

## What leaders have to say about "Staying out of the Bushes"

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. "This is



present day challenge."

a time of reflection, renewal and refocusing. We are not wavering from our principles nor are we compromising our commitment, we are preparing and positioning ourselves for the

### On the Election of George Bush as President of the USA

The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition in partnership with the NAACP, civil rights leaders, labor leaders, scholars and ministers, will prepare a request through the Freedom of Information Act to conduct their own count of the disrupted ballots in Florida.

#### Bush on Affirmative Action

Opposes quotas and racial preferences. - Supports 'affirmative access' to open the doors of opportunity through programs such as the Texas 10 percent plan, where those who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class are automatically admitted to any state college or university  
Advocates needs-based contracting and breaking down government contracts to smaller sizes to encourage entrepreneurship in all communities



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#### Bamani Obadele

Staying out the bushes was heretic. As an independent and side more with republicans. I preferred Bush, over Gore. We are not going to be no worst off. They (Black leadership) pump fear in our voters. Right off the bat Bush appointed his first two cabinet members as African Americans. Let's starting depending on on ourselves voer than the political leaders. Lets become manufacturers instead of consumers.



#### Eddie Read:

"It like two white men in a boxing ring fighting tooth and nail for the most powerful seat in the world. And Black leadership in the corner, shadow boxing. saying, "Man we are in a hellva fight."



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## 17th Ward Election on

### First forum set for December 19

Candidates for the Special interim Aldermanic Elections in the 17th and 37th Wards filed nomination papers with the Chicago Board of Election on Monday, December 11.

Three candidates in the 17th ward filed. With only a minimum of 119 signatures of registered voters required; leading with over 7,000 signatures was interim alderman Latahas Thomas, with Tyrone De'Andre Hawthorne and Beverly Taylor Williams with a little over 1,000 each.

The election will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2001. The special elections will fill vacancies until the regular Municipal and Aldermanic Elections of 2003.

The first Aldermanic forum is set for Tuesday, December 19th, at 6:30 p.m. to be



Ald. Latahas Thomas



Tyrone De'Andre Hawthorne



Beverly Taylor-Williams

held at 7950 S. Norman. It is sponsored by the 17th Ward Community Action Network. For information call 773/398-8077.

Shawn Paine, president of the organization was considered as a candidate.

He questioned if the forum would be fair,

and respond that, "The system for fairness to all candidates is structured to ensure fairness.

To qualify as a candidate, a person must be a registered voter who has resided in the ward at least two years prior to the date of the election. In addition, a candidate may not be in arrears on the payment of any tax or other indebtedness to the City of Chicago, or be a convicted felon.

If no one candidate receives in excess of 50 percent of the vote cast in the Interim February 27 Election, a Supplementary Run-Off Election will be conducted on Tuesday, April 3.

Initially there were five candidates for the

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## Hotel Zoning hearing ON HOLD

### Land usage of Hope VI in questioned

Oakland - "All I want to do is build my hotel." Those are the words of Anthony Fields, an African American businessman who owns the land at 916 East Oakwood Blvd. He has been stressing the words and working for over a year proposing to build a Howard Johnson Hotel and Plaza in the 4th ward

With \$16 million financing secured and an agreement from the Howard Johnson Corporation, the city is holding off support. The project in the beginning lacked support from Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (4). Ald. Preckwinkle stressed that the land is part of the Hope VI Wells/Madden Park development which calls for land acquisition for mix-used housing, not commercial development.

However, community organizations proposed land usage on Fields' lake front property as commercial development for the Hope VI project.

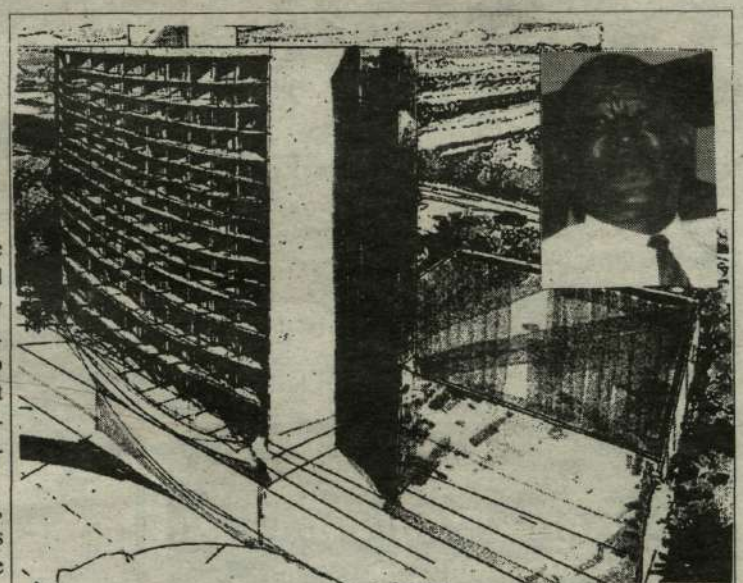
The City of Chicago, Department of Planning changed its non-support in a meeting with Mr. Fields on October 27th. Pete Scales of the planning department indicated that the city still is in question on the land. However, the City would

help Fields through the process that included getting it on the City Council Zoning agenda. But the process had no follow-up and is caught in the political preference of Ald. Preckwinkle.

On December 7, Fields was to present its project to the Committee on Zoning for a vote. But, it was cancel due to the absence of information. One was a testimony to the official land usage of the Hope VI application which do not includes Fields land. A letter from Con. Bobby Rush (1) to indicate the federal government position was not produce in time for the Zoning hearing.

However, reviewing an August 1999 issue of South Street Journal, the property is not part of the Hope VI project land acquisition.

In addition to the lack the official land usage,



Artist's rendition of the proposed hotel complex at Oakwood and Lake Park Ave. Anthony Fields insert has been saying "All I want is to build my Hotel"

several community leaders saw no reason to go before the Zoning Committee because of a lack of support from alderman Preckwinkle, who is not on the committee. But the Zoning Committee members will not rule against a fellow alderman.

The concern of aldermanic dormant over the zoning committee was stress by Everloyce McCullough president of BEPAN (Black Economic

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# UnZip-Mail

By the Weatherman,

**L**ocal businesses on 79th street have concerns about the development on the corner of Halsted. Word is Walgreens is coming to give Osco major competition and eventually close its doors to make way for a training center in the building. That will correct the problem of having a liquor establishment next to the police station.

Some elders get too much clout, as with **Juanita Reed**, of the Powell family, insisting her family Christmas gathering be held at a hall in Lake Meadows. The City of Chicago can look forward to a full election for the next **Mayor of Bronzeville** at the Hyatt in August 2001. Who will replace Mr. Herb Kent "the Cool Gent?"



Reed

In the meantime the association and the Mayor are holding network sets at the **Poor Woods Lounge** on 35th and Indiana, hosted by the **Chicago Defender's Jeff Davis**.

Caught overseas was **Sam Juda** of Atlanta Foods on 39th and King Drive during the Middle East conflict. Next door is **Will Crosby** in Ghana, Africa, Chicago's sister country. He will be there for about three months on a trade mission. However, the trading with Chicago is reported a little slow. One of Crosby's missions is to investigate how there can be a straight trip from Chicago to Ghana (Jesse Jackson Jr.) to increase the international trade with the sister country..... Also on



Pugh

Africa, out going **State Rep. / Minister Coy Pugh** is involved in bring **Winnie Mandella** to Chicago in February. Former First Lady is leading support for the 1,000's of youth fought and died in **Sowota, South Africa** for their country's freedom. Rep. Pugh said one of his major accomplishment is getting **Mayor Daley** to pay for some Black elected officials to go to South Africa. While there one of the **African Chiefs** atoned to the officials for his ancestors selling Africans into slavery.

Back in Chicago. First **Julia Stash** the Mayor's Chief of Staff, now **Chris Hill**, the Planning Department Commission, both top mayor executives have resigned. **Chis Hill** went to **Grumb and Ellis**. What don't we know? Should we stay tuned for the real (estate) deal?

On real estate, (candidate) **Derek McNeil** laid it out on **WVON** addressing the real estate explosion in the Chicago area. He also reported due to many loans available in the nation, Chicago is number one in foreclosures.

**Ted Thomas** suffered a mild-heart attack the past weekend. We wish him a quick recovery.

**States Attorney Dick Devine** should know he has a case on Police. Chicago Traffic court has nothing on the suburbs (Bridgeview court house), 90% of the cases are Black men. It just do not add up; in the suburbs there is less than a 10% black population. White folks are good drivers or, Racial profiling is really bringing blacks into the main stream of the Law Business.

Photo Not Available

Thomas

# Briefs

## Saving the Supreme Life building

**Douglas Student** involved in community planning and Development who attend **Shiller Grammar School** and live in the **Cabrini Green public Housing Development**



visit the **Supreme Life Building** on 35th and King Drive as part of a Restoring **Bronzeville Tour** conducted by **Harold L. Lucas** president/CEO of the **Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council (BMC&TC)**.

**BMC&TC** has been in a protracted struggle to retain ownership, preserve and revitalize the historic **Supreme life**

**Center**, as the **Crown Jewel** of the **Black Metropolis Historic District**, which is destined to become an **International Africa American heritage** tourism destination.

The **City of Chicago**, through its eminent domain procedures, under the **Bronzeville TIF** is forcing the **BMC&TC** to sell the property to the city for

much less than the value of the most significant landmark structure representing Chicago's illustrious **Black business history**.

Reports are the **City** is offering about **\$700,000** for the property, which can generate over **\$2 million** a year once development is completed



**Curley "Boo" Johnson** of the **Harlem Globetrotters** shows **Mayor Richard M. Daley** how to spin a basketball during a press conference announcing the globetrotters participation during **Mayor Daley's Holiday sports Fest 2000**. The fest will be held **December 29** through the **31** at **McCormick place**..

## Black Star name Silas Purnell its Man of the Year

The **Black Star Project** honored **Silas Purnell** as the **Black Star Man of the Year** this month for his work in sending **50,000** students to college.

**Phillip Jackson**, project manager for the **The Black Star** project says, "No single college recruiter in the history of America has been as successful as **Purnell** at giving **African American** students the chance for success and prosperity".

**Purnell**, director of the **Educational Services Division** of **Ada S. McKinley Community Services**, is a mentor, role



**Silas Purnell** as the **Black Star Man of the**

model, counselor, leader, father and husband as well as "the father of higher education" in the **African American community** continued **Jackson**.

**Purnell**, beginning in **1967**, has literally sent an army of **African American** students to colleges throughout the **United States of America** and is responsible for creating hundreds of doctors, lawyers, engineers and thousands of successful professionals. Every **august** and **September** between **1,000** and **2,000** **Chicago** youth marched into the halls of higher education and benefited from the "no nonsense" approach of **Mr. Purnell**.

For more information about the **Black Star** project call **(312) 842-3527**.

## Poet Gwendolyn Brooks.



Hundreds of friends, fans and family members packed **Rockefeller Memorial Chapel** at the **University of Chicago** to bid farewell to poet **Gwendolyn Brooks**. **Brooks' South Side Chicago** and all literary genius, died of stomach cancer at age **83** on **Dec. 3**.

She was the first **black Pulitzer Prize** winner, and countless other awards in a seven-decade career as a published poet, a down to earth, everyday person. **Brooks** inspired generations of writers **Annie Allen** and "A Street in **Bronzeville**" **Ms. Brooks** is specially noted by **South Street Journal** by taking part in a fund raiser for the newspaper in **1995**.

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# Women Harassment in store

## THEN CAME THE MEN IN BLACK



Aurburn- Before the movie "Men In Black" came out, there were the real men in black suits showing up on the south side of Chicago. And just recently on Halsted Street.

On Tuesday October 24th at about 9:05 am, a young lady, after dropping off her daughter at school decided to go into a grocery store at 7701 S. Halsted. She went to the shelf and picked up two bags of potato chips. then she decided not to buy them and put them back on the shelf. As she proceeded to walk out the store, the storeowner, Ali Muhmoud" approached her and asked her if she had taken anything. She told him that she was buying some chips, but changed her mind and put them back in the shelf.

Not believing her, he grabbed her by her coat with both hands and pushed her up against the wall to search her.

The 24 years old 5'5", 115 pound pregnant woman snatched away and ran outside to call the police.

The police station is one block away at 7801 S. Halsted but it took 45 minutes or more to respond to the call.

One good thing the lady did was that after she called the police she then called Franklin Lodge #25 AKA "The Original Men in Black". Whose lodge is located directly across the street from the police parking lot. They arrived on the scene in 7 minutes flat, and stayed with her until the police came.

The woman was hysterical and crying by the time two officers arrived in separate cars. One officer asked her what happened.

After telling the officer what happened he asked her did she have any ID on her. She showed the officer her ID and he asked her what was she doing around here. She told the officer that she was dropping her daughter off at school and now was on her way to Kennedy King College. She also said she wanted to have the storeowner arrested for what he did to her.

She said "He had no business

putting his hands on me I'm pregnant".

The officer then told her he could not arrest him but she could file a complaint. He also asked, did she have a witness. There was a young man at the bus stop who said he saw every thing and that the store owner was wrong, and that the lady didn't do what she was accused of.

The real Men in Black are a group of young men from the Temple of Mercy Association who grew up on the streets of Chicago. While growing up in the Englewood community they were involved in the negative aspects of life the streets had to offer.

Their founding Brother Minister Darrell A. Wilson AKA Sax Preacher recently celebrated the day of his birth with follow members, family and friends.

Even though they wore black suits before the movie came out, youth in the community would often sing the song to the movie whenever the brothers would

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Dear Mother Diva,

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Prison Love South Shore

Dear Prison Love,

I am so sick and tired of Prison trade and they're insecure attitudes, if you are constantly supporting him then you need to show him who is boss. I understand his feelings because you could be cheating if you chose to. You tell your lover I said Statically speaking he has nothing to worry about because a person that would cheat would completely avoid all collect phone calls and would stop sending money. As far as Xmas goes In situations like this you have to get creative, so prepare a meal decorate the house take pictures and spend your Xmas with your lover at the prison Best wishes.

Dear Mother Diva,

I was at a holiday party a few years back where you prepared the best sweet potato pie and yam casserole I ever tasted can you please give me the recipe?  
Saundra, Chatham Area

Mother Diva's Recipes for Graham cracker Sweet Potato Pie and yam

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## Hotel Zoning

& Political Action Network).  
"We have 4th ward and city-wide petitions in support of changing the zoning for a hotel. This is a prime example for the recent hearings of the Mayor's Zoning Reform need reform now.  
McCullough testified to the Zoning Reform Commission hearing in November for it to take action now in support of the hotel.  
"The city zoning regulates all land use with the city. It needs to be rewritten to make it compatible with what the community want. The existing zoning ordinance do not when it blocks economic progress for the Black community in favor of an alderman." Said McCullough.  
"Toni Preckwinkle is the destruction of our community in an attempt to seize our property and develop it by wealthy developers. This hotel project can assist current resident afford the homes she says she want for low income residents in the ward."  
"Preckwinkle is just a temporary delay. She cannot stop history". said McCullough.  
McCullough said BEPAN plan to

casserole. Yam Casserole: 2 large cans of canned yams or 4 large sweet potatoes, 1 bottle of imitation flavor rum and vanilla flavoring, 1 box of dark brown sugar, 1 quart of pineapple juice (can be substituted with a can of sliced pineapples), cinnamon and nutmeg coconut, 1 stick of butter or margarine sugar. Empty juice out of canned yams or peel potatoes, rinse sliced and boil until soft, while potatoes are boiling pour 1 1/2 cup of pineapple juice into a bowl add a 1/2 cup of sugar and brown sugar, a dash of rum and vanilla flavoring and a pinch of cinnamon, nutmeg, and coconut stir until dissolve taste to your desire:



Pore sauce over potatoes in casserole, dish add stick of butter or margarine cover with foil. Bake at 350 for 30-45 min, when fully baked remove foil add marshmallows place back into oven until (For pie) buy ready made Graham cracker pie crust follow same instructions deleting the butter coconut and marshmallows use 2 sweet potatoes or 1 large can of yams mix ingredients in mixing bowl with potatoes taste to desire when smooth pore into pie crust bake uncovered on 350 20-30 min. Enjoy

Write to Mother Diva, all letters will be answered privately or publicly, specify which, at SSJ, 400 W.76th St., Chg. IL. 60620. fax 773-783-1754 askmother-diva@write me.com

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

meet with the Regional office of the Department of Housing Urban Development on the Hope VI.  
With continuous community support for the hotel. BEPAN challenge is securing elected officials in public support. Presently it is officially off the record. A report from the Mayor Daley's office is that he would not get involved. On report in support comes Con. Rush and State Rep. Lou Jones.  
However, Scales stated the first step is to present the plan to the Kenwood Oakland Community Conservation Council (CCC). That meeting was scheduled for December 6, which did not happen. In addition Mr. Fields will also present the Plan to the Mid South Planning & Development Commission this month as well that did not happen.  
As the process is still in motion, Fields said he will request to get back on the Zoning Committee agenda, but gave no date. The official status of the city support was to be reported by Scales, but did not by deadline.  
The process for presenting it to the city is still not laved out, but the hotel project must go before the Chicago's Community Development Commission and to the Community Building Commission.

# The Nurse on Health: Lupus & the Black Woman



By Bernatte Pearson

**Lupus and the Black Woman**  
Lupus is a frightening and serious health problem that affects primarily young women.

**What does this have to do with you?** Lupus affects people of all ages, sex and races. Black women are three times more likely than white women to get Lupus.

Lupus often strikes in the prime of life, between 15 - 44 age. One in 250 young black women.

The symptoms are the same for men and women but signs may be different. What happens in Lupus is that the body's immune system goes haywire. Doctors call it an Autoimmune Disease-Auto, meaning against self.

The body basically attacks itself. Scientist think the genes play a role in the development of the disease and you can tell from that statement that the cause is still unknown.

Lupus develops when the gene is activated that makes a person more likely to get the disease. It can be triggered by stress, (physical or emotional) infections, sunlight or certain medicines. In some cases more than one member of the same family may get the disease.

There are 3 major types of Lupus; Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Cutaneous and Drug Induced Lups.

Lupus can affect many parts of the body. It can be serious or mild but if untreated some Lupus such as Systemic Lupus and cause damage to organs in your body. Some common signs are: Painful or swollen joints, skin rashes, red rash or color change across the face, unexplained fever, prolonged or extreme fatigue, sensitivity to the sun, unusual loss of hair, miscarriages.

It is difficult to diagnose so this signs are important when they happen together.

With no cure, it can be treated with drug therapy. Sometimes the disease will go into remission. With good medical care most people can lead normal lives. Early detection is important for sometimes the disease can be fatal.

For more information on Lupus talk with your nurse or doctor or call the Local Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America Inc. or the American Lupus Society.

A special thanks to Ms. Suisie Green in memory of her sister who inspired this article. Resources: What Black Women Should Know About Lupus, Niams Task Force on Lupus in High Risk Populations, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease. Lupus Foundation of Greater Washington, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services NIH Publication No. 93-3219 June 1994

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## A follow-up to the Black Leadership Emergency Summit

On July 22nd of this year Congressman Bobby Rush called an Emergency Black Leadership Summit in response to the violence that was

killing many young people, mainly in the African American communities. Over 600 community leaders from around the city responded and

attended all day summit.

The specific intent was to uncover and develop solutions to address.

To this point the Congressman has contracted with Terri Gardner, President of Soft Sheen products to form an advertising campaign with Amerititech, Com Ed and Jewel.

The campaign is for a "Cease Fire Now" advertising campaign. A \$500,000 campaign is comprised of 18 billboards, 40,000 posters, 20,000 buttons, radio ads and radio PSA's.

Each component of this advertising initiative was designed with the input of young people because the message must get their attention. I believe the message is effective, direct, and point and I hope that it will reinforce in our youth an "anti-violence" approach to conflict.

Congressman Bobby Rush pitched with youth in follow-up meetings of the Emergency Summit, contracted with Terri Gardner, President of Soft Sheen products to form a \$500,000 advertising campaign called "Cease Fire Now" to address violence in targeted communities.

## Grand Blvd. look to youth to reduce crime



WVON Radio host and civic leader Cliff Kelley welcomed the audience at the Grand Boulevard Community Convention on Youth Crime. The convention was the first of four similar meetings to be held throughout the city of Chicago to develop community-driven solutions to youth crime and reform of the Juvenile Court. Each participant was paid \$50.00 to attend the all day program.

Grand Blvd. - The Chicago Council on Urban Affairs and Youth As Resources sponsored an all day community convention on youth crime and reform of the Juvenile Court in the Grand boulevard community last month at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Close to 150 people attended the community convention, which was hosted by radio talk show veteran Cliff Kelley from WVON. In addition, Council researchers surveyed a select group of residents in the community to document perceptions about youth crime and the Juvenile Court.

According to the results from the survey and the community convention, residents in Grand Boulevard want more after school

programs for youth, extended school hours; more accountability for the Juvenile Court, including an assessment committee to evaluate the performance of judges; term limits for juvenile judges and sensitivity training for police who harass youth of color.

The Council will use the results from the community convention to develop a citywide agenda that advocates for community-driven solutions to youth crime and reform of the Juvenile Court.

The Jon D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation provided support for the community convention. The Chicago Council on Urban Affairs and its community partner Youth As Resources sponsored the event.



Robin Smith of the congressman's office said. "The campaign is just one solution came from the Emergency summit"

"Another solution was the adult and youth dialogue where 300 people attended, with the implementation of youth and adult dialog to spread their messages back in their communities.

Smith said there will be another

Black Leadership Summit. "But based on the solutions came from the first, it will not be an "Emergency" Summit.

She said the next one will be a review of measurements and follow-up. But the main following up will be up to the community themselves in what the congressman has laid out for them to follow-up.

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# George on Maxwell Street

During the past few years, I George Blakemore has sent numerous letters to both commissioner Shonenberger and Mayor Daley concerning the corrupt and racially biased manner in which the Department of Consumer Services sells spaces in the New Maxwell Street market to vendors. In the February 23, 1999 election I voted for change in the Department of Consumer services. Unfortunately, not all black registered voters cast a ballot in the recent election, and the mandate for change was not instituted that basically means the ethnic composition of the New Maxwell Street market remained the same. 85% of the vendors at the market are Hispanic and it seems that your office staff is still 100% Hispanic.

The department is even letting offspring of deceased space holders "inherit" the license number(s) and space(s) of a deceased permit holder after his or her death, i.e.; it's illegal to transfer spaces from one generation to the next. By allowing spaces to go from father to son, and by allowing individuals to keep the space of a deceased family members in the Market operated by the Department of Consumer Services, it allows spaces to be granted by payment of money to staff members, indirectly, which in turn is passed up through the ranks in three ways.

One of these ways is through sub-leasing, and then give a kick back to Joe Menchaka. Illegal documents are drawn "verifying" that the space has been "subleased."

A second way of making vendor spaces more difficult to obtain is by having Black vendors call in on Thursdays rather than appear in person to receive a priority number for the distribution of available spaces for the following Sunday.

The third way members of the Black community are denied access to the Market spaces is because Al Perez continues to maintain several licenses which he has obtained by "subletting" other vendor's spaces. He is allowed to buy alternate licenses utilizing different peo-

ple's names. However, those person's never sell in the Market. He buys permanent spaces from different vendors for \$800.

Even after countless letters, speeches at public meetings. (including one at the South Shore County Club), complaints filed with the Department of Human Relations and the Illinois department of Human Rights, on the air discussions with radio station WVON wherein I addressed these issues to Mayor Daley and the staff director of the Inspector General's office as well as other public officials. Nothing has been done to change this racially biased system.

The final insult; health code violations. The city has been cracking down on food vendors that are not meeting the Health Department codes. I'm hoping that what I believe is not true. But it appears that when one becomes a political enemy of the City administration "punishment" is rendered via the Health Department by closing the offender's business for health code violations. Unfortunately, the Market is full of health code violations (no running water etc.)

As a member of the African American Community, and as a voting citizen, I cast my ballot for another candidate. Does this mean I am no longer deserving of fair, and equal treatment? In a democracy, all citizens are to be treated equally. Even though a majority of black votes did not support Mayor Daley in his candidacy, they are still citizens of this city and the Mayor and City departments are morally obligated to treat them with equity.

Nothing has change with you or the Department of Consumer Services. None of my past complaints have been resolved. Yet I still struggle to make positive changes. Not only for people in the Black community, but for all fair-minded people throughout the City.

George Bakemore

## BUSH

At the Republican convention, native Chicagoan Chaka Khan stepped out on the stage after Bush concluded his nomination acceptance speech. Chaka lead out with the song, "I Feel For You." Point well taken stated a Black republican delegate. The delegate reported, while Chaka was on stage, the people behind her were carrying on conversations or tossing the balloons back and forth. She ended the show with, "Through the Fire." I really wonder how the songs were selected because they seem rather appropriate.

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## Jackson

on the President elect George Bush.

Tens of thousands found his lawyers blocking their votes from even being counted in Florida. African Americans will challenge the institutionalized voting discrimination that was exposed in Florida. George W. is in office because of a court decision based upon equal protection.

With one out of 10 Black Americans voting for George Gore, many would join Rev. Jesse Jackson's view of deep suspicion in many circles on minorities issues. Jackson said the president elect must calm the fears to meet the concerns of Bush: against affirmative action, mass incarceration and the death penalty, the failure on children's health care, the failure to provide Medicaid to poor working mothers.

Jackson said the appointment of Colin Powell and Condi Rice are a start. "But will he reach out to build a cabinet and White House that reflects America's diversity? As president, George W. can choose which African American leaders he meets with, but he cannot presume to elevate someone to be their leader. People choose their own leaders".

"For African-Americans, the challenge is clear. If he seeks to reach out, he must deal with the leaders that the people pick bottom up, not with nominees he seeks to impose on them, top down.

If he pursues that agenda, reaches out, is prepared to compromise even as he appeals to the better angels of our spirits, he can fulfill the charge that is his to keep.



**Mother Ida Fulton**

I feel it is worst now than ever when our forefathers suffered. I remember when they wanted us to know how many bubbles in soap in order to vote. But to the community and the youth people in the 20th ward in the 23 precinct don't stop voting. Don't let this stop us.

**Congressman Danny Davis (7)**

George election signals a more conservative direction for the country, especially given the fact that he controls the House and a 50/50 spilt in the Senate. And a dominate U.S. Supreme Court. We can look forward to reduction in social services and cuts in the existing services, increase in jail sentencing laws, increase in school vouchers, increase in public education and public work force. It's like a 500 lb. gorilla behind us. I am not fearful of Bush, except when I look at our interest. We just have to double our efforts.



**Syron Smith  
Chicago Block Club Union**

On both candidates, none of them had my agenda. Whoever it is I will work with them to address the killings no of them have put on their agenda, that no one is playing attention to.

HISTORICALLY

# No on the Electoral College

By Nathan Thompson  
Featured Writer

Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution is the "thing" that's got the whole country buggin'. That's the provision that empowers the Electoral College and provides that the people should not choose their leader.

like the night he was elected. In that moment an awesome feeling of pride and strength was felt in the hearts and souls of every African American among us. Remember the energy level that intensified in the days leading up to the election. History would surely be made in this city of great African American firsts.

Way, way, way back in the day, Electors would cast two votes for president. The guy who came in second place won the vice presidency. In the election of 1800, Thomas Jefferson tied with Aaron Burr and caused about as much hell raising as Florida is now. Then came the 12th Amendment in 1804: one vote for president, one for vice president. These days, Electors cast one vote, for the team.

From the call of Robert S. Abbott with his Great Northern Drive (Great Black Migration); to the election of Oscar DePriest as this city's first Black alderman (and first black U.S. Congressman from the north); to James Knight, the first Mayor of Bronzeville, to Harold Washington as city mayor.

In honoring Harold we embrace a time honored tradition of "race advancement."



Like the rest of the American legal system, however, the constitution is based on 300-year-old British law. A bunch of guys from Britain, mostly lawyers who were pissed off at King George, left the English monarchy, came here, bullshitted the natives, protected the slave trade and, bada bing, the U.S. Constitution was born.

In honoring Harold, we honor the tradition of Bronzeville's golden era and that school-of-thought. Bronzeville is a place in a time. The people's will, however, is what made it happen. But when Harold died 13 years ago, much of that spirit died with him. Thirteen years later, however, we found the fire to help deliver Gore, maybe.

In the wake of Florida, the question of abolishing the Electoral College has been raised. Many people, however, feel that if the presidency is decided by popular vote only, smaller states like Maine, Delaware and New England would suffer tremendously against larger populated states. Fuck em.

To honor Harold is not so much about remembering what was achieved;

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rather, to realize what has yet to be, by having greater expectations of ourselves as African Americans.

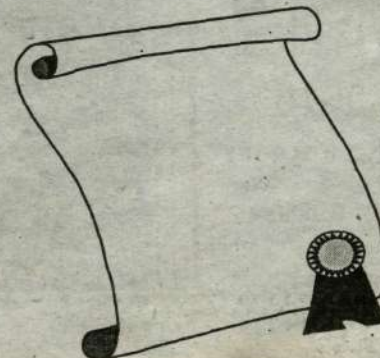
The days ahead offer numerous opportunities to exercise the

power of the vote and make a difference. Whether the issue is Article II, Section I. or getting a rundown building on your block demolished. Whether the people are sending someone to represent them in the White House, on Capitol Hill, in the state legislature, city hall or in the city council, the people must remind elected officials that they work for the people, not the other way around.

Thirteen years ago this week, Harold Washington left unfinished business. In honoring Harold the people must pick up his legacy and continue to tip the scales of the balance of power on the political and economic fronts. The people must send a loud message that it is no longer business as usual in politics, less Harold and those before him died in vain.

True change can only happen by the will of the people and only when the people unleash their will.

As we remember and reflect on our beloved Harold, remember what it was



From the Publisher

# Does Mayor Daley pick good aldermen for the 17

The 17th ward has its share of problems. And an advantage above other wards in developments taking place in Chicago. The residents of Auburn-Gresham, West Chatham, and Englewood of the 17th has to make a decision, not only for their ward, but for Black Empowerment as well. One major problem is the ward normally does not choose its alderman. It hasn't done so since 1979.

Chicago Black political empowerment again will rest on the voters of the 17th ward. Once the 2nd, and 3rd wards set the course of Black politics in Chicago, from William Dawson to even Dorothy Tillman (as head of the Chicago City Council Black Caucus). But, most elected officials would admit, it is Terry Peterson with the clout in City Hall.

Reviewing the ward, when Ald. Shannon was in the seat in the mid-seventies he was part of the "Silent 6" Black aldermen. It showed independence when Tyrone McFowly was elected in 1978. The machine control effect came back in 1979 when Mayor Jane Byrne appointed Allen Streeter to replace McFowly.

After Streeter, freedom break election from Byrne control, he later came back to the machine and endorse Byrne over Harold Washington in the first primary race. He noted this is what his ward wanted him to do. He later became the senior Black alderman of the City Council. So much for Silver Shovel and the other Black aldermen caught in the mix.

The focus now is on Latasha Thomas replacing Peterson by choice of Mayor Daley, not the voters. The Mayor's "concern was finding someone who could continue the excellent work Terry had done." Noting that he is confident he had picked the right 17th Ward alderman, again.

Daley removed Peterson as his assistant in 1996 to alderman and appointed Thomas as Peterson's first chief of staff. She left in 1997 to become associate director of a city department; later she was appointed director of intergovernmental relations, for the Department of Human Services. For all purposes the Mayor's domination anchored in 1999 appointing Phillip Jackson at CHA. In the year 2000, he officially takes control, remove Peterson as alderman and committee-

man, with Jackson (with less than a year service to the tenants as CEO).

Not taking anything away from an individual accomplishments, however, some people in politics, tend to serve by command, prospering by the plague of political ills.

The 17th ward struggled during the early term of Mayor Daley and Streeter; city services were put on hold until Streeter bowed to the Mayor's agenda. As he did, city services returned in exchange for his independence. It resulted in a strong base for the Mayor. In 1999 mayoral election Daley achieved 40% of the 17th ward votes against Con. Bobby Rush. The concern is if the 17th ward votes were based on the equal and fine service render by the city or the political direction of the ward.

Indeed, Thomas' city background brings resources to the Ward. As a lawyer, there is a fine line to uphold justice she must be aware of the city government is corrupt with paying people to disrupt the fair process of elections. She knows Florida hasn't got a thing on Chicago elections. Then where is the justice and truth?

Just as the recent report on City Clerk James Laski was found with office employees on the golf course during working hours, it is no different than the code of silence of city workers come Election Day. The city will use all of its might of services and workers to persuade the voters to stick with the Mayor's choice. City services in the ward are base on being taxpayers, not control.

This contributes to Chicago Blacks in an official agony of political oppression with a blanket of indictment legislative agendas. From pledge to the flag to police and firefighter hiring, \$40 million ward remap, contracts to Blacks, land

grabbing and on and on. The struggle to rid Chicago of political bosses and their powerful machines seems almost endless.

The job of the alderman is to pass laws, not city services. Nor is it to be obstructive to the Mayor's agenda. But Black aldermen can only hide behind the Pledge of Allegiance for so long. They know in their hearts the importance for emancipation. Unless they were appointed and/or hand made.

Fairness is Thomas proving on her own that she is her own woman without any political patriot (control) of the Mayor or Terry Peterson. Black leadership should demand "Let my People Go!" in the 17th ward. City services will not stop, nor development. Give the city department workers a break Election Day campaigning for a sub boss. Give businesses a break from City inspectors writing violations for having free choice. Political independence should and must prevail.

*"In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more."*

Psalm 72, 7

Hopeful thinking (and Prayer) so here is suggestions for the candidates.

1. A contract. Covenants between the candidates and the community how they will perform in office.

2. Discussions with residents on up-coming City Council committees and meetings before they vote.

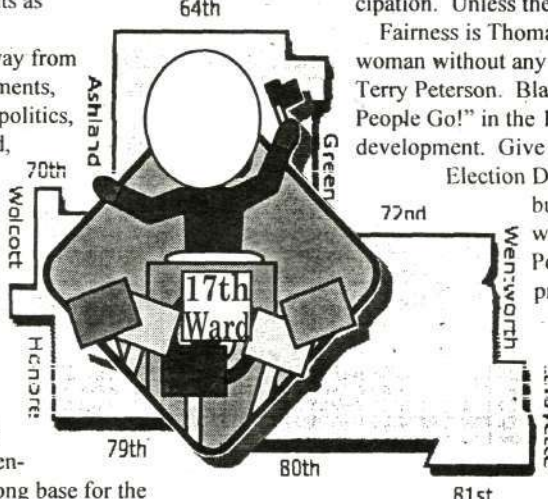
3. Filed statements of financial interest and all contributions. The reports will not only inform voters on finance campaigns, but also whom they may answer to. One elected official said the problem for Black candidates they are not financed by their wards, as they should be.

4. Reports to the ward of African American firms' participation in city contracts and jobs measured by the ward and the city as a whole made available upon request every 30 days.

5. A contract with all 30,000 voters of the 17th ward if need be, to ensure their satisfaction how they will be represented in City Hall.

6. And how the process of city services will improve in hands of the Mayor, not the alderman.

Then lets see if the Mayor really makes the right choices for the 17th ward. On February 27 we will see how independent and political savvy the voters of that ward are today. Let's make our great-grandparents proud.



Ron Carter  
Publisher & Editor

## Letters to the Editor

### The Walk of Fame

Dear Editor,  
We are a Non-for profit Organization seeking financial support to construct a 'Walk Of Fame' and Entertainment Complex. The 'Walk of Fame will display prominent Afro-Americans (Names) etched in stones along a 2 block walkway, like Hollywood Blvd. The selected names will come from every category including; Music, Motion Pictures, Educators, Sports and Business. We feel this 'Walk of Fame' will preserve the heritage of Afro-Americans abroad and give our people something to admire. Not only will it bring tourist from around the world, but it will also create jobs and generate revenue for the community. Along with the 'Walk of Fame' we are also planning to Construct a Entertainment Complex for the entire Family. This Complex will feature; a Nubian Waterfall Garden and Park, Black History Library, Documentary Movie Theater, Night Clubs an Interactive Play-land for kids to play and enjoy themselves, Retail Shops, Restaurants and a Career Training Center. Chicago will surely become a Mecca for Black Entertainment and tourist Attraction throughout the world. Please lend us your support and financial backing for a great cause in the community. Contact us at the Phone number above to discuss our goal to make this dream come true.

Mr. Walker  
Chairman of Fundraising



### On the votes in Florida

Dear Editor;  
My opinion states that the votes from selected Florida vote tally for the presidential elections. It was not the peoples fault that the votes weren't counted right. In addition, it is the peoples choice who they want for president. Above all, it's the peoples constitutional right to vote.  
There has been a conflict back and forth if the votes from Florida should be counted. There are many people who feel; that the votes shouldn't be recounted because of the misunderstanding of the counted votes. People feel that is a waste of time and that they should go on with what they have. I strongly disagree with that. It is not their choice; it

is the Supreme Courts. I feel that the Supreme Court should take in consideration that it would be a whole lot better to recount all the votes. Everyone's vote should matter.  
Secondly, it is the peoples choice on who they want for president. Therefore, everyone's vote should matter. Most people are satisfied that Bush is winning the most votes so far. others want to put Gore ahead of Bush, and that is possible. Nevertheless, that is no excuse why people don't want to be fair and count everyone's vote. The constitution says everyone eighteen and older have a right to vote. That includes everyone over eighteen including Florida. It is not fair for Florida's people. It's not fair to the people who want to give the presidential election another try.  
To end a long opinion short, I strongly agree that the state of Florida has a right to be counted in the Final Vote Tally. Again, it is not fair if the people want to be selfish and add up the votes not including Florida's. The Supreme Court needs to go ahead and do what's right and not go against the Constitution.

Thank you  
Jamila C. Carter  
Freshman, Morgan Park High

### In Oakland: Land control or Land Denied

Dear Editor;  
I have resided in the 4th ward more than 3 decades, I have tried since 1993 to purchase the lot at 4533 Ellis. However, because of an aldermanic hold on the parcel I have not been successful. I have met with Toni Preckwinkle, Cathy Brown, Susan Crowll and Nancy Kiernan, Susan Crowll denied my adjacent lot proposal and Kiernan refused my market bid by returning my earnest money. I was the only bidder for the parcel of land and I am the Homeowner adjacent to the lot.  
The landmark Council's focus is preservation of originality in the community. History shows the origin of this parcel in question was embraced with a family home of quality. multi-units were build on the west side of this block. A multi-unit structure would not be appropriate to compliment the land marked Single Family homes on the east side of Ellis in the 4500 block.

I've seen a few of the older structures mistakenly damaged when crews worked too close to existing structures. On the 1200 block of east 46th Street, several feet of a building basement wall was knocked out when a bulldozer excavated for a new construction project. Another building on 39th and Drexel received extensive irreversible damage when the crew worked too close.  
Now there are hasty plans to erect a multi-unit building a few feet from a 100 year old Historic Land Mark Home. This fragile home can't endure being mistakenly hit or have it's foundation subjected to the trauma of excavation for a multi-unit structure. Either disturbance could cause a "snow ball" effect of immediate or long-term structural damages. There are at least 4 adjacent vacant lots that could allow one to be untied with this century old structure as a side year and eliminate the chances of excavation mistakes. This parcel will also, ensure the soundness of the foundation and surrounding of this rooted Chicago historic landmark for all to admire.

I am still interest in purchasing the lot at 4533 Ellis Ave. I am requesting a written response and a legitimate opportunity to acquire the lot as soon as possible. Considering the city's policy to acknowledge the homeowner first for the purchase of an adjacent lot, I am making another request of many to acquire the lot at 4533 Ellis Ave.

Sincere Appreciation,  
Theresa a Jackson  
cc Toni Preckwinkle,  
James Wilson,  
Landmark Council,  
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# Spiritual

## Elder Charles Ford elected Chair of COGIC Trustee Board

Elder Charles Mason Ford was elected Chairman for Church of God in Christ National Board of Trustees, as Gilbert E. Patterson was install as the Presiding Bishop.

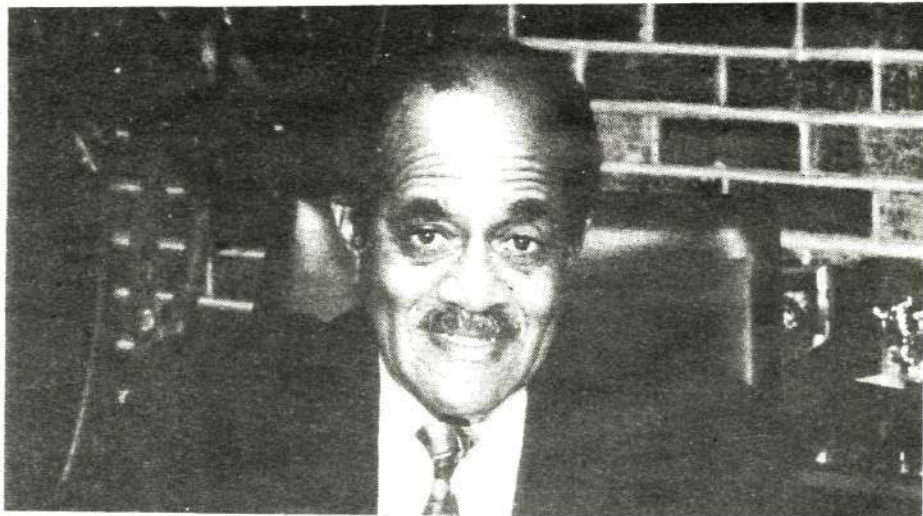
Ford, Pastor of the St. Paul Church of God in Christ, is the oldest child of the late Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford and Mother Margaret (Little) Ford. He was born January 3, 1936 in Chicago.

As chairman of the Trustees Elder Ford will hold in trust, preserve, protect, secure and maintain all property and assets of members of the Church of God in Christ which has 8.5 million members in 54 countries.

The Trustees of the COGIC determines and approves the budgetary needs of all national departments, units, auxiliaries, conventions and operation of the church. Trustees perform all other fiduciary responsibilities assigned to it by the general assembly and the General Board.

Elder Ford's election as Chairman is clearly illustrated by the fact that he devoted more than 40 years of his life to serving communities across Chicagoland. He accepted his call to the ministry in August 1982.

He is fervent and steadfast in his commit-



ment to ministering and aiding people throughout the metropolitan area, and his Church of God in Christ family, while utilizing his vast knowledge of various city functions and community services.

Elder Ford serves the Church of God in Christ as National Director of Urban Ministries, a position he has held since April 1989. In this capacity, he is a member of the Board of Directors, of the National Congress of Black Churches. He serves in

this organization as Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Pastor Ford acquired much from his father's tutelage and benefited immeasurably from his guidance.

Elder Ford retired from the Department of Human Services in June 1995 as Deputy Commissioner. Since then he has more than adequately demonstrated his level of care and concern for humankind through his works as a servant of God and as a

social service administrator.

Pastor Ford serves Bishop Ocie Booker in the First Jurisdiction-Illinois, as Administrative Assistant, Superintendent of the Bishop Louis Henry Ford Memorial District, member of the First Jurisdiction Illinois Board of Directors, member of the Board of Directors, Moriah Community Development, Chairman, Urban Ministries, and as the Governmental Liaison.

As Pastor of St. Paul, Elder Ford has a thriving spirit-filled congregation with extensive spiritual and community outreach ministries. The ministries of the church include the Chaney Ford Child Care Center, the Young Enlightened Saints (Y.E.S.) Program, a rites of passage and after school program for youth; the Early Headstart Enhanced Homes Child Care program; the Margaret Ford Manor, a sixty unit apartment complex for seniors; the Victoria Jennings Residences, a 24 unit housing development for the disabled; Project P.R.I.D.E (Personal Responsibility Individual Determination and Empowerment), provides building trades training and preparation for union membership to community residents.

### The oldest house in Chicago, once the home of St. Paul 45th Street

Chicago's oldest house, the Clarke House (Museum), once house St. Paul Church of God in Christ. It was moved from its former location in the 4500-block of South Wabash. (where the church now owns about 75 percent of the west side of the block) to its current site in 1977, where it is part of the Prairie Avenue District. will be decorated to reflect early Victorian holiday traditions when families and friends cele-

brated New year. Holiday tours of Clarke House Museum. 1827 S. Indiana Ave. On December 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 6:00 p.m., Tours include and start at Glessner House Museum, 1800 S. Prairie Ave. Admission to both houses is \$12, (\$10 for children 13 and under), with complimentary cider and cookies. Pre-paid reservations are required and may be made by call 312-326-1480.



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## Men in Black

travel, so they adopted the name, and took an oath to rid the community of the "scum of the earth".

Brother Darronte said "Through divine inspiration from God, each of us had been resurrected from mental graves and conquered our adversities."

"We Understand what God had brought us through. We decided to dedicate their new life in Christ to reformation and the rehabilitation of the ill."

Through past years the Men in Black were seen many times on the Dan Ryan L' Train delivering the word to the public as a part of their street ministry program.

Known for being defenders of the youth the Men in Black were featured in the *South Street Journal* and the *Chicago Defender* newspaper on June, 1995 for confronting Ever fresh juice company for creating a wine bottle for kids to drink juice from.

In another case the Men in Black were pictured in the September 14th issue of the *Time* magazine for providing security for the 7&8 year old boys who were being charged with the rape and murder of the young Ryan Harris, The Men in Black kept the young men out of the media's camera's sight. There's no picture of the youth to be shown by the media to date.

Not only do the Men in Black protect the youth, but many times the MIV's can be seen supporting Rev. Paul Jakes who helps out the families of victims of police brutality. Through their study of the scripture and as ministers the Temple of Mercy Association Min. Wilson points out, "All of us have fallen short of the glory of God, and are all in need of his mercy and grace."

"We must use forgiveness, mercy respect and brotherly and sisterly love if we are to achieve the foundation needed to make our services true."

So when ever the question is asked, who would help rid the earth of the scum in the universe remember the real Men in Black are at the service.

### Six Grace holds health fair



Douglas - On Saturday, December 9, Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church, the Emma foster Health and Nutrition Fair welcomed Life Line Screening and offer non-invasive screen ing tests by Ms. Barbara Baker, moderator of the Church and Society Committee, at Sixth Grace Church, located 35th and Cottage Grove.

Ms Baker has been coordinating health and nutrition fairs for a number of yeas.

She noticed that people aren't checking on their vascular health. "Too many people are becoming impaired form heart disease, aneurysms and many times their conditions prove fatal", said Ms. Baker.

Ms. Baker was impressed with the stroke screening she had held two yeas ago from Life Line Screening. She then traveled to a north suburb for them. She is happy that the south-side has an opportunity to have screening for their arteries. For information call 800-407-4556. Their web Site: [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com)

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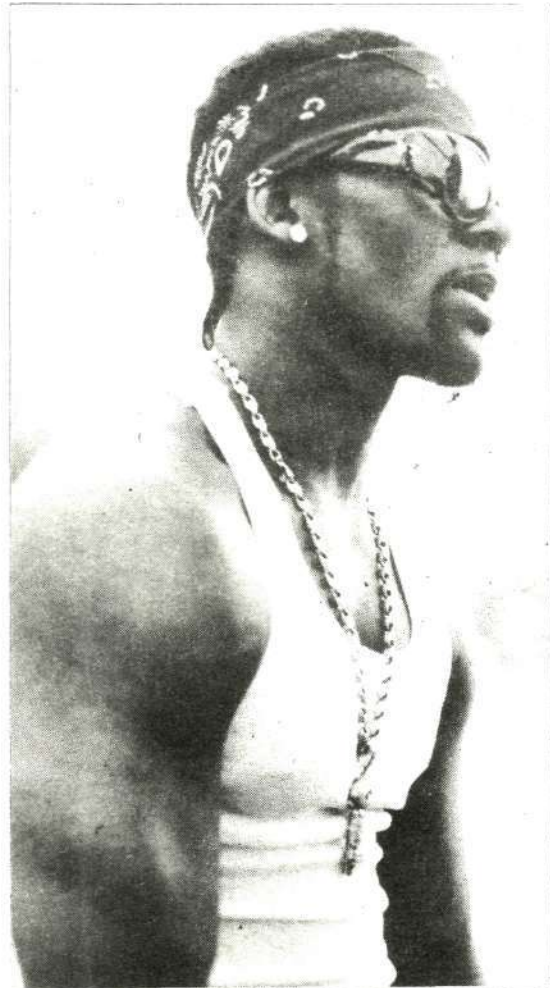


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ON CD

By David Schultz  
TP-2.COM - R. Kelly (Jive)



(\*\*\*) With this latest CD entry, Chicago native, R. Kelly isn't satisfied to just make things hot. He wants to double the intensity to a combustible yet passionate level in this fifth offering. More important, Kelly runs the gauntlet of emotions and experiences, from the bedroom to personal losses. The abbreviated title refers to his 1993 LP, "12 Play", but that is where the similarities ends. Kelly's musical and lyrical ranges encompasses his passion to his unabashed street attitude that captures his personal themes on relationships, Machismo, bedroom fantasies personal losses. Kelly's music is more than "in-your-face", it's just all over sections of one's body and mind. A tightly pack offering of 19 tracks, in which some could have been stretch out (more \$\$ on remix single CD's). But even that seems to suggest the kind of limits we have on our time. Kelly's songs expresses the moments we feel and suffered through, but survive enough to strengthen our knowledge and moods.  
Choice Selections: "Strip for You", "R&B Thug", "The Greatest Sex", "I Don't Mean It", "Just Like That", "Like A Real Freak", "Don't You Say No", "I Wish", "A Woman's Threat", "I Decided", "I Wish" (Remix); "All I Really Want"

STANKONIA - Outkast (LaFace/Arista)  
(\*\*\*\*1/2) Before funk was music, it was a smell, a pungent odor: the earthly tang of hard labor to uninhabited lust. In their fourth offering here, Outkast continue their musical evolution as rappers with no coastal boundaries and genre limitations. As two different rappers of opposing demeanor and thoughts turn their dialectic into a conversation. As much fun as "Stankonia" is its music with a mind. Outkast successfully finesses a major rift in hip hop, mixing gangster tales and consciousness-raising manifestos, while borrowing musical elements from everywhere to old school soul-funk like The Parliaments and the BarKays to some rock edge flavorings. More upbeat than the low-key and brilliant "Aquemini", Big Boi and Dre has done more than allow the South to raise again through hip hop. It has a concern and conscience that makes hip-hop goes beyond the gangsters, gunplay, and sex-driven macho stereotypes.  
Choice Selections: "Ms Jackson", "Spaghetti Junction", "I'll Call Before I Come", "So fresh, So Clean", "B.O.B", "We Luv Deez Hoez", "Humble Mumble", "Red Velvet", "Gangster Sh\*t",

ON VIDEO

By David Schultz  
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TRIXIE  
(\*\*1/2) Director Alan Rudolph's part-screwball comedy, part-film noir finds female blue collar detective (Emily Watson) looking into who is behind the hit job on a Senator in a casino. Naturally he investigates revolves around a slew of big and secondary stars (Nick Nolte, Nathan Lane, Matt Dillon, Lesley Anne Warren, Will Patton) in quirky character roles.

Rated: R, 117 min. Columbia Tri-Star Home Video, Available: Dec. 5

GROOVE  
(\*\*1/2) The San Francisco underground rave club scene is explored through an overworked computer nerd who part-takes in the life and the drug (Ecstasy). A timely theme for such an intended social comedy from director Greg Harrison whose intended position is that there is nothing new or dangerous. But it's the view that can draw one into tribal complications.

Rated: R, 86 min. Columbia Tri-Star Home Video, Available: Dec. 5

LOSER  
(\*\*) Director Amy Heckerling ensemble teen comedy about a college nerd (Jason Biggs) who harbors a crush on a girl (Mena Suvari) who is love struck over their professor (Greg Kinnear). From this we are led to believe that the nerd's life improves for the better when he leaves his nasty dormmates to live in a veterinary hospital. (I guess four legged animals are less judgmental than people are!)  
Rated: PG-13, 95 min. Columbia Tri-Star Home Video, Available: Dec. 19

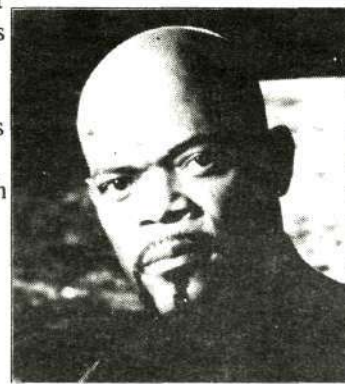
CRACKERJACK 3  
(\*1/2) Flat, ill-conceived action comedy espionage adventure about a retiring CIA agent, Jack Thorn (Bo Svenson) who is technologically challenged is being blamed as the mastermind behind an undisclosed conspiracy being committed by his young replacement (Oliver Gruner) out to ruin a global economic conference. Thorn teams up with his operative buddies who set out to adapt to modern technology while trying to foil the plot. Sounds like this direct-to-video wants to be "Grumpy Old Spies".

Rated: PG-13, 97 min. Monarch Home Video, Available: Dec. 12

AT THE MOVIES

By David Schultz  
UNBREAKABLE

(\*\*\*) "The Sixth Sense" writer-director M. Night Shyamalan seems to enjoy taking the long cinematic road for his psychological study of people in doubt or confusion in their station in life. In order to disguise their simpler identity or motive. The cagey filmmaker does so fragmenting key information throughout the entire film. He's not really a storyteller, but he's an examiner of the human psyche.



A wistful talking Bruce Willis portrays Dave Dun, an ex-college football star who survived a near fatal car accident in his youth. As an adult, Willis' character works as an arena security guard that recently was the lone survivor of a derailed train with no visual signs of injuries. He attends the memorial service where he finds a mysterious note on his car's windshield. The note asked had he ever been sick.

Dunn discovers the note belonging to a black man who operates an exhibition hall for comic book art. Samuel L. Jackson plays Elijah Price a man who suffers from a bone disorder since birth and develops an obsession for comic book that he utilizes as a metaphor to life and the battle between good versus evil. Price sees Dunn as the perfect opposite of himself. The "unbreakable" person who could get hurt but never is; who is the protector to those "breakable" people.

While it appears that Dunn seems to have psyche ability to find the potential evil in a person

before it occurs. Dunn is still unhappy without much of a reason. Why would anyone be troubled about surviving two near-fatal accidents and be able to see a bad person coming?

That is sort of a trick question to the other secrets yet to be revealed in this movie. "Unbreakable" is quite a deceptive film that takes viewers on an unusual excursion that could split its audience. But it's director Shyamalan's unconventional approach toward his characters that holds our interest and curiosity.  
Rated: PG-13, 107 min. A Touchstone Picture Release -

102 DALMATIANS

(\*\*) Old habits die-hard. Even for a rehab-treated Cruella DeVille (Glenn Close), after being released from prison. So as a convicted dog napper on parole, DeVille tries to turn over a new leaf to her doubting parole officer by saving a dog shelter from eviction. Until Big Ben's clock gong reactivates Cruella's evil side. Which leads her on a crusade to create a Dalmatian-designed fashion coat with help from an eccentric furrier (Gerard Depardieu). Missing that "Home alone"-type humor of its predecessor. Only the presence of Glenn Close is the saving grace to a sequel that avoided but should have gone the route of a direct-to-video release. Even with an outcast puppy Dalmatian, Oddball earns its spots in the end during the rescue. This film fails to earn its stripes.

Rated: G, 102 min. A Walt Disney Picture Release - presented at selected theatres

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### South Street Business

## 47th Palm Tavern still in court

Grand Blvd. - As Third Ward Alderman Dorothy Tillman has proclaimed her desire to "create an African Village" and market black culture to the world, plans are questioned underway to force local business owners out of her ward in favor of Leona's restaurant, Starbucks Coffeeshop, Buddy Guy's Legends (not black owned) and Second City comedy club. None of these institutions are owned by African Americans and have nothing to do with Black culture. These revelations raise questions as to who's interest Tillman's efforts are being made in.

Alderman Tillman, according to many, has created nothing more than a "smoke and mirror show for herself with a slave reparation bill in city hall designed, some say, to divert attention from how she's raping Bronzeville of it's culture.

Case in point is a Chicago Reader article on the famous Palm Tavern on East 47th Street. Ald. Tillman is presently leading an effort to shut the place down even though it is the only living link to Bronzeville's golden era.

But, according to the city's Market Analysis of the Bronzeville's tourism plan, Tillman had much less to do with it's drafting than has been publicized. It identified clubs from around the city to locate on 47th street, excluding the Palm Tavern.

The Palm Tavern is up for what could become it's final court hearing on January 18, 2001. If Tillman and Mayor Daley's Department of Planning have their way, the city will take full possession of the tavern under eminent domain and the Palm Tavern will truly be history. Eminent domain is the city's right to take property for the good of the public interest.

To that end, however, everybody in town knows that as far as Chicago is concerned, this

city ain't about to spend a dime on reparations. "We question whose interest. If 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 Everloyce McCullough, chairperson of the Black Economic and Political Action Network (BEPAN), who is leading an effort to support the construction of the Anthony Fields Howard Johnson Hotel plan as well efforts to help save the historic Palm Tavern..

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.

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 Tavern, 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 study prepared for the city by Applied Real Estate Analysis also calls for new housing in the area as well.

(Continued from page 1)

## 17th Ward Election

17th ward. However, as the last day to file is December \_\_, those who have file will not be confirm on the ballot until petitions objections and possible challenges to the

petitions is over.

Sources indicate Thomas will be challenged because over 70 pages were done by non 17th ward registered voters.

Interviews with candidates to begin in next issue of SSJ. Confirmed is Ald. Latasha Thomas

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## City plans to displace 660 homes in Lawndale: West side Acorn members wants inclusion

Lawndale - ACORN members went to the Department of Planning at City Hall demanding to know the whereabouts of the 660 homes that are being threatened with displacement by the City's West Side development project. Members also want to see home repair grants be made available as part of a \$150 million plan.

"The Midwest TIF plan says it's going to displace 6660 homes. No one will tell us where that is going to happen." said Gwendolyn Steward, Chair of the Lawndale ACORN Chapter. "The least that the Planning Department can do is provide home improvement grants for 660 residents."

According to the City's "Midwest TIF Redevelopment Project and Plan", the majority of the 660 residential units to be displaced will be low-income or very low-income. However, the City's plan does not say when this displacement will occur, and it does not identify the specific households that will be displaced.

also noted by ACORN was that in the Roosevelt/Cicero TIF, the City is spending \$20 million on a private business. Members argue that \$20 million public investment in this project must not benefit just one private company but rather, the whole Lawndale community must benefit from its tax dollars.

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### Jr. Flips Potato Chips looking to expand in Chicago...



Gerry Rigby owner of Jr. Flip potato he is in the process of opening a factory and distribution center in the Chicago area. Hoping to get investors from the Economic Round Table to work with him with the support of Mother Ida Fulton and others. Over 10 years, based New Jersey. Concent Jr. Flip is Walgreens and other locations. No closia. He has been in the busienss for over 30 years. He is asking other manager to

### ...Measures To Retain Ward's and Redevelop 87th St.

The City will strike agreements to rehabilitate Montgomery Ward's Near North headquarters and the other to redevelop a shopping center on 87th Street and construct three new office buildings.

The first proposed ordinance provides incentives to retain Montgomery Wards corporate headquarters. In 1999, Wards emerged from a bankruptcy (Chapter 11 reorganization). As part of its reorganization, the company made agreements with the city for upfront assistance of \$1 million in corporate subsidy and up to \$3.5 million in TIF assistance for the rehabilitation of its headquarters and adjacent garage. The funds are reimbursements for eligible expenses, site preparation, rehabilitation, public improvements and other activities under the Chicago/Kingsbury and Near North TIF redevelopment area.

The second proposed ordinance is

a redevelopment agreement with Greenwood Associates L.L.C for the use of tax increment funds in the Stony Island-Burnside TIF district to proceed with Phase II development of Greenwood Place shopping center, located at 1111 East 87th Street. A 75,000 square feet former

shopping center, to be rehabilitated, as a multi-tenant plaza offering for large retail and office spaces. The second phase includes the construction of three new office buildings and a parking facility for 160 parking spaces. The total cost for Phase II development is \$15 million. The

City would provide \$2.6 million in TIF assistance or 16.9 percent of total project costs.

The Greenwood Place is intended to serve as a catalyst for a new era of development in Chatham.

### Auburn Gresham Community Stone Terrace Apartments

Auburn - Mayor Richard M. Daley introduced an ordinance to rehabilitate and convert 10 three-story, brick walk-up buildings into 156 units of Section 8 housing. "We are dedicated to the rehabilitation and development of secure and affordable multi-unit housing in Chicago," said the Mayor.

The ordinance authorizes the Department of Housing to provide more than \$4 million in funding to Stone Terrace Partner, L.P. under the Multi-Family Rehab Loan Program and \$6.3

million in multi-family tax-exempt bonds, a new \$12.9 million project. The Multi-Family Loan Program makes low interest loans available to non- and for-profit developers to acquire and rehabilitate properties of five or more units for low- and moderate-income renters. Similarly, the Multi-Family Tax-Exempt Program provides bond financing to developers who build or rehab multi-family housing developments.

After rehab, rents for all units will

be affordable to households with incomes at or below 50% of median income (\$33,950 for a family of four). Stone Terrace Apartments will be located on a triangular site between the east side of Vincennes Avenue and the west side of Parnell Ave. from 84th to 86th Streets.

The scope of the restoration will include reconfigured for larger families and an elevator will be added to one building, making it accessible to seniors and people with disabilities.

### Short of Boycotting Aldi for the Holidays

The West side is home to over 300,000 customers in which community organizations are putting out the word if Aldi's Food is where they should be spending their money.

The concern is centered on the lack of vendor business Aldi contract with Black west side businesses or place black products on their shelves. The coalition for Economic Relations with the Midwest Community Council is short of calling for a boycott of Aldi Foods.

Mr. L. Jones of the Midwest Com-

munity Council said based on a numerous requests as early as May of this year, Aldi has not move to meet the concerns of the groups.

Mr. Jones said this Holiday season 100,000 fliers will be circulated on the West side, for residents to make their decision if Aldi is worth shopping at. They are also asking residents to call Aldi to inform them, "They can keep their food and we will spend our money with businesses that do business with us".

Aldi did not return SSJ phone

call to answer questions naming black owned businesses from the west side with whom they do business. In addition to answer how many of the products on their shelves are black owned companies?

For information contact the Coalition for Economic Relations at the Midwest Community Council (773) 826-2244 or on the wed at www.midwestcouncil.com.

### CHA to release report total status of replaced tenants

As the Chicago Housing Authority continues demolishing high-rises, eight of the buildings are in the Robert Taylor Homes on South State Street. One is in Stateway Gardens and one is in Henry Horner Homes. The official data of over 5,000 family unites removed from CHA housing was reported to be submitted to South Street Journal by its public affairs director, Derek Hill.

The data is to represent over the last five years on replacement housing. The Taylor Homes buildings to be demolished are:

- 5266 S. State
- 5100 S. State
- 4848 S. State
- 4844 S. State

3615-17 South Federal in the Stateway Gardens Complex and 111 N. Wood in the Horner Homes Complex are also coming down.

The buildings represented about 1,600 families. Overall "Even as we push forward with redevelopment, people have to live in the existing developments. Getting rid of these vacant buildings will improve everyday quality of life in the short term," Peterson said.

A \$1.5 billion capital program creating over 25,000 new or rehabbed units, which CHA reports is enough

for all current, lease-compliant residents, as well as relocation contracts for residents.

However, several redevelopment efforts are underway which will result in more than 3,000 units of public housing to be demolished and replaced in six major developments; Cabrini Green, Henry Horner, Robert Taylor, ALBA, Clarence Darrow, and Lakefront Properties. Since 1995, the CHA has spent approximately \$50 million on redevelopment activities including; the demolition of 1,190 units of public housing, the rehabilitation of 2,178 units, and the construction of 455 new units.

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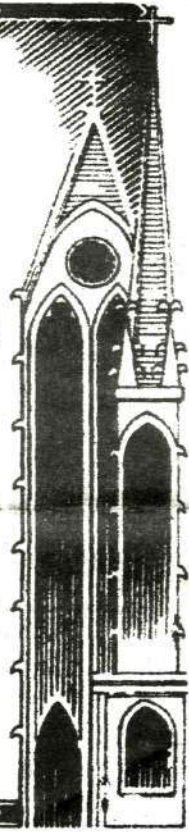
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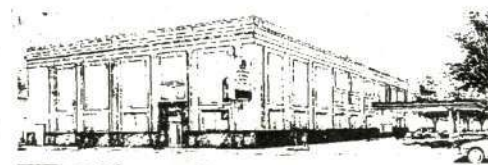
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