Devine to D-2 reports questioned on lack to prosecute police officers

Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine bid for reelection for the most part will not have major opposition from the Black community. As his office is launching proactive measures as part of the State's Attorney's 1996 range from $250 from the FOP, veterans of the financial relationships of the Black community were actively educating us not only on the history of Black Chicago, but also the economic contributions of generations before them.

BEPAN, a new black political organization emerge this year targeting another, Dorothy Tillman (3), which in the last election proclaimed to be the "Lord of the 3rd ward" (In terms of controlling the land). As BEPAN addressed the issue of Germ's Palm Tavern it will set the record straight if the organization has the focus to hold elected officials accountable, as their charter states. Still some veteran organizers in the Black community question if BEPAN would last two years.

BEPAN takes on Tillman over Gerrie's Palm Tavern

Grand Blvd. - Sitting in Gerrie's Palm Tavern after a BEPAN Tuesday night meeting, members of BEPAN were looking over countless photos and listening to the history of Black Chicago over drinks. The middle aged were actively educating us not only on the history of 47th Street, but the real meaning of Black Chicago. The economic contributions of generations before us.

City, Jones, and Rush nod support for Hotel

Oakland - The the city-wide effort for the proposed building of a Howard Johnson Hotel and Plaza in the 4th ward organized by BEPAN (Black Political & Economic Network) has developed support by city and elected officials. The hotel site, 916 East Oakwood Blvd., espoused BEPAN's position that it would raise the profile of African American business people who own the land.

Continued support came from Congressman Bobby Rush and State Rep. Lena Jones. However, other elected officials remain off the record McCullough reported.

BEPAN views the project as a

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Consumer "Eye" Rights activist
Silas K. Brown passes

The memorial service for Silas K. Brown will be held November 11th at the Saint James Church, 4601 South Ellis Ave. at 11:00 am he had been ill for several years. Before he became ill, he was one of the most active persons in Chicago-exposing unfair business practice. He organized several programs to help people know about the community where they were living. He was one of the organizers of the United American progress Association 39 years ago, and helped them carry out many subscription drives, getting people to buy the black press. He was the most active member of his Masonic lodge. He helped conduct many community shops; getting people to shop with the business people who live in the black community. He worked with youth; teaching them how to be good citizens.

When Rev. James Jackson first came to Chicago, Silas K. Brown was one of the persons he met with to help him do away with poverty in the African American Community. Brown will long be remembered for doing so much for so many while he lived. Some of his programs are being taught in the public schools. The greatest tribute is to carry the program and Brown himself as a "Day of Forgiveness and Atonement, Youth March,

Keymah

The 5th Annual Dinner Dance of The African-American Operating Engineers Association (AAOE) was held on Saturday, November 4, at the Conrad Mar Del Mar Building. "Inspired by the message of the historic "Rain in the Sun," at the Goodman theatre with good friend Rev. Joe Bell. T'Keyah Crystal Keymah has recently been spotted in and around the South Side of Chicago. Venus, a "Black Star" firm has a story about you.

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One of Bronzeville’s community driven projects

Overton Building

Bronzeville - A historic moment in the restoring Bronzeville campaign took place at a restoration Ceremony for the Anthony Overton Building, 3617 South State Street on October 19, 2000. The Honorable Illinois State Senator Margaret Smith received special community recognition from the Mid South Planning & Development Commission (MSPDC) for her community-based legislative initiatives in the Illinois General Assembly.

MSPDC praised Sen. Smith as a civic leader in the original Second Ward Regular Democratic Organization, under the capable leadership of Congressman William L. Dawson.

Sen. Smith understood the illustrious historical contributions of Black Chicagoans.

Sen. Smith was the main proponent in Springfield under Mayor Harold Washington’s administration to begin generating State resources that promote community empowerment by utilizing landmark structures associated with the Black Metropolis Historic District as economic, educational and cultural incubators.

Sen. Smith is also an elder stateswoman in the Illinois General Assembly. She was one of the original legislators who supported the concept of the Black Metropolis Historic District as a national landmark district, along with State Rep. Lou Jones and Minority Leader Sen. Emil Jones.

“As a young African American woman I personally experienced how the Anthony Overton Building played a pivotal role as a monumental institution to Black Business enterprise on the original Black Wall street along South State street in the 1930’s and 40’s,” proclaimed Sen. Smith. “As I look back over my State legislative initiative that I worked on with my colleagues, that will generate economic benefits for my constituents well into this new millennium” concluded Sen. Smith.

Mary Steward, executive director of MSPDC stated, “Sen. Smith has been one of our most effective elected political leaders in attracting state and federal appropriations into Bronzeville, an emerging urban market community. She was instrumental in advocating for a $1.5 million dollar grant from the Historic Preservation Agency towards the restoration of the Anthony Overton Building that is now underway.”

The ornate white terra-cotta trim of the building is being meticulously restored. The participants in the Ceremony wear commemorative hard hats while viewing the facades and celebrating the historic event.

The ceremony also affords MSPDC to announce an upcoming community development planning charrette scheduled for November 10th & 11th and the launch of a 3.5 million Anthony Overton Building Capital Campaign.

MSPDC composed of area residents, block clubs, community based organizations, institutions, and businesses is a volunteer organization committed to improving the quality of life and maintaining the cultural heritage of the predominantly African American population in the Mid-South Bronzeville area.

More than a choice on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, there is David Gaughan: Proven Experience and Political free dedication to the State’s Attorney Race.

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Major opportunity for the African
American community to secure
economic development in the
community.

The project in the beginning
lacked support from Ald. Preck-
winkle (4) and the City of
Chicago, Department of Plan-
ning. However, in a meeting on
October 27th, with the City, Mr.
Fields indicated that the city is in
support of the project. Saying "I
was hesitant about the meeting at
first, however, it turned out a lot
better than I thought and know-
ing the city's position has made
me very optimistic and proud to
be a resident of Chicago.”

Pete Scales of the planning
deptartment generally stated “We
still question if that is the right
location for the project. But we
will help Mr. Fields go through
the process.

Scales stated the first step is to
present the plan to the Kenwood
Oakland Community Conserva-
tion Council (CCC) in order for
the project to be considered by
the community. That meeting is
scheduled for December 6. Scales
acknowledged that the
CCC is general in a advisory po-
tion; he would not confirm that
the city makes the final de-
cision.

Mr. Fields will also present the
Plan to the Mid South Planning &
Development Commission.

Scales indicated the next
would be submitting the plan to
the Chicago’s Community De-
velopment Commission and to
the Community Building Com-
mission.

On the concern by the city
Ald. Preckwinkle stressed that
the land was not enough for the
hotel. Mr. Scales indicated that
if the project is a go by the CCC,
the city can proposed to acquire
additional surrounding land for
the project.In addition the Wells/
Madden Park development calls
for land acquisitions for mis used
housing.

Mr. Fields stated that the ho-
tel would create over 250 hun-
dred jobs and career opportuni-
ties for residents. In addition it
would fit the Wells/Madden Park
Hope VI program for commercial
development.

Ald. Preckwinkle said she has
never seen the need to present the
project to the 4th ward commu-
nity because the Hope VI project
calls for residential development.

Mr. Fields land falls in the area
for that purpose to meet the over-
all good of the city said the alde-
man.

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 strengthens the local eco-
omy and increase the impact on
the area from more jobs, and
more investment," Said
Everlyce McCullough, chair of
BEPAN.

On the process of community
outery for the hotel Mr. Scales
was not sure what alternative
could be made to change the
city’s position. However, he in-
formed 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 pro-
jec. Which McCullough said
BEPAN and Mr. Fields object to.

She said that her organization
is standing firm that it is Mr. Fields
land, and the city should not have
the right to take it for their own
interest.
Palm Tavern

the City can make way to encourage the Second City Club to locate on 47th street, surely it can make way to preserve Gerri's Palm Tavern." said McCullough.

The city is actively recruiting existing club owners to locate on 47th street. In doing so the city will increase efforts to minimize, or eliminate, illegal activities in the area and improve overall security to attract a large number of visitors to the area.

In the city's Market Analysis, it identified clubs from around the city, excluding the Palm Tavern. Actions in which BEPAN stated elected officials must be accountable to the community they serve. It is very alarming for a Black elected official to be opposing this assistance to the Palm Tavern, when historically they should know how important it is to the community at large.

"We will be seeking the support of the community and elected officials to support this effort." said McCullough "Community economic parity in our own neighborhood should not be much to ask for.

The Gerri's Palm Tavern has been on many agendas of support, now it is an issue of BEPAN.

The study prepared for the city by Applied Real Estate Analysis also calls for new housing in the area as well.
Blacks questioning party

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Mayor's brother, Bill Daley as the Chairman of Gore's campaign and their influence at the White House to President Bill Clinton on the affair of Chicago.

With noble Black representation critical of Palmers position, there still is a solid base of the Black community voting Democratic. And then there are those who are not voting or still not wanting to vote democratic because of the historic let downs to Black issues in Chicago.

The Gore's campaign may realize a negative reaction with the Mayor active role with Gore, even if he did show a greater support of Black votes in the last mayoral election.

As some view a lack of the Mayor campaigning in and with the Black community for Gore. Radio ads are placed on predominate White station with the Mayor endorsing Gore.

Thomas Eric, a "Man About Town" not saying who he will vote for say, "The way I see it. Why would someone put out $0 to 100 million dollars to get a job that pays about $200,000 per year. Well it's about the power." Said Eric.

Being as it may, the country will elect the man who will affect the direction of the country for years to come. The president will decide whom to appoint to head federal agencies, including several supreme court justices. Reasons why State Senator Emil Jones stressed it's imperative that Blacks, as a race, make an informed decision. But, his conclusion is Albert Gore is the best, an informed decision.

Support to Al Gore was challenged by a group of community activist who say they are all "Gore out of their minds and are being George W. "AmBushed" in the communities". The group challenged Blacks that support Gore. Questioning an article in the Chicago Defender where the group thanked Mayor Daley and his brother Bill Daley.

Turning to Bush. Rev. Gregory Daniels of Greater Shiloh M.B. Church cited when he visited Beethoven School on 47th and State Street near Robert Taylor Homes, "The surrounding community and churches were excluded from that visit."

"We were "ambushed" by Bush. We don't believe that either the Democrats or the Republicans have the African American community's interests at heart in Chicago.

Rev. Daniels were nine other ministers including Bishop Edgar Jackson of Beth-El All Nation Church in Englewood.

"We are still the last hired and the first fired. We are still discriminated against with regard to decent and affordable housing and in government sector jobs. The distribution of equity is staggering and non-existent."

Keith Harris, Chairman of the 16th Ward Political Task Force voiced the same position. "Whatever Black leaders have been advising and informing the Gore/Lieberman campaign are grossly misinforming them."

Harris submit that Gore campaign will not win Cook County (the second largest county in the U.S.). "Using scare tactics such as Supreme Court appointments, and taxes mean nothing to people that can't pay their light bills, feed their kids, or who are in fear of catching the 'slow'."

Harris charge that Black leadership have sold their souls for a few crumbs. "It is very arrogant and disrespectful for the national and local democratic leadership to attempt to win our vote with a free concert by one of our most beloved Stevie Wonder. The Hispanic, Jewish, Asian or any other community can not be bought off with a concert."

Harris pointed his attention to RainbowPUSH, NAACP, and possibly the Urban League were paid "big bucks" to deliver the Black vote. "These people are out of touch with the masses of Black people. They simply cannot deliver and now the panic is on."

Still encouraging the Black community to vote on November 7, Bishop Jackson said. "We further feel that if we as African Americans would think before we vote this time, just maybe both parties would respect our communities with some renewed positions that reflect our needs."

Overton Building

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The Anthony Overton Building restoration represents the creation of a successful, revenue generation project of the community-based organization's collaborative economics in the 21st Century. Through civic engagement, the community collaboration utilizes historic preservation, human capital development, and workforce development initiatives as tools that effectively promote Bronzeville as an emerging inner-city neighborhood.

For more information, on the Internet: www.indianshields.org, or call 773.924-1330.
COMMUNITY PROFILE: MARCUS RAGLAND

Grand Blvd. - Marcus Ragland. He is a young entrepreneur who has done everything from owning a security business to promoting some of Chicago's hottest talent. Take a minute and meet Mr. Ragland.

What is your birth date?
January, 08. The year I'd rather not say.

Where is your birthplace?
Chicago.

Are you married?
No, I'm single with one little boy, "Marcus Jr.”

Business: Marcus has a music store on 51st street by the "El", Music In Motion.

Education: He attended Edward Tilden Technical High School and then he took some classes at Illinois Institute of Technology.

How did he get interested in this field? I had a security business going on at George's music room. From there I got interested in music, Working with people in the community I started promoting Chicago rappers such as Twista & Do or Die.

Who inspired him to succeed in this profession?
Myself. I tend to know myself very well and what I want. Then I move on it. Wisely, steadily and surely.

What are your company's special features to the community?
My company provides jobs for the community and since I will soon be opening a furniture store, I will be recruiting even more community residents.

What advice would you give to entrepreneurs just starting out? I would tell people just starting out to try not to have partners, only investors, and don't let people get in the way of your dreams.

What are your company goals?
To expand, expand and expand.
The United American progress Association recently celebrated their 39th Anniversary member of UAPA. Bernice Bryant for her humanity while serving as church clerk of the Bynum family from Detroit Michigan, Harvey, III. and McLeansboro, III. Pictured was one of the best friends of Mayor Washington. The Attire: Black and Gold, African or professional. It will feature: Otis Willis Quartet and the Spellbinder. Southwest Capital Improvement Program Public Hearing The City of Chicago is hosting its FY 200-2004 CIP Public hearing to receive request for community improvements. $6 billion worth of public works is proposed for the City and its neighborhoods. City officials from the Budget Office, Planning and Transportation Departments and members of the Mayors Capital Improvement Advisory Committee will be in attendance on Thursday, November 9, 6:30 pm For more information, contact Neighborhood Capital Budget Group 312/939.7198. www.NCBG.org. The Workship Coalition, Inc presents its 1st Annual Fundraiser, Thursday, November 9, 6 - 9 pm at Hermann Union Building, Illinois Institute of Technology, 3241 S. Federal. Keynote Speaker: Edward H. King, Director of Bronzeville from 6: - 7 pm. Please RSVP to lanita Jarrett, award winning journalist, columnist to the Chicago Defender. The Charette will be held at DeLaSalle High School, 3455 S. Wabash.

UAPA 39th Anniversary and Mamie Evans Scholarship

The United American progress Association recently celebrated their 39th Anniversary and Mamie Evans Scholarship Benefit with a banquet at the providence Banquet hall, 84th and Ashland Ave. Joining UAPA members were guest Rev. Leroy Taylor and the Spellsblinder. The Charette will be held at the new Gun Laws at the Federal and Cook levels. For information call 436-4758.

The 10th Annual Black Maleness Program Gala is entitled "The Legacy of the Late Mayor Harold Washington". The event is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2000 at 1:30 pm in Room 1107. Harold Washington College, 30 East Lake Street, Our Maleness Advisory Board Chairs are Dr. Leon Finney of the Woodlawn Development Corporation and Mr. Don Jackson of Central City Production. The Assistance chairs are Mr. Dempy Travis of Travis Realty who was one of the best friends of Mayor Washington. The Attire: Black and Gold, African or professional. It will feature: Otis Willis Quartet and the Spellbinder.
Black Campaign overview

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may actually have been Black. And for the next 15 Presidential elections that followed, 60 years, that's the way it was. Then Wall Street crashed in 1929, the public blamed the Republicans, flipped the script, and in 1932 Democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt was given the nod. That landslide was achieved in large part with heavy voting muscle, from the nation's African American voting bloc, notably from Chicago's Bronzeville and Black Westside. That was the historic swinging of the Black vote.

Nowadays, apathy, complacency, distrust and indifference have bred attitudes like "why should I give a $#% about voting for president?" The long answer to that question is, because, candidates don't actually get the electoral votes until after the election. It has always been a foregone conclusion that electoral votes are automatically turned over to the party candidate, however, it is not the responsibility of the voting public, the people, to hold elected officials accountable. Any elected official can be impeached, even a ward alderman. The President has no exclusive right to this punishment. Elected officials work for us, not the other way around. And if you ain't got Illinois, forget about it.

And so in that time again, the election for the new leader of the free world, and as always the voters have the usual suspects from which to choose, and usually many say the lesser of two evils;

The Democrat

Democrats are serving up Al "Baby" Gore Jr., born in D.C. but Tennessee's his family's home. Gore graduated from Harvard and Vanderbilt law school, served three years in the army then worked as a respected journalist. In 1977 Gore got into politics, eight years in the U.S. House followed by eight years in the Senate before becoming vice president to Bill Clinton. The Gore package for president includes Senator Joe Lieberman, the first Jewish nominee for Vice President and a man who wants to sit down with Minister Louis Farrakhan.

The Republican

The Republicans are serving up George Bush, son of former president George Bush. Bush admitting spent the first part of his adult life as an alcoholic and abusive husband before growing up and graduating to the high-life as a Texas businessman right out of the Flintstones. The Bush package includes Richard "Dick" Cheney, the former defense secretary under former president Bush (who'd probably like to sit on Farrakhan). Reports are that former president Bush gave his son the direction to give Cheney the VP nod because of old ties to the Middle East, which may have points based on the conflict in the area now. But then again, Cheney isn't exactly known for brokering peace agreements.

Not long ago, Gore spoke to a group in Harlem at the Apollo Theater and just about left with the Holy Ghost. Not to be outdone, Bush spoke to the NAACP a few months late with full service gospel choir playing the republican convention.

But as Colin Powell pointed out at that convention, if Republicans expect the support of the black vote, "its efforts must be for real." And that Republicans must be more "understanding of black cynicism," comparing the open condemnation of affirmative action for educating black kids against silence on affirmative action for special interest. During the debates Dabya refused to be pinned down on the affirmative action issue. That's important to remember for many Black voters next week. Because the next elected president will make no less than two Supreme Court appointments. In whose best interest will those appointments be made? Bush is against price control and won't support legislation that will get the grip of drug and insurance companies from around the necks of the people: the Dingell-Norwood bill, another point Bush refused to be pinned down on. Many voters may have to remember that the next time they dig in their pocket to pay for a prescription or when sit like cattle in the doctor's waiting room with ten other people who were scheduled at the same time, assuming of course they can get an appointment before it is fatal. Or for that matter, assuming they are fortunate enough to have health insurance.

The Chicago Vote

The coming election presents a great opportunity to put local government on notice by starting at the top and working down. When Chicago goes back to the polls in a couple of years to elect a new mayor and new aldermen (February 27, 2001 for the 170 and 376 Wards) the voters can rise like a mighty sword, swift and precise, and sever all rhetoric and political misrepresentation from the roads of prosperity. When you don't vote, you actually are voting for the greater of two evils.

Change is happening all around the world and anything is possible when the will of the people is at stake. Belgrade proved that. And down under, after a legal fight that's been going on for two decades, the Australian government has turned over a huge chunk of land mass to the Aboriginal Wii. People in the ongoing fight for Native Title. Could that happen in America? Selma Alabama has a Black mayor.

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Re-Elect
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(Happy Anniversary & Welcome Back, South Street Journal)
1307 S. Michigan Chicago, Illinois
Fred Hampton Jr. continues to be attacked eight years after political frame-up!

Local Chicago Branch of the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement says: We Gotta Free Fred!

Frederick G. Hampton Jr.

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The threat posed by Fred Hampton Jr., Sr. to Daley, Sr. was one of the most obvious and powerful instances of government attacks that keep the community down and thus an incredible threat to the community. On May 15th, 1969, Fred Hampton Jr. was arrested by a squad of Illinois state and FBI agents led by Joseph Glubisz, the commander of the Chicago police bomb and arson unit, who had been a member of the Red Squad Legion of Justice at the time of Fred Hampton, Sr.'s assassination. At the time of his arrest, Fred Jr. was holding his young daughter in his arms. The police left her alone on the sidewalk.

This was the third attempt by the State to take Fred Jr. away from the people. In March of the same year he was falsely accused of murder and armed robbery. The verdict "Not guilty" was the conclusion of that case where the judge characterized Fred as an "excellent, gentle, quiet and non-violent man." Three days prior to his armed robbery trial, there was an attempt on his life. The robbery case also never took place. After the verdict, Fred Jr. was returned to the Black Panther Party and later supporter of the MOVE organization.

He was a vocal critic of police violence against the minority constituency of Philadelphia, a city that was sued by the United States Department of Justice seeking to end the notorious brutality there. The FBI and Philadelphia police had hundreds of pages of surveillance files on Mumia, beginning when he was 15 years old, yet the FBI refused to release these files on Mumia, beginning when he was 15 years old, yet the FBI refused to release these files. There is no other "evidence" that connects Mumia to Fred Hampton, Jr. be tried. But a new law orders federal judges to present the reasons of state courts to be correct. For the last 17 years Mumia has been locked alone in a cell 23 hours a day, denied contact visits with his family, his confidential legal mail has been opened and reproduced by prison authorities. He was put on trial for protesting an unprepared court-trial, but the evidence is now "missing" from the FBI.

Mumia Abu-Jamal was a radio journalist in Philadelphia, known as "the voice of the voiceless" during the years of the infamous racist mayor, Frank Rizzo. Mumia won a Major Armstrong Award for radio journalism, and was named one of Philadelphia's "people to watch" in 1981 by Philadelphia magazine. He was president of the Association Black Journalists of Philadelphia, and had no prior criminal record. In December of 1981, Mumia was shot by a Philadelphia police officer who came on a police incident where the cop was beating his brother with a flashlight. The police officer was also shot and killed, and witnesses saw one of more men run from the scene. Yet when police arrived, they beat the wounded Mumia before taking him to the hospital, and he was charged with murder.

Mumia's brother and eyewitnesses who say Mumia was innocent were harassed by police and driven out of town. Other witnesses changed their stories to implicate Mumia and were rewarded. The dead officer was holding the driver's license application of a third man. But it was Mumia that the cops wanted to get. Mumia had been a member of the Black Panther Party, and later supporter of the MOVE organization.

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A citizen who is too lazy or indifferent to vote (or register to vote) is throwing away one of his most precious rights. He is deliberately disregarding his right to have a voice in his own government. He has also forgotten that not too long ago Black people couldn't even vote.

We forget to soothe the struggles of our ancestors to pull us out of second class citizenship and give us better rights. He is deliberately disregarding his right to not be registered to vote. In fact, if you are eligible and not registered, you are doing a great injustice to yourself and your people.

Vote for the elected Harold Washington. This ought to show you that your vote counts. Had it not been for the Black vote, that historical moment would not have taken place. Now it's our time to look out for us and to quit resisting the opportunity to vote in November. After all, discrimination, in one form or another, has been a part of American life for over 300 years. We should be proud of what we have done and what we can do.

There has been just enough progress to warrant choosing the right path. We are not the same people we were 10 years ago. We have learned that the Black community can and will not do from insults. Just remember the struggle for jobs and land, and the fight for education and civil rights. We have come a long way.

Dear Editor,

Can you guys think about every other racial or ethnic minority that made a difference in our lives, such as Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King, Jr. had not shared a dream of a better life we might still be back of the bus.

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Voting is the Law and for Gore.

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Vote for the elected Harold Washington. This ought to show you that your vote counts. Had it not been for the Black vote, that historical moment would not have taken place. Now it's our time to look out for us and to quit resisting the opportunity to vote in November. After all, discrimination, in one form or another, has been a part of American life for over 300 years. We should be proud of what we have done and what we can do.

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Signed, Assist with a Cist

Hyde Park

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Please do you have any secrets tips on how I can reduce?

Midsection Blues, Kensington Area

Dear Midsection Blues;

Thank you for your support and following my career. I appreciate and respect all of my fans.

Talk to your health care practitioner about this condition. It is typically a hereditary condition transmitted by one or more genes.

The exact nature by which this happens, and why some members of a family develop PDS while others do not, is still unclear.

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**LEAD POISONING, THE SILENT EPIDEMIC**

By Joann Tate

Lead Awareness Week took place October 22 – 28, Lead Poisoning, the silent epidemic creates an adverse impact on a child’s IQ, hearing, growth, development and the ability to make red blood cells, creates premature births, low birth weight, anemia, kidney failure, coma, numerous other health problems and death.

Lead attacks almost every system in the body. Lead is a bonding element, pretending to be whatever your body needs. It is a toxic having no beneficial use.

The effects of the disease are irreversible and can remain in the bones for more than 30 years, leaching out when body is more vulnerable. This disease is a 30-year body burden, a parent has to worry about their grandchildren. It can also cause a number of problems in adults including: reproductive problems for both men and women, high blood pressure, nerve disorders, memory and concentration problems, muscular weakness, behavioral problems, premature aging and cancer.

Lead poisoning is one of the most preventable diseases. You would think as harmful as this disease is; there is not enough imprint to change the behavior to prevent lead poisoning.

Lead poisoned children have little or no symptoms. Therefore you have delinquent, slow learners, and unhealthy children that are misdiagnosed because lead awareness, prevention and interventions are not prevalent. The medical associations, educators, parents, advocates and the government are not creating a powerful enough imprint to change the behavior to prevent lead poisoning.

Lead poisoning could be in your home, child’s daycare, school, park, church or soil if rehabilitating, redevelop or dwelling was built before 1978. Since most citizens visit or use the for mentioned places, we all can be a victim of lead poisoning. Lead poisoning has no boundaries but it seems to concentrate in communities of color. People of color and poor people are at the highest risk because of ignorance or the lack of monies. People of color have enough adversaries; we don’t need to let a preventable hinder us.

We all have to become active in the mission to prevent lead poisoning to protect our future. T.E.R.C. (Training and Environmental Resources for Children) mission is to empower Chicagoland communities through developing tools to explore and enhance the environment that a youth lives in.

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The Church and Jail

Perspective by Web Evans

There are some things I don't understand about the situation of Black Americans.

It seems that the larger our churches are, the smaller the jails that are needed to house our people. But it is not that way with Blacks. The way it is, the more churches we have, the more jails we need to house our people.

We have some of the largest churches in the country. At the same time, the country has some of the largest jails to house our people. I think the record will show that Blacks have more churches than other ethnic groups, but together the number of churches Blacks have, it seems that we would hardly need any jails. But the country is building more jails every year to house the increasing number of Blacks. Maybe someone would like to respond to this article as to why things are better than they are in the Black Community with all the churches we have.

According to various reports, more Blacks are in jail, being killed, and more are living in poverty than other people. The Bible tells of the reward of the righteous. With over three thousand churches in the Black community of Chicago, it seems that we would have more than our share of prosperity, less killing.

But Blacks have less of all the things that God promised. If anyone wishes to respond to this article, they may write me at 701 East 79th Street, Chicago, IL 60619.

Web Evans, President of United American progress Association

Black Business Sunday

St Stephens Evangelical Lutheran Church located 910 W. 65th Street present to the community “Black Business Sunday” focusing on the community revitalization of the Englewood community.

The Sunday business meeting was held on October 22, where many community and business leaders came out and learn about investment and entrepreneurial opportunities for the renewal of Englewood.

Rev. Anthony Williams pastor of St. Stephens stated the Sunday Business meeting is an ongoing effort to include the community in the process with the City.

"Business Sunday, is keeping our focus with God." said Rev. Williams. “Of all the people, I think that concept is there. That’s why we have people from all over the city coming to this meeting. We want to make sure that we have people who are interested in the city and what we are doing.”

Unity Outreach to the Homeless

Englewood - Unity Outreach Ministries as well as Unity Church of God in Christ located at 821 W. 69th St. is viewed as an important organization in the community. Its pastor, Elder Leon Daniels, has many services and programs available to the community. Among them are several outreach programs, namely alcohol and drug rehabilitation.

Since January 2000, Unity Outreach Ministries’ homeless shelter program has been located in its own building at the Englewood community. It has received the majority of its support from its founder, Elder Leon Daniels. Presently providing services for 13 client, the end of the year they see the number to increase to 40.

Elder Daniels administers becoming a servant of God came by a surprise to him.

“I experience a healing gift that I did not understand in 1963. It awakens me that there really was a God.” Elder Daniels explained.

“Since then I became a minister and have served the people.” Said Elder Daniels. “Many programs and visions are now known. And will not be known. But I know the vision to serve the community and that is what I am about.”

Robert Goin, who experience hard in his life came to Unity for help. He is in Unity’s program for 12 months. He received breakfast to fill his life and now is filling others as the House Manager for the Unity.

Arthur Rhymes, who works sun- dayin a store at Unity was a school teacher for 26 years. His misfortune came due to drug abuse.

“I like many people get into hard times at very unexpected times.” said Rhymes. “It has been quite a fall for me.”

Now he is the education director for Unity Outreach Ministries.

“I can identify with others that come to Unity. And I am committed to this service.”

Rhymes, a single man says he can afford to do this when many can not.

"But I get great pleasure in servicing the church and the people. Seeing the program unfolding to do this good work is a blessing to me. I see persons never seeing a member of a church, now joining.

Unity Outreach Ministries as well as Unity Church of God in Christ located at 821 W. 69th St. is viewed as an important organization in the community. Its pastor, Elder Leon Daniels, works with other organizations such as the Hay Market, Entry House in order to any organization who share their concern for providing adequate temporary housing to the homeless throughout the Englewood community.

In applying for funding from the City of Chicago, Elder Daniels said that the organization is forced to apply for funding to the City and that the organization is forced to apply for funding to the City and that the organization is forced to apply for funding to the City and that the organization is forced to apply for funding to the City.

In continuing the work for members of Unity, the church provides each Monday through Saturday at 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., free legal advice. They also pick up children for Sunday school at 9:00 a.m. They also have a bus leaving the church every Saturday at noon to go to places such as Chuck n Cheese and Great American.

Dinner served every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Unity Church service can be reached at (773) 487-9662 to get you involved in any of the services or programs mentioned above.
Next Election stop

17th Ward

Tyrone De'Andre Hawthorne pictured at the Million Family March in Washington D.C., and Mayor, a transition that is vitally important to another special election on the direction of the ward. A transition that is vitally important to another special election on the direction of the ward.

For years, the 17th ward has steadily built a relationship with its community, and under my representation it will soar to the heights.

The candidates confirming to enter the race for the 17th (and 37th on the other side) are: Shun Payne, president of the 17th ward. Mayor, I would want to support her. The voter resignation will begin after the November 7 election.

For 17th (and 37th on the west side) ward will have a special election because the office is vacant more than two years below the next Aldermanic election of 2003. Mayor Daley appointed Latasha Thomas last July, making her the 26th alderman the mayor has appointed; ten of which were African Americans. Thomas replaced Terry Peterson (whom the mayor appointed in 1996) who replaced Phillip Jackson to CHA Executive Director.

The official announcement of candidates will not be until close to December. However, there are four candidates reported that will challenge Thomas. It will make the election a major event for the residents of the ward, adding visibility and exposure city wide showing the "machines" and independent organizations at work.

The candidates confirming to enter the race are: Tyrone De'Andre Hawthorne, and Charles Purtlow. Purtlow has run for alderman at least two times, while Hawthorne is a new candidate, reported to have a younger base.

Shan Payne, president of the 17th ward People Organization has not confirmed his position, and questions are still out if Hal Bankin will run. The question for Thomas's election bid will not be based on providing the ward with the same strong representation of city services they received from Terry Peterson, but rather relevant, campaign organizations.

The candidates will have over 30,000 voters in the 17th ward to get their message to. Peterson captured 10,000 votes in 1999 as he ran unopposed. A mandate source indicates Thomas would want to have. As a lawyer, Thomas was responsible for knocking candidates off the ballot running against Peterson in the last election.

Hawthorne says members of the ward will be excited to elect him as the next alderman. "We also want to put issues out in the ward relating to true representation, not dictation." Said Hawthorne.

Counteracting the fact that the 17th ward is undergoing major development, Hawthorne said, "Yes, the ward will continue to undergo the same community development role. But under my representation it will soar to the pinnacle of community identification and relationship as how community residents will benefit. It has rarely been done by appointed aldermen in Chicago."

The city has committed resources to the ward. But under my representation it will soar to the heights. Your vote is important. It has rarely been done by appointed aldermen. If I run, it will be because when you are appointed by the mayor you are not free in your decision. If Thomas can show that she is not a rubber stamp for Mayor, I would want to support her. However, neither candidate has shown they have the campaign organization of Thomas, who will have the backing of the Mayor and former alderman Peterson.

But, reports are that Thomas' campaign operation is still not focused due to the style she wants, as opposed to her Chief of Staff, Jonathan Swain and Peterson's style. Reports are they all have different views on how the campaign will be run. Candidates are presently gathering signatures to get on the ballot, for which the deadline is in December. Each candidate must get a minimal of 192 signatures from registered voters of the ward.

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Men of Honor

"Men of Honor" is a movie that not only tells the life of Carl Brashear, the son of a Kentucky sharecropper who grew up and overcame insurmountable obstacles and racial opposition to become the first African American Navy diver. This film also concerns one man's rise and one man's fall who end up fighting the battle of their conviction. But overall, this film is about Brashear's quest in achieving his goal. While fulfilling a promise to live by his father's code, "Don't quit..." With opportunities being slim to none for blacks in the Navy, as the black recruits are only chosen to be either a cook or an officer—vaub. Cuba Gooding Jr. is convincingly portraying of Carl Brashear shows the heart and determination that gets him notice. When he defies Navy rules by taking a swim in the sea with the white officers and out-swimming those that can't catch him. The incident observed by Capt. Pullman (Powers Boothe) causes him to reassigns Carl to "deck duty.

Until a failed rescue attempt for a pilot in a crashed helicopter by Master Chief Navy Diver Billy Sunday (Robert DeNiro), Sunday is also a bitter, seemingly self-destructive man with a health problem connected to his work who enjoys causing havoc and defying authority. A bad display of temper gets Sunday demoted to being a teacher at the U.S. Navy Salvage School from Lt. Hanks (David Conrad). Hanks becomes a thorn to Sunday that later Brashear inherits.

From this observation, Brashear seeks out his destiny by training under Sunday to become a navy diver and ultimately become a master chief diver. But not before it encounters physical and racial abuse initially from Sunday who turns out be not the biggest threat to the school's commander, Mr. Pappy (Hal Holbrook) who ordered Sunday to sabotage the final underwater test to keep the first black from passing on his shift. Improving on his limited education with help from his future wife, Jo (Aunjanue Ellis). Then Carl encounters his ultimate challenge after retrieving a nuclear missile. Which later makes him the first Black amputee in the Navy history to return to full diving duty and becoming Master Chief Diver.

While presented on several human and dramatic levels, Scott Marshall Smith's well-crafted script and filmmaker George Tillman Jr.'s story telling direction delivers the shattering example how drugs has no boundaries that should not be overlooked. She's the TV game addict who believes she's going to be a future contestant. She decides to lose weight that leads her into becoming a hallucinating, pill pepper. The physical change and dramatic outpour given by Ms. Burstyn is a shattering example how drugs has no boundaries towards age. A bit repetitive in its vision, but the impact felt leaves a lasting impression.


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ON VIDEO

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BICENTENNIAL MAN
(****) Robin Williams re-teams with director Chris Columbus in hopes of putting the polish as they did before with "Mrs. Doubtfire." Instead, they suffer through this well-intended but corroded story about a mechanized android servant who strives to be human for the experience. While living through and with three generations of the same family, the film has its moments through Williams' sensitive performance. But it's not enough to remove the somber rust of this script.

ON VIDEO

Rated: PG-13, 128 min. Touchstone Home Video

Tom Cruise and Thandie Newton stars as agents Ethan Hunt and Nyah (William Forsythe) trying to save the world from "banging" his wife.

DEUCE BIGALOW, MALE GIGOLO
(*1/2) Rob Schneider co-wrote and stars in this lame, moronic comedy about a bumbling fish tank cleaner house-sitting for a local gigolette to tend to his tropical fishes. When an accident leaves him into a series of encounters in an attempt to raise $5G's in three weeks to restore the aquarium and apartment. He works as a male whore by a pimp (Eddie Griffin). Until he falls in love with a beautiful woman with a fake leg and periodically has run-ins with a jealous cop (William Forsythe) trying to blacklist the real gigolette for "banging" his wife.

RATED: R. 85 min. Touchstone Home Video

ON CD

By David Schultz

THE ORIGINAL KINGS OF COMEDY—Motion Picture Soundtrack (Universal)

(***+) Excerpts from the standup monologues from today's current top crop of black comics, Steve Harvey, O.D. Hughes, Cedric The Entertainer, Bernie Mac quartered around a few hip hop selections from Nelly, Big Tymers, Sticky Fingaz, Monifah, Juvenile. The samplings here conjure up the best of our comedic ancestors like Richard Pryor, Robin Harris and Rudy Ray Moore.

LOVE CRIMES—Ruff Endz (Epic)

(****) There's nothing criminal about this debut CD from this Baltimore-based soul vocal duo who are scoring well with their first hit disk, "No More". A descent mixture of up-tempo grooves and melodic moods in songs that offer lyrical "thoughts and truths" in relationships and confrontations. Duo has some diversity in their selections from Nelly, Big Tymers, Sticky Fingaz, Monifah, Juvenile, (773) 731-1026. Black on Black Love Cultural Center, 1024 E. 87th St.,

Arts, Contest, and Grants

City Sticker Art Contest
All Chicago high students are invited to submit artwork reflecting the theme of the 2001-2002 Chicago Vehicle Sticker. This year's theme, "Road, Learn, Discover," is taken from the mission statement of the Chicago Public Library. Entries must be submitted to the Clerk's office before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13. All entries will be reviewed by a panel of celebrity judges, including members of the local media, artists, and sports personalities. The top ten finalists will have their art displayed in the Chicago Sun Times. The public then selects the winner by telephone voting. The lucky and talented winner will see his or her art grace the windshield of more than 1.5 million cars, trucks and other vehicles beginning next June. In addition, the winner will receive a $1,000 savings bond and his or her school receives a $500 gift certificate for art supplies. Additional savings bonds will be awarded to the other finalists. The winners will also be recognized by Mayor Richard M. Daley, City Clerk Jim Lakis and the alderman at a city council meeting scheduled for January. Students or teachers who would like additional may contact City Clerk Lakis' office at (312) 744-2350.

Free Poetry Contest Open to Chicago residents:
Owings Mills, MD (USA)- The International Library of Poetry has announced that $18,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Chicago area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is November 10, 2000. The contest is open to every one and entry is free.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19090, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by November 10, 2000. Enter online at www.poetry.com.

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

Community Arts Grants
Application Workshops Nov. 1-16 Individual artists and nonprofit arts organizations in all disciplines can apply now for grants of up to $1,000 through the Community Arts Assistance Program (CAAP) for the year 2001 for professional, artistic, and organizational development projects. Applications are being distributed by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E Washington St., 4th floor, and 34 other locations throughout the city. Application assistance workshops are scheduled, Nov. 1-16. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Fri.; Dec. 1.

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Ordinances for choice of Cable TV

An ordinance that will, for the first time, give residents throughout Chicago a choice of cable television companies. It ensures cable competition throughout the city, which usually results in better service and lower prices, and it also will give a strong boost to minority and women-owned businesses. Two major cable television companies—21st Century and Comcast—have agreed to award 40 percent of their contracts to businesses owned by minorities and 12 percent to companies owned by women. The companies must be located within the City of Chicago. The companies also agreed to identify and incubate new minority and Women Business Enterprise companies and assist them through the City certification process.

Additionally, the City have introduced a resolution authorizing the transfer of the cable franchise in areas 2 and 3 from Prime/cheidComast to AT&T.

Higginbottom name in Chicago Realtor Hall of Fame

About 1,000 leaders of local, state and national real estate honored real estate legends at the 117th Annual Chicago Association of Realtors (CARA) Inaugural Banquet, held October 10. Induction into the CAR Hall of Fame is Mr. Elzie Higginbottom of East Lake Management and Development and Sheldon F. Good, Sheldon Good & Co. International.

Mr. Higginbottom, not only a trailblazer of community renewal and economic development for urban neighborhood, he has been the sponsoring support of many Black projects on and off the record with his questionable political relations. Higginbottom created a comprehensive real estate services firm that laid the foundation for redevelopment and development of numerous projects. His company has acted as a navigator for city and community projects. Mr. Higginbottom has made a commitment to business development in the African American community in his work in affordable housing and economic development. His success in construction and management has also made him a catalyst for increased minority participation in the real estate industry.

Mr. Higginbottom worked tirelessly with the rehab and redevelopment of the Chicago Military Academy Bronzeville. In addition, he is active in the expansion of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, and is currently spearheading construction of radio tower/PUSH Coalition radio and TV studios.

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Joining in on the press conference will be Congressional representatives, Jan Schakowsky (D), tentatively Jesse Jackson Jr. (D) and Danny Davis (D). In addition, Sandra Contreras, homeowner for nearly 30 years, the first victim of predatory lending to get a new refinance product.

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