

Jakes closer to announce mayoral bid



In a twist of the Mayoral race of 2003, Rev. Paul Jakes is expected to announce his bid for Mayor of the City of Chicago against Richard Daley. A move after Spencer Leak, Sr. of AR Leak and Sons, pulled back. Raising the question if there is a Black leadership consensus or interest to change the administration in Chicago?

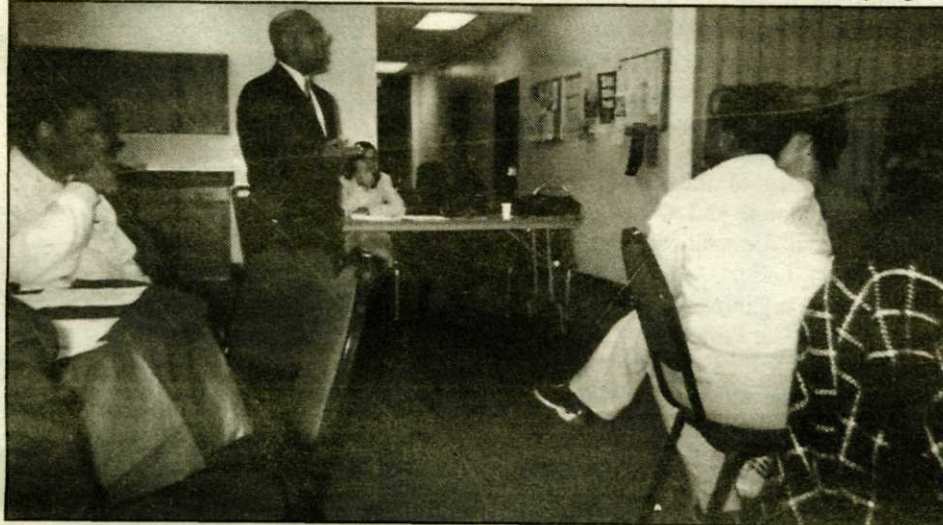
Leak, who showed interest early August as the winner of The Accountability Committee (TAC) citywide survey, said he has not seen the support needed to run a successful campaign.

In the height of Leak declining, TAC is expected to formally announce their choice for mayor October 3, and report to the Chicago Defender. Sources say they will be

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Empowerment Zone

Wallace Goode addresses Bronzeville Block Club on Empowerment Zone program



Last \$7 million of \$100 million in Grants and loans now targeting small businesses

Douglas - Wallace Goode, Executive Director of the Chicago Empowerment Zone (EZ) program, used last week's Bronzeville Block Club meeting to address the last round of the \$100 million in EZ funds developed in 1994. The remaining \$7 million will focus on small business development.

On the same night, just a mile away on 50th and Wabash, the South Side Empowerment Zone Cluster's monthly meeting discussed the same agenda, financial assistance to small businesses.

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Englewood

59th Street and Halsted

Ald. Coleman: "On hold until Black partnership is secured with Koreans businesses"



So far, the \$24 million retail project at 59th and Halsted consist of all Korean Merchants

By Donnell Robinson
Staff Writer

East Englewood - Ald. Shirley Coleman of the 16th ward says, "In listening to the people of my ward, a pro-

posed agreement with Korean businesses is in the works."

It will reflect the racial makeup of the neighborhoods."

The Task Force of Greater Englewood and other groups pushed for a greater dialogue with Korean Merchants and the Englewood Businessmen

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Kenner & Daniels address

insurance overcharge; in Englewood



Rep. Kenner



Elder Daniels

East Englewood—After Elder Leon Daniels of Unity Church of God in Christ was informed by residents of insurance over charging, he immediately brought it to the attention of State Representative Howard Kenner (15). They are calling for residents to bring their insurance policies to a public meeting Saturday, October 10th at Kelly Branch, 62nd and Normal.

Many of the life insurance policies were sold door-to-door and paid a few hundred dollars. The policies were mostly used to pay for burials, and customers premiums.

Insurance companies during that time often charged black customers more than whites be-

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Inside South Street The New Englewood Terrace

After the demolition of Robert Taylor Homes, the New Englewood Terrace (NET) is now the Tallest building on the south side, serving the needs of low-income people.

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On Barber Shop
A touch of urban reality into the sitcom world.



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2nd City, on 47th St.

The nation's premiere comedy club, the "granddaddy" of improv theater, responsible for programs like Saturday Night Live, Mad TV and other sketch-comedies, is coming to 47th Street. To some it's not so funny.

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Politics leaving voters stranded

Voters the middle of the 15th Senatorial District Black political fight

By Yohance Lacour
Associate Editor

Far South—With November elections approaching, nearly everyone, Democrat and Republican, has the full support of their respective parties for the general election on November 5.

However, in the 15th Senatorial race, the verbal battle raging between democratic incumbent Senator William Shaw and new party challenger Rev. James Meeks of Selma Baptist Church is becoming a, "my Black is better than yours' type of race," according to Rev. Al Sampson, who is a voter in the district.

Both candidates have dealt some harsh words, making the race rather interesting. With



little attention being given to issues in Springfield, the contest is shaping up to be a battle of political organizations and their respective

backers.

Rev. Meeks, executive vice president of Rainbow/PUSH and successor to Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. formed a new political party to run against Shaw, making the race three sided. The Republican Party picked candidate Phillip R. Arnold, in the wake of the republican party's absence in the March primary.

The 15th District covers the far Southside of Chicago and the suburbs. This election is just one of the many campaigns between the Shaws and Rainbow/PUSH. Shaw challenged Jackson in the primary congressional race. The congressional representative is now heavily involved to defeat Shaw, asserting his support for his pastor Rev. Meeks.

With Meeks international fame, his influences for the past years in the Greater Roseland community was heightened in part by a

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The UnZip

by the Weatherman

This is a major story but SSJ was up against deadline: There is a Black man running for Governor.. He's from mid south Illinois and he could be a threat if Rod Blagoievick doesn't address those brothers that should up at his rally on 34th and Indiana and signify and embaress over 21 Black elected officials and leaders on stage with Blagoievick. SSJ missed the action by 10 minutes, so it wouldn't be fair to say who was on the stage. Note: State Rep. Connie Howard came after SSJ. You just have to ask around.

The Cola giants are getting upset with "Rumors, and Rumors of War." Do not drink any Pepsi-Cola products after September 11th." was distributed online. Rumors also has it that billions of Coca Cola profits were donated to Israel and its struggle with the people in Palestine. Coca-Cola, parent of, Pepper Fanta Fruitopia Kia Ora, Lite Sprite Sunkist, and Schweppes, says its all false. Numbers show that the company has a major profit margin in the East. On the brighter side, The Coca Cola people are somewhat busy beavers here in Chicago as aboard. They co-sponsored with the DuSable Museum the Children's Penny Cinema Series.They also announced a leadership gift of \$1 million to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center slated to open in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2004. the mission is to use the lessons of courage, cooperation and perseverance of the Underground Railroad... Also in Cincinnati, of course the economic boycott is still on. Though, people (black) are not adhering to it. Reports are that the weekend of September 13-14. The Morgan State vs. Norfolk Black College Football game, with \$13 million plus of revenue. Black Colleges received \$1-million. And with the



concerts of Ashanti and P-Funk All-Stars, Some brothers feel they are really showing disrespect for the for not supporting the boycott.

Remember the one and only one Harold B. Rush, now in Atlanta, may be making return to Chicago Radio, possibly with Richard Steele.

Who lost the development the contract for 63rd and Halsted? Well, UBM's - Don King, African American contractor whom recently won the contract to construct the 67th and Stony Island Fire Station.

Get this, former Chicago Bob Love, has received the support of Mayor Daley against Ald. Ted Thomas. Thomas' campaign consultant Al Kindle is going to have to jump several hoops to maintain the courts, 4th and 15th.

Are Aldermen are trying to promote gambling in their wards? Here's the facts on Gambling according to Clarence Terry's: Illinois State Lottery revenues report. Englewood, Roseland, Auburn Gresham, in four Zip Codes: 60617, 60619, 60620, and 60628-- are the biggest spenders, totaling more than \$80 Million in 2001, and 2002 nearly \$84 Million since July. - There are 45 other zip codes, including Park—Forest, Matteson, and Dolton. Whose zip codes (60466, 60443, and 60419 make for a combined lottery revenue of \$9 Million in 2001, and \$11 Million so far in 2002 fiscal year.

Well, the book, "Kings", the real story of Blacks and the Lottery (policy) in the Bronzeville community is expected to be released next month. And the long awaited Webb Evan's book, How Blacks Can Get Up off the Bottom, will be released as well.

A voice at the University of Chicago speaks out about the re-gentrification going on in Bronzeville. U of C claims that's not true. Right. Just like Woodlawn was not 30 years ago. - H.

Rev. Jesse Jackson will be celebrating his birthday October 10, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

A. Philip Randolph

Ask most people who led the 1963 March on Washington and they will probably tell you Martin Luther King, Jr. But the real force behind the event was the man many call the pre-eminent black labor leader of the century and the father of the modern civil rights movement: A. Philip Randolph.

Despite his outstanding academic record he was reduced to menial labor, and headed North - to Harlem. Randolph's early years saw him against the fervor of the Harlem Renaissance where he encountered the socialism of Eugene Debs, became a renowned soapbox orator and, with Chandler Owen, founded the radical magazine *The Messenger*.

In response to the race riots of 1919, Randolph and Owen formed the National Association for the Promotion of Labor Unionism Among Negroes. It organized the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Randolph leaped onto the national stage when he called for a March on Washington in protest. According to CORE founder James Farmer, "Roosevelt could not take the chance that 25,000 people would be protesting in Washington when he was calling the U.S. the arsenal of democracy." Roosevelt signed Executive Order 8002 banning such discrimination and the march was called off.

In 1963, Randolph called again for a March on Washington. When he introduced Dr. King, "symbolically, the torch was passed from one generation of fighters to another."

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Friends of History and Culture:

North Pullman - Small organizations often host impromptu events. This is the case in the struggle to preserve the historical experience of the A. Philip Randolph Museum Gallery within the George Pullman Tourism Destination at 111th & Cottage Grove.

On August 25th the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP) annual hosted a fund-raiser and founding anniversary celebration for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters A highlight of the event honored Black Firefighters from New York City.

The event was not only a resounding success, it exceeded its vision. We honored both the BSCP and the Firefighters. They deserved it. We wanted the NYC Firefighters to see the black community of Chicago can and will support our own. When they stepped out of the car to the event, they saw a sea of faces, all there for them honoring them, a truly historic occasion.

The *Chicago Defender* our media partner publicize the

event heavily and highlighted the historical connection with the Pullman Porters:

In the midst of political corruption, millions of city and state tax dollars have been allocated to preserve the legacy of George Pullman a devoted racist, in heart of the African American community on the far Southside of Chicago.

With the powers that rule in both political parties is to withhold the resources, destroy the indigenous local culture and replace it with culture from a euro centric perspective. This event was to keep our history alive!

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Funds for Ex-offenders re-entry Programs. Rep. Danny K. Davis

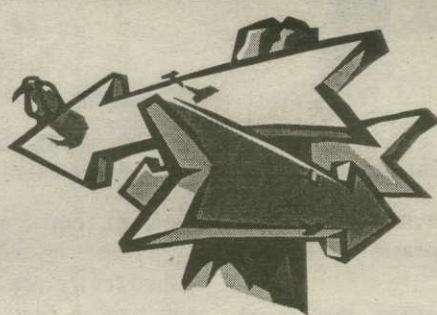
Cong. Danny Davis (7) announced that the U. S. Department of Justice awarded the State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Corrections a grant for prisoner re-entry of \$2,000,000 for the Department's Serious and Violent Offenders Re-Entry Initiative."

"This grant will allow the Illinois Department of Corrections to target 200

adult male offenders ages 18-24 years and 10 juveniles ages 14-17 who will be released in the North Lawndale Community. Less intensive re-entry services will also be provided to parolees in the West Garfield, Austin and West Humboldt Park Communities of Chicago."

Congressman Davis commended the Department of Justice and the Illinois

Department of Corrections on this initiative and says he sees some positive outcomes to help better understand and deal more effectively with the issues surrounding ex-offender re-entry into society. For info call (773) 533-7520 tumia.romero@mail.house.gov

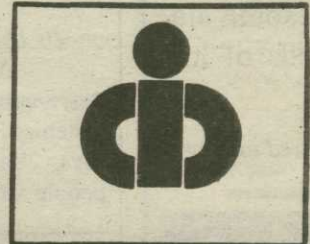


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The Education of Chicago Schools Grade Flunking & High-Stakes Testing



Alderman Leslie Hairston (5) at one of the school opens, says that she has seen many reports on the trouble of the schools with many solutions. "Some are just to general. However the major answer is the parents working hard with the students is key."

An intensified reading program, a new teachers' academy, smaller high schools, an enhanced commitment to school safety, more after school programs and schools that serve as 'community centers'; and will help make 2002-2003 another successful school year, Mayor Richard M. Daley announced the beginning of the school year

The Mayor praised School Board President Michael Scott, CEO Arne Duncan and their staff for putting together initiatives 'that build on the success of the last year and stay focused on a few key commitments. The question remains why Chicago students are continuing to fail.'

An over view of the Chicago public schools system sees a discord view. In the State of Illinois, of the 232 schools failing to meet standardized test requirement, 77% are in Chicago, of the 1.5 million elementary pupils in the state. Only 78 city schools meet the standardized test requirements.

In 1997, Chicago launched a nationally-watched program designed to "end social promotion" by flunking thousands of students that failed reach a minimum scores on the reading and math Iowa Test, after they attended summer school.

On September 13, the school system released disturbing results it reported 13,308 Chicago students had been flunked after the 2002 summer school term. This is the highest number flunked since the program began and nearly twice the number flunked in summer 2001.

"This dramatic upsurge is especially disturbing for two reasons," said Dr. Donald Moore of Designs for Change. "First, research has

shown that Chicago's retention program harms rather than helps students. As in other cities, retained students don't achieve better than similar low-achieving students who are not retained, and retained students are much more likely to drop out."

"Second, the program's supporters said that the number of students flunked would drop over time, because students would work harder to avoid being flunked. But the number of students who have been flunked is at an all-time high." Reported Moore.

"Flunking students is politically popular, but is an educational failure. Research indicates that these low-achieving students should be promoted, but given intensive special help," Moore said.

Duncan reported CPS has higher reading test scores. This increase is a result of the new reading initiative. Which requires two hours daily reading in elementary schools, reading specialists in 114 schools with the lowest reading scores and mandatory summer school for children who are behind in reading at the end of the third grade.

CPS reported the schools are adding 40 more reading specialists, encouraging schools to work toward three hours of reading per day, and providing additional literacy training and mandatory summer school will continue for third graders who are falling behind.

Looking at the financial side, Duncan revealed that the higher attendance resulting from the citywide back-to-school campaign last year garnered CPS \$10 million in addi-

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BARBERSHOP



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The recently released movie *Barbershop* gave audiences a high spirited version of life recounts the real life talk with history and reality.

If anyone did not know who Rosa Parks was before the film came out, they do now.

Three weeks after its release the movie is still number one at the box office. The first tickets sells were \$39 million. There is talk of a sitcom and a sequel.

Spencer Leak described the remarks on Black leaders profane and disrespectful. Spencer claimed that the movie was a false representation. "If a black patron had disrespected Rosa Parks in that manner he would also have had his black bottom kicked out of the barber shop by the real black barbers of this city." Stated Leak.

The movie tackled with daring and relevant, controversial topics definitely segregating it self from the rest. It has prompted discussions across the nation.

Mrs. Jacquelyn Jackson and Spencer Leak Sr. called a community meeting to discuss the film; one attendee described it as historic, that represented many views on "Barbershop." One man suffered a heart attack during his remarks.

Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. was a cameo role. But strip content was an issue in his negotiation. The Jack-

sons received the movie strip before it was finished. But conflicting reports concerning what it contained when they reviewed it.

Rev. Jackson, issued a statement after he spoke to Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King III, the Parks family and several other civil rights leaders and their families felt highly insulted by the remarks as

and videos. When Arnold Schwarzenegger's action movie, *Collateral Damage*, had certain scenes of the World Trade Center which were insensitive and inappropriate after 9-11, they were removed. When Michael Jackson's *Dangerous* video made remarks insulting to Jewish people, the scenes were removed from the video." remarks Jackson.

"History professor Willie Dixon Jr. WVON talk host, felt the remarks were not justified. He added there were others before Parks who gave up their seats. And mentioned, Fannie Lu Hammer with her known statement of "Sick and tired of being sick and tired."

Beverly Reed a columnist for the *Chicago Defender* wrote, "The generation gap is as wide as the Grand Canyon. It is not so much about the movie *Barbershop* as it is about an appreciation for our own struggle."

"Somehow we didn't pass along the facts to the next generation. Most of the time we just wait for Black History Month and let *Eyes On The Prize* tell the story." Said Reed.

"It is too bad *Barbershop* went there for a laugh but they did. Instead of wasting too much energy saying you are a bad boy I would like to see a bit more outreach done where it counts. With the folks who spent 39 million dollars in a couple of weeks to watch the movie. Our kids."



the butt of jokes and to that turn tragedy into comedy.

Jackson and others asked for MGM Studios alone with the film actors and producers to apologize, and delete the portion of the film in question from DVDs, videotapes and any other future releases. The producers apologize.

"There is a clear precedent for removing insulting scenes and insensitive comments from both films

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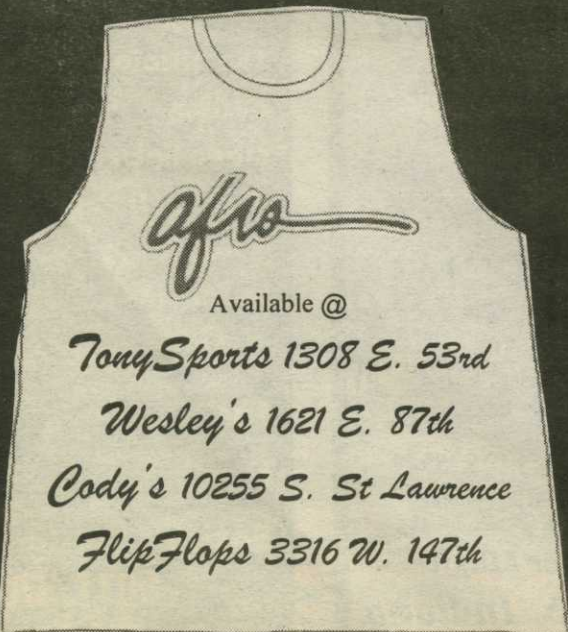
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2nd City, on 47th

Grand Blvd.—The Nommo Gathering's August 3rd production debuted their long-anticipated, summer sketch comedy revue. The writers were part of the Second City's Black comic writers training. The group combined satire and hilarious social commentary, addressing everything from African-American media stereotypes, corporate icons like Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben, to docile slaves and Black voting habits.

Second City Training Center is beginning efforts to diversify its stages. With plans to open on 47th Street, in the midst of urban gentrification in Bronzeville, questions were raised behind the scenes as to whether or not the entertainment being provided for the newly created community is being redeveloped to adhere to the neighborhood's new social makeup.

The City of Chicago awarded \$850,118 in Federal Empowerment Zone money to Second City to open a comedy club/training center on the northwest corner of 47th and King Drive (once hailed as Downtown Black America). The funds were awarded in the wake of the closing of the world famous Palm Tavern, an institution that has been part of Bronzeville since founded in 1933.

The city is in the process of acquiring the building for the \$1.4 million restoration project according to the owner, Andrew Alexander.

The project is a partnership with Black investors, with Eliz Higginbottom of East

Lake Management being the developer. It will include a 150-seat theater. Alexander said the land purchase is delaying the project, which is being purchased under the city's Eminent Domain clause.

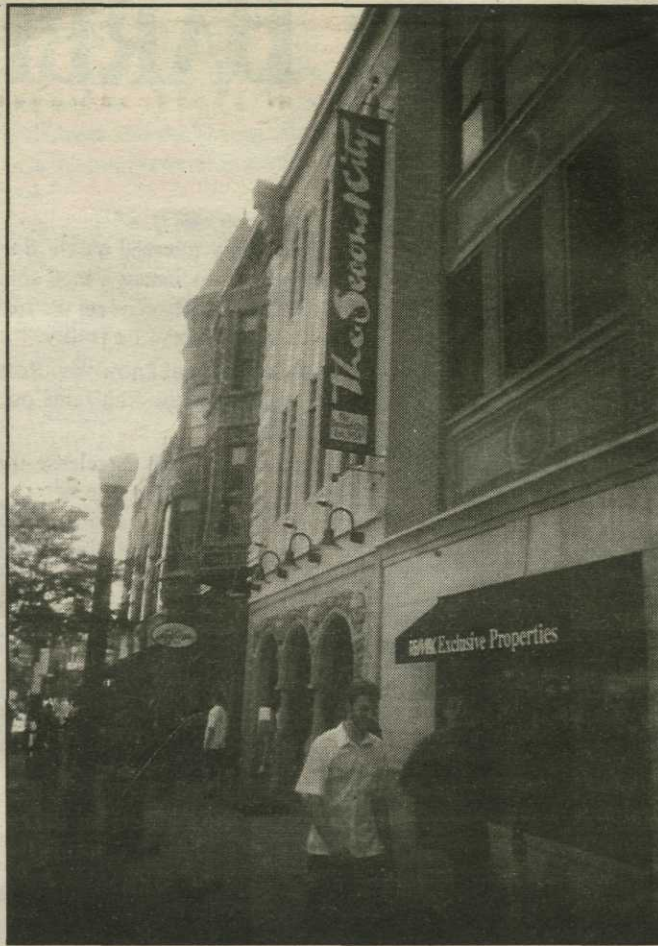
"People are concerned expressing outrage over the lack of inclusion and participation by African Americans," said Nat Thompson, a historian and community activist.

"A partnership with the likes of Bernie Mac, Robert Townsend, Chi McBride, Tim Reid, Adele Givens, and Gerri Oliver, of the Palm Tavern property and other home-grown talent should have been given a chance," charged Thompson.

Thompson added, "For some reason we can't seem to get these funds through our own organizations regardless of how many years we have existed or what our track records may be."

One resident, who requested that his name be withheld asked, "what about African American ownership and involvement in administrative positions in Second City's training facility?"

"By all means necessary, low-income Black people should be involved in the governance of the project, since Second City is the beneficiary of a Chicago EZ



Grant," the anonymous resident declared. It is not certain to what extent the community was involved in sanctioning these funds. However all EZ funds in a ward have the approval of the Alderman, who in this case is Dorothy Tillman (3rd), who's office is directly across the street from the proposed site.

Included with the grant businesses tax credits and exemptions are given from the City for hiring local residents.

Aldermanic candidate Kenny Sawyer charged that, "this is an example of elected officials quietly passing legislation in the Chicago City Council giving money to millionaires to interpret the cultural heritage experience of Bronzeville, while denying that privilege to long running businesses like Gerri's Palm Tavern."

In regards to Black contributors, Nommo

Gathering director, and founder, Stephan Gadlin who had internal differences with Second City management, said many of the writers acknowledged Second City for underwriting their classes and allowing them to participate. "But others found themselves having to fight to open doors long closed. Then once inside those doors, finding their talents and opportunity locked in the basement."

"So often, African Americans who are hired by white theatres, production companies and the like, are given token positions and paraded before the public during "diversity" time to prove how "inclusive" an organization is," said Gadlin.

Gadlin's concern focused on Black writers who simply turn over their material to the "watchful" eyes of major producers, writers, directors, and so forth.

Alexander told SSJ his company has been working on this project for some time claiming that Nommo represents one of many ensembles of African-American writers that will have the training. Adding, "For those reasons, we are coming on 47th Street for the purpose of training. And now most of them have moved on," stated Alexander.

Alexander added that Dionna Griffin is serving as Bronzeville producer for Second City's minority outreach coordinator, searching for blacks and other minorities.

Gadlin and Alexander agreed that the writers in the training program have succeeded with quality, colorful and funny material. "I do not want these hard working writers to be maligned in any way, nor for them to feel that their efforts and hard work have once again been relegated to 'slave and master'," Gadlin asserted.

For five decades Second City, the nation's premiere comedy improv theater, has been touted as the "grand-daddy" of all improv, the inspiration behind Saturday Night Live, Mad TV and other sketch-comedies. Equally, it has launched the careers of a number of popular Black and white comedians in America.

Since participating in the program, the Nommo Gathering has opened the doors

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What about the 27,000 people forced out of Bronzeville? an accountability lesson

As the Chicago Department of Planning and Development unveiled the 20-year plan for the Loop, and 300,000 people gathered at the intersection of East 47th Street and King Drive for the 'Bring It on Home to Me' Roots festival, the questions remains, "Does your neighborhood have a 20 year plan?"

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Woodlawn Social Service Network Monthly State of Community Address:

Woodlawn - What's available and what's missing for the mental health in the Woodlawn community? That was the subject of this month's luncheon for the State of Community Address: Mental Health Services in Woodlawn.

On September 20th at the Woodlawn Mental Health Center on 6337 S. Woodlawn, panelists include representatives from the Woodlawn Mental Health Center, Lutheran Social Services, Thresholds and Ada S. McKinley Intervention Services joined the Woodlawn Social Service Network (WSSW) for their monthly network meeting.

"For us this an important community meeting," said Laura Singer, who runs the Living Room and the Cyber Café program on 64th and Cottage Grove.

WSSW is a coalition of community agencies and institutions dedicated to assessing and meeting the existing and emerging social service needs of the Woodlawn community.

While identifying unmet needs in the community many of the activities they support are to facilitate networking and collaboration among community agencies and institutions, and publicize existing services, events, opportunities com-



Laura Singer

munity: Collaborate to provide services to fill service gaps. Identify and apply for funding for social services in the Woodlawn community. Singer explained that, last August, thirty members of WSSW discussed solutions to violence in Woodlawn. "All Woodlawn agencies and institutions are encouraged to re-

view the possible solutions and look at how their organization can play a greater role in reducing violence in the community," she said.

The monthly Networking Luncheon is held the third Friday of every month 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Steering Committee consists of Arvis Averette, Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors (WeCAN), Deborah Burns, Bessie Coleman Library, David Hays, University of Chicago Service Center, Terrance Miller, Woodlawn Development Associates, Badonna Reingold, Woodlawn Mental Health Center, Laura Singer, Chair, William Smith, Illinois Department of Human Services and Joseph Strickland, MAGIC

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Englewood

Association to ensure a maximum level of local benefits to residents and current employees. In addition affords to avoid the problems of over-saturation of retail services in the core of the Englewood Mall.

So far, the \$24 million retail project at 59th and Halsted consist of all Korean Merchants with 1 owner maintaining 10% under the Englewood Commercial Development Corporation.

The "Alternative Proposal will be an agreement with Project Able and ECDC that now will include black businesses where the Korean merchants will relocate businesses making room for the Kennedy King College relocation on 63rd Street.

Project Able is a black business organization in Chicago where a membership requirement is that one must have a million dollars cash in the bank. Melvin Reydows of Loop Capital Marketing is head of the group and did not return phone calls.

On hold as well, requested by Coleman is the City to acquire 29 properties to accommodate merchants. In addition, the \$5.4 million support from the City of Chicago.

As demolition is taking place around the 63rd and Halsted area, the main development, in all there will be three retail projects proposed for the Englewood commercial development. The third one is to be constructed at 63rd and Un-

ion to build a 70,000-square-foot commercial center, which will anchor a Walgreen's Drug Store and a McDonald's restaurant.

The 63rd St. area of Englewood is home to over 80 businesses of which only 5 of Black owned according to Arnez Dancy of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, and a 16th ward aldermanic candidate. He cautioned the community "Clearly Englewood is moving forward and these projects prove it. What major action needs to happen is for the community; the city and developers ensure that Black businesses are part of it.

With Englewood being the last economic frontier for Blacks in the city of Chicago. In the case of

Franz Printers and Stuff N Things, businesses in the 63rd Street area are interested in staying in the area, but may not be able to pay the more expensive rent to stay.

There is still room for other projects in the area to part of the development and I welcome the community to sit down with me and plan them out."

Coleman added that part of the agreement developers in the joint venture is a 2% profit set aside for a community job-training program.

In all Coleman says \$62 million is on the table for investing in the community, with programs such as the TIFF, housing and other government programs.

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Jakes in the Mayoral Race

present for Rev. Jakes' announcement on Monday, October 7, at Old St. Paul, located on the Westside, where he is the pastor.

Bruce Crosby, co-convenor of TAC would not say if Jakes is their choice. However, he did say, "it is interesting how things change."

Jakes was actually thrown into the ring by former Congressman Gus Savage during an appearance on the Cliff Kelly WVON radio program, a conflicting story was reported in the *Chicago Defender*.

Savage was asked on the radio program to run, at which time he responded that he felt too old and hinted that Rev.

Jakes should run. Savage remarks lead TAC and other community members meeting with Jakes in their mission to replace Daley. However, Jakes said he received several calls from prominent leaders urging him not to run.

Up against the clock, with the citywide candidates and aldermanic petitions in circulation since September 17th, Bob Anderson, a consultant to Jakes said, "an Exploratory Committee is being organized for a progres-



Mayor Richard Daley



Bruce Crosby



Gus Savage

sive candidate for Mayor." Adding, "Rev. Jakes is expected to be high on the list."

In order for Jakes or any mayoral candidate to get on the ballot at least 25,000 registered voters signatures needs to be filed --five times the number needed to run for governor or any other statewide office of 5,000 in Illinois.

Challenging the signature requirements, TAC had three meetings with the Chicago Board of Elections and Chairman Langdon

Neal consistently refused to compromise. Taking the matter to court, TAC, accompanied four plaintiffs, along with Atty. Avila filed a federal lawsuit asking for a reduction in the signatures for filing for citywide office. Crosby says the number should be between 1,800 and 2,500. "Our argument is that the signature requirements are unconstitutional. But we can meet it if need to."

There are four other candidates in the race, Rafael Chagin, Rev. Joseph McAfee, Robert Martini, and Rev. Floid Plump. The mayor himself is expected to enter. However, insiders suggest that could wage on the mayor's wife health.

Upon getting on the ballot a Black candidate must fight harder than ever to wake up the Black constituencies and overcome Daley's growing outside influences in the Black electoral process. In addition, according to Ald. Shirley Coleman, Daley has proven to be a good mayor for the city.

Joining Coleman, many Black elected officials off the record agree that Daley has not been fair to blacks believe that he is not beatable.

Having breakfast with Jakes at Edans Restaurant on Madison Ave., Verdell Trice a member of Senator Rickey Hendon's organization said. "The comfort level is so high in the African-American community that we feel the racism and discrimination in the

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ELECTED ROLL CALL



Black Political Action Committee gearing up for the Aldermanic races, has begun their slant, Arness Dancy (16), JoAnn Bradley (24), Donald Greer (28), Jesse Evans (21), and not pictured, Donald Greer, (28)

The new ward Madigan maps, for new Aldermen? pays Remap Consultants

are now available at City Hall in Room 103. Because of redistricting, 30% of the Black voters in Chicago have a new ward. A change in which the newly formed Black Political Action Committee (BEPAC) is gearing for a city hall change in February 2003 election.

"This election will see a high level of candidates running as a slate of candidates independently of Mayor Richard Daley. Said a spokesperson for BEPAC.

"Our candidates are going to be running their own campaigns but together we are bringing to the city council, aldermen with principles to govern their decisions. "Parks and flowers have not blind us to the real legislative issues Daley influence has in our wards."

Preparing aldermanic candidates for the February election, the Task Force for Black Political Empowerment will soon be announcing their aldermanic campaign workshop.

In the 3rd Ward Race

Report are that Pat Hill will run not run for Alderman in the third ward against Dorothy Tillman, but is leaning her support to Kenny Sawyer, a relative to former Mayor Eugene Sawyer. Also in the race is Pat Dowell who recently held a fund raiser at the home of Jim and Sandra Washington's house-- with support of members of the Grand Blvd Homeowners Association.

One big part of their main goals is to be to create change- especially since many of them feel powerless. According to Mel Monroe, of GBHO.

Paul's Corner Liquor Store at political issue?

In the 17th Ward, announced candidate Tyrone DeAndre' Hawthorne says in will look into political over-tones surrounding 79th St. Market, at 79th & Vincennes. Paul Pappas, the owner was closed down by the city, and now is subject to being the only liquor store in the 17th ward with a petition drive for closure.

The person behind the drive is reportedly a member of Ald. Latasha Thomas (17), according to financial D-2 forms of the alderman. Hawthorne, in his second attempt in running for alderman said. "Some liquors stores do need to be shut-down, but to single out Mr. Pappas for political reasons and business deals is another thing that must be addressed".

Millions of Tax dollars to Political Crony who discriminates against Blacks and Hispanics

Springfield - Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan and Senate Minority Leader Emil Jones have authorized payment of over \$2.3 million in state tax funds to political crony and mapmaking consultant Kimball Brace (of Election Date Services, Inc.) who has participated in drawing redistricting plans that violated the federal Voting Rights Act by shortchanging Blacks and Hispanics, according to records obtained by Illinois Politics.

Speaker Madigan has also steered nearly \$1.3 million in legal fees during the last two decades to Atty. William Harte who provided representation to Cong. Henry Hyde during a federal suit brought by the Resolution Trust Corporation in connected with the failure of Clyde Federal Savings & loans.

Madigan and Jones provided public contracts to Brace for work on the 2000 redistricting after earlier maps created by Brace were found in violation of federal law.

Illinois and Chicago taxpayers have paid nearly \$2.5 million to Brace since 1980 for maps which have attempted to limit the number of African American and Latino districts. Maps drawn by Brace typically limit minority voting rights through a two pronged technique: by "packing a large proportion of minority voters into a smaller number districts and "fracturing portions of minority voters in districts or ward which are controlled by Mayor Daley, Alderman Ed Bruke and Madigan.

BET Founder Gives Democrats \$1M

(AP) — Black Entertainment Television founder Robert L. Johnson has donated \$1 million to the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute.

Johnson's \$1 million contribution, one of several seven-figure contributions the DNC has received for the 2002 election, reportedly will help finance voter education and get-out-the vote efforts, said Donna Brazile, who heads the institute. Johnson has been a prolific Democratic donor in the past few years. He contributed at least \$130,250 to Democrats for the 2000 and 2002 elections, while his company gave at least \$25,000.

Band Shell for Washington Park

Washington Park—The Washington Park Community Advisory Council (WPAC) has charged the Chicago Park District and Aldermen Toni Preckwinkle (4) and Arenda Troutman (20) with "Containment", for restricting all activities, ball playing, soccer, and cricket, while moving all festivals north of 55th Street with sports.

This just after an outpour of community support with petitions

for a proposed band shell in the Seven (7) Hills area of Washington Park (south of the DuSable Museum), reported Cecilia Butler of the WPAC

"This would separate the fields sports from festival and remove activities directly across from residential housing." Butler said.

The biggest concern is for a band shell in the park of the seven hills area said Butler. "The Part District is ignoring over 5,000 signatures

that WPAC submitted in August." It was reported that the Park District is requesting plans from the University students to erect a staging area across from Provident Hospital. Butler said that the site is unacceptable to the community and WPAC.

Ald. Troutman did not return phone calls and none were made to Preckwinkles' office.

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Shaw - Meeks

campaign that successfully closed several liquor stores. The political feud grew even more intense upon the election of Meek's follower Ald. Anthony Beal (9) over Shaw's twin, Robert in 1999, who enlisted the help of Cong. Jackson.

"This struggle comes as Republican leaders in the house are trying to nail down final detail of State Senate control.

"The bad blood launching between the Shaws and the PUSH clan has clouded the issues of the State and our communities," stated community member Mike Flowers.

"Both are selfishly trying to portray themselves as the candidate most representative of the black community," he continued.

Nevertheless, Senator Shaw accused Meeks of producing cynical "rhetoric rather than performance on the issues."

Shaw is challenging his opponent to be specific about his track re-

cord and what indicates how well suited he is for the responsibility. What is at stake is control of both the House and the Senate. The voters are taking seniority among other factors in consideration

"Republicans are clinging to a narrow majority in the house," says Rev. Anthony Williams of St. Luther Church who ran against Cong. Jackson in the last primary.

"Democrats control the Senate by a single vote. There is a chance that republicans can slip in. Which is considered exceptionally risky," Williams said.

The Republican Party County Chairman appointed their candidate Phillip R. Arnold, Jr., as there

wasn't one on the GOP March 2002 primary ballot.

Political insiders suggest that White Democrats in the south suburbs may very well abandon their loyalties and vote for the republican candidate, as was done in Chicago during the Harold Washington election and Mel Reynolds' win over Gus Savage when suburban republicans voted democratic to help defeat Savage.

"They're desperately trying to avoid a real debate about the issue," Shaw said. "Our worry is that if they win the election, (republicans or Meeks) they will really put us back," continued Williams.

Shaw still has a bit more to lose, should he be defeated, he would lose his congressional seniority rendering him unable to wield the level of influence he is accustomed to. "Seniority makes a difference in Springfield. Meeks called for the re-election of senior Congressman Rep. Cynthia McKinney in Atlanta because of the seniority she lost. The same standard applies to my position. They are acting like republicans in disguised," Shaw said.

Bruce Crosby, of the Coalition for the Right to Vote, points out, "it is an imprecise and misleading analyses. I do not think those white voters will turn democrat.

The numbers (Republicans) are just not there."

However, republicans comprise over 36% of the voters in the district, and because of the two well received leaders, they could split the 54% democratic vote.

Who ever wins the race, what the winner must address is the direction of Governor Ryan's 2003 budget of \$22.7 billion, an amount 5% less than the 2002, \$23.4 billion. A 3 percent across-the-board cut to the 2003 budget.

The governor's office reports the reductions was a result of the national economic recession worsened by the terrorist attacks of September 11.

15th Senate District Profile

Demographics and Voting Age Population:

Demographics	Total Pop	%	Total VAP	%
African American	126,859	60.3%	81,598	56.1%
White	66,700	31.7%	53,309	36.6%
Hispanic	13,191	6.3%	8,204	5.6%
Asian	1,102	0.5%	840	0.6%
Other	2,645	1.3%	1,543	1.1%
	210,497	100.0%	145,494	100.0%

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Dem Performance	
Gore 2000	77.00%
Poshard 1998	63.70%
Constitutional Average 1998	72.10%
Clinton 1996	71.20%

South Loop Expansion

150,000 new residents predicted, The new voting block

Loop - Amidst the rapid re-gentrification facing the historic Bronzeville community, studies say by 2022, the central area of Chicago is projected to add \$30 million to \$40 million in development.

The area may be home to more than 150,000 residents. The number of jobs downtown, meanwhile, could rise to 940,000 from today's 668,000.

The document is the result of two years of study by the Central Area Plan Steering Committee, a group of civic and business leaders working under the auspices of the Daley administration. The experts mission was to think about the city in 10, 15, 20, 30

years."

The city plan also calls for office towers extending west to the Kennedy Expressway, mixed-use development along the Michigan Avenue-Wabash Avenue-State Street corridor as well as the corridors along LaSalle, Halsted, Division, Ohio-Ontario and Randolph Streets, Chicago, Avenue, Congress Parkway and Roosevelt and Cermak Roads.

With the changing of the pre-

sent wards, the current patterns predicts that 10 years from now the Black presence in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th wards will be non-existent. Arvis Everette of WE-CAN in Woodlawn sees the city's new focus on the Hispanic voting block and the new voting "yuppies" while ignoring the plight of African Americans in the house..

Looking north from Bronzeville into The South Loop expansion, Harold Lucas of Bronzeville Online said, "We are all amazed at the rapid growth in population and development of upscale condominiums selling for

a million dollars. The question is can we effectively deal with neighborhood change by building equitable relationships between the old-timers and newcomers."

Black politicians have been preoccupied with their personal political agendas, welfare reform and criminal justice issues. Political leadership in the African American community must now work on empowering their constituency with innovative policies that increase incomes, help people get mortgages, business development loans and build savings accounts.

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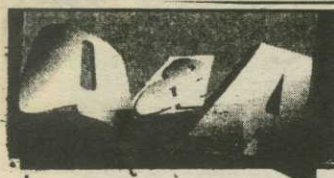
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Dialogue with Don S. Samuelson on the New Englewood Terrace (NET)

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Tallest building on the south side, serving the needs of low-income people.

Formerly known as the South Pointe Tower, the building's name was changed to reflect the new feelings of pride associated with the renovation. NET is located at 6425 South Lowe Avenue.

Don S. Samuelson is the owner of DSSA Management, Inc., a real estate management company. Mr. Samuelson is in the end stages of purchasing the building.

Samuelson is a businessman with passion. In his post college years he toured Nigeria as a part of the Peace Corps, worked as a Fuller Brush salesman and completed law school at the University of Chicago.

(Upon entering the NET, one notices that there is a constant patrol of security responsible for keeping the front of the build clear of undesirables).

Looking through *South Street Journal's* media kit, Samuelson notices the names of Pat Dowell, Harold Lucas, Phillip Jackson, Angelo Rose, and Cecilia Butler.

Samuelson: I know these people. I have worked with them all.

Carter: As one drives up to the building, one wonders when the building is going to have an over haul. It's a challenge to think of ways to insure fair and equitable access to affordable housing for all. What are your thoughts on this complex issue?

Samuelson: With a vision already formulated, we surveyed the tenants to find out what they wanted. The result was the goal of New Englewood Terrace (NET) to provide 320 families with rehabbed units by 2003. In addition to that, we want to offer a building rich with resident services.

Brawin Collier (public relations specialist for the NET): "The goals for the building are as aggressive as the building is tall. Management has put together a set of



principles that will guide this development and keeps its' goals in line with those of the community."

Samuelson: As the community is undergoing rapid growth in real estate values, we want to offer a building that reflects the changes happening around us.

Carter: Is your project a spin off of what happened as a result of when former President Bill Clinton was here?

Samuelson: No, it is not. No one looked at NET as apart of the Englewood redevelopment plans. Now it is part of those plans. The support is coming in from the government, elected officials and community leaders.

Carter: So there is sufficient money to rehab the 320 units as you have promised?

Samuelson: Ultimately we will have \$11.5 million to complete the work. We submitted this plan to redevelop the building a year ago. We want to remove the blight and provide quality housing for low-income people.

Carter: What is the current make up of the building?

Samuelson: As of last month, 175 people have left. There are 125 families presently here and 80 of those families

are our new core families that are staying on at the building. The other 45 will have to do something else for housing. We are happy that the ones that left are gone. They were the ones hanging out in front of the building causing problems.

Carter: How do the remaining tenants fit in with the plans for the new development?

Samuelson: The remaining tenants are aware of the plans for the building and we are getting the buy in that we need to make those plans work. What we are doing is not new. A big difference between our plan and most is that all units will be set-aside for low income. We said that we wanted 100% low-income housing. But it do comes at a time when there is a severe need for housing for low income families:

Carter: With rapidly rising rents and property taxes, in Englewood, how are you able to do that?

Samuelson: As the residents income increase instead of having them to leave or raising their rents, we will establish a savings account where a portion of their salary increases will go. This money will hopefully be used towards home purchases at some point.

Carter: This is one of two hi-rises

west of the Dan Ryan. How does this fit in the image and make-up of the Englewood development?

Samuelson: We have developed a comprehensive community plan as well. The Englewood community once had 80,000 residents, now it is about 40,000. The NET will be a tremendous asset to the community. There will be public work and beautification projects around the building as well.

We will also will be painting the outer structure a tan color to brighten it up

Collier: The project will provide high-quality and affordable housing with enriched services for all of its' tenants. It's an aggressive goal but management has demonstrated that it's up to the task.

Samuelson: We encourage individuals through education and job placement. We emphasize how personal development can make a difference in their lives. Upon entering the building, there's a bulletin board in the lobby, which has job listings. In addition, there is a computer-training program in session as we speak.

Lorez Morris-EI (a 13 year tenant of the NET) is an active member of the building and a recently hired employee: I like what is going on. There is a clear vision for tenant services, education and job development - addressing the needs of low-income families.

Carter: Any final comments?

Samuelson: I am a creative thinker. The pattern of redevelopment in the city and Englewood is apparent to anyone who has watched the changes in the various neighborhoods. It was not be hard to anticipate the patterns of real estate growth 25 years ago and respond with the appropriate tools. In fact, having those tools in place now will allow the NET to be in line with the housing market that calls for healthy growth in the Englewood community.

For me? There is the relationship between effort and results. My work is merely a means to an end.

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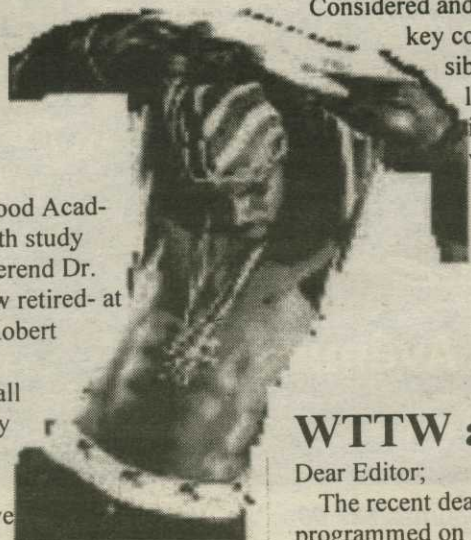
Comparative Analysis: Robert Kelly Case

Dear Editor,

Robert Kelly and I attended Kenwood Academy high school back in 1987 we both study music under the direction of the Reverend Dr. Lena Mclin, the music instructor-now retired- at the time. In fact, I remember when Robert wrote and performed a song entitled "Family" in 1987 at the Orchestra Hall downtown Chicago. You may or may not have heard Robert mention Dr. Mclin; to get to the point the following is a strategic plan of action I have created followed by a comparative analysis in my highly confident opinion of what it would take to build and win the defense.

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WTTW and Black TV

Dear Editor;

The recent death of Edward L. Morris reminded us he programmed on WTTW the first serious African - American talk-show, Jim Tillamook's Our people. Morris was recognizing the fact that the largest ethnic group in Chicago was entitled to fair amount of media time to air subjects and their view point on those subjects commensurate with their numerical presence in the city's population., that was in the late sixties. After that program was cancelled, the Black American presence has been gradually reduced to minimal tokenism.

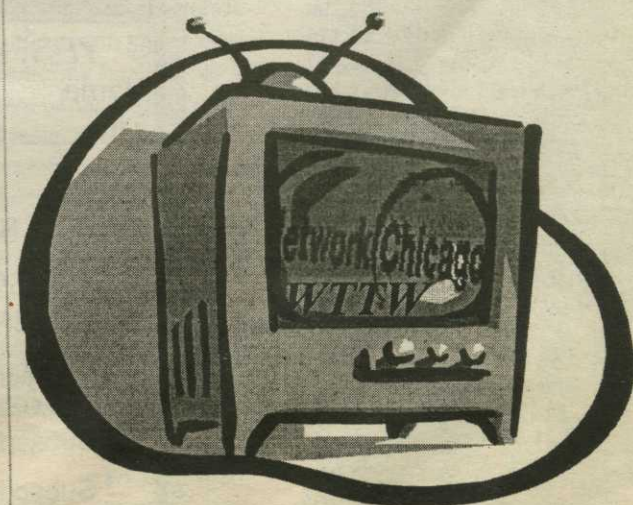
Presently, the management of WTTW has reduced African-American participation in programming and actual participation in serous programs, such as Chicago Tonight to token or not at all. Because African-Americans completely dominate sports at all levels in this city, this exclusion is racism at its worse, and constitutes "defector dis-

rimination."

Two examples: Chicago Tonight consistently programs panel programs dealing with subjects that involve the whole populations, but mostly not even one Black was part of the panel.

As recent as Aril, 2002, WTTW showed a documentary on the Harlem Globetrotters, hosted by John Callaway (a white college dropout), with no expertise in basketball or sports in general). This was an outrageous insult to Chicago's Black community, since this team is considered a Black institution and a significant part of the city's Black History. The tradition of excellence in the sport of basketball has resulted in the City's Black community sending over 100 players to the NBA.

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"Living Legends/Passing the Torch & A Family Reunion

concept of the Torch Awards, to recognize the importance ritualizing reunions. In some way noting accom- plishments, and making it into celebration, uplifting the heart and soul for many. Families are the first and last institution, quietly are doing a good job for our communities.

The BUFI with their histori- cal contribution to funding and assisting programs in the Afri- can American community could extent the Living Legends/ Passing the Torch to the quiet storm of institutionalizing fami- lies unions in its concept. A major task it would be. But it would, tap the most trusted in- stitute in the Black community.

It could perhaps produce more individuals to built suc- cessful businesses and careers, putting in place a larger strat- egy to encourage generational continuity in business and the professions.

BUFI insight and support in this endeavor can guide a last- ing direction in addressing the quiet leadership of African American people.

There will be another BUFI event until next year. However at the next "Soul Food" dinner, after the loud mouth relative settle down, the family mem- bers can lead a different soul inspiration for the future.

This October the Carter Family will have their Family Reunion committee meeting planning for 2004. Cousin Kim is working

on an in-depth Family Tree and cousin Natalie is a member of BUFI staff, with these members and others the Carter family can expect the usual hav- ing fun, but the BUFI event has put another agenda item on the table for discussion.

The grandparents, even to Africa will be proud of those children that received the Touch Awards, which nourish the minds, bodies, and souls of many families. Let it will be the focus at your next family reunion meeting as well.

Moreover, whatever the Bush family do, even to supporting Mayor Richard Daley's reelection, "Branches of generations are counting on us."



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Family Reunion, most members were just pleased to see lost members and to know who is family.

William Carter, (born 1865) conceived 12 chil- dren from one wife, and one of his sons, James, (my grandfather) conceived 15 children. The Carter families for the most part were the new Bronzeville migrates of 20's where most grew up around 37th and Indiana. Laroy Carter, drew the idea for what is now know as Lake Meadows shopping center. The Carters like many families do not have a member of receiving a "Touch Award." But we do have a movie star, Keymah 'Crystal' Keyah. One family member asked another, is she stuck-up? My sister butted in the chat replying very softly. "No. She is down to earth. She really is."

Upon Crystal and other members having chil- dren should they foster their child in their foot- steps? Something that people of other countries implement for "Planned Family-hood", expanding "Planned Parenthood".

As indifferent that family members can be, as with the listeners on WVON, known as "The Family", the underline is still: "We can work it out". Rather the issue is "Barber Shop, children out of wed lock, on president Bush family or regarding Tina Olson and Baby T, there is still a challenge and encouragement to celebrate.

"The Torch Awards drive home the impor- tance of mentoring in the African American com- munity," said Dr. Robert Starks, chairman of the board of BUFI. Family reunions must begin a

THE EDITOR

usic of Chopin and Brahms? Why John Callaway, rather than Mannie Jackson, the young Black owner of the Globe Trotters; who was born in Edwardsville, IL., and played basketball for the University of Illinois and the Globetrotters?

Marc Sims with his meager funds has for over nine years through Chicago Access sought to fill the void of subjects relevant to the Black community, airing dissenting Black opinions on many issues censored by local television. (his program called Viewpoint airs on Thursdays, at 8:30 pm, channel 19.)

He has done shows on the impact of the State lottery, Public Aid, Police Brutality, religious, incompetent Black officials, the exploitation of Michael Jordan and Black-col- ored athletes, Black and other teaches who hate Black stu- dents, and many other topics and interviewed Black - ivist censored and excluded by Chicago media.

The problem with Chicago television is that it does not serve the Black community. It try's to ignore the commu- nity, seeking to fake participation by Blacks by "fronting" the same old establishment blacks, like Clarence Page, Jesse Jackson and Laura Washington, who work for white media or are hustlers.

Our really need to talk to Mr. Sims about WTTW prob- lems with the Black community.

Clarence C. Terry

The Question of the Oakland Community

Dear Editor,
I'll call the question!; First let me wish for blessings to

all the families suffering from the tragedy of the lost of life and injury and to their love ones.

I'm wearing a different hat today; Committeeman Bobbie Johnson, 3rd Ward Republican Party. Malcolm X once said; "If you don't know your history you will repeat it." Words of wisdom. I noted that while watching the news this morning the media when referring to the incident on Lake Park used the proper name of the community which is "Oakland". That's strange to me. Historically the community of Oakland was owned by Chicago Public Housing Residents. (CHA) land. The boundaries consist of 35th Street on the North, 43rd Street on the South, Vincennes on the West, and the Lake Front to the East. Get the picture?

Can we begin to look at all issues affecting Bronzeville globally instead of separate side bars.

The cultural history of the residents on the land is con- nected to the survival of all in this place in time. For in- stance the Oakland Theater which was located at 3947 So. Drexel was the home of the Pharaohs Heritage Band which went on to become the band known as Earth, Wind, and Fire. Unless we connect the cultural history to current plans we can't move forward.

The Affordable Housing Initiative for Bronzeville Resi- dents must be the litmus test for every politician laying claims to the voters of Bronzeville which is still largely African American, female head of household, youth, senior citizens, and new arrivals from the Illinois Correctional Centers. Please click the hyperlink below to view a piece of Oakland's historically memorabilia.

Peace Out -

Committeeman Bobbie Johnson

The process of evolution -

Dear Editor;

If we are to evolve, we must move with the changes that are being made. We tend to lose focus when we do not think as a group. See, strength is in numbers - we under- stand that everybody has a different agenda centered around one common cause. We all can reach those agendas if we stop, focus and follow the blueprint. We must prac- tice using patience, self reliance and self determination. We must learn to stay true.

We must be loyal to the cause of the quest and we must swear allegiance to all our allies. We must stand firm, put aside our differences and take our rightful place in the quest - for only then can we accomplish our goals.

Peace - Lord Cashus D

We welcome your comments on the contents of this editorial, as well as your opinions on stories in this issue.

We publish letters in this column and reserve the right to edit them for length, clarity and brevity.

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SPIRITUAL



By Brother Minister Darrell Wilson

In the name of the everlasting Father, He that causes all that exists to exist. **On the Rage in the Black Community**

A van rolled upon the sidewalk and slammed into a porch where people were sitting. Two young ladies are injured severely. The occupants in the van are two men who had apparently been drinking. The neighbors instead of calling 911 for help, took matters into their own hands and pulled the two men out of the van and beat them & stoned them to death. I ask the Question, is this the 21st Century or have we time traveled back in time?

News of this incident went around the world. But every day in black America we wake up and go to sleep hearing about or having been the perpetrator or victim of "RAGE." In rap videos you see angry black men and women talking about being disrespected or killing someone. In most movies black people are portrayed as having bad attitudes. In Webster's dictionary "RAGE" is from the Latin word "RABIA" which means madness. It also means to show violent anger in action or speech. To be forceful, violent, uncontrolled. To spread unchecked, as a disease.

There is a spirit among blacks in America that takes on a character of "EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF." And when we say, "look out for the other man" (woman), it means watch your back, and every opportunity you get to have material & emotional gains, we take it. In spite of whom you have to hurt or kill to get it. Today I like to press charges on the people who let this Dis-Ease spread for years unchecked in the black community.

I charge every black elected official, both past & present.

I charge every high profile black religious leader, both past & present.

I charge every one of you for not waging a continuous war against major corporations that promote negative images of us and send negative messages through out our community and to the world by way of radio, TV, videos, movies, etc.

Look at the Brofman Family and how they market alcohol to our community by getting black artist that are signed to their record label to do alcohol commercials etc. The Brofman Family owns the Seagram empire and Universal Studios where they produce films, movies, music etc. They owns Polygram Records & MCA Records also. Then theirs Mr. Sumner Redstone who owns Paramount Pictures, Blockbuster, and Viacom with 214 TV affiliates.

In Ephesians Chapter 2 verse 2 of the Holy Bible it reads: *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, the spirit that now worked in the children of disobedience.*

Today alcoholism is #1 in our community. In the past the name for alcohol was "SPIRITS." Let's look at the statistics: alcoholism is the cause of 84% of traffic deaths, 80% of homicides, 90% of stabbings, 70% of all violent crimes, and 60% of all automobile accidents. Could alcohol be the tool that activates pent up rage caused by unemployment, homelessness, police misconduct, and criminal injustice?

Why won't our black lawyers and black judges unite against unjust laws that have 87% of black males behind bars for non-violent offense like using and or selling drugs?

So again I am holding all black elected officials, Judges, Lawyers and all high profile clergy & black leaders with neglect of duties. You let the perpetrators of this Rabid Dis-Ease called "RAGE," go unchecked now before it is out of control. But it is not to late. Stop attacking the people who are helpless against the unseen hand that throws the rock and hides his hand. Attack Mr. Mel Karmazin who owns 163 radio stations including MTV & VH1. Attack Thomas Middelhoff of BMG Entertainment. Attack Walgreen's which is the largest distributors of alcohol in the Chicago area.

I will close with 2 quotes from the Holy Bible Matt: 13:25 *But while men (black elected official and clergy) slept, his enemy (the corporate industry) came and sowed tares (spirits) among the wheat (the black community), and went his way. The second one Ezekiel 33:1-9. Please read it. It is about the people placing watchmen (black elected officials & clergy) in their positions so that if they see signs of things to come, they will warn us so that our blood would not be on their hands. Or if they are told of things to come they are to unite and approach our enemies and warn them of what thus said the Lord.*

Minister Darrell Wilson is known as "Sax Preacher and is the Minister of the Temple Of Mercy Association P.O. Box 209141 (773) 483-1535

Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds Southside Apprenticeship Program

by Beverly A. Reed

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has awarded a Southside apprenticeship program a grant to train men and women for position in the construction industry. The Greater Washing Park Community Development Corporation has already begun a pre-apprenticeship program teaching Basic English and math skill to its participants.

Persons with a high school diploma or GED, are 18 and older are eligible for the program offering 27 union approved building trades. The participants determine the course of study with the first phase being classroom study coupled with site work. The second phase is the actual apprenticeship program in which trainees will get on the job experience

at a construction site for a period of 3 to 9 years depending on the trade.

A large number of participants are expected to come from the State Street Corridor. By maximizing resident employment and job creation to provide stability and resources to both public housing residents and low income residents across the city.

The Catholic Bishops of the United States began the CCHD in 1969 to attack the causes of poverty by empowering with dignity. Their mission is based on the basic principles of the social teachings of the Catholic Church.



Protestants for the Common Good and Chicago's Faith Community

In the city of Chicago, Protestants for the Common Good have over two hundred active members representing about a hundred congregations throughout the city. PCG has also partnered with the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs and the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago to promote affordable housing and diverse communities through an effort called Interfaith Open Communities.

Many of Chicago's faith communities have long upheld the need to promote diversity and openness in our communities. In 1960's and 70's the primary challenge was racial discrimination. As a result of activism lead by religious leaders, fair housing laws were enacted which had a significant impact on housing discrimination. Today, while we have not solved the problem of racism, we are faced with a new challenge: economic segregation. While reform of the zoning code cannot solve all of these problems, Protestants for the Common Good applauds the goals set out by the Zoning Reform Commission, especially in their recognition that zoning is an appropriate tool for promoting healthy communities that enhance quality of life for all residents.

While we support the vision and principles laid out by the Zoning Reform Commission, we believe that the actual recommendations in the report, especially with respect to promoting affordable housing, fall short of that vision. In that respect, we have offered comments for the public record.

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South Shore—Students and staff of the Sullivan House Computer Technology Center is celebrating their \$25,000 grant provided by Verizon Foundation supporting the center's a Six-week Session of Ongoing Free Computer Literacy Classes beginning Mondays, at 4-6 PM or 6-8 PM classes, M and W, or T and Th.

Special classes are held Fridays and Saturdays. Register for two classes per week for a total of 12 hands-on lessons. On basic computer knowledge, software and hardware, introduce word-processing software, data processing software, spreadsheets, utilities and graphics software packages. Students take apart computers and become familiar with hardware. Students also do resumes and conduct on-line job searches at such sites as the Illinois Department of Employment Security and the Chicago Tribune. Special classes Friday evenings and sometimes end with a DVD movie (and popcorn). Saturday afternoons are always computer basics for those unable to make it during the week. Limited number of computers and a high rate of returning students. These classes are free at the Sullivan House Community Technology Center, 7677 S. Coles.

The Life with Lupus Guild—kick-off national Lupus Awareness Month, which begins October 1.

Jacques Richard in CSU Physics Department 773-995-3297 or 773-995-2181.

CSU new Space Science program. Free for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors and high school teachers that can receive credit. There was an open house at CSU on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The first 4-week Saturday module begins Oct 5. Openings are for students and teachers. Details on the applications can be found on line at www.csu.edu/sass. Or email or call, Dr.

Grand Blvd Homeowners Association GBHO meetings are held the 1st Thurs of each month at the police station at 51st/Wentworth in the community room. For info call 312-935-1100.

8th Annual Equity In Action program "Social Justice: The Challenge of Many Voices" October 8—10: On Oct. 9; Skin Deep: On Race and Racism in South Africa and the U.S. A video presentation and discussion. South Africa incor-

porated segregation into its laws in 1948. In the U.S. concurrently segregation was deeply enmeshed in daily life. Oct. 10 AIDS in Africa, Northeastern Illinois University. For information call 442-5449.

The Network of Concerned Citizens, community organizations, religious/spiritual organizations, youth organizations, social & educational organizations, agencies & administrations, are initiating the October 16th Holy Day Of Atonement Youth Rally; To trumpet attention toward pro-

grams that facilitate the transitioning of the youth, the family, & our communities, in the ending of conflict between Youth & Youth (whether gang-related, drug-related, male-female relationship related etc.), Youth & Educators in the school setting, Youth & Law Enforcement Officials/Police, and Youth and Parents/Guardians in the home setting.

Washington Park Children's Free Clinic, offers free check-

ups, school physicals and vaccinations for children. Every Thursday from 5:30—7:30 pm, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 5700 S. Ave. (773) 684-6561.

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THE ARTS HAPPENINGS



The Hot House/Center for International Performance & The Nommo Gathering Black Writers' Collective present a Literary & Music Showcase: Kalima II "The Beautiful Souls of Black Folk..." Tuesday, October 8, 31 E. Balbo, Chicago, 8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.) Tickets: \$10.

Members of this important Black writers' collective present original poetry/spoken word, essay, short stories, satire/comedy, nonfiction and screenplay dramatizations with their annual literary showcase! Special guests include: Classical jazz pianist Audra Wilson and a special performance by The Derrick Bounds Trio! The Hot House, 31 East Balbo. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online by visiting www.hothouse.net. American Express, Visa and MasterCard accepted. For tickets and information please call (312) 362-9707.

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Three Legends: Elizabeth Catlett, Jacob Lawrence and Samella Lewis" features 37 works by

legendary African-American artists at the DuSable Museum of African-American History, 740 E. 56th Place, Through October 11 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 12 p.m. to 5 p.m./Call: 773-947-0600. Also coming to the DuSable Museum in person, Three Legends: Elizabeth Catlett Jacob Lawrence and Samella Lewis,

Positive Performance Showcase" All lyrics must be revolutionary, positive, conscience raising with no profanity. 7757 S. Halsted St. 2nd fl. 4 pm til 7 pm. 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm every week. Call: 773-429-7248, E-MAIL: brominister357@aol.comCanadian

If you sing, dance, rap, recite poetry, etc., feel free to come out. Temple of Mercy Association live Edu-tainment by Chicago's "Sax Preacher" presents positive and conscious raising poetry, Hip Hop, rap, and song.

The AFGA Salon Musicians Collective Presents Sundays in South Shore, Performances and Jazz Jam by the Healing Force Jazz Ensemble with Musa Hollins, Etabu maintains the Poetry Open Mic and Pinky fries that chicken and tosses that salad for these fine afternoons and evenings of African American art and entertainment at AFGA Salon, 7677 S. Coles, Chicago, 3:30 until. Donations/free. 773-374-7351.

Jericho Coffee Sidewalk Cafe in South Shore, 2343 E. 71st Street, every Friday and Sunday, starting Noon until - (7PM Fridays, and 3PM Sundays), with host John Armstrong, 773-684-8665.

Hyd Park/Kenwood JAAZ Festival The 9th annual Hyde Park/Kenwood JAAZ Festival, October 13, at the University of Chicago's Mandel Hall. Mandel Hall is located at 57th and University. Doors open at 6 PM. This year's theme is "Jazz Futures". Bands confirmed so far include the legendary Harlem saxophonist Bill Saxton, Ernest Dawkins and the Live The Spirit Ensemble, the Damian Espinosa Trio and Malachi Thompson's Africa Brass featuring Dee Alexander. JAAZ Fest 2002 is looking for supporters and volunteers to help make this a great festival. Call SCAI at 773-536-6555.

1Jazz Concert, Comedy Show & Dance Party, Featuring The Godfather of Soul and Acid Jazz Roy Ayers and Ubiquity. Sitting in with Roy's band will be Stevie Wonder's former Bass Player, "Ron Richardson" along with Stevie's former Drummer "Dennis Davis". Friday, October 11, 8pm-2am, at Isaac Hayes Restaurant 739 N. Clark Street.

Since September 8th, the Moore Squeaky Productions has been providing Chicago with a lively, unscripted theatrical comedy show. *Guud Times* is a parody of the 1970's hit show *Good Times*. Squeaky's 'Guud Times' comedy show, is a high

spirited version of the original, centering around a family living in Cabrini Green projects. The show is linked together by commercials and sketched comedy bits.

Show times are every Sunday, at HoneySuckles Chicago, 843 West 83rd Street.

Can you handle the truth? If so, don't miss Truth Magazine's 2nd annual Truth Hip-Hop Awards.

This Sunday. Doors open at 6pm. Last year's awards show was so successful that they are anticipating a crowd twice as large, so arrive early. Featured guests and performers include Chicago's own Dave Jeff, Common, Selena Johnson, Malik Yusef, Bigg Nastee and platinum rap group Do or Die. Contact DuSable for more info.



Groundbreaking Ceremony for ETA shaping the future for South Chicago

ETA's Creative Arts Foundation's September 7th groundbreaking officially launched the next phase of construction for their new \$12 million facility to encompass an entire city block measuring approximately 3.3 acres, directly across the street from the current theater.

Designed by William E. Brazley & Associates, the facility will feature a 400-seat theater, cabaret, community room, visitors' center, gift shop, "rituals room," outdoor pavilion and parking. The project will be Afro-centric in design, taking into account the village concept evoking images of rural settlements in Zambia. Under consideration for the building's exterior

are a combination of limestone and renaissance stone and roofing materials reminiscent of the thatched roof dominant in African villages.

The "Shaping the Future" Gala 2002 that took place later in the day honored the supporters who made it possible, Dr. Na'im Akbar, Erykah Badu, Dr. Donald Bogle, Warrick Dunn, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Tom Joyner, Bernie Mac, Dr. Lorenzo Pace, Art Robertson, Jill Scott, Dr. Barbara Ann Teer, Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins and Walt Whitman, Jr. For additional information on ETA programming contact Barbara Kensey, 773-288-8776

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Death Row's, Marion "Suge" Knight to do his Autobiography



After serving five years of a nine-year sentence on assault-related charges, Marion (Suge) Knight, the multimillionaire rap mogul will publish a memoir in 2003. The controversial gangsta rap mogul says he hopes his book will show kids that there are alternative ways out of the ghetto besides prison.

After five weeks of shopping book proposals to publishers, Death Row Records founder Marion "Suge" Knight has finally found a home for his autobiography. In 2003, Riverhead Books will release the memoir that Knight has promised will be a tell-all in-depth look at his controversial career, addressing everything from signing Snoop Dogg and Tupac Shakur, to spending five years in prison for an assault that violated his parole. Knight told *Variety Magazine* that Snoop, Tupac, Biggie Smalls, Vanilla Ice, Sean Combs, and John F. Kennedy Jr. will all figure in his yet-untitled book. "There have been a lot of

allegations about Death Row and me. I felt I owe it to the public and the fans to hear the truth," he says.

The book deal marks a bright spot in an otherwise difficult last few months for Knight, who was released from prison a year ago. His attempt to return Death Row to prominence as Tha Row stalled when TLC's Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, whom he'd signed as a solo act, died in a car crash in April.

The IRS recently hit Knight with a \$6 million tax bill, which Death Row incurred while he was behind bars. Knight is confident that the book deal will help Knight market Death Row as a company with a history worthy of depiction on the big screen.

More important, perhaps, is the book's potential to serve as a cautionary tale, Knight says, "I want young people to know how terrible prison is. I want them to understand the importance of education -- that there are more ways to get out of the ghetto than by being an athlete or a rapper."



ON CD Review and compiled by David Schultz

ON VIDEO REVIEWED AND COMPLETED

by David Schultz



A POEM ABOUT MS. DOSS – Conya Ross (★★★) Songwriter-singer newcomer Conya Doss has a subtle soulful voice that is a natural fit for the current Neo-Soul movement. Even though there isn't enough of vocal distinction to set her apart from the likes of Jill Scott and Lauryn Hill. Ms. Doss seems to hold her own with expressive joy and gentle passion toward her lyrics. Recommended Selections: "Good Good", "You Really Hurt Me", "Coffee", "Heaven", "All Because Of You", "Feelin' You", "So Fly", "Meantime"

LIFE GOES ON – Donell Jones (Arista) (★★★) Chicago-born singer/songwriter Donell Jones manages to load up well for this challenge. With strong production assistance from Eddie Ferrell and The Untouchables, Donell Jones further cement himself within the current neo-soul balladeer movement. Most

tracks aren't memorable. Mr. Jones breeze together the thoughts and images of life experiences toward romance and companionship.

Recommended Selections: "Put Me Down", "You Know That I Love You", "Where You Are", "Freakin' U", "Gotta Get Her (Outta My Head)", "Life Goes On", "Guilty by Suspicion", "Don't Leave", "Comeback".

FOR ELLA – Patti Austin (★★★) Primarily considered a contemporary soul-jazz singer from her early recordings with Quincy Jones and classic contemporary duet hits with James Ingram. Now Patti Austin further her legitimacy in pure jazz by capturing the big band sound and distinctive vocalization of the legendary Ella Fitzgerald. Not as an impression, Austin seriously attempts to recapture Ella in her youth. Nonetheless, "For Ella" is a descent, respectful challenge for Ms. Austin who could have done more by scaling down the band to an intimate trio or quintet sometimes.

Recommended Selections: "Too Close For Comfort", "Honeysuckle Rose", "You Have To Swing It, Mr. Paganini", "A Tisket A Tasket", "Hearing Ella Sing", "The Man I Love", "Miss Otis Regrets"

RIT'S HOUSE – Lee Ritenour (★★★1/2) Veteran jazz and studio guitarist-musician Lee Ritenour delivers another solo effort that should satisfy the smooth jazz crowd.

A diverse musical career from such a versatile artist-performer who melodically expresses his personal memories and experiences that captures a "comfort zone" mood. While retaining some of the old school free form jazz past masters like Lee Morgan, Gabor Szabo, Joe Pass, and Wes Montgomery. Well accompanied by George Duke, Marcus Miller, Michael McDonald, Joey DeFrancesco. Ritenour's "Rit's House" is a sweet and flavorful excursion you'll welcome in your house. Recommended Selections: "Module 105", "13", "Mizrab", "On 78th and 3rd", "Rit's House", "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic", "A Little Dolphin Dreamin'", "Olinda".



THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (★★★) An entertaining remake of Alexander Dumas' adventure novel with Jim Caviezel as Edmond Dantes wrongfully accused and framed for treason by his less-than-noble best friend, Mondego (Guy Pearce) whose in love and marries Dantes' fiancée. Richard Harris co-stars as the inmate mentor who hones Dantes' knowledge and skills to escape prison, find an underwater treasure that made him wealthy enough to pose as a Count to aid in his plot for revenge on Mondego. Director, Kevin Reynolds ("Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves") provides the right mix of social reverence, gusto and energy with some religious undertones. PG-13; 131 min.

regain his family. With Affleck's legal partnership at stake, he takes extreme measure to try to get Jackson to return the file papers. Which leads to Affleck and Jackson disrupting each other's lives. An intelligent, insightful, must-see movie. R; 99 min.

STOLEN SUMMER (★★1/2) The first winner of the Project Greenlight movie involves a Catholic kid's personal quest to help a Rabbi's terminally ill son get to heaven. Chicagoan writer Pete Jones awarded his first directorial chore offers a tender slice of life where the kids have honorable intentions over the adults' restrictions in this coming of age drama with a strong supporting cast that includes Brian Dennehy, Aidan Quinn, Bonnie Hunt and Kevin Pollak filmed around Chicago's northern suburbs. PG; 93 min.

SORORITY BOYS (★) "Bosom Buddies" get nasty in this gross-out and silly sex comedy about three college buddies framed and expelled out of their frat house, who disguise themselves as the opposite sex to live in the girls dorm where they develop the usual sexual discoveries and conflicts. While they search for a revealing sex tape against their snobbish leader that could reinstate them back in "their" frat house. R; 97 min.

40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS (★★★) After Josh Hartnett gain star recognition in "Pearl Harbor". He scores again in this above average sex romp about a young man who takes a bet from his friends after a break-up that still haunts him, that he can sustain from having sex in for the next forty days. Naturally during this period, he begins a casual non-sexual relationship with Shannyn Sossamon whom each knows is right for the other. That leaves him in conflict in keeping the promise to win the bet. A spirited and clever sex comedy you'll enjoy. R; 95 min.

CHANGING LANES (★★★★) One of the year's best films and a sure-fire Oscar contender next year. Thanks in part to riveting performances by Samuel L. Jackson and Ben Affleck who become adversaries in this thought-provoking melodrama. When a hurried lawyer Affleck crashes into Jackson, a recovering alcoholic, and ex-husband whose rushing to court. During the exchange, Affleck accidentally drops some important file papers that falls into the hands of Jackson who's unable to make his court appearance to

FESTIVAL IN CANNES (★★1/2) Filmmaker Henry Jaglom's shady satire on the international movie business held annually in France. It's a movie within a movie where an ensemble cast is part of a fictional movie project being prepared amidst the real life film festival in a swap meet of stars, agents, publicist, studio executives promoting and selling their film projects in the foreign market place. A movie parody done with an edge for the movie buff who can absorb the insight, humor, and mental brutality of the movie industry. PG; 99min.

MONSTERS, INC. (★★★) A bit of a letdown for adults compared to Disney/Pixar's successful "Toy Story" series. But there are many funny and clever moments both kids and their parents will enjoy in this animated comedy adventure. Nominated for four Oscars, John Goodman and Billy Crystal provide the voices of two closet creatures who accidentally let a human into their world, which is in dire need of human screams for their crippled energy supply. PG; 90min. Buena Vista Home

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Empowerment Zones

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step in continuing efforts after the program is over, increasing efficiency and better meeting the needs of both community partners and small business owners."

Goode emphasized, "The program is about simplifying access to our loan products."

Providing loans in the EZ area will be the responsibility of Chicago Community Ventures (CCV). is committed to businesses located in area. They will now have access to debt and equity financing from CCV, initially capitalized at \$2.5 million and scheduled to increase another \$20 million over the next 4 years."

Though residents welcome the assistance, some feel slighted by the fact that small businesses have

been given such a minute portion of the EZ funds. Longtime resident Cindy Gordon said, "these loans and grants are fine, but for so many small businesses to have to split \$7 million after larger companies like the Hyde Park Co-Op & East Lake Management are given over \$50 million to share is an insult." Goode was unable to provide exact figures reflecting what larger corporations received in comparison to the smaller businesses currently being funded. "The Revolving Loan fund was created to provide financing and technical assistance to small businesses in the Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities," observed Gordon.

According to the 1990 Census, the unemployment rate in EZ ar-

reas was 25% and the average poverty rate was almost 45%. The federal government identified the communities as victims of economic distress and designated EZs and ECs to intervene and revitalize them.

Goode said after the funds are gone the city will continue programs in the area. "CCV hopes to spur economic and business development in low-income communities throughout the Chicago area," Executive Director Stephen Maduli-Williams said.

CCV has already extended financing to Harris Ice, which has produced and distributed ice from its North Lawndale location for more than 30 years.

Entrepreneurs and small business owners who are interested in learning more about CCV's loan fund should contact Ursula Baldoceca at (773) 822-0319.



Community Claims a Victory?

After years of struggle to obtain the Supreme Life Building on 35th and King Drive, Harold Lucas compromise with the City, and its new owner for free office space for five years. Many community residents question it was a victory. In an unanimous vote, the Chicago Community Development Commission awarded the winning development proposal for the landmark Supreme Life Building to the Liberty Life LLC, at a public hearing on Tuesday, September 24, 2002. The development team includes East Lake Management and

the Bronzeville Community Development Partnership (BCDP), pictured here are members of the team that made the presentation and community representatives that provided public testimony in support of the plan.

(Top Row) I-r Stacy Mansker, GAP Community resident; Elzie Higginbottom, Chairman/CEO East Lake Management; Yorell Groves, Project Manager East Lake; (Middle row) Harold L. Lucas, President/CEO Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council; Paula Robinson, Managing Director BCDP; 2nd Ward Alderman Madeline Haithcock; Kimberly Moore, Project Manager DPD; (bottom) Leroy Kennedy, VP Community Development IT; Mary Steward, Executive Director Mid-South Planning & Development Commission; Ken Grant, Chicago Empowerment Zone

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Insurance Meeting

cause they were perceived to have a shorter life span and a higher insurance risk.

Insurance companies typically target senior citizens and low income/minority insurers, insurance that are ultimately higher in cost and saddled with illegal fine-print

terms.

The issue is national. In Montgomery Ala., Unitrin Inc. will pay \$27 million to customers who were overcharged on life insurance because they were black, under a class-action lawsuit.

The money will go to about 467,000 policy holders from the Depression era through 1970.

"This insurance practice has devastating consequences, both for the insureds and for their family and the community", stated Rep. Kenner. "These forms of insurance leads to the loss of money for the individual, which in turn leads to ultimately a decline in coverage."

Rep. Kenner, advocate for a stronger state role in the fight against insurance companies by supporting Rep. Jeff Schoenberg actions.

"I want to see our community afforded a genuine opportunity to be insured, without being forced out bad life insurance." He added that

Kenner stated that he do not know how many people are effective by the insurances. But he with the Elder Daniels is organizing the community of the practice of the insurance companies and offers information about how to avoid it.

"We want the community to begin their insurance policies to the meeting." Said Elder Daniels. Representatives from the Illinois State Insurance Department will also be on hand to discuss their actions."

This meeting is major education initiative, is designed to help community avoid this sort of insur-

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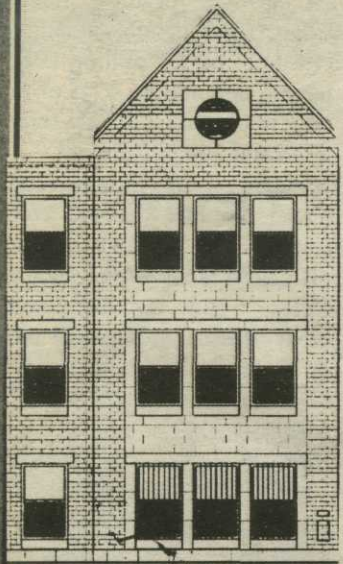
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New Housing Development for Woodlawn

Neighborhood Reduced Land Costs to Help Build 10 Townhouses

Woodlawn - Mayor Richard M. Daley introduced a plan to the City Council to build 10 new residential units in the Woodlawn neighborhood, continuing the effort to turn vacant City-owned parcels into affordable and market-rate housing opportunities.

The Woodlawn community under the leadership of Revs. Author Brazier and Dr. Leon Finney has used many of the City's wide variety of economic development tools to create new housing in Woodlawn. With the Mayor's backing of many

of their projects the he urge the City Council to approve this latest Woodlawn redevelopment plan.

"Here, we will bring new homes to vacant, underutilized land to expand the housing options for Woodlawn residents.

The developer, Sutherland Pearsall Development Corp., plans to build 10 new three-story, all-masonry townhouses on vacant parcels at 6201-07 S. Drexel Ave. The group will be sold the vacant parcels for \$69,213, a land cost write-down of from their \$215,000 appraised value. The project has a total budget of more than \$2.3 million.

The Department of Planning and Development Commissioner Alicia Berg said sale of the property will bring new homes to Woodlawn that meets a mix of affordable and market-rate units. Adding that the market-rate units will range in price up to \$290,000. A market value that over shadow the existing residents for affordable.

Two of the homes would be made available to families earning 80-100% of the area's Average Median Income. The large, 2,050 square feet homes will have three bedrooms, with at least three bathrooms, and an attached two-car garage. In addition, the developer donated a parcel, located at 6226 S. Ingleside Ave., to the AKarama Foundation, in order to complete the needed site assemblage for their proposed community center.

In June, the City Council approved a separate plan to build 25 mixed-income units near 62nd Street and Kimbark Avenue. That \$6.7 million project will include a mix of single-family homes and townhouse units.

Hyde Park Apartments

This ordinance authorizes DOH to provide funding of up to \$3.5 million in housing revenue bonds to Hyde Park Redevelopment Associates, L.P. for the rehabilitation of an existing seven-story building. The allocation of \$843,650 in tax credits will generate more than \$2.1 million in equity for the project.

Hyde Park Apartments, located at 5330 S. Harper Ave., will provide 73 units of affordable rental housing. The rehabilitated building will consist of seven studio, 59 one-bedroom and seven two-bedroom apartments for low-income residents. Total redevelopment cost will be \$6.9 million.

Preserving Communities Together

Preserving Communities Together (PCT) is a program designed to stimulate community renewal by returning City-owned properties to responsible private owners. Under the program, the City acquires vacant and abandoned property for disposition to approved developers.

Ordinances are being introduced for the following who are seeking to enter into a redevelopment agreement with the City:

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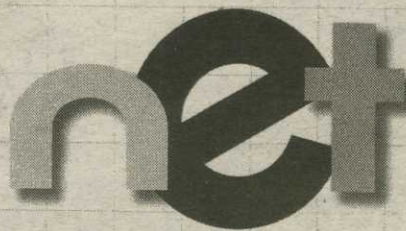
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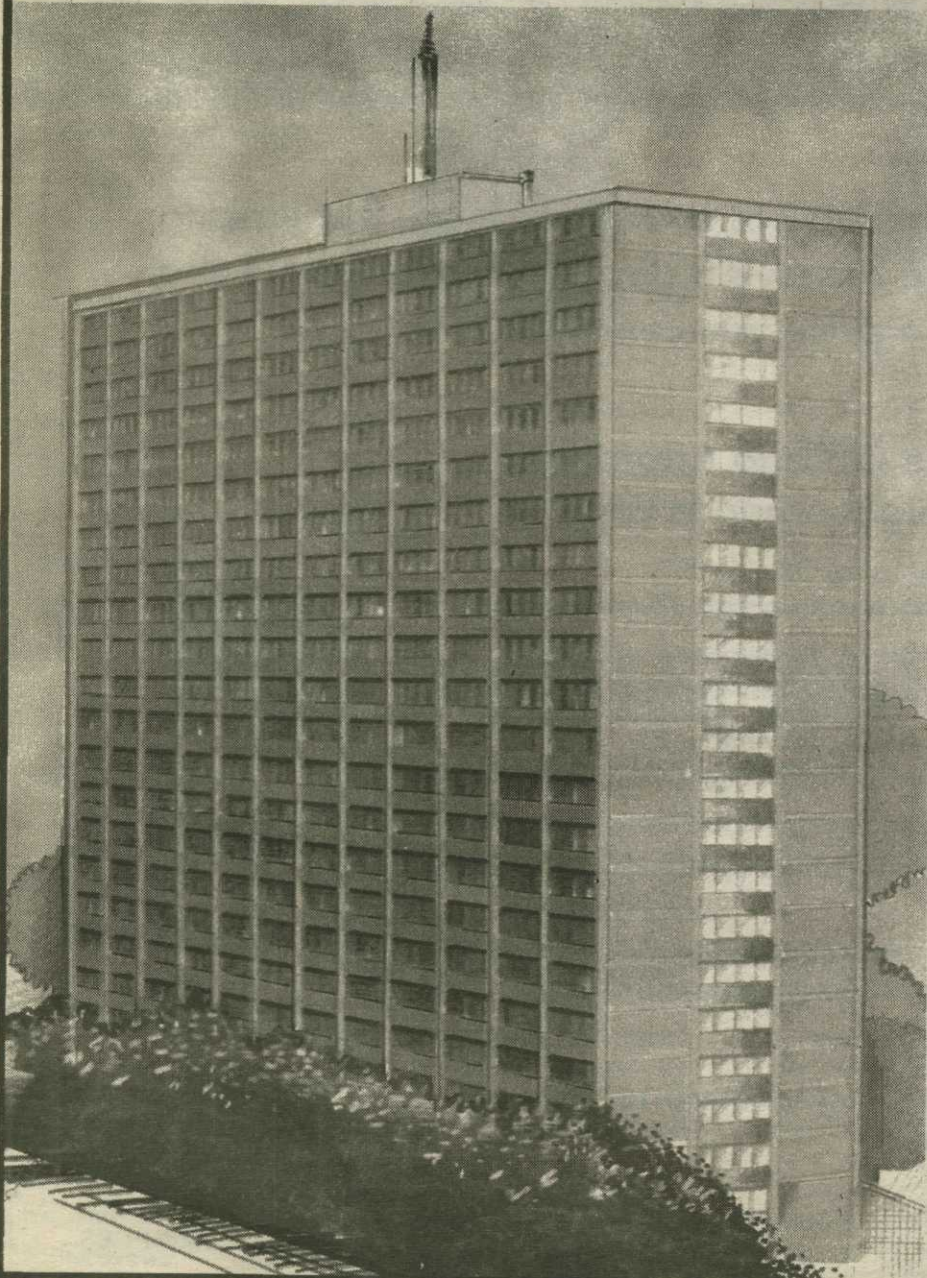
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Schools Insurance

and the poorer the school district the less time the student is in class.

An issue Duncan stated he would address the matter for increase of teachers salary to expand students time in class.

CPS reported the schools are adding 40 more reading specialists, encouraging schools to work toward three hours of reading per day, and providing additional literacy training and mandatory summer school will continue for third graders who are falling behind.

Looking at the financial side, Duncan revealed that the higher attendance resulting from the citywide back-to-school campaign last year garnered CPS \$10 million in additional State funding.

Among offering more programs which includes to keep children engaged in positive activities; and, to support the development of retaining and recruiting qualified teachers, CPS will open this fall at 23rd and Federal Street the new National Teachers Academy.

The academy is a neighborhood elementary school, where promising college students will learn how to teach in an urban environment under the guidance of master teachers from the Chicago Public Schools.

On the south side renovations have been completed at King High School, 4445 S. Drexel Blvd., and the schools and Chicago Park District are working toward their goal of building 100 campus parks for use by students and neighborhood residents.

ance practices that threaten their financial stability in the time of need, when it really matter, before they occur.

"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 Elder Daniels.

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

For information on the meeting call representatives Kenner's office at 773-288-7150.

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Second City

for African-American performers, and producers by emulating the group's vision and programmatic thrust.

"It remains a fact that Griffen recent 'minority recruitment' ef-

Mayor Race

crimination in the air. But, so embedded is in that we become so sick of it we turn our heads."

Mr. Trice continued to say. "Jakes can respond to the challenge that there is a real threat in to our communities and people."

"The campaign would not only be on the issues against Daley, but the Black leadership apathy to lead the people's will." Said Everloyce McCullough, an Englewood community activist and two time, candidate for State Representative.

Leak declining to run, joined other Black and political leaders such as Roland Burris,

Carol Moseley-Braun, Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown and Jesse Jackson Jr. and Sr.. Their declining to many say is an example of Daley's control and silence of Black leadership, including Minister Louis Farrakhan, and Jesse L. Jackson Sr. to take a public position on the mayoral race. It suggests Daley appears to have a concerted effort to determine the outcome of elections in the black community.

Rev. Al Sampson summed it by saying the focus is on the November election with his attention going to address the Judges races that the black community must not over look. "The Mayoral election is

definitely a cause for concern. Nevertheless, November is key now.

According to the Chicago Board of Election, among a city total of 1.4 million Black people population, 47% of the city total, 800,000 are registered and 300,000 are not.

Crosby says, "Some Black leadership has become comfortable that a Black has not officially announced against Daley." But our announcement of a candidate will pick up steam and candidates and black politicians will have to address the issue and alienate from Daley."

TAC was formed from a group of people who participated in the March 2002 gubernatorial primary. They decided to organize TAC to coordinate Chicago's progressive political energies.

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forts came only after being involved with our group," Alexander stated. "Which was the direction of our goal in developing the center on 47th Street," he added.

"We are questioning the allocation that excluded African Americans from ownership," said Thompson.

"I understand the value of Second City with its name and success. But if it is at the expense of destroying opportunities for Black folks and using us and our community as a smoke screen for

making money and taking it out of Bronzeville, then there should be other ways we can make the same things happen for and with our own," she remarked.

Ald. Tillman (3rd) did not return phone calls. However, Alexander said the Second City project is in conjunction with her plans for 47th Street as a "Blues District", spearheaded with the newly renamed 47th Street Culture Center which still remains unfinished three years after ground was breaking, and is now

reported to be at the middle of sub-contractor disputes.

Thompson said. "I hope elected African American leadership stands up and call the question of accountability on the issue of Second City coming into Bronzeville."

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