about Mr. Syron Smith, President of the Chicago Block Club Union (CBCU). Mr. Smith has helped us to organized our block club in the 15th ward, on the southwest Side of Chicago, and now we are an affiliate of the CBCU. I am writing to comment on the articles "CHA Demolition push residents to the Suburbs" and Westside's CBCU expands South". Being a homeowner in the 15th

would occasionally come and check on their property and become members of the block club, the Mayors and homeowners would have no objections to Section 8 tenants, what about the homeowners who's neighborhood are being corrupted by Section 8 tenants. So don't put the blame on the Mayor, he is only speaking out for the residents in his area. I hope that other blocks come together and organize a block club because since we have become an affiliate of CBCU we have accomplished many things. Mr. Smith, encourage us, when he attends our block club meetings, by telling us: "To make a change it takes the whole community to make it work" and this includes Section 8 landlords. That is what our community is striving for to make a change. Sincerely, A Southwest Side Homeowner PS Also, I am going to subscribe to your newspaper.

The police are walking the street, but they need to patrol more often than what they are doing now. The neighborhood need to come together and talk about the things that's going on and put a stop to crime around all our community. Shelene Brewer live in this community also but not for long. She said that she never let her child outside to play because someone all ways gets shot or hurt. She said (gangbanger) sale drugs on every corner. The city need to build a police station in the area of 66th and Blackstone. For the life of children and the people. Our community need jobs and education to help one another. We also need to go to church more often and pray (as the old saying said that community that pray together stay together). We need to stop and look around us and see what going on with our people. Come one come all and join us. We need each other, someone has to start somewhere. Anglea

Residents of 66th & Blackstone:

Dear Editor; The resident of 66 Blackstone said that they are tired of this madness. And the people need to do something about it before someone else gets hurt. They said they need to do something and say something to there community. To stop the violence and the crime that is going on in there neighborhood Lorraine Gillespie is a resident of 66 Blackstone. We all are living in a dangerous community. Three innocent people got shot in the last three weeks just coming out of the liquor store. About a month ago a eight year old boy got shot behind the bank on 67 Stony Island. It's bad every where you live. They've taken control of the hallways of the building,, and all of the corners and streets of the neighborhood. Especially when it hot outside you can't even walk to the store. We the people of our community are afraid to walk or peep out of the window. You can spot the drugs that they are selling, fighting or shooting. This is a fine community to live in if we can join together as one and clean it up, not for our self but for our children. Let's everyone stand together, for as one we should have a better environment to live in. Let's join together start now.

Making Strides against Breast Cancer

Dear Editor; The purpose of this letter is twofold. First, the American Cancer Society has a regional office in your area that is co-sponsoring Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and I would like to ask you to print this calendar listing so that it may reach all of your readers who could benefit from the who support your local office of ACS. The second reason for this letter is to put you in touch with breast cancer survivors and others whose lives have been impacted by this disease in your community. These courageous people would like to share their stories of survival and how ACS has helped them along the way. We believe the more people who can be reached with the message of prevention, early detection and treatment options, the better our chances of saving the life of a mother, sister, a wife or a friend. These individuals would be available to speak with you prior to the walk, as well as on the day of the event. Thank you for your time and interest in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. We hope to make Chicagoland's first MSABC walk the nation's best! Sincerely, Betsy Brenna. Creative Consortium, LTD 929.0468

Ward for 24 years, I can related to Mayor Graves not wanting any more Section 8 tenants in the south suburbs. I feel, and probably a lot of other homeowners, that it is not anything personal against the tenants, it's the CHA Section 8 program and the landlords. CHA has so many Section 8 tenants that they do not oversee the property and some of the landlords only interest is getting rent for the property. The problem arises when the homeowners do not know the owners of the property and they call CHA Section 8 and can not get any assistance in finding the landlord to inform him/her of what happening on their property. That is when the problem falls in the hands of the Alderman and eventually the Mayor. We have been trying to find a Section 8 homeowner who owns property on our block for 3 years, to inform him/her about the illegal activity that is happening on his/her property and for him/her to see how the tenants are tearing up the property but we cannot get any assistance from CHA. This property is an eyesore to our block. I feel if we would have more block clubs and the landlords



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SPIRITUALLY

Bridging the Racial Gap, from Grand Boulevard and the Bridgeport community

Chez Finley Staff Writer

Bridgeport/Grand Blvd. - Two Chicago neighborhoods recently made a giant step in healing the racial tension between them. Last weekend the bronzeville community and the bridgeport community invited residents to participate in a theological faculty seminar. It was held September 29 thru October 1 2000. The theologian faculty consisted of scholars from around the country, including Cardinal George and Mick Smith an Associate Professor of Christian Ministry. Mr. Smith had this to say "This was a great learning experience. It was probably the richest most complete learning experience



Reverend Herbert Martin

I've ever had. I really enjoyed how the ceremony ended in the park, it was a wonderful example of (a) rejecting our culture's insistence on a separation of public and private truth, (b) being a sign pointing to our vision of an alternative reality, the eschatological reign of God in which there are no racial, class, or turf divisions, (c) a public statement that hostility and violence does not have the final word"

Reverend Dr. B Herbert Martin, Sr, pastor of Progressive Community Church was the convener & he had this to say "I think things went very successfully We can all stand together and talk but the working out is in the future"

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One Church

"In order for a child to achieve academic success, it is important that a wholistic approach to educating be implemented, that is, treating the whole child mind body and spirit."

The One Church One School Sixth Annual Conference will provide tools for churches and schools to use in partnerships that will benefit children and families. There will be a *How to Get Started* Workshop on Thursday, October 19th at the National Headquarters located in Carter Temple CME Church and taught by Rev. Williamson.

On Thursday, October 19th at 7 pm, Walt Whitman and the Soul Children of Chicago will perform in a benefit concert at Carter Temple CME Church, 7841 S Wabash Ave.

Rev. Dr. C. Evans 50th Anniversay

Sunday, October 15, will culminate the 50th Church and Pastor's anniversary of Rev. Dr. Joseph Stowell, president, Moody bible Institute. The 4:00 pm guest will be Pastor Willie Jordan and St. Mark Baptist Church. Then at 8:00 pm Pastor Donald Parson and the Logos Baptist Assembly will be the

guests.

Pastor Evans who earlier this year celebrated his 75th Birthday will also be honored in a retirement celebration, December 8, 2000.

Helen Warren is General Chair and for more info call Betty Magness at 924-3232.

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"Two Marches, One Agenda,"

"This is a day that the Lord has made, so let us rejoice and be glad in it," said the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan July 24. "Our families, our ancestors rejoice today that the children of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the children of Elijah Muhammed and the followers of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad are now together as one family fighting for the common cause of the total liberation of our people."

Under the theme, "Two Marches, One Agenda," the principle convener of the Aug. 26 Redeem the Dream March against police brutality and racial profiling — Martin Luther King III and Rev. Al Sharpton — and the Oct. 16 Million Family March (MFM) — and Min. Farrakhan — stood together during a press conference to announce their support of each other's march. Both marches are to take place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Redeem the Dream is the 37th anniversary of the historic March on Washington. The Million Family March is the 5th Anniversary for the 1995 Million Man March, which nearly two million Black men to the nation's capitol.

King reminded the press of his father's works in 1963, at the March on Washington. There Dr. King said he hoped that his four little children could one day live in a nation and not be judged the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. "The tragedy is today in America it's been 37 years since that speech was delivered, and African Americans are still judged by the color of their skin," he said.

The Redeem the Dream March places special emphasis on racial profiling and police brutality. Organizers are demanding an immediate executive order from U.S. president Bill Clinton ending the practice of racial profiling and stronger laws against police brutality.

Offering to place the unity in contest, Rev. Sharpton said, "In February of this year the family of Elijah Muhammad reunited publicly with the family of the students of Elijah Muhammad in what is the traditional Saviors day. In the Civil Rights community, the children of Martin Luther King have united with student of Martin Luther King to put together what will be the Redeem the Dream march. What you are witnessing today is the family and students of Martin Luther King and the family and students Elijah Muhammad coming together in the 21st century for the liberation of our people."

Rev. Sharpton said these marches are not lightweight in scope of consequences. "The ramifications of this will determine who will be the next president of this country and what will be the political agenda for millions of people in this country."

"If this is a government of white people, by white people and for white people, then America cannot survive. But, if this is truly a nation of pluralistic views and ideas that wants to expand the vision of the founding fathers to really (reflect) e pluribus unum—out of many,

Family March • October 16, 2000



The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan (c), Southern Christian leadership Conference president, Martin Luther King III and New York activist, Rev. Al Sharpton join in support of the Million Family March, on October 16, 2000.

Watch out for Generation X.



Southern Christian leadership Conference president, Martin Luther King III (c) and New York activist, Rev. Al Sharpton, congratulate Lamell McMorris for this work on coordinating the Redeem the Dream march held August 26, 2000. The two co-conveners of the 37th Anniversary march on Washington personally selected the 27-year-old Chicago native because of his leadership skills. McMorris gave the welcoming address to the 100,000 who gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to protest racial profiling.

one — then America has to change," he charged.

White supremacy as a prevailing philosophy has to be destroyed and institutions that are racist innate have to be rebuilt, and restructured in order for America to survive, said Min. Farrakhan. The greatest failure of this country, said the Minister, is the destruction of the American family, particularly the destruction of the Black family.

"This march on Aug. 26 to Redeem the Dream and the march on Oct. 16 are marches of mass mobilization, mass voter registration, mass voter education, mass spiritual resuscitation, then we will produce a movement beyond Aug. and Oct. 16," he said, "it will produce a movement for change."

The Million Family March is a call for one million men to retake their vows of marriage and family responsibility and for 10,000 new couples to wed and strengthen family ties.

Clutching the Million Family march national Agenda, Min. Farrakhan said, "We believe that if we go into the new century and the new millennium as a strong and united family, then that united family will affect public policy. That united family will affect foreign policy. That united family will become the moral conscious off a nation and we will turn this country around by the help and the power of almighty God."

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Special Educator and presiding Bishop of the Third Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Williamson in inviting all concerned with the quality of life and of education for children to attend the conference. "It is especially designed for school administrators,

teachers, parents, early childhood program directors and teachers, parent council officers, community volunteers, religious and business leaders and political representatives." said Rev. Williamson.

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AT THE MOVIES

By David Schultz

REQUIEM FOR A DREAM

(★★★) A startling wake up call that is very intense and haunting. "Pi" director Darren Aronofsky's graphic and emotional depiction explores the tragic lifestyle through drug and pill dependency on people in search of love, recognition and their vision of the American Dream. Jared Leto and Marlon Wayans play partners-in-drug-addiction who scheme to land a major as DJ mixers. Their hopes and dreams take a turn to the point of affecting Leto's girlfriend (Jennifer Connelly) who reluctantly finds herself selling her body to help fund Wayans and Leto's trip of Miami to catch up with their drug connection.

Ellen Burstyn's stunningly physical portrayal as Leto's lonely and neglected mother-widow who gives an amazing Oscar caliber performance. The physical change and dramatic outpour given by Ms. Burstyn is a shattering example how drugs has no boundaries toward age. A bit repetitive in its visions, but the impact felt leaves a lasting impression.

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DR. T AND THE WOMEN

(** 1/2) A popular and overworked gynecologist (Richard Gere) whose entire life seems to center around women.

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A sly comedy that shatters the comfort zone of one man's secure and successful world to show nothing is always as it appears to be. Gere gives one of his best and complex performances. While Director Robert Altman does fall a bit short of his usual expectations that we have become accustomed to.

Rated: R, 110 min. An Artisan Entertainment Picture Release, Opens Fri. Oct. 13

ON CD

By David Schultz

THE HEAT - Toni Braxton (LaFace)

(★★★★) Finally with her legal and financial problems behind her. Toni Braxton makes her presence felt on and throughout this CD. Co-produce and written eight out of the twelve tracks, Braxton has some definite moments that reflect her personal growth and conquests over private and public issues. But "The Heat" cools off her passion by only doing what's expected rather than breaking any new ground.

Choice Selections: "He Wasn't Man Enough", "Spanish Guitar", "Just Be A Man About It", "Fairy Tales", "The Art of Love".

WELCOME II NEXTASY - Next (Arista) (★★) A disappointing sophomore effort for this promising soul vocal trio who seems too unfocused on whom their music should please. Whatever romance intended comes off restless and uneven. Not a worthy successor to this group's initial debut.

Choice Selections: "Wifey", "Cybersex", "Beauty Queen", "What U Want", "Shorty", "Splash"

ON THE ONE - Sammy Peralta

(N-Coded Music/Warlock) (★★1/2) Working with drummer Lenny White who-co-produced this bouncy jazz excursion here. Brought out a sort of reborn enthusiasm for percussionist Sammy Peralta who brings the commercial appeal. But not enough. Still, this CD offers a decent few point to grow from.

Choice Selections: "On Top", "Trust Me (I Gotta Go)", "Suzette", "Jazziz", "I, 001 Nights With You", "It's Alright", "West 72nd Street"

THAT'S FOR SURE - Jeffrey Osborne

(Private Music/Windham Hill) (★★1/2) A comeback CD offering from a soul artist whose never really left the scene. Osborne delivers his voice with driving passion and romantic texture. The CD conjures up the best of his solo efforts. But even with the live rendition of "Love Ballad", The musical effort and songs aren't enough to match the artist.

Choice Selections: "Kreepin'", "That's For Sure", "I'll Do It All For Love", "Soft and Slow", "Come With Me", "Was It Something I Said".

ON VIDEO

By David Schultz



Samuel L. Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones stars in "Rules of Engagement" it's about a militant colonel accused of shooting on third world civilians during a rescue raid that the accused; friend and lawyer must somehow expose the conspiracy to get to the truth. This Paramount Home Video release directed by Chicago-born film maker William Friedkin: now available

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

(★★★) When third world civilians are shot and killed to a rescue attempt during a protest rally at an U.S. embassy in Yemen. Samuel L. Jackson stars as a 30 year veteran, decorated Marine officer who is suddenly being set up to be the scapegoat for the mission. While the evidence that could prove his innocence has been suppressed. Jackson hires attorney and fellow comrade-in-arms, Tommy Lee Jones, a disillusioned ex-Marine due to personal problems that Jackson once saved his life. Jackson retains Jones to find the truth that he and his men were fired upon first. Chi-born filmmaker William Friedkin delivers a gripping military drama with credible performances. But the story seems lacking in areas that only involves our interest from a distance. Rated: R, 127 min. Paramount Home Video.

THE PATRIOT (★★★) Mel Gibson versus the Redcoats. In this epic adventure with a human angle, Gibson plays an 18th Century widowed dad who helps build an underground militia. While his parental instincts involves him with his son who seeks to go off to war against his father's objection. Rated: R, 154min. Columbia Tri-Star Home Video

ROSEMARY'S BABY (★★★★) Commemorative edition re-releases this 1968 genre-setting modern-day thriller from Ira Levin's novel perfectly established by writer-director Roman Polanski remastered with behind-the-scene featurette. A normal situation becomes oddly abnormal. When unsuspecting young wife, Mia Farrow whose husband, John Casavettes who becomes involved with a witches' coven in their apartment building. As the tenants aim for Farrow's newborn to be Lucifer's son. Still holds its own even by today's standards. Rated: R, 130min Paramount Home Video

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Syron Smith of the Chicago Block Club has the support of elected officials including Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-7th), & Ald. Ted Thomas (15th) in this citywide effort to save lives. Michael Callahan a deputy with the Chicago Fire Department was also present for the unveiling of this new plan.

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Police

shot him in the stomach after Wilcher asked Pate to leave because of his hostile behavior at the gathering. Witnesses also reported that after the incident Pate threatened a direct eyewitness to the shooting, as well as other guests at the party.

Wilcher's father contacted Chicago police last week to check on the status of the investigation, and was alarmed to learn that detectives were apparently unaware that Wilcher remained hospitalized

in critical condition, and that in addition police were weighing bringing criminal charges against the victim and eyewitness rather than pate.

Pate has claimed that he fired on Wilcher in self-defense, an assertion witnesses flatly deny. The Harvey police department, which has been dogged by charges of corruption and brutality in the past, has also reportedly taken steps to shield Pate from police investigators, and the family fears the sluggish pace of the police investigation and the lack of response form th State's Attorney's office will cause the case to be buried.



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South Street Business

By Lemichael Wilson
Business Column

Owning a Business

“Failing to Plan Equals Planning to Fail”

Have you ever driven down 87th Street and noticed a new business? Or maybe you were on the 79th Street bus and sighted a sign boasting a new “black-owned” enterprise? Then, a couple of months later, you saw a different business in the same location as the previous!

Surviving in business requires a wide range of commercial, personal and management skills. To survive in tough times requires extra careful management of the business. Managing in tough times demands a heightened ability to judge risks. As well as the risk of being in business, entrepreneurs are faced with judging risks that must be taken to survive. Doing something different to improve business may be a risk that the business-owner cannot afford to take.

All aspiring entrepreneurs should consider: “do not be concerned with another’s success; rather, inquire about their failures.” This statement has helped me in my business venture. Oftentimes when business-owners begin to see a profit—when they no longer need to borrow money from friends, and do not have to delay

paying the office supply bill in order to pay for the water cooler refills—they tend to boast about how successful they are.

Fine, so now they can afford to drive a top of the line Honda Accord instead of the stick-shift Honda Civic. But what about the failures and obstacles they had to overcome to move from rags to riches?

In August of 1996, I started my first business. I was excited. Being your own boss. The setting your own hours. I couldn’t wait to sign the front, rather than the back, of a paycheck.

I constructed a business plan and convinced a banker to loan me \$2,000. I secured office space in the IBM Building. I charged the most expensive one I saw against my Montgomery Wards account. I needed office supplies but I didn’t want to spend the money I had. Then I established a corporate account at the closest stationers store. Finally, since my office was



overlooking the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, I decided I needed a new wardrobe. I didn’t have a million dollars, but I sure looked like I was close to it.

All seemed to be going well. To show off my new entrepreneurial status, I hired a few friends from the old neighborhood. I enjoyed showing off my new office, especially for the 4th of July Fireworks, and the Chicago Airshow. The view was spectacular. All seemed to be going great except for one glitch. Revenues were generating slowly.

This, in many occasions, the monies the company generated could not cover the expenses. The business plan that everyone thought was excellent was several pages of nice text and graphics. The plan did not indicate what the contingency plan would be if not enough money was generated. Sure enough, failure to plan definitely was my plan to fail.

A friend, who later became my mentor told me if I wanted to succeed, I had to reflect on every mistake I had done. It was crucial for to identify those things that were good; the things that were bad. Then start over.

Instead of office space in the big sky scraper downtown, I use the family room in the basement. I began working on the new game plan.

Four years later, I am still the Chairman/CEO of the only African American owned service corporation bonded by the State to assist businesses with articles of incorporation and many other corporate filings.

This column will be multi-faceted. The goal is to provide insight to aspiring and existing entrepreneurs on various business related issues. It will also take a look at successful and not-so-successful African American businesses. For example, is there an underlying reason for Rainbow PUSH’s Wall Street Project? From time to time, I will attempt to answer any business questions I receive from readers. This column will serve as a resource market for the business-owner.

Palm Tavern goes to court

47th St. boast without Gerri

Grand Blvd. - Petitions and letters to Mayor Richard Daley to save the Gerri’s Palm Tavern was in the hands of the court October 2, 2000.

With no clear indication from Ms. (Mama) Gerri Olivier (82) of what the fate of her tavern will be, for more than a three years, the City of Chicago has threatened to demolish, take possession or assist Ms. Olivier in her plight to remain the owner of the historical Palm Tavern, at 446 East 47th St. in Bronzeville.

“It is up to the citizens of Chicago,



Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3) said “We are going to take the property.” from Ms. (Mama) Gerri Olivier, owner of Gerri’s Palm Tavern on 47th St.



patrons of Gerri’s Palm Tavern and everyone concerned with preserving the historical integrity of Bronzeville.” one support wrote. “It is one of the few remaining monuments that symbolizes Bronzeville’s Golden Age, established in 1933.”

However, Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3) said “We are going to take the prop-

erty.” reporting to John Davis in a news story.

Tillman has based her remarks on the lack of a working relationship with Ms. Olivier and her associates.

Reported in “Inside the Hat” that on the rebirth of 47th street (designated the Chicago Blues District from 43rd street by the Mid-South Planning

and Development Commission) will include a new multi-million Streetscape design for 47th Street, commitments from Buddy Guy to locate his night club to 47th Street, and as well as Second City Comedy Club. In addition developing the Quincy Jones Park by renowned sculptor/designer Ed Dwight, and developing the Micro African Village building.

The city of Chicago’s Department of Planning and Development hired Applied Real Estate Analysis in 1997 to conduct a market analysis for a South Side Blues District. The analysis looked at 43rd street or 47th Street in the Grand Boulevard. Both of streets once housed nightclubs where many legendary blues performed. Based on an analysis of Chicago’s growing tourism the report concluded that the conditions on

47th street were conducive for the entertainment district.

Ald. Tillman announced 47th Street the Blues district about a year ago. The report concluded that public sector actions can only create an environment where new entertainment venues can evolve. A separate section of the report assessed the market for a demand for new housing in the area.

The Palm Tavern slated to be acquired by the city under the city’s Building Commission, chaired by Mayor Daley, must submit to the court a plan to restore Gerri’s Palm Tavern to a state of the art facility without compromising the integrity of the tavern, to develop a cost efficient plan versus destroying it. And how the tavern would fit around the ongoing plans of 47th street.

New ordinance introduced

Pullman - An ordinance was introduced to expand Chicago’s Enterprise Zone#3. it was expanded to include the West Pullman Industrial Business Park in order to offer additional tax credits and development incentives to current businesses, and to those looking to relocate there. The proposed designation would help to retain 521 jobs already loated in the business park, as well as the potential attraction of hundreds more to the area.

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City Pass New Law on Lenders

The city council recently passed Mayor Richard M Daley's legislation to curb predatory lending, which many believe is the cause of unprecedented rates of foreclosure and abandonment of single-family homes in Chicago and other parts of the nation.

The ordinance requires that any financial institution wishing to do business with the City sign a pledge stating neither it, nor any of its affiliates, engages in predatory lending. "The people and the government of this city have worked hard to bring about positive change in our neighborhoods," Daley said, "We will not stand by and let con artists tear down what we've worked so hard to build up."

This is the first ordinance of its kind to be passed in the country, the Mayor has completed a legislative package aimed at redressing foreclosures and abandonment, which often breed crime, create health and safety hazards and reduce property values. The mayor said he believes the Chicago ordinances will provide a benchmark for similar legislation nationwide.

....Devine Charges Suit

Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine charged in a suit that a Chicago mortgage firm bilked senior citizens out of hundreds of thousands of dollars in a complex swindle that often stripped them of their equity and left their homes uninhabitable.

Senior Income Reverse Mortgage Corporation, 130 S Jeffer-

Real Estate

son St., and it's owner Steve Baer, have been charged with violating the consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act in providing seniors with equity Conversion Mortgages, which are better known as reverse mortgages.

Devine said "This scheme left many of our seniors with nothing in the end, stripped of the equity in their homes". Many of the targeted victims lived in depressed areas, including a 90-year-old South Side man.

Home Buyers Seminar

A home buyers seminar is being presented by Faith Corp Fund, Inc; Genesis Housing Development Corp. and Bank One- Bronzeville on Thursday October 19, 2000, 6:00 P. M.-8:00 pm. The meeting space is courtesy of Ald. Toni Preckwinkle, 4th Ward Aldermanic Office, 4646 So. Drexel Boulevard. Reserve your free space now to learn what safe steps to take to become a smart home buyer by contacting either:

Faith Corp Fund, Inc; 1525 East 53rd St.; Suite 504, Phone: (773) 493- 0102 or Fax: (773) 493- 0116. Genesis Housing Development Corp., is located at 1014 East 47th Street, phone: (773) 285- 1685 or Fax: (773)-285-1695. The program is funded by the City of Chicago Department of Housing.

Credit Seminar in Bronzeville

There will be a free credit seminar held at Bank One-Bronzeville 3500 S King Dr. you can learn how to review your credit report, budget to buy a home and much more. For more information call FaithCorp Fund, Inc. Anyone looking to buy a home should attend this Home Buyers Seminar, where you will learn what safe steps to take to become a smart home buyer. This will take place on Thursday October, 19 2000 6:00pm-8:00pm to reserve your free space call Genesis Housing Development Corp at 773.285.1685 or FaithCorp Fund, Inc., 773.493.0102

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