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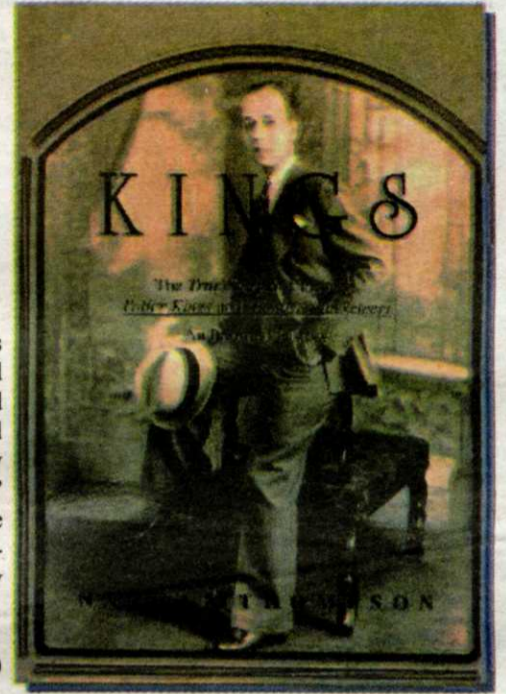
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## “Kings”

Reviles the Black Policy racket, The Economic engine of the Black community of yesterday



Once upon a time in the Black community, the men and woman owned the businesses, today it is owned by other ethnics for the most part.

Once upon a time in the Black community was an economic engine in the Black community, that financed the little league baseball games to the major Negro League.

The economic engine behind it all was the policy racket. In the 1930s, *Time Magazine* dubbed Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood the "Business Capital of

Black America."

For all of the prosperity associated with this historic migration of Black people to the Bronzeville neighborhood, its legacy is deeply rooted in Policy, the 'numbers game' known today as the Illinois State Lottery. but the Lottery is not financing the community as it was during that time of the Numbers racket of Policy.

The African American businessmen who founded and controlled this game for half a century, however, were called

Policy Kings.

Nathan Thompson, spent ten years documenting, interviewing, writing and researching the era during the 1930s and 40s. "There was a National Brotherhood of Policy Kings that permeated nearly every Black community in America." Explains Thompson. "Then known as the nation's Black Belts. Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood was the "Policy Capital of the World."

In *Kings*, it sends the readers on a jour  
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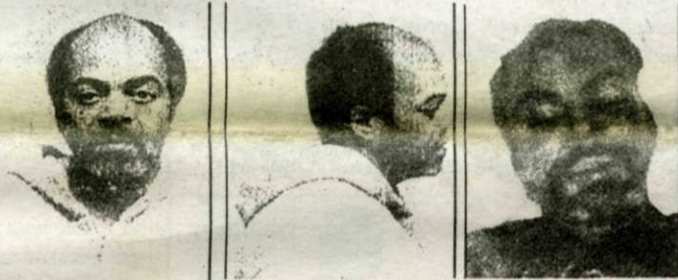
## “Murder?” in Custody of CPD

Hugh A. Parks  
Associate Editor

Frederick B. Grady 49, who died on April 9<sup>th</sup> either at the Chicago Police Department's 12<sup>th</sup> district's lockup, or at Rush Presbyterian hospital. His family members refuse to drop their allegations of "murder" under the custody of the Chicago Police.

Grady, a former blues and funk artist died of a heart attack according to the Chicago Police Department while in jail. Grady's family, however, believe foul play is involved due to the injuries to his body.

Grady's family, after viewing photos from the Cook County's



After Frederick B. Grady (pictured) family secured a private autopsy, with bodily injuries to the head, neck, eye, and ribs, the private examiner asked. "What really happened in the cell?" questioning heart attack as reasons for his death.

Coroner's office, believed that someone beat him while in police custody.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Grady was in traffic accidents on 18<sup>th</sup> street.

incident report his auto was ordered tow by Prestige Auto Pound on 1913 S. Jefferson by the Chicago Police. He later arrived at the pound to obtain his

possession from his car. At some point charges were made against him for trespassing that lead to his arrested at 10:30 a.m. and was taken into custody at 12<sup>th</sup> district police station. At 1:50 a.m., he was to be bonded out; but was found to be "unresponsive", according to Dave Ballis of the Chicago Police Department's news bureau. Ballis said Grady while in a cell to by himself, had a heart attack. His fall lead him to suffer body injuries.

According to his family members, there were many wounds to his head and body like he was  
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## Amistad Arrives in Chicago



Freedom Schooner *Amistad* is schedule to be in Chicago dock and on display at Navy Pier beginning July 26 through August 13. 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.

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,  
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## A Process of Protest



Mark Carter (l) and Paul McKinley of V.O.T.E (Voices Of The Ex-offenders) centers Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4) in front of her office on 46th and Drexel, addressing the lack of

Ms. Beauty Turner  
Featured Writer

"Give a thug a hug they're asking for a job not your wallet".

An organization group called V.O.T.E (Voices Of The Ex-offenders) and other residents of the Oakland/Kenwood community has been protesting on a daily ritual, this time it was in the 4th ward, for over a month.

It has become common knowledge among elected officials and the construction industry in Chicago about the protesting and aggressive actives on the grounds of construction sites lead by VOTE.

Their protests can be heard in almost every neighborhood being filter and fueled like gas.

Information spread like a wildfire gathering community concern as it enhances; reminds many of the legendary grapevine of the Underground Railroad.

"We see everyone, every nationality but us working in our community." Paul spoke person for V.O.T.E said.

Many people in the community share the same views as V.O.T.E., as driver-byers honked the horns in support of the organization of young people.

On 39th Lake Park young women walking their children to school, two healthy strong young black men standing in front of an off  
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CJ photo by Beauty Turner

by the Weatherman

# The Unzip

**Ice Cube, a tug?** That's what the police said, as they say about most black men, in showing a criminal look-a-like. No wonder you don't hear police harassment in the other communities. - As top cop **Terry Hilliard** is leaving, some



Pat Hill

folks say reason to have **Pat Hill** as the new Police Superintendent of Chicago. However, according to the Sun-Times first Deputy Police supt. **Phil Cline** is next in line. So much for diversity on the police force and more Ice Cube mass suspects. Here's something the new Top Cop can address... Talking about 'Jump Out' Cops, Two police were seen beating two youth in the alley at 77th St. behind Halsted, the witness reported the detectives were officers **Mackey and Price**, driving the unmark police car with the license plates M129669. They were from the station at 78th and Halsted Street. The incident happened on July 16, at 12:20 am, as their sergent witness the police beat the two youth. He can also investigate **Officer Shorter**, writing up false DUI's on people.

And Cline can also address the good old boy's club with parity as the police force is reportedly, 85% white, 22% black and 2% Hispanic...

Word is **McCormick Place** executives don't want set-aside contractor **Joe Williams** at the table... And on the Westside, **Michael Clark Construction Company** are building houses in **Ald Ed Smith** ward, but the **Garfield Area Partnership** has problems with the development and with **Ald. Smith** not meeting with the group about the development. Word is newly elected **Ald. Howard B.**



Dorothy Brown

**Brookins Jr.** have some folks in the 21st ward upset they haven't been able to meet with him as well.

Improving the court system, the County Clerk **Dorothy Brown**, recently commented for a job well done still has some decentralization problems or rip off the citizens; Citizens must prove to one department on the 6th to the basement department of the Daley Center by paying \$9 for records, that are already in their computers systems.



Rev. Leon Finney

**Dr. Leon Finney** of **TWO**, boycott of **Chrysler/Benz** for redlining and discriminating against Black owners cars is still on.... But what Dr. Finney should know as he question the ability of Black working at **Leon's**, that they don't want to work; is that immigrants have become Chicago's chief source of new labor to buy those **Chryslers and Mercedes Benzes**. Seems like **McDonald's Hamburger College** needs to get into the Ribs business as it does very good at hiring blacks. But as **Hispanics** are the fasting growing population in Chicago, or the U.S. for that matter, the **Indian community** is the richest ethnic minority, controlling over \$30 billion worth of wealth, according to **Chirinjeev Kathuria**, a **GOP** candidate for U. S. Senator.



Tina Andrews

Chicago-born **Tina Andrews**, indeed one of Hollywood's most in-demand screenwriters was keynote to the **Southside NAACP 49th annual Freedom fund Dinner** last month. **Race and Employment in the Chicago area: A test report of major chains that are presently hiring whites over blacks due to race.** The **Chicago Urban League** and the **Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago** with the support of the **Joyce Foundation** sponsored the testing project conducted with black and white applicants. They know which corporate giants are discriminating against Blacks, but for some reason are not informing the public.



Darrel "Sax Preacher" Wilson

**Min. Darrel "Sax Preacher" Wilson** is Chairing a new coalition **We CARE/ Save The Children**, which are organizing for a July 4th membership drive, the **Marcus Garvey Birthday Fest**, and the **Million Youth March; Day Of Atonement**. Leading groups' part of the coalition is the **New Black Panther Party**. Of course they will be marching in the **Bud Billinkin Parade** on August 9th.

**Frankie Nelson** for commitman, **9th ward?** And **Mary**

Got an Unzip, fax it, mail it, phone it, email it to:  
City Journal

## Briefs

### County Sheriff Sheahan sued



Sheriff Michael Sheahan Judge R. Eugene Pincham Eddie Read

Former Judge R. Eugene Pincham filed a suit in behalf of Eddie Read against Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan saying that he violated the selection process in the appointment of a new director of the Cook County Board of Corrections.

Read said Sheriff Sheahan must follow the law on the appointment. Where he is to appoint a person chosen from the board's three finalists. Sheahan appointed Calle Baird, former head of the Chicago police Office of Professional Standards and former assistant public defender who was not part of the recommendations by the board.

Read said the State statues requires Sheahan to pick the recommendations of the board. Representatives of Sheahan says the recommendations are advisor and filed a motion to dismiss the suit.

Read furthered questioned the Baird appointment who overseen the case of Robert Russ and Latayia Hartigan killing by Chicago police.

### Mt. Glenwood Memory Gardens South and West Cemetery goes to court

Sonja T. Washington is leading a petition drive of families and friends who have been buried in the Mt. Glenwood Memorial Gardens South and West. The Petitioners have filed court proceedings in federal court before Magistrate Judge Arlander. They charge that their loved ones deserve a final resting place that is efficiently managed and beautifully maintained in a setting that is befitting dignity, serenity and order afforded to all of the deceased who are buried there. For information call 708.730.1836.

### Dr. Adams new head of Illinois Human Services address Healthcare Consortium



Carol Adams, (at podium), Head of the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services, recently gave a riveting and passionate keynote address about the present and strong future of the agency during the May General Assembly of the Healthcare Consortium of Illinois, (HCI). More that 125 community-based providers and advocates of healthcare in Illinois attended the assembly which was held at the Charles Hayes Center, 4859 S. Wabash in Chicago. (Photo on left, from (l-r), Salim Al Nurridin, Executive Director of the Healthcare Consortium of Illinois and Greg Washington, President & CEO of the Grand Boulevard Federation).

### Hillman's - Lake Meadows "A Unique Institution" Reunion

November 1954, on a site at South 3400 block on S. Park Avenue. Newly designed as Lake Meadows, a combined commercial and residential complex, Hillman's Finer Foods Store opened its doors.

What made this an historic event was the fact that never before in the history of the highly accredited food chain had it located in an almost predominately Negro community. The late Gardner Stern, Sr., President of Hillman's was indeed a visionary. This was proven repeatedly.

During the spring of 2001, Eddie Perkins, a former Hillmanite, decided it was well over due to have a reunion of those who worked at the Lake Meadows store.

The store in addition to delivering top flight service and quality products, spawned many persons of note through the years: College graduates, a bank president, a south side mayor's office, director, actors, concert orchestra members and musicians, a Chicago police com-

mander, several or more police officers, public school teachers, a Jewel Food store manager, several night club owners, a car dealership proprietor, Labor Union Officials, several supermarket grocery store owners, a founder and president of Taurus Flavors, Inc., and several deli-sandwich shop owners, including a church minister, several semi-pro basketball players, a United States Dept. of Agriculture Representative, first black wine buyer for Hillman's and Meat Market Managers.

John Woodson, another former Hillmanite, after consulting with yet another Hillmanite, Roosevelt McCarthy, offered his services to coordinate a reunion of those that worked for Hillmann's. The first reunion was held on September 29<sup>th</sup> of that year. The second reunion was given on Sunday, September 29, 2002. On June 29, 2003, 18 Hillmanite were present at Capt's Hard Time Dining. And another one is in the making.

## It was historic all right, but.....



AS Anima Sorenstam struggled to make the cut at the Colonial Invitational, Nia Pillson, the Swedish National Women Golf Coach and one of Sorenstam advisors, relates to the media that the LPGA Women's champion may have lost her putting mechanics during the second round. (Photo By: John Reyes)

**I**t was another one of those gender fence-climbing comparison Events.

And it claimed another victim.



BY JOHN REYES Sports Columnist

It was a valiant effort, it was courageous, it was graceful, and a class act. It was fun, educational, and historic. But in the end after reality had set in, Annika Sorenstam said it best: "thank you" as the tears began to swell. "I'm glad I did it, but this is over my head, she said. I wasn't as tough as I thought I was."

The class and poise she displayed earn her the respect of many of her male competitors, some of whom had voiced opposition to her being in the field. It certainly taught them a lesson in tongue twisting 'politically correct' adjectives about her ability.

Realistically, Annika Sorenstam can play golf 'among' men, but in reality, Annika Sorenstam cannot compete against PGA professional men players.

To believe or assume that she can is a no brainer, honestly, but more on this later.

It was exactly 6:08 P.M. on the 18th green of the arduous and unforgiving 7,080 course of the Colonial Country Club, when Annika Sorenstam, rolled the 18 footer in to save par for her two round 174-4 over par that brought the somewhat inevitable end to this latest challenge between the genders. There will be another one of these spectacular attempts before too long, be sure about that.

It had been 58 years since Babe Didrikson Zechariahs, "The Great One" she was called, last laced up some spike shoes and played against men in a PGA TOUR Tournament. This week here in Fort Worth, Texas, along the banks of the legendary Trinity River, the scene was being built for another Texas Showdown. Sorenstam, the world's No. 1-ranked woman player accepted a sponsor's invitation (Exemption) to test her skills and fortitude against the world's top men players, and unfortunately it lasted no longer than 24 hours before 'flaming' out.

# Lawsuit, seeks \$30 million. in damages as death row inmate



Photo by Final Call  
**Aaron Patterson lawsuit includes law enforcers that conspired him in a wrongful conviction and false imprisonment that cost him 17 years of his life**

CHICAGO (FinalCall.com)-- "This lawsuit is an action in direct response to being terrorized in our own city," former death row inmate Aaron Patterson told a room full of reporters explaining that his unjust imprisonment had cost him 17 years of his life. Mr. Patterson's federal lawsuit, filed by the People's Law Office, seeks at least \$30 million in compensatory damages from the City of Chicago, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, among others. "This is our way of sending a message to the system, digging in their pockets," he said with his attorneys looking on. He alleges that they conspired against him in a wrongful con-

viction and false imprisonment. Convicted of double murder in 1986 and pardoned on the basis of innocence by former Republican Governor George Ryan on January 10, 2003, Mr. Patterson claims he was unlawfully detained and interrogated by retired Area 2 Chicago Police Lt. Jon Burge, former CPD Sgt. John Byrne and several other officers using torture techniques that "shock the conscience," forcing him to confess to the murders of Rafaela and Vincent Sanchez. The suit claims that the officers were given leads early on that other individuals committed the murders and, regardless to that, officer Burge told one suspect that he "really wanted to get

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# Grab-barreling or diversity or strategy; BLACKS Seeking higher elected office

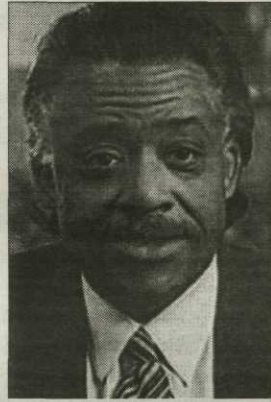
Congressman Bobby Rush may have pulled the plug on any new Black political leadership in Illinois with his recent endorsement of millionaire investor M. Blair Hull for U.S. Senate. His action was questioned by Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., that can reflect a flurry of pre-election activity for Black unity, and may be concern for Rush decision, Jackson said on Cliff Kelly WVON radio talk show.

Even more, based on a line of questions conducted by a research firm for the 2004 election, most voters would believe this election year is bad timing for a new president of the U.S. States. Even with the president approval rating slipping to 54%. The questions centered on President Bush with no mentioned of a contestant (republican nor democratic), and his approval rating as president with the overall focus on the war.

With the states high for Republicans and Democrats, the Democratic has eight (8) candidates running, two are African Americans, former Ambassador and U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun from Chicago and Alfred Charles "Al" Sharpton Jr., President of Nat'l Action Network from New York. Their candidacy could in effect give diversity and a political strategy to up lift the Black turn out, while others see it as just grab-barreling to the status of an Apollo Theater crowd on amateur night, as one commentary points out.



Carol Moseley Braun for President



Rev. Al Sharpton for President

The poll conducted in mid-April, ask leading questions on the U.S. Senate race, to fill the seat being vacated by GOP Senator Peter Fitzgerald focusing on (no longer candidates) John Daley, Mayor Daley's brother and former governor Edgar.

The pollsters only compared the name of Edgar as a winner against democratic opponents.

State Senator Barack Obama who first announced his intentions to run, pollster could not pronounce his name correctly and did not include Joyce Washington former Lt. Governor candidate in the line up for the second highest office in Illinois.

But all ready giving the presidential race emotions; black issues have raised noise in the media by candidates not appearing at the NAACP convention.

With two Black candidates in both races, the question raised will they merely divided the Black vote for impact or a sign of diversity in the section among candidates.

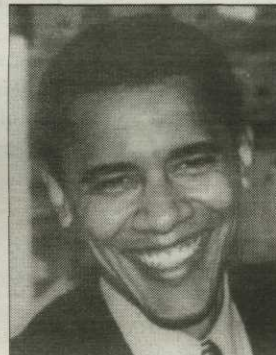
Washington responded by saying, Blacks running for office should not be questioned when running for the same race. "No one is questioned other nationality running for the office of the same ethnicity."

Washington told members of the Black Political Convention of Illinois that she is a candi-

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Former Lt. Gov. candidate Joyce Washington, for U.S. Sen.



State Senator Barack Obama for U.S. Senate



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Political Insights

# The minority 952,089 Voters of Chicago

In reflecting back on the April 1, 2003 Aldermanic run-off election for the few participating wards, the abysmal voter turn-out of approximately 33 percent does not bode well for African Americans and minorities that promote and support political empowerment. The percentage was very similar to the February 25, Chicago Municipal election.

Let's briefly examine the possible fall-out from such a low voter turnout.

Firstly, it sets the stage for "minority rule. For example, in the 21st ward where there are well over 43,000 registered voters, more than 31,000 voters in said ward elected to stay home April 1st and thus not vote for anyone. Each of the four wards involved in the Aldermanic run-off had similar percentages in regards to no-shows.

Taking this analysis a step further and looking back to the Mayoral race the numbers tell a somewhat startling story, quite the contrary to what some media sources would have one to believe. The Chicago Board of Elections as of Feb. 1, 2003 tabulated total registered voters at grand total of 1,436,286 of which only 484,197 came out to cast ballots and vote for the majority and other offices. Math indicates that 952,089 voters in this city de-

cidated to stay home. Nearly one million voters chose not to vote for Richard M. Daley or either of the alternatives. Although Daley won reelection by 78% of the votes cast.

It certainly was not a mandate. The minority rule concept applies again, where as the overwhelming majority did not vote. Doesn't it arouse one's curiosity as what the results would have been if the election had been held after Daley's artistic rendering on the Meigs Field runways?

The prevailing question however, is why did approximately 67% of registered voters stay home?

How can we attract the silent majority back into the political process, when the Chicago Board of Elections systematically disqualified thousands of eligible voters from participating in the petition nominating process for William 'Doc' Walls for Clerk of Chicago? The Board arrogance, ruled that these eligible voters inactive file because they had not voted within the past two years and their signatures were therefore ruled ineligible and removed from the petitions. This is about the most absurd political madness I have ever witnessed in recent years.

We as African Americans and disadvantaged people of color must find a way to move progressively forward or get left behind in this new millennium.

If you have an idea or suggestion, let me hear from you.

at grand total of 1,436,286 ...only 484,197 .. cast ballots ..952,089 voters in this city decided to stay home.



By Jesse Evans

# The race for higher office

(Continued from page 3) date for all of Illinoisans, when questioned on her position for a black agenda.

All candidates Braun, Obama and Washington were part of a survey in the selection for a Mayor of Chicago, as they normally offered a progressive alternative all shied away from 2003 mayoral election. And Rev. Sharp-ton was a candidate for mayor of New York City, traveling to Chicago did not address the 2003 mayors race in Chicago.

The candidates still are building their campaign from the ground up and must distinguish themselves from each other as well as pump up the black vote in lei of denouncing the Bush administration.

But money is the key to getting their message out.

On the senate race, the campaign chest of both Obama (\$1.4 million) and Washington (over \$300,000) has raised more money than Braun (\$250,000) and Sharp-ton (\$54,000).

Obama insist his campaign is built not on millions of dollars, but on millions of Illinois working families and poor people whose struggles are being ignored by the Bush Administration.

"What is clear from our financial report that we will have the resources to take that message to every corner of this state," said Obama, who is chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

However, one long time supporter of Obama suggest that if his opponent Hull, comes up with the money that is where he will lend his support. Which is the sign of Cong. Rush backing M. Blair Hull in the US Senate race.

A sign that could hamper Obama black base. Obama not commenting on Rush endorse-



Political activist spilt on their choice for president, but encourage diversity with Blacks running for the same higher office

Lu Meyers with Sharpton's campaign, says who has no personal stake in the Democratic Party's structures is the sworn foe of the Democratic Party to address the straight forward issues.

Bruce Crosby working on the Braun campaign insist ... "The candidates must design their messages to empower distressed communities. Carol would address these issues in this election.

ment says, "We have a record of advocacy and accomplishment on behalf of the people and families of Illinois who desperately need a strong voice on their behalf in the U. S. Senate,"

The initial challenge of Braun and Sharp-ton is their lacking behind in raising funds and must raise \$1 million by September to receive matching federal funds. They must raise a minimum of \$5,000 in individual contribution in 20 states according to Bruce Crosby a supporter of Braun.

However, among democratic insiders, Braun, Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) and Rev. Sharp-ton are sought to pull out of the race based on an unofficial poll that indicated their last place status.

Braun and Sharp-ton supporters do not see the likely hood of dividing the vote among Blacks. Knowing that there is no miscalculate assuming that Blacks will "stay" loyalty to Democratic Party in a blink of an eye with an average of 93%, simply because they have nowhere else to "go," not

with Trent Lott and the White Man's Party.

Crosby insists in the face of the attacks on Affirmative Action as well as in Chicago systematically locking out African Americans. "The candidates will design their messages to empower distressed communities. Carol would address these issues in this election.

At the same time Lu Meyers says Sharp-ton, who has no personal stake in the Democratic Party's structures is the accountability foe of the Democratic Party to address the straight forward issues.

The question remains with no noble black leadership such as Jackson or Louis Farrakhan making an endorsement in the presidential race, and Rush endorsing Hull can give a mix message for the Black community to talk up the vote.

## Black Convention of Chicago renamed, Illinois

With the many directions for Black politics to move forward as the 2004 election comes upon the city; one of which is the Black Political Convention of Chicago, that was renamed, Illinois in the place of Chicago.

Steven Huisah from Markham raised the concern of not only the suburban political affirmation at the co convention but also the whole state because of the cross over of districts from Chicago to the other suburbs.

A vision that many elected and political activist all share, and acknowledge.

The next 2004 Convention planning meeting will be held on August 2nd, 9 am to 12 pm at the Swift Mansion, 4500 S. Michigan Ave.

At this meeting the objectives will address issues as they relate to the planning of the convention that will include; the nomination process of Candidates—and State and Federal Platforms. It will also address

Ward Platforms in building a community network to maximize voter participation in 2004.

"The delegates are ready signing up," said Ron Carter, chair of the convention, and publisher of City Journal. "And committee Chairs of committees are just about in place.

The convention will be held in February where a process of networking with Black and other

elected officials, candidates, and community leaders statewide. It is projected to draw 2,000 participants said Carter.

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# Some 9/11 families reject federal fund and sue

The USA TODAY reports that the U.S. government made two promises to the families of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks: A special Justice Department fund would compensate their financial losses and official investigations would uncover the security failures that enabled al-Qaeda to kill 3,027 people.

Uncle Sam asked only one thing of the families in return: Don't drag the battered airlines and their affiliates into court. Many members of Congress wanted to avoid the sad spectacle of victims' families suing another hard-hit group.

Nearly two years later, many families of 9/11 victims are rejecting that guidance with the Dec. 22 deadline nearing to apply for government payments, the relatives of 1,995 deceased victims have submitted claims. The families are lining up for settlement checks that are averaging nearly \$1.5 million, and are agreeing not to sue airlines, airports, security companies or other U.S. entities that might be faulted in

the fatal hijackings.

However, nearly 100 individual and class-action lawsuits have been filed. More are likely by this Sept. 11th. The 9/11 families are suing not only United and American airlines and others in aviation, but also Osama bin Laden, Saudi royal princes, Arab banks, Muslim charities and the governments of Iraq, Iran, Sudan and Afghanistan. In a complaint filed in Miami by Judicial Watch, a government watchdog group,

Meanwhile, the litigation has lent some support to the Bush administration's effort to cast Saddam Hussein's Iraq as having been allied with al-Qaeda, a claim the White House made while trying to justify the war with Baghdad.

Plaintiffs' attorneys grumble that the Bush administration is imposing additional obstacles.

More than 4,000 victims' survivors have joined 11 lawsuits against terrorists and their alleged supporters. Among those

joining the massive international-terrorism lawsuits are some of the 2,337 people who were injured in the Sept. 11 attacks. Nearly 1,000 of the injured have filed claims for compensation from the federal fund, as well.

(Another 35 personal-injury lawsuits have been filed against New York and New Jersey agencies by workers involved in the cleanup at the Trade Center site after the attacks. The workers allege they have health problems because they were not given proper equipment to protect them from toxic fumes.)

In October 2001, Philadelphia lawyer James Beasley filed the first lawsuit on behalf of families whose relatives were killed in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Long before President Bush threatened war against Iraq, the suit blamed Saddam, bin Laden, al-Qaeda, the Taliban and Afghanistan.

U.S. District Judge Harold Baer Jr. held a hearing on damages in his New York

court. He considered testimony implicating Iraq from ex-CIA director James Woolsey as well as Secretary of State Colin Powell's Feb. 5 speech at the U.N. that advocated retaliatory force.

Baer ruled on May 7 that the evidence "barely" established an Iraqi connection to the Trade Center attacks, but that it was enough to convince a "reasonable jury" of that. He ordered Iraq to pay \$57 million to widow Katherine Soulas and \$7 million to heirs of business executive George Smith.

But on May 22, Bush ordered that Iraqi assets here not be used to pay court judgments. He reserved the money for postwar rebuilding of Iraq, except for \$300 million that was set aside for Americans who were seized as human shields by Saddam at the start of the Persian Gulf War in 1990.

Soulas, a guest of Bush at the 2002 State of the Union address, is "just devastated," says Beasley's son, lawyer James Beasley Jr.

## Death roll lawsuit

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Patterson."

The complaint claims that Mr. Patterson was suffocated with a plastic typewriter cover, beaten about his body and threatened with a gun. It also claims that Mr. Patterson's co-defendant, Eric Caine, suffered a ruptured eardrum in an attack by officer Raymond Madigan during interrogation, resulting in Mr. Caine's signing of a false statement implicating Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Patterson accuses Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine, former Office of Professional Standards Director Gayle Shines and CPD Superintendent Terry Hillard of being involved in a cover-up of his innocence and torture by suppres-

sion of evidence, failure to investigate police officer misconduct and public defamation of his character. He further sues the City of Chicago and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for upholding de facto policies and practices that foster such alleged victimization of countless incarcerated individuals.

Mr. Devine was a lawyer during the time of Mr. Patterson's incarceration. The suit claims he was retained, over the years, by the City of Chicago to represent officers Burge and Byrne in other torture cases and accuses him of withholding evidence in



State's Attorney Richard Devine. "We will vigorously defend our prosecutors against these allegations."

those cases that could have exonerated Mr. Patterson. Becoming the State's Attorney in 1996, the suit further reads that Mr. Devine "used his influence and decision-making power to continue the wrongful conviction and imprisonment" of Mr. Patterson.

John Gorman, spokesman for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, said in a June 27 statement, "After Mr. Devine became State's Attorney in late 1996, the office took the position that the three-year statute of limitations on any events at Area 2 had long since run. We will vigorously defend our prosecutors against these allegations."

The City of Chicago and CPD refused to

make comments on the pending litigation.

In support of Mr. Patterson, was Rev. Oscar Walden Jr., who contends he was unlawfully imprisoned in 1952 and served 14 years for the rape of a White woman. He said that police bent his fingers back while beating him, forcing him to confess to the crime he didn't commit.

Gov. George Ryan also pardoned Rev. Walden in January based on his innocence, expunging him of the conviction.

Nathson Fields, a fellow inmate with Mr. Patterson during his confinement, was also in attendance at the press conference. Released May 9 on a \$100,000 bail posted by Mr. Patterson, Mr. Fields argues that he was unlawfully arrested by CPD, wrongly convicted of and served 18 years—11 on death row—for a double murder.

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# "Kings" the policy



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John "Wood" Woodson, (l) a long community activist said, "You don't have to be black to read this long awaited book, "Kings" by Nathan Thompson, "Just be able to read. This tells the mostly unknown facts concerning Black Policy Barons and so-called Black Gangster dating back surprisingly many, many years

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ney of the largest Black-owned and operated business enterprise in the world, Policy was responsible for the rebirth of the Negro Baseball League, the career of boxing great Joe Louis, and much to do with Chicago's celebrated jazz legacies.

In the book Kings, it describes a historical fact finding in the form of a novel.

In 1952 the Chicago Mob, led by legendary mobsters Sam "Mooney" Giancana and Tony "Joe Batters" Accardo, took over the racket with the assassination of Policy King Ted Roe who had succeeded Chicago's legendary Ed Jones of the Jones brothers.

Roe's murder followed one U.S. Senate investigation and preceded another. In 1950, Senator Estes Kefauver led a committee on a nationwide investigation into crime and interstate commerce known as the Kefauver Committee Hearings. In 1958 Senators McClellan and Bobby Kennedy led an investigation into Improper Activities in the Labor and Management Field and questioned some of Chicago's mobsters about the Roe assassination. In 1974 the Illinois State Lottery was born.

Thompson brings this important, obscured history to life with KINGS, the result of more than ten years of personally driven research. KINGS, chronicles the rise and fall of the Policy Racket, and the rise and fall of Bronzeville's golden era.

"You don't have to be black to read the recently published long awaited book "Kings" by Mr. Thompson, said John "Woody" Woodson. "Just be able to read."

Woodson said the book is a highly historically reached information book tells the mostly unknown facts concerning Black policy Barons and so-called Black Gangsters dating back surprisingly many, many years..

Mr. Thompson is a Chicago native and freelance writer who has written for the Chicago Defender, City Journal (South Street Journal) newspapers, Source magazine, presently writes a monthly column for the Lakefront Outlook newspaper, and is a Technical Services Librarian with Baker & McKenzie.

He has been featured on NBC5 News, MSNBC.com, FOX32 News in Walter Jacobson's Perspective, and is featured in the documentary Oasis on 47<sup>th</sup> Street. The Story of the Palm Tavern, produced for Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. Additionally, he is consulted by historic preservation and civic groups, he's a consultant to film director Spike Lee on the Joe Louis Story, and is often quoted in local newspapers regarding issues associated with historic Bronzeville.

As an activist Mr. Thompson has been a driving force in the saving of many Bron-

zeville landmarks including the Rosenwald Building, Metropolitan Community Church, and most notably the Palm Tavern, all recently saved from the wrecking ball.

Mr. Thompson said, what Kings portrays is the potential of the Black dollars and the indirect. "We have proven what we can do"

Historical and political activist Prof. Timuel Black said of Kings, "pioneering, exciting chronicle of part of the social culture, economic and political history of Black life in Chicago. As Prof. Robert Weems Jr., says it fills a major void in the historiography of Black Chicago. Meticulously researched."

## ORGANIZATION AT WORK

### Sistrunk kicks off Hall of Fame National tour for students



Ziff A. Sistrunk (above front) School of Film, Inc., The Dick Allen Fan club of Chicago announce The Ziff A. Sistrunk School of Film, Inc. and the Dick Allen fan club of Chicago has co sponsor this yearly event for the past two years, raising enough money to allow 60 Illinois students to attend the National Baseball Hall of Fame Museum induction service in Cooperstown, New York.

Each year youth from public housing in Illinois gather together to share sports experiences with each other. This year's event promises to be unlike any other in sports. This program will presents an opportunity for these youth to participate in a video documentary/Oral history of the Nationals Negro League.

After the seventy-fourth All-Star Game 60 Illinois student athletics will tour the south, playing 10 baseball games in 10 days tracing the tracks of the National Negro league from Chicago to Cooperstown.

The group will kick off the tour with a visit to the Negro League Hall of fame

Museum in Kansas City, Mo. And will end the tour in Cooperstown, New York for Hall of Fame Museum induction service, July 26-28, 2003.

Traveling in an old 1963 Greyhound bus, decked and dressed in 1940's and 50's tailored Zoot suits, the group will recapture moment loss forever by playing local athletics in an historic Negro league style baseball game, using the old colorful Negro league uniforms of each city to highlight the event.

Tour Cities: Indianapolis, Indiana, (ABC,s), Nashville, Nashville (Red Sox), Birmingham, Ala. (Black Barons), Atlanta, Ga. (Black Cracker), Washington DC, (Elite Giants) Pittsburgh, Pa. (Crawfords), Phil. Pa (Stars), New York City (Brooklyn Giants), Baltimore, Ma. (Black Sox).

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# A Process of Protest

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white semi-high-rise tenement building looking across at the crew working at the construction site, and farther down two young men sitting on a concrete slab staring, while a mature looking janitor water the grass in front of the Judge Slater Senior Building. A brand new community sprouting up right in front of their eyes.

Long time resident Luscious Delanny of the Kenwood community said, "Don't get me wrong, I agree with what they are trying to do, but why the construction site? Is that the place to demand jobs?"

The protest was on what VOTE says are the massive violations of the federal HOPE IV/Section 3 project involving the CHA Transformation Plan for public housing (Wells/Madden Park Developments), well on-going concern of systematic abuse of the federal resources, and the ongoing displacement and regentrification of lower income residents currently living in the historic Bronzeville community.

Another young man said. "I know they need roofs over their heads, and food in their babies mouths, and if this is going to bring a brighter picture to the issue, then I see nothing wrong with it. Do it!"

From the background a thunderous echoing sound of voices came from around the corner. Men, women, children and babies in strollers marched as they chatted. "What do we want? V.O.T.E spoke-person McKinley asked.

"Jobs!" The crowd of 100 people chatted back.

"When do we want them?" McKinley continues. "Now!" the protesters reply.

As the protest swirled around to 41 St. and Ellis now with a caravan of police they continued to the next site at 51st Greenwood. There again they sited a lack of black workers on the job.

Another construction site, posted a sign, "No hiring on site. Go to 4th ward alderman's Office to apply for jobs."

"Ald. Toni Preckwinkle gets the people hire and she's the one who's in charge of selling the lots," McKinley said.

The crowd marched to the fourth Ward Office and confronted her.

Preckwinkle stood out front when about 50 of the protestor came into her office unannounced.

McKinley confronted her and asked her, "What do you have against Black men?"

"What do we want?" He asked. "Jobs!" his reporters replied. "We want to be able to take care of our families just like you."

We want to be able to have homes, food and other basic necessities.

Alderman Preckwinkle refused to have a meeting at that time with them.

"All they want to do is embarrass Black politicians, we had a meeting with this group before. They are thugs, two of them are drug dealers," Ald Preckwinkle revealed to the press.

Preckwinkle went on to explain the process of securing Hope VI jobs.



CJ photo by Beauty Turner

Joseph Watkins a prominent outspoken spoke person for VOTE was arrested for allegedly assaulting a police officer, with a \$90,000 bond. After careful consideration from the Department of Correction Watkins was released.

Back out on bail, he was present at another protest, arrested again.

"While in jail I had time to reflect." Watkins said. "Mainly of those that say they are in support of us, when the time for them to show it, they are no where around."

"But I am going to keep on fighting for the

Mary Steward, an owner of a construction company, and director of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission said. "We hired two of their men who didn't come to work until only on payday, plus they didn't even know how to read a ruler, or use a hammer or hold a ladder,"

Leroy Square a contractor in the community at the present let it be known that he agree with Steward concerning the other workers out of V.O.T.E, pointing out he hired John Hill, a third year apprentice from Stateway Garden and Ricky Moore, apprentice from IDA B Wells both Square and Steward praise these two young men work.

One of the protestor said after hearing the remarks responded. "Isn't that what the \$35 million dollars Hope VI grant is for to help train the residents?"

As Preckwinkle made an attempt to leave in her gold van, a gathered around her vehicle where it could not move.

About ten police tried to get the large crowd to move away from the van, one officer grabbed Joseph Watkins one of the lead organizers for V.O.T.E and tried to restrain him by spraying pepper spray in his eye. Watkins took off running in pain with Police in full pursuit after him, as the crowd ran behind police. In the mist of the commotion two young women protesting got sprayed

with pepper spray as well and allegedly hit with police patrons.

Gwendolyn Gibbs suffer from stomach pain, vomiting profoundly after inhaling a full blast of the pepper spray, she also suffer from black and blue bruise on her left thigh from where CPD allegedly hit her with a patron.

Reportedly an officer injured in the scuffle that lead to the arrest of four; Perry Benson 46, with an \$8,000 bond and suffered from chest pains; Allen Benson 21; Eddie E. Nash 32, \$1000 bond, \$100 to walk. Then it was Joseph Watkins 50, charged with aggravated Battery

\$90,000 bond, \$9,000 to walk.

Monday Morning bright and early like a working shift V.O.T.E was back at work protesting the construction sites, and Preckwinkle office. This time it was more people, young and old and in-between asking for Jobs and a town hall meeting and very organized, no profanity, just a simply chat was lead by McKinley.

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"Jobs"

"When do we want them?"

"NOW!"

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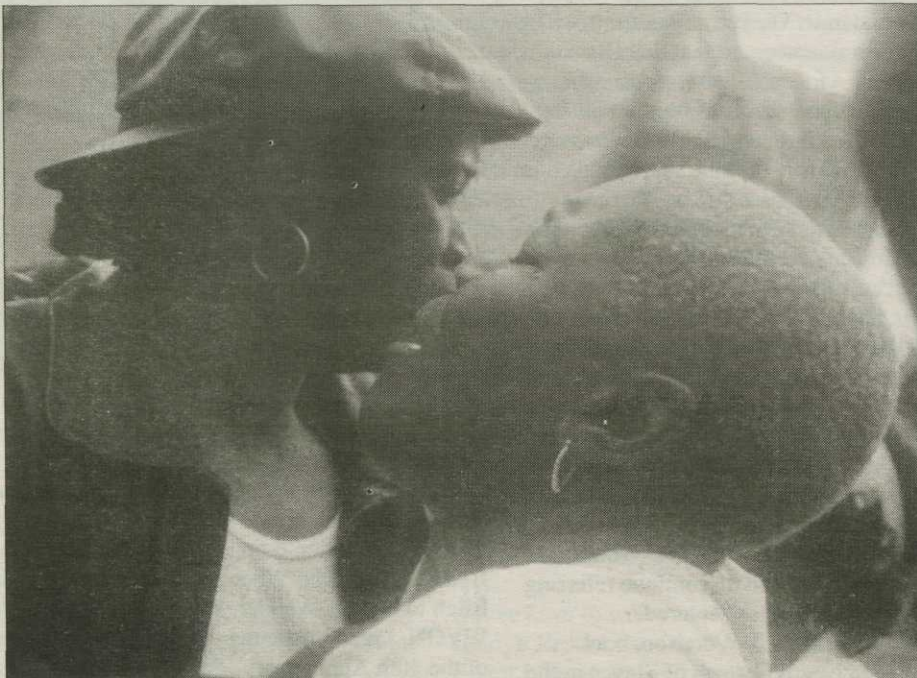
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Marching with VOTE, Gwendolyn Gibbs suffer from stomach pain, vomiting profoundly after inhaling a full blast of the pepper spray, she also suffer from black and blue bruise on her left

# Braveheart, VOTE & The Noble

**T**his editorial is dedicated to the best movie of this decade. Braveheart! And VOTE (Voice Of The Ex-offenders). As William Wallace (played by Mel Gibson) a man who turned down the throne to defend his faith that Scotland would be free. VOTE is sitting no compromising in the injustice as Bravehearts.

*The Lord says he can get me out of this mess, but he's pretty sure you're fu\*\*ed!---Stephen*

As Malcolm X points out, dying peacefully, with Novocain running down their mouths. With the worst times of Black people in America, from the non-present of ownership of gas stations to the War in Iraq and in between the mass imprisonment of Black men, or the mass elimination of them. A national tragedy Stevie Wonder sings about.

The 1400's in Scotland, leaders were called Nobles.

The legacy of the movie "Braveheart" and Sir William Wallace struggle was not the fear of battle, but rather the trust of noble leaders with their distorted selfish gain.

Unfortunately there are noblemen today, compromising behind close doors. Grass root organizers that has turned into "Weeds." Its not that leadership deserves to be criticized or honored, but in the black community where Richard M. Daley is the best organizer of Black leadership, there needs to be some deserved criticism around the ploy to keep 69% of the voters from voting.



**Ron Carter**  
Publisher & Editor

VOTE with all of it is protesting and strong-arm tactics has is a guiding principle for leadership. — Especially when leadership such as Dorothy Tillman claims, after her last election victory claiming, "We have a machine." The 'machine' identification is like competing brands of soda drinks made by the same Corporation, there is usually little difference, especially when it comes out of the same pop machine.

This suggest that we must change our habits and politicians frequently act to protect the machine at the expense of the public.

History proves that new leadership is going to happen regardless if it's Nelson Mandela, Adolph Hitler, Martin Luther King Jr., George W. Bush, Jesse Jackson, Richard Daley, VOTE, or even Jesus Christ himself.

The premise of Chicago's Black and White leadership labeling VOTE as gang bangers (or any black youth that is of ill character) is like a racist white prison guard, pulling the switch for an execution. Elected officials have called on the FBI, the State's Attorney Office, and the Chicago Police to do what they can to stop the aggressive



A stunning paint of William Wallace (played by Mel Gibson). Congressman Danny Davis center with members

nature of VOTE.

Confirming scenes in the Braveheart movie, that 'old timers longed-for days of unrestricted accountability, with exception of one of the oldest political organization in Chicago, the Task Force for Black Political led by Bob Starks. Many nobles have meet with members of VOTE, Black Contractors United, Congressmen Danny Davis and Jesse Jackson Jr. Elzie Higginbottom, State Rep. Lu Jones and others. And many report to the powers they have the youth under control, but will not embraced them publicly trying to derail them.

In spite of VOTES' aggressive tactics, they do not have much of a choice. — Their argument is that the present leadership has failed them. Paul Watkins a member of VOTE changed his remarks to Rev. Jackson from "There is a new sheriff in town", to "we" are 'the only Sheriff in town."

"We did not create the crumbling community we are forced to grow up in.' Watkins says; "We did not choose the economics, nor the drugs to be the economic engine, nor the sports and rap music to be our role models to succeed".

Mark Carter, another leader of VOTE, noted that current



leadership has not got serious about providing jobs, education, and basic services for all our people, "Especially in parity to the resources others have, from cutting lawns to owning the gas stations and the storefronts in the community.

Carter said. "We've been beating our drums, asking for police review boards, more jobs, better housing and being accepted. We are not shutting up." VOTE was formed in 2002. The group model is no difference than those before them, questioning injustice "by any means necessary."

They continued to attend and intimidate meetings, the white majority as well as the Blacks that sat at the door. VOTE stormed and demonstrated on Gov. Blagojevich, Rev. Jackson, Rev. Meeks, Chicago Defender and construction sites.

In the movie Braveheart it was Bruce the next King of Scotland actions double-crossed Wallace, which turned him in to England that lead to his death by torture.

The last time a group of youth took action was the 21st Century Vote, based out of the Englewood community, former and present street organizations. Before them it was the Black Panther Party. The attack on VOTE is un-

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## LETTERS

### Uncle Toms and.....

Dear Editor

So time ago the Chicago Defender, Columnist Vernon Jarrett wrote a very compelling article regarding black people's ancestors and what they had to do for survival. Thanks to Jarrett for bringing this issue down front—irregardless of the fact that everything is "in the book", as the late Harold Washington.

Ingenious does not aptly describe most of the black ancestors during their times of enslavement. As Jarrett pointed out in his column, we should never refer to all those who did not choose to become martyrs during that time in history as "Uncle Tom". Of course it's true some did in fact run; to the white slave master all the going-on amongst the slaves such as those who reported on John Brown at Harpers Ferry eventually causing his death and his determined followers.

Now, either directly or indirectly, most all native born Negroes owe their existence to those so-called "Uncle Toms" and the others. Were it not for them, today, such persons of color, some widely known, would not be around. I'm talking about the lies of Vernon Jarrett, Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan, the late Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Duke Ellington. The noted scientist, Dr. George W. Carver,

Langston Hughes, Lena Horne, Jackie Robinson, John H. Johnson, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Nate Clay, Charles, "Chuck" Bowen, Charles Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, the late Bishop Louis Ford and John E. Woodson, to name a few.

All those latter day so-called degreed Black Revolutionaries on the scene today, should be ashamed of themselves for committing such a dastardly, (I think ) sacrilegious act in changing their names from a perceived white slave masters to something African or Islamic. Oh yes, it's in the book and a documented fact that Black West African Chieftains were the ones mainly responsible for slavery in both North and South America to the Spanish—not the so-called White European who came on the scene much later. Today in the Sudan Arab Muslims are still dealing with aspects of slavery.

The official U.S. census reports of 1860 declared only a small minority of whites owned slaves. The same report in 1830 cited 3,775 free blacks owned 13,740 black slaves.

In June 1835, the Fifth National Negro Convention recommended that blacks remove the word "African" from the titles of their organizations and discontinue referring to themselves as "colored".

The Carter C. Woodson, book "Free Negro Owners of Slaves in the United States 1830" listed names and addresses of free blacks who owned slaves. Among those listed was George C. Washington of Washington, D.C. Other surnames

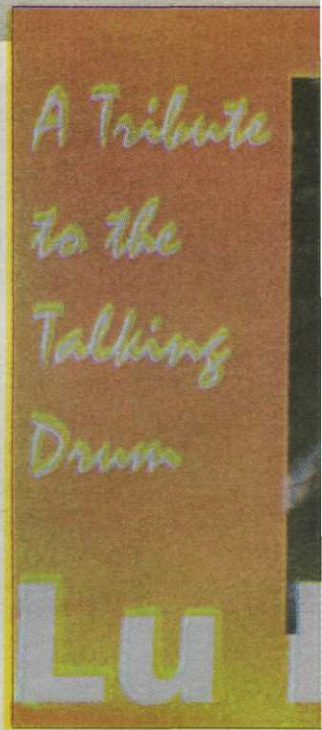
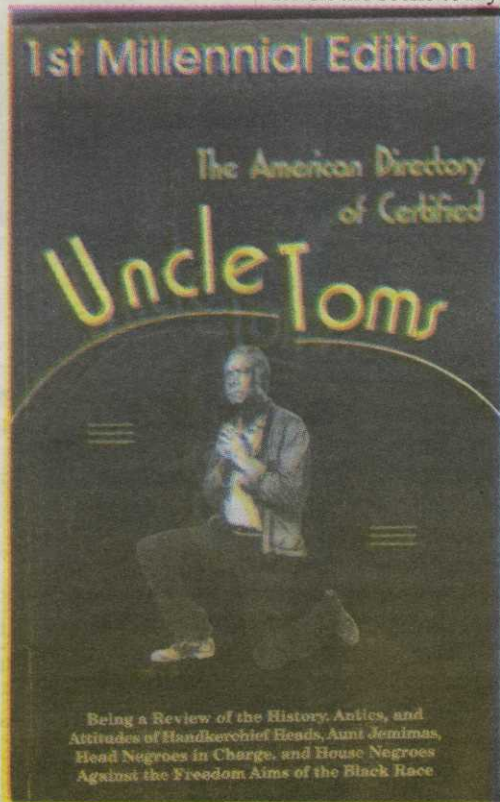
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Sincerely  
John E. Woodson

# Lu

Dear Editor;

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# Weeds



(Voice Of The Ex-offenders).

the latest since the dismantle of 21st Century the year before 5,000 of them marched, as they stepped up to show leadership. Urban League was compelled to work by Vote, but backed away after threats would end. Elzie Higginbottom, one of the Black Developers in Chicago and a Mayor Daley stepped and embrace 21st century thereafter their were no more. Braveheart, one can expect to see of VOTE, more Noble leaders and who once were grass root now avoiding ch as VOTE, and Benton Harbor, Michigan, a tragedy lost in the search for Weapons of the nobles will realize that they the grass, convert to a pretty flower or a weed, or VOTE needs to get the before the weeds devastate the whole their own self-interest.

## Seat Belts: A freedom curtailed by the Insurance Companies or the Government

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In many states, there are laws that mandate motorcycle helmets, safety belt use, child safety seats, driving without cell phones, or sober driving. Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed into law three new traffic safety bills, for Illinois which – according to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) – will make Illinois the first state in the nation to enact all three provisions in the same year.

With motor vehicle crashes as the leading cause of death up to 37 years of age in Illinois, the new law is claimed to help ensure the safety of families as they drive to and from work, school, and home.

The laws are worthy ways of reducing risk for both the individual and for the insurance company. But F. B. Knight, Curmudgeon-in-Residence at the Attila the Hun School of Management questions the underhanded agenda of the insurance industry efforts to reduce their risk lobbying of governments to pass laws that favor them.

Illinois Bill 50 allows law officers to stop and ticket drivers for not wearing seat belts; Senate Bill 52 increases the age of children to be restrained in booster seats from 4 to 8; and Senate Bill 58 prohibits teen drivers from carrying more than one other teenage passenger in the car for the first six months after receiving their license.

Knight, claims he is not advocating risk taking to the point of stupidity, although allowing such does tend to improve the gene pool. Advocating the freedom for people to make their own decisions, informed or not, about what risks they are willing to shoulder.

"I ran a business for more than three years. I could accept that level of risk, and it was my choice to do so. Others would never take a chance like that. That is their choice." Knight went on to say, "It is my belief that the insurance industry's attempts

to minimize their own risk have worked on the American psyche to create a nation of wimps who are afraid to take risks."

However, Gov. Blagojevich said at the signing of the legislation with hundreds of families and law enforcement officials. "There is nothing more important than the safety of our families and together we have to do all that we can to protect them," He added the new laws will help to prevent an estimated 166 deaths and another 4,394 injuries caused by car accidents resulting in a total economic savings of \$307 million."

Of all the elected and public officials present at the signing and endorsing the law, the people that would benefit the most savings; Insurance companies, were not present.

Knight reports that, for the insurance industry itself, there is the need to minimize the risk of paying out money for losses. So, these insurance companies have their own programs to minimize risk, and some of the actions they take to minimize their risk are to the detriment of the American people.

"The old American risk-taking values have been nearly destroyed. We sit back and accept this usurpation of our right to risk. Too many of us would trade our freedoms for safety. This just isn't the American way."

When it comes to influencing legislatures to pass laws demanding that people reduce their risk, government has step over the line. Laws should not make people do the insurance industry's bidding, but they can make the risks of not doing so too high to bear for most people.

Another group of insurance industry engendered laws are those that require you to have a type of insurance. Auto insurance laws affect the most people. Many states require you to carry insurance to keep your license or register a car.

Drivers may get a ticket and points on



their license for not complying with any of these laws, even though no one has been hurt nor no property damaged.

Shouldn't it be up to the individual to determine their risk and decide whether to have insurance? States have literally mandated that the public have to give some of their money to insurance companies should they wish to drive a car.

Since when does government have the right to tell the public how to spend their money? Couldn't the public allow the risk of self-insurance?

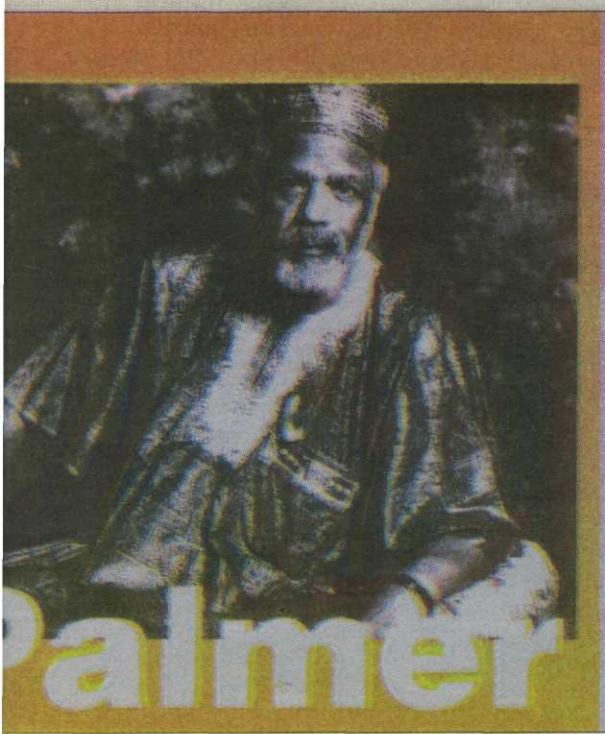
The whole concept behind the insurance industry is "you lose, I play". The voluntary customers are minimizing their personal risk of damage. Not to protect the assets of insurance companies.

Insurance companies encourage the behaviors through discounts as they do with non-smokers and non-drinkers for life insurance. The public is encouraged to avoid the simple risks of life.

When the United States was started, it was all about risk. Knight points out the founding fathers gambled their lives and fortunes to ensure that people could take risks and follow their heart's dream. Taking risks is what made this country great. Freedom is risk. Insurance is in the business of risk.

Illinois will receive \$31 million by the federal government for traffic safety related projects, but since the government took out some of the risk by passing the seat belt legislation, maybe the insurance companies who would benefit the most financially in the savings of lives, should pay the government instead of the candidates.

F. B. Knight, Curmudgeon-in-Residence at the Attila the Hun School of Management. He can be reached for questions at [fbk@akawordsmith.com](mailto:fbk@akawordsmith.com)



much and didn't hear anything said about him. I assumed nothing was said. We can never let the name of Lu Palmer come as General McArthur stated when he said "Old soldiers never died they just fade way." Lu Palmer has done too much for us to ever forget him, I've always considered him the blackest person I know and don't mean in color. I mean his interest in Black Americans. I don't know of any person who has spoken up in the interest of Blacks more than Lu Palmer. Had it not been for Lu Palmer we would never have had a Black Mayor in Chicago. At present he can't do what he has done. I think we could all who appreciate what he and his wife Georgia

have done should write them a letter or send them a card letting them know how much we appreciate them. What do you think?

Webb Evans, president  
United American Progress Association

### No Meetings for Mid-South

Dear Editor;

As a founding member of the Mid South Planning & Development Commission (MSP&DC) a decade ago, I am extremely concerned that the community-based, civic engagement organization that was created by indigenous community leadership to implement the "Restoring Bronzeville" Plan has not convened a monthly public meeting this year. Even Ray Charles can now see that lower income African American residents are systematically being displaced, while the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) and other well connected developers are rapidly rebuilding upscale housing on south State Street and all over Bronzeville that the current lower income residents cannot afford.

The rapid regentrification of Bronzeville is on a fast tract and leadership from MSP&DC is not saying anything about it.. Has the leadership of MSP&DC been bought off by IIT, established politicians and down developers?

There is a glaring need for MSP&DC, concerned local elected officials and a local candidate seeking the U.S. Senate seat in Illinois to convene a Town Hall meeting concerning the regentrification of the historic Bronzeville community.

Do we have to wait until our cultural institutions like Gladys's Restaurant, Gerri's Palm Tavern and the Checker Board Lounge are shut down and all lower income African Americans currently living in Bronzeville to be disenfranchised and displaced from the community before the city of Chicago, IIT, major developers and the private sector decide

to support the community's vision to develop Bronzeville into an internationally significant African American heritage tourism destination?

I remember as a member of the Economic Development Committee for MSP&DC several years ago, how the community planned to have Bronzeville ready as a tourism destination in time for the World's Series at Cominsky Park in 2003. Check out this news story that reflects the current conditions in Bronzeville in 2003. Chicago Tribune | U.S. Cellular all aglow, but poverty in shadows

Virtually,  
Harold L. Lucas

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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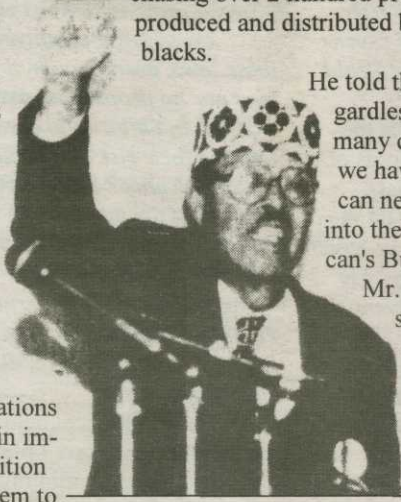
# SPIRITUAL

## Evans address the National Baptist Congress

Webb Evans, president of the United American Progress Association speaking at the National Baptist Congress convention held in Detroit, Michigan told the ministers the role of the Black Church using most of the our time discussing what happened to the children of Israel, should devote more time to dealing with what is happening to God's children of today.

The UAPA is working with church other organizations to get them more involved in improving the economic condition of blacks. Evans advised them to

support the Matak Network by purchasing over 2 hundred products produced and distributed by blacks.



He told them regardless of how many churches we have we can never get into the American's Business.

Mr. Evans stated that the church can play a major role in giving

leadership in getting Blacks for being just consumers to producers. He suggested that we all stick with the church but put more teaching about economic in it. If we don't we won't have enough money to take care of a program teaching about spirituality.

He asked them how many were holding meetings on what is happening to us today. Only three for four out of two to three hundred held up their hands.

But after the meeting several came to him and thanked him for asking the question and said they were going to start holding some meetings on what is happening to us at present.

## Religion: Rites, Rituals or Relationships



By Gerald Dew, Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church

Most students are taught at an early age the importance of mastering the three "R's"- Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. The understanding is that any student that masters these educational fundamentals, will insure for themselves levels of success that otherwise could not be reached.

Just as there are three "R's" in education, there are three "R's" in religion; rites, rituals, and relationships. Anyone who desires a healthy, growing, productive life should master the three "R's" of religion.

**First, Religious Rites** - Certainly religious rites vary from denomination, culture and geographical location, however, there are some basic rites common to all. The rites of: **Absolution** - Cleansing and or purifying oneself of sin, symbolized by baptism, foot washing, confession and repentance. **Communication** - Prayer and communion with God, on a continuous basis.

**Meditation** - Study and contemplation on the scriptures. When these rites of religion are understood, mastered and practiced, you will be well on the road to a healthy growing productive spiritual life.

**Second, Religious Rituals** - Rituals like Rites, are also variable but there are some constants:

**Worshipping** - Expressions of praise, adoration and thanksgiving, directed to God out of a sincere heart.

**Witnessing** - Sharing one's personal knowledge of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, and one's experiences of God's love, mercy and grace.

**Working** - This aspect of religion is related to the service that is rendered for the good of others, the growth of the church and the Glory of God.

**Finally, Religious Relationships** - If we look closely at the rites and rituals, we will quickly notice that both are directly connected with one's relationship with God and with others. Absolution initiates our relationship with God, while communication and meditation deepens and strengthens that relationship. Worshipping God is the response to the knowledge received through communication with Him, and meditation upon him. In other words to know Him is to worship Him. Witnessing and working are the efforts and actions, which express love and concern for the lost and less fortunate.

Witnessing and working confirms the horizontal relationships that we have with others. All of the other rites and rituals relate to the vertical relationship - the relationship that we have with God.

### the Question:

What is the leading cause of death in the African American community?

- AIDS
- Heart Disease
- Cancer
- Violent Crimes
- Accidents

## "Abortion Black genocide"

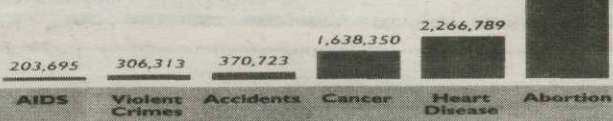
Coalition of Black Ministers Condemn 13 Million Deaths of Black Children as Genocide

### the Correct Answer:

Abortion

Approximate number of African American deaths since 1973

The fact is that more African American babies have been killed by abortion during the past 27 years than the total number of African American deaths from all other causes combined.



All figures are based on cumulative statistics provided by the U.S. Center for Disease Control

A sensitivity to persons from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds. But to a group of Black ministers a commitment to all women accessing safe, affordable abortions and the right to the full range of reproductive health care is one side of abortion, the other side is "Babies shouldn't be terrorized that way."

Rev. Ceasar I. LeFlore, Life Education and Resource network (LEARN) Midwest Director, says, "Every day in America 1,452 Black children are killed in the womb. This is nothing less than Black genocide. What a shame that in three days, more Black will be killed in the womb than the total number of people killed in the 9-11 tragedy. Babies shouldn't be terrorized that way."

The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe vs. Wade made it legal for women to abort their babies up to and including the moment of birth. The same day, a second decision, Doe vs. Bolton, defined the "health of the mother" as including physical, psychological, familial or any other reason for abortion. However, states kept the authority to regulate the abortion industry and set some limits on the

practice of abortion.

Illinois is the only Midwest state that has absolutely no abortion restrictions from conception all the way to allowing premature newborn babies to be left to die if parents so choose. Taxpayers fund abortions for women on Medicaid.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to me..." (Hosea 4:6)

"Black religious leaders are needed to stand with us, as we declare to the world that God abhors the killing of His children, and so do we!

A nationwide coalition of black ministers condemn abortion which has lead to the killing of 13 million Black children over the past 30

years by the abortion industry.

First annual Midwest Regional Conference presented by the LEARN took the position that abortion kills more Blacks than every other cause of death combined.

1,452 Black women abort their children everyday, many young enough to be considered as children themselves.

"Many of these women are still blurring, and sitting in the pews of our churches," said Rev. LeFlore.

LEARN hosted the First Annual Midwest Regional Pro-Life / Pro-Family conference entitled "Family Essentials for Black Family Survival" earlier this year.

On the flip side of this story there are organizations such as the Chicago Abortion Fund (CAF), who supports abortion.

According to Natrice Johnson a representative of CAF, the not-for profit organization that provides low-income women with information, referrals assistance for safe abortions, and education and advocacy responsible for the provision of direct services to their clients with phone referrals, financial counseling, and the allocation and authorization of loans and grants for abortion procedures. CAF activities involves in education/advocacy in support of abortion.

### Abortion Statistics For DuPage and Neighboring Counties

DuPage	1,434	1,311	1,217	2,074
Cook	26,685	30,271	30,913	32,882
DeKalb	190	192	170	220
Kane	549	396	432	712
Lake	1,167	925	932	1,022
McHenry	560	430	390	442
Will	500	429	727	710
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>45,924</b>	<b>49,403</b>	<b>50,147</b>	<b>53,613</b>
Married	6,880	7,084	7,729	8,643
Unmarried	32,485	36,288	37,192	39,399
Unknown	2,144	1,443	1,200	1,415

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# City Mirror

## DATES

### Thursday July 24

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

### Saturday, July 26,

#### The State's Dan Ryan Ramp Closure Plan:

Measuring the Impact on the Southside, Exit ramps at 43rd, 51st, 59th and 76th street are opt to be removed in the massive reconstruction of the Day Ryan Freeway. The Committee to Save the Dan Ryan will be meeting at 5531 S. King Drive at 10 am to address the impact of the closing of the ramps. State Officials and Illinois Dept. of Transportation have been invited to the meeting.

### Friday July 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.

## Announcement

### Time Dollar Tutoring Congratulations!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Time Dollar Tutoring Calvin Pearce - Executive Director, hosted the Awards Ceremony as over 250 Students earned an Internet Ready Computer. for their accomplishments with Time Dollar Tutoring Program of addressing computer training. Overall 4,525 computers have been placed in disadvantaged homes - 2,000 families online - 450,000 hours of additional instructional time after school 18,000 hours of parental involvement. Funded by Chicago Public Schools - Electronic Data Systems, Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs - WGN-TV Children's Charities - Chicago Community Trust - Peoples Energy Corp.- To get involved call 773-233-4442.

**"Child Find" Program Offers Free Developmental Screenings Citywide.** The Chicago Public Schools is offer-

ing 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.

dents and community organizations are providing input on the design of the campus and other key issues with construction. The contract is scheduled to be let this month on the selection of other demolition companies.

The development team selected by the Mayor and its Public Buildings Commission are working with both Alderman Arenda Troutman (20) and Shirley Coleman (16). As Ward Committeemen, they will be responsible in ensuring employment and contracting opportunities are provided to their wards. John Paul Jones of the Englewood Task Force says the public needs to ensure maximum local benefit from all development within the district to encourage wealth building among families.

Recently, Englewood representatives testified before the city council education committee, chaired by Alderman O'Conner on the community expectations of City Colleges. Jones stated the community reminded the city of their request to City Colleges to enhance the new campus with Railroad and Aviation training in anticipation of growth in the transportation industry. City Colleges recently received \$1 million grant for job training from Con-Rail Corp. (known as CSX Corp.)

Jones pointed out KKC deserves to have a Transportation Building dedicated toward this industry, not just automobile repair.

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

### BPAC to address Black/Arab economics

The Black Political Action Committee, is taking the actions of St. Sabina to another step by addressing economic infrastructure of the Black community, that will address the Arab/Black American relationship on the impact on jobs and economics in the community to the War in the Mid East

BPAC Executive Director said its organization have major concerns with the unforeseen lack of black local businesses which they have labeled as one of the worst declines of in history since public lynching.

## City Activism



**3rd Reparations lawsuit** took play on Monday, July 21 in support of the hearing on behalf of 35 million Africans in the US against several of the corporations that profited for the 'Tran's Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. The corporations included; Aetna, Fleet Boston Lloyds of London, CSX Corp. RJ Reynolds Tobacco, JP Morgan Chase. For information call the National Black United Front at (708) 389-9929.

### Englewood 63rd St. Development Update

As the Englewood Mall is closing most of its stores in anticipation of demolition warrants. Resi-

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# Amistad

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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."

## Under Police Custody

beaten. Grady's his son, Frederick B. Moore requested a copy of his father's autopsy report which he still has not received.

A Cook County Medical examiner representative confirmed Grady's injuries based on autopsy photographs and that he had had heart problems. Diane McGhee, sister of Mr. Grady disputed the claim

of any heart problems of her brother. "My brother was murdered" after the family secured a private autopsy, which led to questioning his bodily injuries to the head, neck, eye, and ribs. The private examiner asked, "What really happened in the cell?" McGhee said.

Dr. Choi, of the Cook County medical examiner was not available for comments to City Journal, nor returned telephone calls.

Bart Beale, the attorney for the Grady family, said at a news conference the death was questionable and "a lie." "It's hard to believe that Mr. Grady would call from the police station where he was arrested and would never be heard of again," The family was not aware of his death until two



Frederick Grady was well known on the Chicago blues circuit,

days later according to Beale.

Moore is requesting the preservation of the samples taken of the microscopic findings of the bruises as well as the status of his heart at the time of death.

As of deadline, two months after Grady's passing, the family has not yet received their request for any medical records.

Grady's family is calling on Illinois State's Attorney, Lisa Madigan's office and elected officials to investigate the true cause of death.

Grady was well known on the Chicago blues circuit, having played with such artists as; Buddy Guy, John Lee Hooker, Otis Clay to name a few and traveled the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

## Writers Club



Catherine Whitehead "Butterfly"

## THE WHITE MAN CELL

November 30, 2002

I will live through this, yes I will survive. I will tell how they beat my head on the prison cot as my brain burned like fire.

The punishment cells are small brain burned like fire.

The punishment cells are small and very cold

when I get out I will be fifty.

But I will survive anyhow.

I will tell them how I nearly froze during the nights.

But Jehovah God kept me for it was his fight.

I am his child and the courts just did not treat me right. I did not commit the crime, so I should not have to serve the time.

There are mice in the cells

I will tell them how I got my first wisps of gray hair

I will smile and say some jokes, and tell them how I had always had hope. And they will ask, doesn't it hurt to remember? And I will look at them and shake my head because these people talk like I am dead.

I am in jail a step in hell. I am serving time that is not mine. And they ask me like they are God.

They wonder why I am not crying and begging on my knees. You see I am not guilty so I do not have any need.

In here ones got to have some faith. Especially when sentenced for someone else's mistake.

They torture us by holding letters from those we love and mama can't afford no telephone.

The snake was Satan and his crew and now they want us to do as they do. Fifteen minutes to wash for hygiene. A meal of salt water and a piece of bread.

They threw me through the door; I struck my head and lost consciousness. They thought I was dead. But I was lucky because I knew a lot of my fellow inmates were beaten worse. Times of interrogation, they wanted conversation. My inquisitor said boy you best be grateful you not dead.

Imprison with men; Baptist, Apostolic, non-Denomination, and Catholic. One after the other relatives came not to visit but to bury their relative's body.

It was terrible. But I will survive. I will be coming out and then I will tell you how it was. And why I am still here. You see I know who I am they do not. I am the lost Son of God who has been found and restored unto his rightful place. No weapon against me shall prosper. And it has not.

By Lionel Whitehead # 384523  
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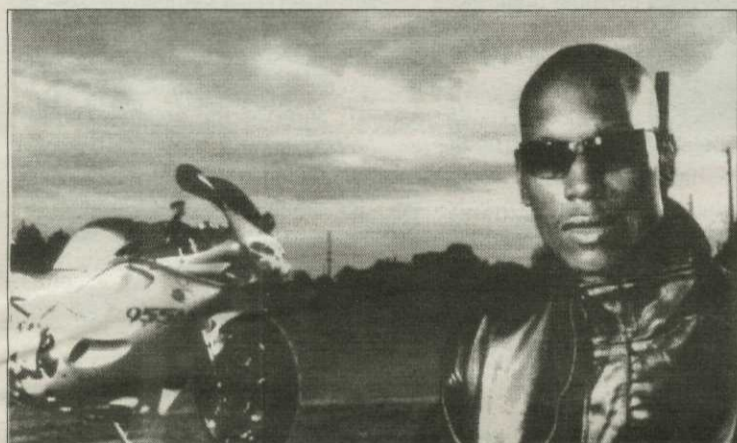
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Something Wikid This way Comes

Midwikid (Arista) (★★1/2) This debut CD from this Michigan City, Indiana-based group intends to represent Midwest gangster rap through the usual explicit lyrical excursion street life, love making, running with their homies and some occasional humorous moments such as their rap tribute to the Ice Cube movie, "Friday". Produced by KayGee, this rap duo lay down a formable but not overly distinctive foundation to build from in future recordings. Choice Selections: "A Ballad for My Niggaz", "We Live", "Like We Spomed Ta", "Debo", "Get It Gone", "Jose Cuervo", "Just Ride", "Art of War"



I Wanna Go There

- TYRESE (J Records) (★★★) In his third release that marks his label debut on Clive Davis' J Records, There is a funkier synergy which underscore a fresh scent to Tyreese's latest soul entry here. Right from the opening track, his current hit single, "How You Gonna Act like That?" demonstrates a fresher step to Tyreese's pep. Thanks to a creative array of songwriters and the instrumentation in this production. This also makes Tyreese's neo-soul approach have a better magnetic appeal for what is his strongest entry so far. Choice Selections: "How You Gonna Act like That", "How Do You Want It (Situations)", "I Must Be Crazy", "She Let Me Be A Man", "Kinna Right", "Girl I Can't Help It", "All Ghetto Girl", "I Wanna Go There", "Taking Forever"

GO WITH THE FLOW - Walter Beasley (N-Coded Music)

(★★★) As this CD title indicates, jazz saxophonist/vocalist Walter Beasley engages a familiar road of groove and artistry. Beasley's musical aura provides a rhythmic charm that is not as avant-garde as it could be. But "Go With The Flow" retains a pleasurable level that is soulfully inclined.

Occasionally, Beasley's melodic sax riffs echoes the memories of the late Grover Washington Jr. as on "Let Me Watch You". While Beasley fulfills a steady jazz feeling vocally on his rendition of Norah Jones' signature hit, "Don't Know Why" and Billy Ocean's "Suddenly" although lacking enough distinction.

Even though, this CD is commercially appealing, Beasley doesn't seem to bring out an adventurous spirit to this somewhat laid-back yet bouncy urban jazz setting. Therefore, Beasley's sax artistry isn't challenging enough. Even though her maintains a contemporary level that should charm the listener.

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

(★★★1/2)

This genesis leads to secrets, adventure, and a forbidden romantic in this stylish yet robust high seas adventure. "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" is another Disney theme park ride attraction that has been transformed into a movie. This is a movie that is never without a moment of adventure, imagination and an often unexpected and delightful wry sense of humor. Well crafted under the direction of Gore Verbinski who provided the chilling atmosphere in last fall's surprise horror thriller, "The Ring". And there's the smart and sophisticated script from screenwriters Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio who co-wrote the first Oscar winner for Best Animated Feature, "Shrek".

However, amidst a fine supporting cast, Johnny Depp is the film's catalyst as Captain Jack Sparrow, a charming yet outrageous scalawag who survived mutiny on his boat and marooned to die on an uncharted island. Sparrow happens to rescue the Governor's daughter, Elizabeth Swan (Keira Knight) while intending to steal a ship and crew.

This robust fantasy film represents the kind of Hollywood filmmaking that celebrates the glory and flair of a movie genre that will seem fresh and new. This movie is more like "Captain Blood" than "The Mark of Zorro" with Johnny Depp paying homage to the screen greats like Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Erroll Flynn and Robert Newton through his delightfully scandalous performance that adds chicanery and exciting to the movie. Even the special effects sequences are complimentary to the storytelling.

"Pirates of The Caribbean" scores as a broadside hit, full of vivid combination of exciting sea battles, sword-fencing duels, a tempestuous romance with light tongue-in-cheek humor. Shiver me timbers! All this from a movie



based on a theme park ride.

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Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle

(★★) This sequel goes into high gear that makes for a slick, sexy, and glossy action-packed thrill ride through its visually stunning larger-than-life special effects action sequences. The private detective trio is back and is more like special agents on their latest assignment. A skimpy plot line enhanced by all the aerial, explosive pyrotechnics, computer generated action sequences done to a rock video pace. The bad people want two brass rings that have secretly information on undercover agents. The bad people want those rings to sell to the highest bidding country.

After a long screen absence, Demi Moore returns as the fallen ex-Angel, Madison working with the bad guys that somehow Natalie, Dylan, Alex (Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu) must foil.

The addition of Bernie Mac playing the illegitimate brother to ousted Bill Murray is a welcome treat whose comedic comments are better than Murray's wry humor.

However, like all the men in this movie, it is these "Powerpuff Girls" that grab all the attention and action, kicking all the men to the curve in this way-out action movie satire on

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their brokers and even cutting costs such as employee training programs.

Bud Fox is a Wall Street stock broker with a burning desire to be a "player" working for ruthless stockbroker guru Gordon Gecko (Michael Douglas) It is moves like "Wall Street" that lead people to the interest of the Stock Market, rather greed was the driving force in the movie, The practice and massive earnings are simply accepted as a fact of life.

Nevertheless, A.G. Edwards is still aggressively recruiting and training new employees to work as financial consultants; and their targets are non-Caucasian. As one of the nation's top financial services companies, the St. Louis-based firm is using a variety of means to reach out and tap potential talent across the country. As the National Black MBA Association and the National Society of Hispanic MBA's hosted Barbara (Michael) Jordan at the Gilberto Pinela, Executive director of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan, St. Louis earlier this year. The Chicago program featured a presentation from a panel of financial experts and community leaders that addressed the ideas of self-empowerment and taking control of your financial future.

Median annual earnings of securities, commodities, and financial services sales agents were \$56,080 in 2000. The middle half earned

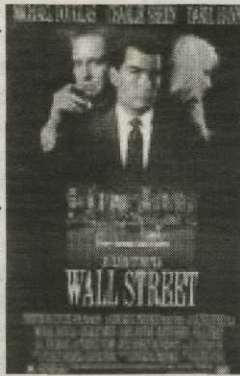
Security and commodity services	\$71,260
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Mortgage bankers and brokers	39,740
Personal credit institutions	37,690
Mortgage bankers and brokers	36,590

between \$33,630 and \$107,800. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$24,770; more than 10 percent earned \$145,600 or more.

Median annual earnings in the industries employing the largest numbers of securities and financial services sales agents in 2000 were:

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

As part of these recruitment efforts, A.G. Edwards, along with the Chicago chapters of the National Black MBA Association and the National Society of Hispanic MBAs, hosted a program to not only familiarize attendees



with the financial services industry as a possible career choice, but also included presentations on financial empowerment and how individuals can take control of their personal finances.

Training magazine recognized A.G. Edwards ranking it number 40 overall on the magazine's annual top 100 list for its comprehensive employee training programs. This is the company's third consecutive year on the list.

Most securities and commodities sales agents work in offices under fairly stressful conditions. They have access to "quote

boards" or computer terminals that continually provide information on the prices of securities. When sales activity increases, due perhaps to unanticipated changes in the economy, the pace can become very hectic.

Securities, commodities, and financial services sales agents held 367,000 jobs in 2000, including 90,000 who were self-employed. Of the wage and salary workers, 7 out of 10 worked for securities and commodities brokers, exchanges, and investment services companies. One in seven worked for commercial banks, savings institutions and credit unions. Although firms in all parts of the country employ securities and commodities sales agents, many sales agents work for a small number of large securities and investment banking firms headquartered in New York City

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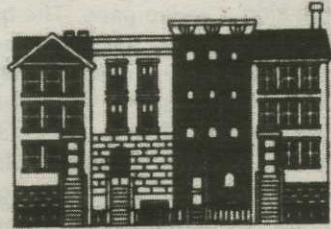
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## Sneak peek: Chicago's Largest minority-owned firms

June 27, 2003 Revenues were up for 15 of the 25 largest minority-owned firms in 2002, according to new data compiled by Crain's Chicago Business. Chicago-based professional services and technology consulting firm Synchronous Solutions Inc., which debuts on the list at No. 23, had the largest increase in revenues-116.7% to \$13.0 million.

Ariel Capital Management Inc., ranked ninth on the list, posted the second-largest revenue rise with an increase of 65.4% to \$56.7 million.

Among the minority-owned firms listed, No. 1 Johnson Pub-



Ariel Capital Management, Inc. was founded in January, 1983 by Chairman & Chief, John W. Rogers Jr.



Ebony Magazine was founded in 1945 by John H. Johnson

With 2,500 employees nationwide, Veluchamy Cos., a direct mail, banking and real estate company based in Downers Grove, was the largest employer on the list. Johnson Publishing, a publisher and television and film producer, follows with 2,076 employees.

Crain's list includes companies that are at least 51% owned and operated by a minority. In addition to 2002 revenues, each entry includes complete contact information, top executive, type of minority group ownership, year founded, number of employees and business service.

The complete ranking appeared in the June 30 issue of Crain's.

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# Michigan Blvd Apt. Saved 47th St. slated as America's 11 Most

The Bronzeville Community Development Partnership reports the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartment building is not only going to be saved but it was also chosen as one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Properties in the United States for 2003.

The Bronzeville Community Development Partnership, in conjunction with Bobbie Johnson of Race To Knowledge, Inc., the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments Residents Council, Bronzeville Historic Preservation Society and the Coalition To Save The Rosenwald, submitted a nomination to this years list

back in January.

Since 1988, the 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list has been one of the most effective tools in the fight to save America's irreplaceable architectural, cultural, and natural heritage.

Bobbie Johnson has been played a major role in stopping the demolition of the Rosenwald building which was closed for two years ago.

She announced to the Task Force for Black Political Employment that the Rosenwald

is saved and has its team of investors, and architect with Phillip Kuperitz who was present at the meeting.

In four months first construction will start and units can be bought for just under \$100 thousands.

It was reported that the alderman Tillman is supportive of the project.

Models are expected to open in about six months after construction. It is not clear who the owners are of the building.



Bobbie Johnson



Photo by Haroon A. Rajae

## Childcare Providers and housing

The Monroe Foundation, Hemlock Federal Bank and Chicago Dept. of Housing collaborate to Launch Homeownership Program for Childcare Providers

Designed to encourage childcare provides in the communities of Back of the Yards, New City, and Englewood to expand their self-economic and childcare entrepreneurship growth by moving from renting to homeownership. Pictured are two of the providers and children with a \$5,000 check by Hemlock bank towards the program.

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