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WLS vs.
WVON;

81% of Americans are reported in support of the War in Iraq according to ABC News (WLS TV). Another survey says Black America are 69% against the war.

"You are either with us or against us." Said President George W. Bush.

I never felt part of the president's words until 11:30 pm on March 26 as a white ball of light headed down towards 71st and State St. It was followed by a flaming red and orange light. About three miles from earth,

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PUSH Prison
disparity meeting

Upstaged by ex-offenders in the absence of Sheriff Sheahan

Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., President of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and his panel of experts were continued interrupted during a town hall meeting discussing the criminal justice system on Wednesday, April 9, at PUSH Headquarters.

Ex-offenders, known as VOTE (Voice Of The Ex-offenders) disrupted the meeting accusing it as a front protecting the politics of Cook County Shrieff Michael Sheahan, who was not present among the host of panelist. However, Cook County Jail representatives included Cook County Jail Director John Maul, Chairman of Cook County Corrections; Cook County Commissioners Bobbie Steele, Earlean

Collins, Deborah Simms and Mike Quigley -- discussing the overcrowding in Cook County Jail.

But the meeting focus was more on the inhumane conditions of Cook County Jail, which incarcerate about 10,500 inmates three to six months, most have not been sentence, waiting for trail not able to meet bond.

The conditions are ripe for the breeding of terror, disdain, and disrespect, according to Rev. Jackson addressing the nation overview. "The sad reality in the United States is that despite representing only 6% of the world's population, America imprisons more

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Cook County Shrieff Michael Sheahan, absence at Town Hall meeting to address guards conduct, contribute to tension of VOTE members.

The Probe Of E2
It's about the
landCommunity
produces song in
honor of victimsBy Jamie Stepfet
Staff Reporter

Near South—Mayor Richard M. Daley vowed to find out what went wrong and who was responsible for the deaths of 21 people in the E2 nightclub "and to do whatever needs to be done to make sure that nothing like this ever happens again in our city."

Speaking at a City Hall news conference, the Mayor said City attorneys have file criminal contempt charges against the owner of the club, Le Mirage Studio Ltd., for operating in violation of a court order. He has also conducted a sweep of other clubs and passed a law out-banding mace.

But, the issues surrounding E2 have a historical past that a community resident relates to the gentrification of the Black club in the near south area for the new populous (white) culture. Another source indicated that it is about the land at the opportunity of the E2 tragedy.

However, city official would not return calls on the plans for the area, but stayed focus on the violations of E2.

Mayor Daley said. "The second floor of the building was not to be occupied. Yet the club continued to

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Mayor Richard Daley, determined to close the businesses.

Chicago's Rebirth

By Unsolicited Writer

The U.S. Census Bureau of its 2000 census portrayed a city on the move. From endless printouts of dry data emerged a dynamic portrait of a city responding to global forces, changing before our eyes, rewarding some of its citizens and punishing others. - A projection by Professor Bob Starks, and chairman of the Black Political Task Force.

Amidst the rapid re-gentrification facing the historic Bronzeville and Near West Side communities, the Loop is booming. Chicago has become a magnet for the wealthy, even as it remains a warehouse for the poor. The poor, are not as poor as they were, but the rich are a lot richer, and the gap is growing.



It's happening now.

The era of Chicago's decline, the years of white flight and failing factories and spreading blight, is over.

Studies conducted by the city say by 2022, the Near Loop is projected to add \$30 million to \$40 million in development.

The document is a two year study by the Central Area Plan Steering Committee, working under the auspices of the Richard Daley administration. The experts mission was to think about the city in 10, 15, 20, 30 years."

Chicago is currently in the mist of the new loft culture on the fringes of the Loop, the gentrification squeezing and erosion of public housing complexes, where indifference has replaced hope, or

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79th & Vincennes
still in business

By Ron Carter

Location is the key when establishing a business. A thought that may have not been on the minds of the Pappas family when they established their store on 79th and Vincennes, 46 years ago.

But with the community overtones, 79th Vincennes Market and it's President/owner Mr. Paul S. Pappas is exploring ways to change his business to maintain his location.

With rumors were that the location is prime for redevelopment for a CVS pharmacy, and even a target store where the bus depot is located. And the motel next to 79th and Vincennes has turned down many; offers to sell. Ald. Latisha Thomas (17) informed *City Journal* that that is not the case. "There

is no current plans for the area."

However, it is a clear plan that the precinct in which Mr. Pappas is located in the 17th ward has been trying to plan him out of any future plans for the past three years.

The last petition drive was lead Theodora Davis, reportedly a member of the 17th ward Regular Democratic Party. However, Ald. Thomas indicated that she nor her office had nothing to do with the petition drive.

Nevertheless, Pappas won again, preventing the referendum from getting on the ballot. He proved his case with duplicate signatures, none registered voters, forgery signatures and circulators signatures after the petition was filed.

Pappas says he has maintained his business in the years through a

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by the Weatherman

The UnZip



Dennis Muhammad (l) was one of the hundred of guest supporting Omar Shareef (r) at the African America Contractors Association 12th Annual Membership Awards celebration as key note speaker Greg honored Rev. Jesse Jackson from turning his life around while a tug in Detroit. As he denounced the War, in supporting the troops stress to notable attendees "We got to keep on fighting." in like of comments by George Bush on Affirmative Action.

Two On One Construction company and Karl E. Bradley of the Fund for Community Redevelopment in Woodlawn will be meeting with Jewell Muhammad on a contract in question. ... Also in question is the affirmative act that Mark Allen has ended his long lasting job at RainbowPUSH.



Allen

...More on Affirmative Acts: The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation will distribute their donation to community organization by the way of the Local Initiatives Support Corp. (LISC) headed by former long time City executive, Andrew Mooney with close ties to City Hall. Another army in controlling the independence of community organizations. According to Crain's many organizations depending on funds for the foundation could fold not rubbing up with Sir Mayor Daley.

Co-Chairs Ron Carter and Syron Smith of the Black Political Convention should know that one of them may be stepping down. Word is Arnes Dancy is a new Co-Chair of the Convention scheduled for Feb. 2004. Hummm?

Third ward politicians Republican committee Bobbie Johnson and Alderman and Democratic committeeman Dorothy Tillman have embrace to work together for the good of the community. "However word is Ald. Tillman did ask if there was a knife in Johnson's hand as they embraced....

From a former foe of Tillman, there is a buyer of the Rosenwald Building....Continuing on 47th Street & King Drive, Ald. Tillman's daughter new coffee shop, reportedly rates are too high for the community, \$500.00 for a Thursday night event. So much for the community participation.

People like Ziff Zistrunk, Vincent Walker and Beverly Reed should know that Brother Al Saladin was seen of 47th St. at Bacon's doing fine after near death, messing around with that white stuff Ollie North and the CIA (Cocaine Import Agency) bring to the States. He is a resident of the Chevy Chase Nursing Home on 34th and Indiana.



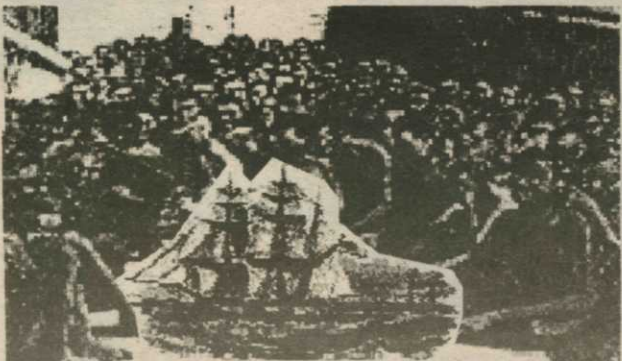
Brown

And its official! Off 47th Street, from a previous UnZip Bronzeville Bank executive, Greg Brown for over 10 years with Illinois Federal Savings and Loans is now heading up the South Side Credit Union to be located at 55th and the Dan Ryan. One of the in kind supporters of the credit union is Elize Higginbottom of East Lake Corporation.

Look's like the one of the NAACP of Chicago is going to be getting a new executive director.

Just as Atty. Lu Meyers organized 200 Black folks to end the war in Iraq, a week later its about over. So is Lu and company organizing to stop Bush's new war as he plans to invade Syria, or are they organizing to Bush's plans to get re-elected with Al Sharpton leading the way..

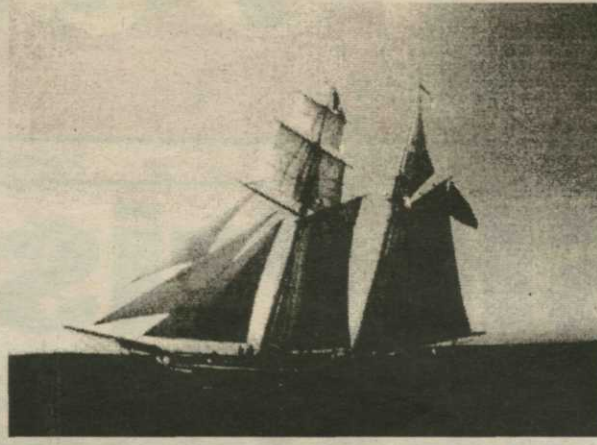
WLS Black talk show host and publisher of the Metro News, Nate Clay will be escorting a group to see Fidel Castor before he retire from his leadership there...Speaking of leadership; for the past Chicago election on February 25, 2003, presenting The U.S.S. Chicago Black Leader SHIP.



Got an UnZip, fax it, mail it, phone it, email it to;

City Journal

The DuSable Museum Announces Arrival of the Historic Amistad



Freedom Schooner Amistad is schedule to be in Chicago this summer. A re-creation of the 1839 historic vessel La Amistad, where a group of slaves mutinied against their Spanish captors.

The DuSable Museum of African American History, Inc., ComEd, the City of Chicago and AMISTAD America, Inc., announced recently the 2003 Great Lakes Tour of the Freedom Schooner Amistad. Amistad will be docked at Navy Pier from July 26 through August 13, 2003. As presenting sponsor, ComEd is underwriting the costs of bringing this piece of history to Chicago.

Bill Pinkney serves as Master of Freedom Schooner Amistad. A Chicago native, Pinkney received widespread acclaim when he became the first African American to sail solo around the world. He followed this feat in 1999 with a six month retracing of the notorious Middle Passage of the American Slave Trade.

"We are very excited to have Freedom Schooner Amistad exhibit in Chicago at Navy Pier" said DuSable Museum President Antoinette D. Wright. "For an event that was at one time marginalized by historians, the ship has become a vital piece in the telling of America's history. ComEd has been a major force in promoting awareness of the Amistad Incident in the Chicagoland area, and we are grateful for their support."

Freedom Schooner Amistad is a re-creation of the historic vessel La Amistad. In 1839, a group of slaves lead by Sengbe Pieh mutinied against their Spanish captors while sailing off the coast of the Spanish Colony of Cuba. After the slaves were taken back to America by the United States Navy, news of the incident sparked an outpouring of abolitionist support. While two of the surviving members of the crew vied for the return of the slaves as their property, Black and White anti-slave forces joined ranks, leading to the historic freeing of the African captives, the first court ordered freeing of slaves in the U.S.

"The historical significance of Amistad has traditionally been overlooked, leaving a gap in an important era of American history," said Frank Clark, ComEd President. "Amistad's arrival is a shining example of the need to look at the past in order to focus on the future. ComEd is proud to help bring to Chicago this exhibit, which provides an opportunity for adults and students alike to learn more about their country."

By Eddie Read

Read Between the Lines

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 aldermen must establish a means to get the opinion of the ward as how he/she is going to vote and why.



Talk, Talk, Talk,

That's right that is what we hear now... Talk, Talk, Talk!!

There is talk, talk, talk about George Bush, talk, talk, talk about politics in general, talk, talk, talk about the Supreme Court, talk, talk, talk about crime, talk, talk, talk about health care, talk, talk, talk about the need for jobs, talk, talk, talk about the new Governor, talk, talk, talk about the youth, talk, talk, talk about the church, talk, talk, talk about each other.

In fact, the major activity now days is talk, talk, talk and more talk.

Why is it so? Maybe because the talkers don't have the answers, maybe they don't have the power, maybe they don't have the moral authority, maybe they don't have the respect of the people.

Whatever the answer is, we don't see any problem solving nor results. So where do we go from here and what

do we do.

I have always been big on going to the people and letting them say what they need. Now some would say that we do that now others will say that is just more talk. One thing for sure if you open up the door to the people and if they feel ownership of the process they will move.

Today, there is no movement, every now and then, there is a rhetorical meeting that looks like it is going somewhere but it never does. For one thing, the people are smarter and more aware through the vehicle mass communications therefore if you are not going to do anything, they don't have to wait 'til next weeks meeting to see that you are full shit.

We are living in the day of the false leader, one who is motivated by his or her own agenda or those that are put up to stop someone else's agenda. We have always had people that play that role but not as prominent as now.

For now, I just wanted to put this little thought on your mind because I want very very much to see a serious legitimate, credible sincere movement for the good and well being of our people. Check it out - if you find someone who you believe in, then run with them. As far as those that are not right, just stay away from them and everybody else will get the message. Talk is cheap, but what you got do!!!



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Frederick Douglass

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Coalition launch Boycott of Daimler-Benz/Chrysler

Woodlawn—Chicago's Woodlawn community was the site of the first national hearings of the Daimler-Benz-Chrysler Auto Corporation, and to announce a boycott of the auto company.

Dr. Leon Finney, chair of the coalition and president of The Woodlawn Organization, explained that the boycott resulted in failed communications between the coalition and the auto giant.

Two lawsuits were filed, one on behalf of the victims and a class action suit by attorneys 'Judge' R. Eugene Pincham and Edward Vrdolyak. Both prominent lawyers testifying at the hearing.

Mr. Vrdolyak testifying first outlined the lawsuit against Daimler Chrysler's financing subsidiary accusing the company of denying credit to customers based on race, and repossessing vehicles of customers living in predominantly black neighborhoods without justification or proper notification.

The suit claims Chrysler systematically and intentionally denied low-interest vehicle financing to creditworthy blacks in two Chicago neighborhoods, based on where they lived and the dealership they selected to purchase the car.

According to the suit, Chrysler uses an automated computer program called the ACE (Automated Credit Evaluation) System, designed to give colorblind, credit

evaluations to customers applying for financing from Chrysler.

The complaint argues that Chrysler modified the ACE System with a "disabling switch" that rerouted all applications from particular dealership for subjective review by an employee at Chrysler Regional Headquarters. The suit cites two dealerships in which virtually every credit application submitted by a black customer was denied regardless of credit scores.

Vrdolyak charged racist tendencies permeate Chrysler with several witnesses and detailed in the complaint, two separate Chrysler zone managers with racial slurs and derogatory comments.

Victims testifying; Jaud Ollistien and her daughter, Latisha purchased a 2000 Chrysler Stratus, testified she had her car repossessed three times. Responding to questions by Dr. Finney, Jaud Ollistien charged Chrysler's action were because her daughter were Black.

The suit also states Chrysler was aware of the attitudes and behaviors of its regional operations.

The Executives used derogatory racist references as "Mullignons", "Nigger", "Nigger paper", Gerry's nigger Deals", and negative references to Rosa Parks".

The suit states, during a meeting in June 2002, Chrysler Financial

28. Specifically, the Zone Manager stated:
 "This happened because all these niggers are involved. We found out these 'mullignons' [a derogatory racial slur] were getting bought and approved by Chrysler when they should be standing on the bus. And if it weren't for Rosa Parks those niggers would still be standing in the back of the bus. What's more embarrassing is that one of our dumbest niggers, Dan Howard, caught this before anyone else. Our nigger, Bruce Johnson, was manipulating our computer system to get these niggers bought [meaning, to get their financing approved]. I've fired our nigger and I want you to fire your niggers that were involved."

Judge Pincham declared what they done is not new. People do not have the energy, time, or money for a lawyer to fight these injustices. Adding, "We are going to win this case. Because we are right".



Detroit challenge the racist remark, the suit contends.

The complaint also charges that when 70 Marquette dealership customers obtained financing, Chrysler renounced the agreements as 'nigger deals,' and repossessed most of the 70 vehicles.

The complaint, and witnesses stated vehicles were repossessed from owners who never missed a payment or were only marginally late. Chrysler's attempts to repossess these vehicles began a series of meetings that exposed Chrysler's allegedly racist policies.

In these meetings, Chrysler's regional zone manager asserted that

the only way the black purchasers of Chrysler vehicles qualified for financing in the first place was through a fraudulent conspiracy between dealership employees and insiders within Chrysler, the complaint states.

The following are the coalition's demands of Chrysler and associate business partners:

- The resignations of executives Brad Norman, Ben Bogs, and Jerry Beverman regards to racial remarks in meetings.
- Eliminate the ACE Machine. All applicants should go through regular credit check procedures.
- Increase in Minority Chrysler dealerships and Chrysler executive positions.

Until demands are met the coalition is asking the public not to by Chryslers or Mercedes Benz, and for present owners to return their cars. Investors are to sell their Stock immediately.

The coalition has enlisted other corporations support by not to allowing Chrysler to advertise with their companies. As an example all U.S. Sports franchises to withdraw Chrysler's sponsorships.

Dr. Finney stated the next hearing would be held in Harvey on April 16th and in Detroit to follow..

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Sean Howard contributed to this story.

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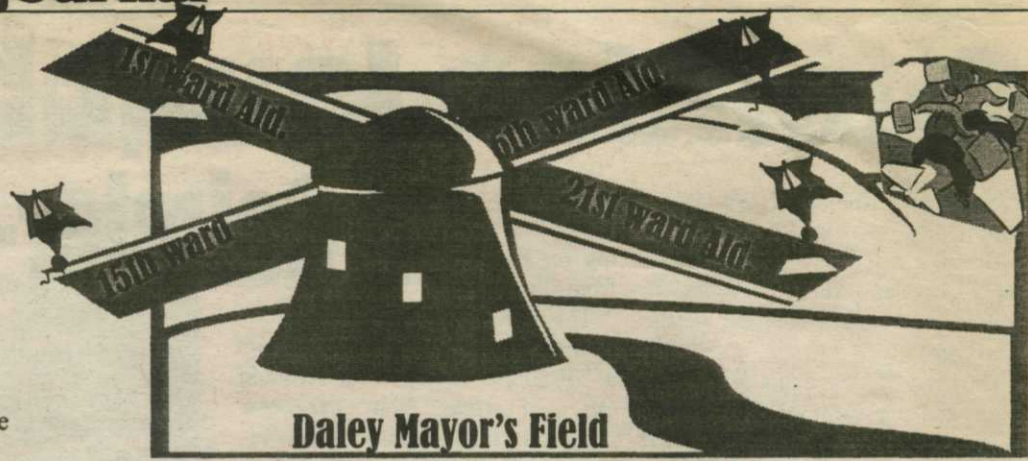
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April 1st Run-off elections Winds of Change



Daley Mayor's Field

Political Insights

By Jesse Evans

Four run-off aldermanic elections were firmly decided Tuesday April 1, 2003. No candidate received 51% on Tuesday Feb. 25th election. It resulted in voters of the 1, 6, 15, and 21 wards to use their wisdom, which resulted in the return of two of the four aldermen to the city council, with two newly elected.

The newcomers are former prosecutor Manny Flores who defeated incumbent 1st ward alderman Jesse Granoto (elected alderman in 1995, and Atty. Howard B. Brookins Jr. (son of former State Senator Brookins Sr.) who defeated incumbent Rev.



Leonard Deville (appointed by Mayor Daley in 1997) in the 21st ward.

This brings the freshman total of new aldermen to be sworn into the city council to a grand total of three (3).

The third being Rey Colon defeating incumbent Vilma Colom, (elected in 1995), by capturing 58% of the vote.

Incumbent alderman Ted Thomas (15) (elected in 1999) slam dunked challenger and former Chicago Bulls basketball star Bob

"Butterbean" Love by grabbing 54% of the vote.

And 6th ward incumbent Freddrenna M.

Lyle (Daley appointee in 1998), out distanced former track star and Olympian Willy B. White by collecting 55% of the vote. Still fairly close runoffs, the people spoke loud and clear.

Are these the winds of change upon the city council? With only three or four new faces in the city council, I doubt it. How can such few number impact a legislative body where a mayor like Richard M. Daley has his virtual way.

Evidenced by how he (Mayor Daley)

destroyed Meigs Field by carving up the run-ways thus rendering the air port useless and inoperative. If Mayor Daley has the power to unilaterally obliterate an airport and seemingly with impunity then the only change I can forecast for not only the April Fool's Day election, but the overall next four year session in the Chicago city Council is new nonsense and more madness.

Jesse Evans is former aldermen of the 21st ward

Civic rights firm sue Chgo Bd of Election

More than the "divide and conquer strategy". the planning to defeat Rev. Paul Jakes, former candidate against Mayor Richard Daley, and Bill "Doc" Walls, candidate of City Clerk against incumbent James Laski, was in the planning long before their intentions to run on the February 25, ballot. According to Pleasant Stephens of the Black Political Action Committee, his organization has secured lawyers to file suit which if victorious could over turn, at least the City Clerk office results of the February 25, 2003 elections.

BPAC charged the Chicago Board of Election, on grounds of denying voters the First and Fourteenth Amendments of their right to choose their candidate." on the question of inactive and active voters.

The suit lead by Atty. Bart Beal and his two partners, G. Clinton Gaston, and Keenan G. Saulter will be filing suit on allegations of the Board creation of the inactive voters, "is taking away a voters right".

It is also a question of the demographics and locations of the wards that were determined inactive in the case of Mr. Walls petition signatures."

Walls reportedly had 25,000 validate signatures of 38,000. However, 16,000 were claimed good by the board, and 7,000 were charged as inactive voters of Chicago.

At deadline Tom Leach of the board told City Journal the signature issue has already been ruled on by the courts and the Board of Elections. And was based on a mailing canvass of



Walls



Jakes



Beals



Stephens

inactive registrant voters not responding to two mailing sent to the voters, which labeled them inactive. Not their absence of voting in past elections said Leach.

But according to Beal, "they (the board) dismiss voters rights by preventing that candidate for being on the ballot. Their signatures on the petition should be good, rather they voted on not.

The normally voters are moved from the ballot upon a door to door canvass in the wards and removed if they have moved or died.'

"Does that mean for the coming presidential election that there are going to be inactive voters for

those that did not vote on February 25. Over 65% of the voters." Ask Beal.

"They have the right to sign petitions. And should not have been purged at the will of the Board of Elections. There is no in between."

Beal stated that the suit will be filed in Aril, but would not say persons who are complaints.

Walls has been helpful in BPAC case added Beal, in which reports are he is to file a separate case to throw out the last election,

Just short of collecting the 25,000 required signatures to run for mayor. Jakes escape being challenged by Daley. However, according to Stephens "Just as

Daley avoid challenging Jakes, this shows how the Board of Election as being the sponsor, denying their right to choose their candidate."

"They have unconstitutional hijacked the Democrtic Party vote in Chicago." Stephens said. "Their procedures are discrimina tory".

Commented to changing the Board of Elections, Stephens said in addressing the petitions issue in court, BPAC is developing a network of Black elected officials, candidates, and community leaders to enhance the guiding principles for political independence of outside influences.

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PUSH Town hall meeting end with ex-offenders disruption

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people than any other nation," proclaims Jackson. "Most are of color - most are poor. Most had inadequate legal representation and most dropped out or were pushed out of school. We must become disturbed by these disparities and move to action."

PUSH is seeking a federal investigation in the disparity of the criminal justice system. Bill 'Dock' Walls, leading the Task Force moderated the meeting with Cliff Kelly of WVON.

But the clash at the meeting was bought about due to the absence of Sheriff Sheahan, that bought on aggressive disenchantment among VOTE members, where most of the panel was interrupted during their presentation. Walls questioned the sincerity of Sheriff Sheahan not being present at the meeting as well. However, Walls said he understands the pain the ex-offenders

expressed, wanting solutions, but he is please thus far that Zelda Whittler representing the Sheriff is sitting at the table with the Task Force to address the issues of County Jail.

Walls also indicated that a federal investigation is in the works as well addressing the disparity of the prisons. The Justice Department report indicated that 12 percent of African American men ages 20-34 are in jail or prison, compared to 1.6 percent of white men in the same demographic.

Other topics of discussion addressed the death penalty, expungement legislation introduced by State Rep. Connie Howard, miscarriage of justice in numerous cases, the rate of return offenders and jails being the epicenter of HIV/AIDS.

One attendee said with all the experts, the possible solutions were over shadowed by the members of

VOTE.

By the end of the meeting as Commission Bobbie Steele was about to address the audience, VOTE accused Steele of not addressing the issue thus far, being over the county jail. Not allowing her to speak the standing room only crowd walked away with many unanswered questions.

Concern on the daily lives of families and those in jail, Harold Lucas, a community organizer and president of Bronzeville Online touched by the disparity of jail said, "Unfortunately, I have a grand nephew who has been caught up in Illinois's bloated criminal justice system. He informed his mother that there is a possibility he could be released from jail soon with 38,000 other predominantly young African American males because of overcrowding.

"Will my grand nephew and his peer be embraced by the Black community? How will they be able to constructively reassimilate themselves back into the community without a support network that provides job training, civic and social responsibility workshops and gainful employment opportunities?"

Mark Carter a member of VOTE, and an exoffender described his beating in County jail by a guard sitting in the audience.

"We (Black men) for the most part are wrongfully convicted or harshly sentenced because of the political and economical radial

Publisher beaten by County Guards

City Journal publisher and editor, Ron Carter as an inmate for eight (8) days in Cook County Jail in April 2002, for a traffic warrant. He reported that upon his arrival within the first 30 minutes he was beaten to the ground by five (5) guards.

While incarcerated he interviewed over 80 administrators, inmates and guards. Some knew of his identity as a reporter. Carter said. "Beatings by guards are common every day incidents." He continued to add. "And upon filing complaints, in order for an inmate to see a doctor, I like others had to sign a waiver that the beating was not the fault of the guards."

"What's more, the whole criminal justice system is part of the cover up. Starting with the judges; when filing suits, most lawyers would not take a case for the intimidation from the court administration code of silence, and being blackballed on future cases or business arrangements they have with the county. What's more, upon having a good case the money is not worth the time lawyers informed me."

One county jail worker ask Carter. "How did you manage being a Black man, over 40 years old and never been in Cook County Jail."

goals of this country. PUSH is degrading the process for accountability."

"Many are living the horror of jail while no one is prosecuting the conspirers such as Mayor Richard Daley, Cook County Shrief Michael Sheahan, and States Attorney Richard Devine as a conspirers to jail and destroy our communitusing locking the youth in unpreidential number. said Carter.

Whatever was meant by the War on Drugs, many would answer is the result and conspiracy in the Black community based on a recent national data on prison populations and inhumane conditions within Cook County Jail.

"War on Drugs" was use to put Black men in jail." says a member of VOTE. "We are angry at our so-call leaders. That have the power to address this war on us and have not and won't.



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Black, Latino and Asian Health and Community Leaders address Premature Deaths, earlier than whites



Photo Healthcare Consortium of Illinois

A host of representatives leaders in the state of Illinois held a dynamic press conference with the National Minority Health Month, (NMHM), at the John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County. The leaders address the media regarding the NMHM's 11-City campaign to educate African Americans, Asians, and Latinos on how to reduce and prevent premature deaths in their communities. From (l-r) Front Row: Sharon Green, Deputy Director, Dept. of Public Health Office of Women's Health; Joanna Su, Executive Director, Asian Health Coalition of Illinois; Bobbie Steel, Cook County Commissioner, 2nd District; Mildred Hunter, Regional Minority Health Coordinator, Office of Minority Health; Dr. Marilyn Gaston, NMHM Chief Medical Officer; Dr. Javette Orgain, MD, Past President, National Medical Association; Brenetta Pearson, Chairperson, Office of Minority Health Association; Dr. Aida Giachello, Director, Midwest Latino Health Research Training Center-Reach 2010; Jenny Aquirre, Office of Minority Health, Department of Public Health. Back Row: from (l-r) Salim Al Nurrudin, Executive Director, Healthcare Consortium of Illinois; Dr. Dwight Jones, president & CEO, AMERIGROUP Illinois; Gary Puckrein, Program Director, NMHM and Dr. Shirley Flemming, Deputy Director, Office of Minority Health, Chicago Department of Public Health.

Chicago - Chicago Public Health reported in April 1999 that in the minority communities, and focusing on the south and west side, the residents has a life expectancy of about 60 years, and the white community of the north and west side can expect to live to 75 years; a 15 year difference.

Minorities are dying before 65, contributed to HIV AIDS, strokes, and hearts and kidney failure, cancers of five types; lung, breast,

prostate, colo-racel, cervical. In addition, violence and in attentive violence and Infant Mortality.

Other cause in the report are substance abuse, and diabetics.

With a focus on premature death rates in at-risk communities, National Minority Health Month (NMHM), a healthcare reform organizational, launched The Reduction in Premature Deaths Campaign in Chicago. Chronic illnesses were identified as the

major causes of premature deaths for the city's communities of color (African-,Hispanic-, Asian-and Native-Americans).

"National Minority Health Month has a mandate to change the playing field in health for All American. While this awareness campaign targets Chicago's resources to offset the serious outcomes of health disparities. The data we are compiling is intended to target and focus existing re-

sources directly to those residents who are affected," said Dr. Gary Puckrein, Program Director of National Minority Health Month.

During a press conference hosted by the Cook County Bureau of Health Services and held at the John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, U.S. Representatives Bobby Rush (D-1) and Danny K. Davis (D-7), Senator Donne E. Trotter, Mildred Hunter, Regional Minority Health Coordinator in the Office of Minority Health, Cook County Bureau of Health Services Chief Ruth Rothstein, AMERIGROUP Foundation, and NMHM's Chicago's coalition (comprises of community and faith organizations, health officials, and the private sector) gathered to show their support for the campaign.

"Despite all the progress we have made in health care too many of our people are still left behind. Statistics that show African Americans, Hispanics and other ethnic groups lag badly behind Whites in all areas of health care. As a national, we can, and we must, do better. This year, this National Minority Health Month, ought to mark a point in our history were we say: 'Enough! We will no longer accept racial and economic disparities in our health system. Health care ought to be a right for every American,'" said Cong. Danny K. Davis (7).

"The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region V. continues to be committed to elimination racial health disparities," said Corey R. Hoze, Regional Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Regional V.

Sen. Donne E. Trotter echoing support, "This initiative for the city is an important step in reduc-

ing the premature death rate for Chicago's affected communities."

To track the health status of Chicago's affected residents, a comprehensive database identifies and profiles the health outcomes of minority communities at the zip code level was used to analyze the statistical date about Chicago's minority populations.

"We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of National Minority Health Month," said Dr. Dwight Jones, president and CEO of AMERIGROUP Illinois, Inc. "And we hope that through this important work a time will come when all Americans become sensitized to the difficulties many families face and the disproportionate burden minorities with health problems bear."

The organization will release an exploratory document on Chicago, identifying the rate of premature death for the city's minority communities (The Center for Disease Control defines premature deaths as any death that occurs before the age of 65 and estimates that about 47% of all premature minority deaths are preventable), Chronic diseases continue to claim the lives of hundreds of residents In Chicago every year.

The awareness tour, set to conclude with NMHM's annual awards dinner in April, is a collaboration with the campaign's corporate sponsor, AMERIGROUP Foundation. In addition to Chicago, the campaign will tour Houston, Texas, Atlanta, Georgia, Los Angeles, California, Illinois, Newark, New Jersey, New York City, New York, Miami, Florida, Detroit, Michigan, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Maryland, and Waterbury, Connecticut.

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Town Hall focuses on saving Affirmative Action

By Jamie C. Nesbitt
Staff Reporter

A cross section of community leaders, and educators gathered at the Chicago Urban League, 4500 S. Michigan, for a Town Hall meeting on the future of affirmative action programs, which are in danger of being dismantled in wake of the Supreme Court's ruling on the University of Michigan case in July. The meeting, a joint effort by Danny Davis (D-7th District), the National Alliance of Black School Educators, Chicago-area branches of the NAACP, and the National Association of Health Services Executives, comes as the Supreme Court hears opening arguments, which are scheduled to begin this week.

University of Michigan, a public institution, is currently defending itself from a lawsuit filed by two white students who claim their rejection from the college was based on race, and that the rejection limited the professional opportunities availed to them. The law school has a looser system that targets "critical mass" in minority enrollment.

Meanwhile, as the Supreme Court prepares to tackle the issue, two anti-affirmative action groups, The Center for Equal Opportunity and the American Civil Rights Institute, have threatened to take legal action against 30 universities, arguing that their reliance to determine eligibility for certain awards and academic enrichment programs violate civil rights law. The two organizations are also supporting the case against the Universities' policies before the Supreme Court.

The University of Virginia, Iowa State University, the University of Delaware, Princeton University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have already began making changes in their admissions policies, either allowing white stu-

dents to enter their programs or dismantling them altogether. But with the President of the United States also supporting the case against affirmative action (and announcing it on Martin Luther King's birthday, no less), they may have a difficult fight ahead. A few days later the White House issued a statement that it would be increasing funding for historically black colleges by 5 percent.

"There are people in power that want to take Affirmative Action away," remarked Congressman Danny Davis (D-7th District). "This is about so much more than the University of Michigan case... it is about leveling the playing field so that every person does have a chance." Said Davis. "And Affirmative Action has played an integral part."

"Democracy is a seriously competitive way of life. You're competing all of the time. It's about responsibility as much as it is about rights. It's about the right to struggle."

"There are members of Bush's cabinet that are currently reaping the benefits of affirmative action," Davis added, referring to Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. "And a certain member of the Supreme Court who should remember that he has benefited as well, when it comes time to make his decision."

George Mitchell, President of the NAACP's Evanston Branch echoed Davis', emphasizing the importance of keeping Affirmative Action in places of higher learning.

"Things have changed since the civil rights era, but not that much. Affirmative Action ensures that students has the same chance at success," said Mitchell, noting the disparity between blacks and whites in the areas of employment, education, and housing. "Why is it

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7th Dist. Con. Danny Davis



Rev. Al Sampson

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In the early 1920's, Mr. Anthony Overton (top of photo) built the Chicago Bee Building and the Overton Hygienic Building located in the Bronzeville Community at 36th and State Street. Work is in the process of rehabbing the building after years of vacancy

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In spite of repeated confrontations with the aldermen who opposed him,

mayor Washington was able to make improvements in the city, which could be seen ad felt across racial and class lines and felt today.

More than his political success people were fond of the man himself. "His articulation, his intelligence, his way with people," express Harold Azzam Rajee of Bronzeville.

"His attitude towards black people, he was there for you," said Sophie Latham. "His tremendous sense of humor."

said Dr. Leon Finney of TWO.

Most people believe him will he said

he would be mayor for the next twenty years, for all intents and purposes, it seems he was right.

His unexpected death sent a wave of grief over the entire city that had not been felt since the death of Dr. martin Luther King, Jr.

His neighborhood the Grand Boulevard (Bronzeville) once the poorest and most neglected of neighborhoods, has the honor of calling itself one of the richest and most eloquent politicians Chicago has even known.

Hey Harold, we miss you.



The Dues Power of the Teachers

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SUMMARY OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL STAFF BY LOCATION

TABLE 1

	TOTAL			WHITE			BLACK			NATIVE AMERICAN			ASIAN/PAC. ISLANDER			HISPANIC			
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TEACHING																			
Central Service Center	68.8	19.8	48.8	34.0	13.8	20.2	29.2	4.0	25.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	2.0	3.4	
Citywide Services	1,197.8	159.4	1,038.4	569.3	85.8	483.5	525.6	58.4	467.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.0	4.0	14.0	84.9	11.2	73.7	
Regional Offices	10.6	4.2	6.4	3.0	1.0	2.0	6.6	2.2	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	
Schools	25,960.4	6,038.6	19,921.8	11,706.7	3,125.4	8,581.3	10,266.6	1,917.0	8,349.6	108.5	22.0	86.5	669.3	181.0	488.3	3,209.3	793.2	2,416.1	
TOTAL	27,237.4	6,222.0	21,015.4	12,313.0	3,226.0	9,087.0	10,828.0	1,981.6	8,846.4	108.5	22.0	86.5	687.3	185.0	502.3	3,300.6	807.4	2,493.2	
Percentage		22.8	77.2	45.2	11.8	33.4	39.8	7.3	32.5	0.4	0.1	0.3	2.5	0.7	1.8	12.1	3.0	9.2	
TOTAL ALL STAFF																			
TOTALS	46,187.4	11,289.0	34,898.4	15,757.0	4,426.5	11,330.5	21,871.0	4,892.6	16,978.4	149.5	32.0	117.5	986.3	260.0	726.3	7,423.6	1,677.9	5,745.7	
Percentage		24.4	75.6	34.1	9.6	24.5	47.4	10.6	36.8	0.3	0.1	0.3	2.1	0.6	1.6	16.1	3.6	12.4	

At the last count, the Chicago Teacher's Union had 36,000 members - 28,000 teachers and 8,000 para-professionals.

These members pay \$688.48 a year union dues, which comes to about \$24,785,280.00 a year.

Of the teachers, 11,1148 have Masters Degrees and 163 have Doctors degrees, 6,438 are High School teachers and 18,346 are Elementary teachers.

The largest category of para-professionals are teachers, school, interpreter, Instructor, Montessori, Bilingual & Social Service assistants - 4,796.

Each of these groups have the ability to initiate committees to raise issues that affects their classifications or the union membership in general.

Mandatory should be that whatever conclusions are reached

by the committees should be published to the public as well as the membership

For examples some issues that needs to be investigated;

1. The effect of the State Lottery on Chicago School funding.
2. The effect of Aid to Dependent Children on Chicago school children.
3. How effective has the Chicago Police Department's Youth Division been in working with the Schools?
4. What effect did the Robert Taylor Homes have on the Chicago Schools? At one time the population of that project, 150,000, was the size of Rockford, Il., the second largest city in Illinois.
5. What effect did the history of police and prosecutorial misconduct have the Black students in the school system? So far, there is no evidence that these committees are in ex-

istence or that there are Black Causes operative in the union at all.

CHICAGO TEACHER'S UNION

Membership: 36,000
 Teachers: 28,000 Para-professionals: 6000
 Dues: \$688.48 a year: total over \$24 million a year
 Master Degrees: 11,148; Doctor Degrees: 163
 High School Teachers: 6,438;
 Elementary Teachers: 18,346
 Total White Teachers: 12,313
 Total Black Teachers: 10,828
 Total Work Force: Black 21,871
 White 15,757

NOTE: Black's out number Whites in the union.

LETTERS

A case of Malicious Prosecution Dr. Hamilton-Bennett vs. General Jim Ryan

Dear Editor;

Dr. Maisha Hamilton-Bennett, noted Black clinical psychologist and widely loved in the community.

On Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. the beginning of The People of the State of Illinois vs. Maisha Hamilton-Bennett Case # 02-CR-16455; at 2600 S. California, Room 700 in front of Judge Simmons.

Outgoing Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan filed this criminal case and has yet to provide Dr. Hamilton-Bennett, her Attorney James Childs or the community in which she serves the exact factual evidence to support such a filing.

The community is up in arms concerning this outrage and is requesting that the newly elected Attorney General Lisa Madigan meet with the attorneys and all others involved to determine if the charges in the complaint against Dr. Hamilton-Bennett around the country are demanding as investigation to determine if this really constitutes prosecutorial mischief making and/or a politically



Dr. Maisha Hamilton-Bennett



Former State Atty. General Jim Ryan

motivated attack.

According to individual close to the case, serious questions have been raised that certain documents offered by the State as evidence have actually been manufactured, altered, forged, and/or misrepresented by Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan, infamous hatchet man in the Rolando Cruz fiasco; new attempting prosecutorial mischief making against Dr. Maisha Hamilton-Bennett.

The Actual Facts Research & Survival Center (TAF) also adds its voice urging Attorney General Elect Lisa Madigan to examine this issue with due diligence. TAF has done research for Dr. Maisha Hamilton-Bennett on numerous occasions and can confirm her dedication and attentiveness to detail in the pursuit of facts and legitimate research.

TAF personnel have witnessed first-hand the hard work and many hours that Dr. Hamilton-Bennett has dedicated in the Community helping those in the community who otherwise could not

afford or avail themselves of her much needed specialized services. The government has an obligation to protect it's citizens from all forms of attacks, including State Sponsored Terrorism. If the State, through prosecutorial misconduct, causes it's citizenry to be in fear for their reputations, lively hood or freedom, then it is in deed State Sponsored Terrorism.

Barney Muhammad

The unnecessary and the necessary Bush War

Dear Editor;

In Act III, Scene II of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer - Night's Dream," the Goblin "Puck," a grotesque elfin like mischievous creature of evil exclaimed: Lord, what fools these mortals be! Today, it appears evident that the present Bush Administration has assumed Puck's position in that, "We The People." Are mostly functional illiterates and should believe anything handed down from them without questioning!

Thanks to CNN cable television we do not have to accept that and those of us who may be somewhat limited academically, but who possess good sight and hearing, are able to keep up with the daily issues- and there are many- such as the real reason President Bush push hard towards this initiating an unwarranted War against Iraq (this has been concluded and exclaimed by many in posi-

tions maintained as Head Leaders, so-called Relig participants and others o

"Oil is my name and I'll tell you the biggest oil producing presently is "Saudi Arab this is not known- none number 3 slot belongs to African Country - Niger

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It was revealed that th knowing the region be safeguarded military specialist and lobbyist P.

WLS vs. WVON, (White Lie Syndrome), Weathering the Voice Of the Nation

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it burst with a white light over the area. The first thought was; are "we" WLS and VON under attack. The second thought as could this be the Weapons of Mass Destruction President Bush referred to? But on the WMD do not necessary have to be coming from a foreign country.

I immediately called 911.

After repeating the story to three 911 operators, they listen as if I was in the Twilight Zone.

By Thursday morning the Chicago Fire Department had no clue of what I might have seen, until one fire spokesperson said, "I think I heard something on the TV this morning."

Another one was seen over Hyde Park on Monday March 21.



Ron Carter
Publisher & Editor

The thought that a missile as launched on the city raised the question; would Chicago respond? The other concern as that Chicago had no way of confirming meteor was going to hit. Or the city decided there was nothing to alarm the public about.

With the nation on Red and Orange alerts, deciding what the public should be informed about can be deluded with "Operation Freedom". Rather it is the country's foreign policy or the grim view of the domestic policy of Bush, second to his father's "New World

Black America has taken the lead in making America greater than any country. Their struggle has endeared the founding fathers Declaration of Independence, despite themselves being slave owners when it was written.

Blacks has silently kept America free in ideology, values and even in the balance to wars, despite Bush leading this country to covered racism with America rhetoric. If Blacks leave, America would in a predicament.

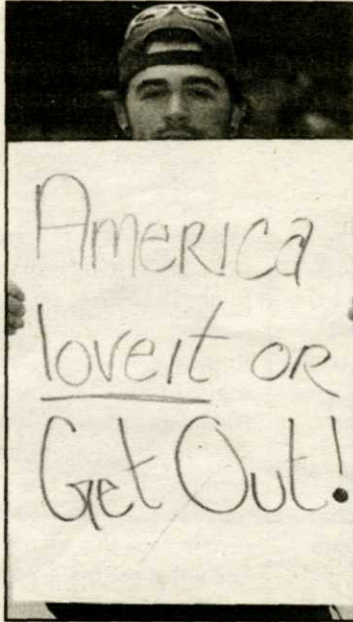


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Order" agenda, accelerated by his fathers' personal and financial interest.

Bush's proclaimed, "Dead or Alive" position was followed with WLS, "If you don't like it, go back to Africa." giving patriotism a new life.

"Love it or Leave it"; says a sign of a pro war protesters. It's insulting as a Viet Nam Veteran. Ninety-nine percent, of us were prepared to follow any order to protect our comrades, our country and ourselves. The same holds true for the troops in Iraq.

But most Blacks are not in support of this war, does not make one any less of an

American. It only makes matters worst with the naked racial hostility Bush has propagandized WLS (White Lie Syndrome) people, embedding the Texans "Cow boyish" view.

Regrettably the public reaction to Bush was more than a way of words. To some it was leadership and others in was the balance of power. Then others, practically Black Americans view Bush challenging the legitimacy of Affirmation Action on

Martin L. King birthday.

Ironically, as Bush bypassed the U.N. for war on Iraq, he also bypassed the voting rights of Black people to get appointed to office.

Realizing today, (as during the 70's) upon returning home "Blacks would be stopped by the police before their white troopers.

Yet at the same time as the U.S. military advertisements suggest for the most part many GIs enlist for a job, and education, more blacks, than white, other than for the purpose of dying for the country.

Just as in Viet Nam war thirty-four percent

of Blacks were on the front line representing 21% of the military, and 13% of the population. One out of 5 Black Viet Nam vets did not received an Honorable Discharge, but a General, under Honorable Conditions, if not a Dishonorable Discharge due to the racist insitution of the military.

Opposition has not been witness by the mass non-color Americans since the British envanion, and the Civil War.

How long should one hold on to the past? Logical, WLS host and callers could not understand in Cincinnati, how the black community rallied in joy upon hearing two white police officers were killed, then later to learn the police were black, change their feelings to regret. It was a scene similar to 9-11 in Pakinstin when the people celebrated in the streets. Not of the human life lost in New York or Cincinnati, but as it relates to the docummentary, "Why did 9-11 happen?" which should be as importantly and repeatedly reported as the celebration victory in Iraq.

The fear is that citizens may not know the true direction Bush is leading the country. Whether it is to free the Iraq people, defense against Weapons of Mass Destruction, get Saddam Hussein, Bin Laden or payback for 911. The taste of victory is greater than why America is there.

American military must be commented for such a well-executed war. However, surly Bush and WLS know that the war is similar to a grown man punching on a child. We can only hope that the Iraqi people are liberated from dictatorship. But for those WVON listeners that are suspicious of the war, and the president, and for the WLS pro war Americans, a post war healing is needed.

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per by American of African descent, Freedom's Journal. Their purpose was to plead the cause of their 500,000 freed and millions of enslaved brothers and sisters. Those were perilous times.

We remain in peril. We, like Cornish and Russwurm, cannot rely totally on the majority press. In 1820, the majority press promoted slavery. Today it promotes

United States "New World Order" in Iraq.

The voice of the people must be heard. The City Journal will report the news of the people from the people's perspective. Our beat is the neighborhood, the city, the state, the nation and the world.

We welcome your letters, your comments, your stories and your support.

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along with a Jerusalem based group has attempted to urge Washington and the United States to turn from Mideast to West African oil. Exxon Mobil, according to a spokeswoman for the oil giant, alleges that the African production will triple over the next few years. Now run and tell that!

John Woodson
Bronzeville

Open Letter Online Close mind

Dear Editor;

As a matter of fact I do. I also have seen (with my own two eyes) black folks tear up buildings that have been standing for well over 100 years. The greedy real estate developers are not the one responsible for the homicide rate in poor black communities or the fact that black folks, for the most part, in these communities do not value black life.

As far as boots are concerned, I wear rather expensive shoes: would you like to lick my boots? That would give someone like you something to do other than engaging in meaningless analysis.

People in these communities needs jobs and this cannot occur in a vacuum. This is part of the nonsense of theoretical black nationalism; but, even these nationalists are applying to the Ford and Rockefeller foundations for grants and money. Where are they going to get money from Negroes from? You tell me. I am talking Reality 101.

The only way the neighborhood I live in is going to be transformed is if white folks who matter move in. Nothing will happen as long as broke

Negroes who could care less how they live remain in these neighborhoods. If that is Negro Removal, so be it. Sane Black folks gotta move anyway.

Hhasan2@aol.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, community and city in which you live.

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SPIRITUAL



WORKING TOWARDS THE END

by C. Whitehead

In 1877 to 1910 lynching was going on full speed the whites kept the blacks always on their knees be it in prayer, or be it in pain the white master saw it all as a means of control they said the Niger didn't have no soul.

1910 was supposed to have been the end at least the history books states this to be true go to parts of the south and you might get lynched too. the lynching for the Black Americans is still going on these white folks just won't leave the color folks alone

The lynching for the Black Americans is still going on. These white folks just won't leave the color folks alone. So you see we know it's a lie. Lynching is still in affect. The white folks lynch any darkie that they reject

And education they knew would free the mind of the slaves, so they said he couldn't control his own destiny. For the white man just couldn't believe their Niger wanted to be free.

They had a brain and they could use it when the opportunity rose. They was good Niger and they had a soul. Uneducated people the white master felt did not think, could not learn, You see a degree is something an uneducated man couldn't earn.

Even today, 2003 We have many with the plantation mentality. They still can't see themselves as free.

Uneducated people live constantly under the treat of being enslaved, seeing that most of them die early, so young they are laid in an early grave,

I praise God of the many, many young people that are taking control of their lives. Those that realize that education is a ticket to success. An what it provides. These people live longer, have fewer illnesses, make more money have a higher, standard of living, have more control over their lives and their surroundings and have some children who let nothing stand between their blessings and gifts from God.

Always remember there is one thing that is stronger than any hate. There is a power in the universe call Love. It exists for all people. Necessary for all people to value, respect, and love themselves and each other.

For to make choices that benefit, spiritually, mentally, physically, socially.

And morally; to think clearly, to be what God intended for us to be.

Origins of a Pagan White God and the Brainwashed invention of Negroes

By Salim Abdul-Khaliq

Several centuries ago when the white race embarked upon a monumental scheme to control the minds of the black race, they knew that if they could take control of organized religion and make images of God as a Caucasian male being they would be able to take over the whole planet earth through the promotion of the ideal of white supremacy.

The Pope of Rome commissioned the Homosexual artist Michealangelo to do a masterpiece in the Sistine Chapel of Rome depicting God in the conceptual image of a Gigantic Blond Haired, Blue eyed Caucasian sitting upon a throne in the clouds of heaven. This lie was perpetuated upon the masses of people even though the Pope knew that the bible and historical

evidence would lend credence to the fact that Jesus, and most biblical personages were dark skinned or of African lineage. Even today the Pope worships an image of Black Jesus in the confines of the Vatican a Secret to many.

White racists religious brainwashing is continually used in media, art and culture through Hollywood and the motion picture industry through films like "The Ten Commandments" starring Charlton Heston, "King of Kings" with a white Jeffery Hunder and a host of other; every Easter, Christmas and religious holiday in reinforce psychological warfare upon the minds of blacks in particular.

I am not hung up on skin color like them. But we still live on a racist planet were white supremacy does not want us to believe that anyone significant in world history was of African decent. It is white supremacy that started slavery, black inferiority and self-hate and it is black self-hate which is behind the self destruction and do-it-yourself genocide of the black community today through suicide, drug addiction, gang warfare and disrespect of black womanhood. Should white supremacy be a topic of concern to Muslims? Is there racism amongst Muslims? Do all Muslims believe in the concept of freedom, justice, and equality as espoused by the Prophet Muhammad? Do some hypocrite Muslims believe that they are racially superior to other Muslims? What are the true teachings of Islam on the issue of race? These are just a few of the

questions that must be dealt with in what is sure to be a controversial article.

Many Muslims black, white or immigrant simply will not deal with the issue of racism, as it should be dealt with. Al Hajj Malik Shabazz (Malcolm X) was uncompromised on this particular issue. He attacked racist with pit bull intensity. History has time and again proved that Islam has been the greatest civilizing force of Humanity. White people need the message if Islam to clean them up from vice, drunkenness, perversion and racism. Only the message of Muhammad can stop them from corrupting the planet with air pollution, nuclear war, oil spills, etc. Islam indeed is for all of humanity for our basic nature is one and the same, However white people whether we want to admit or not are in a sick "devilish" state of mind. They enslaved Africans, doped up the Chinese, exterminated Indians & Aborigines, dropped atomic weapons on Orientals, and now seek to destroy black people in America with germ warfare of AIDS. Is this not evidence enough? Only when whites submit to the will of God (Islam) and give up racism and evil can we call them "human beings" and the spiritual kindred of the righteous.

In the name of Allah (God) Most Gracious, Most Merciful.



Courtesy of Lazarus Rice and DePaul University

Deal in place for Metropolitan Church

Dr. Leon Finney is in the process of purchasing the Metropolitan Community Church located on 42nd and King Drive. A coalition of community representatives are so far successful in stopping the demolition of the historic church. It founder, Reverend Archibald J. Carey Jr. led many highly spirited rallies against the evils of the Policy Racket.

Dr. Leon Finney of Apolitic Church and head of The Woodlawn Organizaiton is in the process of closing the \$1.7 million deal waiting the action of the courts.

Linda Slaughter a life long member of the church and who lead the drive to save the building from demolition added the deal is not sign on the final papers, but only the one thing stopping it is the issue of selling the organ. It was to be sold with the building for \$10,000, in which coalition members secured their interest with a \$1,000 down payment.

The concern is rather the organ is an original part of the church since it was build into the church. The case will be up April 17, 2003, for a status hearing.. The late Judge Lester Former (suicidal death), residing on the case was responsible for keeping the case live, with Temporary Restraining Orders. No word of judge taking his place.



Rev. Dr. Leon Finney

Annual day at Unity COGIC



Celebrating the Annual 2003 "Unity COGIC" Fellowship district meeting are speaker Elder G. Roberts, Pastor Elder Leon Daniels of Unity COGIC and Elder Jasper Washington. Unity also presented the 50 Men in Black, Men Standing Together, sponsored by the Men of Unity, on April 6, at , 821 W. 69th Street. It featured solos by Mark Daniels former member of "The Soul Stirrers", Brian Daniels former musicians of "The Commission and James Murphy former member of 'James Cleveland Choir' all with pastor Elder Leon Daniels.

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Wednesday April 16

The 20th Ward Night Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Thursday from 5 pm to 7pm, at 59th and State Street

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

Thursday April 23

The African American Contractors Association will hold their monthly meeting at ITT, Herman Hall, 6-9 pm. AACA reach outreach with RainbowPUSH's membership drive. In addition a guest speakers for homeowners presenting contractors and homeowners business drive. For more information call 312 915-5906. AACA May 31, Leadership meeting will be held at its Rockford, Illinois branch office. For info call Ms. Clark at 815-3347550.

Friday April 25

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.

Saturday, April 26

The National Block Club University, 2 pm -4 pm, 10736 S. Michigan, will hold a meeting to discuss the Roseland Community State of the Community Address. Questions will be answered regarding the month long research, and to issue awards/grants. This is a once a year event in which the National Block Club University in collaboration with other organizations across American come together to assist and support targeted communities.

In addition, the April Raffle 2003 will be take place sponsored by the BCUC, raffling off a 19" Color TV. Tickets \$2.00 Each - For more information call 773-

521-6780.

The New Black Panther Party For Self Defense, Chicago Chapter meets every Saturday at 2 pm shrp at King Solomans Mines 1207 W. 63rd St.

Open Mic Poetry, every Saturday Nite, 10:00 pm, Swift Mansion, 4500 S. Michigan Ave. Experience the essence of Authentic culture "Some Like It Black club and Gallery. New poetry host or/and hostess are being sought.

Announcements

"Child Find" Program Offers Free Developmental Screenings City-wide. The Chicago Public Schools is offering free developmental screenings to children birth through five years of age. The screenings are offered monthly at 13 locations citywide.

The "Child Fine" screening program provides valid developmental screening and informs parents of their child's development. Infants, toddlers and young children identified through the screening may have conditions that can result in later learning and/or behavior problems. The 20-minute screening assesses vision, hearing, cognitive, communication and motor skills.

Screenings are held monthly at sites across the city on the same day every month. Screenings that fall on a day when schools are closed will not be rescheduled. Contact the number below for a screening site near you.

For additional information, contact 773-553-1900.

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Tuesday, Pilgrim Congregation Church 524 E. 75th Street, 773-846-4900. **Thursday**, Gerizim Community Baptist, Oak Park, IL 460 Lake Street, 708-747-5860. Guest of Jewell Dickson, Starting time 7:00 p.m. Contact number 773-684-6384.

Chicken Soup for the African American Soul, now accepting inspirational short stories, 300-1200 words and must make the reader laugh, cry or get goose bumps. Accepted stories, the writer receives \$300, and a promotional blurb about the contributor in the book. For story submission guidelines submit to www.AfricanAmericanSoul.com


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


Roller skating and bowling at the Hawthorne Park Family Entertainment Center, now open located at 1219 West 76th Street. Non-Skating parents admitted free. The center is also available for Birthday parties as well. For information call (312) 747-2602.

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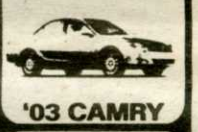






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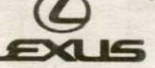


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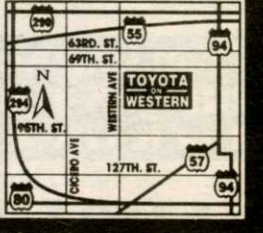
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City charges determine to close E2

operate on the second floor."

The city reported the order was issued July 29, 2002, and cited numerous code violations at the club on the second floor of 2347 S. Michigan Ave.

"The court order was very clear," the Mayor said. However, the public misconception is that the second floor has a "second floor" balcony, which is the issue in the courts. Jennifer Hoyle of the City's law department said the balcony was built without a permit.

Calvin Hollins, one of the owners of the E2 told *City Journal* the court ruling has been obeyed. "It has not been in use for the public, nor at the time of the incident occurred. This is the center of the violations. Oppose to a host of violations the city is saying."

The Mayor said the City also will review the building and fire codes, as well as regulations regarding private security guards and

any other areas of concern that the investigation uncovers.

Ms. Hoyle confirmed the violations of the second floor balcony are the deciding factor in housing court. But ceaseless pointed out other issues of E2, vigorously to close the business, and revoke the business licenses of the Le Mirage Studio Ltd., owners of E2. Indicating E2, Epitome nor its owners will be able to operate any business in the city of Chicago again. In addition, requiring the building to be returned into the management of its owner, Lesley Motors (former Ford auto dealer).

Mr. Hollins, not surprise of the City's non-cooperation to addressing violations and fines as it do with most businesses. He suggested that there is more to the city's agenda than his entertainment establishment.

However, high political sources that would not identify himself,

reported the tools that the city is using is in line with its plans to obtain the surrounding land for expanding the McCormick Place and the unannounced land casino for Chicago.

City officials would not return calls on the possible future land use in the near south area for a casino.

Hollins stated that it is going to be a struggle with the city so targeted at "us". Adding as the city has the keys to the property, damage to the Epitome Restaurant (1st floor) has been done. Epitome Chicago, the upscale cuisine was honored among hundreds of nominees as one of the most romantic restaurants in Chicago, tied third.

Ms. Hoyle said the first floor was flood due to water from the second floor where frozen pipes burst, due to electricity was cut off for unpaid electric bills due the cold weather. Hollins believes the

Local artist produces song in honor of victims



Zsa Zsa (above) is one of the local artist that has collaborated in producing a song in honor of the victims called, "Silent Prayer, for the Chicago 21."

In mourning with the city and in light of the death of the young victims all proceeds for the sell of the CD will go to the family of those that lost a love one at E2.

The song features, Greg Gibbs, Vanessa Holmes, Jeff Garland and Sax Preacher, Music and Lyrics written and produced by Tyrone Williams aka Jahi, recorded by Earl O'Neal Jr. at Reel Recording Studio.

city intentionally let the water flood and damage the first floor.

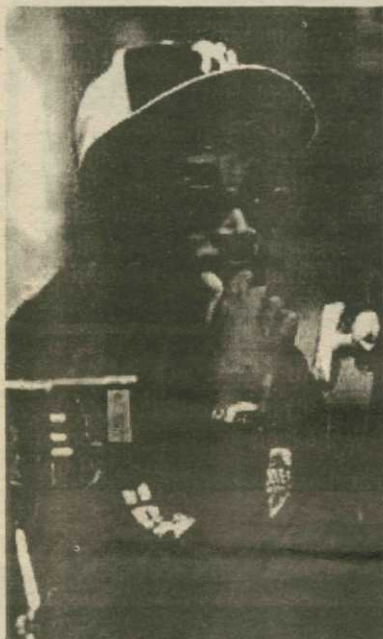
Over the past five years, Black club owners have been subject to continued violations from the city in the area, in which many say it is a result of the city to down size clubs in the near south area. "The E2 tragedy was prime opportunities for land take over." sources report.

The closing of E2, Epitome represents the change in the cul-

tural perception of Bronzeville, as they shut down Gerri's Palm Tavern and the Checker Board Lounge, while giving Second City \$800,000 in EZ Funds to open a facility in Bronzeville. The Mayor insist that the tragedy absolutely should never have happened," he said.

The next Housing court is scheduled for May 1, at 11:00 a.m. in room 1103 at the Daley Center.

Spike Lee & Terence Blanchard special concert at Orchestra Hall



By David Schultz

Jazz musician Terence Blanchard has successful parallel two worlds as a recording artist who fulfills his jazz roots legacy and as a talented composer of movie scores. For the most part, Blanchard has been driving force behind many movies, especially those from renowned filmmaker Spike Lee. Lee has given the public most socially important movies of this generation. His latest, "25th Hour" is another exceptional film about the last two days of freedom for a local drug dealer. The music score garnered a Golden Globe nomination for best motion picture music score for Blanchard.

Now, Lee and Blanchard will team up for an unusual concert

event that will feature the jazz and film score of Blanchard. Lee will be the on-stage host and commentator showcasing clips from his movie scored by Blanchard.

"The Movie Music of Lee and Blanchard" will embark on a tour to a select number of venues and cities, which includes London, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and at Chicago's Orchestra Hall inside the Symphony Center, July 26.

Musical excerpts from Blanchard original scores and songs written and composed for Lee's films will be performed by Blanchard's

sextet with orchestra and special guest vocalists. Angie Stone, Bruce Hornsby, Musiq and Cassandra Wilson performing as special guests on the Chicago date. The concert feature designed projected images taken from the movies of Lee, to be shown on a large screen throughout the evening.

It will open with the music from "25th Hour", and close with the music from Lee's "Malcolm X". The segments will include portions of the Blanchard orchestral score set against shifting projected images from the film on an over-



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Mommy, what's happening in the Middle East will the world ever know world peace. Can we ever learn to be our own police. Open our eyes and mouths to our city streets. Children are abused and who cares for the weak. This world is a tough place for the meek. Every night I'm afraid to sleep. People stealing us children without a peep. I'm not wanting to go out to play today. Someone snatched another little girl away. The President said to be on alert. But mommy, I'm too young, I'm playing in dirt. Kids shouldn't have to do police work. I just wanna go to the park, play on the seeing. Let my feet drag the dirt, not caring about a thing. I hope by the time I'm a mommy, the world will have changed. Our communities not being a gun range. Everyone will have stopped killing in the Lord's name. But until that day come along Mommy, Continue to love me with open arms.



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Entertainment

Review and compiled by David Schultz



Looney Bin, (l to r)- Castor Troy, Wicket and St Nick from Ida B Well's development. They took the audience by surprise with a rap and a new dance called the Millennium Pop.

Bronzeville Entertainment Talent

By Beauty Turner

Bronzeville native-born sons-CEO Marvin (Thunder) Robinson and Lester (Bad Boy) Johnson from the Robert Taylor homes who created Mental Habit Production addressing inner city talent that normally does not get any recognition or exposure.

Mental Habit Productions bought mad skills back to Bronzeville at the Flick (aka Charles Hayes Center) with a tick.

All types of stars exploded all over the stage for all eyes to see.

Bronzeville held its third talent showcase at the Charles A. Hayes center located at 4859 South Wabash.

Featuring a dynamite group called the Looney Bin, which consist of three young men- Wicket, St Nick and Castor Troy, all from Ida B Well's development.

They took the audience by surprise with a rap and a new dance called the Millennium Pop.

One young woman who saw the act said, "Their beat was sweet.

Made me move my feet and lose my sock with a study rock to the Millennium Pop."

The show was moderated and hosted by Mystic the fool, who was cool, and Wicket Chi took to the sky left the audience excited and high and hanging off a half moon from laughter.

Talent were judge by celebrity judges such as Sax Preacher, CWAL Records, TRUE Enough, Bash Entertainment, Yoki Song Maker, Tracy Beasley, Johnny P, Artistically Anointed, and many others.

Over 20 acts performed including, Golden child, BMA Mob Action, SHAM, City Under Seize, and Speak (winner of the contest).

A young pretty lady who is big boned, wrote and recited her poem about fat girls -"The fat people Emancipation Proclamation." She went home a little fatter at least in her pocket as a winner as well.

Other winner, Ms. Inna won the \$500 prize.

Once again Mental Habit Productions showed that there are gold in them there Bronzeville hills. Speaking of local talent- The Looney bin Millennium Pop will be played on WGCI soon.

So be ready to lose your socks to a Millennium rock, called the Millennium Pop.



BELOW

(★★★1/2) A murky and uneven mixture of supernatural horror-thriller does help to keep this film afloat about a US. Submarine rescue of a doomed British ship after evading a nazi destroyer. Suddenly, the war weary U.S.> crew begins to encounter strange occurrences on the sub that could be caused by one of the rescued survivors. A disappointment from "Pitch Black" and "The Arrival" director David Twohy. R; 105 min.

JACKASS THE MOVIE

(★★★) Talk about your stupid human tricks! From the controversial MTV series, Johnny Knoxville & Company deliver the most outrageously hilarious stunt movie ever that were obviously to cruel and sick for basic cable TV. There is a perverse pleasure that will make it hard to watch this video straight through without rewinding to favorite and insane stunts they afflict on their bodies. R; 84 min.

ABANDON

(★★) Katie Holmes stars in this rather tired thriller as a college student with a promising future that she foolishly trades for her infatuation toward a detective (Benjamin Bratt) investigating the 2-yr old case of her missing, rich ex-boyfriend. But the end result shows Holmes' character should have led more with her head instead of her heart. But the viewer will feel cheated by the whole scenario. R; 95

THE WILD

THORNBERRY MOVIE
(★★1/2) Based on another animated Nickelodeon TV series franchise. Young Eliza feeling responsible for the poachers stealing a cheetah cub; is determined not to let a London boarding school and a Congo trip from return back home to rescue the cub and foil the poachers. Some of the message in this eco-cartoon gets lost but its intentions are honorable to entertain and enlighten children to the power they possess within themselves. PG; 85 min. Paramount Home Video

INSPECTOR GADGET 2

(★★) Silly slapstick special effects fun is strictly for the kids in this direct-to-video sequel to the 1999 original of the animated TV series. French Stewart takes over the role of the multi-accessorize, robotic crime fighter from Matthew Broderick. This time, the bumbling Inspector falls in love with the newer "female" prototype, G2 (Elaine Hendrix) whose been assigned to recapture the evil Claw who has escape from prison for another world domination scheme. G; 89 min. Walt Disney Home Video

On CD



CHOCOLATE FACTORY - R. Kelly (Jive)

(★★★) Amidst the many months of court appearances and public accusations and legal charges of sexual misconduct with minors; Chicago-born performer R. Kelly has tired to weather the storm through his music. But still this latest recording was much maligned and delayed and re-conceived. When it was initially titled, "Loveland" bootleg copies of the uncompleted album began being illegally sold in tape cassette form across the city.

After being pushed back on its release date several times to finely tone new material for the revamped double CD. The end result brings us "Chocolate Factory", a softer confection of mid-tempo love songs, ghetto relationship and street emotions. While Kelly indicates no apologies (Even though, "Heaven, I Need A Hug" from the "Loveland" portion might be considered one), he does seem to soften his usual explicit language. Such as Kelly saying "F" things up" on Heart of A Woman" or saying Shhh! Instead of the other S word on "I'll Never Leave".

Overall, Kelly's musical talent doesn't fail him on this offering that his legion of fans can overlook his lack of creativity, but not his commercial artistry on these selections. The closest Kelly comes to expressing the hypocrisy of show biz and fame is on "Been Around the World" with Ja Rule. Unfortunately, Kelly has delivered that sermon before with better lyrical results. On "You Made Me Love You", Kelly wobbles a bit of Lenny Williams while the guitar riffs into Al Green's territory But Kelly can't muster enough.

What makes "Chocolate Factory" tasty is how the true R&B roots lives. And the mood and setting that is somewhat new. The inspiration is true and clear as well as passionate and respectful. Does this mean Kelly is cleaning up his act.

Choice Selections: "Step In the Name Of Love", "Heart Of A Woman", "I'll Never Leave", "Been Around The World", "You Made Me Love You", "Forever", "Dream Girl", "Ignition", "Showdown", "The World's Greatest", "Heaven, I Need A Hug".

AT THE FLICKS



DYS'FUNK'ATIONAL FAMILY

(★★★) Most concert movies featuring black comedians are topical to using current events to illustrate a spin on how Blacks would respond. And they are also familiarity in characterizing and satirizing traces and behavior in black family. The is routine stuff that can only be as good, depending on the performer and his material.

Comedian-actor Eddie Griffin's stand-up routine is given an additional dimension in personalizing his humor via inserting documentary footage with his family and relatives that he speaks about during his stage act. The concert was filmed at Chicago's Arie Crown Theater. While Griffin's mother, uncles and relatives from Kansas City, Missouri, held their family reunion backstage at Eddie's gig at the Star Plaza Theater in Merrillville, Indiana.

This mostly concert movie/ part-documentary mixture adds criterion to the old saying "truth in humor". When Griffin tells how his mother's (also in the audience with his favorite uncle, Bucky) anger from sneaking a white girl in her basement for sex lead to how she chased her son in a car. She chimes in word-into word with Griffin's routine that makes its more hilarious with a stamp of authenticity. There are even moments of hilarity where we can see how close Eddie cuts into his "eccentric" family that we see the stunned look on his mother's face in the audience. Even though she can't help but laugh.

Outrageous, one family member who nearly steals the film away from Eddie is one of his uncles who loves porno movies enough to make his own! You just can't make up a person like him that almost got this movie an NC-17 rating! All of these family members' comments put visual references to most of Eddie Griffin's comedic monologue.

Even the tales of drug use and criminal involvement has a parallel to Richard Pryor. Griffin would do routines about his drug use. As crazy as Eddie's family is seen, the close-knit family is still felt.

"Dys'funk'ational Family", Griffin is consistent throughout this movie unlike Martin Lawrence was with his "RunTelDat" concert movie. But Griffin failed to finish strong in his movie by his "cheap" impersonations of Cosby as a pimp, Sammy Davis Jr. at McD's, Pryor as the U.S. President).

Director George Gallo best known for writing and directing some forgettable comedies does an admirable job of pulling it all together into a coherent tone. But still, this is Eddie Griffin's moment here that showcases a talented and funny individual whose star is on the rise. R; 89min. A Miramax Films release - Opens April 4 at selected theaters



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Looking north on 16th and Indiana Ave, the Oakland/Douglas community of Bronzeville, lies in the path of the march south from the Loop and north from Hyde Park, poverty-level Chicagoans, mostly black, now inconvenient probably will be moved farther out, into the fringe suburbs, beyond the reach of the economy.

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even anger.

The future population

The census figures have validated the evidence seen through the changing of the present wards, the current patterns predicts that 10 years from now the Black presence in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th wards will be no more the majority, to others non-existent.

The area may be home to more than 150,000 residents. The num-

ber of jobs downtown, meanwhile, could rise to 940,000 from today's 668,000.

This is the concept of the Global City, a theory propounded by University of Chicago sociologist Saskia Sassen in a number of books and widely accepted around the world as a blueprint for the cities of the Global Era.

The business of the surrounding loop

This creates the need for corporate companies to put their headquarters in the hearts of cities. Sassen says, is because they rely on many special services--lawyers, accountants, public relations people, advertising firms, consultants. These services, in turn, feed off each other.

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

These professionals not only work in the central city but, increasingly, want to live there. The affluent raise the demand for good shops and expensive restaurants, services from dry cleaning to dog walking.

Schools to match

Many have children and insist on good education.

This spread will have a major impact on one of Chicago's biggest problems--its schools. The global citizens in their near-Loop lofts can buy private schooling, but the middle-class families who are regentrifying the rest of the city can't afford the Latin School. They will demand better public schools and they will get them:

But what's good for Chicago's poorer neighborhoods is not necessarily good for the people who live in them now. Chicago public schools located adjacent to public housing are now being systematically shut down and the residents are being directed to Section 8 housing in segregated, predominantly lower income African American communities.

The near west and north

This is the reason behind Dearborn Park and the other developments south of the Loop, for the lofts and new housing west of the Loop, for the affluence of Lincoln Park, and for the rehabbing of whole neighborhoods, especially on the Northwest Side, like Lincoln Square and Ukrainian Village.

As this gentrification takes place, it closes in on the public housing complexes, many built near the Loop. The Henry Horner Homes and Cabrini-Green still

exist, but they're being cut back and knocked down. Someday, probably, they will vanish. But right now a tourist in the Global City can find great wealth and great poverty, virtually across the street from each other.

Median household income on the Near West Side more than doubled between 1989 and 1999. On the Near South Side, it nearly quadrupled. Home values soared around Logan Square and in Lakeview. In West Town, home to trendy Wicker Park and Bucktown, gentrification shoved up median home values by 176 percent, to \$271,194.

In one neighborhood within the Near West Side, the median family income is \$97,940, highest in the city apart from some Lincoln Park enclaves. Right next door are neighborhoods where the median income is \$6,267 and the poverty rate is 56 percent.

In other communities

The rebirthing of Chicago will continue apace. Affluence, already anchored on the fringes of the Loop, spreading westward toward Douglas Park and south toward Oakland. Gentrification will embrace most of the Northwest Side, spreading outward along the roads and rail lines to O'Hare.

In other city neighborhoods, progress has yet to arrive. Perhaps, for the people who live there.

Median family income in North Lawndale and Englewood is between \$18,000 and \$19,000, slightly up on the figures from the last census. In Washington Park, this income went up 33 percent, but only to \$15,000.

In Oakland, income more than doubled but from such a low figure that it still is only \$10,739, by far the lowest in the city. Poverty rates vary from 1.8 percent in some parts of Lincoln Park to 92 percent in areas of Grand Boulevard, a community next to Hyde Park, an island of academic affluence is spreading out into Woodlawn and North Kenwood. Oakland, lies in the path of the march south from the Loop and north from Hyde Park: Next to the lake, its statistics may look dramatically different when the 2010 census takes place due to the demolition of public housing.

The reshaping of Chicago has missed some neighborhoods--North Lawndale, Englewood, New City--

For the present residents

As neighborhoods like Oakland and Woodlawn are reclaimed, those who live there will be priced out and will leave: Developers promise this won't happen, the

regentrification of the Section 3 component of the HOPE VI Transformation Plan is to be given for housing or community development, to public housing residents. However, poverty-level Chicagoans, mostly black, now inconvenient probably will be moved farther out, into the fringe suburbs, beyond the reach of the economy. This is the European pattern--affluent cities girded by halos of poverty.

The future, as viewed through the columns of census statistics--good for Chicago, good for many of its residents, bad for others. Chicago will be richer and so will many of its citizens. But inequality will grow and so will the poverty of many Chicagoans, exiled to the shantytowns on the edge of the Global City.

This story was contributed by unsolicited email

April is kick off for the Englewood Black Chamber of Commerce.

A networking/membership meeting will be taking place at the end of April in Englewood (site and time to be announced)

"Finally African-Americans across the state and nation has joined forces to create an economic and political force within the black community." reported Arnes Dancy the newly appointed executive director of the Englewood Black Chamber of Commerce.

International Trade is now set with many African nations.

A new micro loan program created by the black chambers of commerce (\$5,000 - \$15,000) geared toward start ups and existing black businesses. We will provide the technical assistance.

A partnership with the MATAH network (black distribution network of over 200 black businesses that produce and sell their own products)

The EBCC have also created a legal entity to create an African American owned federal financial institution. Any African American can be an investor (not donator) for minimum of \$10 per month. This FDIC institution will fund our commercial and residential projects in order to put our people to work and assist neighborhood schools.

The EBC website is expected to be up and running in April 2003. Membership in the chamber will start off at \$125 per year which includes listing on chamber website and directory.

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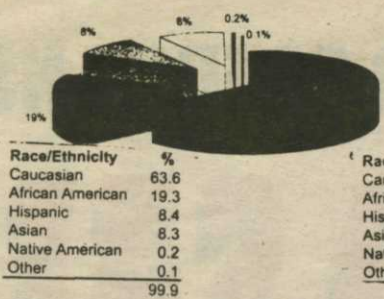
Affirmative Action

blacks are twice as likely to be unemployed as whites? the per capita income for blacks the lowest in 20 years? To claim that race is irrelevant is ignoring history."

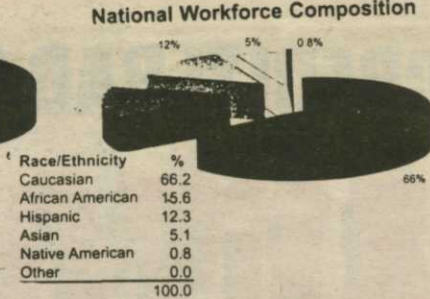
"The legacy lives on," added Dr. Regina Mayo, head of the Chicago branch of the National Alliance of Black School Educators. "One way to correct the injustices is Affirmative Action, coupled with reparations. Affirmative Action brings a climate where everyone feels welcomed and brings equity in results." Russell Christian, a representative from the National Association of Health Services Executives, brought attention to the lack of diversity in the field of health care, noting that less than 5 percent of blacks are in high to mid-level management, 70 percent of patients are people of color.

"There are no black CEOs in this industry, and moving up in is

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limited," said Christian.

All panelists echoed the need for more youth involvement to keep Affirmative Action alive, with one panelist, an assistant professor at the University of Illinois' Circle Campus, pointing out. "We don't stand a chance without them," she remarked.

Davis added, "And the members of the old guard have to be strong enough to pass the mantle down to the younger generation."

Rev. Theresa Dear, president of the Dupage NAACP, made a plea to elected officials. Not taking action, she threatened, "will set us back 40 years. We will have seen the enemy and it will be us."

The meeting's passionate speech came from Rev. Al Sampson. "We've been spoiled. We've become complacent with the scraps."

"Think of what we could achieve if we were unified...if we got down in the trenches and fought side by side with the garbage man or the janitor. We can't afford to look down on our brother. We can't afford to believe that we're too good to sit down at the table with him. This is a fight for our lives," said Sampson.

"They are trying to turn back the clock. We thought the battle was over and it's just beginning."

79th and Vincennes



Paul Pappas, standing at 79th & Vincennes of a mural of community support, is converting his business from liquor to a restaurant in attempt to avoid continued fines and fees of liquor sales.

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tough economy and tough community environment, where crime is rampant and drugs are a dominant source of income. But nothing as tough as the city has explored means to fines and even closing the store down temporary. Pappas in the last 12 years has spend over \$75,000 in fines and legal cost to challenging the city on-going inspections and .

Some members of the West Chatham community have an ill-feeling of the former 79th & Vincennes Market. They view liquor sales as the link to the crime and drugs in the community.

"I understand the community concerns," Pappas said. "I have established this business as a proud partner in the community. And I am extending the community concerns by phasing out liquor."

Pappas has notable praises bestowed upon his business ethnics, from regular patrons to Mayor Richard Daley.

"Pappas' commitment to the community is substantial" said Francois Wolfe. "Over the years, Mr. Pappas has provided better service to the community than larger companies in the area. I believe he could do more for the community if he had more support from the city."

Customers lined up to give testimonies, Shirley M. employed with Pappas for 17 years said. "For

years, 'Paul' has been supportive of the community, not only to neighboring organizations. I am concerned about negative activities going on in the community, and I'd like to see a change also, but Paul should not be the main target of community reorganization."

Pappas employed countless community residents, some were substance abusers and gang members. But, as a result of his assistance and counseling, many have been able to turn their lives around.

"By me being a product of this community I know communication is the key to understanding and then ultimately, solving the problems."

Mr. Pappas 's family came to Chicago from Greece in 1955 and lived at 8024 S. Harvard, as the last "white boy" on the little league team. He attended the former Hookway Elementary School at 81st and LaSalle and later graduated form Calumet High and has maintained his friendship with classmates who still reside in the community.

"If Mr. Pappas has plans I would be glad to meet with him and discuss them." Said Ald. Thomas.

Wolfe said "Its been a very ending battle. But, looking to the future Paul is our corner store that is an institution here.

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