# Black Caucus seeks input on Ward remap



Alderman Ed Smith (28), chairman of the City Council Black Caucus lead discussion of the remap for community input at the Chicago Urban League with other aldermen and community representation. Smith pointed out the challenge aldermen meet in saving 20 Black wards.

#### With a lost of Black population. Minority can still be the Majority

Holding meetings with many sectors of the community leadership, in a show of unity, representative of both the City Council's Black and Hispanic Caucuses move to end speculation about their individual ward

After working for months to remap their wards, members of the Black Caucus revealed that their map retains their goal for 20 predominantly black wards. The Hispanic Caucus is looking to add four new wards - bringing the total to 11, oppose to a goal of 12 in early reports. Which leaves white aldermen 19 wards.

However, the balance of power with the City council still rest in the control of Mayor Richard Da-

Led by Aldermen Carrie Austin (34) and Billy Ocasio (26), both said that from the beginning their goals were not to accept any cutback of wards.

"Based on history, we realize what a monumental responsibility we have to make this process work. None of us wants a repeat of the city's last remap fight. Consequently, we're making every effort to comply with the law and to protect each of our communities'

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West Chatham -

Located on 83rd Street in the West Chatham's

moderate-

## Honeysuckles

A case for smoothing up to the community for

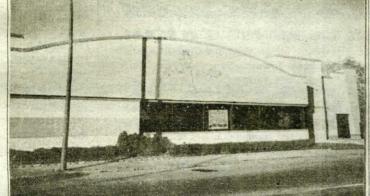
Black business expansion. It has the upscale Southern cuisine restaurant ingredient. Its interior design join's the likes of many fine dining establishments as it caters as a banquet facilities for meetings and events that the Black community normally retreat to downtown or to the suburbs for. It serves as a more economic advancement and in the most sense of the community. But the growth could be a mirage as the community is unsure what magnitude of business will take place in the establish-

income community Honey-

suckles might as well be an illusion for

On the Southside of Chicago there is limited banquet facilities and restaurants, especially African American

owned, that could compare to the many suburbs and loop establishments Black groups mostly pa-



The lobby has a historical wall mural of "Who's

Who Among Black America", that brings out the ownership pride in its upscale interior design. One side has the mingle the dining room and banquet facility. The furnishings, equipment and the

renovation costs ran close to 1.2 million dollars.

Employing over 140 people over its business history, Honeysuckles' talented Chef, James Dillard prides itself for making the place a class act for solid service and cooking. "The kitchen grills to perfection." He says. We are famous for our Soul Food at the top of the list."

"We take the hassle out of life when planning an event at Honeysuckle," says Larry Hollins, who now handles community relations and operations. The past community relationship departed on complicated sides. "It interfered with the original zoning as my brother (Calvin Hollins) acquired the property in 1996, (formally the Net, another black restaurant.

After purchasing the building and receiving the (Continued on page 13) From the Publisher

## The Nerve America

Thile having a front yard conversation with my white neighbor, expressing compassion for those who are lost in the assault, the discussions lead him to talking about his racist friends and inlaws. No big deal. Most whites know people like that. He then asks me; What are Blacks (not me) feeling about this war? The hidden nerve was hit.

Africa Americans are often reminded of that color line. Clearly from the events of September 11th, there is no doubt the enemy of the U.S. has a color again. The (Arab looking) American Islamic community has begun to get a taste of America Racism. That is what made it so easy for America to retain over 1,000 Arab people. We've come a long way since 1941 when we put Japanese Americans in concentration camps during the attack on Peal Harbor.

It hits a nerve hearing WLS callers proclaiming; "Let's be We are all Americans. "Forget all of that now. Can't we all just all be Americans now." "In the memory of the 5,000" and sometimes with revenge America People charge the President to carry out its mandate. "Kill the Taliban and Osama bin Laden!", Then WLS TV News commercial,

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## Black and Hispanic leaders strategize to strengthen HealthCare

#### Conference to Lobby **Legislators For Adequate Funding**

Grand Blvd. - African American and Hispanic leaders from all over the state, recently attended an unprecedented Advocacy Conference. In an effort to revitalize and empower those in need of physical and emotional health healing in Illinois' communities of color,

More than 100 attendees took part in the five-hour Conference held at the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center, 48th Wabash. Leaders strategize in workshops and completed an agenda as a collective body, to be presented to Black and Latino Legislators.

One central point presented was more funding is desperately needed for agencies to effectively address the physical and emotional challenges of the poor, disadvantaged, un-employed and under-employed.

An agenda action was based on if health needs aren't addressed, many communities of color will continue to face hopeless, helpless lives.

Doris Lomax, of the Human Resources Development Institute and Lee Smith, of Case Management Services of the Westside Association for Community Action addressed issues surrounding funding to meet the physical and emotional needs of the community followed by the discussion on advocacy was lead by Jaime Delgado of Community Outreach Intervention Projects

at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The legislative advocacy agenda was presented by Salim Al Nurridin, Executive Director of the HealthCare Consortium of Illinois, (a statewide coalition of health and social service agencies) with Will Burns, Vice President of the Chicago Urban

The mission for an advocacy agenda in communities said Al Nurridin is, "We want the community to develop policy into law and affect the health in the community,"

One of the first steps the conferences members needed to address is an effort to bring people together to advocate legislators for the funding needed said Richard Jackson, Vice President of External Relations for Habilitative Systems, Inc. Adding, "It's very important that we understand policy as it relates to what people need."

"Unfortunately human service issues have been far too long off the legislative agenda. "The people who control the money seem to be totally out of touch with the needs. But we still have to provide the services.. Waiting lists don't work."

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With no surprise in the political circle Roland Burris 64, is ahead of all candidates running for Governor. The former state attorney general and comptroller, made it official for the 3rd time as a Democratic in the primary March 2002.

A Tribune//WGN poll of likely Democratic candidates found Burris leading with 25%. The poll also found that the voters said Burris has the best chance of winning in the November general election. But almost 4 in 10 voters are undecided.

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## The UnZip

by the Weatherman ublic Relations in the Streets...

In the public relation business; Barbara Kensey of Kensey&Kensey have a nice contract with The Chicago Tribune as it blast into the Chicago Defender readership market. But the Defender has been doing some good PR and community goodwill projects as well like the Black Patriot Rally, without the Red Black and Green.

Congrads to Vanassa Church from Englewood and Carter Temple Church in starting her own public relation business. Word is she is bidding on the handling World Vision P.R......No word on why tenants in Lake Meadows were paid \$50.00 for approximately one hour of time for a survey performed by McLean Scott Marketing early this year.......RJ Dale Advertising and Public Relations is coordinating Jewel-Osco Hidden Jewels of the Neigh-

borhood Awards with a cash prize of \$1,000 and feature winning organizations in radio spots and in newspaper advertising. SSJ is waiting.......

Also in Bronzeville, Reginald Haynes, Special Event Coordinator at the new Bed & Breakfast reported they were featured for about 5 minutes on Channel 2, news, and the grand opening of another location was rescheduled for December......Morgan Carter did some of the PR for SSJ publishers' cousin,

Keymah T'Keyah early October. Robin Hollis, has been re-elected to the administrative post of GlobalSolutions director of New Business Development for the year 2001-02.

Salute in the Media.......The 25th Anniversary honorees of the Chicago Association of Black Journalist will go to Merri Dee, WGN, Vernon Jarrett, Chicago Defender, Laura Washington, The Chicago Reporter, Russ Ewing (retired) WMAQ, Harry Porterfield, WLS and Lu Palmer. The Community awards will go to the Chicago Defender and WVON. The event tool place at the DuSable Museum, Friday November 2nd.

Carrying on to WVON, Keshia Shavers was birth to the Scorpio family with **Harold Lucas** of Black Metropolis, and **Ron Carter** of SSJ

Congressman Bobby Rush has moved his office to John Clark's former Reggio's Pizza at 706 East 79th Street. The Congressman also managed to move former candidates State Senators Barack Obama and Donne Trotter out of his district.

Also, another official to move their office is 20th Ward Ald.

Arenda Troutman on 59th and State Street: Word is Troutman is being the chair of the City Council's Landmark Committee. She would have worked to get Gerri's Palm Tavern into some sort of landmark status, and she would of could of have circulated petitions to keep it open.

Continuing with the 3rd Ward, someone that works at the Chicago Urban League is surfacing. And, it just so happens that "Friends of Pat Hill," gave her a big 50 party at the Wabash Y on 37th and Wabash. Now, what did Pat do with her birthday gifts........

Keymah

McCullough

(donations)?. In the 4th ward Charles Williams should know that people are sniffing at Spencer Leak Jr. .....

She's baccccck. . Everloyce McCullough the former candidate that ran against Dan Burke is running for State Rep. again. But this time in the new 6th District. The former president of the Black Economic & Political Action Network, will be holding her Family Day event at the Wabash Y in early

December.



The United American Progress Association celebrate their 40th year Anniversary at the Providence Banquet Hall. Those honored were Henry Buie, Jessie Ruth Fallie, Mary Long and Rev. M. Sardon. The Keynote speaker was Rev. Larry Rogers, Pastor of the Israel Methodist Community Church. Head by Web Evans the theme of the anniversary was "Solution For Blacks in America - Economics.

Barney Muhammad is in search of an attorney to review his allegations against Vibert White, Jr., who released his book "Inside The Nation of Islam". Muhammad reported in the bibliography, his name was recorded under fraudulent circumstances and in direct violation of verbal and written orders not to do so based on the manner in which the contents of the book would be presented.

#### BRIEFS

## Living Legends Passing the Torch" Awardees.



Photo by Robert A. Sengstacke ia Jackson-Bacon accepts a

(i to r) Living Legend honoree Dr. Gloria Jackson-Bacon accepts a hand-sculpted torch and passes a toorch to her successor, honoree Constance Jackson while Henry English, presidnet of the Black United Fund of Illinois, Inc. and Dr. Robert Starks, chairman of the board of BUFI look on. The presentation was in an effort to encourage generations continuity in business and the professions, the Black United Fund of Illinois, Inc. (BUFI) held the 1st Annual "Living Legends/Passing the Torch" Awards Benefit honoring torch bearers and the proteges they have mentioned to carry on their work. Each mentor was being recognized for preserving and transmitting history and achievement. Year 2001 recipients are: Dr. Gloria Jackson Bacon, founder, ret. president and CEO, The Clinic in Altgeld, Inc. to her daughter Constance Jackson' Oscar Brown, Jr., Griot, lyricist, composer and performer to his daughter Maggie Brown, performer and entrepreneur; Spencer leak, president, leak & Sons Funeral Home to his son Spencer leak, Jr., Luster Family, founders to Jory F. Luster, president, Luster products, inc. Pervis Spann, CEO, WVON 1450 a to his daughter Melody Spann-Cooper, president and general manager, WVON, and john Stroger president, Cook County Board and Forests Preserve District to his son Todd Stroger, 8th Ward Alderman, former member, Illinois House of Representatives.



#### Southland's "Community Partners" on Race on

The Thorton Township Human Relations Commission in conjunctions with Thornton Township Supervisor Frank Zuccarelli, hosted a "Community Partners" Luncheon on Race and diversity at the Thornton Township Senior/Youth and Family Center. The conference is the first in a series of events such as town hall meetings on race and diversity issues in the Southland community. The commission has selected two prominent civic rights activist to keynote the luncheon.

Mr. Tim Wize, nationally renowned author of several publications on the plight of African Americans and White Relations in America and adjunct professor of Fisk University, who spoke on racism, hate crimes, and nationalism.

The event's co-keynoter was Rev. Christopher Bullock (a resident of the south suburbs), president of the NAACP, South Branch-Chicago. Last year Governor Ryan appointee Rev. Bullock to the Illinois Commission on Discrimination. Bullock spoke on racial profiling of African Americans and Latinos and the rise of violence in America's schools. Both activists spoke out against terrorism in America and the need to better understand and appreciate America's diverse cultures and ethnic groups.

Zuccarelli and the Human Relations Commission hope the conference will bring awareness and education about race issues and how it affects the south suburban communities. Zuccarelli is mobilizing residents in the Southland areas to organize a drive to donate blood for the victims of the terrorist acts in New York and Washington, DC.

Clerk Announces 7th Annual City Sticker Art Contest Theme: Accessible Chicago: Celebrating the Abilities of peo-

ple with Disabilities
In conjunction with the Mayor's Office for People with disabilities (MOPD), City Clerk office invites all Chicago high school students to submit artwork reflecting the theme of the 2002-2003 vehicle sticker. Entries must be submitted to the Clerk's Office before 10 am on Monday, November 18, 2001. The winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond and a \$500 gift certificate for art supplies will be donated to his or her school. For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at (312) 744-2506.

#### \$10,000 reward still up

The Chicago Police Department and the FBI are still asking for the public's help in locating Diamond and Tionda Bradley. Diamond Bradley is described as a black female, 3 years old, 35 pounds,

# Bush Sr. in business with bin Laden Family Father of President should Pull out of International consulting firm

Washington D.C. - As President Bush is targeting hidden bank accounts of terrorist world wide, the Judicial Watch, a public interest law firm that investigates and prosecutes government corruption and abuse, reacted with disbelief to the Wall Street Journal report that George H. Bush, father of the President, works for the bin Laden family business in Saudi Arabia. It is through the Carlyle Group, an international consulting firm.

The senior Bush had met with the bin Laden family at least twice (other top Republicans are also associated with the Carlyle group, such as former Secretary of State James A. Baker). The Osama bin Laden had supposedly been disowned by his family, which runs a multi-billion dollar business in Saudi Arabia and is a major investor in the senior Bush's firm.

Other reports have questioned, though, whether members of his Saudi family have truly cut off Osama bin Laden. Indeed, the Journal also reported that the FBI has subpoenaed the bin Laden family business's bank records.

Judicial Watch earlier this year had strongly criticized President Bush's father's association with the Carlyle Group, pointing out in a March 5 statement that it was a conflict of interest (which) could cause problems for America's foreign policy in Middle East and Asia. Judicial Watch called for the senior Bush to resign from the firm then.

This conflict of interest has now turned into a scandal. The idea of the President's father, an expresident himself, doing business with a company under investigation by the FBI in the terror attacks of September 11 is horrible. President Bush should not ask, but demand, that his father pullout of the Carlyle Group, stated Judicial Watch Chairman and General Counsel Larry Klayman.

This has the potential of making of Billy-Gate (Jimmy Carter's brother's dealings with Libya) look like small potatoes, added Judicial Watch President Tom T. Fitton.

## "The Government is lying" about Anthrax; Judicial Watch

#### The full extent and source of attacks

sudicial Watch, has concluded, that the government is lying to the American people about the severity of the anthrax crisis.

First, the Associated Press reported that, "at least some White House personnel were given Cipro six weeks ago. White House officials won't discuss who might be receiving the anthrax-treating antibiotic now. On the night of the September 11 attacks, the White House Medical Office dispensed Cipro to staff accompanying Vice President Dick Cheney as he was secreted off to the safety of Camp David, according to one person directly involved." This shows that The White House knew of the anthrax attacks much sooner than admitted.

Second, when asked if he had been tested for anthrax, President George W. Bush refused to answer on two occasions

"Judicial Watch is filing a host of document requests with the federal government to pry out the full truth from the administration, before more people die because of misinformation about the full extent of the anthrax crisis. If cooperation is not forthcoming, lawsuits will be filed. It is a scandal in the making that The White House and Congress, which have full information, have adequately protected themselves with testing and antibiotics, while the rest of the populace is kept in the dark and not treated like the political elite. Unfortunately, even full disclosure is not enough at this point to bring back the dead postal workers," stated Judicial Watch Chairman and General Counsel Larry Klayman.

medium build, medium complexion, brown eyes and long black hair (worn in ponytails). Tionda Bradley is described as a black female, 10 years old, 70 pounds, medium build, light complexion, brown eyes and long brown hair (worn in pigtails).

#### College students for Englewood Community

Fifty college students from around the nation have come to Englewood this summer for building community assets. Sponsored by the Rebirth of Englewood Community Development Corporation (ROE CDC) in partnership with AmeriCorps VISTA and the Illinois Institute of Technology, these students come from Xavier University, Florida A&M, Howard, Morehouse, Southern University Law Center, Tuskegee, Chicago Kent College of Law, and the University of Illinois, to name a few. Working from the office of ROE CDC, the 50 summer associates have distinct responsibilities on five asset building projects.

## Police torture/brutality rallies,

Casualty of 9-11, ACLU' opposed Atty. General Ryan Anti-Terrorism Act

With numerous groups organizing on police abuse and brutality, on Monday September 10, 2001 a countdown was in the works by protestors were getting prepared for a rally on Wednesday September 12th. Two days remaining ready for the rally at the Federal Plaza, the news of the New York disaster hit. The rally and March to bring a special prosecutor to investigate police torture in the city of Chicago was put on hold.

The attack on America gave way again effect another police rally: The October 22nd Coalition's 6th National Day of Protest in 70 cities around the country rally was sat, in the name of "Stopping Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation". Some public comments were appalled that a rally of this nature would take place during this time in U.S. history.

As a result, a ban on use of the Federal Plaza for rallies was in acted. The coalition responded with a press conference filing a lawsuit to reverse the ban. The. Conference was well attended by coalition members. Reporters from both the Tribune and Channel 7 attended, but did not report it on TV or in print according to said Lydia Taylor; executive director of the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago (JCGC).

However, the coalition successfully held their rally and merged their campaigns to prosecute and prevent police abuse.

If people do not understand, yet, like most of us, how the various antiterrorism laws are changing and affecting us as individuals and organizations who believe in the Bill of Rights and other constitutional freedoms

The Steering Committee of the JCGC voted this week to support the ACLU's position on the proposed Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001 that Ill. Atty. General Jim Ryan is sponsoring. The ACLU has numerous civil liberties objections to the bill, which is on a fast track: Ryan wants it enacted during the veto session scheduled. The organizations are lobbying against the bill.

The postpone rally of September 12 continued on Cook County State's Attorney Dick Devine, who previ-



ously represented Jon Burge in a civil suit brought against him by one of the torture victims. On November 5th the coalition, pack the courthouse when arguments begin to appoint a special prosecutor to reopen and investigate Area 2 and 3 torture

Arguments were Devine could

not fairly investigate potential criminal charges because of this conflict of interest. The Participants in the case will include victims of torture, family members of tortured defendants now on Death Row and activists involved in the campaign.

"In other locations where police officers have

committed crimes they have been prosecuted," said Taylor; "In New York, the cops who raped Abner Louima were tried and convicted and L.A., the cops in the Ramparts scandal were prosecuted. Chicago should be no exception, especially when the allegations include systematic torture by the police."

The Campaign to Prosecute Police Torture, a coalition of organizations wants to have a special prosecutor appointed to conduct a criminal investigation into allegations of police torture. They reported more than 66 African American men were tortured by electroshock, suffocation and severe beatings by former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge and his officers at Area 2 and 3 Police Headquarters in the 1970's and '80's. Twelve of these men. known as the "Death Row 10" now sit on Illinois' death row. No officer has been criminally investigated or

prosecuted for his criminal conduct.

A petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County to request an independent, special prosecutor to investigate the police officers' criminal acts of torture.

"Hope is waning or completely gone stated a member of the coalition, responding that. "It is difficult for some one in prison to remember that they have a light, a gift, and a charge to keep. Especially if they are doing time for a crime, they did not commit but confessed to because the police framed them, or beat them, or tortured them.

Focusing on "Stopping Bad Cops", the coalition said they will keep their antennas up about the entire criminal Injustice system. In a related issue, work continues regarding effort to pass Automatic Expungement Legislation that is lead by

State Representative Connie Howard.

Another efforts are calling upon Mayor Daley to: 1. Implement 12-Step Program to begin transformation of Chicago Police Department as a way to Stop Bad Cops and Support Good Cops, and 2. Meet citizens who have been victimized by Bad

Cops, (Victims and Relatives) and prevent.

Cook County

State's Attorney

Dick Devine

On November 3rd, exonerated Death Row inmates and activists from all over the country working to abolish the death penalty rallied at United Church of Hyde Park. The speakers and guests included exonerated Death Row inmates from around the country, including David Bates, exonerated Illinois prisoner, tortured by former Chicago police commander John Burge

The rally was part of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty's first national convention at the University of

The Coalition meets the third Wednesday of the month at 77 West, Washington, 8am lower level. For information, contact Lydia Taylor at 312/663-0960 ext. 317, Adam at ACLU, 312/201-9740-x316.or Mary Powers at Citizens Alert 312/663-

## **Ryan: \$1.3 million in Illinois First Projects for Chicago**

SPRINGFIELD -- Governor George H. Ryan announced today that he is releasing \$1.336 million in Illinois FIRST funding for projects in Chicago, including \$1.2 million to construct a swimming •\$10,000 to the Minority Health Assopool at Wolf Lake within the William W. Powers State Park.

A survey conducted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources found •\$5,000 to Chicago Public Schools to swimming to be one of the most requested recreational opportunities desired by the public. The pool will provide a safe and enjoyable swimming facility for \$5,000 to the American Majestic Eaa highly populated location of the state. This Illinois FIRST project was initiated gram, Inc., to support a communityby State Sen. Donne E. Trotter, D- based computer learning center. This

•\$46,000 to the Beverly Arts Center to support an educational outreach program based on the work of William Shakespeare. This project was initiated by State Rep. Thomas J. Dart, D-

•\$30,000 to the Murray Language Academy to purchase computers and related technology equipment. This project was initiated by Trotter.

•\$10,000 to the Fund for Community Redevelopment & Revitalization to support the hiring of a Law Enforcement Coordinator. This project was initiated by State Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, D-Chicago.

•\$10,000 to the Fund for Community Redevelopment & Revitalization to support the hiring of a Law Enforcement Coordinator. This project was initiated by State Sen. Barack Obama, D-Chicago.

•\$10,000 to Brand New Beginnings to support a city-wide seminar on prostitution and homelessness. This project was initiated by Dart.

•\$10,000 to Chicago Public Schools to

purchase student handbooks and workbooks for Harper High School. This project was initiated by State Rep. Charles Morrow III, D-Chicago.

ciation to support four conference/forums and four workshops. This project was initiated by Trotter.

purchase a security system to monitor the halls at Deneen Elementary School. This project was initiated by Morrow.

gles Youth Business Training Proproject was initiated by State Rep. Con-Other Illinois FIRST grants announced stance "Connie" Howard, D-Chicago.





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Ceilia Butler

## Partnership for a South Side Community Development Credit union

Washington Park - Fed up with currency exchanges, payday lenders and inadequate bank service, residents from Bronzeville have taken money matters into their own hands as they work to establish a resident-owned community development credit union.

Responding to credit needs,

leaders of the Washington Park and Woodlawn community expanded the focus in order to establish the South Side Community Credit Union. The expansion resulted in a partnership between the Committee for a Washington Park-

Woodlawn Community Credit Union and the Cosmopolitan Federal Credit Union, a church-based credit union established in 1985.

Combined, representatives will provide a range of low-cost financial services and credit at reasonable interest rates to individuals, businesses, community organizations and churches marketing several communities on the south side.

"Access to credit at reasonable rates and low-priced financial services is the purpose of The Partnership for a Community Development Credit Union (CDCU)." Said Cecilia Butler, Executive Director of the Greater Washington Park Community Development Corporation and a major organizer. "The timing for such an institution could not be any better in uncertain times that our government is facing now."

Kicking off the announcement CDCU held its major community meeting in October to inform, educate and inspire the community of the start-up The Partnership targeted community organizations and community leaders of Grand Boulevard, Kenwood, Oakland

and Douglas neighborhoods. But their results captured interest from individuals, community organizations, and businesses from the city at large supporting and participating in this venture.

Cliff Kelley, WVON talk host and a resident of Washington Park, facilitated the meeting. Organizers reported they have reached the half-way point in terms of the community support and written investment pledges for deposits, demonstrating support to gain federal approval for the new financial cooperative. The members of the two bodies include residents of Woodlawn, Washington Park and Grand Boulevard. As the organizers expected, representing adjacent communities came in to join the partnership as well.

"The sky is the limit," said Butler, referring "to the growing support for a community-owned and operated financial institution. We are addressing the community's pressing financial needs. And we are also seeking to reverse the flow of capital in the African-American community."

According to Al Hofeld, Jr., attorney and coordinator for the partnership. "A community credit union is a safe and proven vehicle for reinvestment in low-income communities. All deposits are insured up to \$100,000 per account."

Hofeld added that funds invested by bank, foundation and government sources, as well as is a pool of member deposits. This allow the credit union to make substantial loans to community business, consumers, non-profits and churches for such things as business start-ups and expansions, home mortgages, cars, home repair, day care centers and

## Credit Union for Englewood

The Rebirth of Englewood Community Development Corporation is in the process of developing a Englewood community development Credit Union in their efforts of providing community and economic development for the Englewood and West Englewood communities. For information call Veronica Payne at 773-778-23719

an array of other community projects."

"Our goal is to create a \$10 million credit union in 5 years," said Ted Wordlaw, President and cofounder of Cosmopolitan Federal Credit Union at the Cosmopolitan Community Church. Wordlaw and Hofeld point out that successful community credit unions in the U.S. have achieved membership in the thousands and assets in the multi-millions within only a few years of receiving their charter. Currently, there are no community development credit unions on the south side of Chicago.

Butler projected that the credit union can be in operation in 6 months. For the future site she said. "We would love to have our home office on 55th and King. Land that was donated by the Amoco thought the direction of the Composition Credit union.

For more info., contact Al Hofeld, 312-347-8390.

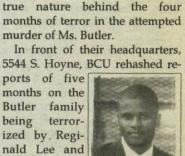
Another phase of the program involves existing community shelters. Most of the inmates with the program are homeless because of drug addiction. "This is a captured group." explains Scotty. "One of the requirements for these shelters is for them to attend counseling

Crusaders of Justice are working with three homeless shelters: Taherah Towers, 705 W. Garfield, Connexrous Inc., 1416 W. Garfield and 6601 S. Wood Street. For additional information call (773) 324-8332

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2952 held a news conference to

expose what they charge is the

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Lee, an ex

Latoya Butler.

Beginning May

2001 Mr. Lee

boyfriend

Syron Smith.

was arrested on domestic violence charges on his former girlfriend Latoya Butler. After serving time in jail on those charges he was released on June 21, only to abduct Ms. Butler, holding her against her will for a couple of days reported BCU director Syron Smith. Once caught Mr. Lee was rejailed with a bond of \$750,000. With an upcoming trail the Butler family since then has seen numerous attempts to kill Latoya.

In August a female associate of Latoya was mistakenly abducted by a group of men but later released once identified that she was not Latoya. Then on September 10th as the residents were on the next block handing out flyers for a planned prayer vigil for the Butler family; Latoya is shot in the neck in an attempt to kill her.

On another occasion, on Tuesday, October 16, Latoya's family home is invaded by two men and her younger brother is shot as these perpetrators posed as cable repair men. The assailants shot him once at the door then fourteen more times in front of cripple mother; young children made to lie down and watch as they terrorized the mother and the son.

No information on person involved in the incidents have come forward as of yet. However, the BCU is developing a cash reward fund for information leading to the arrest of those involved. "We also want the Mayor and Superintendent Hillard to take a citywide approach to this domestic violence issue."

"We have a specific plan of action that will be executed during this campaign." Said Smith, "That includes having Lee phone privileges revoked and personal visits very closely scrutinized while he is incarcerated.

Smith said the plan calls for all sectors of the community, including governor candidates to speak out on this issue and what they will do to strengthen Illinois against domestic violence.

BCU requested the 8<sup>th</sup> Police District and the Marquette Park (Private) Security to allocate special attention to the family by posting community alerts and extra patrol around the Butlers' home. In addition donate to the reward fund. And that CAPS beat facilitators help patrol the home and block.

"The Butler family, and the BCU Administration to call for an full fledge citywide campaign to stamp out this urban terrorism." Proclaimed Smith

## **Substance Abuse and Prevention Program**

Washington Park - Persons who are addicted or know someone who is to: illegal drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or gambling are encourage to be part of the Crusaders of Justiceare Awareness sessions. A program providing Substance Abuse and Prevention The sessions are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Holiness Community Temple Church, 418 East 61st Street., also headquaters

of the Crusaders.

The length of the program is 90 days or 12 weeks. There is no waiting for those in need to enroll. Inasmuch that the Crusaders canvass the neighborhoods, seeking out those in need of the services says Minister "Scotty".

"Our Field workers are ex-drug users who have become drug free. And those involved are throughout the community difficult to be identified." Scotty added. "Each

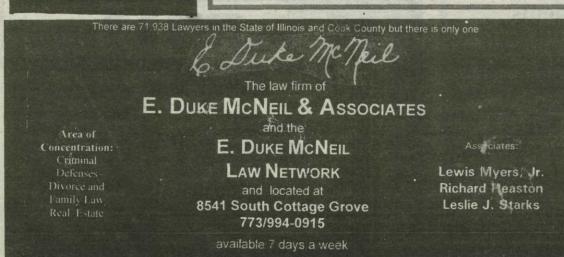
participant who attends the sessions must be evaluated."

Hard core drug users are urged to enter a facility for confinement. At this facility, Scotty said, persons can receive discipline training and counseling until they are drug free.

The sessions includes; addicted personality; How addictions affects health, family and society; direction in Combating addictions and Remaining drug-free.







## Remap may change politics

(Continued from page 1) interest, said Ald. Ocasio.

The Voting Rights problem remedied Congress with Act of 1965, which, among other things, requires that political boundaries be drawn to give minorities a better chance of electing their own, and ultimately end the "plantation politics".

Inasmuch as the City invested over \$30 million in 1998 opposing the court ruling, Ald. Richard Mell (33), chairman of the councils' Rules Committee said, "that is something we want to avoid this time." The Rules committee consist of all 50 alderman.

Ald. Mell told SSJ that he was waiting for the Black Caucus to submit their map in time for a vote December 1, 2001 on a final

The council is abiding by the U.S. District court ruling in 1998 that favored Black activist and aldermen for an additional black ward. It resulted in the 18th ward black population increase from 54% to 71%, which surprised many reelected white Ald. Thomas Murphy over seven Black candidates.

As with the 1990s census, Chicago's 2000 racial population have changed. It lead Ald. Murphy to challenge the Caucus to include him the remap discussions and a member of the Black Caucus.

The Caucus disapproved of him becoming a member. But their remap satisfied his re-election chances. The 18th ward is now 68% Black still counting it one of the 20 Black wards.

In the historical Bronzeville, wards the 2nd, 3rd and 4th boundaries have change dramatically, from predominately Black to average 70.5%, moving north and to the near west side.

The 3rd Ward was clearly earmark for change due to the lost of 17,600 residents, more than any other in the city. It was home to the largest public housing development in American which contributed to the great lost of population which began in 1996. Ald.

Curri Austin (34) stated that was one of the several changes. In addition to 20,000 residents have moved from predominantly black wards to other parts of the city.

"The 2nd Ward is experiencing an increase in white residents," explained Ald. Austin. "...due to the housing boom of the 1990s. Therefore, she said to meet the criteria mandated by the Voting Rights Act and to protect incumbent aldermen, a great deal of sacrifice and cooperation was given by almost every Black alderman.

Ald. Toni Preckwinkle's (4) ward is now 71% Black, with new boundaries stretch to the Chicago River, north.

Dorothy Tillman (3) charged attempts for her to lose in 2003. As of June of this year Tillman stop attending the Caucus meeting charging the Caucus map does not represent her best interest or her constituents. She just recently proposed an alternative map

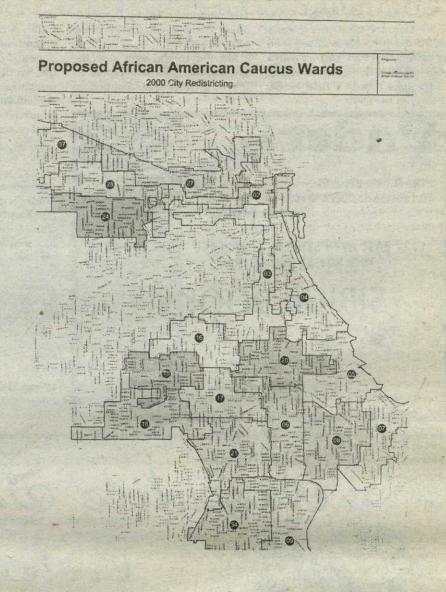
Some community representation of Bronzeville stress concern that the Black Caucus map destroys the community development plans in the 2nd and 3rd ward.

Ald. Burton f. Natarus (42) stress he did not want the 4th ward to travel north in the Loop as it is proposed because it could disrupt development in the Loop community. A concern Nat Thompson a Bronzeville historian stress as well for the 35th Street Development and 47th Street Blues District.

"I am concern for the political impact this have on the Bronzeville community. But not less for the historical political process of the wards have and could contributed to future Bronzeville empowerment." said Thompson.

Ald. Freddrennal Lyle (6) admitted the Caucus did not take that in consideration. She added that is a rea-son for the many meetings in the community.

Ald. Ed Smith, the Caucus chair stress (Continued on page 7)



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The community led by the South Shore Commission protested the plan to demolish it.

Moving to the next step the Commission and the Center on the Lake formed a coalition to

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save the South Shore County Club. A city-wide group of arts, organizations, historical preservations and other were formed with the South Shore community to campaign against the proposed demolition and demanded the establishment of a major city cultural center.

Faced with concerted and highly vocal opposition, the Park District withdrew its request for demolition in 1978 and provided funds for renovation of the lower floors and the exterior of the main club. Since that time the Council has been an active force in lobbying the Park District to increase and upgrade the quality of programming, and to promote better maintenance and beautification for the Center.

The Advisory Council was formed in 1986 as a non-profit organization. Its most important objectives are to advise the Chicago Park District on all operations of the Center. Which includes develops and expands cul-

The community drive South Shore Country Club, will be celebrated at the Annu Harvest Ball Benefit, presented by the Advisor Council on November 10th.

tural, recreational and educational activities for adults and children using the services of the park.

Over the years the cultural Center became a major attraction for many events. As members of the Advisory Council served actively in the development, one project is to maintain several flower gardens on the premises and to advise the park district on landscape

Lobbing for additional funding has always been a direction of the Council. But this time the Council has step up to the plate and to raise the funds needed. "With the later, the Council will be holding it Annual Harvest Ball Benefit to raise funds for the beautification of the park. The ball will be held at the South Shore Cultural Center on Saturday, November 10th.

The Harvest Ball Benefit is not just to rasie funds, but to celebrate the success of the Council

'We invite the art groups from other communities as well to support this event and to present other affairs and events at the Center." The spokesperson said.

The optional black-Tie Harvest Ball Benefit will be compliment with live music, dancing and a raffle. Donations are Tax deductible.

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#### **Cultural Center** and the Washburne Culinary Institute

By Oscar Worrill **View Point** 

The South Shore Cultural Center was offered the opportunity to house the Washburne Culinary Institute's Associate Degree Program in applied Sciences.

But in a recent meeting, William Reynolds, director of the Chicago Culinary Center gave an audio visual presentation, that sparked many questions from the advisory council of the South Shore Cultural Center. The focus of the discussion was the 1999 McClier Report written by a consultant hired by the Chicago Park District. The consultant was hired to study space utilization at the South Shore Cultural Center. There has been no final decision for all the partners involved to come to a contract agreement for the Washburne Culinary Institute to use the Cultural Center. To address the concerns of he community. a community meeting will be planned for early fall.

If an agreement is reached by the parties, the program would be held on the Center's third level. Presently, the Washburne Culinary Institute is housed at Kennedy King College. The Chicago Culinary Program will become a significant program at the new Kennedy King campus which will be constructed at 63rd and Halsted.

The South Shore Cultural Center has 25,000 square feet of underdeveloped space on the 3rd level, which the Chicago City Colleges has proposed to utilize for the Washburne Culinary Institute. The proposed plan is over a \$1.5 million investment by the City Colleges of Chicago in the South Shore Cultural Center.



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## Chicago Tribune partners with South Shore Drill Team,

MARKETING IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

South Shore - In its ongoing commitment to youth and education, the Chicago Tribune has formed a partnership with the celebrated South Shore Drill Team and performing Arts ensemble.

Beginning now through the end of the year, a portion of all proceeds generated from the sale of Tribune subscription in the South Shore area will go to the eight-time Illinois State Champion South shore Drill Team. In addition, the tribune is sponsoring the Drill Team on its appearance in the Field's Jingle Elf Parade downtown on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22. The South Shore Drill team is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Since 1980, the South Shore Drill Team and Performing Arts Ensemble have helped hundreds of inner-city youth learn what it means to be the best. The team's dazzling precision routines thrill audiences throughout Chicago and the Midwest whenever they perform. Under the direction of Arthur Robertson, a former Chicago public School teacher, team members are required to maintain good grades. Their school progress is monitored and, if necessary, members are provided with tutoring and homework assistance sessions.

Consisting of 200 males and females ranging in age from 7 to 21,



In addition to the partnership with the South Shore Drill Team, Chicago Tribune million on Sunday. president and publisher Scott C. Smith (L) with a South Shore Community Academy student as he served as "Principal for a Day".

the South Shore Drill Team develops self-esteem, self-discipline, leadership skills and goals for the

In addition to the partnership with the South Shore Drill Team, Chicago Tribune president and publisher Scott C. Smith served "Principal for a Day" at South Shore Community Academy on Tuesday, October 23. Smith was joined in his assignment by Byron P. White, the Tribune's senior manager of community relations.

The Tribune also sponsors the annual Chicagoland Spelling Bee and each year honors Illinois' Top

10 academic all-stars. Chicago Tribune foundation provides a \$2,000 scholarship to each of the students.

As a major competitive media for the African American market, The Tribune Company (NYSE: TRB), one of the country's premier media companies, operating businesses in broadcasting, publishing and on the Internet began its marketing in the Black community with an aggressive news coverage, marketing and advertising campaign. Its daily readership is more than 2 million and nearly 3

The newspaper has increased its investigative stories to the interest of the Black community and sponsorship of many Black promotional events. Presently Tribune subscriptions ads are being placed in the Black media of Chicago. Alone with its ad spots on WVON 1450, representatives from the newspaper are weekly quest reporters on the Cliff Kelly show every Friday morning.

## **African-American Sorority Build** Center in Woodlawn Neighborhood

Mayor Richard M. Daley submitted a plan to the City Council today by the African-American Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority to build a \$1.4 million community service center for programs aimed at strengthening the family, improving health and cultural activities.

"The City uses many economic development tools to help build needed facilities, like community centers, that improve the quality of life for our residents," Mayor Daley said. "This new development will provide the residents of Woodlawn with a new neighborhood center to learn, socialize and improve their quality of life."

Under the plan, the City will sell AKA seven vacant parcels at 6216-42 S. Ingleside Ave. for a nominal fee of \$1 per lot. This is about \$468,000 in savings for the organi-

(Continued from page 5)

## Remap

the numerous attempts to have Tillman and Haithcock to take part in their meetings. Which Tillman was reported missed the last 24.

With her own political career in the air, Tillman made it known her efforts to oust Murphy in 2003. However, the black caucus distanced itself from her statement.

Addressing the shift of power in the City Council and the communities, Dr. Conrad Worrill said the

and emotional services planning

to expand in Black and Hispanic

based in Olympia Fields, Excel 1

High-Tech Nursing, initially be-

gan focusing on patients with

HIV/AIDS. It is now expanding

health is going down the tube,".

ment recently expanded a pro-

One home care company,

neighborhoods agree.

The new AKA community center will be a 10,000 square-foot facility with 55 parking spaces. The building will contain office, classroom and meeting room

The sorority will offer programs such as after-school tutoring in partnership with the Chicago. Public Schools. It will also offer cultural enrichment activities and parenting skills education. Additionally, the foundation promotes educational programs on global issues.

AKA plans to move their social service programming out of St. Mark's Methodist Church at 85th and Champlain Avenue to the new facility after its completion in late 2002.

AKA is an international public aldermen should be commended coming together as they are. Adding this is the result of "Black Generifation" he and others were labeled radicals addressing it 30 years ago.

Even with the notion that Blacks and Hispanics will be the majority on the City Council, one alderman stress, as the wards are less populated, political power has surface for Blacks and Hispanic. But, that potential power according to an alderman's aid, the problem will be with some (names withheld) aldermen appointed by the Mayor.

Recently, Black aldermen have

service organization of 150,000 women in more than 900 chapters across the globe. Founded in 1908 at Howard University, it is the oldest and largest sorority of its kind and hailed as America's premiere Greek-lettered organization for Black women.

Among its membership includes such high-profile women as astronaut and physician Mae Jemison, poet Maya Angelou, actress Phylicia Rashad, and entertainer Gladys Knight.

Some local elected officials who are members include Alderman Leslie Hairston (5th), State Rep. Connie Howard (D-Chicago), Cook County Commissioner Bobbie Steele (D-Chicago) and Federal Court Judge Blanche Manning.

being working together raising concerns and boycotting construction sites that receive government funds and do not have the approiate number of Black construction workers on site.

Dr. Worrill stated this is the long over due leadership the community has been waiting for from Black aldermen.

"With many concerns to hold them accountable to the community, maybe most of them are holding themselves accountable." Added Dr. Worrill.

For a view of the map and what ward you may resided in contract your alderman.

gram for developmentally dis-(Continued from page 1) abled adults. "There has been an Health on-going systemic approach pushing poor people to the side more each day. It's our job as Agencies providing physical providers and agencies to advo-

> But as some agencies expand others are closing according to Dinah Ramirez, of the Healthy South Chicago Program of Centro Community Juan Diego. She reported effective agencies that have closed or who are about t is because of lack of funding. She

cate for more resources not less.

stress the Conference is the beginning of new energy to advocate for the right funding to deliver the services.

Ernie Jenkins, Executive Director of the Westside Association for Community Action served as moderator for the conference. For complete information regarding the official agenda devised by the HealthCare leaders at the Advocacy Conference, call the Health-Care Consortium of Illinois at 708-841-9515.

to homemaking services and transportation. Linda Young, CEO and President said her company is on the verge of becoming a full-care service agency because of the need. Adding. "Although America is a nation of technology and health advancement, our Johnny White, of First Life Behavioral Health, that provides individual, group and family counseling, brain injury case manage-

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#### A CRY IN THE WILDERNESS

By Minister Michael D. Muhammad

'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to the Shepherds of Israel who take care of themselves! Should not shepards take care of the flock?

This passage of Ezekiel chapter 34 is as relevant today as it was in the 6th Century b.c. . As we look at the cycle of poverty, ignorance and depravation that plagues the Black community, it becomes clear that there is void in true Allah (God) - centered leadership.

The old saying that there is a church, or two on every block, is still true in 2001. Now we might add that there is a church, a mosque and a temple for every block, in the Black community. Likewise, there is a drug dealer, a pimp, a liquor store, a rapist and many other destructive human beings on every block in our community.

There is obviously something missing from all of the religious activity that is propagated in our community. Do we need ritual or substance? As a young Minister, my spirit has been devastated by the gross hypocrisies, evil intentions, mean spirited and hard - hearted ways of people in religion. This spiritual decay has been lead by the ignorance, greed and inordinate self interests of religious leadership. It is religious leadership that has perpetuated both religious ignorance and moral decay. It is religious leadership that has fostered a twisted concept of the nature, role & value of women. It is religious leadership that has fought to keep a hoodwink over the minds of the masses. It is religious leadership that has lead in alcoholic, narcotic and sexual deviancy. It is the religious that has blessed urban blight, land grabs, gentrification, red lining and general political corruption.

How can the masses of the people ever realize their full potential, when the so – called men of God are more ignorant, morally weakened and fearful of the enemies of truth than their own flock?

I believe that Allah (God) is calling on a new generation of spiritual men & women. I believe that there is a intense struggle being waged in religious & spiritual circles. This struggle revolves around the need for the Joshua Generation of leadership to express what Almighty God is breathing into their hearts for the overthrow of ignorance, moral cowardice and oppression. But how many of our religious & spiritual elders are unaware of this need for transition & change?

Too many of our religious and spiritual elders have a track record of spiritual, social & political cowardice. Too many of our religious & spiritual elders have reached a black hole in their level of faith. If it is written that Allah (God) prepared a Joshua generation capable of moving the masses forward into fulfillment, then we must begin to skillfully foster that needed transition of spirit, vision and power.

As we move forward into this new millennium, who will reach our youth and inspire them to stand up with the courage to defeat the true enemies of our rise? Who will expose and demonstrate the masses of our people to the great truths of our great leaders & teachers during this next millennium? Who will tell them of their debt to Nat Turner, Denmark Vessey, Harriet Tubmen, the Hon. Marcus Garvey, Paul Robeson, Richard Allen, Adam Playton Powell Jr., Muhammad Ali, Kwame Toure, Dr. Martin Luther King and the Hon. Elijah Muhammad?

Woe to the shepherds of Israel who take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?

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#### Harvey Strikes with prayer in Schools

Mayor Graves meetings to Restore prayer in Schools

Southland - Harvey city council approved a resolution that will allow students to pray

in school last month. Since then Mayor Nickolas E. Graves has received overwhelming support from residents, school officials, students and various community and religious leaders urging him to petition the state to restore voluntary prayer in the public school system.

Consequently, Mayor Graves has decided to hold a series of town hall meetings on the issue of religious expression in schools. The last one was held October 30 at Harvey City Hall.

Despite that the U.S. Constitution prohibits prayer in public schools

even if initiated by students, the majority of the American population believes that students should have the right to do so.

Mayor Graves recalls how Americans united by praying the day following the tragic terrorist attacks, "We have to think about how these events will effect the future generations of our nation. I believe prayer in schools will help to increase the peace in Harvey's communities."

"It is our immediate responsibility to give them the ability to express themselves spiritually in their education environment." said the mayor



Harvey Mayor, Nickolas E. Graves

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## Dialogue with Roland Burris

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Burris, in his 30 year career of public service and 16 years as an Illinois state elected official, has not lost a general election against a Republican, winning three terms as state comptroller and statewide office, finished a strong second in the 1998 Democratic gubernatorial primary capturing 30 percent of the vote in a four-way field despite spending relatively little money.

Thomas Eric, a forty something has been voting 1975. "The way I see it, why would someone put out 50 to 100 million dollars to get a job that pays about \$200,000 per year." Eric answers his question firmly. "Well it's about the power! They all talk about health, education, social security and education."

Eric, like most of the sometimes Black scholars would cast their vote with Black political empowerment in mind. But, Eric wanted to know what will make Burris any different from the other seven candidates.

Many of Burris's active supporters stress their main concern is the primary. "The democratic bosses will do anything to stop Burris at the primary." Said Bruce Crosby. To that, early this October the State Democratic Party held its slanting forum for the 2002 primary at Inner City Studies on 39th Street. The results were not endorsement for the governor seat.

Crosby said, "Burris is a winner, he has won three statewide primaries and three statewide elections. They know if he gets by the primary he is a sure in for the November 2, 2002 election. However, Burris also ran unsuccessfully in 1984 for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate. And in 1995, he stepped up to the plate in a community draft for mayor of Chicago against Richard Daley.

A former classmate and track team member of Burris' hometown of Centralia Township High School, Ken Bauer who introduced Burris, said his friend has been running ever since high school, where he was the track team's premier miler. "Roland knows what it takes to run this state. He is proud to be a citizen of Illinois, Roland is proud to be an American.

The following is an interview of Roland Burris prior to his announced at his Downstate hometown of Centralia as well as at his Southside Chicago home on 89th and Indiana and in Rockford. Burris began a string of appearances with several key leadership join by his campaign co-chairmen, U.S. Reps. Danny Davis and Bobby Rush.

Ron: How do you feel?

Burris: I am feeling great. I had a physical from my doctor and everything is well. Health wise, physically and emotionally.

Ron: How much is this campaign going to be a major election than those before?

Burris: That was then, and this is now. individuals and demographics have change. There are individuals that are in the campaign different than before. My skills and ability have improved.

We put forth most of the issues that we address.

Ron: Such as?

Burris: We have come up with the sensibility issues. Increase the state's share of education funding to 51 percent with new revenue growth 51% funding for the schools.

The Information Technology. A Microsoft executive told me that this company can only fill half of its new jobs in the United States and must go overseas to fill the others with skilled workers. What I proposed in the last election, the state is now following up on. The Information Technology is a key part of all state economic development strategies and I will see that appropriate funding follows.

Ron: Crime has always been a key word to get voters. What is your spin on it?

Burris: As Attorney General, that's the state's top attorney job to address crime. Being so, I convened the first statewide Grand Jury on Drugs to investigate and prosecute drug dealers. As a result, we stopped two major statewide drug operations in their tracks and put two dozen drug dealers behind bars. I took bold actions to get crime under control in the state.

In addition, I spearheaded passage of the Illinois Crime Victims Amendment that gives victims the rights they deserve when victimized by criminals. We double the funding for grants to agencies that provide services to crime victims.

But, I know in depressed areas of the state many of the root causes of crime are economics. In the face of September 11, my experience is established to address the emergency of our country and state. For 12 years as State Comptroller, I managed the state's multi-billion dollar budget. And is ready to aggressively work to create jobs and take action to solve economic issues to help address crime as an innovator leader.

Ron: On the third airport:

Burris: My campaign platform includes building a south suburban airport within five years. There is a considerable economic stake in the construction of a third airport. It does not mean the death of O'Hare, but rather life, health, and economic vitality for Illinois.



Photo: Eric Werner

Former Atty. General Roland Burris announced his candidacy for governor of Illinois on Sunday from his Chicago South Side home. His family, son Roland II and daughter-in-law Marti, wife Berlene, and their daughter Rolanda joined him with nearly 400 supporters to kick-off the campaign.

Outside of Chicago there is a place called Illinois, and as governor I will always work for balanced economic development throughout the state.

Ron: Land grab has been a major buzz term from Little Village to Bronzeville, Woodlawn and now the concern for Englewood in relationship to the TIFs and eminent domain. What does this have to do with being Governor?

Burris: I meet with some of those organization and we talked about their concerns for community development,...

Ron: Who did you meet with?

Burris: That will be forth coming.

The Illinois laws are structured where with Home rule, programs for local development are left to the city government. As governor, I will have a role in local developments in our communities. And address legislation to make those changes. And address affordable housing for those residents.

The State will have a housing agenda.

When it comes to Illinois government, no one has more direct or hands-on knowledge of the state's budget and how the various departments work than me to make this happen.

Ron: You lost in the last election by 40,000 votes. . Where was the ball dropped

Burris: It was a little less than 58,000 votes. They are going to count the votes this time.

Well a lot of it had to do with resources. And the key, we wish we could have gotten more of the African American votes. On that day it rain in Chicago from that early morning to late that night. The voters did not come out.

We were counting on 30 to 40% of the voters to come out. Ron: I heard Delmarie on the radio two days after the 1998 election that she was concern that those that said they will support the campaign financial, did not.

Burris: That was then, this is now.

The money will be there. Two of them we hope to make good on their pledges did not.

Ron: Would that include a likely endorsement from the Chicago Black Caucus, the Illinois Black Caucus or the Congressional Black Caucus.

Burris: Ron first let me point out to you this is a statewide election. Not only will I go to Black organizations I will be going all over,. I was in DePage county at the State Fair. shaking hands. I was up in McKinney County in their state fair. I will be with white politicians as well as Black.

Ron: Yeah, Well still. What about those particular ones?
Burris: We have meetings being arranged all over this city and the state. The north side, west side. and the south suburbs. Yes. Those that want to support me I welcome them.
Ron: Will there be some organized effort?
Delmarie Cobb: Ron, we will reach out for all of them Ron.
Ron: Well, alright.

(Ms Cobb handled Burris campaign in 1998. She has been a political analyst and PR consultant on the local and national level. She is now handling the public relations for the City Counsel Black Caucus)

Regardless of the early speculations, most



SSJ Photo by Armadell Hicks Roland Burris candidate for governor being interviewed by South Street Journal's publisher and editor Ron Carter, two weeks prior to his announcement.

elected officials said they were pleased Burris was returning to run. He gives vision to Illinois. However, acknowledging Burris is the best qualified and prefer that he was governor, would not go on record if they would support Burris saying it was too early to begin publicly talking about endorsements.

Following this interview Burris did received endorsed support from elected officials before a crowd of 400 cheering people in his backyard; Attending the announcement included State Senators Barack Obama, Donne Trotter, Rickey Hendon, State Rep. Calvin Giles, Aldermen Fredrenna Lyle, Anthony Beale, Ted Thomas, County Club Hills Ald. Steven Burris, and Maywood Mayor Ralph Conner.

Ron: There are reports that "The Little Warrior" Willie Barrow is supporting Paul Vallas. How is it that with your historic relationship with PUSH?

Burris: She can support who she want to. My public record should speak for itself. Ironically, however, I have not received endorsements by many that in their right mind know I should. I just put my public record on the issues against any candidate running.

Ron: On WVON the subject first address a NAACP boycott in some other state. It then evolved discussing older leaders need to take a retirement. Why wouldn't that include you?

Burris: There is always need to bring along new leadership. My nephew is an alderman in Maywood. But they must listen to the elders. But more than that my platform also calls for creating a Department of Young adults to address the needs of 18 to 40 year-olds.

State Comptroller Daniel Hynes implemented a fellowship program for individuals interested in pursuing a career in public service was named in honor of Burris.

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

The Roland W. Burris Fellowship is open to college students and recent college graduates.

Ron: During the last election you called other candidates, "Good Old Boys", The campaign picked up attention. Some people were glad that you put it straight.

Burris: It is nothing to it. It was said. And now it is over. It is nothing else to it..

Ron: A campaign to win mean how many votes? Burris: 400,000 votes. We can do that.

Ron: Is there certain messages of unity in the community need to be address. A unified message that you could share to all voters?

Burris: Burris is back and running to win the Governor's race. My hometown friend, who still live in Centralia, said it. And many agree with him saying,....with everything that's happening in this country, we need good role models. He said I know what it takes to run this state. I believe and know just as my opponents do.

There is a saying, "think locally, but act globally." I am a man the people have come to know from experience. Integrity, honesty, effectiveness, public servant. The people are ready to elect Roland Burris to be Governor of Illinois.

Minister Bamani Obadele, better known as a republican is backing Rod Blagojevich, a democrat over Burris. "Just because he is Black we shouldn't automatically mean we should vote for the guy." Said Obadele.

"Blacks should vote for those candidates and political parties who promise and deliver benefits to Black Americans. "I'm going for Blagojevich because he is said and he will deliver." He continued saying, Being Black should not entitle Burris to a free ride.

Ron: It seems your major hurdle is still Black elected officials and leaders. Is it hard being a Black candidate than a white?

Burris: Ten times better and ten times harder worker. In terms. I have been elected four times Statewide, contrary to any Black that was ever to do that. So I don't use the race situation as something I got to carry as a burden. I was born Black, going to die Black. Recognize that there is racist in this society. And that is one of the reason my candidacy is out there. Is to make sure that not only we can play the sports but we can also be in policy position to make decisions for all the state. That consists of 12 million people.

Ron: Is this is a personal and public journey for you and your family.

Burris: This is hard work, this is my son is with me now.

My family is behind me. And I have no choice. There is a lot of work to be done.

Burris is the only African-American candidate. Other Democrats in the race for governor include former Treasurer Patrick Quinn and former Chicago school chief Paul Vallas, both have strong ties in the African American community and progressive political bases. Also in the race are former comptroller and state school superintendent Michael Bakalis, U.S. Rep. Rod Blagojevich of Chicago, and State Rep. Louis Lang of Skokie. Jim Ryan, now the incumbent attorney general, is among three Republicans running in the primary race for governor. Burris in 1990 defeated Ryan for attorney general.

#### From the Publisher

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"How to spot a Terrorist" report at 10:00 evening news".

This is another time when one could imagine to be white, cheering together at a Bears game, proud of the president as if he was Michael Jordan slam dunking. To feel the glory of unity among Americans is difficult especially when it's all over, how we are soon to forget and business is back as usual. It hits a nerve every time.



Ron Carter, Publisher and Editor

My neighbor most likely will not read this editorial. Nor will the children of Afghanistan, nor those who murdered our fellow Americans. Neither will they feel the nerves burn inside when the profiling of Arab Americans is a reminder of being Black. Or when it's all over those Black

men who wave the flags on their cars will be stop even more by the police.

They will not feel the HBO special on White terrorist, (three weeks before September 11) teaching their six year olds to kill Black and Jewish people. Nor the "War on Drugs" is the CIA. As WVON's Cliff Kelly puts it, the Cocaine Import Agency. They will not think of police falsifying records, and the Judge, the prosecutor, the defense attorney and all the viewers in the court room know racism is hidden in the laws.

Racism, so powerful. More powerful than the U.S. government and its war machinery.

The nerve was hit by the words of President George Bush "Dead or Alive", is a reminder of some racist "Red neck", hanging out in Texas too long. It was a reminder of Mayor Richard J. Daley's, "Shot to kill."

It triggered another nerve that Bush's election is still under very fishy circumstances, where Black Americans protection as voters are in question. The nerve is pinched for many Americans as Mayor Daley and corporation cut budgets and jobs. But it is not so for everyone, because of the hidden agendas "last hired, first fired" premise. Now affirmative actions goals are at the mercy of September 11, victory. Still goals sat in the 1970's are not expect to be achieved until the year 2025. Polish and Hispanic have the construction jobs. Even below Arab Americans in comparison to population and time in America having most of the businesses in the communities. What's going on here, of course is profiteering under the flag of patriotism.

These are daily reminders that the children of Afghanistan or my white neighbor may not vision to think about. For the children wonder if their homes will be bombed, taught to be terrorist or is the bombing a sign of liberation as President Bush points out.

Conversations in the Black community range from one Chicago elected official proclaimed, "My son is not going to no war for this country! That's out! This is a

white man's war. But there is still another form of patriotism. When traveling aboard, most Blacks are proud to claim. "Yes, I am an American." There is no need to say African American.

It is hope that our soldiers are fighting as the president emphasizes, this is not a war against civilians. An "Enduring Freedom", war for the liberation of Afghanistan. For there is a long history of America in the Middle East countries.

The military bombing against Osama Bin Laden is a comfort for some Americans. Nevertheless, as Curtis Mayfield hit put it, "If it's Hell below, We all are going to go." From the unknown anthrax issue to the "national alert" warnings. Even as the Taliban have not give in nor a leader has been killed, captured or defected.

If Rev. Jesse Jackson words for open our eyes to all suffering around the globe, and rededicate ourselves to eradicating violence, fear, and hatred from the world, were that of President Bush instead of his proclaimed Texan cowboy slant it may have put a little less tension on the news media's influencing WLS callers and talk show host America Under Attack, America at War, America Fight Back. Headlines put out before congress voted on Bush's \$80 Billion "War on Terrorism". What are behind the slogans of "Kill and attack" then, "God Bless America." Surely God would say 'What nerve', in the face of Mother Nature terror, Be merciful Dear God many times

For being patriot mean believing America can and must surrender its belief in judgment, revenge and vindication over a wrong that has been committed. In the long run, America endurance will triumph.

Then it must turn within. To balance with the missile defense shield, and abuse of civil rights under the Terrorist Act with the intimidation of anyone opposed to President Bush or US policy.

The war is not going so well in the Black community. But the nerve of Bin Laden, or whom ever is responsible, to remind one of being Black in America.

There is no need to rush to the Koran for answers.

Habakkuk

5"Look at the nations and watchand be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe. even if you were told.

6 I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own.

7 They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor.

8Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk.

Their cavalry gallops headlong; They fly like a vulture swooping to devour;

9 10 They laugh at all fortified cities; they build earthen ramps and capture them.

11then they sweep past like the wind and go on – guilty men, whose own strength is their god."

Is this Un-American, many would say the nerve to use the Bible at times like this.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Media Ignoring Bronzeville's voice

Dear Editor,

For professional reasons, I have to limit my input regarding this subject to "media analysis", i.e., I'm going to talk about the "Bronzeville crisis" - and, make no mistake, from a media perspective, the term "crisis" is appropriate - and how it should be

addressed - again, just in terms of my role as a reporter who has a degree in Journalism and can talk about the role of the media in the reporting of issues relevant to the readership of any and all relevant media organs - to an undeserved community.

The facts speak for themselves. I'm disinclined to "preach
to the choir" about how significant structures like Gerri's Palm
Tavern and the Supreme Life
Building - and the people protecting their integrity - would
not suffer the insults and encounter the risk that they are
forced to struggle with if they
were on the Northside or in predominantly white communities
but I do feel it is important to
recognize that no newspaper

that reaches the whole of Chicago is willing to pursue the implications of this travesty.

Ron Carter, Todd Spivak, Residents Journal and I can talk about what's going on until we're blue in the face, but endemic racism prevents our efforts from being relevant in Chicago.

Losing Bronzeville, from a journalistic perspective - among other relevant perspectives - is a national travesty.

Correctly "pitched", we're talking about a New Yorker story.
America enjoys Chicago, for many reasons. As an example of how we could talk about what's happening on the South Side, consider the simple fact that a half-century proprietor of a South Side blues and jazz club (Gerri's Palm Tavern) was evicted to construct a blues and jazz corridor with a completely unmeasured possibility of success.

Additionally, consider the fact that, traditionally, Chicago politics bend to national attention.

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On a more personal level, Quincy called Nate because he's forgotten how racism works. The way Nate described it, his conversation with Quincy Jones involved more surprise that anyone would consider tearing down Gerri's legacy than it was a recognition of why Bronzeville, a profound historical artifact in the history of this country, would be forced to suffer this level of indignity.

As somebody who is paid to document the day-to-day events and concerns of Hyde Park and Bronzeville, and who has agreed to follow an ethical policy that demands the up-

keep and maintenance of transparency in the political processes by which a community evolves and responds to those communities, I feel that I would be compromising my ethical commitment if I did not say that Bronzeville is, to the best of my professional knowledge, experiencing a media blackout. Further, based on analysis of citywide trends, I recommend a national advocacy program.

I cannot, for professional reasons, speculate as to why what seems to be clearly a national disaster does not appear in local papers that document less important occurrences across the globe. However, I don't think that, whatever those obstructions are, they necessarily span the country. Common sense, from my

perspective, says that this country wants to hear this story.

Bronzeville deserves a voice and is not being heard in

The bottom line is that Bronzeville is nationally significant. Let's tell the story of what is happening here to the media organs willing to report it.

I'm paid to tell the story of my neighborhood. What I see is that my neighborhood is about to be erased. If Chicago newspapers don't want to talk about that, I have an ethical commitment to tell Bronzeville leadership that it's time to talk to a larger audience, because we're supposed to ensure that the story is told.

Someplace, sometime.

Forgive me for callousness, but Gerri is great copy. It seems to me that, if she's not on the cover of The Rolling Stone, it's our fault. As an objective observer, in the final analysis, I can say it's your fault.

Gabriel Piemonte,
Hyde Park Herald/Lakefront Outlook, Comments made do not
reflect the opinions of the Hyde Park Herald/
Lakefront Outlook.
Bronzeville

Upfront economic empowerment for CHA residents

Dear Editor;

Hear, in vivid detail all the outrageous atrocities endured by low-income African Americans, who were forced by restrictive covenants and economic hardship to live at some point in their lives in Chicago Public Housing.

Public radio station WBEZ-FM 91.5 WBEZ has produced a masterful oral documentary about institutional racism, patronage politics, class stratification, greed and corruption that is dominant in the history of the Chicago Housing Authority.

The one billion dollar Public Housing Transformation Plan in Chicago, must become a civic engagement mechanism for economic empowerment that will generate sustained wealth for lower income African Americans.

As required by federal law, in the HOPE VI, Section III legislation, where are the upfront economic empowerment and wealth generation projects that will enhance the life styles of truly disadvantaged public housing and other lower income residents of the historic Bronzeville community?

> Virtually, Harold L. Lucas Bronzeville

## AN ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SECURITY VISION

Dear Editor;

We need a new vision of national security, one informed by history, not driven by hysteria. Today, the United States is the world's No. 1 exporter of arms, accounting for about half of all weapons sold on the world market. Sixty-eight percent of these American manufactured weapons are bought by developing countries. Thus, to millions of people around the world, America is the weapons supplier of choice.

But, has this led to greater security or global instability? Imagine if we were the No. 1 exporter of teachers. We're not, and in fact, we have a critical shortage of teachers in our own public schools. As a result, we need 2 million more teachers over the next 10 years.

Imagine if we were the No. 1 exporter of doctors and nurses. We're not, and in fact, we have a critical shortage of health professionals in many rural and urban communities in our country.

As a result, we recruit one out of every four doctors from overseas.

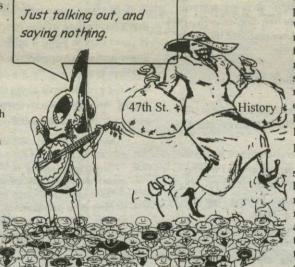
For what are we known? The truth is, from a global vantage point, we may be better known for supplying rifles and land mines rather than food and medicine. We must choose an alternative vision for national security over global insecurity. A good education and health care will make people across the globe more secure than bombs and missiles.

I present an alternative vision of national security in my new book, "A More Perfect Union: Advancing New American Rights." I strongly believe that if we build a More Perfect Union we can build a More Perfect World.

At the C B C Conference, I hosted two forums exploring our history and our future. If you were not able to attend, you may view the forums on my website. I hope you will join our discussion and the fight for new American rights.



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Delmark recording artist, Jazz trumpeter/composer Thompson and his critically acclaimed Africa Brass ensemble featuring vocalist Dee Alexander and saxophonist Ari Brown will perform

\*Black Metropolis, a new work composed by Thompson. Black Metropolis is dedicated to the glory days of the Bronzeville community, also known as Black Metropolis. The composition is divided into four sections: Black Metropolis, JAAZ Revelation, Rebirth and The Panther (dedicated to congressman Bobby Rush). Black Metropolis was commissioned by the Sutherland Community Arts Initiative as part its on-going efforts to bring jazz to the South Side and tell the story of Chicago's contribution to the development of jazz as an American artform. Thompson and Africa Brass will also perform selections from Delmark recordings 47th Street and Buddy Boldens Rag.and also feature another new work by Thompson, Blues for a Saint Called Louis of jazz icon

This event will take place 9 PM, at Hot House, Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 31 E. Balbo.

Oscar Brown, Jr. on Black Radio

"I got into radio in 1942 in my junior year of high school. My father was working as manager of the Ida B. Wells Housing project. One of the ladies who worked in his office was connected with the South Side Boy's Club at 40th and Michigan Blvd. Some radio people from the Blue Network had asked if there was a young "colored" kid there who could do a part...."

- Bronzeville Conversation with Charles Walton

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## 47th St. & What's happening now, for the City's (Gerri's) Palm Tavern?

Grand Blvd. - Since July 2, 2001, when the City of Chicago used its power of eminent domain to take control of the historic Gerri's Palm Tavern no one seems to know the future of the now "Chicago's Palm Tavern." at 446 E. 47th Street.

However, the revitalization of 47th Street continued its westward expansion as the city endorsed Muntu Dance Theatre's plans to open a \$10 million dance and retail center on 47th Street at Greenwood Avenue.

The 65,000-square-foot building will include a 400-seat theater, dance studios, classrooms and street-level retail. The building design features a glass and multicolored glazed brick facade along 47th Street.

The building will also have two areas that will be usable by members of the public. One is a 2,000-square-foot multi-purpose room that Gray describes as "a great space for intimate performances—jazz, blues and the like" and the other is the "Grand Lobby," which will also serve as the main entrance of the building.

The plan would move Muntu from its current address, 6800 S. Wentworth Ave., to 1100-16 East 47th Street. The Muntu Center will be in Ald. Toni Preckwinkle's Fourth Ward and across the street from the new site of Little Black Pearl, a local arts education center. Little Black Pearl's project broke ground in late spring.

With the many letters of support to save the Palm Tavern to Mayor Richard Daley, the city remains mute. Even Becky Carrol, formally of the Mayor's Press office insisted that there would be community participation in preparing a Request For Proposal on what should happen to the building.

After failed attempt to receive comments from Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3), one resident reported the alderman said there would be no more hearings, because they were held over 10 years ago.

Chicago Department of Planning & Development did report the Palm Tavern was the oldest grassroots entrepreneurial business en-

terprise... a historically significant economic development project existing in Bronzeville.

The City took control of the building, put up at least \$500,000 (including, \$89,000 to Ms. Olivier, lawyer fees over \$300,000, property cost \$60,000, property management and security cost not know.)

Eliz Higginbottom, president of East Lake management who is managing the Palm Tavern and the Supreme Life building on 35th and King Drive, told South Street Journal that. "I am just managing the property". Pressed if you had any future financial interest and who may have, he replied no and insisting he did not know what party (s) had interest adding. "If I



Gerri Olivier; owner of Gerri's Palm Tavern for over 40 years, has never taken a drink of alcohol and asks the question, "How can you all drink that stuff?" Ms. Olivier finally gave in to the City and Alderman Tillman's crusade to take possession of her business. Ms. Olivier told her close supporters it was a decision

really wanted know, I probably could ask around. But, that is not my interest.

For over 67 years, the Palm Tavern played host to some of the biggest names in the entertainment business, from Duke Ellington to Bruce Willis. More than a nightclub, it has served the African-American community as a meeting place for social concerns among civil rights leaders, intellectuals and Black politicians.

Olivier, who played an active role on 47th Street in many organizations throughout her years, shielded away from making direct comments on the City's actions.

With many of her sup-

porters' saddened on her decision to give in to the city, she took the advice of her son, Richard Olivier. "After reading many national stories about my mother," said Mr. Olivier. "I came back to Chicago to witness and look out for her best interest."

"The City presented the best offer," Mr. Olivier said.

Although the City has not given a date or any details, of what a proposal content would be based on.

But, on going plans for 47th Street hedges on many loopholes of progress account of the development of a long-awaited theater and cultural complex in her ward.

The Sun-Times reported the theater part of a map that includes: Buddy Guy's Legends at 47th & St. Lawrence; African Bazaar at 47th & King; Second City Theater at 47th & King, and no indications of the in the Palm Tavern space.

served. "The market for us to serve the Black community is here. Not only for the upscale dinning residents of West Chatham seeks, but the many events migrating to the loop and the suburbs. A concern many leadership has sought to address."

"The economic agenda with us goes beyond being one of Chicago's finest restaurants." Says Hollins, "Honeysuckles has and continues to build strong relationships with institutions throughout Chatham and its surrounding communities such as our organization. It created a relationship with Chicago State University as well as Simeon High School to be an offsite training facility designed to accommodate the Hospitality training programs."

The issue with the City is the down zoning of the restaurant has stripped it of the ability to be profitable as the business plan called for.

"We are assured by our neighbors we will come to an agreement."
Hollins said he is in preparation to work more diligently to support rather than to disrupt the community working together. All ready committees are in the planning to meet with city officials, and work to help develop plans for managing the concerns of residents.

"The ability to have weddings, political fundraisers, birthday parties etc at Honeysuckle will be more of a pride for all residents. "The process is long and difficult, but in the end I think everybody will get pretty much what they want," he says.

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### **Honeysuckles**

architectural and external design permits, the city granted Honeysuckle's approval under the zoning of M1 to do the necessary work needed to upscale. After nine months into the project and near completion, the zoning was lowered that interfered with a successful restaurant it was marketed to become, according to Hollins.

The resident led by the West Chatham Improvement Association (WCIA) alarmed with the idea that if liquor is served it would become an upscale night life club attracting undesirables to the area. Hollins said. "Unfortunately the wrong message got out to the community."

In addition to the down zoning of B1, the WCIA lead a successful campaign resulted in the precinct being voted dry.

There were dozens of meetings with residents, with the City planning department and the Alderman Leonard Deville (21), whose ward encompasses the area, sat in on meetings. Hollins said the community had "multiple issues "In which we still want to meet every request.

Ald. Deville said he came in office during the dispute, says, what is happening with Honeysuckle is a matter of communicating with the community. "The dispute over Honeysuckle remains firmly in the hands of the voters. The owners must realize this



Larry Hollins, Operations manager of Honeysuckles, "the business must make sure it is meeting the existing community necessities".

and do not offend this process".

Honeysuckle does receive support from the adjoining precinct block club president Ms. Williams of 82<sup>nd</sup> and Wentworth. She said her block support the restaurant being that it is an example of Black achievement and a role for others to follow. The members of my block thought well of the place. But the law is the law. We can not override the liquor actions."

Ald. Deville concludes, whatever the decision the community reach is

Mr. Keith Tate, of the Chatham

tion of what was going there. There is no issue valid here. Honeysuckles is a elegant restaurant, with fine dining. His organization recently held their annual program there. "Our organization supports this business whole heartily. There is something missing, that West Chatham community leaders are is not supporting this establishment, as it should. We have tried to reach out for an understanding. But communications just stop."

Avalon Park Council, president

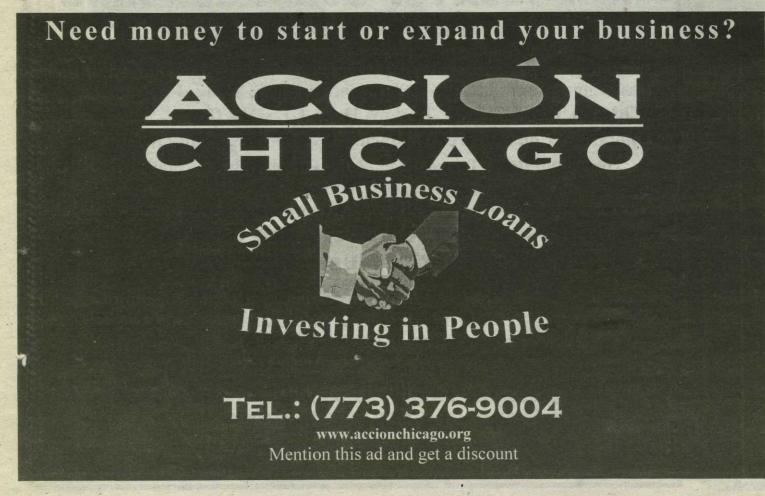
whose organization is just east of the

Dan Ryan to Honeysuckles, said.

"Over time there was clear identifica-

"The issue with liquor is a lack of trust." Says Hollins. "My family has been in the entertaining business for a long time. But we are in our 40's and 50' we have a disincentive taste just as many of the homeowners in the West Chatham community." Hollins pointed out, the many people that have visited Honeysuckles there has been no disturbance in the community. "I understand the apprehension of the community. This comes with the business. No matter where you locate a public attraction business, the business must make sure it is meeting the existing community necessities as well as for the City of

Hollins reported he is going to continue checking with individual neighbors, the block clubs, the WCIA and the alderman to abreast and ensure that Honeysuckles will be an acceptable restaurant with entertainment, food and liquor being





#### **Harvey leads suit against Insurance Companies**

The Mayor of Harvey, Nickolas E. Graves announced plans to file a class action lawsuit against various insurance companies for failure to honor the City's 80% flood free zone certification by the Federal Emergency Management Association in November 2000. These actions ensured Harvey's inclusion in the National Flood Insurance program and officially made the city an 80% flood free zone.

Reports are that insurance companies charged residents of Harvey, and its surrounding communities between \$300 - \$800 a year for flood insurance alone. Many Harvey residents have reported that their particular insurance companies are not altering the polices, despite the proof that the City is a 80% flood free zone which removed certain sections of the City.

As a result, Mayor Graves has hired Attorney Anthony Bass, who will file a class action lawsuit against the insurance companies on behalf of residents.

Person with complaints should call the Mayor's office at 708-210-5301.

#### PEOPLE **Daley recognized 10 Chicago Companies**

Ten Chicago companies were named to Inc. Magazine's Inner City 100 List, a national listing of 100 fast-growing companies located in America's inner cities. The African American owned companies are: Diversified Telecommunications, Inc., 1112 S. Wabash Avenue; E. Morris Communications, 820 N. Orleans Street; and Star Detective & Security, 813 E. 75th Street.

#### Frank M. Clark, Jr. named president of ComEd

Commonwealth Edison has promoted Chicago born, Frank M. Clark Jr. to

president of ComEd and senior vice president of Exelon Energy Delivery, ComEd's parent company. Clark becomes the first African-American president of ComEd.



Clark began his Frank M. Clark Jr. career at ComEd

in 1966, rising steadily through the organization. After receiving his law degree from DePaul University, Clark become senior staff attorney to both the rate and regulatory affairs depart-

ments. He has held positions as public affairs manager, western division commercial manager, and senior vice president of corporate and governmental affairs. He become executive vice president of ComEd in 2000 after the company's merger with Philadelphia-based PECO Energy.

#### St. Bernard name new chair/board of Trustees

Gregory C. whitehead, 38, has been named chairman of the St. Bernard Hospital Board of Trustees, replacing Robert Napolitano, who is retiring. Also announced is the re-appointment of Chicago businessman Leon Jackson and Chicago dentist Maria Ashley to the board.

#### **Black Newspapers Charge** Office Depot with Discrimination

Fresno, Ca - Office Depot, has been charged with discrimination against African American Newspapers. A group of Black newspapers from throughout the country, including the state of Florida where Office Depot is headquartered, began running full page ads asking their readers to stop shopping at the office supply store until the company stops discriminating against our newspapers, stated Les Kimber co-founder of the California Advocate Newspaper in Fresno, California.

"We have spent considerable time communicating with Office Depot over this problem, but to date they have not seen fit to resolve the issue," stated Kimber.

David C. Fannin, vice president and general counsel for Office Depot, stated: "Office Depot works with a variety of media to meet our business needs. Because our advertising takes the form of promotional inserts and targeted flyers, we almost exclusively advertise and distribute through daily publications."

"That statement by Mr. Fannin," said Kimber "is an admission that Office Depot has intentionally discriminated against Black newspapers, since only a small percentage of African Americans are subscribers to white daily newspapers." Fannin listed the NAACP, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Urban League and the National Council of Negro Women, (NCNW) as "...key components of our community outreach strategy."

In reply, Kimber stated, "It is disturbing that they would adopt the divide-and-conquer strategy..... listing of things that Office Depot has done with major Black organizations is an obvious attempt to pit these organizations against the Black newspapers, and does nothing to resolve the issue."

To prevent negative publicity, Office Depot attempted to settle the issue by offering Kimber Kimber & Associates \$9,000 to drop the negative campaign against, which was

Office Depot has threatened to "pursue all available legal remedies against Kimber Kimber & Associates, any individuals and/or any newspapers involved in the publication of a negative campaign against Office Depot...," over 45 Black newspapers have agreed to begin running ads in their papers during the week of September 24, 2001.

Contact: Les Kimber, Kimber Kimber & Associates (559) 268-0941

Whitehead, who has been serving on St. Bernard hospital's board since 1993, is a principal in the most prominent minority-owned law firms, Albert, Whitehead & McGaugh, P.C.

Sister Elizabeth Van Straten, RHSJ, president and CEO of St. Bernard said the announcement brings exciting and significant news to the hospital and the Englewood community.

St. Bernard has several key objectives that are focused on its overall facility, patients and the Englewood community in its aggressive expansion of the hospital's current patient base.

#### **BUSINESS NETWORK**

The Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce presents monthly "Business To Business" Networking at the "Epitome Restaurant, 2347 S. Michigan Ave. Every third Wednesday.

#### **Southside EZ Cluster Day** at One Stop Capital Shop

The One Stop Capital Shop, a partnership of the Empowerment Zone, Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) are reaching out to entrepreneurs and small business persons who wish to familiarize themselves with the services and resources of the One-Stop. Appointments must be made through the South Side EZ Cluster office by calling 773/451-6527 & registering your business over the phone. Appointments times will be for 9 am -11 am or 11 am-1 pm or 1 pm - 3 pm or 3 pm-5 pm.

#### White House to Kick Off **MOBE's Black Business 10th Anniversary Summit**

Co-founders of the African-American owned marketing and technology conference series, Marketing Opportunities in Business and Entertainment (MOBE), announced that their organization has engaged the White House to host the first African-American business briefing of President George W. Bush's Administration.

MOBE President and CEO Yvette Moyo said the objective is to "create new channels of understanding between the Bush Administration and the MOBE businesses network to ultimately spawn economic independence and opportunity for Black businesses."

The White House trip kicks off MOBE's 10th Anniversary in April 2002 in New York. In the past Target (NYSE:TGT), Hewlett Packard (NYSE:HWP), Ford (NYSE:F) and Sprint (NYSE:FON) have played leadership roles and desire to partner MOBE.

The MOBE reported that more than \$200 million in business has been generated to African American companies as a direct result of partnerships conceived at various MOBE forums.

#### **Father Clements for Matah Business**

Father George Clements, the ership of Father George Clements. was the "in house slaves" against former pastor of Holy Angel in over 100,000 children being and that there is a need for Blacks now, than we were between five adopted has created another move- to come together to support one and twenty years ago, with increasment called, "One Church, One another. Channel". This organization consuccessful.

after the Million Man March. Ac- and against one another." cording to Gaston Armour, a representative of Matah. "One of Matah's goals is to create the Black Channel for Black products and services to connect people throughout the country, which includes assistance via the Internet.

Webb Evans, President of the United American Progress Association, started a Million Dollar March after the Million Man March, which is to encourage a million people to support Black Owned Businesses in the United States , through the lead-

Catholic Church, who started "One African American community is fair skin Blacks against the darker Church, One Child" which resulted suffering from economic distress skin Blacks. "We are worse off

Armour also spoke of the need sists of getting religious leaders to to "draw a line in the sand and heightening drug usage and more get their members to channel their pick a side to be on. Although sadly, Black on Black crime." money to Black Owned Businesses African Americans are physically to create more jobs and help Black free, they are not economically or to solve this problem, daily practice owned businesses become more psychologically free. Slavery laws, of the Kwaanza principles need to such as the "Willie Lynch Syn- be applied and in order to take This program is sponsored by drome" have survived for many action, consciousness needs to be the Matah Network which started years at keeping Blacks divided raised.

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Armour has explained that the "field slaves" and now it is the ing incarceration rates, high unemployment rates, in addition to

Armour concluded that in order

For information on Matah call Mr.







#### McNeal, CUB's new representative from **Woodlawn working on Utilities**



The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) a new board member Derek McNeal,

Woodlawn - The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) has a new board member of the 1st Congressional District.

Derek McNeal, a life long resident from the Woodlawn community and a certified public accountant, said he joined CUB because of his experience managing real estate and hosting the "Consumer's Eye," a radio show that address consumer issues on WKKC.

"Telephone, natural gas and electric rates are going through the roof, service is poor and utilities are making money hand over fist," McNeal said. "Utilities will take advantage of you if you 're not careful. CUB can help you become a smart consumer, and it

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McNeal, who has an accounting degree from DePaul University, has represented individuals and small businesses before the Internal Revenue Service and Securities and Exchange Commission. He also is a licensed insurance broker and an investment advisor.

McNeal, brother of Dino Mc-Neal ran for State Senator and is spoke of as a likely drafted candidate of the 20th ward candidate

As a CUB's board member, CUB members in each of its Illinois 20 Congressional Districts elected McNeal. CUB has saved Illinois consumers more that \$5 billion by locking rate hikes and winning rate reductions and refunds. It was created by the Illinois legislature in 1983, as a nonprofit, nonpartisan consumer watchdog group that fights for the rights of utility customers across the state.

CUB Consumers who have a question about their bills or a complaint against their utility should call CUB's Consumer Hotline, at 1-800-669-5556, for free

CUB's funding is supported by donations and by a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Trust.

## Genesis Housing and Friends Continues housing development

in Rebuilding Bronzeville", that was the theme of Genesis Housing Development Corporation at its 4th Annual Community Reception held at Harris Bank on 47th and

Genesis is a faith based corporation comprised of four historic African-American churches: Holy Angels Catholic, St. Elizabeth's Catholic, Blackwell memorial AME Zion and lames United Methodist, all located within a mile of each other.

Incorporated in 1997, these churches have agreed to the mission of reneighboring the Grand Boulevard, Oakland and Bronzeville community.

Over the past several years, Genesis has built some of the most impressive affordable homes in Chicago area. The homes were built in conjunction New England Builders and Chicago New

Homes for Chicago program. Last year, they added to their repertoire of homes by building 8 new eye-catching single-family dwelling units through the program for New Affordable Homes



They will rebuild the ancient ruins, and restore the places long devastated. Isaiah 61:4 Over the past several years, Genesis has built some of the most impressive affordable homes in Chicago as

this show case one on the 900 block west 40th St. for Chicago, with construction pending on 18 more. They are primarily located on the 40th Street (the model is on 916 East 40th and is open weekly). The homes are

residents: some are affordable enough so as to not displace current residents and some are classy enough to attract upper middle-income folks that lived here years ago and want to come back and resettle.

The year 2001 saw terminus growth, as Phase I of Genesis Homes sold out, developing 21 homes, and now preparing to move into Genesis' Phase II Housing Development. Its staff grew from two to seven full and parttime staff. Their focus reminded for affordable housing as an issue for community leadership. Two hundred and fifty families were trained in their home buying seminars and their staff began making a difference in local commercial planning.

In addition to housing, Genesis program areas are job training and placement, and commercial revitalization. Genesis implemented Chicago-Youth Build, a national program that promotes construction as an

employment opportunity. Donne Brown its executive director said, "Their presence not only make a difference in the overall community, but also in the lives of the

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#### Unity Church to discuss Unity in Englewood

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#### De La Salle Institute to Host Open Houses for Prospective Students

De La Salle Institute will be hosting four open houses for interested seventh and eighth grade students this fall. the open houses for young men will take place on Nov. 4, 2001 and Dec. 2, 2001 from noon - 3 p.m. The open houses for young women will take place on Oct. 28, 2001 from noon - 3 p.m. and on Dec. 5, 2001 from 6-8 p.m. All four open houses will be held at De-LaSalle's main campus at 3455 S. Wabash Ave. For more information, contact Mr. Brogan at (312) 842-7355 ext. 114 or www.dls.org.



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#### Coalition for Fair Community Development

will meet on Tuesday, November 6, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. The location will be the Jewish Council on Ur-

ban Affairs, 618 S. Michigan, Rm. 903. Topics include, A set aside Proposal for community development, Community reports from around the City and HUD Action plan Report back. For more info call John Bartlett at 773-292-4981 x 224

#### The South Side Empowerment Zone Cluster

General Membership and Community meeting will be held November 27-30 - date and place to be confirmed, Wallace Goode, Director of the Chicago EZ?EC for more information call 773/451-6527

#### The City of Chicago

Empowerment Zone is hosting a television series Mondays on CAN TV - Channel 21, 4:30 - 5:00 pm. Nov. 6, Cultural Diversity; Nov. 12, West EZ/EC Cluster Organization: Nov. 19, Economic Empowerment; Nov. 26 South cluster Organization; Dec. 3 Workforce Development; Dec. 10 Calumet Cluster Organization; Dec. 17, One Stop Capital Shop. For further information, cal (800) 689-8853.

#### DelaSalle Institute to host 106th Annual Alumni Banquet

will be held on Friday, Nov. 16 in the Conrad N. Hilton Commons of the historic Bronzeville school... tickets are \$60, For more information contact Maryann Svetlecic, at 312.842.8350 ext. 146.

#### The Nommo Gathering.

Until the end of winter 2001 The Nommo Gathering will meet the third Monday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Center for Inner City Studies/Northeastern University, 700 E. Oakwood. The Center is near 39th & Cottage.

#### Black Public Safety Officers team up in Woodlawn



African American Police League and Ezra McCain of the African American Fire fighters Support Group combined organizational resources in opening offices in the Woodlawn community. Part of the collaboration is the Amer-I-Can Illinois Inc.and office space

Woodlawn - Since 1999, several organizations of Black Public Safety Officers have been in the process of developing a program of sorts to address the overall negative relations between much of the African American community and the police and fire departments of this city.

On the open house October 27 the groups introduce themselves to the Woodlawn community. The Amer-I-Can Illinois Inc., African American Police League and a group of African American firefighters will house offices at 6201-03 S. King Dr and 434 E. 62nd street.

Through the insight and generosity of property owners in several neighborhoods, and the persistence of the Black Public Safety officers, these entitles have engaged in a collaboration that affords them the opportunity to offer a continued presence in certain neighborhoods that are considered crime "hot spots"

The purpose for these groups coming together is to participate increasing a positive living environment for the residents of the area, by presenting them information on laws and ordinances, assist in the formation of tenant organizations, developing safe living quarters-and offering alternatives to the drug culture. Each of these organizations have had past success in their areas of expertise.

#### **Community Services**

Sullivan House Community Technology Center begins its third six-week sessions of computer literacy courses October 22,2001 at 7677 S. Coles. The sessions are free and take place twice weekly, Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday, from 4-6 PM or 6 - 8 PM.

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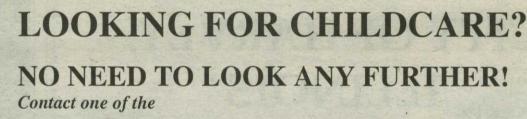
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