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Shared issues and goals fueled Far South new Council opposing

City's removal of historical Statue

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Far South — The removal of a 10-foot triangular statue that depicts A. Philip Randolph, Milton Webster and Pullman Porters on the corner of 104th and Maryland Ave, sparked community attention to the overall planning of the far south side of Chicago. It resulted in the residents and organizations forming the Far South Community Accountability Council (FSCAC), along with a schedule of public meetings that will address issues from 95th Street to the city limits.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 pm at St. Titus Church; located at 10532 S. Corless at, responding to the City of Chicago to develop over 27 properties proposed on October 20th that includes statue.

"We are showing solidarity with each other and holding elected and government officials accountable." Said Chris White of the Rosemore Community and a spokesman for FSCAC. "Our initial task is to support the A. Philip Randolph Museum in its effort to to halt the de-

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Editorial

The PUSH for the Final Call Over the Rainbow



A historic conversation with...
FARRAKHAN JACKSON
OUR STORY TODAY FOR TOMORROW

The two most known Black leaders on earth met simulcast nationally, entitled "Our story Today for Tomorrow", moderated by WVON's Cliff Kelley, heading out of the November 2 election. Rev. Jesse Jackson and Minister Louis Farrakhan addressed the public November 5, 2004.

In the mayoral election bid of Bobby Rush in 1999, South Street Journal in a letter then followed by an editorial called for these two leaders to support Rush, not just in principle but in action.

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Raoul: Obama Replacement has same traits

Donnell Robinson
Staff Writer



Appointed
13th District
State Senator

Though many are pushing the celebrity status of newly elected Barack Obama to the U.S. Senate, his appointed replacement of the 13th district State Senator Kwame Raoul 40, takes on some of the same traits and community background with.

The Africa surname of the district Senator still holds, as well as both being a Hyde Park/Kenwood resident, both lawyers, both were appointed to the 13th District, (Obama

appointed after Senator Alice Palmer retired), both has children the same ages. And as Obama, Raoul and his family are members of Trinity United Church of Christ.

When ask about the big shoes he has to fill, Senator Raoul stated, he has his own, and Obama will be taking his to Washington D.C.

Relatively not the new kid on the block, Senator Raoul has had a progressive political profile as Obama as well. He has been a candidate for alderman twice for the 4th ward and

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U.S. Senate,
Barack Obama
former 13th
District Senator

Ex-cop breaking Silence on Burge police torturing



Photo: TV onlineNews clip

As the wall of silence has been broken and one of Chicago's own police officers has come into to the spot light to tell what he knows about the torture of over 118 Black police victims at Area 2 & 3 Districts involving former Police Commander Jon Burge (above), on Thursday, December 18th at 6:30 PM, at the Chicago Police Headquarters, 3510 S. Michigan, eighteen family members of the Enough is Enough Campaign (EIEC) will bring the issues to the Police Board Public Hearing to confront Chicago's top brass and demand that Superintendent Klein fire and recommend indictments for Burge detectives still on the Chicago Police Department pay roll.

Public protest forced the firing of Burge in 1993. The supporters of the victims were outraged that Cook County State's Attorney's Office Richard Devine has not prosecuted Burge or reopened the cases of alleged victims.

Burge was forced to come back to Chicago on September 1st from his home in Florida to testify, due to attorneys pardoned death row inmate Madison Hobley and Aaron Patterson civil suit as a victim of Burge. Burge pleaded the 5th amendment, in not incriminating himself in any of

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'Enough to make a Negro turn Black'

Lu Palmer

In his own words Reflects on years of activist

The following is a reprint of the Final Call
By James Muhammad:

Journalist/activist Lu Palmer, 79 (at passing 82) began his career writing for the Chicago Defender and the Chicago Daily News, among other publications. Known for his advocacy of Black causes, Bro. Lu left the white press and the Black press and started his own publication. In 1971, he started a radio commentary called "Lu's notebook," which eventually led him in 1986 to hosting the "On Target" talk show on Black-owned WVON-AM radio in Chicago.

On April 14, Bro. Lu will be (2001) celebrated with a retirement party by the station and community after some 30 years in the news business. During his career, Bro. Lu has displayed a

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SSJ file photo

Lu Palmer (right) at one of the many Chicago Black United Community (CBUC) rallies, known for setting the stage for political accountability, direction and roll call of political leadership. Eddie Read (top l).



Inside
Quizitive
& Activist

UnZip

The Weatherman



Surprising that **Derrick Mosley** (r) with **Wallace "Cator" Bradley** protesting **ABCTV**, that the station was the first to report on the allegations of Mosley.



To the original unzipper, political handymen **Ziff Sistrunk** lent a big hand in this issue of the South Street Journal. Two business chambers for Bronzeville; The **Bronzeville Chamber of Commerce**, lead by **John Blair** and the

Bronzeville's Black Chamber of Commerce is supported by **Ald. Dorothy Tillman** with **Arness Dancy** and...China town **Amour Square** (which is part of the 3rd and 11th ward of Bronzeville) is rapidly expanding south to 33rd Street along the Dan Ryan Freeway, and in **Lake Meadows**.

Mayor Richard M. Daley is to expand the city's camera surveillance network with 250 additional cameras under a \$5.1 million project funded through a **Federal Homeland Security** grant. However, people on 78th street with the blue lights flickering, between Yates and Kingston wondered has **President Bush** advised the city that those cameras should be on people that are terrorist, or where the terrorist will hit first? The first phase of the project will be completed by spring 2006 before the election of 2007, making **Will Smith's** movie, "**Enemy of the State**" more real.... This is in line with telephone wiretapping of people that had telephone calls with **Aaron Patterson**.

"For quality service, Your telephone call will be recorded and videoed."



Rothschild Liquor Stores are facing a community "Lets shut them down" on east 63rd by **the Men in Black**.

Black Contractor's story continues. **Rev. Tolbert** is concerned that **Rev. Senator James Meeks** \$100 mil. Church has 5% Blacks working on the project. A member **L. B. of Selma**, said, "You all stop talking about my preacher." She declared. "He tried all he can to get Black contractors on the job." **Juanita Reed** agrees, "You just can't find a good Black Contractor. "I'm going to get me some Hispanic contractors, they work good for less money." **State Rep. Ken Dunkin** added, "80% of the black workers I refer for jobs, can't pass the drug test. Now go print that." Well the brothers that meet on 43rd and State Street every morning says they aren't".

In honor of Veterans Day **Derrick David Stinson** of the Mathews House is the new president of **America Legion**, following his father.

Mark Loveless would be interested to know that E-Voting Returns Mixed Results Makers of electronic voting machines declared victory for their technology in this year's Presidential Election, but computer scientists, who collected thousands of reports of vot-



December 4th Committee remembers: Chairman Fred Hampton Sr.

STILL ALIVE AFTER 35 YEARS!

Rather young and rebellious the Black Panther Party success and contributions were a sacrifice that gave America a wake up call to democracy.

With that sacrifice came the murder of some Panthers, and the arresting, and jailed of others. In 1969 Chicago witness then States Attorney John Harahan directed one of it's most brutal attacks on the Black Liberation movement. The killing of Chairman Fred Hampton, 21 (photo l and r) and Defense Cap-

Fred Hampton (l) and at death on December 4, 1969. (Continued on page 10)



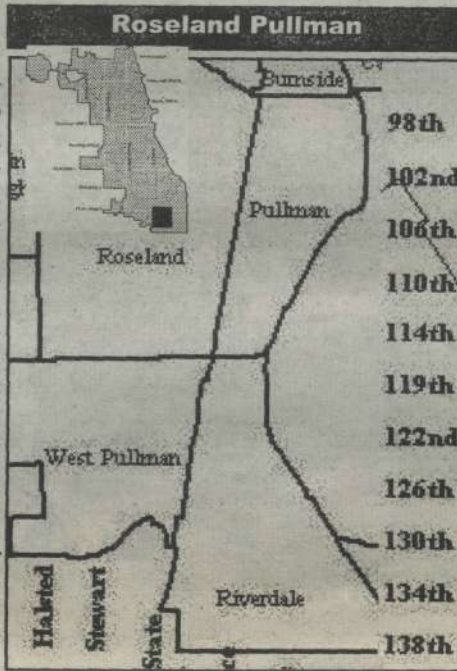
Far South Accountability meeting

(Continued from page 1) struction of the A. Philip Randolph Monument, which would also save the children's park and the museums parking lot which is critical to the museums operations.

Community representatives met with Lynn Hughes, Director of the museum when she received a letter on September 23, 2004 indicating that the city was planning to take drastic action to remove the statue. The letter expressed that if the museum did not remove the it by Wednesday, September 29, 2004 the city would.

Overall Concerns

Shared issues and with compatible goals aside concerns also were raised that addressed as far south to Agelget Gardens that residents were not being properly informed regarding immediate and long term plans for the area. The business association had concerns regarding interment domain of property along Michigan



Ave, and (specifically) Scott Enterprise on 115th and Michigan where the City has designated the area as Rose-land and michigan as a redevelop-ment project area for proposed shopping mall is being proposed on both sides of the corner, where an intend for acquisition of Scott and surrounding businesses property.

The Department of Plan-ning and Development

(DOP) Area Coordina-tor told SSJ she is fully aware of the plans for the area and land use projects but referred inquiries to press repre-sentative Pete Scales who did not return phone calls.

Upon contacting Ald. Anthony Beal (9), SSJ was referred to his press representative concern-ing the project, who was uninformed regarding the name of the pro-gram, its goals or if the statue on the 104th street lot was part of the city plans to remove it.

The Museum plight

After numerous at-tempts to acquire the property, the museum was told they could not redeem the property because the city was not the owners. In June of 2002 the city obtained the lot for back taxes. Hughes said the city then offered the lot for the market rate. In a letter dated April 2004, the City informed Hughes it was initiating the process to rec-ommend to the City Council the sale of the lot to the mu-seum, and that they (the mu-

seum) would be informed of the outcome. The recom-mendations never happen.

As the statue remains standing today, the DOP re-leased a RFP (Request For Proposal) that targeted de-velopment of the 30 housing units in the North Pullman community that included the 104th and 105th blocks of S. Corliss and Maryland Ave. including the lot of where the statue stands.

"The question is why?" asked Hughes "The city has no plans for this lot, and the museum has made it very clear they wish to purchase the lot from the city."

"What this means is that not only will the monument represent an important seg-ment of our history that will be destroyed, the museum will loose their parking lot, and the business of the mu-seum will be disrupted."

When the museum opened in 1995, adjacent to the lot, it was abandoned with car tires and debris. Hughes stated museum members had the lot cleaned and made numer-ous unsuccessful attempts to locate the lot owners; later they also had the land paved,

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Report: Minority Patients are under funded at Advocate Health Care

"Separate and Unequal" report reveals racial redlining in hospital investment. Advocate Health Care practices "medical apartheid" by disproportionately investing more resources in hospitals serving white patients at the expense of hospitals serving minorities, according to a new research report.

Separate and Unequal: Racial Redlining in Investment at Advocate Hospitals, a study prepared by the Hospital Accountability Project, examined Advocate's applications to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board seeking approval for significant capital expenditures between 1995 and 2003.

"Our people confronted red-

lining in real estate. Discriminatory lending in banking. Now a "Medical Apartheid" like system of health care delivery," said Rev. Clarence Ray Kelley, pastor of Pathway Missionary Baptist Church on the west side, and a leader of the Metropolitan Alliance of Congregations. Kelley was joined with other pastors, community leaders, and Advo-

cate employees to release the report and call for reform at a press conference December 1, outside Advocate Bethany Hospital, on the corner of W. Van Buren and S. St. Louis Ave.

The research revealed that Advocate Health Care:

■ Invested almost 800% more - \$232 million compared

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Raoul takes Obama place

ran for state representative as well. An opponent of Alderman Toni Preckwinkle, she and Leslie Hairston (5) were instrumental in supporting Raoul for the position. Senator Raoul has served as the director of volunteer legal clinics in each of their wards.

With an unwavering community involvement, Raoul's commitment to public service and firm grasp of Illinois law have prepared him to represent the interests of the 13th District.

The new Senator told SSJ his first weeks in Springfield will be spent getting the grasp of the issues at hand.

In what to expect of the new Senator, "I'm not worried about the expectations of my district," Raoul said, "The voters of the district have a progressive nature in their voting pattern, which is a

good base that I have always had in what to expect from me."

"However, my priorities will be on education. I will be working with Senator James Meeks for the equalization of the school system from K-12 grades. And apprenticeship programs."

And in addition the Senator said he will make his office more of a community service office such as aldermen do.

"Many times people do not know who their State Senator or State Representative are. They tend to be removed from the community operating from Springfield, that will not be the case in the 13th District," Raoul said.

His personal commitment to the people of the South Side of Chicago was fostered early in his life by the work of his father,

who served as a physician to the Woodlawn, North Kenwood, Grand Boulevard and Englewood communities for over thirty years.

The Senator is also the founder and director of the Janin and Marie Raoul Foundation, which promotes healthcare as a human right. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Cook County Bar Association and the Cook County Bar Foundation. He has also served as a member of the Quad Community Development Corporation's Community Enrichment Committee.

Senator Raoul holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from DePaul University and a law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1993, he was a former Cook County Prosecutor and now Senior Attorney for the City Colleges of Chicago,

Kwame lives with his wife Kali, son Che (6) and daughter Mizan (4).



Chicago Casino Gambling on Black & Low income

With a Chicago based casino being a major course to stimulating the economy and generate revenue without raising taxes, opponents say the public will be the real loser if State Legislators and gambling interests work out a deal.

"Casinos only make money if patrons lose it, targeting minorities and low-economic families", reported Noah Leavitt, director of Advocacy and Policy of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.

"Typically, casino patrons are disproportionately people of color, those receiving public assistance, single mothers, lower income groups and the elderly."

He added that these populations lose a greater percentage of their annual income as compared with upper-income residents. Advertisements target minorities with the promise of quick riches.

Juanita Reed of Bronzeville, an occasional gambler at casinos and of the lottery, agreed saying every third of the month the buses come to get the seniors. "If casino gambling comes to Chicago it would be devastating," as she recalls an elderly woman who spends \$80 on pick-four tickets at one time.

"The casinos surrounding Chicago have 65% black patrons. People will leave work, and

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Raising attention on Police torturing ring

the cases.

The policeman breaking the code of silence is a major action on behalf of the Burge's police torture victims. This could very well set a precedent and thus help to seal the fate of men tortured with electroshock, suffocation and beatings explained Joan Parkin of EIEC.

"Most of these men still languish in prison for crimes they did not commit. Burge is the one who should be in jail for human rights violations!

The Role of States

Attorney Richard Devine.

Nineteen men have officially claimed to have been tortured when Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine was First assistant under then State's Attorney Richard Daley. Devine defended Burge for 24.5 billing hours, when charges were brought against him for torture. The City of Chicago paid Devine's law firm \$800,000 to defend the police who were brought up on charges of torture.

Among EIEC grievances is Devine's refusal to reopen cases of 12 men on Death Row and 60 others serving sentences based on confessions allegedly coerced by police torture under Burge.

Devine claims too many years have gone by without any medical records to prove cases. His office also states that the statute of limitations to bring a suit against the officers has passed.

The Cook County Judiciary was disqualified because 41 of the 61 Judges had worked in the State's Attorney's Office and 4 of the 41 were former police officers. Joan Parkins a representative for the Enough is Enough Campaign "stated "Its time to put a human face on the story and bring the families and the victims to the forefront."

"It's not just about Burge but about the dozens of officers he trained to work directly under him."

Parkin said the other detectives includes: Dignan, Byrne, O'Brien, Maslanka, Palladino, Boudreau, Halloran, Yucatis, and others.

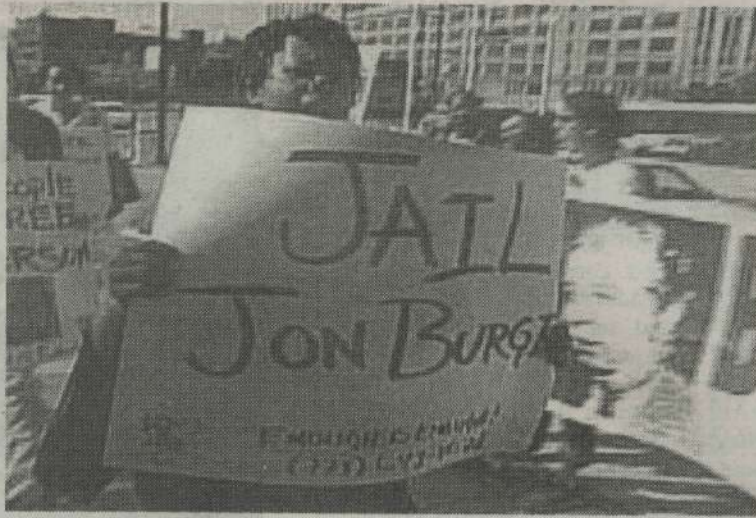
Attorney General Lisa Madigan who replaced Devine on the Burge cases for his conflict of interest, said she would never cover up the truth.

The Reader newspaper reported Chicago's Office of Police Standard's that there have been 400 cases sent to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office since January 1, 1999. However, only 'one' prosecution of a Chicago Police Officer has resulted, and it was for 'off duty' behavior.

Mayor Daley

"It's also about Mayor Daley, who was States Attorney when most of the Burge victims were tortured. His then assistant, and Devine, both have concealed the truth and obstructed justice for the victims for decades.

Attorneys for several former death row inmates say a memo warning about the



Public protest forced the firing of former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge. But was outraged that Cook County State's Attorney's Office Richard Devine has not prosecute Burge and reopening the cases of alleged victims.

alleged actions of Burge had been sent to Daley when he was a prosecutor, and that memo was simply ignored.

Plaintiff attorney Flint Taylor wants to know what did Mayor Daley know, or what didn't he know.

The fight to question Mayor Daley is intensifying as attorneys for alleged police torture victims pursue the case in court. They claim Daley failed to take action against Burge as far back as 1982, after a letter was written to him by former Police Superintendent Richard Brezcek. They say it was a warning to Daley of alleged brutality but nothing was done.

When the Mayor was State's Attorney at least 69 alleged torture cases took place while Burge and his alleged right-hand man John Byrne were accused of torturing murder suspects.

Daley has said little about the highly publicized and embarrassing civil case against the city, which now stand at more than 120 cases of alleged torture, and the two investigators. Taylor says cover-ups of the torture have gone on for decades. And that the city just recently turned over 14 more cases of alleged electric shock torture cases kept confidential for nearly 20 years, but the city is fighting in court to keep Daley, Devine and head city lawyer Mara Georges from testifying under oath.

Daley's press office did not return SSJ calls on the matter.

Aaron Patterson



Former death row inmate and community activist, Aaron Patterson also was a victim of Burge. He was arrested as the result of a sting operation orchestrated by the FBI for the intent to sell illegal drugs and the possession of guns. Upon his arrest Patterson did not have drugs nor guns in his possession, but based on his intent was recorded conversations by the FBI. The Committee to save Patterson says the charges are no coincidence. They have petitioned Federal Court Judge Pallmeyer to grant a reduced bond to Patterson, pointing out that a no bond is unreasonable. To take into consideration Patterson is not a flight risk when he has a pending 30 million dollar law suit against City officials and Chicago Police for wrongful conviction/incarceration on death row, and police torture.

Uncover the cover up

After more than 20 years, someone with inside information has confirmed the stories told by dozens of African American men tortured.

In 1987, Chicago Police Detective Robert Dwyer bragged to his sister Ellen Pryweller, "I can make anyone confess to

anything", referring to the likes of Madison Hobley, Leroy Orange, Patterson and Stanley Howard, members of the Death Row 10 who were pardoned by former Governor George Ryan in January 2003.

Ms. Pryweller has videotaped a statement about her brother's boast that investigative journalist Carol Marin obtained from victim Hobley's lawyers and broadcast on NBC News. Hobley said that Pryweller's willingness to testify on his behalf against Chicago's police torturers is a "blessing" and "a long time coming".

Hobley was arrested and charged with murder for setting a fire that killed his wife, child and five other people. Almost before the Fire Department had determined the cause of the fire, Burge and his detectives began torturing Hobley into



The detective placed 13 year old Marcus Wiggins in a chair next to the table and placed each of his hands, extended in front of him, on the table. The detective turned the knob on the silver box and it emitted a 'whirring' sound...As Wiggins hands were extended in front of him and rested palm down on the interrogation table, Det. Maslanka, placed a small plastic paddle on each of the handles extending upward from each paddle. When he did so a jolt of electricity was emitted and Wiggins head thrust backwards, his eyes rolled up and back in the sockets, his jaw clamped together, he couldn't keep his eyelids open and felt like he was being 'knocked out.' After being shocked with electricity from the silver box, Wiggins apparently made a second statement to Det. Maslanka of which he has no memory of making."

making a false confession. James Sotos, representing Burge and several of the detectives accused of torturing suspects, said attorneys representing Hobley shared confidential information with the media, resulting in an unfair trial if a judge doesn't keep the people who are suing him from going to the press with information.

Judge Geraldine Soat Brown agreed in part, ruling attorneys may no longer share videotaped or written depositions with the media.

Supporting the press conference were family, and friends of the victims who were tortured by police. Carolyn Wiggins, mother of 13 year old victim Marcus Wiggins; Yolanda Farland, daughter of tortured and murdered victim Chapman McFarland; Jean Tillman, Mother of Michael Tillman; Mildred Henry, mother of, Kilroy Watkins; Mary Ornelas, mother of Robert Ornelas; Mary Williams, mother of William Ephraim; Valery Mays, family of Daryl Cannon; Janice Pass and Gerald Campbell, family of Andre Brown; Esther Ohiku, family of Harold Hill; Norman Withers, father of Dorcus Withers; Cheryl Taylor, Mother of Malik Taylor, Reginald Mitchell, Father of Edward Mitchell; Grace Warren, mother of Wrongfully Convicted LaRon Warren, and others.

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confident, that should we continue to be vigilant, unified, active and committed, we will ultimately see the highest principles of peace, equality, justice and fairness for all realized for our nation. I invite you to participate in an "election recap" on December 10 at Edna's Resturant, 3175 West Madison, Chicago and our annual Christmas Party, December 16, Columbus Park, 500 South Central, Chicago.

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Elaine White is soon to be relocate from the Robert Taylor homes. Her home on 48th and Federal is soon to be closed and demolished as the other 25 Taylor High rises underneath the C. H.A Transformation Plan, and .

Most of the residents that are in this building feel as if they are walking on egg shells. They don't want to step the wrong way and break something and end up losing their low income housing.

White is a long time resident of Taylor homes. "I have seen a lot of management companies such as Moorhead and Associate as well as others come and go just as fast as they came."

But recently White had a close encounter with the management of Interstate Reality that made her a little curious when it came to paying rent with a blank payee.

"When Mr. Gardner who is in charge of Robert Taylor (B) residents rent wanted my mother's money order for her rent to stay blank I felt deep down in my soul something wasn't right," White said.

Public housing residents duke with Blank Money Orders

By Ms. Beauty Turner



"The day before, the receptionist in the office told my mother since she was moving out of this building soon she wouldn't have to pay her rent, so my mother who is 86 years old gave me the money order to safe keep."

So that is just what I did, the next day Mr. Gardner came to my door and asked for my mother's rent, but he also asked me to go back to the currency exchange and change the money order over so that it can read up top a blank spot, his excuse was that the company Interstate reality would be soon changing their name so he would fill in the blank when they change so her rent can be up to date, for some reason that didn't sound right but

I didn't question it at that time, so I had my daughter go to the currency exchange and do what he asked, and take the money order to Mr. Gardner she did that after thinking about it for a while I decided to go and inquire about those types of tactic blank money order being given to him," White said.

"I asked him for my mother money order back he wouldn't give it to me, so I called C.H.A head office and told them what he did I talked to Kelvin Collin, who intern talked to Ms. Jones who was Gardner Supervisor, Ms. Jones was not available for commit by press time but in order to make a long story short Gardner was fire.

After hearing Whites story I

couldn't help but wonder how many more low income residents that is in this desperate situation did Mr. Gardner do this to? So I went on an inquiring journey to see if the main parent organization top C.H.A officials were aware of these type of action taking place by the people that they contracted to take care of their properties? And also to find out why no body in that office in the Robert Taylor home didn't tell them about those types of actions that was being done? After all C. H.A is suppose to be the head men in charge, right.

I called Kelvin Collins a C. H.A official and he confirmed what White said about Mr. Gardner was correct, "Plus Interstate reality is conducting

an investigation to find out how many more people have been taken advantage of and they would receive restitution," Collin told me.

All of the residents are on pens and needles not wanting to lose their rights to replacement housings.

So right now they will do what ever it takes to keep a roof over their heads and some people in management authority know that type of feeling breed fear in a person who haves no money and no resources.

I also called Derek Hill C.H. A communicator and asked him was he aware of this type of action? "This is a matter I was not aware of but I will definitely look into it. Hill said.

Beware of wolves with sharp teeth in sheep clothing's- (a message to the residents, if it doesn't sound right and it bites check it out!)



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The Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees approved the recommendation from its President Salme Steinberg to rename the Inner City Studies Center in honor of the great ancestor, Dr. Jacob H. Carruthers. It is now the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies. The CICS Community, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, the community, friends, and supporters were present for the great occasion in witnessing this historic renaming decision.



month and every Sunday 6 pm - 8 pm at The Temple of Mercy Association, 775 7 S. Halsted 2nd Fl, 773-429-7248. **Sunday December 5th:** Min. Michael Muhammad, Min. Rahim Chessed Aton, Syron Smith, **Sunday Dec. 12th** - Chairman Fred Hampton Jr., Bro. Mark Carter, Bro. Arnes Dancy, **Sunday Dec. 19th** - Chairman Ephriam Ben Ephriam, Bro. Darronte Loflon, Sis. Shihara, **Sunday Dec. 26th** - Speakers Forum Q&A (Umoja - Unity) MATUNDA YA KWANZAA, **Sunday Dec. 31st** - Kuumba - Creativity/ Day Of Reflection/ Conscious Poetry & Music. "Black Conscious" Righteous Movement Dedicated to The Elimination Of Self - Genocide In Our Communities.

Friday, December 10 Kemet Institute presents the African Forum Series 2004, issues in contemporary Africa and the Diaspora featuring presentations: Nate Clay address the role of Afro-Arabs in the De-

struction of Black Civilization and the Impact of Arab Imperialism. To be held at the Center for Inner City Studies, 700 East Oakwood blvd. program begins 7:00 pm, for info call 773.268.7500, ext. 145.

Saturday, December 11, Rev. Willie T. Barrow, "The Little Warrior," co-chair emeritus of Rainbow PUSH, will be joined by over 800 friends and supporters at her 80th birthday gala. This black tie optional dinner, hosted by "Friends & Godchildren of Rev. Barrow," will take at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel located at 151 East Wacker Drive at 7:00 p.m. American Family Insurance is the presenting sponsor.

December 26th kicks off Kwanzaa. The Black Holiday

was founded by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966. The word Kwanzaa comes from a kiswahili phrase "Matunda Ya Kwanzaa", meaning "First Fruit". The Kwanzaa holiday was created to reaffirm and restore our African Heritage and culture. The practice of Kwanzaa is a 7 day observance from December 26th through January 1st.

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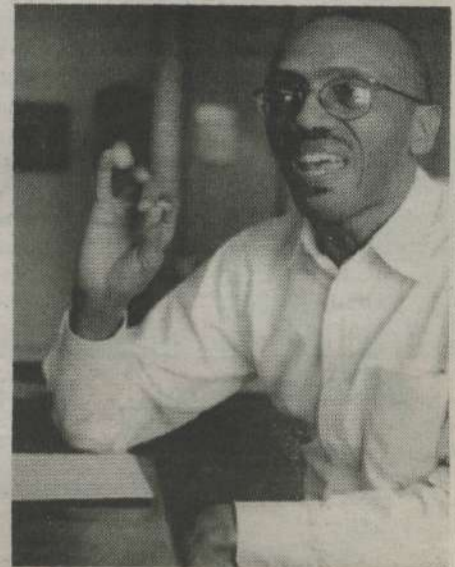
Monday, November 29, Chicago Public Library presents "Strong Heart with Integrative Care for Heart Disease" with Nicole King, MD; an integrative Physican incorporating conventional and alternative treatments for adult diseases to help achieve Optimal Health. Starts at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the auditorim at the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library, 9525 Sw. Halsted Street. For more infor call (312) 747-6921.

Friday, December 3, Unity Englewood Outreach Ministries host every Friday night church and commuity focus, 823 W. 69th Street. For info call elder Leon Daniels at 773-224-6438

Sunday December 5th - kicks off Black Leadership

"In the United States

- ★ 4 out of 10 Black males graduate from high school?
- ★ Close to 900,000 black men in jail and only 600,000 in college.
- ★ The new face of HIV/ Aids is a young Black woman and that Black children are 80% of all children with HIV/AIDS?
- ★ A young girl who has a baby before 21 years old, out of wedlock, is almost sentencing her child to a life of poverty and despair?
- ★ That young Black families are disappearing. Who are Black girls going to marry and what is going to happen to the Black family? Did you know this? Ask Philip Jackson,



Black Star and Toyota launch Initiative

Committed to education development on Saturday, December 4, Black Star Project's Fathers Club of their South Suburban Chapter in partnership with Community Mennonite Early LC (CME) will be calling all Fathers, Stepfathers, Foster Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, Uncles, Brothers, and Significant Male Caregivers to reach out to men to address the above issues surrounding children. The meeting will be held at 10:00 am, at CME located at 3215 W. 162 Street.

"All of these young men and women have fathers. Where are they?" Stress Philip Jackson, director of Black Star. "This is a challenge from the Black, Latino and White women in the south suburbs for their men to come together and save all our children."

In furthering Black Star initiative in education, at the meeting Toyota Motor Sales partnership with Black Star will be introduced; The Parent University will also be available to send parents back to school with a committed \$240,000 grant from Toyota. The new three-year program is to help parents obtain skills and resources to build strong families.

Jackson created the program for parents who need additional support to build stronger families. Local parenting experts, who will serve as "professors," will teach courses that range from educating children about resolving conflict to developing financial literacy. The initiative that began in Chicago with an

expected national expansion. "Parents and young people face many obstacles," said Jackson. "The Parent University will provide them with support and resources to help guide their families. It will open doors for parents who may not traditionally have access to these services, providing a strong foundation for developing children who honor themselves and their communities."

Education is Toyota's primary philanthropic focus in which the Chicago Public Schools has been closely involved with this effort and others made by the Black Star Project to improve student's education.

Locally, Toyota has supported the Black Star Project's key education initiatives for more than four years. Overall in 2003, Toyota U.S.A. contributed \$31 million to community-based organizations with more than half of its donations benefiting educational programs.

"Men and women of all races, ethnicities and faith backgrounds should attend this meeting," Stated Jackson, "We are recruiting men to become active in the educational lives of our children; to become good fathers, role models, educators and leaders for their children; and to help organize other men door-to-door, block-by-block, and school-to-school for all children to have a fair chance in life."

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Accountability

erected an iron fence and converted it to a parking lot.

Through the Museum, Hughes introduced a history that was not mentioned in the city of Chicago until 1990. Most noted was from gained popularity from the national documentary of the '10, 000 Black Men Name George'.

Ms. Hughes continues to push for acknowledgement of the monumental contribution made to labor and the civil right movement made by A. Philip Randolph and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car porters.

9th Ward agenda

Ald. Beal speaking on Straight



Talk TV program did indicate that the community is moving ahead with a focus on the Michigan Ave strip for more diversity of businesses.

However, this was an area of concern from John Edwards Fashion and President of the Roseland Business Development Council for over 20 years. "We have submitted a business survey of the needs for business to the Alderman and the city but have not received an overview of the Alderman's plans, nor have they replied on our business development plans or survey."

Moreover, many others with a stake in the community don't see a community input process in the 9th ward, said Mr. White who has been advocating an ambitious accountability of elected officials.

Salim Al-Nurridin, a supporter of Alderman Beal said the far south area hasn't quite reached that new era of development as most parts of the city. "However, the alderman and the city are in the process of addressing the proper plans, policies, financing vehicles and other incentives to make a prosperous future possible for the area."

Because Mayor Daley is proponent of open green space, a letter has been sent to the Mayor requesting his assistance in removing the two parcels of lots of the museum from the RFP and "to bring this unfortunate situation to an end," stated White.

"Citizens have a right to know the direction of the community. It is essential for the city to honor its original position to have the museum have ownership of the lot and a process that address the blatant abuse of power of community ownership."

In all, there will be four to five community meetings for the Far South of Chicago, that would include parts of the 34th ward as well.

For information or dates and locations call 773-759-2749. For information on the far south development and a complete copies of the RFP, including goals and submission requirements call Karen Forte at 312-744-0538.

Valencia E. ROSS, Candidate for Alderman in Calumet City.



A resident of the 7th ward, in Calumet City. Ross is committed to the growth and development of the South Suburbs, specifically Calumet city.

As Alderman of Calumet City she would be an effective voice for the people so that they may be heard supporter say.

Once elected she said she would implement a monthly community based forum so that the constituents would be educated on accessing available city services and address

school programs for the youth.

Currently employed with the Cook County Public Defender's Office where she serves as the secretary for the Attorneys and Investigators.

Her experiences as a secretary, Community Forum Coordinator, Mentor, Sunday School Teacher, formal political scheduler and foster parent all have one thing in common, that is

concerns of the community in a more effective matter.

"I believe that it is important for a community to have a strong support system for both the seniors and the youth in the community. I am committed to strive to enhance programs for to have open dialogue with the school board to assist with the implementation of quality after

being able to assist others in their time of need "I am running for alderman to be a servant to the people. It's clear with the police brutality at Thornton Fractional North High School that Calumet City needs a greater diversity with its police force and through out the city government."

Before the November 2nd Election the Hip Hop Political Action Committee and the People for President Campaign organized a Voter's Registration Drive in the Calumet City. An essential effort for Ross to win the election in February 05, and to make changes in the city. "We hope to have the greatest voter's registration drive that Calumet city has ever since." said Ross.

My plan to win this election door to door, block by block and precinct by precinct to encourage the 7th ward residents to get involve and help improving the quality of life for the ward.

"I will deliver a more comprehensive platform following the filing of my petitions.

Valencia Ross can be contacted at 708-427-7978

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'Enough to make a Negro turn Black'

Inside the Quizitive & Activist

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passion for his profession and the cause of liberating Black people, a mission that has been exhilarating and disappointing, he says. Bro. Lu is known for a phrase he coined, "It's enough to make a Negro turn Black" and for leading the effort to elect Chicago's first Black mayor, Harold Washington. He spoke with *Final Call* editor

James G. Muhammad.

Final Call News (FCN): When I mentioned your upcoming retirement party, you said you feel glad and sad. Please explain.

Lu Palmer (LP): I had considered retiring before, but I kept on going and going. I am glad in the sense that I don't have that responsibility anymore, as much as I enjoyed it. But, of course, I'm sad because it cuts my relationship to the people, my direct relationship.

FCN: You are perhaps one of the most noted Black journalists in the city. Can you recap some of the highlights of your career and some of the things that really caused you concern.

LP: When I was with the white press, I was astonished. I already knew how racist the white press was, but being in it really let me know the reality. I finally quit because I couldn't take it anymore. But it also let me realize the extraordinary power of the media and the extreme responsibility we, as Blacks, have in the media. When I was speaking in those years, I would ask to be introduced as a Black journalist because my whole career was spent advocating for Black people. And that, of course, is the very opposite of what we were taught in these white journalism schools, that you don't advocate. You are supposed to be "objective." But it became obvious to me that if you are going to be a journalist and if you are Black, it is crucial that you utilize that communication system to advance the cause of Black people. And that, of course, was what really resulted in my finally leaving the white press.

FCN: How does a Black journalist, then, fit into the corporate structure of a Chicago Sun-Times, as an example, and be Black?

LP: The reality is the Black journalist does not fit into the white press because if you are a Black journalist, under my definition, you are faced with an impossible situation. What I learned is that a Black journalist cannot use the white man's communication system to advocate for Black people. In fact, the mission of the white press is just the opposite.

What is so sad to me is that the Black press also just did not



live up to its responsibility. And that was the reason that I finally cut the Black press loose.

FCN: What was your disappointment with the Black press?

LP: Number one, the Black papers I was part of did not have an interest in excellence. They were sloppy. Beyond that, they did not have the ideology and the mission. The old Black press had a mission; and that mission was to advance the cause of Black people.

Think back to what you know about the *Defender* in the early days, the Robert S. Abbot days. Its mission was advancing the cause of Black people. But unfortunately, perhaps during the period of the Second World

War, the Black press lost that mission probably because they began to get white corporate advertisers. I will never forget, I was working at the *Defender* when they got the first ad from Marshall Field's and they put a news story on the front page that they now have Marshall Field's advertising. To me, that is the beginning of the decline of the Black press in its mission.

You can't avoid the reality of analyzing this American system, which is a capitalistic system. Everything is based on money. And that's why people close to me have no problem saying to me that one of my personal problems is one of the problems of being a Black journalist by my definition. You close your eyes to the reality of economics as a factor.

And let me quickly say that all Blacks who are in journalism don't use that definition of Black journalism. In fact, in

speeches to young aspiring Black journalists, I used to tell them it's a major decision to make in terms of whether you are going to be a Black journalist by my definition or whether you are going to try to rise in the ranks. You can't rise in the ranks by advocating for your people.

FCN: You coined the phrase, "it's enough to make a Negro turn Black." Why?

LP: In those days, we were trying to decide what to call each other—Negroes Blacks—and some of us had reached the decision that being Black was the militant definition. And things were happening that I was commenting on in my radio commentary that were so utterly absurd and so viciously racist that I was only trying to point it out to my people. I felt that if white people were going to treat us like this, that is enough to make you just sit back and think, "I ain't going to be a Negro anymore, if a Negro is a Tom. I'm going to be

Black and I'm going to get out here and just fight."

FCN: How do you view the emergence of Black talk radio?

LP: I think it's probably one of the finest vehicles available to us. Somehow we have to find a way to lure more young Black listeners into Black talk radio. The media has such an impact on us. And I am convinced that the most positive impact can come through Black talk radio.

"... as people get into elective office, they ... go over with the other people. And that's probably one of the reasons that toward the end I didn't want to stay on the air, because I was beginning to let that feeling [of disappointment] come through."

FCN: What about the role of the community in terms of support—buying Black newspaper and advertising in them?

LP: When I started my own newspaper, I said that I will not accept white advertising and people said I was crazy. And I was. I did not get sufficient support from Black business people to sustain the paper. I think we have an economic base sufficient to sustain our publications if it is utilized in a concentrated manner. But even if you've got a Black business, if your head is not straight you want to advertise in [the white press] and shun our own newspapers and media institutions. It is a systemic problem. I think we've got to go through the process of training our youth from birth in the whole ideology of liberation. This is really long range and I know it's diffi-

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LETTERS

The Two Black People for Justice

To the Editor:

The two political (and politicized) court hearings of Dr. Kuranga and Patterson drew a couple hundred supporters of the defendants. But it was there that the similarity stopped. - Dr. Sokoni Karanja and Aaron Patterson, are two men from opposite ends of society.

Dr. Karanja, the unofficial mayor of Bronzeville and holder of numerous degrees and untold financial wherewithal, the founder a Center for New Horizons, a social service agencies. By any measure Dr. Karanja is a man of success and a "Pillar of the Community". Yet because he is Black he was beaten to the sidewalk while walking his dog, apparently because he did not exhibit the proper shufflin', steppin' fetchit' attitude.

Aaron Patterson, tortured and framed up once and pardoned after serving 17 years, came out of prison head high. He was determined to fight the police brutality and injustice on a daily basis. There were those who hated Aaron for this. And there

were others who wondered why he would risk fighting for justice when it took him back among the very people who are most disparaged in this society. I'm sure people whispered, "didn't he know they would only cause him trouble?"

One, Dr. Karanja beaten because of the natural workings of this society. The other, Patterson framed gain because he has insisted on fighting against those "natural workings".

These two men having important things in common - the color of their skin and the insistence that they are human beings and insist on being treated as such.

The first event was a court hearing for Aaron Patterson - held in the Federal Courthouse. The attendees were Anti-Police Brutality advocates, advocates for the wrongly convicted, Fred Hampton, Jr., the New Black Panther Party, and numerous activist and radical youth. The crowd was mixed Black, Latino and white.

After passing through a metal detector in the lobby attendees had to pass through another metal detector outside the court-



room. In the hall outside the courtroom were police dogs and a phalanx of federal marshals in body armor. Your ID was scanned into a computer database.

The second event was a court hearing for Dr. Sokoni Karanja. This was held at the Wentworth district police station. The attendees were largely middle class Black folks on 51st Street. Many from Trinity Church on 95th Street - but many more just from the community there to stand in outraged solidarity with Sokoni. In addition, there were a small handful of activists who man-

age to keep in touch with what is happening on the South Side of Chicago.

After passing through the metal detector at Sokoni's hearing attendees were stuffed into the courtroom and spilling into the sweltering hall outside. A handful of court bailiff's struggled to keep the noise of conversation down to a dull roar. The differ-

The PUSH for the Final Call Over the Rainbow

Ron Carter,
Publisher and Editor

For some reason they did not. Maybe because they knew the black community as a whole was energized to support Rush and their insight of Rush's support of Blair Hull over Barack Obama for U.S. Senator. As a question to his loyalty to progressive black politics. But Obama did not support Rush, nor any black candidate for mayor or governor.

Some leaders privately admit if one is unqualified to run a good city, county or state wide race, one can defend and excuse themselves by appealing to other qualified candidates or the people are not ready. What leaders say or do behind close doors is just not their business.

What is most disturbing is the low level of influences leaders such as Jackson and Farrakhan have on the planning of the political outcome in Chicago elections. The lack of such influence result in the complacency of the overall populace has become in light of what the city has and is doing to poor residents and the lock up of innocent ones. It is indefensible, inexcusable, and possibly illegal. Derrick Mosley charges of extortion can be lined up with leadership of quasi-leadership silence.

It is extremely difficult to know the insight of world influential leaders as Jackson and Farrakhan not addressing the issues in their front and back yard. When the cry continues "If we don't work, nobody work."

But the brothers that meet on 43rd and State Street every morning protesting construction sites insist that they don't expect too much of quasi-leadership coming out publicly speaking on the issues with them.

How did much of black leadership get in this bind in Chicago and so many of them capitulate to the city's cynical strategy. As Conrad Worrill of the Black United Front says, "We have not been doing so well in politics," in Chicago.

Many say its about the money. As the preachers organized by retiring Chuck Bowen, the mayors assistance how much of a good job he has done for the mayor, while most utter a word of accountability and get lost during Chicago elections.

At the "State of the Black Man Conference" in September the question/statement from the audience came from



Darronte Lofton of the Temple of Mercy. "We can encourage people to vote, but for what, and who. When the same issues are at hand after every election."

The panel responded with an answer from the civil rights era that blacks died for the present to vote, adding that the issues surrounding President George W. Bush, a dangerous shift away from the basic freedoms established by the Homeland Security, and his continuous mistakes regarding terrorism and Iraq; the deteriorating state of the American economy, and the historical victory of Obama to the U.S. Senate with words of him for president. Black America must vote, the panel declared.

Indeed Blacks did so. As Rev. Jackson responded in the broadcast. "There were three million more Black voters this year than in the 2000 election, he noted. "That was 11.5 percent of the entire national vote, near parity with the total Black population of 12 percent."

That base was at the hands of John Kerry tightening the Democratic machine strong grip on the Black vote, while Bush made his position clear avoiding the NAACP and the BET-TV by not accepting their invitations to address Black issues.

The advance planning was that of Bush, when he visit Chicago to meet

Mayor Daley. Being Democrats at others conveniences. It is as if Blacks were kicked off the democratic plantation.

Election after election, when it comes to the political, economic, and resources of this city, racial parity is still a foremost issue in a city that is 50% plus Black. Indeed, leaders should be non-compromising in their front and back yards. Incensed on Cook County president John Stroger with less than 1.5 % contracts going to Black contractors and vendors. How could they be so gullible as elected officials lack solidarity once elected to office with soul music during election time?

Minister Farrakhan speaking on the election describing Black votes as cotton, as leaders pick cotton taking it to the master to count and profit.

Referring to Kerry, he said "If you betray our people, then your leadership is finished. This is the last time that you will herd our votes into the hands of any political leader without having the necessary strength to put before such a leader, those issues that affect our lives."

That message needs to apply closer to home to Stroger, Daley and Blagojevich.

As the new generation focus on "Green Power" oppose to Black Power, there is no single issue as it was in the 60's as integration, and black pride. Leaders

leading the people as public relation practitioners to the drum of their funding source.

Rev. Jackson points that. "We must keep our eyes on the prize and remain ever vigilant to protect justice and equality for all from the dream busters.

"It's about the Money", He also pointed out in his book, African Americans are in the 4th stage of its "movement", the first three movements were emancipation from slavery, ending legal segregation, and securing the right to vote. The fourth and final movement is financial empowerment and independence. Somewhere in those movements is the Black Liberation Movement of the 60's, channeled with "I am somebody" movement.

Indeed, leadership is based on the time. In comparison, would leadership be suitable for today of Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Eligh Muhammad or even Nat Turner? And of course Lu Palmer, respectfully, who said sadly, "I do not see any form of Black unity in my life time."

Yet - others, Sojourner Truth, Wendell Phillips, Emma Goldman, A. Philip Randolph, Ella Baker, Fannie Lou Hamer, Abraham Joshua Heschel, then there is Mandrake, Rene Maxwell, Larry McCullough and many anonymous others - who championed the justice and moral reasoning of leadership.

It has been said that sometimes one's mission in life can only be realized through one's death.

Both the Honorable Elijah Muhammad (as well as Min. Malcolm X) and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—the mentors of the Jackson and Farrakhan the ability to work together is the greatest issue. Disunity is inexcusable with the strength that displayed in the 2004 election --and with further examination, more can be done.

But leadership must stand side by side with those on 43rd and State Street, oppose to a feel good rally and a national "tour" (as Jackson and Farrakhan reported they will do as a fellow-up to their WVON program).

Open the front and back door here and lay out the welcome mat to taking care of home. Show that action before the final call on the issues beyond another million-man march and with coalitions that stand on the other side of the rainbow for our story today for tomorrow.

ence in the crowds and how they were treated-was striking.

As I thought about the different crowds at the two different hearings I thought – what if they were at these things together? The radicals and activists, the fighters for justice and against police brutality, the good middle class citizens, the church goers and the community people outraged by obvious racism and injustice. Are their interests any different? Think of what each could learn from the other. Think of what it would mean for our ability to change the world. And these two cases are exemplary of how much the world needs to be changed.

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Elaine Norwood-Carter

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cult, but we have got to get a liberation thought in the minds of our youth.

FCN: You were involved in politics quite a bit. You helped to get [Chicago's first Black] Mayor Harold Washington elected. What is your analysis of where Blacks are with regard to the political process?

LP: Unfortunately, I have lost my fervor for electoral politics as an answer. This American system is such that it's so easy to seduce Black people. Our history has been, for the most part, as people get into elective office, they cross the line and go over with the other people.

And that's probably one of the reasons that toward the end I didn't want to stay on the air, because I was beginning to let that feeling [of disappointment] come through. I don't know where there is any hope anymore for my people.

FCN: That should be enough to make a Negro turn Black. Thank you, Lu Palmer.

December 4th Committee remembers: Chairman Fred Hampton Sr.

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tain Mark Clark 22.

The United States Co-Intel Pro headed by the Federal Investigation Bureau (FBI) document details on the Panthers and other activist of the 60's. Informants and wiretaps were planted to disrupt, dismantle, and destroy Black militant organization. The program forced black activists into political exile, used torture tactics, and killings of members. What the government could not do to the spirit of the Panthers movement, drugs was the alternative weapon.

National Revolutionary Day (NRD) 2004 will host forums starting December 2nd on the 4th the anniversary of the assassination of Chairman Fred Hampton and Defense Captain Mark Clark at 2337 W. Monroe - declared December 4th National Revolutionary Day.

The City of Chicago approved a resolution introduced by former Alderwoman Marlene C. Carter commemorating December 4th as "Fred Hampton Day in Chicago".

"NRD is a clarion call to communities around the world to henceforth and forever allow a 5 minute moment of silence in recognition to the contributions of Chairman Fred Hampton and Defense Captain Mark Clark in making the ultimate sacrifice of living and dying for the liberation of African people." Said Fred Hampton Jr. the son of Chairman Fred.

In accordance with the commemoration NRD organized a listed events.



Thursday, December 2, 5:30 pm - Anniversary of the killing

of 17 year old Daryl "GMan/ManMan" Hamilton, (photo in state of death) claimed as the modern day Emmitt Till. Hamilton was shot several times in the back and head; and his body dragged across the ground by the Chicago Police Dept. A Silent vigil will be held at 72nd & Dorchester, behind Enrico Fermin Elementary School - the scene of his death.

Friday December 3, 2004, 9:00 am - Area 5, Grand & Central,

Saturday December 4th' Ground Zero, 2337 W. Monroe 12:00 PM - 5 minutes of Silence for fallen Freedom Fighters. For those not able to be present are to stop to give their silence support at 12:05 pm. - Speakers will address solidarity statements.

A panel will convene at The Peoples Church, Beth-El All Nations Church, Bishop E. Jackson, 1534-40 W. 63rd St., at 3:00 PM - A film showing the Assassination of Chairman Fred

"Thirty five years after one of the most brutal acts

of terrorism to occur on domestic soil on December 4, 1969", Fred Hampton Jr., son for Chairman Fred and organizer of the D4C, reviewing history said, "We are recalling a movement of its own, the Panthers gained

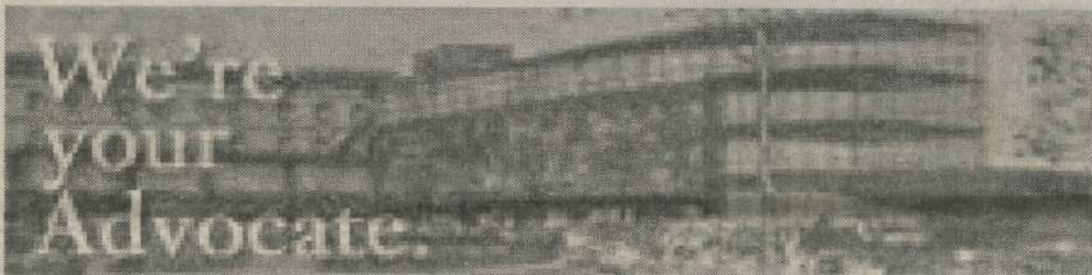


considerable success with it's organizing of rallies, slogans, posters, leaflets, cartoons, buttons, symbols (i.e., the clenched fist), through its newspaper The Black Panther, and even funerals. This event will capture that history".

Hampton. Requested Donation: \$10.00. At 8:00 pm - "The Assassination of Chairman Fred Hampton" film showing hosted by the 1st Revolutionary Family. Monday December 6, 2004, 9:00 AM - Aaron Patterson court date. 219 S. Dearborn, Federal Bldg Court #2119

For info call the Free Aaron Patterson Chicago 3 Defense Committee at 773-250-7229, December 4th Committee: Akua Njeri, Chair. Fred Hampton Jr., Co-Chair.

"Medical Apartheid" like system of health



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to \$26 million - on significant capital improvements at its four hospitals serving predominately white patients (Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, and Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn) than on its four hospitals serving predominantly minority patients (Bethany Hospital on Chicago's west side, Trinity Hospital on Chicago's south side, Illinois Masonic on the city's north side, and South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest).

■ Invested 340% more on improvements per licensed hospital bed - \$14,044 compared to \$3,184 - at its hospitals serving predominately white patients than at its hospitals serving predominantly minority patients.

■ Proposed spending 1241% more - \$276 million compared to \$20.6 million - in predominantly white and affluent communities than on hospitals serving minorities during 2004.

According Advocate employees, the lack of capital investment compromises their ability to provide quality patient care. "I work in the detox unit, where we have only one working shower available to 27 patients," according to Bethany registered nurse Rodney Burnett. The report shows that Bethany Hospital on Chicago's west side fared the worst under Advocate's discriminatory investing practices. Between 1995 and 2003, Advocate invested nothing in Bethany,

which serves a patient population that is 97% black, while investing \$72 million in Good Shepherd, a similarly-sized hospital in

Barrington that serves a patient population that is 96% white.

Last month, Advocate executives faced a barrage of criticism

Artist rendering of the proposed Advocate Southwest Hospital: As the largest provider of health care in the Chicago area, Advocate Health Care seeks state approval to build a comprehensive, modern hospital designed to meet the needs of the rapidly growing southwest suburbs on the Advocate Medical Campus Southwest 179th Street and LaGrange Road - Tinley Park/Orland Park. Construction to begin - Fall 2004 and planned opening - Fall 2007. The hospital is expected to create more than 500 new jobs, with significant new economic development in the southwest suburban area with more than 1,600 Advocate employees who already live in the region. Advocate has \$2.7 billion in net revenue for 2003.

from Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board officials for seeking to construct a new hospital in the predominantly white communities of Tinley and Or-

land Park, while failing to invest in nearby Advocate South Suburban Hospital, which serves a community that is approximately half minority.

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Casino Gambling

never come home', Said Ms. Reed. Studies have shown the rate of gambling addiction is significantly higher among minorities and lower-income individuals. Between 30 and 50 percent of casinos' revenues come from problem gamblers and the presence of gambling roughly doubles the prevalence of pathological gambling.

"Chicago families will lose: According to the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group (NCBG) a citywide citizens advocacy organization. John Paul Jones of NCBG pointed out, for every dollar in gambling, it usually costs taxpayers \$2 to \$3 in social welfare, criminal justice, and regulatory costs.

Besides the personal problems of addiction, JCUA pointed to reports in Detroit, as well as in other casino cities and counties, that there has been a documented increase in rape, addiction and pathological gambling, family violence, theft, robbery, divorce, alcoholism, and other crimes.

"The general public doesn't support gambling expansion." Said Mr. Jones. "Remember the Illinois Lottery. Citizens of Illinois were promised that the Lottery would fund public education. Well, it didn't. A Chicago casino is not the answer to school funding or to the City's budget."

With no predictable time for a casino coming to Chicago, Mayor Daley has changed his position. Mayor Daley now supports a city-owned casino that would be operated by a management company that could generate as much as \$300 million a year in revenue, with the state getting as much as \$700 million a year. The profits would be used to offset personnel costs to the city and to fund infrastructure projects: such as new schools, police stations, fire stations, libraries and parks.

Senate President Emil Jones said he supports a Chicago Casino and would like to see the issue considered during the veto session. But source says it will be a while before Springfield addresses the legislation.

Senator Jones states, "90% of the people that go to Indiana is from Chicago, and we are losing our convention business to Las Vegas. We need the money."

Officials say the new revenue, would



"90% of the people that go to Indiana is from Chicago, and we are losing our convention business to Las Vegas." "We need the money." Said State Senator Emil Jones.

take the pressure off the need to raise property taxes and it, will create thousands of new jobs.

Governor Rod Blagojevich shot down a gambling expansion proposal earlier in his term. "I'll veto any bill that asks for a casino in Chicago, whatever the form," Blagojevich said during a taping of WMAQ-TV's City Desk.

However, he has been noncommittal, as lawmakers have discussed gambling. Blagojevich would "have an open mind" but won't take the lead. However, Senator Jones said, he has to take the lead or do something.

Leavitt reported, even the jobs provided by the casino do not bring all that they seem to promise. "A large proportion of casino jobs will pay low wages and will not teach skills that are transferable to higher-paying jobs. In addition, the majority of jobs created will be temporary construction jobs.

And then there is the political side. John Paul Jones added a casino in Chicago makes politicians addicted to campaign contributions from the gambling industry. Comparing Chicago corruption on the Hired Truck Program, gambling corruption would surely get a pass.

One example is that of Gov. Blagojevich has accepted nearly \$250,000 in donations from the horseracing industry. In a campaign survey he filled out he indicated "He would not take contributions from gambling interests" the Chicago Sun-Times reported.

However, Chicago labor and business organizations plan to lobby lawmakers on behalf of the plan that they said will boost the city's convention and tourism business.

A specific location for the casino has not been named, but the coalition supporting the plan wants it to be in downtown Chicago so that nearby restaurants, museums and hotels can benefit.

"If a casino gets built in the city, no question blacks will be there spending money", said Raynard Villa Hall. "If it's going to happen somewhere why not Bronzeville. He pointed out, "If done with the right "flavor" a Casino in Bronzeville would capture an element of the nightlife. Shouldn't the Black community have a say and maybe a piece of the job creation, destination attraction, sustainable profitability?"

"It is best to talk it up now and not wait for the decision to be made and then just be mad about it. Maybe we could wrestle out a piece for our own selves. Said Hall. But NCBG is urging the public to keep pressure on state lawmakers to keep gambling expansion out of the budget.

Englewood

\$10,000 Grants for residents

Persons that live within the boundaries of 55th to 67th Street - Loomis blvd. to Dan Ryan, the City and selected Aldermen will be hosting their TIF/NIP Lottery. The lottery will decide the 110 households that will receive city grants totaling \$10,000 toward home repairs.

The Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force played a significant role organizing to have the City release these funds to property owners. The Task force will monitor the proceeding to ensure fairest with the lottery system developed by public officials

The Englewood Annual Tour covered the area from the Commercial Redevelopment at 69th and Ashland; 63rd and Halsted; the corridors leading into the Park Districts; to neglected residential areas. The tour last for a 1 1/2 hours with public and elected officials regarding the district. to confirm seating.

The referendums on November 2nd called for the CTA Redline extension and a call to bring Retail to the 63rd Street and Steward vacant lot, both passed in overwhelming numbers.

The Greater Englewood Task Force is interested in entering a Public Benefit Bid to the City on Friday to respond to the RFP for the development of the 63rd and Halsted Mall and the parcels along 59th Street Halsted to Racine. Great Opportunity for us to pursue and ensure community benefits from urban redevelopment efforts.

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Gospel Music Museum for Chicago

Chicago is considered to be "the Gospel Music Capital of the World". The Gospel Music Heritage Museum head by Rev. Dr. Stanley Keeble and the members of the Board of Directors have diligently looked for a facility that would be a key site. With the assistance of Alderman Shirley Coleman, (16) the Museum concept is taking shape. Ald. Coleman has offered the vacant field house in Sherman park as a potential. Rev. Keeble realizing whether it's swaying with the choirs or tappin' along with the quartets or simply raising hands to the rhythm of soul-stirring crooners, gospel is one genre of music that is powerful and everlasting.



The center of gospel music, however, was in Chicago, where many churches permitted gospel choirs and groups to be organized. The raise of gospel music started around the 1930's with Thomas A. Dorsey affectionately referred to as the "Father of Contemporary Gospel Music." He began his mu-

sical career known as Georgia Tom playing barrelhouse piano in one of Al Capone's Chicago speakeasies and leading Ma Rainey's Jazz band, however, he was soon whipped into shape to do the Lords will. Dorsey became the first independent publisher of black gospel music with the establishment of the Dorsey House of music in Chicago in 1932. He wrote several hundred well-known gospel songs, among them, "Precious Lord, Take my Hand." For information on the Gospel Music Heritage Museum call Rev. Dr. Stanley Keeble at 312/718-2022

This year's "Homecoming Celebration"



Harry J. Lennix Robert Townsend and Irma P. Hall, 40th Chicago International Film Festival Black Perspectives presented a "Homecoming Celebration," honoring Chicago's own This year's "Homecoming Celebration" marks the eighth year that Black Perspectives has saluted African-American filmmakers. Past honorees include Spike Lee, Pam Grier, Morgan Freeman, Laurence Fishburne, Halle Berry, Charles Dutton and Taye Diggs. Harry J. Lennix, a graduate of Northwestern University and a former teacher, has also brought powerful performances to both stage and screen. His recent tele-

vision and big-screen credits include the lead in Showtimes's *Keep the Faith, Baby*, the story of congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.; *The Human Stain*, *Matrix Reloaded*, *Matrix Revolutions* and *Suspect Zero*. A veteran of the stage and screen, Irma P. Hall has close to 50 television and movie films to her credit. Her dazzling smile and amazing presence can be seen this year in three films: *The Ladykillers* (Marva Munson), *Collateral* (Ida) and *Gift for the Living* (Carrie Mae). A former teacher and poet, Hall has received numerous awards for her distinguished work, including the Chicago Film Critics Award, an NAACP Image Award and a Jefferson Award. Considered one of the most versatile talents in Hollywood, Robert Townsend, the director, has close to 20 films to his credit, including *Blacklisted*, *10,000 Black Men Named George*, *Living for Love: The Natalie Cole Story*, *BAPS* and *The Five Heartbeats*. Townsend has also distinguished himself as an actor, producer and writer. His 1987 satirical masterpiece, *Hollywood Shuffle*, per-

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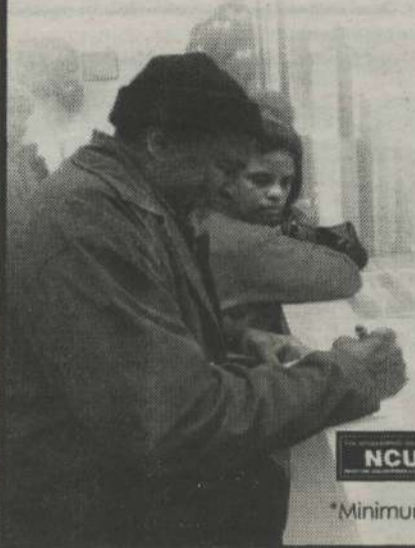
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Lawsuit over CHA Relocation policy

By **PATRICIA MANSON**
Law Bulletin staff writer

Chicago Housing Authority once housed 200,000 residents, now a mere 20,000. A federal judge has certified a class of plaintiffs in a lawsuit that claims tenants are being forced out of city public housing units and into segregated, poverty-stricken neighborhoods.

In an opinion docketed U.S. District Judge Ruben Castillo rejected arguments that the suit did not meet the requirements for class-action treatment set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure.

Instead, Castillo found that the class members' claims against the Chicago Housing Authority had enough in common to be handled in a single suit.

The Greater Englewood

Task Force conducted a forum of CHA in September with *Chicago Reporter* and the *Residents Journal* to monitor and assist CHA residents in the "Transformation of CHA". The forum as the lawsuit sited that CHA has failed to enact socially conscious laws to protect African American families.

CHA leadership both its board of trustees and its LAC's continue to demonstrate no significant knowledge on public poli-

cies and the impact of their poor decision making. Thereby, satisfying the wishes of external developers and political operatives who are eager to reduce the black vote by 2010 or better yet by the Nov. 2nd election. Now the former CHA official Mortell Gayles is now over the Public Building Commission (PBC) responsible with the construction of KKC, Davis, and the 7th District police station.

The suit alleges that the CHA is displacing its tenants with so-called Housing Choice Vouchers to pave the way for mixed-income communities, and charges that the CHA after ousting tenants either fails to help them relocate or sends them to racially and economically segregated areas.

The CHA has violated federal fair housing laws as well as a Relocation Rights Contract that went into effect on Oct. 1, 1999, the suit contends.

In his opinion, Castillo said the number of families that relocated or are expected to relocate from public housing — at least 2,019 families moved after Oct. 1, 1999, and an additional 3,981 may move with vouchers in the future, according to the plaintiffs.

The class also included all such residents who will move in the future.

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Homeowners Tax Relief

Chicago homeowners are missing out on property-tax breaks worth hundreds and even thousands of dollars reported Mayor Richard M. Daley urging Chicago residents to apply for all the property-tax relief they're entitled to, and to consult with his Chicago Tax Assistance Center if they need help.

Joined by Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, they encouraged taxpayers to see if their properties are among the 46,000 with double or overpaid taxes worth more than \$54 million. Taxpayers are urged to use her office's to see if they might have missed exemptions in any of the past three years that might entitle them to refunds as well.

The Cook County Assessor waive the requirement of re-applying every year for the Homeowners Exemption, which can, exempt up to \$20,000 of a home's assessed value from taxation for those who have lived in their homes more than a year.

Homeowners who qualified for homeowners exemptions in past years but failed to apply can still go back three years and get cred-

its and even refunds. The Treasurer's Office's Web site offers a three-year exemption history to help taxpayers see which exemptions were or were not credited.

For example, if you didn't take your exemption in 2000, 2001 or 2002 you can file for a refund. For the tax bill of October, if you did not file for the homeowner exemption, you can file for a certificate of error and receive a refund for this year."

Senior citizens are eligible for the Senior Homestead Exemption, which reduces equalized assessed valuation by \$2,500 for those 65 or over, and the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze, which freezes the equalized assessed valuation at the previous year's level for seniors making less than \$40,000 a year.

Next year, the Senior Homestead Exemption will increase to \$3,000 and the income threshold for the Senior Assessment Freeze to \$45,000 under legislation the Mayor introduced in the General Assembly.

For info call 311 and the Treasurer's Office at (312) 443-5100.



Now is the time to reclaim the village.

Valuing Youth by Unlocking Potential

For more information about the **VILLAGE INVESTMENT PROJECT** and if you are interested in becoming a mentor, please call us at **1-866-373-3205**. Visit our website at www.villagementor.org. Email us at immentor@villagementor.org.

All mentors and volunteers are committed to serving for a minimum of one year and are required to attend mandatory training and submit to thorough background checks.



MISSION STATEMENT
To secure and promote the safety, well being and independence of youth transitioning through the child welfare system of Illinois.

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The VIP operates through a partnership between the Exodus Renewal Society, Institute for Family Development, and Habilitative Systems Inc. It is partially funded through a grant from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Our Outreach

With the help of well-trained volunteer mentors, the **Village Investment Project (VIP)** operates a two-tiered program aimed at youth. This programs include:

Programs for youth and young adults ages 16 to 21
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- Job skills & Career development
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Chicago chapter of the American Business Woman's Association (ABWA-Chicagoland Express Network) will host the "Power Panel," December 7, 2004, a discussion and networking dinner featuring four of the most influential and dynamic business women in Chicago. Speakers for the panel discussion include Carolyn Adams; Superintendent of the Illinois Lottery; Melody Spann-Cooper, President & General Manager of WVON Radio; Diana Conley, President of Computerland and Cynthia Johnson, President, Johnson & Associates Building Interiors. Tickets start at \$25 per person. For more information or to RSVP, log on to www.abwa-chicago.org or call 708-720-4252

Wal-Mart still in the hot seat. Due to public outcry from community and organized labor organizations an ordinance was introduced by Aldermen Edward M. Burke, 14th, William M. Beavers, 7th, and Daniel S. Solis, 25th, calling for major changes related to large retailers doing business in Chicago. Calling for a greater accountability over Wal-Mart and any development subsidized by Tax Increment Financing.

McCormick Place 4 work

With compliments to its neighboring communities, McCormick Place four-year construction phase project being built by Mc4West LLC, Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority CEO Leticia Peralta Davis said the project. "Will mean progress in Bronzeville, Chinatown and Motor Row to include new restaurants, retail space, recreational activities and improvements for area residents which will lead to additional revenues."

"Our desire is that the community in which this Convention Center stands be proud of its neighbor and the Mc4West partners," said Bobby McGee, Vice President of II in One Contractors

Inc., (the firm that constructed the Harold Washington Culture Center on 47th and King Drive). For info on minority business opportunities on the McCormick Place Expansion, call 312-429-8799, or its Website at www.Mc4West.com.

CSX invest in Highland Bank for businesses line of credit, based in Jacksonville, Fla., the largest rail network in the Eastern United States has the establishment of a new \$1 million line of credit with Chicago-Based Highland Community Bank. The line of credit is part of a \$15 million agreement with a syndicate of minority owned banks led by Citizens Trust Bank of Atlanta; thirteen other banks are participating nationwide.

South Shore Major Lakefront plan

The joint venture that is redeveloping part of U.S. Steel Corp.'s South Works site has picked architecture firms Skidmore Owings & Merrill and Sasaki Associates Inc. to draft a master plan for the abandoned 284-acre parcel on Chicago's South Shore. The two firms will draw up a plan that's expected to include a marina, residential and retail buildings on a vacant lakefront site that stretches from 79th to 87th street.

Small Business Owners and the Black Middle Class Are encouraged to sign up for free wealth creation workshop. First 150 receives FREE lunch.

Englewood Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Arness Dancy, Pres/CEO, in partnership with Lord Abbett and New York Life will launch the "Building Wealth Tour" beginning December 10. This tour will take us throughout the United States and will target small businesses as well as the Black middle class. It will be an intensive seminar on how to prudently plan and invest for the future. There is no fee but participants must register via website: www.buildingwealthtour.com. The Chicago event will take place at the Office of the Congressman Danny Davis.

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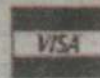
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