

Englewood Business Challenge

The quest for Black Business in Englewood Development

Englewood residents have begun to endure the challenge of a developing community. The challenge to ensure that the residents and local businesses alike will benefit first from over \$300 million in planned public and private investment. Moreover, how will community residents leverage economic opportunity and build organizational

capacity at the same time, says John Paul Jones, Chairman of the Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force.

Everything came to a head in May, when the City of Chicago, during separate governmental processes, decided on a host of public and private projects that will effect Englewood for years to

come. Overnight the city approved the project manager for the new Kennedy-King College Campus, general contractor for the new West Englewood Library, and the Community Development Commission (CDC) issued the intent to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with a consortium of 18 Korean merchants known as "Englewood

Commercial Development Corp." to construct 176,000 sq. ft. of new commercial and retail space.

The CDC approved the proposal to construct retail stores at 59 Street to 61st along Halsted Ave, without pre-identifying any local African American partner or known business group.

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There is no single answer to the question of where people have gone. In the case of Stateway Gardens, some have relocated and are pleased with the outcome. Others sought new housing only to discover that there are worse places to live than public housing; they long to return to Stateway.

Many have simply disappeared.

-Jamie Kalven

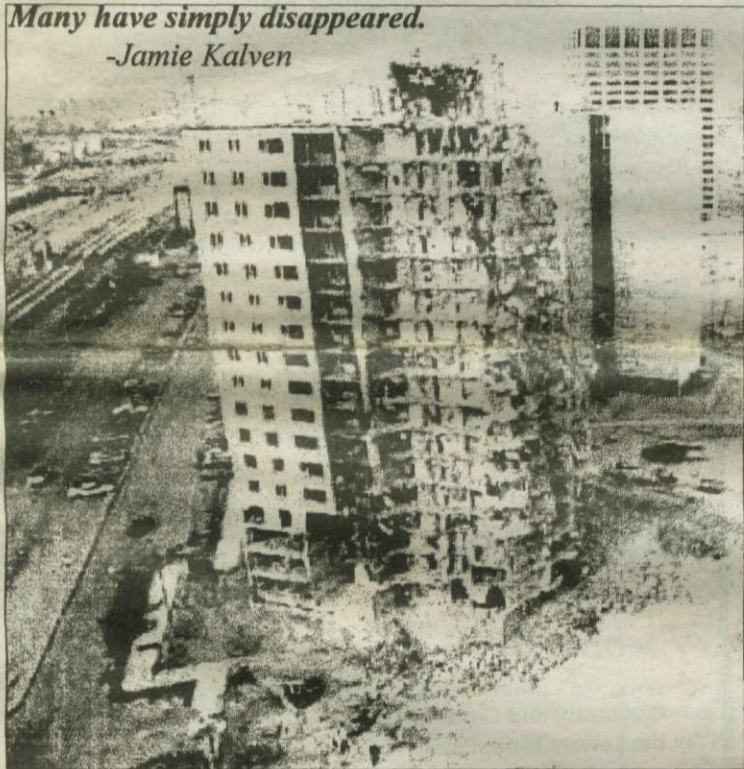


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The first poll of the Mayoral Plebiscite II identified Spencer Leak Sr. as a key potential Mayor candidate, early



returns now has Jesse Jackson Jr. leading.

The Search for a Mayor

As Mayor Richard M. Daley comes close to the end of his four years in office, the newly formed Accountability Committee has launched a campaign to unseat him in February 25, 2003. Their mission was announced on May 19, with a program honoring Malcolm X on his birthday. The Committee highlighted the program as "The long overdue and highly awaited." Mayoral Plebiscite II. Poll sheets were distributed to the attendees with 17 potential candidates to run for Mayor.

The public will return the sheets on June 19th at the Old St. Paul Baptist Church, 531 N. Kedzie, from noon - start-

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Housing: "Wake Up Call" At City Hall

With a "Tent" sleepover at Ida B. Wells

On May 1, 2002, 50 energetic people set off a big alarm clock in the City Hall Chambers, sounding off their clocks and cell phones and shouted "Wake up" and chanting "Affordable housing now".

The police moved the group out of the chambers though not fast enough for the coalition to make an impression with the media following them out.

Housing coalitions across the city are addressing the much debate over the merits of affordable housing and the CHA Plan to transform housing.

Keeping the demonstrations going, the historic June Tenth Day is honored by the Coalition to Protect Public Housing

(CPPH) supported by the Coalition for Fair Community Development, (CFCFD) where beginning on June 19 at 10:00 am,

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June is a month that is paying a lot of attention to slavery. From the celebration of "19th of June", 1865, when slaves of Texas got word they were free, to the rallying for "Reparations"

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Afrika Bambaataa and DJ Kool Herc took part in the Zulu Nations weekend conference addressing:

The Politics of Hip Hop Culture and Inner City Youth

If a young man can survive on the street selling crack, and be only about the "Bling-Bling", certainly he can handle some precinct operations of a political organizations and live the life of a responsible citizen.

"The Bling-Bling term is the conscious of young adults by the media portraying them in the videos, living beyond the norm, the flashy cars, the jewelry, the ladies and just living large" says Nicole Keenon, a member of the Universal Zulu Nation.

A conscious that the Universal Zulu Nation presented and had addressed in the Weekend of May 17 -19 at their Hip Hop convention held at Inner City Studies on 39th Street. Part of the convention was the announcement of the Hip Hop Political Committee, represented by TJ Crawford of the Rollingout Magazine.

The weekend conference examined the phenomenon of hip hop music as a mechanism for communication and the soci-political ethos of youth in the inner-city and beyond. Nicole Keenon stated the Zulu Nation addressed Hip Hop in five elements; first, DJ, 2, Break Dancing (B Boys), 3. MCing, 4. Graffiti art, and 5, Knowledge, Culture and Overstanding.

"The Bling-Bling" was not the Hip Hop of the early 80s". Said Ms. Keenon. "The problem today is that the media has given the image of the life style."

"The convention proposed in many ways was to the level of

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The UnZip by the Weatherman

All the Presidents men



House Minority Leader **Dick Gephardt**, should have been listening to **WVON** listeners, **Perry Small** said Duh! We knew all along that **President Bush** new more before **Sept. 11** If he dug deeper he would find the president's father (**Bush Sr.**) investment may lead to **Osama bin Laden's**. "Looks like Gephardt needs to go into the Bushes.



Did Former President **Jimmy Carter** follow **Cliff Kelly** and company to **Cuba**. **Carter** delivered a speech in **Cuba** calling for this country to open trade with **Fidel Castro's Cuba**.

President Bush talks a lot about strengthening the embargo, while American agricultural firms smell millions of dollars of food to sell to **Cuba** for the first time since 1963.

And on the money trail...



More in Washington D.C. the **Judicial Watch**, the group that investigates and prosecutes government corruption reported that the U.S. Department of Justice is investigating the largest donor to **Hillary Clinton's** Senate campaign is the creator of "**Spiderman**," **Stan Lee Media**, a **NASDAQ** company named after **Spiderman's** creator that **Bill Clinton** intended to work for in return for \$2 million in contributions to **Hillary** campaign and \$15 million in cash and stock. A \$17 million offer to **Bill Clinton** after he left the Oval Office.



While the nation's attention was focused on 911, **Detroit** took a major step toward electing a new mayor.

In the last UnZip complaints were received that **Arnes Dancy** in the 16th Ward is a potential candidate, and it maybe someone from the **ACORN** organization as well.



The **Bronzeville Children Museum** received a \$5,000 check from **Jewel-Osco** to fund exhibitions for children through **African American History**. The exhibit display famous musicians and musical styles of rhythm and blues legend: **Jimmy Hendrix**, **Bessie Smith** and many more. And keep your ears to the ground as the museum will expand and break ground for a new facility at 93rd Stony Is...Also on 91st and Stony the **Chicago police** was doing a massive **DUI** check (arrest of people) the end of May.



Father Michael Pfleger is mention in **Era Wesley** lawsuit against the **City** and **Chicago Catholic Charities**, on the rezoning of his land on west 79th Street near **Racine**.

African-American Internet duo, Rob and Ross Rucker have created a brand new search engine called **The BlackWebPortal.com**. Why does it

matter? Sources say **Black Voices** is owned by the **Tribune Company**; **Black Families** by **Cox Communications**; **BlackPlanet.com** by an **Asian** company; and **Soul City HBO** by **AOL-Times/Warner**. Reports are **BlackWebPortal** is the only site that is 100% black.A poll by **BlackWebPortal** website indicates that if the election were held today, 77% of respondents would vote for **Al Sharpton** and **Jesse Jackson** over **Bush**.



Frank Garner, Eagle One Development Group. developers of single family homes have been presented a very favorable land price from **Charlie Shaw** (developer for **Homan Square**, on the West side, and **Lake Point Tower**). **Eagle One Development Group** will be developing \$180-225,000 homes. And is looking for a joint venture partner. **Karen Grossman** of the **Southside Empowerment Cluster** could be the hook up for those interested.

Another **Gerri Oliver** story in **The New South Loop**,**Cleansing of Another Kind**." A report lays out the city's plan to erase and replace everything **Black**. Specifically, **Some Like it Black Coffee Club**" (was on 17th and Michigan, now of 45th and Michigan **Swift Mansion**) now is moving to east 75th Street}. **Strictly Business, Cotton Club, Ricky's**, and the like. Like **Epitome** on Michigan Ave. since 1985 (**LaMirage**) suspect all along what was happening to **Black** owned businesses. It is even suggested a conspiracy involving **McCormick Place**.



Several neighbors witnessed a cooking staff of **Hong Kong Delight** on 35th Street behind the restaurant picking weeds, what you thought was **Bok Choy/Chinese Greens** was alley or vacant lot weeds.

Old political friends, You remember **Mr. Polk**, formerly Special Assistant to the black community for the Mayor (Now who's not) now is a supervisor out on **Doty** road. **James Jenkins** former 2nd Streets and Sanitation, for former **Ald. William Barnett**, is now a supervisor on with the **CTA**.



Chicago Department of Human Services Recognizes Week of the Young Child

CDHS will open the Chicago Center for early Education in May, a new, state of the art center that will provide a comprehensive collection of multi-media resources to help adults nurture the growth and development of young children. The facility, designed for parents and child care professionals, is located at Malcolm X college, 1900 West Van Buren. Research confirms that children exposed to a variety of developmental activities from birth perform better in school and life. Reading to children, playing learning games and participating in other activities together promotes family bonding and gives kids a jump start in school before they are old enough to enroll in kindergarten. For more information call 312-733-3134.

Youth Empowerment Grants

CDHS is seeking community and faith-based organizations that sponsor activities for children to participate in the 2002 summer Food Service program. The federally-funded program provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to children ages 19 and younger, in low-income communities during the summer. Boxed lunches, breakfasts and snacks will be delivered to participating organizations every week day from June through August 31

Chicago youth can design their own summer programs and apply for funding to carry them out through the CDHS Summer Youth Empowerment Grants.

Youth empowerment grants range from \$250 - \$1,500 and can be used for a variety of activities including field trips, community service projects, sports camps, workshops and any other program for young people. Chicago residents between the ages of 8 - 18 can apply for the grant.

Youth can log on to the CDHS Web site at www.cityofchicago.org/HumanServices to find detailed information about the program.

Applicants are required to be sponsored by a not-for-profit agency. Sponsorship includes providing an adult to oversee the program, participants and budget. Program space, equipment or other resources can also be provided by the agency. Applicants who are awarded funding will be notified by June 30, 2002. For info call 312/746-8591.

CSU \$35 Million, Academic Research Library

Chicago State University broke ground recently for a new \$35 million, multi-purpose, state-of-the-art library.

The new library, which will be the only public academic research facility on the South Side, will hold 750,000 volumes, double the capacity of the existing facility. It will be equipped with an automatic storage and retrieval system that will enable users to obtain books within 80 seconds. Construction of the four-story building that will create approximately 300 trade jobs, began in May and will take 20 months to complete.

Gov. George Ryan's message noted that CSU is deriving benefits from several projects under the Illinois FIRST program, including a proposed 7,000-seat convocation center for the university that will also be financed under the program.

Sen. Trotter traced address the efforts of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus in the General Assembly in securing funds for the project for education and progress.

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Special Prosecutor appointed to investigate at least 20 years of torture by Chicago Police. Coalition to address errors of Police and Courts



An all too familiar scene in the Black community, young black males searched by the Chicago Police Department. This photo was taken through the window of apartment building on 43rd Street. These young men had run out of gas and the cops flocked on them like crows on road kill.

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Every individual, community, civic, and faith-based organization concerned with law enforcement and criminal justice in Chicago has something to protest this week as a number of decisions handed down are a miscarriage of justice.

"Individually and collectively, many sectors are focused on exposing and eliminating racist

and abusive police practices, addressing prosecution misconduct (both are at the root of all wrongful convictions), abolishing the death penalty, advancing prison reform and defending the civil rights of all citizens.

The most recent action is a petition drive headed by Congressman Bobby Rush to remove Judge Clayton Jay Crane from

the Cook County Circuit Court by a campaign to vote "no" to his retention on the November 5 election. Judge Crane up set the Black community for letting five off-duty Cook County sheriff's officers go, charged with chasing and shooting a Black couple and while driving.

Other criminal issues involves law enforces come from the

Campaign to Prosecute Police Torture demanding the immediate termination of Chicago Police detectives, including Lieutenant Peter Dignan, These officers committed acts of torture against at least sixty-six (66) Black suspects at Area 2 and 3 Police Headquarters.

Lieutenant Dignan has been implicated in 11 cases of torture. Speakers at the confenrece included victims of torture; attorneys and relatives who represent the Death Row 10; and represen-

tatives from local and national organizations such as the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago, Citizen's Alert, Cook County Bar Association, Amnesty International, the Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty, and the Campaign to End the Death Penalty.

Torture victims have alleged that Lt. Dignan used a cattle prod to administer electrical shocks to men's genitalia, suffocation with plastic bags, gun

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Preservation Week 2002 "Preserving the Spirit of Place"



l-r Lonnie Bunch, Paula Robinson, Royce Yeater at 35 th and King Drive

The theme for National Historic Preservation Week, last May was, "Preserving the Spirit of Place" called on all of us to do all we can to recognize, save, enhance and rehabilitate irreplaceable landmarks that give

each community its distinctive historical character.

In observance of this year's celebration, Bronzeville Community Development Partnership (BCDP) recently conducted a private tour of the Black Me-

tropolis Historic District, community landmarks and neighborhood revitalization projects with key preservation leaders. "The tour also provided an important opportunity to introduce our collaborative partners that are relatively new to Chicago, to each

other", said Paula Robinson, managing director of the BCDP. The tour was coordinated for the benefit of Royce Yeater, Midwest Director for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Lonnie Bunch, President of the Chicago Historical Society.

The tour was conducted by Harold L. Lucas, president of the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council, who provided an historical overview and the itinerary included a meeting with Alderman Arenda Troutman (20th Ward) Chair,

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June: a month addressing slavery & Reparations

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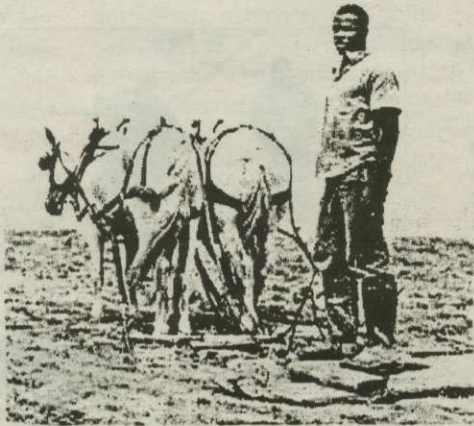
The month of June was kicked off by The Temple of Mercy with a Reparations rally at their office on 79th and Cottage, a prelude to the N'COBRA National Convention to be held June 21 to 23 in Detroit Michigan.

Chicago will be represented with several buses traveling to Detroit addressing many victories and issues for reparations.

A major step closer to reparation was the actions of New York attorney, Deadria Farmer-Paellman who exposed Aetna's contribution to supporting slave labor. After the capitalization of ensuring slaves, the insurance industry continued the systematic use of racism to exploit Blacks people. They were sold inferior insurance products at higher rates. Currently, over 70 corporations are under investigation, and there are nearly 20 lawsuits; yet, the majority of citizens remain unaware of this.

The efforts of California Commissioner Harry Low, Governor Gray Davis, and former Senator Tom Hayden lead this issue.

Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. leading the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition will assist individuals who have taken the lead on these issues, and also



"THEY OWE US" Almost 140 years after the civil war, the debate about reparations for descendants of slaves is gaining steam across the country. From California to Connecticut serious dialogue is underway about the merits of compensating Blacks for the subjugation sanctioned by America for more than 240 years.

Great wealth was accumulated through free labor. Cotton, rice and tobacco industries boomed. Slaves built the nation's capitol and slave trade enriched prestigious universities such as Brown and Georgetown. Now, according to a growing segment of African-American(Black) heirs, it's time to pay up.

By Stan Simpson

will formulate its own advocacy strategy to address the wrongs through a national platform.

Prince Yisrael, Chief Prince & National Spokesman Nation of

Yisrael (N.O.Y.), South Suburban Coordinator NBUF, Co-Chair Chicago Chapter N'COBRA said. "The history books and television documentary's are replete with examples of America's broken promise and treaty with the native Americans, but very few are aware of America broken promise and renegeing with us."

Prince pointed out "Out of every slave that came to these shores. Over 160 million to 180 million dollars were levy in the taxation of slaves."

"To America and her current President Mr. Bush must remember "We Demand Reparation" and it's about time. "Add it up. You know it's true. "A 25 trillion dollars debt awaits you.

In May 2000, Mayor Richard Daley support Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3rd) in a landmark City Council resolution urging Congress to "end 400 years of denial" and confront the issue of slave reparations.

In another effort Tillman with the Mayor's support is proposing to prohibit companies that sold slave insurance from doing business with the city. It is based on California actions addressing slave insurance. The so-called

Insurance Companies pay 27 million to Blacks

MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- Unitrin Inc. will pay \$27 million to settle allegations of race-based life insurance pricing.

The money will go to about 467,000 policy holders from the Depression era through 1970. Insurance companies during that time often charged black customers more than whites because they were perceived to have a shorter life span and a higher insurance risk.

Unitrin will also pay \$6 million to policyholders because of poor record keeping, never received life insurance benefits. The company agreed to an additional \$1 million for a nationwide regulatory settlement.

The amounts paid will vary because some policies were held longer than others.

"I was amazed and deeply distressed when I found out there were consumers in modern America who were paying higher premiums because of the color of their skin," said Illinois Director of Insurance Nathaniel S. Shapo, a lead negotiator in the case.

Unitrin is the third insurer to settle allegations of race-based life insurance pricing. American General Life and Accident Insurance Co. and Life Insurance Company of Georgia agreed to settlements of \$206 million and \$51 million, respectively.

Chicago-based Unitrin is the parent of Union National Life Insurance Co., United Insurance Company of America and Reliable Life Insurance Co.

Thomas Evans Jr., a Unitrin lawyer said the company apologize for the delay in addressing this issue.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs in the Unitrin case argued that setting higher premiums for blacks was illegal under the Civil Rights Act of 1966, which prohibited race discrimination in contracts, employment and other matters.

Many of the life insurance policies were sold door-to-door and paid a few hundred dollars, said Nan Nases, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Insurance Department. The policies were mostly used to pay for burials, and customers paid premiums of as little as 10 cents a week.

Slave Era Insurance Ordinance would require city contractors to sign a sworn affidavit verifying whether their corporate archives contained any slave policies. The names of all slaves and slaveholders would be part of the mandatory disclosure.

In honoring Marcus Garvey on the 115th Anniversary of his birth, August 17, the National Black United Front will hold a "Millions for Reparations March, protest and Demonstration in Washington DC to declare the legal right to Reparations.

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Preservation Week

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Landmarks Committee and Vice Chair, Real Estate Committee. Troutman, had just returned from Cuba with the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois and provided a global perspective how a sense of place connects all residents to their shared heritage.

The tour was enhanced by a follow-up luncheon at the historic Chicago Firehouse Restaurant, hosted by Elzie Higginbottom, president of East Lake Management and Development, to discuss challenges and strategies for heritage tourism and community economic development.

Last year, East Lake won a



Higginbottom

National Trust award as co-developer on the restoration and adaptive reuse of the landmark Eighth Regiment Armory building (now Chicago Military Academy). This year, East Lake reopened the legendary Parkway Ballroom on 45th & King Drive as

a showcase for social events. Yeater spoke of the National Trust's interest in collaborating with developers on the rehabilitation of affordable housing and cited East Lake's restoration of the Tyson Hotel Apartments and the Colonnade Condominiums in Bronzeville. Both developments on King Drive, were highlighted during the tour as prime examples of affordable housing development.

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The Race for Mayor

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ing a public meeting at 6:00 pm, during a Juneteenth Day celebration. The public will take part in a mock vote narrowing down the choices of candidates. Their process was designed after the same one that drafted Harold Washington in 1983.

Already names have begun to surface, Pat McAllister, a computer consultant who was not on the list has taken the lead as a declared candidate for Mayor. And Spencer Leak Sr., president of A.R. Leak and Sons won an earlier poll by the Committee has endorsed Plebiscite process. He said with confidence, if chosen, he would run a winning campaign against Mayor Daley.

However, a preview of polls turned in, former U.S. Senator Carol Mosely-Bruan and Jesse Jackson Jr. have become notable names. Non African Americans listed on the poll sheet are Paul Vallas, David Orr and Mariam Santos. Reports are that there are at least two other candidates not on the Committee list not including the Mayor himself who has hinted that he will seek reelection. Ald. Ed Smith (28), not on the list was inserted by his ward supporters.

McAllister deciding to run saying she realized that, "If someone does not do something, the African Americans in Chicago will be driven to the suburbs." She made her first public announcement on WVON 1450 radio addressing many issues.

She received favorite views taking the steps to run.

Bishop Jackson of Beth-El All Nations informed of Leak's concurrence, told SSJ that he and a group of ministers approached Leak two years ago to enter the race. "He is our choice," said Bishop Jackson.

Agreeing was John "Woody" Woodson, resident of Bronzeville and senior politician activist. "Leak has the name recognition and he is the most qualified politician on the list." Said Woodson "After all, who in the Black community is not aware of the name Leak, in one way or the other. He makes all the reasons more to be on the list and for the community to come together."

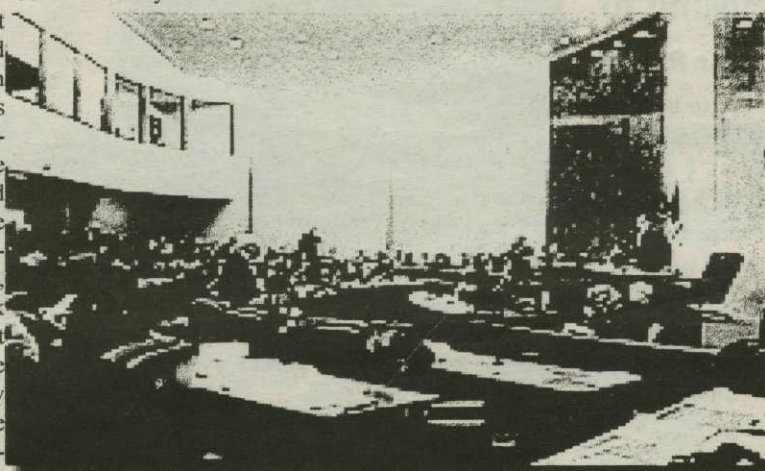
The Challenge

The committee mindful of the applaud and indifferent views in running a candidate against Daley, Atty. Andre Grant, the key note speaker for the Mayor Plebiscite rally, addressed the concern. He turned his address title from "What we must do" to "why we must do it."

"The only obstacle is fear." Declared Grant. Explaining that most

Black elected officials and potential candidates would not want to move immediately into the campaign. Pointing out that Daley has exercised more power and authority over most officials and leaders, than any time before.

"I thing they want to cut their personal loses." Said Bruce Crosby, a convener of The Committee. "Obviously, all of us want a city that's prosperous, not just better off for some, but better, one that is



moving not just forward, but upward for all."

"Daley has established the perception that he is heir to the mayor seat. And in the words of Malcolm X, he has bamboozled a lot of black people." Said Crosby.

The Issues

Many political observers admitted that the issues would have to be more clearer for the voters. Unlike the sequence of events and issues that occurred when Harold Washington became Chicago's first black

Mayor.

Dramatically, the issues are being heated with a boycott being called on this years Taste of Chicago. Lead by Minister Bamani Obadele.

Across the city the issues surrounding the Mayor's office have expanded not just to the Black community they have rooted white northsiders attempting to identify a candidate to run as well.

Last year Mayor Daley in his State of the City address challenged citizens "to improve the quality of life throughout our city" was met by some 100 leaders of 40 grassroots organizations, and residents convened by the Jewish Council of Urban Affairs. They took the challenge and produced the "People's State of the City" platform.

Jonathan Rothstein, who chairs the steering committee proclaimed the platform as "priorities facing Chicago neighborhoods."

Delegates delivered their document to Mayor Daley's City Hall office. "A Vision for Justice," looking for major changes in community development, improved elected officials accountability; and proactive steps to addressing neighborhoods.

"We're not opposed to develop-

ment," explained Joe Ann Bradley, from Lawndale's Community Action Group on the west side. "We just want development that our people can take part in, that benefits our neighborhood."

The 10 priorities that emerged from the process, two (2) of which are: An elected, housing committee in each ward to oversee aldermanic decisions. And police accountability by passing the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago (itself made up of 80 civic, faith-based, and community organizations) 12-step Program, includes establishing an Early Warning System of the number of citizens complaints, use of force, search and seizure, and traffic stops reporting.

Obadele charging the way to address the injustice occurring to Black people in Chicago is to "hit him economically. There is no justice on police brutality cases, no economic parity on contracts from the city of Chicago. There will be a boycott of the Taste of Chicago.

McAllister pointed to the concerns of City contracts addressing that the City claimed \$122 million was given to minority businesses. However, upon her research \$34 million was identified, an \$86 million short fall. A case in which McAllister reported in a meeting with Purchasing Commissioner, David Monroe could not explained other than the fault of a computer error.

Viewing the issues of Daley legacy, Crosby pointed out, "He has a history of regretful course to the

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Daley Family Donates Late Mayor's Papers

The family of the late Mayor Richard J. Daley formally donated his papers to the University of Illinois at Chicago in a ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of the late mayor's birth.

"This is the right place for his papers - in a library that bears his name, and in a university that he helped create," Mayor Richard M. Daley said at the ceremony. "My father considered the building of this university one of his greatest accomplishments as mayor."

Mayor Daley was joined by members of his family and university officials at the event, which took place in a plaza west of the UIC Chicago Circle Center, 750 S. Halsted St. The papers will be housed nearby in the university's Richard J. Daley Library.

The Mayor noted that his father "fought long and hard to have this university located near downtown Chicago and close to public transportation. It was a very controversial project, but it



was the right thing to do."

"Anyone who looks at this university today - and at all it has contributed to the people of Chicago - should be grateful that an earlier generation of leaders had the courage to see it through to completion."

UIC's Halsted Street campus opened in 1965, replacing a two-year University of Illinois campus at Navy Pier.

Richard J. Daley was born May 15, 1902, in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood and served as mayor from April 22, 1955, until his death on December 19, 1976.

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Mosely-Braun may seek rematch

Former Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D), who lost her first reelection bid in 1998 to now-Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R), said that she is considering seeking a rematch in 2004.

"I am being encouraged to stand for the Senate. I have not said, 'No,'" Moseley-Braun told The Pantagraph newspaper on Thursday. "I haven't closed the door on it."

The former Senator also told the Bloomington, Ill., newspaper that in the meantime she is in the process of forming a public policy think tank to study national and international community issues.

Moseley-Braun, the first black woman elected to the Senate, lost to Fitzgerald 50 percent to 47 percent in 1998. Fitzgerald spent upwards of \$17.5 million on the race, while Moseley-Braun spent a little more than \$7 million.

Moseley-Braun is also listed on the Chicago's poll for the possibility of her running for Mayor of Chicago.

In 1999, she was nominated by President Bill Clinton to serve as U.S. ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa.

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Williams School Closing

LSC, parents, and community leaders Rejects school closing to no avail



Breanna Hearson, a 6th Grade student and cheerleader at Williams school says "The school closing has put more pressure on the teachers and the students because we're hearing that if we don't pass our Iowa test, our school will close."

The Dearborn community only heard by the media that the Chicago Public School officials decided to school their school, Daniel Hale Williams, 2710 S. Dearborn, and two other elementary schools are to close at the end of the school year - Mary C. Terrell, 5410 S. State St.; Mary Mapes Dodge, 2651 W. Washington Blvd.

Their Williams school principal only heard two days before the public announcement.

In September 2003, Renaissance Schools will open. at Dodge and Williams. The Ren-

naissance Schools are to be models for affecting change in low-performing schools.

Chicago Public Schools quietly announced what CPS Superintendent, Arne Duncan identified Dodge and Williams to close due to low-performing schools and replace them with a new educational model called Renaissance Schools. Terrell Elementary School will not re-open because of declining student enrollment

"CPS accountability is in question for failed intervention strategies over the past 5 years." Katgrtb oeeegerm Curriculum Coordinator at Williams school. "It was insulting and humiliating when CPS' Arne Duncan and Michael Scott said such harsh, public words about there being 'no glimmer of hop' or 'no sparkle of learning' in our school without taking the time to see what our learning environment and nurturing relationships truly look like within Williams School."

The surprising announcement to close the three schools came weeks after mayor Daley and Duncan had visited the Dearborn Homes CHA site, home to Williams school, offering positive praise towards the principal, students, and quality teachers at Williams.

"To have meaningful change, we must be honest with ourselves

and each other, and acknowledge that we have failed to provide our children at these schools with the quality education they need and deserve," said Arne Duncan, CPS chief executive officer.

"Clearly, our children still failed under CPS' intervention recommendations from external professionals.

Others schools are expected to be selected for closing as well. CPS report the schools were chosen based on six criteria: ISAT (The Illinois Standards Assessment Tests) scores below 17 percent; ITBS (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills) scores below 20 percent; chronic probationary status; insufficient annual progress (below CPS averages); open leadership issues; and close proximity to better schools, where students

Schools selected for the Renaissance Initiative will get a top-to-bottom transformation of

academic programs, faculty and school leadership through a formal process that includes input from parents, local communities and nationally recognized education experts.

What CPS says signals the next phase of Chicago public education reform.

The outgoing staff at Dodge, Williams and Terrell elementary schools will be given the opportunity to apply for other positions within CPS, and are being offered outplacement support services.

An independent survey of residents in the local communities surrounding each school to identify parent/student priorities for the revitalized school.

However, members of the Dearborn community says what CPS is proposing is without the consent of the present parents, and school leadership.

At a press conference opposing Williams closing found it insulting that CPS wants to send their

children outside of the neighborhood when 'a perfectly good school sits right in their backyard, and bused to schools miles away.'

John Pointer, a Williams School Staff member says, "for some children, that is moving kids from at least three schools in three years not by choice. The parents request only a secure stable and well-invested school

A key faculty leader, Marcia Oliver-Hogue adds, "We don't believe that looking at test scores alone is enough to justify closing the school."

"The on going issues of our school leadership should have raised flags about the level of additional supports needed at Williams School and that its difficult to distinguish test scores from the mobile population and the more stable students."

"Williams could succeed if given adequate resources and shared decision-making by all of the key school and community members." states Tiffanie pewee a parent and of Williams.



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\$200 for Drug Addicts birth control

Children Requiring a Caring Community (CRACK) is giving alcoholics and drug addicts \$200 to be sterilized or take long-term birth control. According to the Chicago Sun-Times. The agency, funded by private donations, operates in Chicago and 23 other cities. Its founders reason that children of substance abusers are at higher risk for health or developmental problems and often are so neglected they wind up in foster care.

The project was first kicked off in Los Angeles three years ago. It pays women to have tubal-ligation sterilization's or to use long-term birth control. Norplant capsules, implanted under the skin, prevent pregnancy for five years. Lunelle is a monthly shot, and Depo-Provera shots are given every three months.

So far, the agency has paid 659 women and 15 men, who had vasectomies. Before going

on birth control, the women had 1,069 abortions and 2,310 children, an average of 3.5 children per client, agency founder Barbara Harris said.

Critics say the organization stigmatizes substance abusers.

"When you suggest that a particular group of people are not worthy of reproducing, you risk sending a message that those people are not worthy of being regarded as fully human," said Lynn Paltrow of the National Advocates for Pregnant Women.

Steve Trombley of Planned Parenthood Chicago Area said, "Offering them cash bribes is simply wrong. It does not foster the long-term sense of responsibility needed to lead to responsible family planning." Clients receive a one-time payment of \$200 for sterilization. For long-term birth control users, the payments vary. Clients also must present verification from doctors.

Black Business for Englewood

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During the May 14th CDC hearing, representatives from 2 locally based organizations formally opposed both the ECDC as the developer and its receipt of \$5.5 million from the Englewood Neighborhood Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district.

A deal residents Jones says falls short of the residents and local tax payers expectations. "Let's be real!" Jones said. "The Korean Merchant Association of Englewood has not been the best of neighbors. We will be fools to allow the merchants to capture both our sales dollars and the future growth of our property tax proceeds, without demanding some degree of ownership and addresses past inequities over



John Paul Jones said. "The political leadership allowed such a proposal to go without black or local partnership."

black business opportunities."

The City has already moved to acquire 29 properties valued at \$800,000 to be sold to the merchants for a \$1. This \$24 million retail project is catching the attention among blacks throughout the city, who feel deep inside that something went terribly wrong with this project.

"In this deal, the Korean merchant has the competitive edge within a predominately Black community," states, Arness Dancy, Executive Director of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. "Among all the black officials and pastors that have worked in secret on this project, someone should be raised the "Black-Green-and

Red" quick." The actions proved that the city is not sensitive to our economic future and our continual quest for inclusion."

In all there will be three retail projects proposed for the Englewood commercial development, one approved early this year is to be constructed at 63rd and Union (20th Ward) to build a 70,000-square-foot commercial center, which will anchor a Walgreen's Drug Store and a McDonald's restaurant.

The main project is the northwest Sector at 63rd and Halsted for Retail Development, making room for the Kennedy King College relocation

The 63rd & Halsted Shopping District host over 60 businesses with only three Black owned incubators according to Dancy. Historically, the district has been known to be off-limits for black businesses. Not until, a major campaign erupted in late 1970's when Sears Department Store decided to leave the Englewood Mall, did a group of black investors assembled known as the Phoxnics Group demanded site control of Sears.

Today, the northeast corner of 63rd and Halsted remains black owned. This site remains the only genuine location that Blacks can lease space. The community leaders are concerned that the opportunity to finally have Black businesses access their retail center, will forever be denied if no partnership is forged immediately.

As of now, the process has no apparent local partner." Jones said. "The political leadership allowed that deal to go forward without any local



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The 63rd Street mall, an historic district in the city as well as the City is about to have a commercial face lift, the concern will there be Black retailer and partnership with the community residents

benefit package or community partner."

Ald. Shirley Coleman (16) while questioning the legitimacy of her proponents public cry, supported the Commission's vote. She admitted that she realize it is a problem and told SSJ that this has been a long process where the community was invited to provide input, but others wanted action now.

"I understand and support those who want Black businesses in the community." Said Coleman. "We have 300 lots in the 16th Ward of Englewood for development. We are open to any business project to take advantage

them." Cautioning not to repeat the problems of an oversaturation of retail services in the core of the Englewood Community, the Task Force has launched a campaign to education neighbors about its retail future and options associated with other key planned projects that will include other local elected officials and the role they must play concerning the use of Englewood TIF dollars and land use planning.

At a June 3rd meeting, the community drafted a Minimum Goal Statement that outlined their public position on the Korean Merchant deal along with

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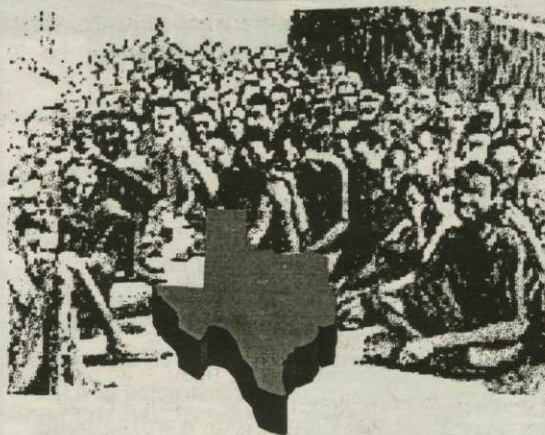
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Dear President Bush:

Whereas, America's Independence Day Movement, initiated by the Declaration of Independence and the "4th of July", 1776, did not include the enslaved descendants of African-Americans nor were they recognized as full human beings. Freedom from slavery was initiated by the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, and formally announced by Union General Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas on the "19th of June", 1865, through the reading of General Order No. 3, to the last group of slaves in bondage, creating America's 2nd Independence Day Celebration and the oldest African-American holiday observance, the "19th of June", Juneteenth Independence Day.

Whereas, the "19th of June" is the freedom forerunner to the 13th Amendment, which implemented freedom for all slaves in the United States, Juneteenth Independence Day completes the cycle of Independence Day Celebrations in America. In 1997, the 105th Congress of the United States passed Senate Joint Resolution 11 and House Joint Resolution 56 officially recognizing Juneteenth Independence Day in America. A Presidential Proclamation is all that is required for Juneteenth Independence Day to be recognized as a National Holiday in America, without the burden on tax-payers as a paid federal holiday. We, the undersigned, support the request of Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr., M.D., Chairman of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation and the National Juneteenth Christian Leadership Council for you to issue a Presidential Proclamation establishing the "19th of June" as National Juneteenth Independence Day in America.

Whereas, on the "19th of June", 2000, during the historic 1st Annual WASHINGTON JUNETEENTH 2000 National Holiday Observance, House Concurrent Resolution 356, a formal apology for slavery was sponsored in Congress by Congressman Tony Hall (D-OH). We, the undersigned, support the establishment of a National Day of Reconciliation and Healing from the Legacy of Slavery during the annual observance of Juneteenth Independence Day and request that you establish a National Juneteenth Commission to advise you and future Presidents on how the annual observance of Juneteenth Independence Day can bring all Americans together with the goal of promoting greater understanding and racial healing.



For Joseph and Cook County

During a meeting in the Englewood community, Joseph Slangster, an 18 year old young man rose to say the main issue among black youth is two things: One, doing something about the political prisoners.

I thought to myself, what do he know about the activists of the 60's. He went on to say, education is the other.

Upon inquiring, he was addressing today.



Ron Carter
Publisher and Editor

The number one issue of his peers was support for those (7,000 or more at least in Cook County Jail imprisoned unjustly. Just this week a young man was awarded \$250,000 for wrongly imprisoned for 54 months. I had no real in-depth of Joseph's concern until I spend a total of eight days in three different jails the first

week of April 2002. It was an opportunity for a hell-of-a story for a reporter.

However, the story has been told over and repeatedly. Upon informing the inmates that I was a reporter, they made me promise I would tell their story. "Make sure you tell the story, Publisher." said Ricardo Rivera on his way to a state prison.

They really were looking for a story similar to the Chicago Tribune spread (early this year) on the criminal system. But, they were really looking for help from the public for

justice. While I interviewed and at least Western S 11th and Jail guards and would Then the Cook Cou down like bruises. It 30 minute I was beat front of m I could they gave 12 guards and kick n back; all o handcuffs one of the apologize, who is a h the beating, false state Because I to see a de One of Sanchez. I hearing hi call. None nametags When I the inmate nothing n

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Here we go again, Latest Bronzeville shinanigans...

Dear Editor;

Here's the latest!

Now I'm convinced, Dorothy Tillman has lost her mind. First it was the Palm Tavern. Then came the threat of losing Metropolitan Church, with no aldermanic help in saving the place. Now comes word that the Ritz Hotel, Oakwood & King Drive, and the Grand Hotel, 51st & King Drive, are going to be raised. All of these historic Bronzeville landmark's are in the city's Third Ward- Dorothy's ward.

For all of her Black talk, Dorothy's desecration of African American cultural icons is tantamount to the bombing of the Centuries-old Buddha sculptures at the hands of the Taliban. She rants and raves about "jobs," which is a good thing, but what happens when the jobs are gone? Leadership in the Third Ward should be addressing the issue of securing entrepreneurship and

ownership opportunities for this historically Black neighborhood. What Dorothy is doing is a throw back to the building of the White House, Black folks build it, and White folks control and operate it. That's what's happening to Bronzeville, or should I begin calling it Vanillaville?

By way of this letter to the editors of the Chicago Defender,

Nathan Thompson

Nobody! Inner City Blues

Dear Editor;

City Hall and the aldermen have unscrupulous control over the community development process in the city of Chicago. The tools of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and the eminent domain procedure are unjustly utilized by the powers that be to control who is empowered with grant funds and other city, state and federal subsidies that enable development at the neighborhood level. State and city grants are allocated behind closed doors to political cronies, concubines and Mafia connected tough guys while legitimate grassroots, bottom-up

community building organizations and authentic urban preservation initiatives are systematically blocked from accessing available resources. If you are not genuflecting and kissing up to your alder-

man and offering large reelection campaign contributions, your project will most likely get blocked if you need any legislative support from the city council. Gone are the days of our elected officials representing the people in their respective wards and protecting the public trust. Did that reality ever exist in the Chicago Council, beyond the idealism of former Alderman Leon Depres, Dick Simpson and Danny K. Davis? Each of whom, created some form of a ward assembly apparatus to enable civic engagement and public policy debate at the neighborhood level?

Today, Demigods are in control in City Hall. Political corruption is evidently rampant in city and state government. This outrageous state of affairs in the regentrifying neighborhoods of Chicago is an insult to the tax paying public who's property taxes will increase drastically over the next decade to pay the bills. The City Hall plan call for the systematic removal of low and moderate income people regardless of race from the inner-city of Chicago.

Nobody is going to do a thing about it, because as the 2000 census reflects, Chicago Tribune | The Boom Decade, in the 1990's everybody prospered in the Chicago area region except low-income people, who have been rendered completely obsolete in the 21st Century economy in Chicago.

Now comes, the African American community convening a town hall meeting on

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and the eminent domain EXPRESS



Black male sexual deviates preying on our adolescent female children, AIDES, the breakdown of the family structure. Grandmother abuse, rampant crime, drug addiction/abuse and the dubious distinction of Chicago being named the murder capitol of America in the year 2002. Has anybody ever thought that this cycle of urban pathology and moral corruption that is destroying the African American community, could be directly related to the blatant exhibition of political shenanigans and demagoguery on display every day in city hall and the state capitol?

Enough said about "Chicago, the City that works together"

Virtually,

Harold L Lucas

ePublisher, Bronzeville Online.com

From a New Member of Bronzeville

Dear Editor;

Fellow Bronzeville residents: I would like to add my two cents to some of this dialogue about what Alderman think and say and criticize about the dept of planning and the featured piece on the news.

As a representation of those people who are coming to the hot area of Bronzeville.

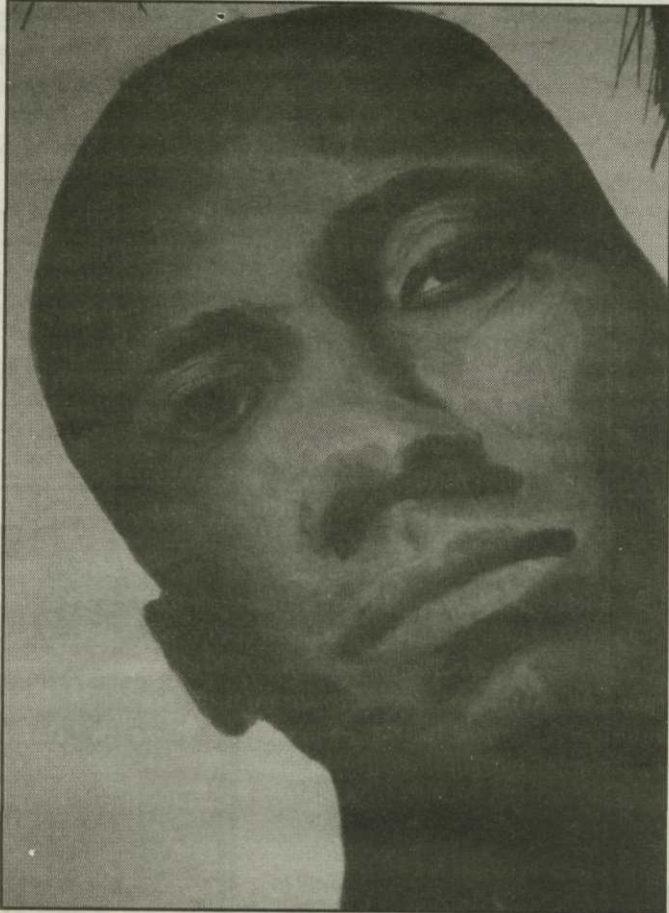


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d the Inmates

shared a pen with about 40 inmates and more than eighty (80) of them, ten (10) law authorities, from Chicago Police, Chicago Police at Ellis, Cook and Du Page County Jail. Half of them knew my profession and not go on record. There was another five (5) city guards that beat me like Rodney King without the mercy. It was about 9:30 am, my first time entering Cook County Jail. Because my hands were in cuffs instead of in the back. I do not believe the ass whipping I received as over 50 inmates and witnesses. I mean they stomp me, choke me, beat me in the back while managing to put me on. Taken from the line, the guards that took half way saying they do not know the core criminal justifying it. He wanted me to sign a statement of what happen. I would not I was not allowed to sign. The guards' names was not only knew that over an answering a telephone of the guards wore a view on their uniforms. I was cattle with the rest of the inmates, they told me that was the way. It happens all the time.

Some one gets their ass kick every hour. "The Black ones are worst," they said. My beating was on camera, if it was working. I found justice is not blind, with eyes open shut, hiding from the truth. I was amazed each day seeing many blocks of men, 90% Black. Even in the Bridgeport jail on 35th Street, it was 100% Black. Seventy-five percent Black in Du Page County Jail. As stated by Ira Glasser, Executive Director of the ACLU, "Racial bias is a persistent threat to democracy, and nowhere is that more evident than in the treatment of people of color by law enforcement and the criminal justice system."



"The entire criminal justice system is riddled with racial prejudice," and institutional racism. It is so deep it is disruptive, or Black men are natural criminals. My case stems back to 1998, the result of Officer Shorter, who falsely wrote me up for a DUI, after I refuse to give him a free newspaper. Even as I beat the charges in court four years ago, still I am labeled by the system as a DUI. There are many with harsher crimes, explored by the Chicago Police, the Cook County jail, lawyers, judges, and elected officials suppressing evidence that could have cleared many from convictions.

The U.S. is indeed a great country. Where the fundamental right to vote, speak, and practice religion mean something. Moreover, the opportunity to obtain the abundance whatever your color is here. Given that of its high standards of liberty and the pursuit of happiness, it is ashamed of it as well. Each day in Cook County Jail alone, at least 10,000 of the 15,000 inmates suffer from the sting of discrimination with arbitrary arrest, racial profiling, and/or brutality from law enforcers. And yes, it is a complimentary conspiracy as well. But recognition to the suburban police that expose their co-police workers last year of mass wrongly arrest of Blacks and Hispanics. Rep. Cynthia McKinney noted that, Florida Governor Jeb Bush created a phony list of 57,700 convicted felons--to "scrub" thousands of innocent people from the voter rolls. 80% were Black. Had they voted, the course of history could have changed. Instead, Bush was declared the victor by only 537 votes. As a circumstance it happen here in

Illinois, in 2000 (SSJ Story Sept. 99) the State of Illinois, Chicago Police, and Cook County Sheriff was called upon by County States Attorney Richard Devine to implement the massive arrest plan of 40,000 probationers and parolees by end of the year. A Judge tried all in his power to stop the action. Of the eighty men I interviewed only one was in for the first time. Inmate Michael Smith was serving three days for urinating in an alley near 112th and King Dr.; Johnny Williams, 17, for sleeping with a 14-year-old girl. Both as most men were in for violating their parole Half said they were on false charges. Back to young Joseph two points, political prisoners and education. Very strong merit. It was reported that in the year 2010 Black men will be 60% of the jail population, while only 12% of the U.S. population. 80% with no former education, while CPS chief Duncan is closing schools and drop-outs are at 40%. There are people that belong in jail. Nevertheless, in the case of most Black inmates it is the systematic methodology of government locking up the Black youth. No other ethnic group but the Black race is subject to such mass arrest. At least in while Spencer Leak was the director of Cook County Jail it invested in the autobiography of Malcolm X. While today, the movies I saw were crime and drug related. Such as *Belly*. It is hoped for Joseph and the Inmates and their families a more generate enthusiasm to seek justice to release those at least 50% 7,000 inmates still in Cook County Jail unfairly. America was built on justice and slaves. But even today it is just that "just us" and still slaves. Joseph has made it clear from the start.

FROM BRONZEVILLE

wife and I purchased both an income property building and a vintage home. I featured in the piece about my purchase on Channel 7. We think we represent a group who are motivated and encouraged by such advertisement. With such positive promotional sound bites, there are other disturbing realities and issues which need to address as a community. I have said this often... For every one investor coming to Bronzeville, there are 10 others who are turned off. The reality is Bronzeville has enormous potential for poor leadership in it's Aldermanic representation, namely; Dorothy Tillman (from what I can tell). We clearly need the neighborhood organizations to come together and received lots of indifference, frustration and an overall lack of encouragement from the elected officials (to be honest) who read (e-mail) what they wanted to see happen- perhaps with a new organization. I changed my focus and decided to join the Grand Blvd Homeowners Association (Jim Hightington is Pres) and have many visions. We have been particularly impressed with a small (but large) development in that of Louis and Ida Martin. They are the best people who are committed to the area and represent the real development of Bronzeville needs. There is experience with the aldermanic representation is deplorable and is a captive of the kind of corruption and mis-use of Chicago's political machine.



Dorothy Tillman controls absolutely all the vacant land. This is ridiculous. We need to join hands to change this kind of "plantation thinking" and "old politics". I plan to help promote the area but only if my fellow neighbors join in the battle for change; including the idea of establishing priorities for each of our organization! We need more retailers, involvement among all resident-owners, share resources, stay consistent and advance our own visions, regardless of what the dept of planning wants! We need leaders who can think and act and do what they say they will do. Alderman don't have to manipulate our destiny and neither does the Mayor. We have a right to be here and expect more from our elected officials- equaling more services

Mell (&Angie) Monroe- Grand Blvd/ Bronzeville

From the New Old members of Bronzeville

As resident of Bronzeville, before it became a hot new neighborhood, It was interesting to hear this about this area. (like those of us, who have been here working and living for the last 10 years and some of us for over 18 years, need to be reminded how hot the area is. We surely can attest to that.) I moved to this community for several reasons, because of the rich history, and because it was a good investment, and I wanted to live in a community where I

could make a difference. I wanted to live in a neighborhood, like I grew up in. Where I would know the people in my community and share their values. I believe there should be development, but we need to make sure there is room for everyone, renters, homeowners (condo & single family) and folks whose income levels may be less than ours. We need business that support the community as it is today, and what it will be tomorrow. This community is hot, and everyone is aware of this, that is why it is important that we work together. If you are here for investment only, this is the wrong place to be. If you want to be a part of a growing community, this is the place to be. I have not only made investment in this community, but I have made a commitment to this community, to make it the Premier African-American Community in the country.

There are organizations in this community, struggling to make a difference for everyone, Bronzeville Merchants, Gap Organization, Grand Blvd. Federation. Mid-South Planning, Bronzeville Partners, Black Metropolis, Elliot Donnelley Youth Center, Wabash Y., Abraham Lincoln Center, Centers for New Horizon, and Block Clubs around this community. We are creating our own destiny, and gladly welcome old and new residents Member, Mid-South Planning and Development Commission

From the old members of Bronzeville on

The whiners of Bronzeville

Dear Editor; Local community organizers from Bronzeville have turned into whiners not shriners. Everyone wants to blame Dorothy Tillman for all the ills of the third ward. Tillman is a problem and so are we. Everyone wants to suck up and kiss up and hope for their own personal miracle. Notice I say personal, self interest, thinking of me only miracles. Which is how we seem to operate in the third ward. Dorothy becomes the villain after she turn coats on the various promises made and you can bet she has to turn coat because only God's promises are true. Not man or should I say alderman? Hick (3rd ward resident and voter)

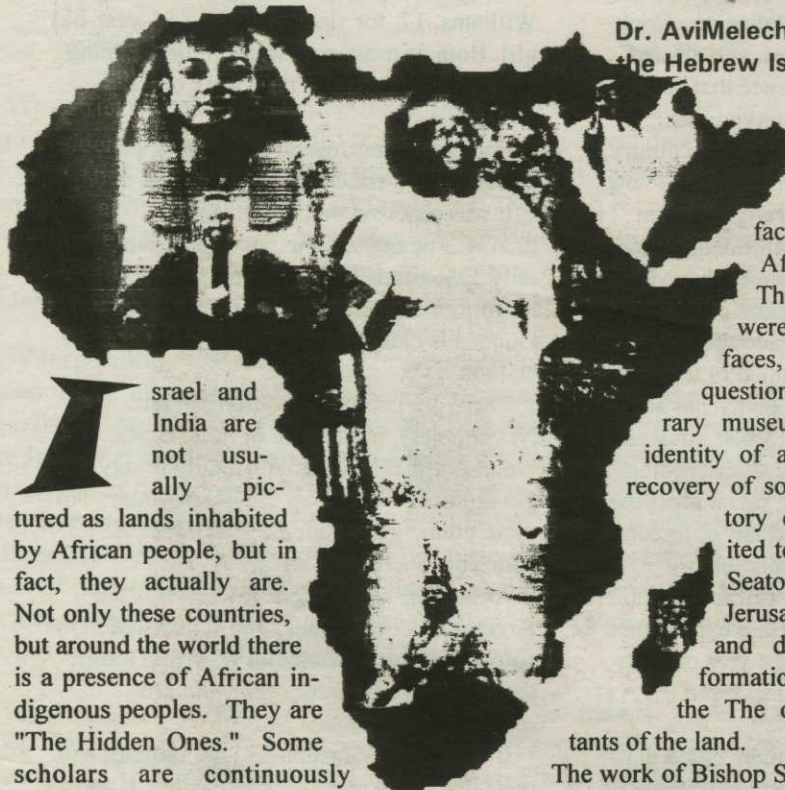


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Spiritual An African Overview

THE HIDDEN ONES

By Peggy Ann Griffin, SSJ Spiritual Editor



Israel and India are not usually pictured as lands inhabited by African people, but in fact, they actually are. Not only these countries, but around the world there is a presence of African indigenous peoples. They are "The Hidden Ones." Some scholars are continuously working to bring that which has been concealed into the light. One noted savant is Dr. AviMelech Ben Israel of the Hebrew Israelite Nation. His presentations focus on the remnants of the indigenous African-Edenic population that remain in Palestine-Israel today.

Dr. AviMelech is a resident of Israel and incorporates his background in thought provoking multi-media productions. In his words, it is "edutainment" for colleges, grade schools, secondary schools, jails, and public institutions. The mind is intrigued as he explains the visuals that encapsulate thousands of years of history. The work is a documentation of the presence of the African Diaspora from antiquity to the present age. He maintains that the ancient Medinites, Serians, Cushites, Israelites, Kemites, Phillestines, Phenicians, Nabateans, and other nations were African Edenic people. Through extensive research, this lost history is now being recovered.

Modern scholars have attributed much of the distortion of history to Napoleon Bonaparte. During the Napoleonic Wars, armies invaded Jerusalem

Dr. AviMelech Ben Israel of the Hebrew Israelite Nation

and deliberately destroyed artifacts that depicted African features. The large noses were chipped of faces, leaving to question in contemporary museums the ethnic identity of ancestors. The recovery of some of this history can be accredited to Bishop David Seaton, who went to Jerusalem in 1895 and documented information coming from the The original inhabitants of the land.

The work of Bishop Seaton and other scholars clears the doubt about the history of Blacks in these regions but raises a larger question. "Where do White people come from?" AviMelech and other historians conclude that they evolved from African people. Through climatic conditions, leprosy, and other diseases; there emerged Albinos, which over a period of time came to be the Caucasians of modern times.

Another way that history has been distorted is through the excavation of the Suez Canal from 1859 through 1869, which separated Jerusalem from the continent of Africa. Prior to that time, people could walk from what is now called the Middle East to Africa. Even with the restructuring, Egypt is still located on the continent of Africa, but in modern media it is not associated with Africa. As a result, many people do not realize that it is a part of Africa. Because Israel was once directly connected to mainland Africa, prior to the excavation of the Suez Canal, African scholars refer to it as Northeast Africa.

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A Cry in the Wilderness

By Minister Michael D. Muhammad

Who 'prophets' from our suffering? In the Black community, many are 'propheting' from our self-destructive behavior. In the scriptures of the Bible there is a story about a man named Balaam, a false prophet hired by the enemy of God's people.

Then the Israelites traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho. Now Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel has done to the Amorites, and Moab was terrified because there were so many people. Indeed, Moab was filled with dread because of the Israelites. The Moabites said to the elders of Midian, "This horde is going to lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." So Balak son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, sent messengers to summon Balaam son of Boer...

If the founding fathers could have imagined the tremendous population growth that their slaves would live to experience, I'm sure they would have intensified the areas of the constitution that related to slavery. We have been on a steady increase since the first slave ship, Jesus of Lubeck, Captained by Sir John Hawkins in 1555, landed on the shores of North America.

When you have a people you under feed, under educate, torture, rape & murder in the midst of exploiting their natural strength for material gain - you never expect them to survive the ordeal in mass numbers. In other words, white people hoped we would become extinct in proportion to their technological & material advancement.

Now we are over 40 million people inside of the United States, We are growing, while they are at zero population growth. This means that they in their natural greed, and limited scientific understanding of the capabilities of nature to produce sustainable recourses, feel threatened by the rise of our population.

This new awareness & expression casts us in the budding mold of the prophets of old - one crying in the wilderness.

However, we are not living in the days of the need for prophets! The moral & spiritual character, and even the vision of the prophets is needed in today's world. But, God never granted to any prophet, (except Jonah & Muhammad), the proper vision, method & power to completely reverse the condition of the heart of God's people. Most prophets were overcome by the very same people Allah sent them to save.

This is the dilemma of anyone who will step-up on behalf of black people in America. You will be opposed most by your own people.

This opposition has caused many men & women, who have started out as great fighters for the upliftment of the masses of our people to surrender the fight. Many have been broken completely in their spirit. Many, have become so broken & bitter, have given of time, energy & resources, many sell out to the highest bidder. Some start out with money in mind.

Many see gain & profit in the hurt and suffering of black people; like oil beneath dessert land.

I believe many of those who are the

most visible & vocal, are like Balaam and black people are the ass they have hired themselves out to ride. But. Like Balaam's ass, many black people see the God has an angel present. Many of us are blessed to see God's wrath ready to strike & take the head of the false prophets, so we cast them off.

God is real, and He has always sends a man into the world to set the tone for all lesser men, and to warn the false prophets; who do the so-called man & women of God see as God's man in this day & time? And equally important, can you recognize the call of God coming from anyone today?

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Dr. Jeremiah Wright, pastor of Tinty United Church of Christ wed his members Candace and Lenorde Montgomery in an African ceremony. (from left is the newly weds, Leonard and Candance Montgomery, owners of One Stop Posta Service in theHyde Park community at 52nd and Harper Photo by Armadell

Public Relations & Calendar

On July 13, Washington Park Court Historical Fest Committee and Genesis Development Corp are co-sponsoring a "A Healthy House - Restoration/Preservation Home Fair" at the enclosed parking lot at the corner of 50th and Vincennes. The hours are 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm the cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under twelve. Interior designers and architects will answer questions on both exterior and interior house deco. The public is invite to bring photographs and floor plans of your house or individual rooms and/or photos of objects to use on or in your house. The interior designers and architects will all have pictures and portfolios of their projects for review. For info call at 773-624-6281, L. Parker.

June 15, South Side Housing Fair in cooperation with Congressman Bobby L. Rush. The First Congressional District Housing Task Force, Saturday, 2002, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Dunbar Vocational Career Academy, 3000 S. King Dr. 773/728-2371-

June 17-18: Urban Grassroots Marketing & Sponsorship Event. A two-day conference presented by the Strategic Research Institute at the Wyndham Chicago will be chock-full of new info, debate, discussion and insights on how to keep pace with the evolving urban market place. Sessions will cover local-ized event sponsorships and partnership opportunities that open up the playing field to hair salons, car dealerships, concerts, urban schools, churches, soccer teams, major and minor baseball leagues, Father's Day, street teams, online chat rooms and whatever else makes sense. For more info or to register, go to <http://www.srinstitute.com/cm377> or call 888-666-8514.

Saturday; June 22 Rainbow/PUSH is hosting the African American Contractors Association and its membership with other concerned groups and trades workers to celebrate the 2nd Annual African American Contractors Day. On this day they will convene to discuss opportunities for jobs, contracts and fairness in the industry. at 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Dr. King's Workshop of Rainbow/PUSH coalition, 930 East 50th. For more information, call AACA at (312) 915-5960.

JUNE 26- Join Citizen Action/Illinois, the Campaign to Build Illinois Transit, and Work, Welfare and Families for "Transportation at the Crossroads", a Roundtable Discussion on the future of public transportation in Illinois! 2002 is a critical year for transit advocacy in Illinois. TEA-21, the federal transportation legislation, comes up for reauthorization in 2003. Illinois FIRST will expire in 2004.

Sullivan House Computer Technology Center Six-week Session of Ongoing Free Computer Literacy Courses Beginning Monday, SHCTC offers two classes per week for a total of 12 hands-on lessons. Register now for 4-6 PM or 6-8 PM classes, M and W, or T and Th. Special classes are held Fridays and Saturdays. We teach basic computer knowledge of hardware and software. An introduction to wordprocessing software, data processing software, spreadsheets, utilities and graphics software packages. Students practice stock market investing with online accounts or communicate with each other and send job resumes online. There is also a typing program and basic computer skills for all. Register soon, limited number of computers and a high rate of returning students. Classes are free. Sullivan House Community Technology Center, 7677 S. Coles.

Free Computers Operation Connection is now receiving applications to provide free computers and software to families and groups with little or no technology experience To apply for or donate computers and equipment, contact Operations connection at the Healthcare Consortium of Illinois at (708) 841-9515

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Target Stores Offer Scholarships for Students Deadline: November 1, 2002 Administered by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc., Target All-Around Scholarships for Students are awarded each year to high school seniors and college students who are committed to community service and education. Target will award four \$10,000 and over 2,100 \$1,000 scholarships for higher education (two per Target store). Awards are offered for institution costs and fees for full-time, post-secondary, undergraduate educational programs. Contact: Target All-Around Scholarships for Students Tel: (800) 316-6142

DeLalle to Host Six Summer Sports Camps This summer, De La Salle Institute will be hosting six sports camps for grammar school students. Not only will these young men and young women get to learn more about their favorite sports, but they will also be able to see De La Salle's

campus first hand. The camps offered include football, baseball, wrestling, basketball; golf and soccer. Each of the camps will be conducted by the Meteors' head coaches, along with their assistant coaches. For more info contact Mike Walsh 312-842-7355 ext. 145.

City Offers Children Free, Nutritious Lunches for Summer, the Chicago department of Human Services invites families to register for the 2002 Summer Lunch program, providing free meals and snacks to children ages 18 and younger, in low income comminutes, each weekday from June 26 through August 30. Parents can call 311 to locate sites in their community.

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Theater - Drama



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L. C. Satterfield 's one man show about a country boy that experiences culture shock in Chicago. Harrison Street Cooperative of Performing & Fine Arts, 208 Harrison Oak Park. 773 -879-3311. Phone for group bookings

of the West Indies
Through June 2. Veteran actors Ernest Perry Jr., Charles Michael Moore, and Goodman director Chuck Smith team up with novice theater ensemble Congo Square to present Mustaph Matura's Caribbean reworking of J. M. Synge's of the Western World. Matura's sensual concrete poetic prose Caribbean imagery in the hands of seasoned professionals magic has to happen. Congo Square Theatre Company at Chicago Dramatist, 1105 W. Chicago. 773-525 5252



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Sunday, 3:00 p.m. \$25

Musical Theater

The Ethel Waters Story. Opening May 19th, Jackie Taylor plays Broadway star Ethel Waters. The Black Ensemble Theater, 4520 N. Beacon. 773-764-4451, Call Black Ensemble for further information.



Comedy

Love Child,
Through July 14. -
The trials and tribulations of an educator teaching parenting skills to unwed mothers. Luther Goins satirical but loving play will touch a nerve in any teacher, social-worker, minister and any other soldier in the war against Ignorance. Chicago Theatre Company Parkway Community House 500 E. 67th 773 493-5360, Friday—Saturdays 8 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m. \$25



Children's Theater

Hero Zero, through June 1. Ifa Bayeza's play teaches mathematics through the adventures of the youthful but outcast Zero as he discovers his place in the family of numbers. Duncan YMCA Chernin Center for the Arts, 1001 W, Roosevelt. 312-738- 5999. Wednesdays 10 p.m., Price: \$6.50



The Sea Lion,

Through June 2
Ifa Bayeza's stage adaptation of a Ken Kesey novel in which a sinister stranger threatens an Native American village and only a crippled child can stop him. Duncan YMCA Chernin Center For the Arts, 1001 W. Roosevelt 312 738—5999
Friday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday. 3:00 p.m. Price: \$25

Towns Tales, Children's Radio,
WCEV 1450 AM, Monday-Friday, 8:45-9:00 p.m.

Visual Art, Art and Activism

Through July 15, An exploration of the rich legacy of African American photographers and how, they shaped the African American views of history. DuSable Museum, 740 East 56th Place. 947-0600
Also coming to the DuSable Museum, Three Legends: Elizabeth Catlett Jacob Lawrence and Samella Lewis, June 21—October 11.

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Hip Hop

raising the conscientiousness at all levels which is key."

The MTV Networks survey of 570 people age 14 to 24 found the stories important to young readers in order: about music, local news, current events, international news, national news and then politics.

"Our being is Peace, Unity, love and yes, having fun." Saod Crawford of the Hip Hop Political Committee
"But there is an understatement and false concept of youth in the music. We are all intelligent and creative. Beyond the "Bling Bling" we will live to provide new solutions to the old problems and be around to address the problems that have not yet entered the picture."

Inasmuch the culture of Hip

Hop has lead the Inner City Studies to design a course to focus on the impact of both early and contemporary Hip Hop of inner-city cultural. It will have a special emphasis on Chicago's underground hip hop community.

The course will also feature field research and group field trips to local hip hop activities and exhibits including the Hip Hop Appreciation Day Conference at the Center for Inner City Studies and legends of Hip Hop Tour.

"Our generation should not be seen as uninterested in the world, cautioned Crawford, "This is not an apathetic group," Young people care deeply about matters relevant to their lives, their family and their communities, he said.

For more info call (773) 671-1754



Saod Crawford of the Hip Hop Political Committee

Entertainment Notes



"Sax Preacher"

June is Black Music Month

Celebrating the genius of an America Icon, Wednesdays in June at the Velvet Lounge, The Music of Miles Davis arranged and performed by Delmark recording artist trumpeter and composer Malachi Thompson each Wednesday is a different theme. June 12th, BE BOP and Beyond., June 19th , Beyond Be Bop.2128 1/2 S. Indiana Ave. \$8 call 312-791-9050.

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Maxwell Street Blues during Blues Fest 2002 and beyond. The old Maxwell St. neighborhood is mostly gone. But on Saturday afternoons (noon to 3PM), Blues musician and folk artist Frank 'Little Sonny' Scott Jr., known as the Supreme Mayor of Maxwell Street, has organized street-like Blues Revues and jam sessions at Sam Sadou's World Famous Maxwell Street Uptown

ON VIDEO

With David Schultz

SNOW DOGS **

Cuba Gooding Jr. provides the right manic energy and appeal as a successful Miami franchise dentist summons to Alaska to learn he's the illegitimate son to crabby, old (and white) James Coburn and inherits his late tavern owner-mother's bobsled dog team that Coburn wants for an all-important tournament race. So city-slicker Gooding is a fish out of water learning to bobsled, in order to try to get close to his "white" father. PG; 99 min.

VANILLA SKY **½

Slightly uneven but interesting American remake of the French import, "Open Your Eyes", that reunites "Jerry McGuire" director and star. Tom Cruise plays a playboy-living publisher caught between the new love he desires, real-life love, Penelope Cruz and Oscar nominee Cameron Diaz as the obsessed wannabe lover. Unbilled Kurt Russell co-stars as the psychiatrist trying to unlock Cruise's mind when he's disfigured and held for murder. R; 132 min.

THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES **

Richard Gere seems a bit miscast in this supernatural thriller as a D.C. reporter whose lost his wife tragically, unexplainably wanders into a small West Virginia town plagued by strange occurrences that points to a moth-like psychic entity and an impending tragedy that Gere must try to avert. PG-13; 118 min.

OUT COLD ***1)

The amazing snowboarding stunts are the highlight to this lame teen comedy about a group of snowboarders/skiers

who party hard as they drink set out to keep the modernization of their mountain resort from going into a chic ski resort by slick land developer (Lee Majors). PG-13; 90 min.

CORKY ROMANO **½

Chris Kattan stars in this non-SNL skit, fish-out-of-water comedy about a bumbling veterinarian whose been banished from his mobster family. Until his father (Peter Falk) summons him at the request of his friend, and secretly a FBI informant Fred Ward to find out whom within the Bureau set up Falk before the Grand Jury hearing. A silly spoof that is more "Dumb and Dumber" and not enough of "The Sopranos" full of lame slapstick humor. PG-13; 86 min.

SLACKERS **

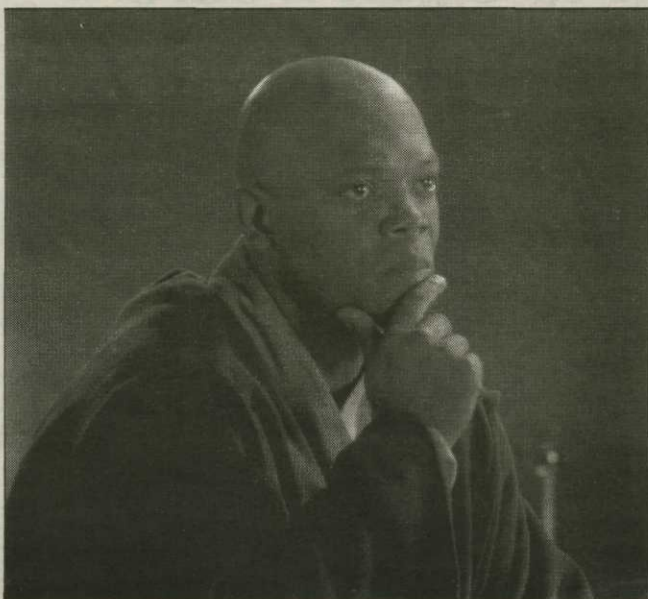
In this amusing comedy, a nerd college student spots how two crafty roommates successfully scheme their way with passing grades through college. The nerdy student blackmails the duo to help him score with his romantic obsession with the school's sexiest babe. Jason Schwartzman and Devon Sawa head up this youthful cast that display good chemistry and energy that sustain this film when the humor slacks off. R; 96 min.

THE OTHERS ***½

Nicole Kidman stars in one of the most atmospherically eerie thrillers in recent memory. While her husband nears the end of his military duty during WWII. The young wife (Kidman) tries to cope with her two children with a rare disease that cannot have them exposed to sunlight. When three mysterious servants arrive and strange supernatural things begin to occur. R; 104 min.

AT THE FLICKS

With David Schultz



Samuel L. Jackson plays a worried Jedi Master, Mace Windu, in Star Wars: Episode II Attack of the Clones.

With David Schultz

STAR WARS EPISODE II: ATTACK OF THE CLONES

*** With several planets trying to leave the Republic. Numerous assassination attempts are being made on Padme Amidala (Natalie Portman), the former princess who's now a Senator for the Republic. The board committee which includes Jedi masters Yoda and Windu (Samuel L. Jackson) to summon their protégé Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) and his young Jedi apprentice, Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) to protect the Senator. From the outset, there is a rebellious spirit between Skywalker and Kenobi who finds more to disagree and contest throughout their assignment. Christopher Lee returns as the chief villain for this movie, Dooku who is the man behind the real villain who's the one that subsequently created Darth Vader. Dooku commands an epic battle with the Jedi knights versus his army. The coolest fight scenes includes Samuel L.

Jackson having his first-ever light saber fight in a arena battle aiding our captive heroes. But the coolest one-on-one battle sequence comes from Yoda taking on Dooku. It's really fun to watch and cheer.

Its unfortunate

while "Attack of the Clones" doesn't disappoint, the sum parts of this movie doesn't equal the whole. The political overtones and other metaphors used throughout this film sometimes slow down what turns out to be the longest film of the entire Star Wars entry.

Rated: PG; 145 min. A 20th Century Fox Picture Release

SUM OF ALL FEARS

*** An elaborate movie blockbuster thriller stays faithful to the book and intricate style of its precursors. But this movie represents a new beginning for Clancy's CIA analyst character, Jack Ryan, who is now younger, unmarried, knowledgeable yet inexperienced as Ben Affleck takes on the role.

The film's drama begins into the 70's but this youthful Ryan is set in present time. Talk about a time warp.

A taut political thriller adventure. "Sum of All Fears" is more of an ensemble piece in which Ben Affleck is well supported throughout. Every aspect of this movie is authentic looking and highly detailed and technical. "Sum of All Fears" is one of the most sophisticated and potentially timely thrillers I've seen in years.

Ryan convinces his superior, Bill Cabot (Morgan Freeman probably inheriting the role started by James Earl Jones) that more investigation is needed when three key soviet scientists are discovered missing. Cabot sends out an operative, Clark (Liev Schreiber) who finds the three missing soviet scientists who have perfected the new bomb. Later, the bomb has been moved and the scientists killed.

The US President, his staff and Cabot are attending the Super Bowl. It's a timely and harrowing scene when the bomb hidden in a cigarette vendor machine explodes like the H-bomb did to Hiroshima. It's a realistic and frightening scene, the way the bomb's force not only levels the ground, but helicopters in the air.

Now in a race against time to reveal that a neo-fascist is behind this terrorist act, in order to have these two superpower countries eliminate themselves with their nuclear capability. It's a compelling and frightening scenario that heightens the possibility in the wake of 9-11.

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Credit Union to Open Doors

South side residents and community groups have come together and formed the Partnership for a South Side Community Development Credit Union (the Partnership) to open the first community-owned and operated credit union on the south side of Chicago.

The Partnership held one of its latest community meetings, June 8th, at the Robert Taylor Community Center to explain special services and opportunities for public housing residents, and continue mobilizing local support. Cliff Kelley of WVON Radio emceed the meeting and with Minister Bomani Obadele as a keynote speaker.

The credit union will serve residents in 11 south side communities, including from Near South Side, Oakland, Douglas, Grand Boulevard, Kenwood, Hyde Park, Washington Park, Woodlawn,

South Shore, Greater Grand Crossing and Chatham.

Dozen of community groups, businesses, churches, and politicians have also pledged their support for the credit union. Jim E. Cobb, President of the credit union's Board of Directors, is Assistant Vice President of ShoreBank Corporation and a Douglas resident.

The Partnership has already raised \$650,000 in non-member deposits, \$50,000 in secondary capital, and \$132,000 in grants and over 700 pledges totaling \$950,000 in deposits for start-up and first year costs. But still needs fiscal support to begin to be self-sustaining by its 5th year.

"We seek to reverse the flow of capital in the African-American community on the south side," said Al Hofeld, Jr., attorney for the Partnership,

The Partnership also plans to

implement several innovations, such as no-fee access to all ShoreBank ATMs, loans and financial education to CHA residents, matching gifts for micro-enterprise savings accounts, payday alternative loans at reasonable interest rates, and savings incentive programs for members.

The credit union is slated to open between October, 2002, and February, 2003. "Our goal is to create a \$5 million credit union in 5 years," said Cecilia Butler, co-chair of the Partnership. Butler points 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 is no community development credit union on the south side of Chicago.

For further information, call 312-347-8390.

Business

The Chicago Defender

The Sale is on again



Col. Eugene Scott, present publisher of the Chicago Defender



Robert Sengstacke founder of the Chicago Defender

Cook County Circuit Judge Bernetta Bush approved the sale of the Sengstacke Enterprises Inc., publisher of the Chicago Defender, to Real Times Inc., a company headed by Sengstacke relative Thomas Picou.

In exchange for control of the Defender and three weekly newspapers published in Memphis, Detroit and Pittsburgh, Real Times will immediately pay \$3 million in cash, an additional \$3 million plus 12 percent interest over five years, and a final payment of at least \$2.5 million.

The Defender's future has been in question since 1997, when John Sengstacke, publisher and majority owner of Sengstacke Enterprises, died at age 84.

Members of the Sengstacke family had opposed selling to a number of companies that made purchase offers, saying they didn't believe they would allow them to help run the Defender -- as they say the paper's founder, Robert Abbott, would have wanted. (AP)

John H. Sengstacke, publisher and majority owner of Sengstacke Enterprises, died at age 84.



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Bill 602P proposes 5-cent per E-mail

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Many figured this was coming. The last few months have revealed a trend in the United States Government attempting to push through legislation that will affect the use of the Internet.

Under proposed legislation, the US Postal Service will be attempting to bill E-mail users out of "alternative postage fees." The Bill will permit the Federal Government to charge a 5-cent surcharge on every e-mail delivered, by billing Internet Service Providers at source. The consumer would then be billed in turn by the ISP. Washington DC lawyer Richard Stepp is working to prevent the legislation from becoming law.

The Postal Service has claimed lost revenue, due to the proliferation of E-mail, is costing nearly \$230,000,000 in revenue per year. It even developed a recent ad campaign: "There is nothing like a letter."

The average person received about 10 pieces of E-mail per day



United States.

Reported Congressional representative, Tony Schnell (R) has suggested a "\$20-\$40 per month surcharge on all Internet service" above and beyond the proposed E-mail charges.

Ifatunji said most of the major newspapers have ignored the story with the exception of the Washingtonian Post calling the idea "a useful concept who's time has come" (March 6th, 1999 Editorial).

"The public should not sit by and watch their freedom erode away!" Urged Ifatunji. "This message needs to be sent to everyone and to write their congressional representative and say "No" to Bill 602P."

"The public actions could very well be instrumental in killing a bill we do not want."

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in 1998, the cost of the typical individual would be an additional 50 cents a day -- or over \$180 per year -- above their regular Internet costs. This would be money paid directly to the US Postal Service for a service they do not even provide said Mosi A. Ifatunji of the Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy. "The whole point of the Internet is democracy and noninterference." Said Ifatunji. "The public is already paying an exorbitant price for snail mail because of bureaucratic inefficiency."

Ifatunji said, it currently takes up to 6 days for a letter to be delivered from coast to coast. If the Postal Service is allowed to tinker with E-mail, it will mark the end of the "free" Internet in the

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Coalition hit on Fair Housing

940 W. Hudson, a caravan of cars will be decorated parading to arrive at Daley Plaza for a Prayer Vigil. Then, proceeding to 39th and Langley (site of the former Daryl House at Ida B. Wells) for a rally which includes the building of a "Tent City" from boxes and other material. Citizens will be staying overnight to make a statement supporting residents at Ida B. Wells that must vacate their homes by September 31, 2002.

The demonstration is not just for residents of Ida B. Wells, but for the storage of affordable housing.

But the driving force of housing comes from the Chicago Housing Authority Plan for Transformation.

Jamie Kalven, an organizer in Stateway Gardens question if CHA would provide sufficient resources to maintain safe, decent living conditions for residents in currently occupied buildings. "What can be done to ensure that residents have places to go for those who were lease compliant as of October 1, 1999?"

CHA has introduced a project last year to keep track of those who are relocated. However, no report has been submitted to how CHA diverts funds to redevelopment.

Many housing advocates says CHA has a failed policies and others argued that it is a pragmatic, well-conceived effort, to transform public housing to benefit current residents as well as other interests.

"To date, CHA has demolished nearly 10,000 units of low-income housing while replacing only a couple of thousand. Said Carol Steele, Co-founder CPPH.

Housing Overall:

Elected Officials Actions

Housing advocates reports affordable housing for moderate and low-income residents, particularly African Americans and Latinos, is without question a serious crisis in Chicago. Adding many residents can no longer afford to live in their historic neighborhoods.

"The overall crises is the city as a whole." Said Everloyce McCullough, a member of the CFCF and from Englewood.

"The numbers do not add up. There is a shortage of 150,000 units of affordable housing. And Chicago's housing boom has only worsened this problem." Said McCullough.

"Some have argued of a land grab disguised as enlightened social policy." says Kalvin.

Part of CFCF demands to the City is immediate efforts to stabilize rents and more affordable housing. They proposed a Rent Stabilization Proposal that includes, 1. Extend notification

The Dimensions of the Problem

Chart prepared by Danielle Walters

Number of legal households living in family developments as of 9/1/01, according to the CHA's "Plan for Transformation - Year 3" draft annual plan for FY2002	14,209
Number of legal residents living in family developments as of 9/1/01, according to the CHA's "Plan for Transformation - Year 3" draft annual plan for FY2002	43,552
Average family size based on the number of legal residents living in family developments and the number of legal households in family developments (43,552 legal residents / 14,209 households)	3.07 legal residents per household
Ratio of leaseholders to non-leaseholders based on "The Robert Taylor Relocation Study"	2 leaseholders : 1 non-leaseholder
Estimated number of non-leaseholding CHA residents based on "The Robert Taylor Relocation Study" ratio and number of legal residents as of 9/1/01 (43,552 legal residents x 0.33)	14,373 estimated non-leaseholders
Percent of non-leaseholders assessed by The CARA Program at Stateway Gardens who are living with leaseholders	76%
Percent of non-leaseholders assessed by The CARA Program at Stateway Gardens who are living in vacant units	24%
Estimated number of non-leaseholders living with leaseholders throughout the Chicago Housing Authority based on The CARA Program assessment proportions from Stateway Gardens (14,373 non-leaseholders x 0.76)	10,924 estimated non-leaseholders living with leaseholders
Estimated number of non-leaseholders living in vacant units throughout the Chicago Housing Authority based on The CARA Program assessment proportions from Stateway Gardens (14,373 non-leaseholders x 0.24)	3,450 estimated non-leaseholders living in vacant units
Total number of beds in Chicago homeless shelters on December 16, 2001, according to Chicago Department of Human Services	5,825
Total number of occupied beds in Chicago homeless shelters on December 16, 2001, according to Chicago Department of Human Services	5,584
Total number of available beds in Chicago homeless shelters on December 16, 2001, according to the Chicago Department of Human Services	241

of rent increase. 2. Ban rent increases in buildings with significant code violations. And, increase incentives to build and maintain affordable units.

The coalitions have been lining up meetings with aldermen for support. So far they have meet with Ed Smith (28) and Ted Thomas (15).

McCullough, reported both gave their support to the ordinance proposals, and they recommended continued lobbying for the mayor's support, for many aldermen tend to follow Daley's lead.

Ald. Smith said he would be willing to be one of the sponsors of the proposals, at a meeting with the editorial board of the *Chicago Defender*. Congressman Danny Davis is also sought to be a sponsor.

Stephanie Lane a spokesperson of the coalition said they would like to meet with every Alderman and Mayor. But so far they have not received an acknowledgment of their demands to the Mayor.

"If we do not get one from Mayor Daley, we will do a "wake-up call for him as well." Lane said.

Mayor Daley did kick off the National Home Ownership Month, observing National Home Ownership Month in June. In a press statement he acknowledged the housing concerns and he is doing everything he can about it.

The City reported, since 1989, it has produced programs for more than 8,000 families to buy homes and helped another 25,000 rehab and repair their homes.

The Mayor also announced

an increase in purchase price limits for the City Mortgage program. A program targeted to 18 neighborhoods for \$100 million in mortgage assistance. The program is open to families or individuals who are buying a home for the first time.

One thousand families are expected to qualify, who have incomes below 120 percent of area median income.

Addressing the Mayor's position on public housing, CHA, Executive Director, Terry Peterson, nor his spokesperson Derrick Hill, would not return SSJ telephone calls.

Rene Maxwell, a member of the CPPH and organizer of Cabrine Green development said, "All roads lead to City Hall."

"CHA Housing Transformation Plan is the drive effecting housing overall. The city government knows they are disfranchising low-income people. Making this a civic obligation of the whole city to address." Said Maxwell.

He pointed out supporting the overnight "Tent Out" on June 19 in Ida B. Wells is other coalitions such as Balance Development, the Rehab Network, and The Accountability Committee who is putting on their agenda to establish dialogue with CHA and leaders of CHA Central Advisory Councils to asset the housing concerns for a more accountable direction for residents. A move Maxwell said is one they would like more organizations to do.

To contact the CFCF call 773 862 1876 or 773 562 7492, or by email, stephalne@riseup.net, CPPH, John Barlett at 773-292-4980 x 224.

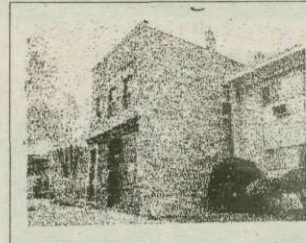
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Coalition Police and Courts

threats by playing Russian Roulette, and physical beatings with flashlights, rubber hoses, and black jacks.

After more than two decades and civic actions, from pressure of JCGC and others, in April, Chief Judge Paul P. Biebel appointed a Special Prosecutor to conduct a criminal investigation into torture allegations and the ongoing conspiracy to hide the torture information.

Other issues concerning activists include U.S. Attorney Fitzgerald, the Department of Justice and State's Attorney Dick Devine simultaneous and public agreement to close the book on the wrongful death by police officers of Latonya Haggerty and Robert Russ. "This case is the tip of the iceberg cases involving police/state's attorney abuse of power, corruption and murder in Chicago," says Said Lydia Taylor of JCGC.

Devine was recognized by the Judge as having a clear conflict of interest, as he defended Burge while in private practice with his law firm Phelan, Pope and John, and was paid nearly \$850,000 in said defense by the City of Chicago.

Neither is Mayor Daley exempt from scrutiny in the investigation, as he was the States Attorney when the complaints of torture first came to light. Daley dismissed the charges, exonerated Burge and recommended Burge for promotion.

"We are getting closer to getting the bad apples tossed out the barrel and prosecuted." Said Taylor. The JCGC and Amnesty International are searching for wrongful convictions based upon law enforcers misconduct practices.

The organizations are compiling information for submission to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) about patterns and practices of police abuse of power, misconduct, brutality, torture, perjury, obstruction of justice, conspiracy to obstruct justice, and other offenses by police officers.

"We have seen important changes developing to eliminate the errors in our criminal justice system. But our work is far from over." Said Taylor.

JCGC is seeking persons who would be willing to submit their stories of law enforcers misconduct.

"This is a very important step that requires documentation," said Taylor. "Whether that person is the victim, incarcerated, or awaiting for trial we want the outline of the incident, including officers involved, the State's Attorney's office staff at the police station and in court, the judge's name or courtroom.

Send information to: Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago Attn: Lydia Taylor 618 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 700, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

Englewood

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its decision to prepare an alternative retail proposal to the City's Planning Department by June 15th. Furthermore, the Task Force created an ad hoc committee called Productivity and Employment for Englewood Residents (PEER Inc.) that will craft a Community-wide Benefit Package to better prepare the people and businesses for economic opportunities.

In the meantime, the public will watch closely the outcome from all this activity in Englewood. The Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force will meet again on Monday, June 10th, 5 p.m. at Kelly Li-

brary- 6151 South Normal Blvd.

Dancy said the Chamber is in the process to submit a list of 30 black businesses that have interest and business ability to be part of the commercial growth of Englewood. As Mr. Dancy puts it, "You think the city is interested in playing ball? We believe there's time to forge a local partnership, the ball is in the City and Alderman's court."

Upon repeated calls to the City's Department of Planning and Development, they did not return calls for over three weeks. For more information call (773) 436-6496.

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Mayor

Black community that goes back to when he was States Attorney."

The Odds of winning

Historically, independents including, Eugene Sawyer, Tim Evans, Judge Eugene Pincham, Danny Davis, Roland Burris, Bobby Rush and the late Joe Gardner, all have not been able to defeat Daley. With each election Daley gained an increase of Black votes. A candidate would have to be prepared to address Daley's political and financial might of reportedly a campaign chest over a \$4.7 million.

In addressing the political direction Pat Hill, Executive Director of the African American Police League and a convener of The Committee said, "Because the lack of sufficient funds, some candidates who can make an effective run for mayor may be concerned about the lack of funds, unable to get their message out as they would like. But as a collective

effort of progressive thinkers we can make it happen in this election."

"Daley will use the office to run a tightly calibrated effort to dilute the issues and political leadership." Crosby explained. "However, voters and independents are looking for answers. In the public's frustration we are presenting this Mayoral Plebiscite as clear direction for change."

Julian Green of the Mayor's office informed SSJ that that the Mayor has yet to announce he will be seeking reelection. Adding, "The Mayor's focus is on the city and the resident, putting fourth programs to benefit the city of Chicago."

"The Mayor has always said that the election process of the city, state and federal government is an open process and he does not discourage people who are seeking to serve the public from running from office".

The Committee hopes to confirm who the candidate will be by Mid July. Stating the Poll is a cooperative partnership essential to ensuring a quality candidate to run against Daley.

The Accountability Committee In preparation of the long overdue and highly awaited Mayoral Plebiscite II

The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Chicago. The mayor is elected every four years in the year immediately preceding the presidential election. The mayor is elected on a non-partisan ballot with the election being held on the fourth Tuesday in February. A supplemental (run off) election is held in April if necessary.

The Public Poll

The primary purpose of this plebiscite (your vote) is to involve a very large number of Chicagoans in this process. The following are prospective candidates for the office of the Mayor of the City of Chicago for the Mayoral Election to be held on February 25, 2003.

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Kelly, Clifford	Former Alderman, WVON Talk show host	
Leak Sr., Spencer	President, A.R. Leak Funeral	
Mosley-Braun, Carol	Former U.S. Senator, and U.S. Ambassador	
Obama, Barak	State Senator, 13 th Senatorial Dist.	
Orr, David	Cook County Clerk	
Preckwinkle, Toni	4 th Ward Alderman	
Rush, Bobby	1 st Congressional Dist.	
Santos, Marian	Former City Treasurer	
Steele, Bobbie	Cook County Commissioner	
Trotter, Donnie	State Senator, 16 th Senatorial Dist.	
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