

# The VOTE

## Campaign Overview from the Black view

In Perspective by Nathan Thompson

The big day has come and once again, the potential or otherwise eventual allegiance of the African American voting bloc, or lack of, depending on ones viewpoint, is in question.

After the passing of the 15th Amendment in 1870, granting black men the right to vote, and the 19th Amendment in 1920 for all women, Blacks who weren't killed or beat to near-death for exercising their right to vote, proved that "change" truly comes from the will of the people.

In those days black voters faithfully went to the polls, on every election day, in support of the Republican ticket out of respect for the great emancipator Abraham Lincoln, who recent revelations suggest

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## In what polls say is a tight race, Gore's Black vote is secured, However, some question Black loyalty to Party commitment

hez Finley Staff Writer

Veteran political activist and WVON talk show host, Lu Palmer is voting for Ralph Nader, of the Green Party for President of the United States on November 7, 2000.

A vote many say is a wasted vote. But Nader himself says its about building a third party in the

country and if Vice President Al Gore loses its because he couldn't win anyway.

Nader says his Green Party, USA is building a third party in the United States. Chicago local has organized the Green Electoral Action Resource Service (GEARS) Center, which is a national electoral resource for Green

campaigns throughout the US and National Green Party representatives

Palmer, not focusing on any party views Gore's election as only giving Mayor Richard Daley a better control over the political empowerment of Blacks in Chicago. He based his position on the

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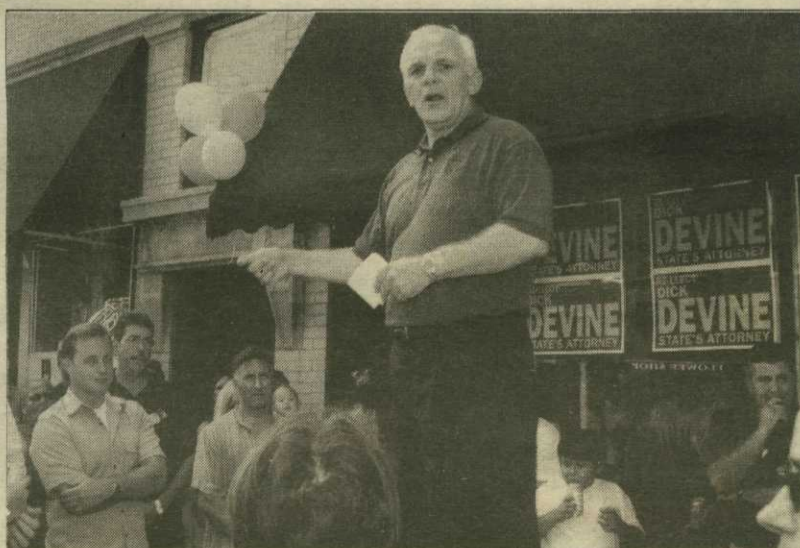
## Devine to D-2 reports questioned on lack to prosecute police officers

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 programs as a community-wide intervention strategy on gangs, he is still being questioned on his lack of prosecuting police officers.

D-2 forms of the State's Attorney were presented at a Task Force for Black Political Empowerment early this year. It was apparent from the D-2 which businesses and organizations were supporting him; some donations in 1996 range from \$250 from First Chicago, \$300 from Walgreens; Construction and General Laborers, \$3,000; Fraternal Order of police \$1,200; Dominicks, \$700; East Lake Management, \$1,500; The Habitat Company, \$500; and elected officials.

With monies being received from the FOP, the Task Force said they better understand why there has been a lack of action from Devine's office on prosecuting police.



Cook County State's Attonrey, Richard Devine at a campaign stop on the northside, gearing support for his reelection against Atty. David Gaughan

It was suggested that the Black community not support people or organizations that support him.

Devin, however, has also supported organization such as Black Men on the Move, Black on Black Love, Catholic Charities, PUSH Excel and RainbowPUSH.

At the juncture, that many civil organization

BEPAN a new black political organization emerge this year taking on one alderman in Chicago and now is targeting another, Dorothy Tillman (3), in which 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 Bronzeville. The economic contributions of generations before them.

"Equally as important as the hotel for the future of Blacks in Chicago, the Palm Tavern is the only business that reflects the past of Chicago Black business," said Everloyce McCullough, chair of BEPAN. "We must preserve this institution."

The Palm Tavern is up for a court hearing on November 15, (moved up from December) where the City of Chicago will officially take possession of the property under eminent domain. A city law that give the city the right to take property for the good of the public interest. "We question whose interest. If

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## 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.



McCullough

The hotel site, 916 East Oakwood Blvd., spearheaded BEPAN's position that it would raise the profile of African American business and economic development in the nation.

BEPAN leaders and students of the 4th ward headed by Robert Lucas launched a petition drive for a zoning variance to pave the way for the \$16 million hotel being developed by Anthony Fields, an African American businessman who owns the land.

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

BEPAN views the project as a

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demand fairness from Devine's office, the concern if there can be a real organized effort from the community based on the financial relationships.

In the past year more than five major cases of Chicago policing killing people have been nationally publicized as police brutality and a license to kill stress Rev. Paul Jakes.

"We must continue to be concern that African Americans must no longer be assumed to be criminal simply because they are African American by the police.

Rev. Jakes would not make comment of the financial relationships only that, the truth will resurface on people's position.

"It is as though they have abdicated their duty as our guardians," said Rev. Jakes. "However, to make matters worse, the issue is when the police are actually called

on the carpet for their misdeeds, the States Attorney refuses to prosecute. For reasons there is no basis for charging officers or lack of a case.

Report as to what the Task Force would do with the information on addressing conflict of interest was not confirm to South Street Journal.

# UnZip-Mail



By the Weatherman,



Sen. Hendon

State Representative Howard Kenner's fund raiser at Mr. Ricky's was non stop fun. The rep and Senator Rickey Hendon can Step. Hendon said he felt like he was on the west side; people were partying so hard. In between the partying Hendon said may be running for a city-wide office again and the people trying to dig him with a Silver Shovel, won't like they did other Black elected officials.

Alderman Toni Preckwinkle should be ready for the next election, word is that her fund raising party at the Hyde Park Mansion of Mr. Rand, (whose is building the shopping center of 47th and Cottage Grove) was a big success. Hundreds of folks showed up including Mr. Muhammad of C.R.O.E..... On the chosen name brothers. On 79th Street, word is efforts to demolish the Shoppers Lane store on 76th street was done to prevent the Nation of Islam in building a Grocery store at the location.

Word is The fourth annual Principal for a Day activities will take place Thursday, November 16. Among the celebrities to join are, R Kelly, Ald. Walter Burnett (27), Blondeen Davis, Chicago Public Schools; Steve Perez Schill, Fox-32; Connie Payton; Richard Dent and Ald. Ed Smith (28).

Still no deal on the Chicago Defender deal. On newspapers, Chicago loop has a new arrival. The Chicago Journal. (No relationship to South Street Journal or the Chicago Journal of Hyde Park) The newspaper is to serve the new population of folks to Chicago's new south side that Mayor Daley build. It's circulation services from Lake Michigan to Western Ave., from Lake Street to 22nd street. Good layout, but the color is weird. They maybe coming further south as one of the Ickes CHA buildings was demolished and to pick up the news from the new community to replace Stateway Gardens. By the way Terry Peterson can you account for where all those black folks were removed to from public housing since Mayor Daley took office.

T'Keyah Crystal Keymah has recently been spotted in and around the Englewood area. She was in town this summer for the Lorraine Hansberry play "Raisin In the Sun." at the Goodman theatre with good friend and super actor Harry Lennix. T'Keyah received an award from Faith Family Fellowship, Church of God In Christ, Pastor Mack C. Mason at their Saints on Safari affair. Oct. 19.

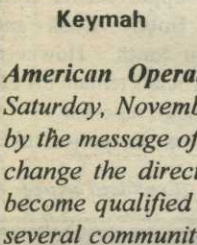
Rev. Joe Bell some people have a story about you.



R. Kelly



Richard Dent



Keymah

The 5th Annual Dinner Dance of The African-American Operating Engineers Association (AAOEA) was held on Saturday, November 4, at the Condesa Del Mar Banquet Hall, Inspired by the message of the historic Million Man March, was founded to help change the direction of our community for young men and women to become qualified operating engineers. They have made contributions to several community organizations such as the Leonard Clark Fund, The Girl X fund & The United Negro College Fund

Each year the AAOEA give special recognition to various individuals. Past honorees include Senator Donnie Trotter, Congressman Bobby Rush, Mr Clifford Kelley and the Honorable Earlean Collins. Another Million March in Chicago, this time, "Sister I'm Sorry Million Youth March, a "Day of Forgiveness and Atonement, The Queen Must Be Respected And Honored For 450 Years Of Slavery

Some Like it Black, (and some did not) was on 19th and Michigan is now on 45th and Michigan at the Inner City Youth Foundation building doing their multi-culture activities. Harold Lucas good friend Ms. Bobbie Johnson continues to be the business manager.



Bobbie Johnson

## Briefs

### 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 shop-ins; 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 Web Evans decided to organize the United American Progress Association 39 years ago. Silas K. Brown was the first person he went to for help. When Rev. Jesse 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 on the work that he did so well while he lived Said Webb Evans.

### Cora Lee McGruder passes

Cora McGruder, State Central Committeewoman and affiliated with the Democratic National Committee Black Caucus, passed from a heart attack on Sunday, October 29.

Ms. McGruder, at her time of death, was employed as deputy director of Legislative Affairs for Secretary of State, Jessie White.

Ms. McGruder, a product of Ida B. Wells Homes, was never a stranger to strong, productive and persistent achievers. A strong and dynamic force in her life ambitions, Ms. McGruder worked on every level of government paving ways for others to travel.

While educated in the Chicago public Schools (graduate of Doolittle Elementary and Dunbar Trade School) a business major, she received the required teachings of "government" from her civic classes.

Some of her employment included Spiegel Inc., U.S. Treasury Department, Chicago Defender, The Shoreland Newspaper and Chicago Park District. Her political influences and accomplishments was enhanced by various representative in government namely: Joseph Robichaux, Charles Hayes, former 34th Ward Ald. Wilson Frost, State Senator Emil Jones, Iola McGowan (DNC Black Caucus) Michael Madigan, Chairman State party, Commissioner Barbara Gowan, Ald. Carrie Austin, among many others.

### CTA gets \$565 mil. from feds

A bi-partisan effort that has resulted in \$565 million dollars in federal funding for the Chicago Transit Authority. The Mayor made his remarks upon return from Washington, DC, where he attended a private Oval Office bill signing ceremony with President Clinton.

The FY2001 Transportation Appropriations Bill signed by president bill Clinton will provide \$565 million to the CTA for utilization in the renovation and rehabilitation the Douglas Branch of the Blue Line and for the expansion of capacity for the Brown Line.

### Welfare workers get training

Illinois welfare workers will have to receive extensive training about domestic violence under the new law that will help public aid recipients who are victims of abuse at home. Sen. Barack Obama wrote and sponsored the legislation, which was signed into law by Gov. Ryan and takes effect on January 1, 2001. While a portion of the federal welfare reform law allows victims of domestic violence to continue to receive public assistance after the five-year time limit, Obama said many employees and contractors of the State Department of Human Services are aware of this option and victim's benefits are cut. "About half of the victims of domestic violence are receiving some sort of public assistance, said Obama.

The Illinois Coalition Against Domestic violence and the national Poverty Law Center support Obama's bill (Senate Bill 1712).

### Mayor Appoints Judy Rice City Treasurer

Mayor Richard Daley will appoint Chicago Department of Transportation Commissioner Judith C. Rice, an African American to the post of City Treasurer.

Rice, 43, has been commissioner of the Department of Transportation since December 1999. She was commissioner of the Department of Water from 1996 to 1999. She served in the City Revenue department from 1990 to 1995 and was Director of Revenue from 1993 to 1995.

The appointment comes to replace Mariam Santos who leaves the office again after pleading guilty of mail fraud.

Barbara A. Lumpkin, who the Mayor appointed to served as city Treasurer from June 1999 until April 2000 has decided to leave City government to return to the private sector. Lumpkin left the elected position when Santos return from imprisonment. Lumpkin has also served as Budget Director, City Comptroller and most recently, special assistant to the Mayor.

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# 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 millenium" 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 charette 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.

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Above is the Anthony Overton and his building located at 3617 South State Street. Some of the planning community representatives on hand for the dedication of redeveloping the building were, From left to right: Mary Steward Executive Director, Christine Boden Chairperson MSPDC, Senator Margaret Smith, Sheila Overton-Levi, Roland Burris and Col. Eugene Scott, publisher of the Chicago Defender. Photo by Bill Berry



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# Hotel

Anthony Fields, (r) the developer for the Howard Johnson Hotel has been the center of the Black media in telling his plans for the hotel. Fields and BEPAN member Bamani Obadele (seated) are quest on the Bosie Edwards (center) cable TV show speaking on the project.

SSJ photo by Michael Jones



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

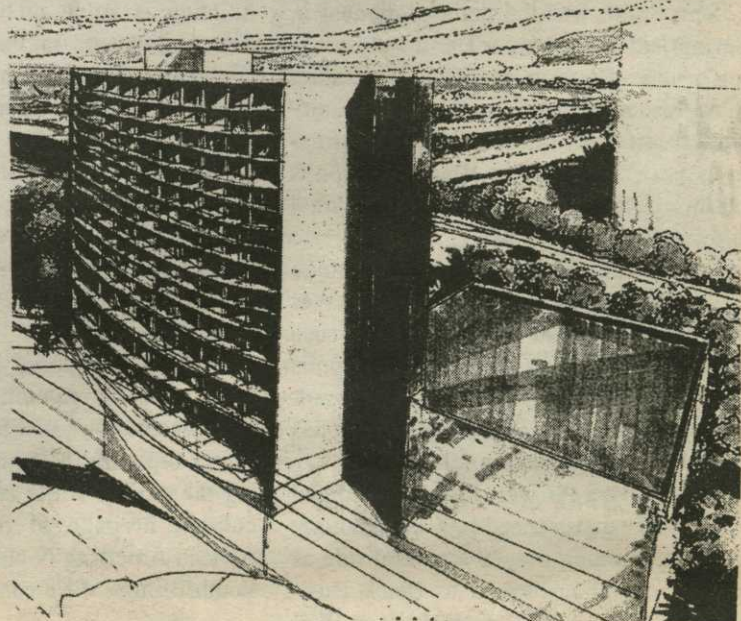
The project in the beginning lacked support from Ald. Preckwinkle (4) and the City of Chicago, Department of Planning. However, in a meeting on October 27th, with the City, Mr. Fields indicated that the city is in support of the project. Saying "I was hesitant about the meeting at first, however, it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

Pete Scales of the planning department 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 Conservation 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 an advisory position; he would not confirm that the city makes the final decision.

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

Scales indicated the next would be submitting the plan to



Artist's rendition of the proposed hotel complex at Oakwood and Lake Park Ave.

the Chicago's Community Development Commission and to the Community Building Commission.

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 acquisition for mix used housing.

Mr. Fields stated that the hotel would create over 250 hundred 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 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.

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




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. 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.

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# 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 has not totally close the day on the Palm Tavern. The City's Department of planning is meeting with a representative of the Palm Tav-

ern, as it is moving ahead with a market study for 47th street to become a Blues District. The development includes the Lou Rawls Cultural

Center to complement the concept of an entertainment district featuring small clubs with live performers.



The Gerri's Palm Tavern has been on many agenda 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.

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# 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 affairs 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 80 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 a informed decision. But, his conclusion is Albert Gore is the best informed decision.

Support to Al Gore was challenged by a group of community activist who say they are all "Gored out of their minds and are being George W. "AmBushed" in the communities". The group chal-

lenged 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 sited 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."

Joining Rev. Daniels were nine other ministers including Bishop Edgar Jackson of Beth-El All Nations 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 gravely 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 a bullet"

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 at-

tempt 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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**Where is your birthplace?**

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**Are you married?**

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**Business:** Marucs 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. Form there I that 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, steady and surely.

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**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

## Community Dates and Meetings

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. Dempsey 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.

**Southwest Capital Improvement Program Public Hearing**  
The City of Chicago is hosting its FY 2000-2004 CIP Public hearing to receive request for community improvements. over

\$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, technical or organizing assistance, contact Neighborhood Capital Budget Group 312/939.7198. [www.NCBG.org](http://www.NCBG.org)

**The Workshop Coalition, Inc presents its 1st Annual Fund raiser**, Thursday, November 9, 6 - 9 pm at Hermann Union Building, Illinois Institute of Technology, 3241 S. Federal. Keynote Speaker: Edward H. King, Director Trade and Corporate Relations, Walgreens Cooperation. Entertainment by: Leonard Barr,

Masters of Ceremony: Dr. Cornelius Collins, Morgan Carter and Boyse Edwards. Donations \$150.00 per person, \$1,200 per table, corporate sponsorship \$2,000. For ticket information call 773/291-2207.

LaSalle Bank presents, Expanding Your Business, Thursday, November 9, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Featured speaker: Sara Shifrin, business Consultant. To be held at LaSalle bank, 7900 S. Halsted Street, refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to lanita glover

**DeLaSalle Institute**, 3455 Wabash Ave, will host its 17th Annual Olympic Day for seventh and eighth grade boys on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Teams of five are invited to the competition which will feature basketball, knee-tackle football,

bowling, weightlifting, trivia, relay races and a tug-o-war. If there are more than five members to a team, the extra participants will be placed on other teams.

Each event in the competition warrants teams pints. The top four teams with the most points will be awarded prizes. For more information or to register your team, contact Mr. Joe Zampillo at 312/842-7355. ext. 114.

**The Mid South Planning & Development Commission** will hold an Overton (Building) Development (see story on page 3) Charette, "Industry and Enterprise", Friday, November 10, where there will be a networking reception with Herb Kent "Mayor of Bronzeville from 6: - 7 pm. And on Saturday November 11, Keynote speaker will be Vernon 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 Bynum family from Detroit Michigan, Harvey, Ill. and McLeansboro, Ill. Pictured receiving honor is Charles petty as UAPA business man of the year for 44 years of success in business. Bernice Bryant for her humanity while serving as church clerk of the Israel Methodist Community Church, Web Evans, president of UAPA and guest member of UAPA.

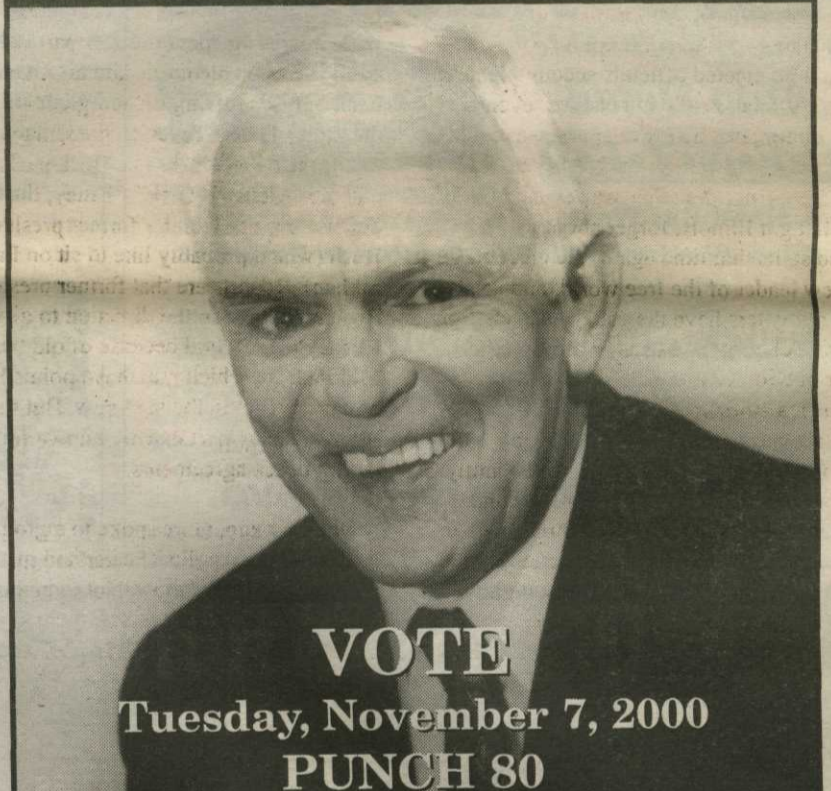
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# Black Campaign overview

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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 Electoral College decides that."

The short answer to that question is that a lot of Black people died for their people right to vote and that those who died for the cause didn't die in vain.

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 forgone conclusion that electoral votes are automatically turned over to the party candidate, however, it is not the letter of the law. In theory, it could come down to the wire and, depending on the popular vote, a state's electoral delegates can legally vote for anybody, mess everything up and tie the whole election up in congress.

Beyond the voting stage, however, it is 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 its 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 usual 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



Last year Vice President Albert Gore, tour the Kenwood community with local elected officials. Front Row (left to Right): The Resurrection project Executive Director Raul Raymoundo, (then Commissioner) Julia Stasch, now Chief of Staff to Mayor Daley, Reverent Arthur Brazier, (then Senator) Carol Mosley-Braun; Abassor to African, Vice president al Core, mayor Ricahrd M. Daley, Chairwoman of the Conservation Community Council Shirley Newsome, Congressman bobby Rush, Senator Richard Durbin. Back row (left to right): planning Commissioner Chris Hill, alderman Toni Preckwinkle, Congressman Danny Dais, LISC president Paul Grogan, HUD Assistant Secretary for Community planning and Development Saul

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" Chaney, 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 Chaney 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, Chaney 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 later with full service gospel choir playing the republican convention.

But as Colin Powel 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 interests. During the debates Dubya 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 17th and 37th 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 Wik People in the on-going fight for Native Title. Could that happen in America? Selma Alabama has a Black mayor.

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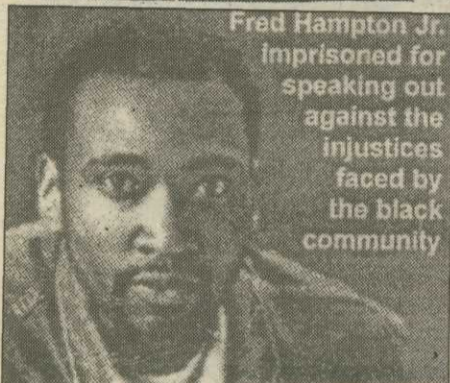
# The other side of the election: What would be the candidates position be on the following?

Political fight;

## Fred Hampton Jr. "We Gotta Free Fred!"



Fred Hampton Jr. imprisoned for speaking out against the injustices faced by the black community



County, and the City of Chicago were responsible for the murder of Fred Hampton, Sr. and Mark Clark.

While the government was exposed for murdering Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, the families saw very little of the settlement. Instead, the money and fame of the lawsuit went to further the careers

of the trial lawyers involved and not the families nor the community. In addition, during this time a separate lawsuit was filed against the "Red Squad Legion of Justice," a government terrorist group whose membership included former Mayor Daley (Chicago's current Mayor's father), various police, and other officials, for their role in targeting the Black Panther Party and other activist groups.

The threat posed by Fred Hampton, Sr. to Daley, Sr. was one of great proportions. The Black Panthers organized the community and the politically oriented them: Fred Hampton Jr. was walking in his father foot steps when the same war that killed his father attempted to silence him in 1992.

During the wide-spread rebellions following the Simi Valley verdict which acquitted four white L.A. police for the brutal beating of Rodney King, the state took it's opportunity to snatch Fred Hampton Jr. from the community. On May 11th, 1992 Fred Hampton Jr. was arrested by a squad of Chicago police and FBI agents led by Joseph Grubisic, 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 "exemplary citizen." Three days prior to his armed robbery trial, there was an attempt on his life. The robbery case also turned up a "Not guilty decision. Further the court expressed grave doubt that a robbery of any kind had even taken place. After the verdict was returned, the prosecuting attorney shouted, in a fit of rage, "Fred Hampton, Jr.; we'll get you yet!"

The political trial was quick and swift. In just three days, the community was striped of one of it's greatest freedom fighters. The jury was majority white and most had close police ties. Those who believed that police officers sometimes lie were dismissed. The judge refused to let Fred Hampton, Jr. be tried.

Local Chicago Branch of the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement

African American organizer 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!

In 1992, as President of the Chicago Chapter of the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement, (NPDUM), Fred Hampton, Jr. was successfully organizing masses of poor and working class people back into political action to fight for the rights of the oppressed African American community.

NPDUM is a national organization founded in 1991 in Chicago by the African People's Socialist Party to defend the African community for the unrelenting onslaught of government attacks that keep the community beat down and powerless. Fred Hampton Jr. was an organizer supreme, just like his father, and thus an incredible threat to the "business as usual" Richard M. Daley machine.

It was Fred's father Fred Hampton, Sr. who built Chicago, the largest chapter of the Black Panther Party in the U. S.

Fred Sr. was a brilliant and courageous leader who united the community in fighting the government instead of each other, and organized African community do-for-yourself programs including the Free Breakfast for School Program, the first sickle cell anemia testing clinics and many others.

As part of the government's attack on the Black Power Movement of the 60's; the FBI and Chicago Police assassinated Fred Hampton, Sr. on December 4, 1969 in a pre-dawn raid in which Mark Clark was also killed. This assassination was a part of a nation-wide government war against the Black Liberation Movement known as COINTEL-PRO (Counter-Intelligence Program). From 1972-to-1982 the families of Fred Hampton, Sr. and Mark Clark endured the longest civil suit in U.S. history. During this time the COINTELPRO documents were released proving that the U.S. government, the State of Illinois, Cook

Who is

## Mumia Abu-Jamal? And why do people want to stop his Execution?



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 of Black Journalists in Philadelphia, and he had no prior criminal record.

In December of 1981, Mumia was shot by a Philadelphia cop when he came upon a street incident where the cop was beating his brother with a flashlight. The police officer was also shot and killed, and witnesses saw one or 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 another eyewitness who say Mumia is 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.

He was a vocal critic of police violence against the minority communities 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, for his outspoken opposition to racism and police brutality.

Mumia was barred from most of his own trial for protesting an unprepared court-appointed attorney who was later disbarred. Eleven peremptory challenges were used to knock almost all Blacks off the jury. Vital evidence was withheld from the defense, and police were unable to establish that the final bullet came from Mumia's gun.

The politics behind the frame-up was made clear when the prosecutor argued for the death penalty by reading to the jury revolutionary quotations from a published interview with Mumia from ten years earlier. The jury was told this is a dangerous Black revolutionary.

In hearings for a new trial, a witness used against Mumia in his first trial came forward to say that she lied under police coercion. In retaliation, she was arrested in the courtroom as she stepped off the witness stand on an old warrant from another state. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court (5 of 7 justices endorsed for election by the Fraternal Order of Police)

then ruled against a new trial.

Mumia has now asked a federal court to order a new trial. But a new law orders federal judges to presume the decisions 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 into punitive detention for writing a book Live From Death Row. Reporters are still prohibited from filming or recording interviews with him. As Jamal has put it, "They don't just want my death, they want my silence."

### FREE

### AARON PATTERSON

Aaron Patterson has spent the last ten years of his life on Illinois' death row for a crime he did not commit. He was convicted of the 1986 double-homicide of Victor and



Rafaela Sanchez, based upon a "confession" he allegedly gave during a 25-hour interrogation at Area II police headquarters. In reality, Patterson refused to confess, despite being tortured by former police commander Jon Burge and his officers. There is no audio or visual recording of Patterson confessing. The "confession" amounts to a statement written by then prosecutor Peter Troy which Patterson never signed.

There is no other "evidence" that connects Patterson to this crime. The only witness who testified against him, Marva Hall, was 16-years-old at the time; she has since recanted on three separate occasions. Hall stated in a signed, 1998 affidavit that prosecutor Jack Hynes threatened to have her jailed if she did not testify against Patterson, despite the fact that she told him such testimony would be false. Physical evidence uncovered at the crime scene, fingerprints did not match Patterson. Significantly, this evidence if re-examined could reveal the identity of the real killer, but the evidence is now "missing" from the police and state's attorney files.

Mayor Daley was Cook County State's Attorney when Aaron Patterson, along with many other Burge torture victims, was prosecuted. In contrast, Daley's office consistently protected Burge from prosecution, despite extensive evidence of torture. Ten of Burge's victims, including Patterson, are on death row and are known throughout Chicago as the "Death Row 10".

The African-American Committee to Free Abu-Jamal and Aaron Patterson

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The Chicago Bush. It was The newspaper, was hinted in this past May. The Times is aiming in



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will market and reach Chicago. Looking west sides, and the communities of Af factor than race.

What is so alarming since the U.S. is do Chicago Sun-Time many other White person such as Geo Speaking to Bru

## BEPAN & Economic

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## Hotels w Black Co

Dear Editor; I was raised on the s day ago I was rememb when I was a child and that with a couple of fi to the early 1960's on younger readers know Those of us 40 plus re round bus station bein blocks to 63rd and Do It later became Amtral traveler must go down On Stony Island the and bars. Then black whites only hotels. Tl (not just nap and hank day. As a youngster I Luarel Mississippi. I to Jackson on the Trai On the return ride h people who were com people had hotels, mo rants, record shops to Chicago. The Black Stone is you think of another f 63rd off King Drive. Should we have ho our visitors have to st

**Editorial**

# Look At Endorsements



*Sun-Times* endorsed George W. Bush. It would be a shock if they did not. The reason for their endorsement is the *Crain's Chicago Business* magazine reported that the *Sun-Times* is at wooing more women and upscale readers. The future demographics of the population change in Chicago contributed to their endorsement as well. Michael Cook, Editor in Chief of the *Sun-Times* was not available for comments. *Chicago Magazine* featured a story on the newspaper wars where it pointed out that the *Sun-Times* not only will enhance the newspaper quality, it is out to the new market of the new near south, near new Kenwood and Bronzeville. An American, class is more about the endorsement is going so well, why would the *The Chicago Tribune* and so many people want to change for a George Bush.

of the *Tribune*, he reminded me that the *Tribune* is consistent with its politics. In addition, the *Chicago Tribune* has been a Republican newspaper since 1847. It started off as an abolitionist newspaper to free the slaves. Blacks were republicans as well. He said was the African American community that change, so where during Civil Rights. Mr. Dold continued to say that even as the *Tribune* remains true to its political agenda, it do presently have a marketing plan to secure a greater Black readership.

The *Sun-Times* have been through many Black boycotts. Enough to know what the Black community can or will not do from insults. Just recently the newspaper published two polls on the presidential race. Neither poll addressed race demographics of voters as a factor in who will be the next president of the U.S. States.

Just as the Black press, the *Sun Times* has learned and understands how the ruffling of the public will flow. Why should the *Sun-Times* care if a group of people boycott them. As plain as day most Black newspapers and Black elected officials endorsed Mayor Daley against the will of the majority of Black voters. It is no different from what the *Sun-Times* has done.

In Chicago endorsements are more than a political direction, as in the last Mayoral election, Rev. Jesse Jackson viewed his endorsement of Con-

gressman Bobby Rush for mayor as an endorsement of principle. But a real endorsement was that of Judge Eugene Pincham. His famous endorsement of Harold Washington made it known of his strong support. If some people do not vote for Harold they need to be hung.

Harold Washington made his endorsements personal and even kinder. Saying those that do not support his slate may not be his friends. Well thanks to Harold's "Dream Team," his endorsements were acted on or compromised by some who wanted to remain his friends. It resulted in the election of Mayor Daley as States Attorney, Carol Mosely Braun as U.S. Senate, the late Joe Gardner as a commission on the Water District. And oh yes Pucinski, now turned republican. And Mayor Daley got rid of partisan elections in the Mayoral race.

With the strong push from the Black elected officials to elect Gore there still is a lack of a Black political agenda in Chicago.

It is a reminder of what Minister Louis Farrakhan said before the Carol Mosley Braun election. "After this election, there will be no more politics as usual in Chicago."

Well, it can not be proven by many who are se-

cured with the pitch that the economy is great. And if Gore is elected the Black community will continued to be compromising its true political freedom. Once again the Democratic Party will be serving its purpose in Chicago, keeping Blacks in line.

On the record, we endorse Al Gore, for the same reason most Black elected officials endorse him. We have no real alternative. But, it can be known that Gore will do the right thing in the confinements of the Democratic Party. On the other side, with Bush, as simple as his spouse supports the Confederate Flag, is reason enough not to vote for him. And for the *Chicago Sun-Times* it really don't know what flag to wave.

On the record we can use the *Chicago Defender's* endorsements. But oppose its choice for States Attorney. David Gaughan is our choice. There needs to be political freedom in the office and the *Defender* should know that by now.

Dorothy Brown, we endorse her off the record because she stated to a Block club meeting Blacks will not be able to speak freely until 10 years from now. That's compromising for too long.

However, no endorsement without accountability from candidates and endorsers (*Sun Times*) only allow matters to become worse.

## Letters

### Voting is the Law and for Gore.

Dear Editor

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 also has forgotten that not to long ago Black people couldn't even vote.

We forgot to soon the struggles of our ancestors to pull us out of second class citizenship and give us better way of living. We forget the efforts of many Blacks that made a difference in our lives, such as Harriet Tubman devoting her life to freeing people through the Underground Railroad and Nat Turner revolting against slavery. Had Rosa Parks given up her seat to that white man, we might still be forced to ride in the back of the bus.

Today you have a choice. If Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had not shared a dream of a better life we might still be facing greater amounts of hatred, prejudice, and discrimination.

So, there are no more acceptable excuses, for Black people 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.

Our vote 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. Vote on November 7.

It should be extremely embarrassing to be an adult and not be registered to vote, and even more embarrassing to be registered and not vote. The November election is an important one, as it will determine who will head this country for the next four years.

Who is that more perfect candidate? Try more with Gore. don't get stuck in the bushes.

Marie M. Williams  
South Shore



### The candidates and Anheuser Busch

Dear Editor

George W. Bush and Al Gore each has tried to convince the American public that educational re-



### The Crack Head Shuffle

Dear Editor

A view from my window and a nervous system almost gone, I see sisters getting into cars and getting out of cars fixing up their cloths on them. Then starting all over again in another car.

Their arms swinging too and from, must make a discussion which way must I go. reflection in the mirror could this be me, remind me of the old standard, things ain't what they use to be.

pushing dope is heartless crime, suppose you had to get yours like I got mine.

P.S. To my beautiful Black sisters get some help, someday, some way.

Wm. Hopkins  
Grand Blvd.

form would be a top priority of their administrations, both already have committed a serious error in judgement by allowing Anheuser Busch to sponsor the final presidential debate in St. Louis. Beer drinking has stopped more than a few students from making ht honor roll but even the weakest can see that the nation's leading brewer has bought the White Hose seal of approval for its product before even a single ballot has been cast. never mind that alcohol is associated with the leading causes of death among teenagers, or that its use is illegal among voters younger than 21

The national Council on Alcoholism and drug Dependence has long been urging college administrators to refuse beer sponsorship of campus events to avoid sending mixed messages about underage drinking. This argument has suddenly become difficult to make during the 2000 presidential campaign, a situation all the more regrettable because both candidates are the fathers of teenage children.

Donald E. Malec

Recovery Communities United An Affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

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hotel that comes to mind; can ? Oh yes, Roberts Motels on

n our community or should someone else's community?  
Julius McKinnis  
Roseland

# Ask Mother Diva

Dear Mother Diva,

**M**y girlfriend and I have been together for two and a half years. We love each other dearly and we have a wonderful sexual relationship. Three months ago my girlfriend went to the doctor for a routine examine and her physician discovered that she had a cist on her ovary. Well this put a damper on our sex life.

Mother Diva, this may sound silly but I am concerned about catching it. My girlfriend assures me that it won't happen, but I keep having nightmares about looking in the mirror, opening my mouth and seeing this big, gigantic cist on my tongue. What should I do?

Signed, Assist with a Cist  
Hyde Park

Dear Assist with a Cist,

Its great to hear from a resident of my childhood neighborhood. Your girlfriend is right, it is not possible for a cist on your girlfriend's ovary to be sexually transmitted. Perhaps, you should talk to a health care provider or your girlfriend's physician to educate yourself more on this condition.

Ovarian cist are extremely common. I commend your girlfriend on regularly visiting her health care provider, so many women take their bodies for granted. I encourage all women to have annual and regular visits with a physician. It may be possible that the nightmares stem from a deeper psychological issue and the cist on your girlfriend's ovary is just the surface point. My advise to you is seek counseling with your girlfriend and if and when the cist is removed, if you are still hungry and desire to devour her passion flower let the eating begin.

Dear Mother Diva,

I am a big fan of yours and have followed your career for the past three years. I notice your rapid weight loss you look great. Anyway I have a midsection problem.



*Entertainment Entrepreneur and President and CEO of Fatgirl Entertainment, Mother Diva, native of Chicago actress/comedienne formerly a cast member the Keenen Ivory Wayans show, and appeared as "the church lady" on Fox's Ally McBeal will publish a weekly advice column in SSJ. Whether you are gay or straight big or tall, Mother Diva has the answers for all.*

The rest of my body is pretty much in good condition but basically, well to put it bluntly, I have a beer belly.

My doctor says its not a medical condition and with proper diet and exercise it will disappear. I have tried everything exercise, diets, nothing seems to work. 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 before trying my reducing techniques. Here is my recipe:

Go to a sporting goods store and purchase a waist band, wear it 24/7 or as much as

you can stand wearing it, sleep in it. Drink 6-8 glasses of lemon water per day, 12 ounces of grape fruit juice 2 glasses of aloe vera (you can mix the aloe vera juice in the 6-8 glasses of water) 25 sit up stomach crunches per day, eat three meals a day, read the nutrition charts on the food you buy, stay away from food high in carbohydrates, make sure your meals consist of plenty of vegetables, especially green vegetables, i.e. lettuce and cabbage, these particular vegetables burn fat. Try this for 2 weeks, you should loose 2-4 inches or more.

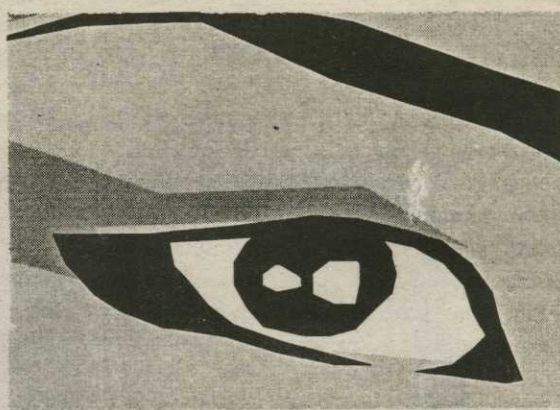
Keep in touch. Best of luck.

Write to Mother Diva, all letters will be answered privately or publicly, specify which, at SSJ, 414 W.79th St., fax 773-783-1754 e-mail: askmotherdiva@write me.com



# ICO Professor Receives Grant to Study Hereditary Patterns In African-Americans That May Cause Glaucoma

Douglas - Daniel Roberts, O. D., a full professor at the Illinois College of Optometry, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Prevent Blindness America's Fight for Sight Grant Program to study hereditary patterns in the expression of Pigment Dispersion Syndrome(PDS). Left untreated PDS can lead to glaucoma and possibly even blindness.



ily history, extraocular muscle assessment, color vision testing, stereopsis, pupil testing, keratometry, manifest refraction, slit lamp biomicroscopy, including gonioscopy, intraocular pressure measurement, and dilated retinal/vitreous examinations.

Dr. Roberts also hopes to enroll Caucasians with PDS in his study to investigate possible differences in the

Pigment dispersion syndrome occurs when pigment granules are rubbed off the back surface of the iris by the fibers that hold the crystalline lens in place in the eye. Over time these granules can collect in the eye's drainage structure, impeding the discharge of fluid and potentially causing glaucoma. 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.

Dr. Roberts has been researching PDS for approximately ten years and intends to further document its hereditary nature in the African-American community, and to learn more about how it presents itself so it can be better understood and diagnosed.

PDS was once widely believed to be extremely rare in the African

-American community, but Dr. Robert's research has revealed that while less prevalent among African-Americans than among Caucasians, it is probably far more common than previously realized. PDS occurs among approximately two percent of Caucasians; Dr. Roberts has recently discovered PDS among 0.1 to 0.2 percent of African-American patients at the Illinois Eye, Institute in Bronzeville neighborhood. The Illinois Eye Institute is affiliated with the Illinois College of Optometry, and is where Dr. Roberts conducts his research in Chicago.

The grant will be used to continue to collect data from family members of African-American patients who have been diagnosed with PDS, and to diagnose new cases. Subjects in the study will receive complete eye exams at no cost. Included will be taking of ocular and medical histories, fam-

way PDS manifests itself in different racial populations. He is actively seeking participants for his study. Doctors who have patients they would like to refer for investigation, or individuals who believe they or a family member may have PDS, should call Mary Rutherford at (312) 949-7222 to learn if they are possible subjects for the study.

## Program Announcement:

Grand Blvd. - The multi-faceted human service agency, Firman Community Services announces the sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This program is designed primarily to provide nutritious meals to all children in Child Care Centers; Outside-School-Hours Centers; At-Risk, After-School Snack Programs; Homeless Shelters, and Family Day Care Homes. Meals are available at no separate charge to the children.

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Household Size	Level for Free Meals	
	year	Month Week
1	\$10,855	\$905 \$209
2	14,625	1,219 282
3	18,395	1,533 354
4	22,165	1,848 427
5	25,935	2,162 499
6	29,705	2,476 572
7	33,475	2,790 644
8	37,245	3,104 717
Each Additional Family Member Add +3,770 +315 +73		
Level for Reduced-Price Meals		
Year	Month	Week
\$15,448	\$1,288	\$298
20,813	1,735	401
26,178	2,182	504
31,543	2,629	607
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The vaccines are covered by Medicare for persons age 65 and older, although seniors are requested to bring their Medicare and insurance cards.

For more information about the Flu Shot program for senior citizens, call (312) 744-4016

The Chicago Department on Aging is stepping up efforts to increase transportation accessibility to senior citizens, by adding 21 new pickup locations to the Mayor Senior Grocery Shuttle Service.

For more information about the Senior Grocery Shuttle Service and the pickup location in your neighborhood, call the Chicago Department on Aging at (312) 744-8187.

# 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, interferes with brain cell development and the ability to make red blood cells, creates premature births, low birth weight, anemia, kidney failure, comas, 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. In reality lead is very toxic having no beneficial use. A small amount can cause serious irreversible health problem especially in young children, infants, and pregnant woman.

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 would be more focus on awareness, intervention and prevention.

Children are harmed at a national epidemic of over 500,000 with recognizes lead poisoned, with probably



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,

another 500,000 cases unrecognized due to little or no awareness and/or education.

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 intervention 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 rehabbing, redevelopment 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.

Educating and demonstrating to prevention and intervention practices that encourage the wholesome development. Our main focus is to reduce negative. The Lead-Buster is to teach lead poisoning through poetry art and craft. This is not a large enough impact. Our future needs everyone's help and especially yours. Please give a shout out to kids to stay healthy, use your head and get tested for lead.

Please feel free to call T.E.R.C. for information on lead poisoning at (773) 924-1328.

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*WE'RE GOING TO PROTECT  
IT; WE'RE WILLING TO  
FIGHT*

*WE'RE GOING TO KNOCK LEAD  
CLEAN OUT OF SIGHT*

*WE CAN HELP BY WASHING OUR  
HANDS A LOT MORE  
NOT EATING PAINT CHIPS AND  
THINGS OFF THE FLOOR*

*DRINK COLD WATER; NOT ONLY A  
SIP, ALL THESE THINGS ARE  
HELPFUL TIPS*

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# SPIRITUALLY

## 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 would be 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 to have some of the largest jails to house our people. I think the record will show that Blacks have more churches than all other ethnic groups put together. With 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 not better than they are in the Black Community with all the churches we have.

According to various reports, more Blacks are in jail, are 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 communities of Chicago, it seems that we would have more peace, more 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.

Webb Evans, President of United American progress Association



## 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 persons.

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

"I experience a healing gift that I did not understand in 1963. It awoken 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 vision I started are known. And will not be known. But I know the vision to serve the community and that is what Unity Church is about."

Robert Gore, who experience hard in his life came to Unity for help. He came to Unity in February of this year. He recieved blessing to fill his life and now is filling others as the House Manager for the Unity.

Arthur Rhymes, who works sun-up to sun down 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 unexcepted 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 been a member of a church, now joining.

"Many people come here because of a lack of education and drug abuse. And then there is just a lack of affordable housing." said Rymes.

Working the education programs, Unity build a working relationship with Kennedy King College. The neighboring school assist in providing program support in computer classes, workshops on money management and GED services.

In addition, Unity works with other organization such as the Hay Market, Entry House in detox work.

Elder Daniels said if it was not for the congregation the church would not be able to provide the services they do.

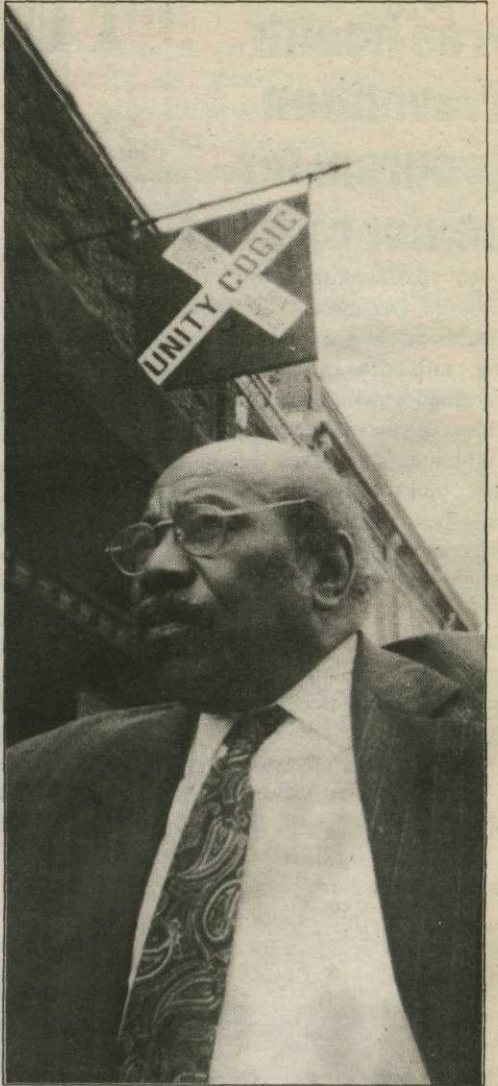
"We are finding ourselves in need of serious funding support to maintain. And the more we work the services the more the need to expand the program we offer to homeless persons.

The building is sound and stable. However, it is in need of a new roof, expansion for a first floor family unit and seventeen additional beds. Painting, installation of recreation and dining areas with a kitchen, shower facilities and additional office space for program operators continues to increase the cost of operating.

In most cases when an agency provides services such as Unity, without funding for these improvements, the organization would be forced to limit the program offered and number of homeless persons they can service.

Unity Outreach Ministries has been working on a gradual renovation that would ease the financial strain that extensive rebuilding would have on the outreach program. This renovation funding has come entirely from the Elder Daniels.

Unity has started making appeals



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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. "We sincerely hope that, in recognizing the importance of our program and the seriousness of the homeless situation, the Chicago Department of Human Services (CDHS) will provide us with the requested funds to maintain and expand our program."

"Till that time," said the Elder, "will continue serving those who have traditionally been undeserved here in Chicago.

In continuing the work for members of Unity, the church provides each Monday through Saturday at 9:00a.m.-10:00a.m., free legal advice. They also pick up children for Sunday school at 9:30a.m. They also have a bus leaving the church every Saturday at noon to go to places such as Chuck e Cheese and Great America.

Dinner served every Sunday at 2:00p.m. until 4:00p.m. The Unity Church secretary can be reached at (773) 487-9062 to get you involved in any of the services or programs mentioned above.

### 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 on going 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

work and The featured speaker will be W.L. Lillard host to "Straight Talk TV" Cable Channel 25. for more information on this event contact "The Church on the Corner that works" "Keeping focused on Black Issues."

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# Next Election stop 17th Ward



Tyrone De'Andre Hawthorne pictured at the Million Family March in Washington D.C., will be attempting to become the next alderman of the 17th ward along with a possible three other candidates for the February 27, 2001 election..

For years, the 17th ward has steadily built a reputation as a ward that has political clout, and on this coming February 27 there will be another special election on the direction of the ward. A transition that is vitally important to the residents and as well to Mayor Richard Daley.

For the 17th (and 37th on the west side) ward will have a special election because the office is vacant more than two years before 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 as CHA Executive Director.



Latasha Thomas up for election, was appointed last July, making her the 26th alderman the mayor has appointed;

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 "machine" and independent organizations at work.

The candidates confirming to enter the race are; Tyrone De'Andre Hawthorne, and Charles Partlow. Partlow has run for alderman at least

two times, while Hawthorne is a new candidate, reported to have a younger base.

Shun Payne, president of the 17th ward People Organization has not confirmed his position, and questions are still out if Hal Baskin 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 organization.

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 sources indicate 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.

Countering the fact that the 17th ward is undergoing major development, Hawthorne said. "Yes, the ward will continue to undertake the same community development role. But under my representation it will soar to the pinnacle of community identification and re-

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relationships 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 my election is prime representation and opportunity of choice not appointment."

Patlow, who has a base in the West Chatham part of the ward, has focused his campaign on community representation as well. Stating he is running and has the base to win.

Payne, whom sources indicate started the 17th ward Community Action Network, to run for the office would not confirm officially if he will run. But did say, "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 the

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.

The voter resignation will begin after the November 7 election.

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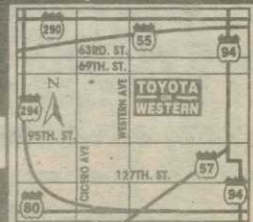
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Musicians includes TS Galloway, trombonist; ken Chaney, pianist; Orbert Davis, Kenny Anderson and Maurice Brown, trumpeters, Steve Berry and Omar Jefferson on trombones, Marlene Rosenberg on bass, Kobie Watkins on drums and ken Chaney on piano. The concert is free and the audience is invited to meet the musicians at a reception following the concert.

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## ENTERTAINING with David Schultz

### AT THE MOVIES By David Schultz **MEN OF HONOR**

(★★★1/2)  
"Men of Honor" is a movie that not only tells the life of Carl Brashear, the son of a Kentuckian 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 later 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's valet. Cuba Gooding Jr.'s convincing portrayal 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 seaman".

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 become 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



Photo: Phillip V. Caruso/SMPSP  
Carl Brashear (Cuba Gooding Jr.) stands determined and defiant against the challenge thrown at him from Master diver Chief, Billy Sunday (Robert DeNiro) in a scene from "Men of Honor", which opens Friday, November 10. The true story is directed by Columbia College grad filmmaker George Tillman Jr. who last gave us "Soul

from Sunday who turns out be not the bigot in as much as 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. When his leg is nearly severed in a freak accident on board. Later, he takes on physical training as an amputee to prove in a Washington CD court his ability to fulfill his duty He tested by Sunday's nemesis, Capt. Hanks to wear the new navy diving suit and take 12 steps to obtain his reinstatement. Which later makes him the first Black amputee in the US Navy history to return to full diving duty and becoming Mater 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 kid of "profile in courage" movie like "PT 109" Hollywood used to make. Truly inspiring and powerful, Tillman's "Men of Honor" is an exceptional film that distinguishes itself with grace, heart and dignity. Cuba Gooding Jr. gives a memorable performance that deserves a 24 gun salute. An important must-see movie for anybody and everybody. Rated: PG-13, 125 min. A 20th Century Fox Picture Release - Opens Fri. Nov. 10 at selected theatres

### 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.

All deliver stark and incredible performances. However, it's Ellen Burstyn's stunningly physical portrayal as Leto's lonely and neglected mother-widow who gives an amazing Oscar caliber performance 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 popper. 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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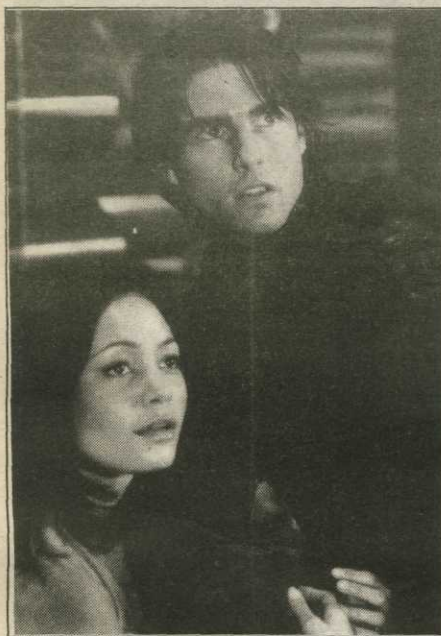


# ON VIDEO

By David Schultz

## BICENTENNIAL MAN

(★★1/2) 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 mechanic android servant who strides 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. Rated: PG-13, 128 min. Touchstone Home Video



Tom Cruise and Thandie Newton stars as agents Ethan Hunt and Nyah Hall who share some time together before saving the world from a deadly virus in "Mission impossible II", now available on video.

## DEUCE BIGALOW, MALE GIGOLO

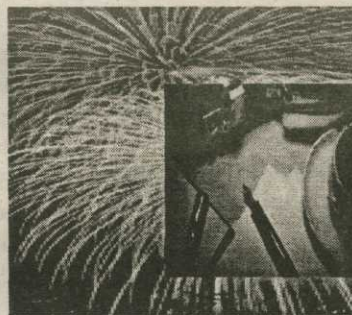
(★1/2) Rob Schneider co-wrote and stars in this lame, moronic comedy about a bumbling fish tank cleaner-house-sitting for a local gigolo to tend to his tropical fishes. When an accident leaves him into a series of encounters in an attempt to raise \$6G's in three weeks to restore the aquarium and apartment. 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 blackmail the real gigolo for "banging" his wife. Rated: R, 85 min. Touchstone Home Video

# Arts, Contest, and Grants

## City Sticker Art Contest

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# ON CD

By David Schultz

THE ORIGINAL KINGS OF COMEDY -Motion Picture Sound-track (Universal)

(★★★) Excerpts from the standup monologues from today's current top crop of black comics, Steve Harvey, D L Hughley, 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 vocals, but does display good harmony and musical unity with their material.

Choice Selections: "No More", "Where Does Love Go From Here", "Please Don't Forget About Me", "Phone Sex", "Are U \*\*\*\*in' Around", "I'm Not Just Saying That I'm Feelin' That", "Missing You", "The World To Me".

PEACE AND LOVE - Tommy Sims (Universal)

(★★★) There's something familiar as well as something new about this folksy yet soulful songwriter-musician. Sims' unique distinction is within his interesting blend of instrumentation along with his poetry-like lyrics. Sim's fresh flavor touches on old school roots from the likes of Bobby Womack, Al Green and Stevie Wonder (the latter cameos on harmonica on "Summer"). Hard to catalog, Sims' CD is an interesting and catchy offering that could grow on you.

Choice Selections: "2100", "A New Jam", "When You Go", "Summer", "Write One This Way", "Coming Home", "Ballad of Sophie", "It Doesn't Matter To The Sun", "Love And Patience", "Peace and Love"



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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 Cable/Comcast to AT&T,

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About 1,000 leaders of local, state and national real estate honored real estate legends at the 117th Annual Chicago Association of Realtors (CAR) 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 stated at Baird & Warner in 1964, rising to Senior Vice President, and founded their Government Assisted Multifamily Finance Divi-



The Chicago Association of Realtors name Sheldon F. Good, founder of the Chicago-based Sheldon Good & Company International and Elzie Higginbottom, East Lake Management and Development.

sion generating annual loan volume of \$50 -- \$100 million for 12 consecutive years. He is best known for his efforts to bring quality, affordable housing; he has been principal developer of more than 3,500 units of housing on scattered sites and neighborhoods within the Midwest. Mr. Higginbottom has also built several highly recognized ventures within Chicago's downtown area, including 200 North Dearborn, The Hermitage, and 1250 North LaSalle Street.

An alumni of University of Wisconsin, he is on the Athletic board of Trustees. He is also on the Board of Trustees for Lewis University, and is co-Chairman of the Illinois Workforce Investment board of Governor George Ryan.

As a role model for urban

economic renewal, 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 Rainbow/PUSH Coalition radio and TV studios.

Mr. Good the founder of Chicago-based Sheldon Good & Company International, is a legend in the real estate industry. His firm has brokered over 37,000 commercial, industrial & residential properties valued at nearly seven billion dollars. He is also founder and Chairman of the Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame.

Good's extensive civic and charitable involvement has brought him numerous awards from throughout the world, such as the Gold Medal of Honor of the City of Paris, the Prime Minister's Medal from State of Israel and The Crown of Good Name Award.

**Bronzeville Network Club,** meets every other Thursday, November 16, is the next set at Poor Wood's Grand Terrace, 200 East 35th Street. Free food, Music, Dancing and Networking. Sponsored by the Chicago Defender, Bronzeville Merchants Association, HUD, Bank One, and Herb Kent - Mayor of Bronzeville.

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### Fannie Mae Multi-Million Anti-Predatory Lending Program Experiment to Save Homes from Foreclosure

Housing partners will join representatives from Fannie Mae, the nation's largest source of financing for home mortgages, the National Training and Information Center, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, MidAmerica Bank and effected homebuyers will hold a press conference on November 9, to announce a multi-million lending pilot and 10-city partnership to protect consumers from abusive lending practices. This multi-million lending initiative will help victims abused by predatory lender save their homes from foreclosure and preserve the eq-

uity. In addition, a new Task Force will be unveiled to combat predatory lending practices in 10 U.S. cities. The announcement is part of Fannie Mae's \$12 billion "HouseChicago" investment strategy to help more than 150,000 Chicago families find affordable housing by 2003.

Joining in on the press conference will be Congressional representatives, Jan Schakowsky (9), tentatively Jesse Jackson Jr. (2) and Danny Davis (7). In addition, Sandra Contreras, homeowner for nearly 30 years, the first victim of predatory lending to get a new refinance product.

### Property Tax Reform on the Nov. Ballot

Citizens for Fair Assessments and Taxes (CFAT) members will encourage voters to "Vote Yes" for property tax reform on Tuesday, November 7th in eight Chicago wards.

CFAT member Andrea Raila stated that "Property owners throughout Cook County continue to receive high real estate reassessment increases. This tax reassessment has sparked an explosion of tax appeals but also an opportunity to voice taxpayer opinion about this property tax system.

Several Chicago ballots have an advisory referendum that ask Illinois state legislators pass legislation that would allow taxpayers to represent themselves, or retain any person other than an attorney to represent them, in property tax appeals.

Reflecting strong taxpayer and bipartisan support, the Illinois Senate voted yes by a margin of 80% on this tax reform issue last session. Debate was on the fact that lawyers by no means have a monopoly on expertise in real estate valuation, accounting or assessment administration.

The Wards will also get to cast their votes for reducing property taxes on longtime owner-occupant residents. Raila said that, "In the past 18 years, two-thirds of all state property tax legislation served to strengthen the powers of local government to collect and assess taxes."

Little has been done to transfer greater rights to property taxpayers. Now property taxpayers (and renters who may have their rents increased because of escalation real estate taxes) have the chance to send a clear message to their lawmakers to reform the property tax system. Chicago taxpayer deserve an open, nonpolitical tax appeal process, Raila said

### Real Estate

## Saint Bernard Hospital's Housing Development Corporation for Englewood

### Housing Project Description

Saint Bernard Housing Development Corporation (SBHDC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Saint Bernard Hospital, is developing 90 new homes on the vacant property just south of the hospital between 64<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Streets on Yale, Harvard and Stewart Avenues. This property has been vacant for more than 30 years

The hospital is taking its mission of providing quality health care to the community a step beyond the hospital's walls to improving the health of the neighborhood itself.

SBHDC began with pre-development research by conducting focus groups and exploring nearby institutions to determine community support for the project, gather information about the community's vision for new housing in its neighborhood and assess market potential. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

The primary design concerns expressed were that this new neighborhood of homes restores the fabric of the existing community and not wall itself off. This approach is evident in the site plan.

With the cooperation of the City of Chicago and Alderman Arenda Troutman, SBHDC complete the acquisition of the vacant property through the Department of Housing's New Homes for Chicago and Tax Reactivation Programs. The land is being re-subdivided to yield lots for new single-family homes and owner occupied two-flats.

East Lake Management & Development Corp has joined with Millennium Development Corp. in forming a joint venture to build a 3-bedroom, 1/12 bath, full basement single family home and a two-flat.

The two-flats will have a 2-bedroom garden apartment with a 2-story, 3-bedroom home above. Another single-family home design will have a 3 bedroom, 2-bath floor plan, also with a full basement.

Two model homes are now being constructed on Harvard Ave. at 65<sup>th</sup> Street.



An extensive buyer education program is planned for the project that will educate people desiring to be home-buyers, but who are not yet financially ready, so that they will eventually be able to own.

For qualified buyers, purchasing subsidies through the New Homes for Chicago Program and select financing options are available. Post-purchase education is also planned so that the homeowners know what to expect for the maintenance and upkeep of their homes.

It is SBHDC's hope that this new development will trigger the revitalization of the housing and community surrounding it. To this end, a rehab component is being developed as part of this project with Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago and the City's Department of Housing to focus lending on existing owner-occupied homes in the surrounding blocks.

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