

Black Convention Nominates Jakes, Walls and Aldermanic candidates

say. Are you ready for another Black Mayor?

The big day has come. Once again, the potential allegiance of the African American voting bloc, or lack of, depending on one's viewpoint, is in question, writes Nathan Thomas, of Bronzeville Press.

Paul Jakes, as the other three Black candidates running for mayor, has more than Richard's Daley's political army to compete with. There is the history of Harold Washington and the unexpected wave if 300,000 black voters will vote. Nevertheless, Jakes, the most notable opponent of Daley is sure on Tuesday the voters will have the insight, and the spirit to vote.

Like the other candidates, Patricia McAllister and Rev. Joseph McAfee, Jakes draw back is money to get the message out as well as Daley's record.

There campaign chest is far below the \$500,000 Washington had during is run in 1983 compared to Daley's millions.

In addition, "Nowadays, apathy, complacency, distrust and

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Chicago Vocational School graduates Bill "Dock" Walls candidate for City Clerk, and Mayor Candidate Paul Jakes are joined together at Epitome for one of the campaign stops, as the battled not only the chance to get on the ballot, but the still in place "invisible" Democratic Machine.

Walls a promotional and campaign consult is challenging current City Clerk James Laski. Upon being elected he said his first direction as City Clerk is to get rid of the Denver Boot and attract more residents to the Loop by ridding the stiff parking.

Chicago—With no surprise The Black Political Convention of Chicago held on February 14 and 15, at the 45th Arena, nominate Paul Jakes for Mayor of Chicago and Bill' Doc' Walls as City Clerk.

However, the planning to defeat Jakes and Walls was in the planning long before their intentions to run for public office. 'The old divide and conquer strategy'.

To counter the plan, BPCC has no official arsenal to its claim for their nominees. Stephens adds, "We have began a process with this convention. The rewards will guide us like never before in Chicago."

His organization the Black Political Action Committee as well as others represented at the convention with a slate of candidates is looking to Tuesday's election for the unexpected victories. "Our unity can only go forward."

The loosely banded of political activist has quietly raised the roster to build a potential direction for

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The Jailing of the Black Man

Jail has been the new and quiet conspire on blacks, after "War on Drugs"

An Englewood "Black Man" 35, was released from jail one year ago, after serving 11 years for selling drugs.

His associate is "Black Boy" 23, just released four months ago and selling refer on a smaller scale.

The National Center on Institutions and Alternatives in Alexandria, Va., predicted that the majority of Black males ages 18 to 39 will be in jail by the year 2010.

Illinois releases 30,000 ex-offenders every year from jails. Nevertheless, are yet unable to regain all the rights and privileges promised to Illinois citizens. Who can't get a job or can't do nothing but go back to the jail." Congressman Danny Davis said.

Despite a dramatic drop in the nation's crime rate, America continues to incarcerate vast and growing numbers of prisoners -- and, increasingly, to imprison younger and younger offenders alongside adults

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BLACKMAN
The only letter not in the IDOC system for inmates is the letter 'M'

One of the ACLU's highest priority issues is the fight against the practice of racial profiling. ACLU report Driving While Black: Racial Profiling On Our Nation's Highways, documents skin color for evidence as a grounds for suspicion by law enforcement officials.

Tens of thousands of innocent motorists on highways are victims of racial profiling. And these discriminatory police stops have reached epidemic proportions in recent

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Epitome's E2



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Mourners place flowers for the 22 victims that lost their lives on Sunday morning February 17, from a tragic incident at E2 upstairs from Epitome, on 24th and Michigan Ave.,

Ms. Beauty Turner
Freelance Writer

Epitome Night club, to many is known as a ritzy upscale dining and dancing club on what many of called the low end located at 2347 South Michigan, better known as E-2.

A club that many people called a power keg of action. Little did anyone know that it was about to explode into a cloud of chaos, confusion and mayhem on Sunday February 17, after 21 young people lives were stumped out at

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The Black Political Agenda Political, another stab at it



Bobbie Johnson, 3rd Ward Republican committeeman, back is to the camera discusses platform issues with a University of Chicago student who also lives in the 3rd Ward, during a Ward Caucus breakout session at the 1st Annual Black Political Convention of Chicago held at 4545 South Western.

Also appearing in the photo is 3rd ward Aldermanic candidate Pat Dowell, is civilly engaged in the 3rd Ward Caucus on drafting the formation of Issues, Resolutions, Covenants that will ultimately become policy positions for an Elected Officials Accountability Plan of Action. The Black Political Convention of Chicago organized by co-chairs Ron Carter, Publisher, South Street Journal and Syron M. Smith, Director of the National Block Club University and other community activists citywide, attracted several hundred participants and vendors from Friday evening February 14th through Saturday afternoon, February 15, 2003.

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Can the grass-root organizers build a base without the status quo leadership

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politics in Chicago.

However, upon Stephens informing people about the convention, a response would be "Where is that?" or even more, "When is it, again?" "I haven't heard anything about it."

But Stephen says people would continue to talk about it, proclaiming, "It's the best thing that came along for Chicago since the dismantling of the Democratic Party in Chicago, after the law was changed."

With the lack of noble black leadership and elected officials taking part in the Convention, it was endorsed and joined with progressive candidates such as Jakes, Walls and a host of aldermanic candidates.

The Convention was a call to action



Dr. Conrad Worrill speaking at the Convention, making note this is not the first Black political convention, and should not be the last convention for Chicago. He publicly apologized at the Convention on his role regarding to the Tim Evans/Eugene Sawyer division in Chicago politics.



Rev. James Bivel, an organizer under Dr. Martin Luther King, address the convention to focus its organizing efforts in building government as a whole focus of community control

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for a community-centered democratic processes with delegates across the city with resolutions, nominations and a sign contract with the candidates in the form of a covenant.

"From here on politics in Chicago, will not be 'Business as Usual'." Pleasant charged.

"Election after election, when it comes to the political, economic, and resources of Chicago, racial parity is still a foremost issue in a city that is 50% plus Black. This and other reasons was the call for the Convention with a platform and covenant."

In addition, many aldermanic candidates merit solidarity to be elected to office, for one reason or another the best person may not win. The delegates of the convention made their nomination that included the 19th ward as well.

The Block Club Union Inc. presented the evaluation performance report of aldermen. It is a tool designed to empower the block club residents to document and voice their concerns on the level of service that they are receiving on a quarterly basis.

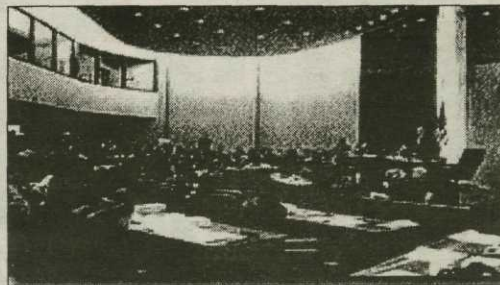
"Where art thou Black Leadership?" an article by Stephanie (Gadlin) Shakur ask, "What the city is doing to poor residents is indefensible and inexcusable"

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by the Weatherman

The UnZip

with Conventions UnZip



City Hall was glad to hear, on the first Black Convention of Chicago, it was not a matter of who was not there, more of who made sure they were not there.

Word is, it was advise that Ron Carter of SSJ kiss Ald. Dorothy Tillman ring for her to come to the convention. Even if she did have something to do with influencing her church to cancel the convention to be held there as the first location. No ring kissing took place.

What's up with the Chicago Crusader newspaper scoring on Ron Carter, for helping organizing the Black Convention? Well as Bill Norels said, "Its like 50% like him and 50% don't. But all eyes are on him.

Just like Congressman

Bobby Rush

and other former Black Panther Party members, the New Black Panther Party made in known the will be willing in the 6th and 8th ward, due to their aldermen were not at the Convention.

State Rep. Ken Dunkin shown here taking his oath of office, became the new representative of the 5th District, seem wield Dunkin's office is located at 1520 North Wells, said Ms. Jones on 56th and Wabash..

Word is 2nd District Commander Marienna Perry may be leaving her post for personal reasons. The Commander corrected the Unzip received a letter from the Commander that that is not true. The Unzip ask for forgiveness. However, that was the word from an inside source at the 51st Street District.

Minister Darrell "Sax Preacher" Wilson - Founder of the Temple of Mercy Association and members of the 6th District CAPS program on 78th and Halsted. They insist the Commander Johnson and the police department violated their democratic process. "The commander must go." Now, word again it that Johnson is on his way out.

What will be the ending note for Black History Month this year. Last year Volkswagen made it. A commercial for Volkswagen played on WNUA 95.5. making a point about how insignificant the month of February is. It went like "there's nothing significant about the month of February", "I mean...it's the shortest month of the year", "it's totally overlooked because just two months before, Christmas was here", "if it didn't have Valentines Day in it... it otherwise would have no real significance", "many people can't wait for these boring 28 days to be over" then it says: "since this month has absolutely nothing to offer and there's obviously nothing good about it other than Valentines Day, come on down to your nearest Volkswagen Dealer... we'll give you something to look forward to!" Now friends, this is a slap in the face of Black people everywhere.

Well here it is this year; What would Minister Malcolm X and Rev. Dr. King say about Minister Bamani Obadele and Rev. Gregory Daniels in their political endorsements. As the two living men of God were seen at Pearl's Place on 39th and Michigan. Malcolm would tell Obadele on endorsing Rod Blagojevich over Roland Burris, to go get his slave name back 'Thomas', and King would tell Daniels in endorsing Daley over Rev. Jakes, one more time and lighten is going to hit and your eyes would become uncross.



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able--and with further examination it may even be illegal." She went on to report, more egregious wrong, is how Chicago is civil rights, religious, political and quasi-militant leadership has been silent. "No one can argue that something needs to be done to change how our leadership function in this city. But what amazes many is how complacent the overall populace has become."

"We are proclaiming to Chicago that this convention is a most important tool for expressing a people's will, in Chicago Black History Month shall be noted." Saic Carter.

Carter was enlighten by Shakur article in his newspaper. "The end result will not just be the nomination of candidates, but



Ron Carter (far left) chair of the first Black Political Convention of Chicago address the convention with opening remarks that "We are proclaiming that this convention is a most important tool for expressing a people's will, in Chicago in absent of a political party in making Black History.

the increased participation, local empowerment of residents, education of voting process, increased accountability, and motivation to those institution being evaluated "We are pleased that the convention was called. The delegates across the city renewed their connection with the electoral process with resolutions in a form of a covenant.

The process will continue with community leaders and their recommendations made by participants and offer analysis of their findings.

One of the recommendations rendered is the convening of an convention to breakdown the barrier of mistrust and gain common ground.

Persons interested in working with the delegates of the Convention can call the West side at 521-6780 and, south side, at 568-0941. The report will also be mailed to each participant for their review

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CITY RESOLUTIONS AND COVENANT

Presented at the Black Political Convention of Chicago were resolutions, and ordinances that ward delegates proposed that would effectively and efficiently address community issues in a form a platform. A working platform that many community and civil organizations are presently addressing in their own specific field on operations, it is inclusive without regard to economic class, race, or religious institution in its escalation to the 2003 election.

In the absence of the normal Democratic Party Platform of Chicago, the resolutions are to guild not only elected officials, but also a democratic process of participation by voters with an overview as to what their officials would be working on during their term in office.

In-depth as many resolutions are, the public is encourage to attend a follow-up meeting to the convention resolutions on Sunday, March 16, 3:00 pm at the office of the Black Political Action Committee, 10736 S. Michigan Ave.

The following are the solutions as a working document warranted important to the delegates and will be presented to city elected officials:

1) The creation of a neighborhood panel that has control over the allocation of Tax Increment Financing

("TIF") funds within that neighborhood;

2) The restructuring of the Chicago Board of Education to require an elected school board so that the Chicago Board of Education will be directly accountable to the people of Chicago, or the creation of a committee, group, or fund in order to lobby the state to change the law to reconstitute the Chicago Board of Education to require an elected school board;

3) Require that at least 25% of all new housing in every ward include affordable housing provisions;

4) Create an elected housing committee in each ward that has the power to oversee and review aldermanic decisions affecting housing;

5) Require every developer that builds or renovates housing in a ward to guaranty his/her work for at least 5 years and to certify that he/she built or renovated the house in compliance with the relevant housing codes;

6) Increase funding for micro-lending programs for small businesses and programs that encourage the creation and growth of women and minority owned businesses;

7) Negotiate a new contract for fire-fighters and increase pension bene-

fits to widows and increase minority representation in police and fire departments;

8) Improve police accountability by passing the Justice Coalition's 12-step program that was developed by local and national experts in 1999;

9) Build new schools in all neighborhoods emphasizing smaller schools/classrooms, safety, and relief of overcrowding and promote creative and effective new teaching and learning techniques through the use of computer technology;

10) Recruit more qualified teachers and principals with advanced degrees in the appropriate subject areas;

11) Increase teachers' pay and create a bonus system to reward good teachers, and create a system of continual training with the goal of lifting every child to a high level of education attainment;

12) Investigate the city of Chicago's failure to abide by the Shackman decree that allowed patronage in several city departments including the Department of Streets and Sanitation;

13) Mandate recycling at City Hall, city offices, and summer festivals and increase recycling content in City purchases;

14) Cut costs and insure competitive-bid process on City contracts to increase revenues and to end cronyism;

15) Oppose gambling to pay for budget crisis and hold citywide hearings prior to drafting a referendum that will be placed on the November 2004 ballot;

16) Convene Infant Mortality Commission with hospitals to reduce the infant mortality rate throughout the city and particularly in the communities of people of color;

17) Draft a plan to provide more health education/counseling in schools that could be based on Roosevelt High School's model to reduce teen pregnancy;

18) Increase funds to address and treat substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, TB, and sexually transmitted diseases;

19) Prioritize quality bus/rail service to all neighborhoods especially the Westside where bus service is poor; and

20) Build stations on Green Line at Damen Avenue/United Center, Western Avenue, Randolph/Fulton Market to create jobs.

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"Ald. **Toni Preckwinkle**'s sponsorship of the Affordable Housing Set-Aside Ordinance demonstrates her independence and shows she continues to be in touch with the challenges of her diverse ward."

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Black Mayor?

indifference have bred attitudes like "why should I give a #\$\$%^ about voting?" writes Thomas.

"Contracts, jobs, welfare reform, fair housing, and grants and dishonest government, the \$160 million deficit of the city budget." Says Jakes. "The list goes on. What's more, residents have a say in how the government will govern them. Not mentally enslave them with fines, displacement and boots."

On Election Day voters will again ponder on rather or not to elect a Black mayor of Chicago. Black voters not always predictable, the question remains will the Black voters wholeheartedly rally the importance to the issue as with the election of Harold Washington's bold position of "It's our turn." On the other hand, will "Daley's Novocain sleep to the black voters work for another four years, rather open the process of government to be fair and just for all." pointed out Cleveland Little a community activist.

Since Richard Daley became mayor in 1988 he has managed to keep the Black vote with a quiet voter turnout, beating eight notable Black mayoral candidates soundly. Each election the voter turn out lower than the one before, increasing his percentage of voters, rather than his number of black voter support.

With 1,436,286 registrant voters, Blacks are near half of the total. The Chicago Tribune reports, Blacks may vote 69% for Daley this election. If the Tribune predication is correct, base on last election returns of 41%, nearly 200,000 backs would vote for Daley, in comparison of over 400,000 that voted for Harold Washington.

Securing a minimal base of voters, Daley has benefit from a low voter turnout and by backing away from the two party system for Chicago elections that would have created more of a debate among candidates.

As Rod Blagojevich who emerged as the democratic nominee for governor, put it straight. Pointing out that as Roland Burris was highly qualified for governor, he lost because of the color of his skin state wide, but won in Chicago.

Not like Blagojevich, Daley has went straight to the Black vote as campaign tool to win, sparking a hostile class division, oppose to race, taking advantage of the gap of the have and have not Black voters. Explained Bruce Crosby, who helped spearhead Jakes' run for mayor.

"In additional Daley has used his considerable financial edge over Jakes and other opponents with the organization of city hall against black unity".

"Race matters in Chicago politics, we are reminded of that every day and broadly at election

time." Crosby said. "Certain campaign material is targeted to Whites, Hispanics and Blacks."

However, the endorsement of nearly 60 clergy found common ground in the candidacy of Daley reelection. Even during the first campaign of Harold Washington ministers has contained their support for progressive candidates. Addressing race and city contracts is not the issue in support Daley.

Even No elected Black official, nor Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. and Congressman Jackson Jr. took a position on the mayoral race. Many would say a sign of supporting Daley, but will never go on the record. However, some are privately fuming over Daley influence in their political direction; controlling the Black leadership as well as the Black voters.

Nat Thompson. "These people (leadership) are out of touch with the masses of Black people. They simply cannot deliver and now the panic is on.

"The people are looking for answers and reasons to vote. Leaders are sending mixed messages. And in their frustration there is no clear direction of unity."

Still encouraging the Black community to vote on February 25, Crosby says, "Because the

lack of sufficient funds, Jakes could be an effective mayor is unable to get his message out as he would like. But as a collective afford of progressive thinkers we can have an impact in this election."

Spelling out some of the issues Crosby says; The City reports minority and women owned business received 41 of total contracts however, black received less than 15% according to the Black Contractors Union, but still endorses Daley.

On his transformation of public housing, the Coalition to Public Housing still argues the one for one replacement with over 42,000 homeless in Chicago. Chicago schools are still behind, and drop-outs are still high.

"It seems highly unlikely that Daley will change the course of the city is going." Says Dan Moore a 19th ward supporter of Jakes.

"Don't underestimate the people." Moore pointed out. "Roland Burris won the city of Chicago and he focus his attention down state."

"Black people died for their people right to vote and they didn't die in vain." This Black History month will tell where we are and where will have to go.



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Above, (Center), former congressman Gus Savage came to Chicago in support of Paul Jakes, centered by aldermanic candidates.



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years - fueled by the "War on Drugs" that has given police a pretext to target people who they think fit a "drug courier" or "gang member" profile.

The Hip-Hop Political Action Committee raised the question in their political platform, "To end the War on Drugs," (our youth)

In 2001, 3,335 were jailed, the 18 to 35 year old. Rev. Paul Jakes candidate for mayor said, "Part of the problem is that government have abdicated their responsibility to our community. It creates a wide spread violation of the public trust. Continuing the mass stigmatization and criminalization is not the answer. These approaches have been tried before, and have not worked."

"We do not want the politicians powers to call for the assassinations of our youth. What has not been done is that this social structure has never given African American youth a chance to be real contributors to the American social fabric at large." said Rev. Jakes.

As unfair jail sentencing becomes a major issue in the Black community, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) challenged the City's gang loitering measure, arguing that the statute was too vague and gave police unbridled authority to determine who could and could not be on City streets.

They charged the ordinance remains an open invitation for the police to engage in "street sweeps." Reports are that 90,000 persons were detained under the old ordinance's enforcement -- an average of more than 80 per day.

However, the city reported only

214 people had been arrested.

ACLU presented stark evidence that racial bias is an unpleasant fact in America, highlighting how skin color is still used as a cause for suspicion and a sufficient reason to violate people's rights.

Indeed, Justice on Trial, a report released on America's criminal justice system, found that "racial inequality is growing, not receding" in this system, despite progress away from racism in other areas of American life.

Combined with the Superintendent Hillard

implementation of the loitering ordinance Chicago will witness a high police arrest. The Chicago Police contend that the ordinance' goal is to deploy every tool we have available to give our streets back to law-abiding citizens."

Mayor Richard M. Daley hailed the Chicago's gang loitering ordinance a never-ending fight against guns, gangs and drugs.

The Chicago branch of the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement and its president Fred Hampton Jr. contends that what is happening in Chicago is an exten-

sion of the Crime Bill under president Bill Clinton. Furthermore, the government's declaration of war on the African community from the counterinsurgency programs responsible in the 1960's for the assassinations of many blacks killed and imprisoned during the J. Edgar Hoover led counter rebellion attack on the Black Liberation Movement. African community political prisoners like Hampton Jr., Mumia Abu Jamal and Geronimo Pratt.

The Crime Bill created funding to put 100,000 more police on the streets, creating over 60 new crime laws that if committed are eligible even for the death penalty and the "three strikes you're out" legislation.

Rev. Jakes called on the U. S. Justice Department and U. S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald to investigate cases such as Aaron Patterson handled by then States Attor-

The Jailing of the "Black Man"



Protesting the 6th District police department on 78th and Halsted, the New Black Panther Party joined the Temple of Mercy Association charging the Community alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) as a tool separating the youth and the elderly in the fight on drugs and youth.

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ney Daley and his staff.

In 1986 when Mr. Daley convicted Mr. Patterson. Daley ignored evidence that former Chicago police commander Jon Burge coerced Mr. Patterson's confession and his detective's. In 1982, Mr. Daley ignored a similar warning about Mr. Burge when he convicted Andrew Wilson, who was also victimized by Mr. Burge and his staff. At that time, former Chicago police superintendent Richard Briezack informed Daley that Mr. Wilson may have been tortured by Mr. Burge. However, Daley ignored this information as well.

Glasser also noted that, "The entire criminal justice system is riddled with racial prejudice. And the same prejudice applies to young people."

Lydia Taylor of the The Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago (JCGC) says the justice system is disappointing and disheartening, an approach that failed both in the courts and on the streets."

JCGC have put together an agenda that includes a campaign and case updates as well as new information about the Prison Industrial Complex and Chicago's Anti-Gang Loitering Ordinance.

JCGC has also developed a 12-point, Minimum Rules and Regulation proposals, if implemented and an adequately staffed Office of Professional Standards and Internal Affairs Division, would substantially increase the effectiveness of the current citizens complaint process and disciplinary system of police in.

The other concern is "What about the innocent in jail." ask 17th candidate Tyrone DeAndre' Hawthorne, in supporting the Hip-Hop Political Action Committee platform. "Law officials should be prosecuted putting innocent in jail as well as action to get them out.

As for the 35 and 23 year old black men, their days to return to jail are numbered without a balance of the real traffickers of drugs"

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There is a misinterpretation about the true role of Chicago's aldermen. Oppose to providing city services, garbage pick-up, addressing education and housing matters, their real role is to pass laws in the best interest of their constituents.

As members of a legislative body, where a sense of moderation is expected, their constituents must be informed and educated to understand the importance of the issue. This means that the alderman must establish a means to get the opinion of the ward in how he/she is going to vote and why.

"In what suppose to be "under a weak mayor strong city council." said Eddie Read of the new Black Political Council.

Read, a member of the Soul Slate review committee agreeing with the norm that many aldermen need to be ousted, but dispels the notion that all aldermen need to be replaced.

"There must be persistent and effective communication to determine what the alderman is doing and why." Read explained.

Ald. Ed Smith (28) and Chair of the Chicago Black Council Caucus overwhelming support all aldermen to be re-elected. "They have done fine work."

With that, some aldermen are expected to easily win re-election February 25, but there is a cloud over Black aldermen using their considerable voting bloc not to spark a passion of black pride with the shaky political alliance between African-Americans, Mayor Daley and the aldermen support for him.

Even most challengers to aldermen have not attack incumbents voting records of accountability but rather focus on city services.

"But the real direction is how their vote in city council." Said Henry P. Wilson, chairman of the Englewood conservation Community Council. "Voters has to understand the difference that aldermen are policy makers and legislators, not administrators of the wards."

Englewood has a representation of five (5) aldermen, (6, 15, 16, 17 and 20 wards). Wilson notes that the increase knowledge and involvement of Black legislators and community leaders to provide information and dialogue through the principle of our consolidate plan of Chicago is important to Englewood. "This has to be done notwithstanding anyone's political affiliation."

An area that Lydia Watts, candidate in the 20th ward says, access, parity and inclusion is her platform. In contrast, black aldermen often do not want the strong accountability that comes with strong community engagement. The lower the voter turn-out with apathy increases their chance to stay in office. Most wards only produce 30-40% voter turn out, if the those other 60-70% came out to vote. Most aldermen would lose their post.

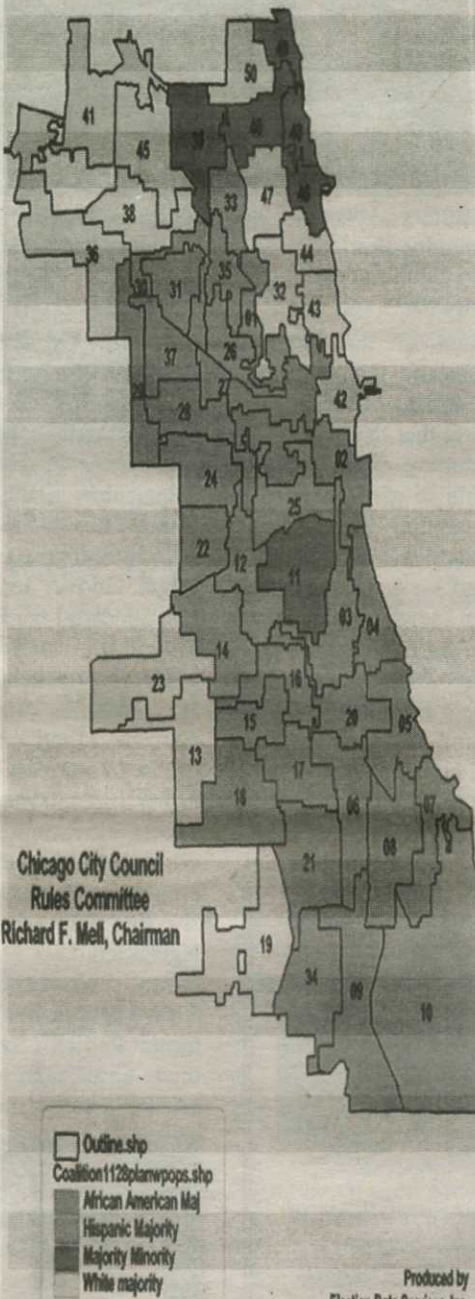
At one time Black aldermen cross the lines of ward boundaries addressing black issues, as most considered themselves leaders oppose to politicians before elections. As an example during this election, no black aldermen raised a racial issue. Nor on the mayor's race. Aldermen such as Dorothy Tillman (3) response to the

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The Aldermanic Profile

by Majority Race/Ethnicity of Population



Chicago City Council Rules Committee
Richard F. Mell, Chairman

Produced by Election Data Services, Inc.

Ward	Registered voters 7/02	Current Alderman	Race	# Candidates Filed for 03	Elected *Appointed	Vote in favor of pay raise	Voting with the Mayor	
1	25,898	Jesse D. Granato	Hispanic	4	5/01/95	Yes	100%	
2	28,140	Madeline Haithcock	Black	8	*1/12/93	Absent	100%	
3	26,469	Dorothy Tillman	Black	5	* H. Washington 5/03/84	Yes	77%	
4	29,545	Toni Preckwinkle	Black	5	5/06/91	Yes	64%	
5	29,778	Leslie Hairston	Black	7	5/03/99	Yes	85%	
6	38,191	Freddrenna M. Lyle	Black	6	*2/05/98	Yes	91%	
7	33,389	William M. Beavers	Black	7	4/16/83	Yes	85%	
8	39,595	Todd H. Stroger	Black	8	* 2002	Yes	Absent	
9	36,775	Anthony Beale	Black	10	5/03/99	Yes	85%	
10	27,146	John A. Pope	White	4	*5/03/99	Yes	100%	
11	22,112	James A. Balcer	White	2	*12/10/97	Yes	100%	
12	12,145	Ray Frias	Hispanic	5	5/01/95	Yes	100%	
13	25,228	Frank Olivo	White	1	11/02/94	Yes	100%	
14	13,835	Edward M. Burke	White	1	3/14/89	Yes	100%	
15	26,893	Theodore Thomas	Black	11	5/03/99	Yes	100%	
16	24,899	Shirley Coleman	Black	8	5/06/91	Yes	82%	
17	34,968	Latasha R. Thomas	Black	7	*7/19/00	Yes	100%	
18	34,585	Thomas W. Murphy	White	5	5/06/91	No	91%	
19	36,775	Virginia A. Rugai	White	6	*12/20/90	Yes	90%	
20	25,058	Arenda Troutman	Black	5	*6/27/90	No	92%	
21	43,327	Rev. Leonard De-ville	Black	9	*12/10/97	Yes	92%	
22	15,553	Ricardo Munoz	Hispanic	3	1/12/93	Yes	100%	
23	30,240	Michael R. Zalewski	White	2	5/01/95	No	100%	
24	35,243	Michael D. Chandler	Black	10	5/01/95	No	83%	
25	19,019	Daniel Solis	Hispanic	4	*3/06/96	Yes	91%	
26	23,924	Billy Ocasio	Hispanic	3	*1/12/93	Yes	85%	
27	30,005	Walter Burnett, Jr.	Black	7	*5/01/95	Yes	100%	
28	31,994	Ed H. Smith	Black	9	4/16/83	Yes	100%	
29	27,644	Isaac S. Carothers	Black	10	5/03/99	Yes	100%	
30	19,719	Michael A. Wojcik	White	5	5/06/91	N/A	83%	
31	19,310	Ray Suarez	Hispanic	1	5/06/91	Yes	91%	
32	32,306	Theodore Matlak	White	2	5/20/98	Yes	85%	
33	17,176	Richard F. Mell	White	2	4/02/75	Yes	82%	
34	41,483	Carrie Austin	Black	7	*8/03/94	Yes	80%	
35	21,646	Vilma Colom	White	2	5/01/95	Yes	92%	
36	30,250	William J.P. Banks	White	2	4/16/83	Yes	92%	
37	30,158	Emma Mitts	Black	11	*1/12/00	Yes	100%	
38	27,381	Thomas R. Allen	White	2	3/26/93	Yes	83%	
39	23,530	Margaret C. Laurino	White	3	8/03/94	Yes	92%	
40	22,448	Patrick J.O. Connor	White	3	4/16/83	Yes	92%	
41	36,739	Brain Doherty	White	5	5/06/91	Yes	75%	
42	34,164	Burton F. Natarus	White	2	4/07/71	Yes	77%	
43	34,226	Vi Daley	White	1	3/31/99	No	92%	
44	33,175	Bernard Hasen	White	7	4/16/87	Yes	88%	
45	30,148	Patrick J. Levar	White	6	4/16/87	No	100%	
46	27,830	Helen Shiller	White	4	4/16/87	No	90%	
47	30,340	Eugene C. Schulter	White	2	4/16/75	No	92%	
48	26,529	Mary Ann Smith	White	2	5/24/89	Yes	89%	
49	20,003	Joseph A. Moore	White	5	5/06/91	Yes	85%	
50	23,050	Bernard L. Stone	White	3	7/08/73	Yes	92%	
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Accountability

mayors' race was that no one asked her to support Jakes.

Tillman stepped up on the national issues in leading the city council in supporting Reparations, but stopped short in following up on her position to oust white Ald. Thomas Murphy (18), representing an over 70% Black ward. Her pledge was centered on the ward remap when Murphy stressed he represent black voters and should be a member of the Black Caucus.

No Black aldermen supported Murphy's claim, nor Tillman's pledge and neither did she publicly. The has been an apathetic position of Black aldermen addressing issues of race in Chicago.

Pat Dowell running against Tillman, was critical of her for "exploiting the names of leaders Harold Washington and Martin Luther King to endear herself to voters but doing little to honor their legacies." However, Dowell stayed neutral on the mayor's race as well.

In supporting Jakes Dorothy Oliver-Harris said, "Sometimes you have to stand up to seemingly unbeatable odds, speak the truth to the most powerful interests to do what is right."

"That is what is missing from Black Aldermen, knowing the history, accountability goes beyond just serving the ward interest."

Harris said. "I have watched this community deteriorate from the most affluent Black community to one of the depressed communities in the city. And, this hurt me deeply in my heart."

In accountability to the residents, Harris says the principals in the Democratic form of government guide her. "I understand that an Alderman is an employee of the City of Chicago. As a public housing resident, I am embroiled in this nightmarish 'Relocation and Redevelopment' of our communities, I will address the most needed and immediate concerns of the Public Housing residents as my highest priority. Nevertheless, the residential property owners are caught in the grip of maintaining their properties and their property taxes.

Aldermen for the most part have been the overseers of disinvestments as well as investment in the wards; with the high housing development in Chicago, developers appear to determine the outcome of Black aldermen elections. On Election Day, incumbent aldermen, both black and white, would have raised substantially more money than their opponents in getting their message out and pitch their successes with loyal voters. One alderman explained the black community does not normally fund their candidate's campaign, as a result, aldermen are accountable to the ones who fund them more than who votes for them.

Other than a persons name recognition and funding of a campaign, "there is an increasing interest for evaluating aldermen performances in all the wards." Says Syron Smith, CEO of the Chicago

Can you match the candidates to their remarks.

- A. "I confronted warring factions to stop drive by killings in Englewood."
- B. "Accountability comes with strong community engagement."
- C. "An open door requires an open mind."
- D. "What's troubling about community preservation is a lack of vision."
- E. "The Alderman is in the best position to inform and ensure the community."
- F. "You wont just hear from me around election time."
- G. "I advocate home ownership for CHA residents."
- H. "I will fight for quality education."



1. Norman Bolden (4)



2. Pat Dowell (3)



3. Sandra Mallory (15)



4. Hal Baskin (16)



5. Lydia L. Watts (20)



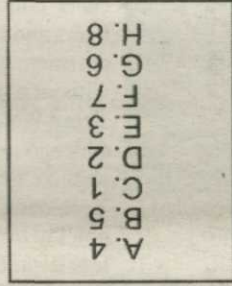
6. Galen McGee (2)



7. Tyrone D. Hawthorne (17)



8. Neco K. Muhammad (9)



Answers

Block Club Union (CBCU) represents over 120 block club organizations. CBCU produced the Evaluation Performance Report (EPR) card, which is a tool, designed to empower the block club residents to document and voice their concerns on the level of service that they are receiving on a quarterly basis.

The result of the EPR's is increased residential participation, and education of voting process, and accountability.

Smith stated that alderman Ted Thomas (15) has demonstrated that the ward is getting more organized and residents are taking more active roles. Thomas received a passing grade of the EPR,

However, Michael Smith a candidate running against Thomas question the results. Claiming he is the only viable candidate. "We don't need someone who loves Mayor Daley." He said. "I will represent all areas of the 15th ward, but priority will be set on the east end of the ward, from Ashland Ave. to Western Ave., to bring prosperity to these citizens with real businesses, instead of all the current situation.,

"The EPR is not an overnight solution, but with the community's efforts and leadership I believe the ward is well on its way." Syron Smith said. "The means for all participate in the political, economical and social development of the wards must be the foremost agenda of the elected official. Where every one counts with no exceptions, exclusions or political divisions."



Syron Smith

Missing Bronzeville Woman

Bronzeville-The family and friends of a missing south Side woman held a news conference at 45th St. and Indiana Ave., the last place that she was seen by a neighborhood maintenance man.

Nanci C. Walker 55, has been missing since Tuesday, January 28, 2003. According to family members, the last person to see her was a neighborhood maintenance man while Walker was at her building, located at 4459 S. Indiana Ave.

Her sister, Myrna Walker, had spoken to her at 10:30 a.m. that

morning. The sister says they usually talk four to five times a day, so it was unusual not to hear from her again.

The family became worried and contacted the police.

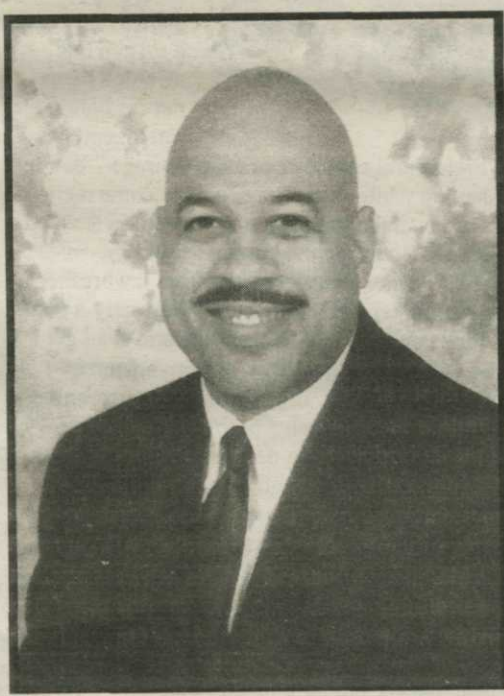
The building at 45th and Indiana Ave. has been in the family for decades. Nanci, who bought it from a relative, has owned it for more than 10 years. A hands-on landlord, it was not unusual for her to be in the neighborhood alone.

The family is asking for anyone who may have seen Nanci to contact them with information. So far, there is a \$1,000 reward.

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The Gangs of America, Police brutality and the politics of whiteness

by Toure Muhammad
Publisher, The Bean Soup Times

The "Gangs of New York" movie tagline is that "America was born in the streets." The time was 1863 and the streets of lower Manhattan with four million European immigrants swelling the area were filled with lawlessness, poverty, rampant political corruption and great civil unrest. What this movie also reminds us is just how deliberate police brutality grew, and how deep the systems of white supremacy run.

Irish Catholic immigrants faced animosity from "White" Americans, like the movie's Bill the Butcher. The situation exploded when President Lincoln enacted the Civil War draft. Irish Catholics were resentful of being forced into what they characterized as "a rich man's war and a poor man's fight." The "Gangs of New York" culminates with the so-called draft riots, which were in reality vicious mob action attacks on New York's vulnerable Black community. The violence lasted for three days and nearly 50,000 whites took part in the lynching of Blacks and destruction of a Black church and orphanage.

Though there are no records of draft riots in Chicago, the gangs were mirror images of their New York counterparts. Proud of their Irish heritage, devoutly Catholic, street smart and politically perceptive, Irish politicians, in the early 1900s, organized the young people into "Social Athletic Clubs", which were nothing more than glorified gangs. Chicago's first Daley mayor was part of a gang called the Hamburgs. And they certainly loved to humbug.

White gangs during Mayor Richard J. Daley's youth era had two clear objectives; win elections through violence, theft and extortion, and keep Blacks down. Drive by shootings, popularized in the Al Capone era has their beginnings when white gangs entered Bronzeville to practice shooting. Chicago white gangs initiated the race riot of 1919, killing nearly 40 Blacks. According to several sources, the Hamburgs were prime initiators of the riots. Make no mistake, these white folks were the Original Gangsters.

There are several parallels between White gangs and Black gangs of today. These White gangs were notorious for bootlegging alcohol during prohibition, just like Black gangs are caught up in the drug world today. The main difference is that white gangs totally controlled it while Black gangs "lease" their business from forces outside the Black community. During the great migration of Blacks, the population swelled right along with poverty. Black gangs were proud to be Black, street savvy and formed with strong religious influence. When I wanted to become a Blackstone Rangers back in 1983, my first instruction was to stop eating pork because "Muslims don't eat swine." The only difference between Blacks and Whites there was that the Irish knew their religious heritage, while Black youth could only imagine about what their ancestral religious heritage. Politics presented other problems for Blacks.

Started by Jeff Fort and Eugene Hairston, the Blackstone Rangers began to achieve political and economic support from W. Clement Stone, a self made millionaire, Sammy Davis Jr., and even republican Richard Nixon, who used the gang to influence Black, democratic voters. Then democratic Mayor Richard Daley, obviously knowing the

potential of street gangs from his own personal evolution, fought the gangs growing influence.

The most recent attempt by Black gangs to secure political empowerment for the community was through the Larry Hoover-influence 21 Century VOTE. Taking a lesson from his father, current Mayor Richard Daley fought the organization. "When he tried to get guys politically active they got more harassment from the police than

when they were on corners selling drugs," said Larry Hoover, notorious leader of the Gangster Disciples, who changed the name to Growth and Development. Again, Blacks were kept from true social equality.

White gangsters could become respected politicians, police officers and businessmen, but not without a price. These White Chicago gangs, just like the New York ones, quickly became less Irish, Catholic and "White American." And though they lost much, they gained entry into a system that awarded them, not for being intelligent, hav-

ing high moral character or even courage—but just for having white skin. They could become members of the club, that from its conception isolated and drove Blacks to the bottom of society.

White gangsters went from lawbreakers to law enforcers. Not only could they carry a gun, but they could go into Bronzeville and even get away with shooting a Black person in front of other Black persons. It's no wonder police brutality continues to be such a problem. Many of today's white officers are descendants of the gangs of New York and Chicago who attacked Blacks like it was the national pastime. Many eventually became police commanders, and/or went to law school and became prosecutors and state attorneys. Sometimes it was their children.

The police department and the criminal defense was a safe environment for white people to beat, harass and intimidate Black folks—just for the fun of it or to further their career. The environment produced a Jon Burge who brutally tortured innocent Black youth with electric shocks, suffocation hoods, Russian roulette, burns, beatings, and threats of death to force them to confess to crimes they knew nothing of. Burge was responsible for many Black young men living in cage waiting to die.

If Aaron Patterson, a recently pardoned man who spent nearly 17 years on death row for a crime he did not commit, were white, it's very likely he would not have even gotten arrested. Today, with 17 years taken from his life, he courageously has decided to give each day he lives to speaking out for the wrongly incarcerated and convicted.

White America may have been "born in the streets," but due to racist systems, Black Americans continue to die in the streets. And until Blacks stop imitating the original gangsters and follow a higher path, nothing will change.

(Toure Muhammad holds a BA in history from Morehouse College and is the publisher of the Chicago-based Bean Soup Times, a satirical newspaper)



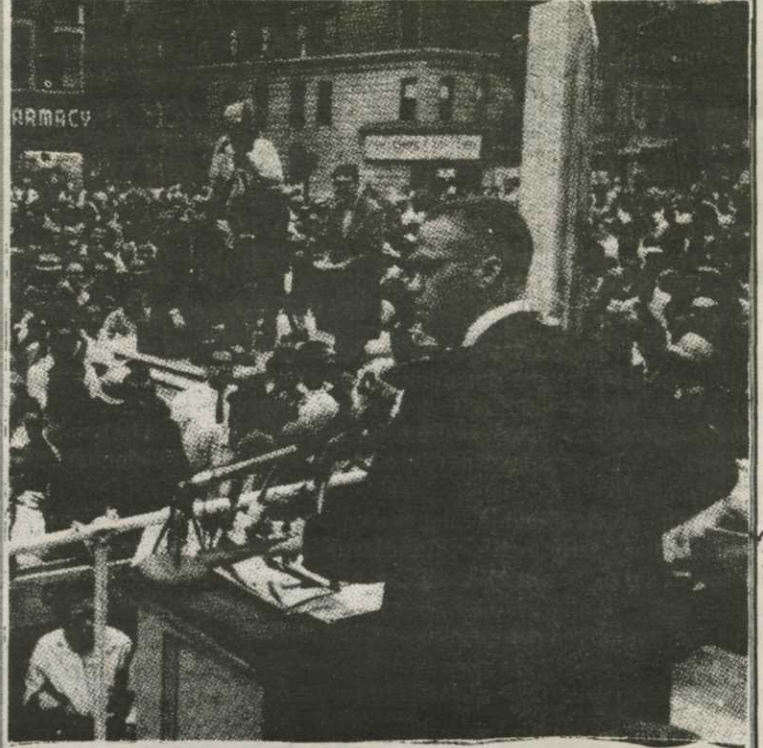
Aaron Patterson, a recently pardoned man who spent nearly 17 years on death row for a crime he did not commit, with Toure Muhammad.



malcolm X

Was assassinated on February 21, 1965

Still Alive



From "the Ballot or the Bullet" speech

....."The political philosophy of Black nationalism only means that the black man should control the politics and the politicians in his own community.

The time when white people can come in our community and get us to vote for them and so that they become our political leaders. And tell us what to do and what not to do is long gone. Those days are over..

By the same token the time when the same white man knowing that your eyes are to far open can send an other Negro in the community and get you and me to support him and so he use him to lead us astray, those days are long gone too.

The political philosophy of Black nationalism means, that if you and I are going to live in a black community. And that's where we are going to live. Because as soon you move out of the black community and into their community; its mixed for a period of time, but they are gone and you right there all by yourself again.

We must understand the politics of our community. And we must know what politics is suppose to produce. We must know what part politics play in our lives. And until we become politically mature, we will always be mislead, lead astray or deceived and or maneuvered into supporting someone politically that do not have the good of the community at heart.

So the political philosophy of Black nationalism only means we carrying a political program of reeducate, to open our people eyes. Make us be come politically conscience. Become politically mature.

And when we get ready to cast our ballot, that ballot will be cast for a man of the community who has the good of the community at heart.....

.....The government has failed us, any time you walk around here signing We should overcome the government has failed you.

I am not politician, I am not even a student of politics, and not a democrat or republican, non an American, and got since enough to know it.

I am one of the 22 million black victims of the democratic party. One of the 22 million victims of the republicans, and one of the 22 million victims of Americanism..... We have not seen democracy. All we have seen is hypocrisy.

(They are) Playing one is for you, and either are for you.....The are playing a con game, a political con game.

You are a chump, a political chump. Any time you throw your power to a party that can not keep their promises to you. You are not only a chump, you are a trader to your race.

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On Endorsing.



Aldermanic sponsors and supporters of the Affordable Housing set-Aside Ordinance speak out at a press conference rally with hundreds of local citizens organized by coalitions from across the city to urge consideration of the ordinance prior to the new City Council. Preckwinkle led hundreds of Local Citizens and 20 Aldermen to ensure affordability in housing.

American businessman who owns the land. She lost her position to stop Norman Bolden over the development of his land on 43rd Street. She opposed New Approach Health Foods on 47th Street to buy city land next to the shop. But, Lu Palmer added. "...all roads lead to the 5th Floor."

The list goes on of many progressive political activist supporting non-progressive incumbents over new political leadership.

Enjoying the American pie, deal making is part of it. Rev. Jackson made it clear before his first run for president that he is not a politician, because the freedom of his people cannot be compromised. Times have changed.

Well thanks to Harold Washington's infamous 'Dream Team' endorsement resulted in the election of Daley as States Attorney, gave the city Mayor Daley.

And if Daley is re-elected, the Black community will continue to be compromising it's true political freedom. Not because of race, but as a result of race. There is no accountability to the over 34,000 displaced public housing families. Over 34,000 Black

men in jail unjustly and conspired to be there. The traffic courts still are 70% Black. Blacks still receive less than 10% of city contracts. Black schools are being closed and education of the youth is played with.

Still this election has the nerve to be held during Black History month.

But as the real endorsement was that of Judge Eugene Pincham, 'If some people do not vote for Harold they need to be hung'. Using Malcolm X's words, to those leaders that endorsed Daley and stayed silent for the real reason, 'they are traders to their race.'

As Black leadership was not ready, the best thing that happened during this election was the Black Political Convention of Chicago.

Rush for mayor as one of principle; and has not come out at all for Jakes nor did he for Roland Burris, until the last minute. Both at one time part of PUSH's staff. Does he know a truth that he cannot entrust the people to bare?

It is a reminder of the saying, 'wait till next time'. As Minister Louis Farrakhan said supporting the Carol Mosley Braun re-election. "After this election, there will be no more politics as usual in Chicago."

People are so forgiving and forgetful.

Even regarding Ald. Preckwinkle.

Lu Palmer, stated at a public meeting. "Ald. Preckwinkle is a target...."

Consistent, Preckwinkle opposed the city-wide effort for the proposed Howard Johnson Hotel by Anthony Fields an African

The South Street Journal cannot endorse Alderman Toni Preckwinkle in the 4th ward. Remaining true to it's political arm, Norman Bolden her opponent re-nomination of the Black Political Convention of Chicago this publisher was its Chair. It would be like Rev. Brazier endorsing Mayor Daley without consulting his opinion. Or building new houses on 63rd Street without subcontractors in every house constructed. Preckwinkle for the most part is independent more than any according to her voting record. Even with the influx of contributing to her campaign, making her campaign eater than any Black alderman (she could have done more than a 1/4 ad in SSJ's). There still is a process of an open door policy.

With her unofficial position to run for Mayor, if there is any alderman that could lead an independent movement, Preckwinkle can do it, with sincerity. Not like the watered down, public relations Reparation Ordinance of Alderman Dorothy Tillman, grandstanding on her Dr. King association.

Next door to the fourth ward is the third. Pat Dowell won the Black Political Convention nomination. She understands the process of community participation and dialogue. She is conservative action and yet focuses on balancing the different that are presented at the same time, regardless of political It is time for a change in the third ward and the so-called leadership. Aldermen who make it a personal political causing exclusion as opposed to inclusion, personal dreams the dream of King.

South Street Journal endorses Pat Dowell to end the biggest of Black leadership that set the stage for more uns. For the stake of the future, may her words to former Eugene Sawyer, atone the ending charter to "Uncle Tom's Cabin" be important. Endorsements are more than a mere reaction. They are a road map to where political leaders lead the people, regardless of race.

Arthur Brazier to endorse Mayor Daley over Rev. Jackson a political agenda not consistent with the direction of God. Then does that make the congregation wrong or God wrong?

Rev. Jackson viewed his endorsement of Cong. Bobby

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unnecessary fruitless drive

All late radical and controversial in Johns who pastured the Baptist Church before Rev. Mar-King, Jr., is credited with alleg- "What does the White man call h a PHD? Nigger!. Truer words spoken, in my estimation. So, as nce, Black people should refrain so emotionally upset when they of this sort and direct all of their wards self help (as the late Honor- Muhammed preached many with the Banner being carried to- own Prophet of Black Self Help Evans) and discontinue the unnec- fruitless drive to get the White pt and love them on an equal

ature being as it is, and History e out, this will never be totally

ople who are constantly in a state ould realize this for what it's a dream and vision - as was so spoken in the famous (now com- mercialized and over-killed) le in 1963 by Dr. King in ton D.C. on Monday evening, 2003, at 8:00 P.M on Chicago's el 20, a special entitled: Hosea, in rds, was shown.

Hosea Williams was a disciple of the onset of the Civil Rights

He stated most emphatically in n that today Black people are at rs back before Dr. King.

Sincerely, hn E. Woodson, Grand Boulevard 773-624-7166



On the killing in the hood by the law

Dear Editor

We are reaching out to the people who have doubts about defending our young men against police brutality and criminalization and to the young men who are caught up in the life.

The community has shown much support in the marches demanding justice for Jappa D, and that his murderer, Chicago police officer Duane Blackman, a serial killer, be jailed for murder. This means a great deal to us as we confront a police department and the system behind it, which treat Black people like dirt.

We are determined to get justice for our stolen life- son, brother, nephew, uncle, friend- Jappa D. We need justice for our Black sisters and our Black children. We also know we need justice for everyone, that the police are continuing to kill us in Chicago and across the country, and that it won't stop until we make a positive move to make it stop.

In December, Cabrini confronted more deaths, this time inflicted by our own young men. We know how painful it is to lose a young life and we grieve with the families for their loss. There are- and have been- many questions before us, as a community. Some people are asking, how can we march and demand justice for Mike-Mike, when others are dying at the hands of our own young men?

How can we protest police brutality when our own young men are in the drug trade and killing each other?

The young men are part of this commu- nity. They are our sons, brothers, fathers of our children. They have as much of a stake in our future as anyone else here.

The young men can change. The police cannot. If the system wanted the police to 'serve and protect' us, Duane Blackman would be OUT OF A JOB, and on his way to jail!

People are being killed over money-

Dear Mr. Cater;

I was present when former congressman Gus Savage gave his speech Saturday for Rev. Paul L. Jakes, I want to help Rev. Paul L. Jakes become the next Mayor of Chicago. But, I need your (Mr. Cater) assistance!

Rejury was committed more than twice for Mayor Richard M. Daley. The reason, I know perjury was com- mitted is it involve my case. I'm providing some docu- ments for you (Mr. Carter) to decide. Thank you! Mr. Ron Carter.

Sincerely George Willrid Smith Jr.

Ps I personal told Mayor Richard M. Daley more than three times in public about the perjury committed for him.

Federal Court, 20th Floor Case # 95 CV 4330 Presiding Judge James F. Holderman From beginning to the end

That's what the police want! That way, they get to lock up another one of us, plus the life that was stolen, and they are two steps closer to making Cabrini disappear.

While you hate the effects of drugs on the community, is it okay to let the police get away with murder?

At Christmas, the police carried out their so-called 'Operation Candyman', and called themselves trying to 'clean up' the neighbor- hood. But what are they really about?

The police come into our community with racist, woman-hating attitudes and get away with murder, bogus arrests, and brutality of all sorts.

After one march for justice, one cop said to another in front of a 12 year old boy, "Go get his mama so he can watch her suck my ___". They have let injured people die so that a murder charge can be put on someone else.

And a week before Christmas, they are helping CHA throw families out of their homes here.

What about the violence among the youth? Jappa D was a peacemaker. We call on the youth of Cabrini to carry on for him, and show each other love and respect like the brothers and sisters we are.

Do we solve those problems by locking up a whole generation of youth, and standing by when the police beat them down? We need

No. 95 C 4330 Judge Hoderman Defendant City of Chi- cago's Amended Re- sponses to Plaintiff's Re- quest to Produce.

Response: Defendant City objects to Request No. 1 as vague, overboard, irrele- vant, calling for the pro- duction of documents equally accessible to the plaintiff and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.....

to get organized and depend on ourselves, the people, to find and carry out the solu- tions we need.

From the Family of Michael Walker (Jappa D) and the Committee for Justice for Michael Walker to the whole Cabrini-Green Community

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

Black History with the spiritual overtone of Malcolm X

In The Name of God Most Gracious, Most Merciful "Whatever of good ye give benefits your own souls and ye shall only do so seeking the face of God. Whatever good ye give shall rendered back to you and you shall not be dealt with unjustly." (Holy Quran 2:272)

The Flaming Crescent Society Presents A Black History Month Celebration!!! Annual Tribute to Malcolm X, Saturday, February 22, 2003 1:00 p.m. at Peace Community Center 6455 S. Peoria Street,

Remember the History of a Great Man who gave his life for Black Liberation.

Black History Quiz Contest, Best African Dress Contest, Speakers, Poetry, Entertainment, and film Documentary with vendors welcome.

For more information call The Flaming Crescent Society/Muslim Task Force is an organization that is badly in need of your help and support. This not-profit organization was chartered in 1992 and among some of its goals are:

To promote the spiritual message of Malcolm X, to our youth as a way of helping to reform and uplift them developing in them more respect for the elderly, our women and children and the surrounding community.

It publishes the Flaming Crescent newspaper which has an anti-drug use and anti-black on black crime among in the inner cities.

Its Muslim Task Force is attempting to set up crime patrols in for community responsibility. In doing so they will help eradicate criminal activity and vice in neighborhoods.

The Flaming Crescent Society engages in regular street level activity to help reach our lost youth through educational materials. The flaming Crescent Society has responded on several occasions to calls of distress form citizens who were having problems with drug dealers and people who needed food.



Help us to establish a religious center where we can help to morally reform our people who have gone astray. We desire to obtain a van for our membership to be able to respond to future calls of this nature. The organization is also in need

funds to keep their publication afloat that address anti-drug, anti-violence messages to reach the street corners. Where they say the publication is most needed.

We need equipment such as walkie-talkies; uniforms, pagers, cameras and funds for a regular headquarters that will help us make positive contribution to our people. Any support that the public can offer will be greatly appreciated, form \$1, to 100.

Help us do our part to make things safer for our women, children and business.

Flaming Crescent Society can be contacted (312) 409-3359, P. O. Box 2076, Chicago, Illinois 60690.

Ministers form 'VOCMA' "Voice Of the Community Minister Association"

Englewood—More than 30 ministers representing their respected organizations flocked to The Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Englewood addressing politics, brainstorming solutions facing Black Chicago.

Bringing the ministers together was Rev. Gerald Dew, Pastor, of Antioch and Rev. Wardell Newsome, Pastor of Faith Community Missionary Baptist Church. They challenged church leaders to stay focus on weekly meetings to rid the gap of community and church.

"Our job is greater than I have imagine." said Rev. Newsome. "We have to give birth to our community and Church partnership."

"We may not be saying 'Yes Sir, and No Sir', but we are in worst condition than when I was a little boy."

Echoing Rev. Newsome plead for the church to take a more progressive role in the community, the ministers concluded in light of black Minister supporting Mayor Richard Daley, in spirit and financially, many times leaders stir the people in the wrong direction. They are leaders taking, us "the people" where the people do not want to go.

"As pastors and ministers, and leaders in the African American Community, we are aware of the many issues and challenges that affect our community." Said Rev. Newsome.

"It is our desire to implement "Solutions" and not continue conversations about challenges. Therefore, we come together as ministers in unifying the Church community involvement and political action as Chicago Area Faith Based Organizations, under the name of VOCMA, Voice Of the Community Ministers Association"

Rev. Dew set the pace by chal-



Rev. Wardell Newsome, pastor of the newly formed Voice Of the Community Ministers Association (VOCMA) to fill the gap of Church and Community

lenging the ministers "It is vitally imperative that each make the commitment to give back to our communities the church foundation of representing the people." he said.

Rev. Dew addressing the minister in relationship between the pulpit and the King.

"The King abandon the establishment and relations between the pulpit and the King (government)

As of today, "Its like, Bush want war, the people don't."

"The King responses to numbers. Land and people are the bases for controlling a people. However, we have people, we can mobilize our people. It is simple for us to come together. And reestablish the relationship."

"Do want the people want".

Pastor Newsome stressed that African Americans do not realize the abilities they have from within and the spiritual power born from their enslavement 400 years ago.

"Look around, people want to be connect and do something!"

"This is the beginning, not only for a church and community movement, but an initiative with

spiritual origin," said Rev. Newsome

Participants agreed to meet on Wednesday's at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church to move the agenda from talk to action.

The organizations includes; Westside NAACP, Pastors Fellowship Congress, Baptist Pastor Conference of Chicago and Vicinity, Westside Minister Coalition, Baptist Minister Alliance of Chicago Vicinity, Garfield Area partnership, Baptist Minister Conference, Black political Action Committee.

The working mission of VOCMA, is Education, voter Registration, jobs, housing and it meeting purpose of political accountability.

Encouraging pastors and the community at large to take part in VOCMA, Rev. Wardell said, "We seek active participation in this role we must intake. will attend our prayer.

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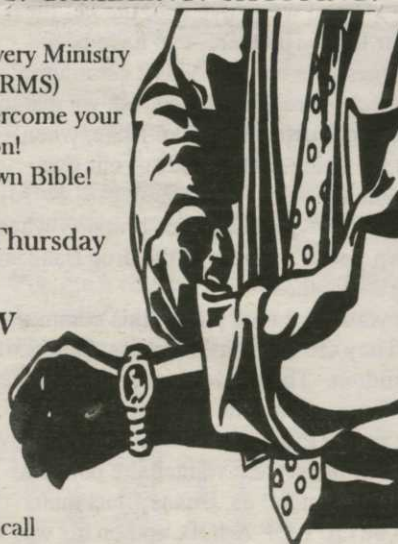
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Making History this Black History Month. **Reparations now!!! The owe us !!!** Organizers are calling to pack the courtroom at the first hearing in Chicago of the Historic Law suits, suing to get Reparations from corporations which profited from slavery in the United States. It will take place on Wednesday, February 26th, 9:00 am at the courtroom of Judge Charles Norgle U.S. District Court, Dirksen Building, 219 S. Dearborn Street. Lawsuits seeking reparations for Black people in the US have been filed in five states. All of the cases have been brought together to be tried in Chicago. Judge Charles Norgle will hold the first hearing in this matter. Organizers will let the judge know that the

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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.

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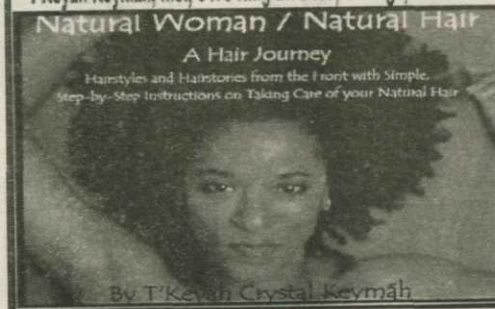


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THE ARTS HAPPENINGS



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Performing at the Black Political Convention of Chicago, Darrell "Sax preacher" Wilson open the event by performing on Friday and Saturday with the Black National Anthem. He also played other tunes from his latest CD at the 45th Arena, at 4545 S. Western Ave.



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 Club & Gallery, is back at the Swift mansion, 4500 S. Michigan in Bronzeville, experience the essence of authentic culture every Saturday nite, at 10:00 pm, with open mic and poetry

Jazz returns to 47th Street with the Malachi Thompson Freebop Band, featuring Gary Bartz and Billy Harper, Saturday March 1, shows @ 9 pm and 10:45 pm all ages, Spoken Word Cafe 4655 King Drive, call 536-6555. This event is presented by the Sutherland Community Arts Initiative supported by a grant from the City of Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs City Arts program.

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Don't you want to join me? God created everything starting with the work. Do Champions call themselves chumps? Do major players call themselves punks?

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The campaign that we're on is going to spread across the nation. Provide education and change our situation.

B Word and N Word Free B N Free

Who's with me? Are you with me? Dog gone and be out of our community for life!

No B's please. Be the opposite of dog. Now get with that!

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If the N word is an epidemic, let self respect be your clinic. B N Free. BN FreePilgrim "

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ON VIDEO

Reviewed and Compiled by David Schultz

SPY KIDS 2: ISLAND OF LOST DREAMS

(★★★) Evenly more wildly imaginative and colorful with goofy fun, outlandish gadgets, special effects and sassy dialogue than its original. Writer-director Robert Rodriguez firmly establishes a new movie franchise here with dazzling results. The pint-size second-generation spies (Alexa Vega and Daryl Sabara) are back again faced with snot-nosed rivals interfering on their missions that brings out their parents (Antonio Banderas and Carla Gugino) and even a helicoptering wheelchair-bound grandpa (Richard Montalban). All join forces to stop a not quite mad scientist (Steve Buscemi) with a gizmo that could control, or destroy the world.
PG; 100min. Dimension Home Video; Available: Feb. 11



ASUNDER

(★★) Actor-director Tim Reid tries a low-budget aim and misses in this lame Black-oriented rip-off of "Fatal Attraction". Former H.S. chum, Blair Underwood has an obsessive "love jones" for best friend, Michael Beach's wife, Debbi Morgan that goes awry when she refuses his interest. And an ashy-looking Underwood can't accept her dismissal. I'm not against duplicating this movie genre under a black perspective. It's just that there is no distinction with the characters as real human beings and too predictable with its cliché situations.
R; 104min. Dimension Home Video; Available: Feb. 11

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

(★★★) Reese Witherspoon continues her engaging appeal that initially got her critical and public acclaim in "Legally Blonde". Once the childhood sweetheart in a small town, Witherspoon reshapes her image as a big city, aspiring designer whose engaged to a JFK Jr.-like playboy (Patrick Dempsey) whose the son to the Mayor of New York (Candice Bergen). But Witherspoon's character realizes she must return to her southern roots and ultimately confront who she really is. While trying to get her first husband to finalize their divorce that she never initially did when she left the small town for the bright lights.
PG-13; 100min. Touchstone Home Video;

ESPN's ULTIMATE X

(★★★) Initially shown on the towering IMAX screen. Some of the nation's top extreme sport athletes like Tony Hawk, Dave Mirra, Ryan Nyquist, and Bucky Lasek showcases their gravity-defying tricks and moves at the X Games. It's an awesome spectacle design to thrill the average enthusiast to these extreme-sporting events.
G; 45 min. Touchstone Home Video;

SERVING SARA

(★★) Matthew Perry and Elizabeth Hurley stars in this silly romantic comedy escapade from "House Party" director Reginald Hudlin. Perry plays a scheming process server sent by his boss (Cedric The Entertainer) to serve notice to Sara Moore

(Hurley) ordered by her conniving cattle rancher-husband, Gordon (Bruce Campbell) for whom she has gathered a fortune with him. Sara convinces the process server that she'll pay him \$1 million to serve Gordon whose trying to liquidate their joint asses into his alone. Hoping to beat Perry and Hurley to the punch is Perry's rival co-worker, played by Vincent Pastore and the chase is on. Someone should have served a petition for stupidity here.
PG-13; 99min. Paramount Home Video

THE FOUR FEATHERS

(★★1/2) A.E.W. Mason's 1902 adventure novel set in North Africa has been filmed several times. But this time, the tale of a seemingly coward British soldier's (Heath Ledger) redemption, is set on a sprawling epic-level of visual scope and on a different viewpoint. Director Shekhar Kapur is Indian rather than British who aims to bring out this tragic sense of this oft-told human drama. Djimon Hounsou, best remembered as the defiant slave in Spielberg's "Amistad" co-stars as the naïve warrior who befriends the soldier.
PG-13; 130min. Paramount Home Video;
WHO IS CLETIS TOUT?
(★1/2) Tim Allen as a hit man? In this offbeat, dark comedy about an ex-con (Christian Slater) that takes on the wrong identity, in order to help a fel-low escapee (Richard Dreyfuss) recover stolen diamonds 25 yr. ago. Which becomes complicated when the mob hires a hit man to chase down the ex-con under the false I.D. of a man who was trying to blackmail the mob boss' son.
R; 92min. Paramount Classics Home Video

TADPOLE

(★★) Occasionally amusing, coming-of-age comedy about a 15 yr. old, Oscar (Aaron Stanford) who finds his hormones out of their league when he falls in love with his stepmother, Eve (Sigourney Weaver) whom his father (John Ritter) is also in love with. But matters doesn't get any easier when Eve's best friend, Diane (Bebe Neuwirth develops a crush on Oscar.
PG-13; 78min. Miramax Home Video



AT THE FLICKS

Review and compiled by David Schultz

SHANGHAI KNIGHTS

(★★) These days, actor Owen Wilson who seems to be teaming with everyone in every other film he's in. The last Wilson teaming was with Eddie Murphy in the "I Spy" remake. Now Wilson rejoins martial artist action/comedy star Jackie Chan to reprise their "east meets west"-ern buddy movie act from "Shanghai Noon".
Not as medieval as the title may imply for this rather loopy sequel. Jackie Chan is the sheriff in Carson City, Nevada who quits his post and seeks out his inept hustler buddy, Owen Wilson whose living as a waiter-gigolo in San Francisco who brew their money on a bad investment.

Chan's character is on route to avenge the murder of his father who was the keeper of the now-stolen Imperial Seal gem that Chan needs to find and return to China. The priceless artifact was stolen by a crooked royal heir-in-waiting and an exiled Chinese warrior, Wo Chow (Donnie Yen) that Chan's baby sister who later falls in love with Wilson's character; tracks the evil duo to London.
But it's an unclear alliance to comprehend since Wo Chow is the only one that needs the gem to unite his country's enemy on his side. While the royal heir-in-waiting plots to use the first machine gun to wipe out the royal family to move him closer to ruling England. Unless, Chan and Wilson with a little help from an orphan kid and a reluctant Scotland Yard inspector can disrupt their plans at the Queen's Royal birthday bash.
The banter between Chan and Wilson is entertaining enough. But sometimes, the film's proceedings and attempts at humor pull their efforts down. And the movie gets a bit ridiculous trying to poke a little fun at famous names before their fame. Such as the inspector named "Artie" is short for Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who rather become a writer that created the Sherlock Holmes mysteries. The little orphan kid is named, Charlie Chaplin. And Jackie Chan's character was named John Wayne. Get It?

It's that kind of lame humor which is why this film's saving grace belongs to the intricate, acrobatic, kung fu fight sequences, which seem longer than usual. Not to mention the usual physical and verbal mistakes in the outtakes before the end credits. But it's clear enough the script doesn't make it a particularly good "Knight" for Chan and Wilson.
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Failed CHA program, moves thousands to racially segregated, poor neighborhoods.

Lawsuit alleges violation of civil rights and fair housing laws and breach of contract.

(Chicago) In the wake of celebrations honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, three prominent advocacy organization filed a civil rights lawsuit charging that the Chicago Housing Authority's relocation program moved thousands of families to overwhelmingly black and poor neighborhoods.

The lawsuit alleges that CHA failed to provide adequate relocation assistance and effective social services to families displaced by public housing demolition, in violation of both federal law and CHA's contractual obligations. The lawsuit filed by the National Center on Poverty Law, The Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and Business and Professional People for the Public Interest, seeks prompt implementation of a program to give relocating families the



Class Action lawsuit filed against CHA by three organizations and residents, Adam Gross, Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI), Bill Wilen, National Center on Poverty Law, Mary Sistrunk, former resident of Robert Taylor Homes, and Alexander Polikoff, BPI

support they need to make the kinds of moves they desire. "CHA's relocation program has failed. Instead of offering families a better chance, the housing authority has perpetuated segregation," said Bill Wilen, supervising attorney at the National Center on

Poverty Law.

The lawsuit is brought on behalf of current and former CHA residents who were moved or will be moved as a result of CHA demolition. The defendants are CHA and its Chief Executive Officer Terry Peterson.

Under CHA's Plan for transformation, more than 3200 families have been forced to move from CHA buildings slated for demolition. CHA entered into legally binding agreements promising to help displaced families move to neighborhoods that are more racially and economically integrated that the ones from which they have been displaced, and CHA resident leaders agreed to the plan based on these promises. But the lawsuit alleges that CHA's failed relocation process has produced the opposite results, and, unless changed as plaintiffs proposed, will continue to do so.

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A DOUBLE EDGE SWORD

By Ms. Beauty Turner,
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CHA and its private management contractors Holsten Reality is playing with a double edge sword when it comes to their new draft lease for the Raymond Hilliards homes.

A lease that sure to leave all three parties involved wounded and bleeding.

It will leave CHA and Holsten facing a possible Class action lawsuit and a lot of the residents of the Hillard homes facing the cold hard pavement to homelessness if implemented.

A lease that have already been implemented in the New North Town Village mixed income community where Holsten Reality is also the manager.

In their new lease every residents that reside in the household that is 18 years or older is expected to take a urinalysis a drug test in order to receive a new or renew their lease.

A resident from the Hilliards homes who wish that her name not be used said, "That just their way of getting rid of a lot of us low income people."

"What is America coming to?" "Are they saying that people with drug habits shouldn't have homes.

You think you have a homeless problem now, just think if every apartment building landlords start making potential renters take a drug test."

"Isn't DRUGS America new national pass time?"

"As many people as I see coming to buy it.

"You could fool me if you say it is not."

"You think you have a homeless crisis; you will definably have one then."

If They get away with doing that to us, they might as well start doing that to the politicians such as President Bush and his twin daughters."

Aren't they on drugs?"

Who ever thought of this crazy policy to put into the lease was on drugs."

Maner Jean Wiley who is the LAC Presidents said when asked her opinion of her residents in the Hilliards homes taking drug tests.

Wiley said, 'I'm comfortable with it."

After all it will eliminate the drug problem that we have here.

And when the new mix income community come it will stay beautiful and drug free."

The drug testing is also for me to."

If someone have a relative that's

on drugs take them off their lease." I called CHA Topnotch spokesperson in Communication Katherine Greenberg and asked her what did she think of the drug testing situation in the new lease at the Hilliards homes.

I asked her did she think that it was legal?

Greenberg said, 'I think so (sounding very unsure) I will check into it and let you know.

She went on to say 'I know that they have it at North Town Village near Cabrini Green.'

She went on to say "Call Jackie Taylor at main office for Holsten Reality and ask her about it she can tell you more.

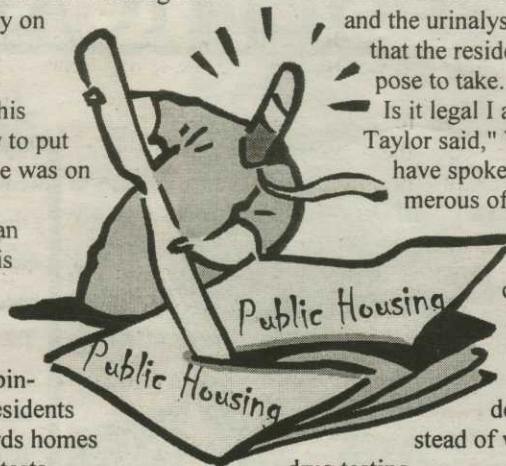
So I called Jackie Taylor at Holsten Reality and asked her about the new lease at the Hilliards home and the urinalysis (drug test) that the residents are suppose to take.

Is it legal I asked Jackie. Taylor said, "Yes it is, we have spoken with numerous of CHA lawyers who said that it can be done." I told her that her lease reads like a demand instead of voluntary drug testing.

She went on to say "People have an option to say no to the test but if they do they have the option to live else where."

Housing Advocate Grant Newsburger said after he learned about the drug testing in order to renew or receive a lease in the Hilliard homes.

"That's outrageous that they



Epitome

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the roots by a stampede that reportedly started when two young women got into a fist fight (over who looks better in their clothes.)

A security guard reportedly sprayed mazes in an over corporeity, compact, crowd which in return left many people coughing, vomiting and panicking running headed for the only open exit, Unfortunately down a narrow steep staircase with one bottle cap of an opening which made things complicated by created a clog.

One young man who was inside the club said, "What didn't help the situation none is someone yelled out that it's a Bin Laden chemical attack making people panic more."

"Over 80 incidents have been reported since 2000 (referring to the club) Supt. Hilliard said at a news Conference at the Emergency center located at 1114 West Madison.

James Joyce Fire Commissioner said, "The firemen responded to a call at 2:43 a.m. at

the location that reportedly said, "That a pregnant woman is down."

However, when they got there they saw that it was much more than that, chaos, and confusion fuel the day.

After 9/11, the police was supposed to be response to incident. They were no plan to deal with this type of honor that is similar a terrorist attack. With TV, cameras rolling no one were being pulled out.

However, the police reported to do so, would cause more harm.

However, question are being raised for aldermen should have question on the city's response to Black community.

With many questions raised, E2 has owner has bought to the public attention, the potential move of the city to close the club and restaurant down by way of keeping them in court, costing the owners fines and lawyer fees.

Second Ward Alderman Madelyn Haithcock expressed a great concern about the families who lost their love ones.

Many of the 22 dead young people died at from Cardiac Arrest, severe trauma, and over 50 other injure or in critical condi-

tion. Victims were taken to UIC, Northwestern, Provident, Rush, Stroger (the old Cook County) and Little Company of Mary.

RainbowPUSH has established a fund for the victims, as well as effort in support to keep the club open.

E-2 is a club that has known many hardships such as shooting, stabbing, 11 code violations and many community complaints.

A court order as recently as last year in July to shut down the second floor was handed out to the owners Calvin Hollis and Atty. Duwane Kyles.

Question raised as to why the city of Chicago did not close down the club when violations were made known it was not safe.

As the City is cracking down on clubs in light of E2 and the Rhode Island incident where 96 people were killed, the issue raised for the Chicago Black community that there is less places to go for young adults to be entertain.

In addition, that the Black clubs has been on the decline, with the Aldermen down zone the areas in return closing of many clubs and licenses being taken away.

(This is in the Northtown Village lease and also in Hilliard Home lease.)

Lease Renewal Drug Testing

As a precondition to renewing this lease, Landlord requires that all adult members (persons 18 years and older) submit a urine sample for an analysis of such sample for non-prescribed, prohibited controlled substances, by a qualified laboratory selected by Landlord. Tenant, by requesting a renewal of this lease, consents freely and voluntarily to this request for a urine sample from all adult household members.

Tenant hereby and herewith releases Holsten Management Corporation and its employees, agents, and contractors from any liability whatsoever arising from this request to furnish a urine sample from all household members, the testing of the urine sample, and decisions made concerning renewal of Tenant's lease base upon the results of the testing. Tenant consents to the release of the test results to Holsten Management Corporation for its use.

Tenant understands and agrees that his/her lease will not be renewed upon its expiration unless Tenant voluntarily submits a urine sample from all adults household members for testing of non-prescribed, prohibited controlled substances pursuant to the procedures adopted by Landlord for such testing, and passes such test.

Tenant understands that the lease renewal is contingent upon the results of the urine sample test of all adult household members not detecting the presence of illegal drugs. Tenant also understand that he/she can indicate any over-the counter or prescription medication reliability of, or explanation for, a positive result.

would ask the residents to do such a thing!"

"That's a Constitutional issue." I called the ACLU American Credibility Liberty Union and asked them was such a thing legal.

Adam Schwartz who is the Staff Council at ACLU said, "The ACLU feel as a condition to ask anyone to

take a drug test to receive housing rather they be from public housing such as the Hilliards Homes or from mixed income communities such as North Town Village is in a direct violation of the fourth amendment-invasion of privacy."

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