

# VOTE

## South Street Journal's November 5th Endorsements

First of all, we encourage voters not to vote for Judge Richard Crane for letting those police officers get away for shooting at the Black couple. Even though Judge Eugene Pincham says he should be retained. Under the law Crane did the right thing.

Rod Blagojevich the Democratic nominee for governor, neither GOP nominee Jim Ryan took a public position on Judge Crane. A sign of what voters may expect from a prospective governor.

South Street Journal, in the same way that Jesse Jackson Sr. endorsed Bobby Rush and Roland Burris; here's an endorsement of principles. However, Blagojevich says he has a sincere passion for the issues in Black community.

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# The Rosenwald Building



3rd Ward Republican Committeeman Bobbie Johnson, a former tenant of the Rosenwald building and Program Director for Teen Cyber Tech Cafe' was part of a Chicago delegation traveled to Cleveland, Ohio to attend the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference in which the Trust intent to use their resources to save the Rosenwald building SSJ Photo

**On 47th Street the Quest to save the "Rosenwald", One of the first workforce housing complexes built in America for working class African Americans**

Grand Blvd, Bronzeville—Bobbie Johnson, 3rd Ward Republican Committeeman supported by a city-wide coalition charged an immediate Reality versus Political Immediacy addressing the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments, commonly known as the Rosenwald Building.

City officials are now threatening the Rosenwald Building with demolition that sparked a Press Conference & Rally Thursday, October 31, 12 noon, on the corner of 47th & Michigan Avenue.

Supporting the total rehab of the building, present at the press/rally will be Dr. Peter Ascoli, grandson and biographer of Julius Rosenwald. Also expected to attend is decedents of Booker T. Washington opposing the demolition, keeping with the wishes of Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington who were major developers of the building. The building located on the 47th Street redevelopment strip is listed on the National Registry for Historic Places. Historicists said it is the last vestige that links us to our historical past from slavery to present day.

The immediate reality is that in April 2000 when CHAC started the proceedings to vacant the property the 451-unit building was occupied by mostly Section 8 and displaced Robert Taylor Homes residents.

Alone with many community representation, the rally is unfolding as a political fight with unannounced mayoral candidate Paul Jakes, alone with 3rd ward candidates Kenny

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## Exploratory committee to announce Jakes candidacy for mayor

Donnell Robinson  
Staff Writer

(Chicago) - Prospective candidate Paul Jakes had high spirit in his message when addressed the "Stop the War" rally in Chicago loop. He carried on the spirit as he accepted the backing of the Accountability Committee (TAC). The momentum was boosted again with the Chicago Defender editorial the position that Jakes can win. "But only if we get behind him."

However, the closest Jakes will official announce his candidacy will come on Friday, November 1, at Bethel AME Church 4448 S. Michigan Ave. at 6:30 pm, where an Exploratory Committee will start the process to gain the momentum of Clergy, Business and Community Support.

Impatient, some members of the community are waiting for Jakes to make the official announcement. Including members of TAC.

"That announcement will be in line with an action plan for new voters, the money and leaders to stand tall, and the resources of TV, radio, polling, and focus groups to give the voters a full picture of the

Rev. Paul Jakes, is expected to join the race with four other candidates, with no official announcement of Mayor Richard Daley.



candidate." Said Atty. Bob Anderson a member of Jakes Exploratory Committee.

Speaking before the Task Force for Black Political Empowerment, Jakes said. "This is not about me. This is a calling and a draft. I will be an instrument to carry this movement forward."

Jakes is expected to be present at the rally that is

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## Farrakhan: on D.C. sniper Former member violates Islamic teachings

"It is horrific for us to learn that someone who once was a part of our ranks may be involved in something as horrific as this." said the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan.

Maryland officials on Oct. 25 charged John Allen Williams, also known as John Muhammad, 41, and teen John Lee Malvo with six counts of first-degree murder in the shootings. A third man, reportedly co-owner of a blue Chevrolet Caprice the pair was caught in, was arrested as a material witness Oct. 26.

Farrakhan said the accused deadly D.C.-area sniper has had no link with the Nation of Islam for over three years and anyone



Minister Louis Farrakhan

guilty of such murder violates Islamic teachings, "Nowhere in the teachings of Islam, and of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, would we countenance any man taking the lives of innocent human beings."

"I and we grieve for the senseless loss of life and with all the families that lost loved. But we also grieve for Williams, also known as John Muhammad's, first wife and his son and

his second wife and their three children, who will have to grow up and live with whatever comes from the trial of these two persons.

"Members of his family said, 'This is not the John that I knew.'"

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**A Crystal Ball of terrorism the past, Cointelpro Specter, Haunts of Black**  
With Frances M. Beal

Today the U.S. of America is at a point of imbalance

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Freedom of the Press is not Free,  
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Salute to the Media

Sunday, December 1, 2002 At Harris YWCA

**Political Black Summit called for Nov. 16**

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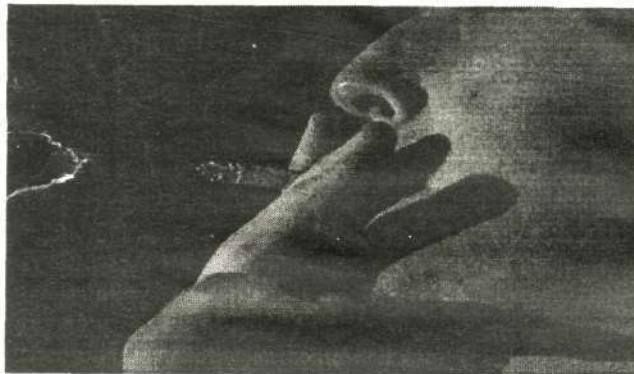
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# The UnZip

by the Weatherman

**M**erchandise Mart Properties, Inc. is willing to settle the community of activist **George Blakemore** for \$3,500, based on guard put him out of the building. Blakemore complaint is of equal access to the Merchandise Mark, denied due to his race, Rastifarian look and his perceived housing status of looking (homeless). Mr. Blakemore's next target is **Starbucks**.

While the nation's attention was focused on New York and Washington Tuesday, Detroit took a major step toward electing a new mayor. Former State House Minority Leader **Kwame Kilpatrick (D)** now Mayor of Detroit was in Chicago recently took 51 percent of the vote Nineteen other candidates split the remainder of the votes.



A Spanish medical team's study released in Madrid in has shown that **tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)**, the active chemical in **marijuana**, destroys tumors in lab rats. Not news to the U. S. government. A study in Virginia in 1974 yielded similar results but was suppressed by the DEA, shut down the Virginia study and all further cannabis research. In 1983 the **Reagan/Bush** administration tried to persuade U.S. universities and researchers to destroy all cannabis research work done between 1966 and 1976, including compendiums in libraries. In 1976, **President Gerald Ford** put an end to all public cannabis research and granted exclusive research rights to major pharmaceutical companies.

White supremacist **Matt Hale**, and his **World Church of the Creator (WCOTC)**, who lead a Nazi rally in Chicago this past summer should know there may be a Jewish/black coalition coming together next year. Contact Mr. Hale <http://www.tao.ca/~dominion/wcotc/>

911 Lottery tickets won on Sept. 11, 2002 in the New York states Lottery. Most of the 5,631 winners were quick pick winners. The same amount that was first reportedly died on the day of 911. A coincidence? Yeah just like two jets hitting the Trade Center. Surprised, but not bizarre. Now, **Congressional Intelligence Committee** members have said **President Bush** has presented no factual evidence proving that link 911 to Iraq. Even the President separates 911 from an imminent Iraq threat - and here's the proof. **President Bush** sees 911 and Iraq as separate, on September 24, he lowered the domestic "risk of terrorist attacks" from orange to yellow! If the Iraqi threat was imminent, wouldn't the "risk of terrorist attacks" have at least remained the same - on orange - or even been raised to **Red**?

Some elected officials would be glad if **Luanna Peterson** go back to Washington D.C. after Nov. 5th, election serving as **Rod Blagojevich** deputy campaign manager. Their concern she might get involved in some aldermanic races. Word is she plans to stick around for the victory agenda of Blagojevich election. Which means stay in Chicago.

The US Secretary of Education, **Rod Paige** has honored two Chicago area teachers into the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Teachers Hall of Fame. Recognized with eight other inductees were **Janice Gould**, an art teacher at Lawrence Hall Youth Services and **Dr. Emiel Hamberlin**, a biology and horticulture teacher at **Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable High School**, with their all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. and Emporia, Kansas (corporate headquarters of the NTHF). They also were awarded gifts including a \$1,000 stipend and a \$1,000 scholarship for a student in their school district, a Hall of Fame signet ring and lapel pin, and numerous educational products and materials.

The University of Chicago must have seen the writing on the walls of their lack of Black student enrollment. They are now doing a recruitment drive. But word is their construction projects is better than their Black Students., 7 out of a 100.

Happy Birthday to SSJ publisher and editor **Ron Carter**, and his younger brother **Dwayne** born on October 31, and **Harold Lucas** on November 1, and **Kisha Shavers** of WVON on November 3. Word is Ms. Carter not a scorpion but had the bug of the scorpion kicking her rhythm twice..

## Chicago Head Start Program gives Moms as well as Kids a head start in life



Chicago has 2,374 Head Start slots; currently many of those slots remain unfilled. While the Head Start program is of vital importance, many caregivers do not know that the Head Start program exists or fully understand the broad-range of its services. Head Start programs nationwide have served close to 18 million children and families since its inception in 1965. or the The Head Start program has helped improve the lives of tens of thousands of Chicago children and their parents who live below the poverty level.

Children who participate in early learning experiences such as Head Start out-perform other students, their I.Q.'s are five times higher, and they are two years ahead in reading and 1.5 years ahead in math. Thirty-five percent of these students went on to attend college, which was 2.5 times the rate of their peers without the aid of early childhood education services (Abecedarian Project statistics).

In addition, the children showed improvement in pre-reading skills such as letter recognition, expanded work knowledge, phonemic awareness, knowledge and significant gains in social skills (Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey [FACES] results).

In conjunction with Head Start, the City of Chicago also provides family literacy and career planning programs to enable mothers to contribute more to their children's development, as well as realize a better life for their families. Parents are offered GED tutoring, computer training, English as a Second Language courses, vocational training, etc. In exchange for their living allowance, parents who do extremely well in the program are recruited as mentors and as volunteers in Head Start and other child care facilities.

Various Head Start Programs still have openings. These include neighborhoods such as: Englewood, West Englewood, East Garfield Park, West Garfield Park, Lower West Side, Humboldt Park, Greater Grand Crossing, Austin, North Lawndale, South Lawndale, Logan Square, Uptown and New City. Those interested in enrolling in the Head Start program should call 1 (800) 239-9957.

## Protest on lack of Blacks at Soliders Field

Civic activist **Eddie Read** will be leading community representatives to Chicago Sports Authority meeting on Friday November 1, to address the lack of Black contractors on the Soliders Field Project.

Read toured the contraction site with State Representatives **Lu Jones** and **Charles Morrow**, where they witness only sever (7) blacks working on the project. In addition, not only out of State workers from Iowa and Californian working but contractors from out of the country from Australia.

Read made the announcement of the meeting on WVON Radio for community support to secure a fair representation of Black contractors.

Sources close to the project informed SSJ that minority representation is met by the affirmative action goals of 25%. Agencies officially representing Black and other minority groups' as part of the Over Sight committee are the Target Group, Chicago Urban League, and Black Contractors United.

However, Read stated. "Everything, not a white man is a minority. That does not address Black representation.

Joining in with Read is the newly formed Voice Of the ExOffenfers, who have been addressing many construction issues around the city.

## Walgreen co. donates one million reading eyeglasses to Africa



Pictured I-r: Cong. **Danny K. Davis**, (7), **Bla Ahmed Tnubu**, Governor, Lagos State, Nigeria; **Edward H. King**, director, Government and Community Relations, Walgreen Co.; **Leke Pitan**, Honorable Commissioner for Health Lagos State, Nigeria

The Walgreen Company in conjunction with Congressman **Danny K. Davis** (D., 7th), announced plans to donate one million reading eyeglasses to several African countries to help reduce the burden of illiteracy and poor vision in Africa.

During a press conference Walgreens drugstore at Laramie and Madison presented sample of the eyeglasses to Governor **Bola Ahmed Tinubu** of Lagos State, Nigeria. The country will receive about 400,000 eyeglasses. The other countries to receive eyeglasses are Ghana, Cameroon, Uganda, Senegal, Zimbabwe and Tanzania.

Cong. Davis' African Affairs and Health Task Forces have identified seven African countries to receive varying numbers of eyeglasses.

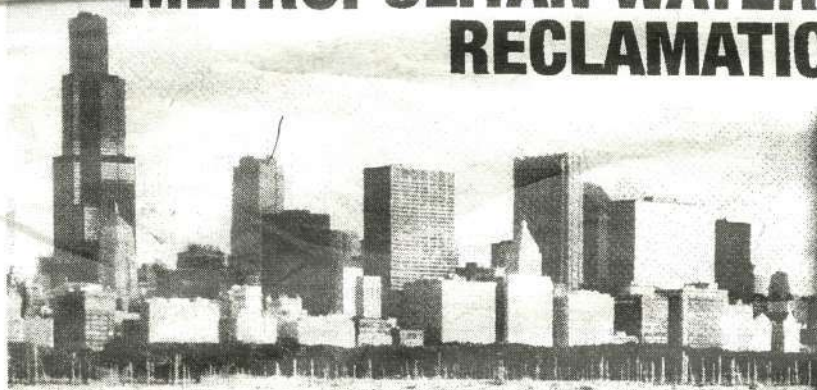
Walgreen Co. will facilitate the shipping of the eyeglasses from its warehouse in Illinois to eastern U.S. ports.

For more information about the African Eyeglass Initiative call: 312-567-9830.

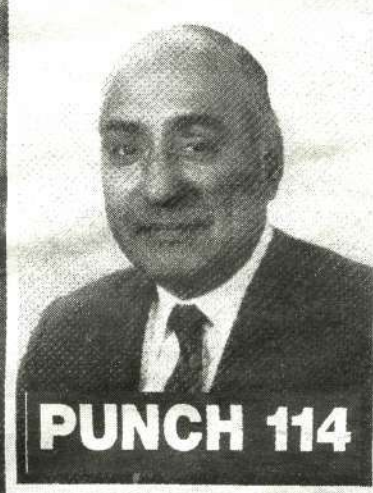
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William Davis, (Front Row, Right) spokesman for Coalition to Save The Met, stands with Jonnie Richardson, wife of Rev. Theodore Richardson, retired pastor of Metropolitan Community Church for 40 years, announces a filing of a lawsuit to present the systematic dismantling and demolition of the landmark church.

## Fight to Save Historic Church moves from Community Streets to Court

Grand Blvd.—The Coalition to Save the Met filed a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court against Rev. Leon Perry III, trustees of the Church and other parties to prevent demolition of the historic 113-year-old facility. This is the latest chapter in a battle to save one of Chicago's most significant historic structures.

On October 24, 2002, Preservation Chicago, a prominent architectural advocacy group, ranked Metropolitan Community Church as number three on its list of Chicago's Seven Most Threatened Buildings.

William Davis, spokesman for the Coalition, stood outside the shuttered Metropolitan Community Church holding the hand of Johnnie Richardson, the eighty-year-old wife of Rev. Theodore Richardson, retired pastor of the

Metropolitan congregation for 40 years, and declared that the community would not allow the church to be demolished. "This is a community effort," Davis said. "We are not going to stand by and watch another one of our important historical landmarks disappear. The decision to tear down this structure was made capriciously. That decision will not stand."

"My grandfather first joined this church in 1930," Richardson said. "Five generations of my family have been members here and I am still a member in good standing to this day. This building was built 113 years ago. It has stone exterior walls that are six to eight inches thick. It was built to last a thousand years. So, at one hundred thirteen, this is still a new building with plenty of life

## Chicago Elections Bd. Reverses Position,

### Defends 25,000 Signature requirement to thwart Challengers to Richard Daley

In a national comparison, Chicago Mayoral candidates in:

New York,	7,500
Boston,	3,000
Los Angeles	1,000
Illinois statewide offices,	5,000

Before the General Assembly changed the law in 1995 Chicago Mayoral candidates 2,261.

In a startling reversal of its position, the Chicago Board of Elections has with to court to defend its 25,000-signature requirement for citywide candidates' nominating petitions. The Board's Chairman Langdon Neal said earlier the requirement is "excessive" and should be reduced," and spokesman Tom Leach said, "We've had conversations about [people] filing a lawsuit against the Board and taking a neutral position." But now, the Board is defending what The Accountability Committee (TAC) calls an unfair policy.

The Board filed a defense brief in U.S. District Court before Judge Charles R. Norgle in response to a lawsuit filed by Chicago citizens who are candidates for citywide office in 2003. Their lawsuit alleges that the 25,000-requirement unduly bars their participation in the electoral process and is therefore unconstitutional.

TAC, a citywide coalition of

citizens and businesses seeking to energize Chicago's February 2003 election, supports the lawsuit. Aldermen William Beavers and Ed Smith, Rainbow/PUSH, League of Women Voters, Chicago Southside NAACP, *The Chicago Defender*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *South Street Journal* and *Daily South Town*, and other organizations have also called for reforming the signature requirement.

"We are shocked but not surprised by the Board's reversal," says Bruce Crosby, TAC Co-Convener. "The Board's Commissioners are appointed by the Cook County Democratic Party, and Mike Madigan and the Democrats in the Illinois General Assembly changed Chicago's election law to make it more difficult for candidates, independents, and new parties."

"The Party that likely stole the 1960 Presidential election is at it again - - trying to steal Chicago for Richard Daley."

In a national comparison of Chicago; Mayoral candidates in New York, Boston, and Los Angeles need only 7,500, 3,000, and 1,000 signatures respectively. For Illinois statewide offices such as Governor and U.S. Senator, the requirement is 5,000. And in 1995, prior to the General Assembly's changes, the requirement for Chicago citywide candidates was only 2,261.

TAC is calling on the Board of Elections to abandon its defense of the lawsuit to lower the signature requirement. TAC is also calling on Richard Daley, City Clerk James Laski, and City Treasurer Judith Rice to support the reforms.

Mayor Daley press office did not return calls to state his position on Chicago's relatively new election law: Nor has he made comments in support or oppose the 25,000-signature requirement for citywide candidates'.

"As Chicago's chief elected official, Mr. Daley should have an opinion on this issue," says Crosby, "Does he support the Board's requirement that candidates must gather 25,000 signatures? Does he think this is fair? Candidate-access to the ballot is central to our democracy, and Chicagoans deserve to know Mr. Daley's stance on this issue."

Ideally, Mr. Daley will join the chorus of voices that is calling for reform. To prepare for upcoming court proceedings, TAC is lining up local and national voter rights advocates, and Mr. Daley is encouraged to testify as well, in support of a lower signature requirement.

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# The Rosenwald Building

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Sawyer and Pat Dowell. Johnson, who is also was a member of the building council stated she is working as the Committeeman, and says she has a "Rosenwald Re-development Plan" that includes a cooperative, mixed use complex for seniors, the physically challenged, market rate, Section 8 and community residents making the transition from 'welfare-to-work-to-mortgage'

The City officials in collaboration with the Chicago Housing Authority inspected the building and found it not livable. With the threat to the public health and a hazard tenants of the building was vacated in 2000 within three months. It alarmed community residents with a questionable intent as a land grab. However, the building had years of deterioration and drugs distribution activity. One of the business tenants, Finer Foods, is in the process of suing for false inspections of the building; forcing him out of business.

Theresa Hoy, a former tenant of the building said she is pleased with her new apartment and away from the menace activity. "But what choice did they give us. When the building is not kept up surely a person would want to move. It was a shame the way the moved people out so cruel.

According to the *Lakefront Outlook*, the city owns the Rosenwald and it is maintained by Ald. Dorothy Tillman ally, Elzie Higginbottom, head of East Lake Management. Tillman, Higginbottom nor the City return SSJ calls in time for deadline.

Johnson, program director of Teen Cyber Tech Cafe', the organization was housed in the Rosenwald. Johnson was part of a Chicago delegation that went to Cleveland Ohio earlier October to the National Trust for Historic



Photo by Bronzeville Online  
Bruce Crosby, Accountability Committee; Kenny Sawyer, 3rd ward candidate, Rene Maxwell, Coalition to Protect Public Housing, Theresa Hoy, former tenant of the Rosenwald, Gerri Oliver, Pat Dowell, 3rd ward candidate, Lee Walker, New Coalition, Pat Hill, Accountability candidate, John Paul John, Greater Englewood Task Force and, Front roll at mic Kathy Thomas, GOP candidate with Bobbie Johnson, leading the press conference and rally to save the Rosenwald Building on 47th Street.

Preservation Conference.

The Landmark Preservation Council of Illinois put the Rosenwald on a list of the 10 most endangered historic structures in the state. And the National Trust for Historic Preservation intent to use their resources to save the Rosenwald building according to Johnson.

Richard Moe, President of the National Trust announced a new initiative which is being kick off called "Work Force Housing. This initiative will institute the development of affordable housing stock for the working poor using the Historic Tax Credit and the Low Income Tax Credit. HOPE VI, HUD's Neighborhood Networks initiative, TIF and other resources to leverage funding for the re-development of the historical landmark.

Noted philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, at the urging of Booker T. Washington, built the building in 1929. Designed by Adler Planetarium architect Ernest Grunsfeld, the building was erected to meet the demand for housing Chicago's then growing Black middle class.

One of the first tenants, Mrs. Howard, 97, a former resident of the building says; "They were spending too much money trying to house working black folks who came from down south so they built this building."

"My husband was a Pullman Porter, he and the other men in the building pool their monies together and started the Illinois Service Federal Credit Union right here in the building."

That historical credit union is now Illinois Service Federal Bank, a black bank still residing in the Bronzeville community.

Johnson said. "With \$1.6 billion in federal money and an open-ended commitment from Mayor Daley, we would like to use some of these dollars to refurbish the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments.

There is no report cost factors to restore the building. But, Pat Dowell former Mid-South Planning Executive Director and candidate for 3rd ward alderman took the position that a cost to rehab the building must be done before any demolition.

The Rosenwald was one of the  
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# Jakes

billed for aldermanic candidates and the public.

"Some of us haven't been in the same room together in years," Jakes explained. "But today, is the day we are moving forward."

However, no public official has

endorsed Jakes' potential run.

"That's expected." Said Cleveland Little, a community and political activist. "One person that can get the most Black leaders together today is Mayor Daley. As Thomas "TNT" Todd says it: 'they are not selling us out, they are giving us away'."

With the lack of black elected officials, Atty. Anderson says. "We are going to fight this. The issues and the future are too high not to. And we call on all those

who stand for right to join us as they always ask us to join them during their election."

Bruce Crosby co-convenor of TAC and a member of Jakes exploratory committee said. "Jakes has the consensus of our community in his leadership. His actions have always spoken louder than his words. Moreover, in this instance upon announcing he again is standing when many would not."

Jakes is most noted for his activism on police matters. How-

ever, he has a political and government back ground ranging from 1981 as a civil rights leader with then Operation PUSH, District manager under former Cong. Gus Savage, and worked for city government. "Frankly, the people of Chicago both Black and White, will remember what he has done in all those areas," Said Crosby.

Other candidates in the race are Rafael Chagin, Rev. Joseph McAfee, Pat McAllister, and Rev. Robert Floyd Plump.

However, source Black candidate is to the November 5, general election. The source also indicates that person would be a front to divide the Black community.

Reports are Mayor Daley has conducted a poll of prospected black candidates that could give him a challenge. "Jakes was not on his list." Said the source. "This time he (Daley) is not going to know where we are coming from."

## POLITICAL ROLL CALL



3rd Ward Aldermanic candidate pat Dowell (right) gathers signatures for her nominating petitions from 47th Street business owner Rudolph Alleyne. Dowell has launched a door-to-door campaign, greeting residents and business in her bid to unseat sitting Alderman Dorothy Tillman.

**"Gator" Bradley may reconsider his**

**support to Tillman**

Wallace "Gator" Bradley who ran against Alderman Dorothy



Tillman



Bradley



Baskin



Mosley-Braun

Tillman three times said earlier he now supports Ald. Dorothy Tillman reelection. But informed SSJ he will reconsider his support challenging the candidates to address the lack of black construction workers doing city projects in the third ward. Candidate Pat Dowell who campaigned on 47th street stated she welcome Bradley to open his eyes to understand, Tillman is not an issue in the campaign. "Her term is up. The community has basically declared that already. It is a matter of who Bradley and the other members will chose to support as the new alderman." She added "His challenge is more of an reinforcement like other voters of the ward., .

Other candidates in the race is former candidate Dorothy Oliver of

Stateway Gardens and Kenny Sawyer.

### Baskin Blast Coleman on Daley Support

Hal Baskin a third time candidate for alderman of the 16th ward launched out on Ald. Shirley Coleman on her support for Mayor Richard Daley. "This is why the 16th ward needs a Representative that understand the problems people face in this ward.

"When elected the only debt I have to repay, is to the people that voted me in office. Not the Mayor. We have the strength, independence, intelligence, and integrity to do the right thing by the people and for the people. Coleman has not went through a process to make a discussion like that. Baskin a member of The Account-

ability Committee, who started the process for replacing Daley said. "We will not cut deals to keep us in office at the expense of our people."

Coleman made her statement in the Chicago Defender early October, supporting Mayor Daley's work in the 16th Ward.

### Mosley-Braun May Run for Office, Even President

Former U. S. Sen. Carol Mosley-Braun, has not ruled out running for Mayor, reported the National Newspaper Publishers Assoc., including the Democratic nomination for president in 2004. Mosley Braun stated supporters are encouraging her to advance to public office again and the suggestions range from running for re-election to the United States Senate in '04 to running for president of the United States in '04," Mosley-Braun tells NNPA.

However, raising funds for the office of US Senate is State Senator Barka Obama.

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# Black Leadership Summit Nov. 16 to follow Atlanta Cong. McKinney address to Chicago

Ujima Political Action Committee and Kennedy King Student Government will host Atlanta Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney to Chicago. She will be discussing her recent defeat at the hands of what many say groups outside the Black community and what it means for the future of Black independent politics. The event will take place on Saturday, November 9, 1:00—5:30 pm at Kennedy King College, International Room 6800 S. Wentworth. Admission is Free.

However, with the aftermath of McKinney speaking to Chicago, progressive political activist and the public at large will gather again for a Black Political Leadership Summit to take place the following Saturday, November 16, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at the Centers for Inner City Studies, 700 East Oakenwald.

The Summit is a call to action addressing the February 2003 election according to Randy Evans, member of the Ujima Political Action Committee, who called the summit, along with Ron Carter, publisher of SSJ called the meeting as a quick follow-up to the expected road map that McKinney will outline for Chicago to avoid.

As in the sixties and seventies, black aldermen was identified as the "Silent 6." Black aldermen then under the late Mayor Richard J. Daley is a reflection to the present aldermen now amounts into a full-scale crisis for the Black Chicago independence to address direct issues facing the community.

"Where art thou Black Leadership?" an article by Stephanie

(Gadlin) Shakur ask, "What the city is doing to poor residents is indefensible and inexcusable--and with further examination it may even be illegal.

She went on to report, more egregious wrong, is how Chicago's civil rights, religious, political and quasi-militant leadership has been silent.

"Even the Chicago Urban League, which sits a stone's throw away from Robert Taylor Homes with its \$7 million budget and superior research and lobbying skills, offers nothing. The NAACP? Forget about it."

She continued to point out despite the obvious civil and human rights violations, not even the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Nation of Islam, or National Black United Front--all headquartered in Chicago--has taken up the plight. "And let's not talk about the body of churches--preachers with ten and twenty thousand people congregations."

Evans said. "We need solutions. We know there is a need to call for action. For those of us who know, there's a movement waiting and there is room for all of us on the frontline. This is the focus of this Black Leadership Summit."

"If we don't act now, our problem may be worse than the issue of Atlanta," Evans said.

"No one can argue that something needs to be done to change how our leadership functions in this city. But what amazes many is how complacent the overall populace has become," Evans pointed out.

Political activist, Richard Burnett adds that the voters at times are a reflection of the leadership. Of the

22 Black aldermen, Daley appointed 12. Which for the most part are loyal to him before the voters of the ward.

Off the record, one alderman staffer pointed out that. "Those appointed to Daley will never be progressive. The issue is right only if the check is right."

Black elected officials know it has a problem on its hands. State Rep. Connie Howard pointed out it is a matter of finance as well. "The one who pays for the campaign chest normally controls the candidate and has the clout with the official."

"The Black community must start putting money in their candidates with their votes."

At one point during last November, the Black Caucus had a light of a united front regarding their wards remap. In response, it beefed up its public image during the ward remap with political consultant Demarie Cobb.

Dr. Conrad Worrill stated that it was the long over due leadership the community has been waiting for from Black aldermen." However, after the ward remap was over the united front filled aside.

The goals of Summit are to address leadership over the next 3 months. The Summit is to address the 22 blacks wards in Chicago with approximately 800,000 Black voters in Chicago.

What has happened is because too many Black people do not see a relationship between their vote and any change in their lives; the process has turned off a lot of people. However, on the other hand, if we do not vote, we yield the field to the other side.

We yield the field particularly to the Right-wing conservative.

Carter said. "With Black voters it is not a matter of providing the margins of victory for elections in Chicago. Blacks are the deciding factor. That's all to it."

For info, call 773/434-2306.

## Chicago Wards Political Line-up

Ward	Alderman	Race	Register voters	Known political position
1	Jesse D. Granato	Hispanic	25,898	
2	Madeline Haitcock	Black	28,140	Appointed
3	Dorothy Tillman	Black	26,469	Appointed, H. Washington
4	Toni Preckwinkle	Black	29,545	
5	Leslie Hairston	Black	29,778	
6	Freddrenna m. Lyle	Black	38,191	Appointed
7	William M. Beavers	Black	33,389	
8	Todd H. Stroger	Black	39,595	Appointed
9	Anthony Beale	Black	36,775	
10	John A. Pope	White	27,146	Appointed
11	James A. Balcer	White	22,112	Appointed
12	Ray Frias	Hispanic	12,145	
13	Frank Olivo	White	25,228	
14	Edward m. Burke	White	13,835	
15	Theodore Thomas	Black	26,893	
16	Shirley Coleman	Black	24,899	
17	Latasha R. Thomas	Black	34,968	Appointed
18	Thomas W Murphy	White	34,585	
19	Virginia A. Rugai	White	36,775	Appointed
20	Arenda Troutman	Black	25,058	Appointed
21	Rev. Leonard Deville	Black	43,327	Appointed
22	Ricardo Munoz	Hispanic	15,553	
23	Michael R. Zalewski	White	30,240	
24	Michael D. Chandler	Black	35,243	
25	Daniel Solis	Hispanic	19,019	
26	Billy Ocasio	Hispanic	23,924	Appointed
27	Walter Burnett, Jr.	Black	30,005	Appointed
28	Ed H. Smith	Black	31,994	
29	Isaac S. Chandler	Black	27,644	
30	Michael A. Wojcik	White	19,719	
31	Ray Suarez	Hispanic	19,310	
32	Theodore Matlak	White	32,306	
33	Richard F. Mell	White	17,176	
34	Carrie Austin	Black	41,483	Appointed
35	Vilma Colom	White	21,646	
36	William J.P. Banks	Black	30,250	
37	Emma Mitts	Black	30,158	Appointed
38	Thomas R. Allen	White	27,381	
38	Margaret C. Laurino	White	23,530	
40	Patrick J.O. Connor	White	22,448	
41	Brain Doherty	White	36,739	
42	Burton F. Natarus	White	34,164	
43	Vi Daley	White	34,226	
44	Bernard Hasen	White	33,175	
45	Patrick J. Levar	White	30,148	
46	Helen Shiller	White	27,830	
47	Eugene C. Schuler	White	30,340	
48	Mary Ann Smith	White	26,529	
49	Joseph A. Moore	White	20,003	
50	Bernard L. Stone	White	23,050	
Total city voters			1,409,492	

## Parking Tickets

I went to the store the other day. I was only in there for about 5 minutes, and when I came out there was a damn motorcycle cop writing a parking ticket.

So I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a guy a break?" He ignored me and continued writing the ticket.

So I called him a pencil-necked nazi. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having bald tires!

So I called him a piece of horse shit. He finished the second ticket and put it on the car with the first... then started writing a third ticket!

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

I didn't give a damn--my car was parked around the corner.

The City of Chicago have collected more than \$4 million in overdue ticket revenue has been paid since Sept. 3, 2002.



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# City Budget

With a \$116 million deficit for 2003, the City of Chicago's \$4.7 Billion budget includes; \$195 Million GO Bond for Public Works, Continuation of the Annual \$200 Million "Neighborhood Alive 21" Construction Fund for new Police and Fire stations, a layoff of 200 city workers, and a possible tax levy increase to shore-up its five (5) municipal pension funds.

The Neighborhood Capital Budget Group (NCBG) in collaboration with its Community Capital Campaign (CCC), a consortium of community groups for accountability over capital spending and more public investment in neighborhoods will be assisting groups to testify at the City's 2003 Budget Hearing. The public hearing will be held, Wednesday, November 6, 2003, 12 noon (following the City Council Meeting), City Hall - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Chamber.

"With over \$400 million in unspent Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars deposited within 121 TIF district accounts, the City is betting you "close your eyes" to this shell game." John Paul Jones of the NCBG said. "People should use this opportunity to testify before the City Council on what they expect from government for services, programs and funding priorities."

The CCC sees the TIF funds as City hall's own "Shadow Budget" by its failure to provide details on how they plan to spend the funds.

The way the budget is "Streamline" millions in TIF funds can have little regard to communities official "redevelopment plan".

"It is important citizens review the budget with their Alderman to ensure parity in spending and greater public investment in their neighborhood"

For information and/or fact sheets on the Budget, contact John Paul Jones or Helene at NCBG at (312) 939.7198.

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## Farrakhan: on D.C. sniper

And this is not the John that we knew. What happened to him, what caused this remains at present to me and to us a mystery. It's something that must be probed and it must be found. What turns a person into a cold killer of innocent people?" he asked.

One of the victims, Ken

Bridges, was a Black empowerment activist and longtime friend and associate of Min. Farrakhan.

The accused sniper was in bad standing with the Nation over a child custody dispute with his second wife, who attends a D.C.-area mosque, Min. Farrakhan said. He had not been heard from since 1999, the Minister said.

"We would all ask that any who is guilty of such be punished to the fullest extent of the law," Min. Farrakhan added. Under the Nation's teachings, members are not allowed to possess any weapon, Min. Farrakhan explained.

"But, I respectfully say, to the members of the media and the American people, Timothy McVeigh confessed that he was a Christian, but nobody blames the church for his misconduct," he observed. Mr. McVeigh was found guilty of the April 1995 Oklahoma City Federal Building bombing. Likewise, the pastors of those imprisoned are not linked to their crimes, but there is a bias that allows for Islam to be wrongly attached to crimes, he said Muslims already suffer from a stigma and pain of Sept. 11.

Mr. Williams first attended a

study group in northern Cal and later a small study group

attle. In 1996, at the annual Saviours Day convention, all of the believers present were given the right to wear the name Muhammad, as a sign of religious ties to Nation of Islam patriarch Elijah Muhammad. The name Muhammad means, "one worthy of praise, and one praised much," he said.

The accused sniper's wife at the time was at the convention. He later legally changed his name to Muhammad in the courts, the Minister said.

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*By Beverly A. Reed*  
Columnist for the Chicago Defender

I was going to tell you about a crime scene I saw today but I've seen so many I don't know where to begin. My mind is reeling from the bloodlust. Everywhere I look there is nothing but violence and pain. I think someone was killed near my house but I don't know. I just saw shattered glass, shivering cops and people looking. I kept going.



I came home and there was Mr. Muhammed's face plastered all over the television. The media never says we cannot make sense of what makes no sense so we will just show footage of Dr. King or Ghandi or President Ikeda or Mother Theresa or anybody who does not have a rifle or an ink pen to sign a check to buy more might. No we have to see where he slept or what he ate or watch while they harass the hell out of his poor ex-wives or whomever else they can get their hands on.

Now we have Black John and White John both Americans and both accused of terrorist acts what the Sam Hill is happening. Maybe violence is not the answer. Everybody has a reason. The people who barged into a Russian theatre with bombs strapped to their bodies last night have a reason. The young men who hold it down out here have a reason. George Bush has a reason.

But I don't have a reason what I have is two sons and three daughters and I want to live in a world that is not hell bent on destroying itself and whatever it takes to make that happen. Is what I am interested in hearing about and reading about and seeing outside.

Am I rambling? Too bad. Sometimes we get so caught up in the correct this and that we just forget to just stand up and tell the truth. I am frightened. But I am willing to do my part to get the good and the bad guys to just...  
Stop killing people.

*Next issue of SSJ, Q&A with Ms. Beverly 'Oye' Reed, From the past and everything in between from "Girl X" to her Cable program on November 21, 2002.*

# No way to end terrorism Cointelpro Specter, Haunts of Black America

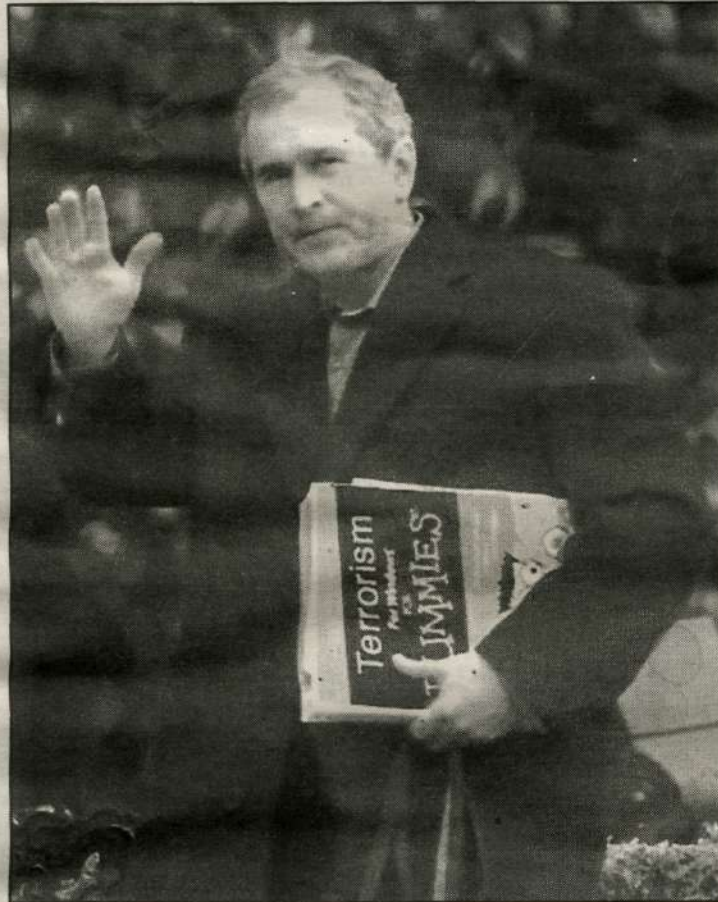


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**In** what may be the beginning of a Third War World, as the events unfold, the United Nations kicked off a world wide online petition drive starting from France in an effort to avoid a tragic war.

As the U.S. has backed off bin Linden and drive attacks on Saudi Hasun, the Judicial Watch, a public interest group that investigates and prosecutes government corruption and abuse, said that the Bush administration is continuing a practice of providing the American public with false and misleading information concerning Islamic terror plans and attacks against the United States. They point out the after effects of 911 is still in the mist of the citizens rights in the mist of President Bush's Homeland Security Plan.

Bush in his address to the nation said that the Homeland Security Plan "will give our government resources in a way that is thorough and unified." The Department of Homeland Security is the largest reorganization of the federal government since the 1940's.

Judicial Watch reports, "Given their (Bush Administration) poor track record leading up to September 11, the FBI and Justice Department have regrettably established a pattern, for obvious political purposes, of withholding or not providing accurate information to the American public in order to deceive the public of further acts on U.S. soil." They charged the FBI and its Justice Department with fraudulent practice that must cease.

National Secretary of the Black Radical Congress, Frances M. Beal bears with caution the 911 and citizens plight with the Homeland Security as a reflection of the civil rights and the anti-war movements of the past. He makes notes to the Cointelpro Specter, a haunts of Black America.

"Clearly, if the rest of the nation has amnesia on FBI history, Black America does not," says Beal. "A person who lived through the civil rights battles of the 60s and 70s cannot help but see the

revitalized of Cointelpro, the counter-intelligence policy carried out by the FBI

Beal points out from the mass people's movements of the 1960s and 1970s pressure brought to bear on the government that eventually led to adopting new guidelines, purportedly designed to curb FBI abuse of people's rights. "And today history still is written for activist who marched on the FBI and Justice department against President Bush, saying no to the FBI attacks on civil rights and liberties charging there was no vote in Congress. No public referendum. Nor there was no judicial review."

Speaking earlier this year, Judicial Watch Chairman and General Counsel Larry Klayman said. "Our FBI Director and Attorney General, who have proven that they have a hard time telling the truth to the American people, and should be fired or forced to resign."

The Judicial Watch reports what is new is that the FBI is overtly shifting from focusing on criminal investigations into focusing on counter-intelligence programs - a code word for an attack on dissent and on political and religious organizations

The Home Land Security is viewed by many as the FBI being unleashed on people targeted by the Bush administration. Targeted because of determined political or religious views or affiliations warrant surveillance, infiltration, and disruption of their personal lives or the organizations to which they belong.

Klayman added, the current Washington scandal is not about what the FBI or the CIA knew - which apparently is plenty - but the fact that the FBI and other security agencies refused to act on information because of political interference from higher ups rooted in the political and economic ties of the bin Lindens to the Bush family.

Since 9-11, thousands of Muslim, Arab American, and South Asian people have been subjected to the violation of their civil rights and liberties. Charitable organizations have had their assets seized. Thousands have been illegally



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detained. Educational institutions, homes, and businesses have been raided. In addition, the FBI has carried out a massive interrogation campaign of people based on race, religion, and ethnicity.

"The Administration's continued defiance of constitutional safeguards seems to have no end in sight," stated the dean of the Black Caucus and ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee John Conyers (D. Mi.). "Any government effort to institutionalize the same powers that allowed the FBI to wrongfully spy on the activities of civil rights organizations and disclose information on the private affairs of Martin Luther King, Jr.," he continued, "would constitute an embarrassing step backwards for civil liberties in this country."

Beal exemplifies what many of the younger Black activists may not know is that Cointelpro did only unconstitu-

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# No Casinos No

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ago, South Street wrote an editorial on Illinois Lottery predi-

poor and mostly Black before long approached Lottery black advertising. We were in-

be no advertising in until the newspaper position. Well SSJ has on, nor have the news-

paper received an ad of any kind from that agency. A supporter of SSJ stated later committed to the low cash newspaper, "When I win the lottery I am going to give some of the money to the newspaper."

The supporter remarks were the reflection of Alderman V. Lyle interviewed, "Gambling, and possibility being of-Lotto." Mayor Daley's idea of Chicago. However, announcement a formed by a co-

The game has been a set up from the start. As many people like gambling "Like Mike" and Auntie Eda (Who normally wins). Some people just have plain old common sense and good luck. However, the majority are just plain old foolish gamblers like Mike, without the money to blow.

Chicago and Illinois should join both governor candidates against gambling in Chicago. The state and the city need real economic growth not a chance of people making the wrong discussions. It is morally wrong.

For poor people and those praying to get a piece of the American dream such as Chicago Black community, a taste of the results of casino gambling in Chicago is an example of the State Lottery.

Here's are a sample of the facts on Gam-

bling 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 combined lottery revenue of \$9 Million in 2001, and \$11 Million so far in 2002 fiscal year.

Predominantly African American or Latino, low-income Chicago communities have generated the highest lottery sales in the state, shows an analysis of Illinois Lottery records since 1997 reported the Chicago Reporter. In addition, residents in these communities spent a higher portion of their incomes on the lottery than people in more affluent areas. In addition, despite the state's recent economic downturn, lottery spending has increased; the reporter found number-bases games of chance have a history in poor, black communities.

Illinois proposed a statewide numbers game in 1972 as a way to fund schools. Yet, the school system in Chicago still has a cloud of neglect. If the city is in a state of depending on its citizens misfortunate loses for economic development like it is done to parking tickets then the Mayor and the poll survey conducted is a low down cheap conspiracy, with the citizens suffering peacefully.

But to the wise, as the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs stated, it would be Mayor Daley's gamble in 2003 election, and SSJ's gamble on future ads from the city.



## Endorsement

Blagovick and most democratic candidates received an overwhelming endorsement with support of a collaboration of established community/political leaders.

They have put out non-stop campaigning for the ticket with no real challengers to the ticket.

We give most democrats another stab at the community. Blagojevich admitted, Roland Burris lost the election because of the color of his skin. From the results of the primary, lets see what happens with Roland's votes November 5th.

<b>Democrat</b>		
<b>99% precincts reporting</b>		
Blagojevich	451,633	37%
Vallas	426,099	34%
Burris	357,520	29
<b>Republican</b>		
<b>99% precincts reporting</b>		
Ryan	400,481	45%
O'Malley	255,401	28%
Wood	240,572	27%

## Shaw - Meeks Race

The progressive voters in the 15th Senatorial race got a choice on Nov. 5th. Like children looking at playground fight between Democratic incumbent William Shaw and Rev. James Meeks.

Two Black leaders fighting over a political agenda for the most part the voters are not aware of. Meeks reportedly has a campaign budget of \$300,000. Shaw on the other hand has the politically conservators of black officials along with renegade political activist supporting him to stop the political stronghold Meeks would gain with Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. In that at one political forum they were almost physically fighting. The verbal political battle that is raging resulted with SSJ being handed questionable personal background on Meeks. It was very distasteful. If true raise the political and spiritual leadership of Meeks as the next in line to take over RainbowPUSH.

Their campaign is far form a kid game. The sad part is the disunity they did not have enough rational to publicly to say the admitted to sit down and discuss their difference. Leaving voters stranded in the middle.

Even with Meeks radio commercials are questionable to low down political leadership oppose to a man of God and honesty with ones fellow man. Both are portraying themselves as the wrong candidate with rhetoric rather than a political agenda for the people. That's what is running under a political party is all about.

Shaw is challenging his whims of the senate, which he consider exceptionally risky. Pointing out what is at stake is control of both the House and the Senate. But if Meeks do will, he would for the most part support the existing legislative agenda of the Illinois Black Caucus.

The Republican Party has appointed it's candidate with the chance that the White Demarcates in the south suburbs would skip over to vote for the republican, as it was done in Chicago during the Harold Washington election according to a leading State Senator.

The voters of the 15th District have a mission for the generations to come to embrace not only community and economic empowerment, but political development as well. They will decide a political leader hopefully that will rebuild unity and political empowerment. This race should be about that.

Or like the playground fight, its just another day.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the making of amends done.

used the Reparations Ordinance. I commend their effort a sensitive issue confrontation. However, a closer looks more questions than council missed a further the it. The law's Dorothy Tillman, out of her hat reparations disclosure is symbol-

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benefited from slavery, then that company and its shareholders were unjustly enriched. That is a debt that must be repaid no matter how long ago it was incurred. A more proper response to this issue would be for the City Council to have enacted an ordinance with some teeth, holding some consequence for violators and requiring some meaningful gesture from corporate slave profiteers. Isn't that the point of reparations, to repair or make amends for wrongs or injuries done? This was the case with the Japanese during World War II and the Jewish survivors of the Holocaust.

But what should we have expected from an ordinance pushed by Tillman other than symbolism without substance. It is the hallmark of her tenure in the City Council, living off the legacies of Harold Washington and Rev. Martin Luther King while paying lip service to voters in the most underserved Ward in Chicago. Let's hope this doesn't distract 3rd Ward voters from the more substantive issues that affect us everyday—such as education, jobs, economic development, affordable housing and crime.

Pat Dowell

## SciFi and Black

Speculative Fiction Discussion Groups for People of Color

Dear Editor; SciFiNoir Literature Discussion List was formed because a large majority of the people joining. Some are writing SciFi on the side. The response has been wonderful and I am seeking to maintain this momentum.

SciFiNoir Literature is a community of people of color with a deep appreciation for science fiction literature. In a addition to traditional science fiction literature, members are also free to discuss horror, paranormal, Sci Fi erotica, Afrofuturism, cyberpunk, fantasy, paranormal, sci fi romance, and science fact.

We will help to keep you up-to-date on what's going on in these great genres, the people of color involved, and its impact on people of color. In addition to lively discussion, we will provide you with news, event announcements, calls for papers, speculative fiction market info, and more!!

For the past three years 400+ people of color with a love of speculative fiction TV & Film, have turn to SciFiNoir to gather with others with similar interests from around the globe. Now we are going to do the same with Speculative Fiction Literature. Help us grow this community by spreading the word. Send this message to your friends interested in speculative fiction and post it on your favorite discussion groups.

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community/SciFiNoir\_lit. Options for digest and web subscriptions are available on the site. Tracey L. Minor, Moderator Email: tracey@zone19.com

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. Please include your name, city and country in which you live.

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# SPIRITUAL



## It's Funny.

How we set our clocks to arise at 4:00 a.m. or 5:00 a.m. to be at the job by 8:00 a.m., yet when Sabbath comes, we can't get to church by 11:00 a.m. to praise the one who gave us the jobs!

Funny how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother, but find it hard to introduce them to our family.

Funny how small our sins seem, but how big "their" sins are.

Funny how we demand justice for others, but expect mercy from God.

Funny how much difficulty some have learning the gospel well enough to tell others, But how simple it is to understand and explain the latest gossip about someone else.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but

don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how we are so quick to take directions from a total stranger when we are lost, but are hesitant to take God's direction for our lives.

Funny how so many church goers sing "Standing on the Promises" but all they do is sit on the premises.

Funny how people want God to answer their prayers, but refuse to listen to His counsel.

Funny how we sing about heaven, but live only for today.

Funny how people think they are going to Heaven but don't think

there is a Hell.

Funny how it is okay to blame God for evil and suffering in the world, but it is not necessary to thank Him for what is good and pleasant.

Funny how when something goes wrong, we cry, "Lord, why me?" but when something goes right, we think, "Hey, it must be me!"

Oh wait ... maybe all this isn't so "funny" after all.

Lajuan Whitfield, Dispatch Manager  
DNSC Chicago

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## Coalition to Save Metropolitan Church

left in it. To tear a sound structure down, especially one with so much history and value, just to build one that's new just doesn't make sense."

The lawsuit filed names Reverend Leon Perry III as pastor of the church; the church itself; its board of trustees, Mark Collins, Gary Brooks, Yvonne Bryant, Maxine Brown, Renardo Johnson, Susan Dugan, Brian Graham, Karen Hansberry, Eugene Mandeville, Chandra Nicks, A. Doris Reynolds, James Stewart and Lisa Whaley; Adkins Architectural Antiques of Houston, Texas; and Rutz Organ Company of Morristown, Minnesota. The suit alleges the Metropolitan defendants have proceeded without authority to demolish the church, mortgage the congregation's real property and waste millions of dollars of the congregation's money to build a new church on the same site, and seeks a cause of action for waste of the congregation's corporate assets.

"The Douglas-Grand Boulevard community is richer in history than any other community in Chicago. Yet, too much of our architectural legacy has been allowed to disappear. This community is standing together today to say hold, enough. We are not going to sit and watch as another piece of our history falls by

the wayside because of whimsy and shortsightedness," said Linda Slaughter, Chairman of the Coalition to Save The Met.

The controversy started in August 2001, when Rev. Leon Perry III announced plans to demolish the church and build a new one in its place. Shortly thereafter, the congregation was vacated from the church building and began holding services at Wendell Phillips High School.

In August 2002, Adkins Architectural Antiques, of Houston, Texas began removing the stained-glass windows from the church, prompting a demonstration by community residents and current and former members of the congregation. An emergency stop-work order was issued by the City of Chicago on August 28, 2002 to prevent the continued removal of the stained-glass windows, which was being carried out without a permit.

Plaintiffs further allege that Rev. Perry or other Metropolitan defendants have entered into an agreement with Rutz Organ Company to sell the congregation's Skinner pipe organ, a rare and extremely valuable instrument built in 1923 by noted American organ builder Ernest M. Skinner, containing 2,573 pipes and integral to the design and appearance of the church.

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# Announcement

**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. prairie Ave. 684-6561  
 Saturday, Nov. 2, Economic Empowerment Initiative Workgroup, 10:30 AM-12:30 AM Center for Inner City Studies, 700 East Oakwood Blvd. Topic: EZ/EC Business Grants, Trade Mission to Ghana, West Africa, April 12 - 19, Monday, Nov. 4, How to apply for the EZ/EC Small Business Grant, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, New Galilee Church - 5001 S. Wabash, Bring copy of the grant, your business plan and rough draft of your completed application. Grant due November 12 at 4 PM. For information, 773/451-6527.

**Eyes of the Rainbow**, a film on the life, political imprisonment, and exile of ex-black panther Assata Shakur. Directed by award winning Afro-Cuban filmmaker Gloria Rolando, it brings to life not only the struggle of this extraordinary woman but through music and dance also gives the viewer a glimpse of the Cuban Revolution and the rich African legacy that she has found in Cuba. Friday, Nov., 6 pm at the Ferguson Theatre, Columbia College, 600 S. Michigan, Free and Open to Public. Donations welcome. Co-sponsored by African-American Cultural Center-Columbia Columbia College, Chicago Communiversity, Sol Productions, and the Assata (Arts) Project.

**Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney** will be host by Ujima Political Action Committee and Kennedy King Student government. Cong McKinney will host discussing her recent defeat at the hands of groups outside the Black community and what it means for the future of Black independent politics. Saturday, November 9, 1:00—5:30 pm at Kennedy King College, International Room

6800 S. Wentworth. Admission is Free. For information call 312-842-6806

**Rite of Passage into Elder hood, Initiate Anderson Thompson**, at the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive, Sunday, November 10, 3:00 pm. \$50.00 per person, presented by the Black United Fund.

**The United American Progress Association** will celebrate their 41st Anniversary Sunday, November 10th at the Providence Banquet Hall, 84445 S. Ashland Ave at 3 pm. They will honor Chinta Strausberg, Chicago Defender as their Woman of the the Year and State Representative Constance A. "Connie" Howard for the outstanding job in Springfield, Derrick Harris, President of the Harvey II, Chapter if UAPA, and the late Ken Bridges from Oaklyn, New Jersey, Co-Founder of Matah Net Work (who was killed in the recent east coast killings. Tickets \$35

**Chatham Avalon Park Community Council's (CAPCC) 26th Annual Awards Dinner** celebrating its 47th Anniversary. The event will take place Friday, November 15, 2002 at the Harambee House, 11901 S. Loomis from 6:30 to 11:30 pm. Joe Moore, Manager of Community Relations for Shell Oil Company and Cheryl Nolan, Director of Public Affairs for Jewel/Osco Company are Honorary Co-chairs on the Committee that handles this affair.

The Black Law Students Association of the John Marshall Law School, will hold a discussion of Reparations Now...Who, What, When, Where, Why How? Southside 7 pm Friday, Nov. 15, Pilgrim Baptist Church (Community Center) 3301 S. Indiana, Westside, 10 am Saturday, Nov 16, Douglas Park Cultural Center, 1401 SW. Sacramento. \$1 donation at the door—to pay event costs only.

**Workshop Coalition** meet every Wednesday, 325 South California Ave. Chicago, Ill. 7:00 pm (male only) 773-265-1500.

**Harold Washington Party 2000 International presents Hotline 21** every Tuesday 8:00 pm until 8:30, Live interaction TV programming where the viewers call in on politics, education, health, jobs, police brutality with guest. Host by Herman W. Baker Jr. Chairman and William Brown. For information call 773 989-5348.

**Englewood and The Unity Church of God In Christ** holds its weekly meeting addressing the Englewood community on Fridays at the church, 821 W. 69th

Street at 6:00 pm to discuss the needs of Englewood. For more information call (773) 487-9062 or (773) 224-6438.

**Columbia College Chicago** will showcase "The Chronicle of a Shizophrenic and his Reluctant Helpers" at the Glass Curtain Gallery 1104 S. Wabash Ave. The exhibit runs through Nov. 22. Friday Nov. 1, the artists Ziegesar and Syme will be present for the opening reception from 5 pm - 8 pm. For info call 312-344-6650.



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By Lillie Robinson

*Me, Marry You  
When did you decide you're  
worthy to be someones bride  
Not just a place to hide or put  
my thingthing inside  
But to hold you up with pride  
Let's put all that aside  
When I met you at the club, 1st  
night we rub-a-dubbed  
We did it in the car, kitcher even  
the tub  
Within tow nights you were in love  
Now I want you to listen  
None of these words I want you  
missing  
You're easy, a little too sleazy  
Only a true Queen can please me  
Not give it up but tease me  
Beautiful body, nice behind—smart  
educated*



Art by Jabbar

All combined

*A woman I'd proud to call mine  
We're talking long term, my life time  
Nah, don't cry like your feelings hurt & whine  
Think about it, are you worthy of my time  
I'm afraid to introduce you to my friends  
Many times around the block you're been  
So I tell you what, before you mess things up  
Let's not talk marriage, I ain't wantin' the baby carriage  
Just let me continue to come to your mama house.  
Late nite sneaking like a mouse  
Hit it in the hallway, watching the roaches crawl away  
Call you on the phone, only to get it on  
Nothing knew-about a booty call  
Everyone knows that, don't yah?  
But on the real, Lets make a lil' deal  
I'll keep coming and you keep giving up  
The free feel*

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# THE ARTS HAPPENINGS



**T**wohead Will's Son," A play written and directed by: Baba S. Ifatunji, Professor of African American Theatre & Yoruba Culture, At Chicago State University, Breakey Theatre (Douglas Library), 9501 S. King

Drive, November 6-8 and 13-16, For info call (773) 995-4511

**T**he Nommo Gathering Black Writers Collective, in conjunction with Kennedy King College Theatricals, presents this hilarious African-

American sketch comedy revue. Written by award-winning comedy writers Donna Beasley, Veronica P. Bohanan, Stephanie Gadlin, Toure Muhammad and Charles Willet, Jr., "Just Say NOMMO" operates in the tradition of popular televised sketch comedy productions such as "Saturday Night Live," "Mad TV" or "The Way We Do It." In addition to taking on popular African-American stereotypes such as docile slaves, Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben, the production lampoons everything from the President George Bush to the controversy surrounding the "Barbershop" film. The multitalented cast includes Maya Anderson, Kevin Brennan, Lanre Idewu, Luctricia Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Tracy Jones, Joan Merlo, Pip, Julie Sims, Michele Steele, Brad Stevens and Joe Yates. The production is directed by Sheldon P. Lane; music is provided by Charles Ware. Tickets are \$10. (Group rates available). For info and tickets, call 773-602-5536.

## A New Life For



The Soul Invaders & Blues by Tre rocked the house with oldies and blues favorites for the Sutherland Arts Initiative's Spring Arts Happening, SSJ Photo by Armadell

## The Historic Sutherland

**Kenwood—** On the corner of 47th and Drexel, they said it couldn't be done. Entertainment is steady coming back to 47th Street. That the once vibrant jazz scene on 47th Street would never happen again. The Sutherland Lounge was at the center of this cultural/economic activity presenting the practitioners of a new form of jazz called Bebop in an elegant setting.

However in the 70's, so called urban renewal, diminished city services, poverty and drugs turned the once vital 47th Street corridor into a waste land. However due to the efforts of a small band of arts activist called the Sutherland Community Arts Initiative (SCAI) the project was born after it was forced to close its doors in for code violations..

Over the course of time with internal problems, even with law suits among members of the association, the project is still moving forward with a colabtra-

tion of Ald. Toni Preckwinkle, (4), Sutherland Tenants Coucil and Century Place Development Corporation (CPDC who owns the property) with an awarded \$763,000 in Empowerment Zone (EZ) funds for the Sutherland project. Congressman Bobby L. Rush is reportedly raised an additional \$150,000 in EZ funds bringing over \$913,000 in funds according a representative of SCAI. Reports are a grant of \$10,000 from the Illinois First Fund sponsored by State Senator Donne E. Trotter, to be used to support general operating expenses.

May 2003 is the schedule opening date for the Sutherland to host some of the finest jazz ensembles in the world.

Over the September 8-10 weekend in 1995 nearly a 1000 jazz fans from 14 different states filled the club to hear the music of Africa Brass, Lester Bowie, Roscoe Mitchell and Dewey Redman. Sadly,

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**T**he 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 Mike and Pinky fry that chicken and toss the 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.

**J**ericho 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.

**B**IGGIE & TUPAC: THE FILM: Documentary scheduled for summer release The late Notorious B.I.G. Amazing: the number of people examining the murders of late rappers Biggie and Tupac. EUR wrote about a new book on the murders. Now, there's news that Lions Gate Films will release a documentary on the same subject. The flick ( Biggie & Tupac ), by documentary filmmaker Nick Broomfield, was reportedly a hit at this year's Sundance Film Festival. According to the press release, the movie reveals evidence about who is to blame for the murders.

**O**pen Mic, Rated 10, Every Thursday at the Swift Mansion, 4500 South Michigan, Doors open at 8:00 pm, admission \$7 or \$5 to perform. Singers. Poets, Comics, Rappers, Etc.. Show on Channel 19 "Front Row". A Mental Habit Production.

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**ON VIDEO** REVIEWED AND COMPILED

by David Schultz



**BAD COMPANY**

(\*\*) Anthony Hopkins and Chris Rock team up in this espionage action comedy offers nothing new or better that we haven't seen before in other "buddy" movies. Chris Rock plays the street hustler who learns too late of a deceased twin brother spy working on an international mission. Rock has nine days to become his master spy brother to help Anthony Hopkins foil a plot to obtain a suitcase-size nuclear bomb from falling into terrorist hands.

R; 117 min. Available: Nov. 12

**THE SUM OF ALL FEARS**

(\*\*\*) Ben Affleck delivers a favorable performance taking over the role of CIA agent. Jack Ryan first introduced by Alec Baldwin and perfected by Harrison Ford. In this timely Tom Clancy novel pre-quel,

Ryan is a young, idealistic rookie taken under the wings of presidential aide, Morgan Freeman. When the threat of a nuclear cold war exist between Russia and the U.S. Only Ryan believes terrorists are involved through a trio of missing scientists and a bomb in a plot to have the two rival super-powers destruct each other. An intricate, timely thriller.

R; 123 min.

**ENOUGH**

(\*/2) Jennifer Lopez stars as a waitress whose tricked into marriage to a guy (Bill Campbell) who always gets what he wants". When Lopez discovers he's been unfaithful, her confrontation

with Campbell leaves to have becoming an abused wife who decides to "fight" back. An illogical thriller in which Lopez has to toughen up for her freedom through a final showdown against her tormentor. Truly, this film title fits and what a waste for the talent involved. PG-13; 98 min.

**HELLRAISER: HELLSEEKER**

(\*/2) Dean Cain (TV's "Lois & Clark") is the husband who can't find his wife after a car accident in the lake. Then he begins to see nightmarish images. It could only be Pinhead using another human victim to try to bring his demonic spirits to the living in this sixth horror installment.

R; 88 min.

**THE HEROIC TRIO**

(\*\*) Michelle (Yeoh) Kwan stars in this martial arts fantasy adventure in which a trio of super-hero-type heroines join forces to foil a baby kidnapping plot that is connect to finding a evil heir for world domination. "Crouching Tiger"-type aerial action isn't enough to make up for this contrived comic book adventure.

(Not Rated) 86 min.

**THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE**

(\*\*\*) A witty romantic comedy set in Victorian England about role playing with Mira Sorvino as a lovely yet daring princess who goes against her instincts and deceptive actions by falling in love to her sworn enemy who happens to be the rightful heir to the throne.

PG-13; 111 min.

**TV makes Video debut:**

CBS' 2 top retro specials from last season, "The Carol Burnett Show: Show Stoppers" and "I Love Lucy's 50th Anniversary (Paramount Home Video). Buena Vista Home Video unleashes a couple of highly acclaimed but cancelled ABC series to DVD, "Felicity", "Once and Again" and Sports Night" from "West Wing" creator Aaron Sorkin co-starring Robert Guillaume



**At the Flicks**

Review and compiled by David Schultz

**AUTO FOCUS (\*\*\*)**

Examines the life and death of actor Bob Crane (Greg Kinnear) who was a man of contradiction from his public persona. A handsome, ambitious L.A. radio disc jockey that had a taste of Hollywood stardom after co-starring as the next door neighbor on TV's "The Donna Reed Show" in the early 60's. Then his agent (Ron Liebman) hands him a TV pilot script to a new weekly series that would make him a star—"Hogan's Heroes".



But while there was a darker, deeper obsession with Crane that interfered with his public image. When he meets "girl crazy" Richard Dawson's hi tech buddy, John Carpenter (Willem Dafoe). This "habit" goes full-blown when Carpenter introduces Crane to the early stages of home video taping. After filming his TV series by day, Crane and Carpenter would pick up girls, engaging in sex orgies that were secretly filmed.

When "Hogan's Heroes" is cancelled after six years, Crane begins spending time with Carpenter. Which mostly benefits Carpenter to

score with women off of Crane's reputation.

Crane never views his sexual obsession as being harmful. Even though Crane was quick to nix Carpenter's homosexual gesture. When one orgy video shows the hand on Crane's naked butt wasn't from one of the girls. Still, Crane viewed "his behavior" as being an "all American male".

Ultimately, Crane realizes too late, that he needs to clean his slate to restart his career. Trouble in this is "suggested" when Crane tells Carpenter they can still be friends, but only from a distance. Which doesn't sit well with Carpenter.

Eventually leading up to the actual motel murder of Bob Crane. The film points its criminal eye upon Carpenter as an act of jealous rage in Crane's uncolored murder. But speculative. This story is probably the closest to the "whole truth". Still, Director Paul Schrader gives a descent re-enactment of the El Hollywood Story"-type movie. Greg Kinnear's fascinating portrayal of Bob Crane is one of a sexual enigma who just wanted it all. He took to sex back then, like some people take to illegal drugs now. The same self destructive, out-of-control scenario with a tragic sad end. Rated: R;

**THE RING**

(\*\*\*) Move over, Hannibal Lecter! "The Ring" is the scariest surprise of the season. This is an American version based on a 1998 Japanese horror movie about a videotape that kills any person seven days after viewing it. When a 16-yr. old happens to view this tape with her friends at a cabin resort. The grieving mother enlists her friend, Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts), a reporter whose young son, Noah (David Dorfman) was the teen girl's best friend who drew on paper a strange premonition of a girl in a grave a week before her death.

"The Ring" is more serious and unnerving because this movie's exploration has a deeper purpose. It deals with the transferable nature of hatred. As this videotape was created by an injured little girl who feels morally justified killing anyone and everyone that encounters her tape. Because of some tragic circumstances with her parents. At the same time, this movie underscores fears with fascination with television. But at its very core, "The Ring" is a rarity. A "curse" movie' with high technology played as an intelligent and intriguing horror mystery. A gothic movie odyssey that mixes modern scientific methods with old fashion spookery that will make you scream and jump out of your mind.

Rated: PG-13; 115 min. A Dreamworks Picture Release - presented at selected theaters

**THE CHAMELEON**

(\*\*) Mob hit men are ordinary human being, too. The Chameleon', star actor Seymour Cassel delivers an understated performance as Richard Cavanaugh, a retiring businessman celebrating his 75th birthday with his grandchildren and friends. But secretly, Richard is a notorious and wily hired assassin with a past that comes back to disrupt the peaceful life of his golden years.

As a man has hired four individuals out to kill Richard for a favor for Richard's small town sheriff (Tom Dahlgren) whose deputy son, (Phil Wurtzel) who later stumble onto their two fathers' secret.

The movie is interesting but often pedestrian by a script and direction that tries to avoid cliché elements and stereotypical situations. It's a movie that carefully talks its way toward its climax. Only to ultimately fall prey to the predictable in the film's shootout finale that makes the movie fall flat on its intentions.

93 min. (Not Rated, but critic's self-imposed rating: R for mild violence, language)

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The Honorable Elijah Muhammad advanced the principle, "Accept Your Own, And Be Yourself." That is now reflected in MATAH.

We give thanks to God for giving to us Brother Ken Bridges, Co-founder of "MATAH" and understand the need to redirect Black spending for the benefit of people of African descent.

He displayed the breath of fresh air that rushes the sweet wind beneath the wings of the MATAH flight to freedom.

Although, Brother Ken was a recent victim of the now infamous Washington D.C. area Sniper, scripture teaches us "speak not of those slain in the way of God as dead, they live though you perceive not."

Bridges work of MATAH - n. (ma' tah) MATAH Network Inc. is the institution that is giving people of African descent another real chance at true freedom.

Practicing a race-first philosophy is the key to obtaining true freedom for people of African descent and who refuse to have that spirit crushed. It is not a slight against others, but in truth, it is a "Love For Self." Race-first means that a race of people have decided to put their interests first for the purpose of maximizing opportunities for the entire race."

The collective consciousness of people who consider themselves Jesus taught the principle now reflected in MATAH in his statement, "love your neighbor as you love yourself." and Brother Bridges taught economically cooperate with yourself.

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The odyssey of Ophelia Bridges, 82, and Webb Ford, 2601 W. 95th St., Evergreen park began a few months ago when Bridges saw an ad for a new Crown Victoria. The ad offered the car for \$19,498 at 0.9% financing.

At the dealership, Bridges selected a different Crown Victoria than was featured in the ad. She put \$10,000 down, signed the sales contract, and happily drove away. Later, she discovered that her new car cost her \$40,999 at 4.9% interest and that her monthly car loan payments would be in excess of \$500 for the next five years.

Bridges contacted Alderman Shirley Coleman (16) who referred the complaint to the Department of Consumer Services which persuaded Webb Ford to reduce the price of the car to \$24,900 at 0% financing.

"Everyone, especially seniors, needs to make sure that they understand the terms of a contract before they sign on the dotted line," said Caroline Orzac Shoenberger, Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Services.

"It is easy to misunderstand the financial fine print but no one wants to end up paying more than they can afford which is why it is important to carefully read the contract, ask questions, and bring someone with you to assist if needed." Shoenberger added.

Dealerships and their salespeople also should do a better job of telling customers that additional options and newer models lead to higher sticker prices.

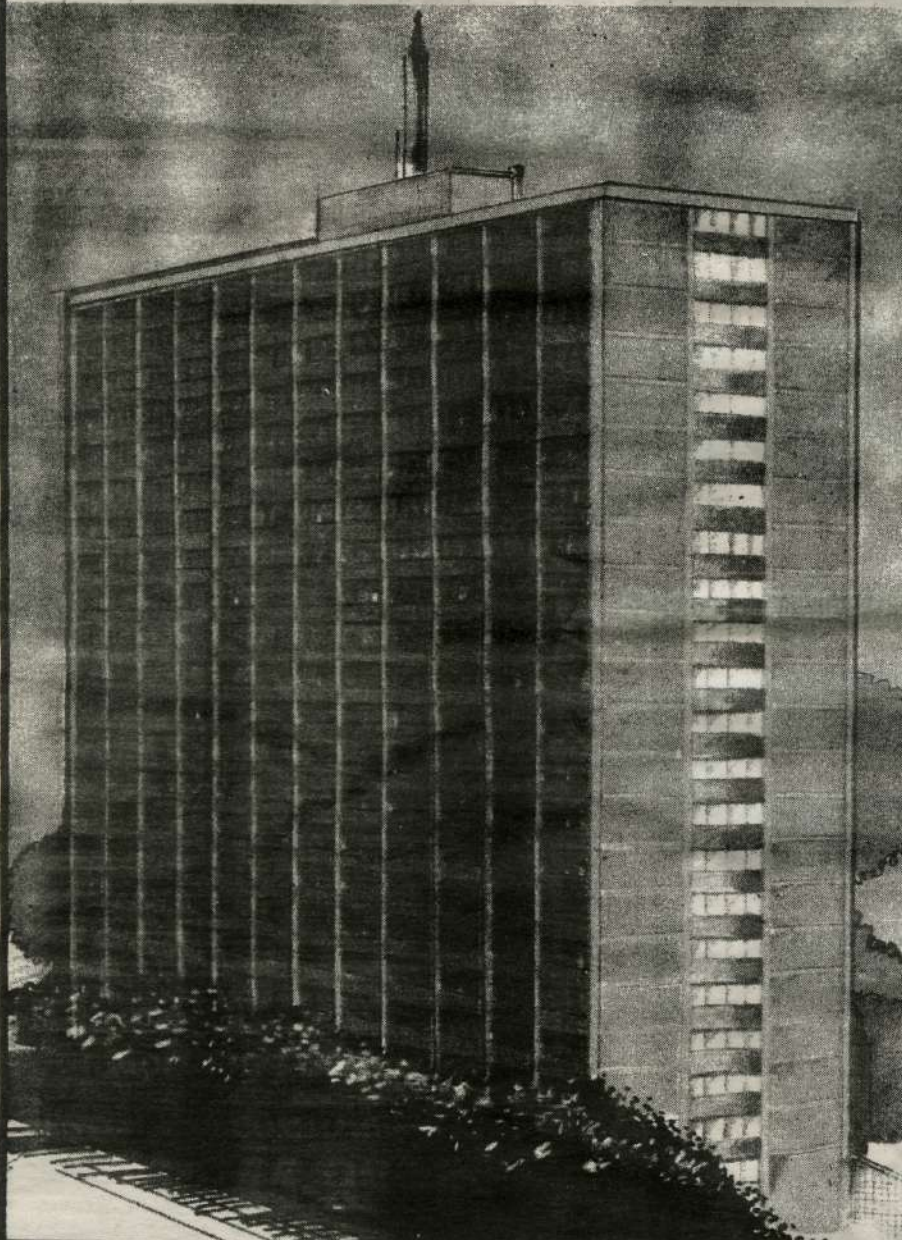
The Department of Consumer Services has consumer fact sheets available with tips on how to purchase a new or used car. For a free copy, call 312-744-9400.

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## "Got A Felony?" Can't get a job or housing" Expungement and HB 1961

Tens of thousands of Illinois ex-offenders have completed their sentences, but are yet unable to regain all the rights and privileges promised to Illinois citizens.

The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless charged that law abiding men, women, and youth across Illinois who earlier in their lives made unfortunate choices or were found innocent that resulted in their involvement with the criminal justice system, have paid their debt to society and deserve a second chance.

The organization is working to help ex-offenders have better success upon release from prison conducted a recent survey with the assistance of the Cook County

Sheriff office shows that the 1200 per 1300, majority of women in Cook County Jail are homeless. Out of 235 women, 54% homeless upon being release. Only 8 had a home to go to.

The survey also found, the others upon release would return to abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence.

HB 1961 allows Cook County to seek funds to establish a Residential Treatment and Transition center for women.

The Bill passed the Senate and the senate judiciary Committee by an 11-0 vote Cook County Board, president, John Stroger, oppose the bill until funding by the state is in place

## Impact of Neighborhood Segregation on Black Homeowners.

A recent Brookings Institution report finds that Black homeowners are hurt most by neighborhood segregation. The Brookings Institution Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy released, "The 'Segregation Tax': What Racial Segregation Costs Black Homeowners," it examines home ownership as a wealth creation tool for different ethnic and racial groups in the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas. The report finds that after equalizing for income, Black homeowners had substantially less value in their homes than white homeowners. Home value and equity are the typical American family's most important financial asset, and often the only vehicle for

passing wealth to children and grandchildren.

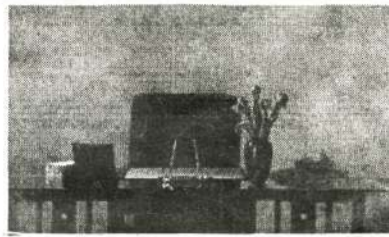
In recent years, federal policies have focused on increasing the percentage of Americans who own homes - particularly minorities, since their homeownership rates have lagged behind those of whites.

The report's key findings are: (1) Home values for Black homeowners were 18% less than values for White homeowners. For every dollar of income, White homeowners owned \$2.64 worth of house. By contrast, Black homeowners owned only \$2.16 worth of house. (2) Both Black and White homeowners were hurt by high levels of racial segregation.

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# Cointelpro

tionally collect information about people. It was a conscious program to neutralize political dissidents. In addition, even though covert operations had been employed throughout FBI history, the formal Cointelpro operations conducted from 1956 to 1971 were broadly targeted against what were perceived as radical political organizations. These activities included infiltrating African American groups and fomenting discord and antagonism. Even more were FBI activities to instigate and suggest violent and illegal actions on the part of Black groups.

It is estimated that the FBI conducted over 500,000 separate investigations of "subversive" persons or groups from 1960 to 1974, predicated on the possibility that they might try to overthrow the government by force. Yet, not a single individual or group was prosecuted under the laws prohibiting action to overthrow the government. Nonetheless, numerous

individuals were imprisoned, lost their jobs, and lives, or were otherwise maligned on unrelated or spurious charges in order to "neutralize" them and to prevent the spread of their political views.

"Obviously, 'Counterintelligence' was a misnomer for the FBI programs then, and today's critics fear the same is true. The people the FBI targeted were U.S. political dissidents and not foreign spies. Beal added, that today, the attempt by the FBI at a power grab and the further consolidation of a police state apparatus within the United States is truly frightening.

On another front, Laura Murphy, director of the ACLU's Washington office, warns, "there is no proof that the incessant seizure of new powers by Congress and the Bush Administration does anything to increase safety. Indeed, if we don't take up this struggle, we will have lost the right to fight racial inequities because the demand will be treated as aiding and abetting terrorist activity."

Frances M. Beal is a political columnist for the San Francisco

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# The Rosenwald

The Rosenwald was one of the first examples of "workforce housing" constructed by the famous philanthropist Julius Rosenwald at the request of Booker T. Washington before his death. Mr. Rosenwald was the president of Sears and supporter of Mr. Washington and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Overlooking a landscaped courtyard, the reminiscent of the past duplexes or penthouses occupying the 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors added attraction for the new middle class into the community. Notables like Quincy Jones, Joe Louis, Nat King Cole, and a sizable percentage of Chicago's African American human capital resided at the historical structure.

Johnson stated revitalizing this building offers an opportunity for elected officials to make well the promises and failures of Chicago's Empowerment Zone designation. Johnson asked, what better way to celebrate the accomplishments of the ancestors.

Johnson points out that some units will be replaced with new CHA units, "Enough time has passed for everyone to realize that there is not enough affordable housing available in the city of Chicago to meet the growing needs of the working poor."

"Four years have past since the new 'Welfare to Work Initiative"

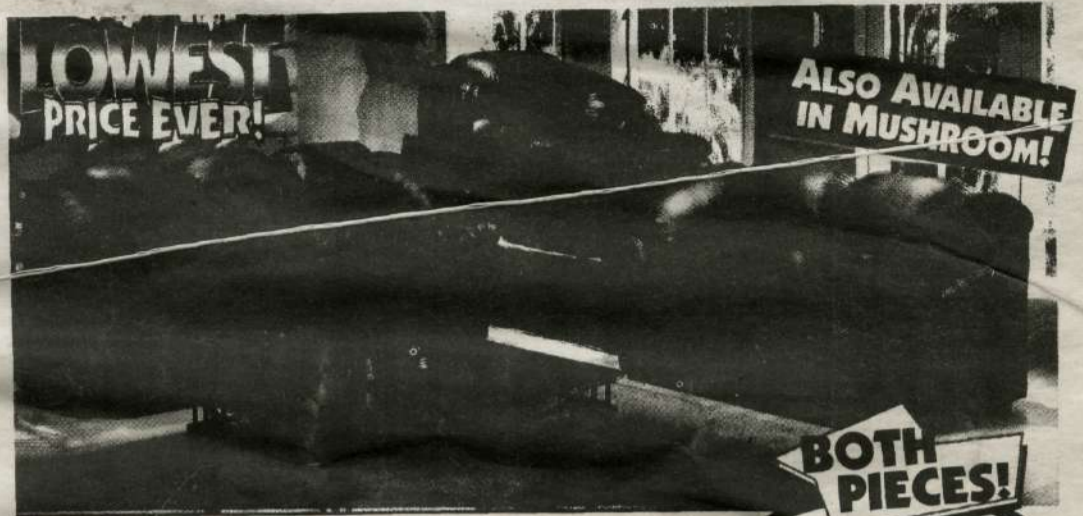
hit. What percentage of the newly employed is able to get adequate affordable housing in the newly gentrified also the resident business development that should have occurred through the One Stop Capital Shop Initiative part of the Empowerment Zone tool." stated Johnson.

"Reparations Now! That is what we are demanding. The Rosenwald Re-development plan will be owned by CHA and community residents transitioning from welfare to work that may or may not have a Section 8 certificate, which can be exchanged for a mortgage. The arrangement is on line with the plans of Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington."

"President Bush has offered a comprehensive agenda to encourage homeownership for all Americans to at least 5.5 million people by the end of the decade. As the third ward Republican Committeeman, this is one of the President's goals that is going to extend ownership to the people many of these programs were targeted to. My people."

"With the presidents agenda to help remove the barriers to homeownership that stand in the way of our nation's African-American, Hispanic and other minority families, this is one historical movement should be made. Whatever the cost maybe." Johnson said.

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