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## Far South calls on City to stop removal Philip A. Randolph monument City says "its up to the alderman"

Pullman— A 24 hour sleep over is taking place at the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter monument adjacent to the Museum (APRPP) in his name. On watch excepting the City to destroy the monument as it did Meggs Field while the city slept.

Once the Museum had the support of officials from the city, state and federal government, it is now threaten to be remove the historic monument as

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SSJ Photo

Community and civil leaders gathered at 104th and Corliss, as Stephen Chris White (foreground), president of the newly formed Far South Community Accountability Council lead the delegation in prayer in the fate of the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter monument adjacent to the Museum (APRPP) in from being removed by the City of Chicago and alderman Anthony Beale (9) for housing development as it has stood on city owned property since 1995.



# Daley still the boss

## Black Aldermen disappoints public on contracts voting for city budget

Moving into 2005, politics or pile-of-ticks, Mayor Richard M. Daley called this the most challenging financial time since he first took office in 1989, and said that the 2006 budget, will be worst. His statement positions Springfield elected officials to approve a Chicago Casino.

Confronted by many issues and endemic corruption in Chicago Daley's 2005 budget passed the city council with a 47 to 3 vote, securing his grip on the affairs of the city or as others say he is reestablishing himself as the "Boss". One WLS Talk radio host said, "He displayed his hand indicating he still has his grip, (on the aldermen)."

Daley's balanced \$5.08 billion budget held the line on property taxes, as other

government agencies he controls are raising taxes; this includes the Chicago Park District - \$13 million, and the Board of Education projecting a \$40 million property tax hike.

Lisa \_\_\_\_\_ of the city's budget office told SSJ those taxes have no bearing on the city operating budget. Whether, questionable on the style, Daley's management has kept government agencies working together as the boss of the greater Chicago land area and Springfield.

Frank Coconate, chairman of the Northwest Side Democratic Party and initial organizer of the City workers rally, brought out 2,000 the day before the council vote asked, "How can the alderman, keep supporting a mayor who admits that under his leadership things are getting worse. In the

private sector, you would fire him.

"Once again, the city council rubber stamps Mayor Daley's tax filled budget. Their job is to question and police the Mayor and his management. They have failed. It's time to shake things up."

Coconate's website (www.frankcoconate.com) lists all aldermen who deserve to be fired. All except the three Lakefront Ladies", (As named by veteran activities Bob Lucas) voted against the budget; Dorothy Tillman (3) Toni Preckwinkle (4) and Arenda Troutman (20). With the exception of Madeline Haitcock (2). They were congratulated for what many say aldermen who are not rubber stamps.

Bill "Dock" Walls, Director of the Com-

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## Complaint filed against Advocate Hospitals

Westside—In the tradition of the Civil Rights era Freedom Rides that desegregated the South, a grassroot coalition hit the road on a Health Care to highlight what they call "medical apartheid" at Advocate Health Care, Chicago's largest hospital.

A federal complaint was filed by two community organizations charging Advocate Health Care with discriminatory capital investment practices at its urban and suburban hospitals.

The South Austin Coalition Community Council (SACCC) and the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) allege that Advocate invests more in hospitals that serve predominantly

white patients than it does in hospitals that serve predominantly black and other minority populations, creating a system of "medical apartheid."

Congressman Danny Davis (D-7<sup>th</sup>) attended a community rally with the organizations filing the complaint against Advocate Health Care with the U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services that prohibit institutions receiving federal funds from discriminating against individuals on the basis of race.

# Kwanzaa

In His Own Words: An Interview with Maulana Karenga the founder of the holiday, about its origins, its aim and its future. , Beliefnet talks to Dr. Maulana Karenga

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Ms. Beauty Queen Turner

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# UnZip

The Weatherman

TV Minister M.G. 'Pat' Robinson says, "We (?)



need to forget this nonsense about Kwanzaa." He says he has been to Africa over 20 times, visiting people of Christianity, and no one there knows anything about Kwanzaa. Robinson said if the holiday of Kwanzaa is based on the Swahili language, the Arabs slave traders developed. So what is Kwanzaa all

about? Minister Darrel "Sax" Wilson says Kwanzaa was founded by Dr. Maulana Karenga of the United States in 1966. The word Kwanzaa comes from a Kiswahili phrase "Matunda Ya Kwanzaa", meaning "First Fruit". What was Robinson real reason in Africa?

Hal Baskin of Englewood, protesting at a construction site, was jailed, now he is demanding a jury of his peers for an offense demanding jobs. Demonstrations are really costing the taxpayers. ...More from Englewood, .....Winning unopposed the State



Rep. Patricia Bailey (6) still faces charges for election fraud, addressed by her opponents former Death Row inmate Aaron Patterson and Jerry Washington with complaints to the Chicago Board of Elections, the Election Commissioners forward the case to Cook County State's Atty. Richard Devine, he then referred it to Illinois Atty. Gen. Lisa Madigan because



Bailey's mother worked for Devine. Then Madigan referred it to her father House Speaker Michael Madigan. Madigan referred it to the State Democratic Chairman, himself. He then referred it to Mike Kasper, an election lawyer for the state's Democratic Party. Kasper got the Illinois Appellate Court in September to uphold a Cook County judge's ruling that refused to disqualify Bailey from seeking re-election, saying Washington should have filed his complaint with the Illinois State Board of Elections, the same gang that okayed Chicago to be non-(Democratic) party election for the Mayor's office, which has its strong base in the 11th ward that elected Bailey.



## Who Is Next?

The Village Voice NYC, reported Rev. Al Sharpton was part of exposing Rev. Jesse Jackson extra marital affair has one of his own. Besides his flamboyant lifestyle he milked his organization and was an FBI informant. No wonder he bailed out of the presidential race. Paul McKinley, V.O.T.E. says there is going to be another minister in the limelight as Sharpton and the good Rev. Derrick Mosley.

President Bush said a mandatory draft for boys and girls (ages 18-26), is untrue, That's one way to ensure another historic Muhammad Ali demonstration will not occur in history while he is still president. In the mean time in Philadelphia, a black GI had himself shot in the leg to avoid returning to Iraq. Wanting to make sure he was One Child left Behind, opposing to the Bush's "No Child Left Behind" And on that not the One Child concept did not include moving the children up to better schools. At a time when Chicago administrators say many schools are too crowded at least 1,600 seats are available in substantially white neighborhood schools that did not take transfers this year.

Correction! It wasn't The Men in Black that protested Rothschild's Liquors on 63rd street (as reported in last Unzip); it was the New Black Panther Party. Men in Black will be targeting Rothschild's store.



## The Recount in Ohio "The election is not over"

Close to two months has passed since the November 3rd election, and people throughout Ohio and the nation continue to identify and expose patterns of voter disenfranchisement.



"The election is not over. Let the winner win, and the loser lose, but make sure all votes are counted in a free and fair election."

"The Republican Party systematically sought to suppress the vote in Ohio in their efforts to win this critical swing state."

Rev. Jackson

Jackson joined other leaders and organizations in speaking out about this issue during the House Judiciary Hearings December 8 in Washington, D.C.

The lawsuit was filed by the Alliance for Democracy, and the legal action brought by the Green Party and Libertarian Party seeking a recount.

In his statement Rev. Jackson said people of conscience demand an open, free and fair election. "The Republican Party systematically sought to suppress the vote in Ohio in their efforts to win this critical swing state."

Jackson also said presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry called it quits too soon conceding before the facts were in."

Jackson went on to say, Secretary of State Blackwell changed the long-standing provisional ballot rules for the November general election. In years past, voters were permitted to cast provisional ballots in their counties.

Jackson out that Blackwell nullified provisional ballots in November unless they were cast in the voter's precinct: 1/3 of these ballots in Cuyahoga County nullified: 1/5 in

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## Police harassment of noted black men.



### Jackson son, and Dr. Karanga

On December 14, 2004 the son of Rev. Jesse Jackson, Jonathan Jackson, who is a partner in a Budweiser distributorship, and two acquaintances were pulled over and questioned by two police officers. The incident happened on 26th Street in Little Village, After being questioned and searched for over an hour, they were then released.



In June of this year, Dr. Sokoni Karanga, head of Centers of New Horizons, was physically harassed while walking his dog on 33rd and State. He was arrested with later having charges drop in court.

## Gator' Bradley petitioned U.S. Atty. for protection

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald received a formal inquiry regarding Wallace 'Gator' Bradley for his personal safety as well as that of his family and community of the Morgan Park on the far south side of Chicago.

Bradley said former drug dealer and drug conspirator Vincent "Peanut" Martin was convicted in the highly publicized



Larry Hoover trial as a co-conspirator where he testified against his former co-conspirator as a witness for the prosecution, (in 1996 Bradley testified as a witness for the defendants. It has been alleged that Martin was sentenced for a total of one hundred and twenty (120) months. Martin was released by the Federal Bureau of Prisons under supervised probation for a period of 4 years.

On November 11, Bradley said Martin appeared at Whistler Elementary School gymnasium. 116th and Ada,

As a former gang enforcer and ex-felon with a pardon from former Governor James Thompson, Bradley said he is perplexed by the ease in which Martin is allowed to frequent areas known to be within his boundaries. Bradley said he is unaware of Martin's intentions or purpose and because he is still the property of the Federal government he is formally requesting the US Attorney to enter a restraining order against Martin, prohibiting him from harassing or harming him, his family and community in any manner.

Both incidents spark the question of normal black men subject to similarly insults by the Chicago police.

Both men has stress to mount a steady and continuous effort for police accountability for those that do not have the public notoriety for support, suggesting race have a major role in many harassment claims from the public.

## Baker running for County Sheriff



Sylvester Baker, a retired County police sergeant in an unofficial announcement to run for County Sheriff in March 2006, said he have seen many changes occur in the Sheriff's Office, and for the most part it is sad.

"The cover-ups, Sylvester Baker racism, brutality against detainees, and the patronage are worse than it's ever been."

Baker accused Sheriff Michael Sheahan has done little to impact Public Safety.

"He believes raiding lounges for poker and slot machine are of high priority."

"He's hired many of his cronies and retired law enforcement officers. This alone has caused a serious morale problem in the Sheriff's Office The sheriff has placed cronies and retired law enforcement officers into com-

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## Black officials look to ABLE to improved contracts for Blacks Top to Bottom

2004 Government report of:	% of work to Black Contractors Vendors	Population
City of Chicago	9%	36.77%
Cook County	1.5%	11%
State of Illinois	2%	15%
United States	6%	12%

"If we don't work, no body work" (SSJ Aug. 2004), a cry of many black construction workers, may have to be patient as 60 Black elected officials in partnership with Able, a black business organization has taken on the task to develop goals in getting a fair share of construction contracts. Alderman Ed Smith (28) reported to SSJ a meeting of 60 black elected officials or representatives identified to lead Able in developing steps to ensure minority contractors.

One focus is the top to bottom concept. Independently of the government agencies, Smith says black businesses and elected officials are addressing the issue. In addition black aldermen are doing meeting with the City's Procurement office to address the percentage concerns. Smith said the major problem is that black contractors can not obtain the bonding to get the work.

Responding to dasmal reports of county percentage of merely 1.5%, Cook County Board President John Stroger has hired Colette Holt, an expert on affirmative action and contract compliance to develop a program to ensure minority contractors

In a letter to commissioners Stroger said it is "unacceptable and untenable" that minority participation has fallen without a set-aside

### Public Hearing on 40th & State Project

On January, 13th 2004, the Community Development Commission of the City of Chicago will hold a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, for the approval of a redevelopment plan for the 40th/State Project a redevelopment project area as defined in the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act.

The documents concerning the project hearing are available for inspection and review at City Hall City Clerk, Room 107 and Department of Planning and Development ("DPD"), Room 1000:

The City objective is to respond to problem conditions and reflects a commitment by the City to improve and revitalize the Area.

The plan provides that the City may carry out certain public improvements for the construction of public and private improvements, and other eligible redevelopment project using funds from the special tax allocation fund. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the hearing, to file written objections with the City Clerk at the hearing and are invited to submit comments concerning the subject matter thereof prior to the date of the hearing.

For further information contact Steve Patterson of DPD at (312) 744-0921

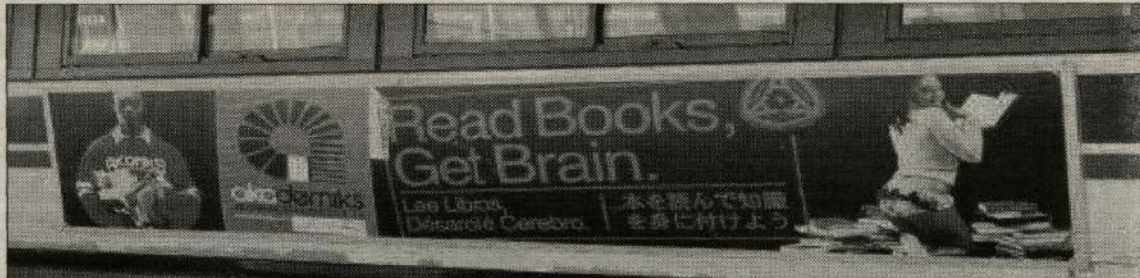
requirement in place. The concern for more black contractors for government jobs has been a reverse results over the years to get such a plan developed, in light of minority-owned firms got only 1 percent of the construction contracts handed out last year.

The City of Chicago reported their problem comes with white contractors filing revise discrimination complaints; and with the county, a federal judge in 2001, said the county's set-aside ordinance was unconstitutional as written. Holt was reported helped the City bounce back from a similar ruling, and it now has a minority set-aside program that has stood up. However, black contractors have slipped from 10% in 2003 to 9% in 2004.

"There are trails and effort to come up with improved numbers." Ald. Smith said pushing ahead. "We decide to part together a monitor process as a way to deal with this problem." "Able is the group, delegated to steer the private effort in all government contracts. They are better able to get the contracts, because they have the financial resources to do so.

Holt is to help develop an interim program while the county

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A coalition of youth organizations and churches proceeded to get CTA to prohibit advertising of a reading promotion that use jargon of "Get Brain" meaning a sexual explicit act from advertising on CTA buses. The delegation convince CTA to ban the ads for being disrespectful and disregarding that the ad promoted youth sexual act oppose to promoting reading. "This action is all about protecting our youth until they are old enough to protect themselves," said TJ Crawford organizer of the delegation. "That same sensitivity should be applied to all public agencies and private agencies where youth behavior and exchange are not appropriate. Trinity United Church, St. Sabina, 27th ward youth Democratic Organization and the National Hip-Hop PAC lead the effort.

## CTA cuts and job layoffs on hold

### Activist commends state elected officials efforts to avert transit crisis

The Campaign for Better Transit sent letters of appreciation to the Illinois General Assembly Black Caucus, Illinois State Senate President Emil Jones, and Governor Rod Blagojevich, commending them for

efforts to avert threatened Chicago Transit Authority threat to double fares on the disabled, cut bus and rail services by 20%, and eliminate over 1,000 union jobs for at least 6 months.

The transit advocates also called for an audit of CTA, and develop plans to improve transit in minority

communities.

"We want to thank the elected officials that have spoken out," said Joe Ann Bradley, Neighborhood Capital Budget Group, Board member and Executive Director of the Community Action Group of

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PHOTOS BY: Monique Caradine Margo Crawford, an education consultant and co-founder of the Future Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare Professionals Clubs their goal is to help nurture and identify the next Dr. Daniel Hale Williams because the health.



The government announced plans to block a shortcut that has allowed thousands of foreign nurses to get fast-track U.S. work permits. The plan, which is expected to take effect next year, has healthcare workers and patients rightfully concerned. "The change is bound to hurt hospitals already operating with too few nurses," said Len Nichols, a health economist.

Enter the Provident Foundation. For the past 10 years the organization has focused most of its efforts on preserving and maintaining the legacy of Dr. Daniel Hale Williams. But recently, the organization turned its attention to the future of medicine by founding the Future Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare Professionals Clubs. Their aim is to inspire enough young people to consider careers in healthcare so that the U.S. won't have to rely so heavily on foreign doctors and nurses.

"If we are serious about preparing our young people for the future, we have to connect them with professionals who can tell them that they can be more than athletes and entertainers," said Jim Myles, the president of the Provident Foundation.

"The way they begin to visualize themselves as doctors and nurses is to have opportunities to come face-to-face with real medical professionals," he added.

Myles cited an in-depth analysis issued in 1998 by the *Chicago Reporter*, which brought to light the severe shortage of African American physicians in the Chicago-land area. The study revealed that blacks

make up the large majority of Chicago's population, while only 7% of the city's physicians are black. More recently, the U.S. Bureau of Health Professions found that as a nation, it suffer from a shortage of about 110,000 nurses. If current trends continue, by the year 2020 that shortage will reach 800,000. The numbers still suggests that more Blacks need to be recruited into the medical field.

So far, Future Doctors, Future Nurses Clubs have been established in four inner-city schools, including DuSable High School, Carver High and Hyde Park Career Academy with several other schools strongly considering adding the program to their list of extracurricular activities. "The students have been very enthusiastic about joining," said Margo Crawford, an education consultant and co-founder of the clubs. "Once they get the exposure

and the access to different professions, they can't help but get excited," she added. Crawford also touted Hyde Park Career Academy's club membership of more than fifty students.

"Our goal is to help nurture and identify the next Dr. Daniel Hale Williams because the health of our community depends on it," said Myles.

Membership to Future Doctors, Future Nurses is free of charge but students must be enrolled in a high school that hosts the club. For more information, contact the Provident Foundation at 773-363-4272 or log on to [www.providentfoundation.org](http://www.providentfoundation.org).

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**STROKE OR HEART ATTACK?**

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**Is It a Stroke?**

Small brain sperm stroke, a heard attack of the brain is what political activist Bruce Crosby suffered early December.

"It caught me by surprise." Said Crosby. "But I am fine. I have to take it a little eazy but I am gratefull it was a mild one."

Sometimes, the symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify according to Dr.

"Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster for the stroke victim. A stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Crosby said he was lucky that no effect of his was to his brain.

explains doctors say any bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. To smile. 2. To raise both arms. 3. To speak a simple sentence.

If a person has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms.

Researchers urged the general public widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

**Is it A Heart Attack?**

A cardiologist says if 10 people pass this information on, at least one life will be

saved. If someone suddenly start experiencing severe pain in their chest that starts to radiate out into the arm and up into the jaw. People are have been trained in CPR, but not how to perform it on themselves.

**HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE**

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously.

A deep breath should be taken before each cough,

and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

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# Mayor Daley still the boss

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mittee For A Better Chicago (CFABC), and by all indications, a 2007 mayoral candidate, said he called to congratulate the aldermen and to comment on their stand. "We must call them out when they vote against our interest and support them when they vote correctly."

"There are many unresolved issues and question concerning this most recent budget. In light of their inability to uncover obvious city scandals, funding for the Office of the Inspector General should have been withheld. There should be changes to reverse the trend towards a reduction of contracts awarded to Black contractors. In addition, this budget allowed cuts in the Department of Health, Child and Youth Services and the Department of Aging."

Walls acknowledged that these reductions were relatively slight. However, he pointed to the fact that more people are more in need of the services these, now inadequately funded,

departments provide. This, in effect, makes the cuts weightier than they actually appear."

The City budget increase of \$1 billion was largely due to personnel said \_\_\_\_\_ of the mayor's budget office. In balancing the budget the Mayor raised taxes by 16 cents on a pack of cigarettes; 7 cents on a case of beer; 6 cents on a fifth of liquor; one-half percent on a hotel room; 1 percent on amusements; 25 cents per space in parking lots; \$1 on rental cars; and 3.8 cents per thermo on natural gas for commercial users. In addition, increases in fines and fees.

The mayor continued his record of receiving overwhelming city council support, giving the perception that the aldermen are nothing more than rubber stamps.

"You can look at with whom an elected official sides during elections, to determine



Mayor Daley denying the city council is rubber stamp, still has the label of being "The Boss."



The Bronzeville "Lakefront Ladies", Aldermen Dorothy Tillman (3), Toni Preckwinkle (4), and Arenda Troutman (20) were the only aldermen voted against the city budget citing, the lack of black contracts, scandals surrounding city government and the delay of city workers wanting a contract.



SSJ file photo Ald. Howard Brookins, hoped to be the long ranger standing up to the mayor, only voted against provisions of the budget but supported the mayor.

how they will support the mayor."

Denouncing that perception, Ald Ed Smith (27), and chairman of the City Council Black Caucus said. "We are putting a lot of work in our jobs, the budget process is very complex and the public just does not see all the ratifications of putting it together."

But the historic Bronzeville community aldermen did see reasons not to vote for the budget. As addressed on WVON Tillman referred to her colleagues as demons. Ald.

Preckwinkle, countered that characterization of the aldermen, saying they were representing the interest of their constituencies adding they must be respected for their actions.

A reporter from SSJ indicated black aldermen hardly attended any budget hearings. Of that group, arguably, Preckwinkle was most consistent. Reports were that Troutman typically arrived late and left her things on the desk until the next day. Common criticism

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# Advocate Hospitals

The group members said the differences in facilities and services offered at two Advocate hospitals are financial disparities.

At Advocate Bethany, which serves a patient population that is 97% black, zero dollars were invested for significant capital expenditures compared to the \$72 million invested in Advocate Good Shepherd in affluent Barrington, which serves a patient population that is 96% white..

It was in response to a report "Separate and Unequal: Racial Disparities in Investment at Advocate Hospitals" revealed that Advocate, spent almost 800% more on improvements at hospitals serv-

ing white communities, \$232 million compared to \$26 million - on capital improvements at its four hospitals serving predominately white patients than on hospitals serving Blacks and Latinos.

"These policies and practices have had, and continue to have a discriminatory impact on African American and other minority communities served by Advocate hospitals, and have resulted in a dual, discriminatory system of health care in the Chicago area," said co-plaintiff Linda Haley. "Advocate's investment, spending and resource allocation policies and practices are not rationally related to any legitimate business purpose, most importantly, it's own mission as a faith-based, nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization."

Congressman Davis said: "If you look at the corporate decision making that is done by the Advocate Health system, there is a level of unevenness, a level of unfair-



ness. I am not an enemy of Bethany, but I do believe in equity, fair and equal treatment, and that's why I'm here to support an interest so we can sit at the table find a solution for this problem. Other organizations supporting the complaint include the Metropolitan Alliance of Congregations, Chi-

cago Coalition for the Homeless and Chicago Jobs with Justice.

"We're going to end this discrimination by street and legal action," said Janice Booker, president, North Lawndale ACORN chapter, the area where Advocate Bethany is located.

"We will not accept racial dis-

parities in Advocate's capital investments," said ACORN President Beatrice Jackson. "We will not accept separate and unequal. We should get the same treatment they get in affluent hospitals because we pay taxes too."

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# Kwanzaa



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**Beliefnet:** Why celebrate Kwanzaa in December among the religious holidays that are celebrated in the same month? Do you feel it might add to the misconception that Kwanzaa should be celebrated in place of Christmas or other December holidays?

**Maulana Karenga:** The first reason for the choice of date of Kwanzaa was for cultural authenticity. A central model for Kwanzaa is umkhosi or the Zulu first-fruit celebration which is seven days and is celebrated about this time. Other first-fruit celebrations were celebrated at the end of the old year and the beginning of the New Year such as Pert-em-Min of ancient Egypt. So Kwanzaa's model is older than Christmas and Hanukkah and thus does not borrow from them or seek to imitate them in the or manner.

It makes little sense to attribute Kwanzaa's date of celebration to misconceptions about its replacing Christmas or Hanukkah when it is simply fol-

lowing a pre-established season for African first-fruit celebrations which precede both Hanukkah and Christmas.

**Beliefnet:** While many of us know that Kwanzaa is drawn from ancient African culture and tradition, how much of it comes from African religions? Lately it has been connected more closely to religion by many observers.

**Maulana Karenga:** Kwanzaa does not come from African religions, it comes from African culture. But no serious student of African culture — ancient or modern, continental or diasporan — can deny that African spirituality pervades African life. Religion as an organized body of doctrine, practices and structures differs from spirituality. Spirituality is intense rational and emotional appreciation of and commitment to the Transcendent and the Ultimate.

What Kwanzaa does stress is the ethical which brings forth the best of African and human thought and practice and offers a basis of common ground.

Kwanzaa is a time of ingathering of the people to reaffirm the bonds be-

tween them; a time of special reverence for the Creator, in thanks and respect for the blessings, bountifulness and beauty of creation.

**Beliefnet:** Is the Kwanzaa holiday as successful as you set out for it to be? Did you expect it to be more widely accepted by now

**Maulana Karenga:** Kwanzaa is extremely successful. It has 28 million celebrants on every continent in the world throughout the world African community. I know of no other holiday that

the African-American diaspora today, which of the Kwanzaa principles are most apparent? Which principles do you think that African-Americans need to work on as a collective?

**Maulana Karenga:** I'm confident that African people will continue to see their value, embrace their practice and pass on these values and the culture in which they are rooted as a legacy

## Traditional Greeting:

"Habari gani?" (One should reply by reciting the Kwanzaa principle of the day)

## The Seven Principles

(Nguzo Saba):

Sunday: Umoja (unity)

1. Monday: Kujichagulia (self-determination)
2. Tuesday: Ujima (collective work and responsibility)
3. Wednesday: Ujamaa (cooperative economics)
4. Thursday: Nia (purpose)
5. Friday: Kuumba (creativity)
6. Saturday: Imani (faith)

## How Much Do You Know About

## KWANZAA?

Q1. What is the term for the seven principles of Kwanzaa?

1. Nagazo Suba
2. Nguzo Saba
3. Kwanzaa Saba

Q2. The candleholder that is used during the Kwanzaa celebration is called...

1. An African candelabra
2. A kinara
3. A black menorah

Q3. In creating the holiday, Maulana Karenga added a second "a" to the original Swahili word "Kwanza." Why?

1. So that observers would pronounce the word correctly.
2. A child in the first celebration wanted a cardboard letter to hold during the ceremony.
3. The letter stands for "all," African-Americans united

Q4. From which other celebration does Kwanzaa adopt much of its structure?

1. Hanukkah in Israel
2. Umkhosi in Zululand
3. Bembe Elegba in Cuba

Q5. What do the ears of corn, called "muhindi," in a Kwanzaa display represent?

1. Feeding one's soul
2. The nourishment that African heritage can give
3. Each child in a family

Q6. Which Kwanzaa principle would be most closely associated with making a purchase at an African-American-owned shop?

1. Kuumba
2. Umoja
3. Ujamaa

Q7. Which is the Swahili word recited at every Kwanzaa celebration that means, "Let's pull together"?

1. "Jambo!"
2. "Harambee!"
3. "Karamu!"

Q8. The colors of the Black National Flag, or "bendera," are red, black, and green. What does each color symbolize?

1. Red: the blood of the people; Black: those who have died; Green: the land of Africa
2. Red: the struggle of the people; Black: for black people; Green: the hope of the future
3. Red: the passion of the people; Black: dark days of the race; Green: the hope of the future

Q9. Fill in the blank: The pouring of libations is usually performed in honor of our ancestors by \_\_\_\_\_.

1. a male child
2. a clergy member
3. an elder

Q10. The Karamu is the major Kwanzaa feast held on December 31. What 1980s song features lyrics about this feast?

1. "Happy Birthday" by Stevie Wonder
2. "All Night Long" by Lionel Richie
3. "How Long" by Ladysmith Black Mambazo

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## Contracts

develops studies to show how minorities are hurt by the lack of a pro-

gram, which he says will bolster the county's position, if challenged.

Nationally, issues raise with the future in competition of trades workers as president George Bush push passage of the "Guess Worker

plan, for immigrants to work in the United States working for 3-4 years at less pay, leaving contracts to major Black or White contractors that look for cheaper wages.

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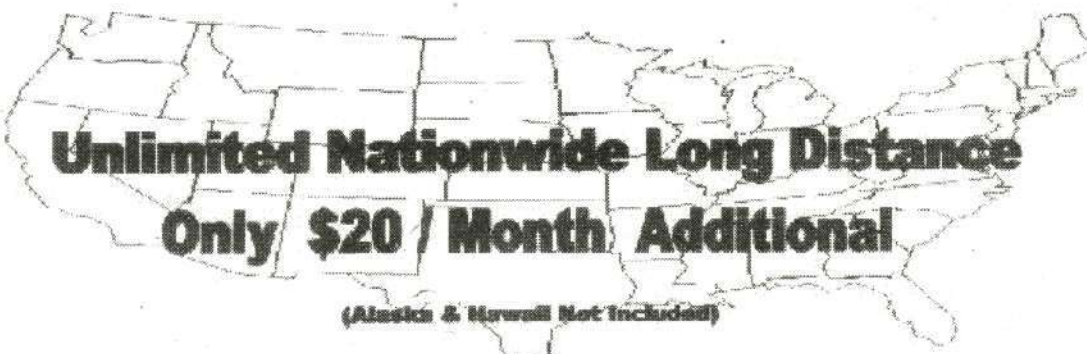
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# Monument

Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel Steven J. Holler endorsed a letter threatening that if the museum does not remove the monument by September 29, 2004 the city will. After ongoing negotiations with the museum's attorney Charles Mudd the city agreed to a December 29, 2004 (extended to January 7, 2005 at deadline)

Surrounding the monument on the corner of 104th and Corless, the Far Southside Community Accountability Council (FSCAC) has been staging press conferences, public meetings and marches protesting the City's steadfast position to remove the monument.

Pete Scales of the city's Department of Planning citing the property is city own for its own chosen acknowledged the city was in the process to grant the property to the Museum. But because there was no formal position of the alderman Anthony Beal (9) the process stopped.

"It's up to the alderman. We can not move on the transition of property without the approval of the alderman." Said Scales.

Ask want the official process of transacting city property govern by aldermen, the Mayor's press officer Lance Lewis was not sure of the legal ratifications and was not able to provide the process before deadline.

Joined by community residents, organized labor, clergy, artist and

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# Sheriff Race

mand positions overlooking veteran personnel blatantly disobeying a court order."

"What kind of message does that send to the people of Cook County? Cook County needs a new Sheriff. I plan to take on the challenge."

Sheahan have been Sheriff of Cook County since 1990 with a wide margin, that his office call a mandate to reform an office that for years had been tainted by scandal and political corruption.

Upon taking office, Sheahan press material says he has eliminated "ghost-payrollers" and collected more than 2,000 badges that had been handed out as political perks by previous administrations. He also established an Inspector General's Office to investigate official misconduct in the Office and implemented the



Sheriff Michael

department's first-ever mandatory drug testing program for all sworn personnel and command staff.

However, no charges or indictments were known in corruption charges.

Opening a campaign office in the Roseland community, Baker involvement in the community dates back to the mid 1970's, as precinct captain in the 21<sup>st</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> wards and was involved in the late Congressman Ralph Metcalfe's race for congress. He ran for State Representative in 1982 and for Alderman in 1999 and he is the current Treasurer of the South Side Branch of the NAACP, and a member of the National Black United Front

community activist, Stephen C. White, president of the FSCAC called on the Million Man March organizers to stop the destruction of the only statue in the country dedicated to the legacy of A. Philip Randolph.

White recalled history that Randolph was the original organizer of the first March on Washington that called on Martin Luther King. "Everyone should be appalled of such action of the city".

The property was unempt privately owned until the city took ownership for back taxes in 2002. In 1995 the museum cleaned up the lots and developed it with \$40,000 in private funds matched with state funds. The monument was constructed with support of Maggie Daley Gallery 21 project, where youth help designed it. In addition, State Senator Emil Jones and others were present during the ground breaking of a new parking lot.

The City and Beale listed the lot as vacant in a Request For Proposal (RFP) for developers issued October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004. In which Revins Fellows, a supporter of the museum raised the question of why the RFP was falsified as vacant. "This should leave to decision to the winning bidder of the property, Or the city knew the cost associated with the removal. This decision was made without thought or something is going on underhanded."

"Randolph and the Porters' legacy are under attack." Said Reginald Lewis board member of the new FSCAC and chair of the Pullman Historical Foundation. "FSCAC have chosen to support the museum in this effort not only to save the monument, but to save the museum's play and parking lot which is critical to the museums operations as the first task under our purpose" said Mr. Hughes.

White added, "We are confident in the leadership of the Mayor to identify the importance of this monument to his African American constituency and the city."

"The disrespectful destruction of the monument is not something that concerns just the Pullman Community, A. Philip Randolph's legacy is National and International and cannot be dishonored in this way." said Lynn Hughes the museum's founder.

Lance said he would meet with the Scales to address information on the issue. The city did meet with Ms. Hughes, to compromise on the removal to another location. However, FSCAC stress it should remain, and the city should grant the lots to the museum. Serenading the museum's earlier offer to acquire the property at market value for the property two years ago.

However, the cost to removal the monument would be roughly

\$5,000.00 in which Hughes admitted the museum does not have the financial means.


Ald. Beale would not return numerous calls of SSJ. But reports are he wants the monument removed as soon as possible in line with the mid January bidding of the lots.

"Ald Beale through the city is planning to remove and destroy another piece of Black Labor history." Said White. Noting that in 2000 the city painted over a mural at 103rd and Cottage of the Pullman Porters history.

In continuing the 24-hour sleep over FSCAC is comprised of organizations from the Far Southside saying their purpose is on time to serve as a voice through which issues as this makes their role even more important to hold government entities, elected officials and businesses accountable to the community residents of the Far Southside.

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# Inside the Queen & Activist Beauty Turner

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Once in a life time, history captures certain personalities in the movement, Beauty is one. On December 16th, was an appreciation day for Beauty Turner. She is a world renowned advocate, award winning journalist, reporting on the housing crisis, no less than her role as a social advocate and researcher addressing police brutality and Minister of Information for the New Black Panther Party.

A Chicago native, Ms. Beauty Turner was a resident Robert Taylor Homes, one of the most notorious public housing developments in the world. Her experience provoked a passion and perspective, that captures the essence of a Black female for social justice.

With a twin sister (deceased) the youngest of thirteen children were born from humble beginning on the West side of Chicago.

She is the Assistant Editor for *Residents' Journal*, a weekly columnist for *Hyde Park Herald-Lake Front Outlook* and a host of other community papers, including *South Street Journal*.

A speaker at many events Ms. Turner has been principal for a day three times, twice at Beethoven Elementary on 47th and State Street, and once at Zeno's Coleman Elementary, they are Beauty's memorably speaking engagements.

Her motto: A closed mouth will never get fed; nobody knows your pain unless you tell them; and I have yet to begin to fight or write for human rights!



**W**e know you are not "Sleeping Beauty" because of your awakening message to many that are sleep, so Beauty Turner, how did you get the name "Beauty"?

**Beauty:** "My mothers named me Beauty."

Let me tell you a little story.

When I was in the fourth grade there was a heavy set, snotty nose, boy named Leroy. He would always catch me in the coat closet and tease me about my name; he would say things like; "Did your mama name you Beauty, because you have skinny legs like that horse name (Black Beauty)?"

I did have skinny legs at that time; one of my socks would always fall down, and bunch up around my ankle, unlike my twin sister Daisy who had big legs.

I remember one day I couldn't take Leroy teasing any more, I ran out of the school and didn't look back until I reach home, I flopped down by

my mother favorite rocking chair in a flood of tears and I asked her "Mama why did you name me that silly name?"

My mother gently lifted my head and whisper softly to me, "Baby, I name you that name for a reason.

I knew that you are going to be in the public eye, and people are going to say good things and bad things about you. (She continued) "I didn't want anybody saying nothing bad about my child that why I name you Beauty. Because in the end, when it is all said and done- people have to call you by your name, they have to call you something wonderful, and something beautiful, when they call you by your name!"

The tears stop rolling and a smile came to my face. "Beauty is my name!"

**SSJ: Have you once been given an apple or part of your life that put you asleep?**

**Beauty:** "Once I was fast asleep just like every body else, just living from day to day, not really paying attention to the world that was re-

volving around me, otherwise living very selfishly."

I was married at a very early age, had three children. I divorced, and went a little buck wild- I had two boy friends, one was a politician and the other one was a drug dealer, both of them gave me money plus I worked."

I thought that was living but it was not.

**SSJ: What woke you up?**

**Beauty:** I laid down on my sofa and just like Martin Luther King Jr. I had a dream.

A vision if you will.

In this dream I was standing on a fire lane dressed in white, I looked up and I saw demolition to the public housing high rises, bricks were falling onto the fire lane. But none hit me. As I looked around I saw young men selling drugs, and young women selling their bodies, I saw young mothers holding on to their children hands crying out to me for help.

A loud thunderous voice echo out of the clouds and said "Beauty take your twin and go to the projects (Robert Taylor) you have work to do there!"

I woke up from that dream angry and upset, I said out loud to myself- I not going to any body projects!

My drug dealer boy friend found out about my politician boyfriend -otherwise to make a long story short I end up in Robert Taylor home.

I saw that a lot of my people were sleeping, so the work that I 'm trying to do is wake my people up by enlighten them.

**SSJ: Do you consider yourself a humanitarian or a hell raiser?**

**Beauty:** "I consider myself a hell raiser for humanitarian reasons."

**SSJ: How do you separate your journalism and community activism?**

**Beauty:** As a Black women living in the pitfalls of poverty, I consider myself a modern day Ida B. Wells, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, and a Lou Palmer type of fighter and writer. A class of writer and fighter that is needed today in trouble times.

As it is becoming difficult for some tenants (many of whom are black) to afford to stay in the city.

Things are being put in place, to be organized, as we speak.

There's many things that we as a people should be doing to opposed gentrification.

Silent is the biggest lie that is being told today.

There too much silent that dwell behind the lips of our politicians, too much silent that never penetrate the lips of our spiritual leaders.

While key figures are being silent we are losing our homes, schools, jobs, and paternity of our children are being rocked and cradle by the state. No civil rights leaders, or elected politicians are addressing our issue.

**SSJ: Give an example of who you are referring to?**

**Beauty:** Like Rev. Jesse Jackson and Min. Farrakhan.

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## Bah! Humbrotha wit

By Min. Paul Scott

**C**all me the Pro-Black militant Grinch or the Ebony Ebenezer Scrooge, but I detest this time of year. This is the time of year that the whole world turns lily white and those that aren't white, wish they were. White "Jesus," white Santa, white elves! What's an Afrocentric brotha to do: pour myself a cup of egg nog and go off singing "I'm dreamin' of a white Christmas? Never!

**S**ince childhood, I have felt somewhat alienated during this time of year. The holiday television programs that I watched never reflected my culture. The cartoon characters were always lily white, except for maybe that Black kid "Franklin" on Charlie Brown (Even he didn't talk Black).



The shows were either about American white children named "Billy" and "Susie" or English white kids from the 1800's, but to quote old school rapper Kurtis Blowe "this ain't 1823. It ain't even 1970". Where were the Black kids in "Christmas town" or "Santa land?" I guess the climate was just too cold for Black folks or the ones that lived there had enough sense to stay in the house during a blizzard.

I could never understand what was so wonderful about a winter wonderland. Why glamorize 20 below temperatures and frostbite? My melanin enriched skin definitely was not "feelin'" Frosty the Snow man and Jack Frost. Why couldn't the "Christmas" characters be chillin' in the motherland, somewhere? Couldn't I see that it was a psychological ploy to make Afrikan people feel that the cold climate of Northern Europe was "normal" and something to be celebrated, while the warm sun of Africa was abnormal and something to be avoided? Oh well, where I was blind, now I see.

**S**anta Claus. If I was good all year, a fat white man would break into my house (we did not have a chimney) and leave me a few toys, which my parents would grumble about having to pay for all year. It was not until later that I realized that my little brain was translating this to mean that if I didn't



## LETTERS

### God and the Barber Shop

Dear Editor;

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. The barber and customer began to talk about so many things and various subjects.

When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children?"

If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things."

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt.

The customer turned back and entered the barber

shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! What happens is, people do not come to me."

"Exactly!"- Affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens, is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

Submitted by Joann McGee Englewood

### Hired Truck Program and the Mayors Embarrassment

Dear Editor

During the 70s, I was an Aide to the late, great,

Mayor Richard J. Daley, as Southside director of the Mayor's Office of Inquiry and Information.

I headed an office that the Mayor had Office of Inquiry and Information. The Mayor had initially referred as "Little Neighborhood city Halls." There were four at the onset that included the North side, Westside, Near Southside and Woodlawn.

The Mayor was proud of these Neighborhood offices because they provided services in their respective communities as opposed to traveling downtown to City Hall. It was mandated by the Mayor that everyone would be treated alike. We were there to serve all.

Periodically the Mayor would forward memorandums to his aides and cabinet heads—those who represented the Mayor's office—which of course was him!

One such memo received in 1973, if my memory does not fail me, stated, "I, nor the City of Chicago hold you duly responsible for your staff. In the event a misdeed is done, I will not go to them. I expect you to know what your staff is doing during working hours."

Needless to say, one did not find it necessary to understand what the Mayor implied, just be able to read!

### The Vision Englewood

Dear Editor;

The final architect approvals are in production of the New Englewood in the summer of 2004.

Since the Spring of 2001, the dream project become Senate President Emi Hunter have taken the lion in Illinois First Floor of the Mayor's office. Mr. Henry Wilson, an additional \$1.5 million funds have been secured by Children's Home & Family Services.



# g, Tis the Season to Be Black h an Christmas attitude



was white and had this lie rammed down our throats at Christmas. Even when we grow up and see the foolishness of believing that the picture of Michelangelo's family members is really the Messiah, many still try to defend this falsehood by asking "what difference does it make?"

The story is also told that his purpose was not to free the Black children of Israel (that's what I said, BLACK!) from their white (Roman) oppressors but his whole, entire purpose was to excuse white folks from their many sins against humanity. We as a people have survived not "because of" our belief that Yeshua was white, but "in spite of" our belief that he was Caucasian. But this is a new day and it is time for our people to grow up and put away childish things.

Not to loose the church folks", as the hip hoppers say "take back what the enemy has stolen"; our culture and identity. We must start a "Dreaming of a Black Christmas" campaign to get our people to replace the Eurocentric Christmas images with Afrocentric images, starting with those three white folks that they have in their front yard "perpetratin'" like they are "Joseph, Mary and Jesus".

We must use this time to tell our people that the original people of the Bible were Black. We must seize the time and let them know that the Messiah was not a weak looking white man but was Yeshua, the Black Revolutionary Messiah who was crucified for "stirring up the people"

We will raise this issue loud and proud this holiday season whether it be on talk radio or talking on a street corner. We will let the world know that this year we are celebrating the birth of the Black Messiah. So instead of watching the 48 hour marathon of "It's a Wonderful Life" we will be making a better life for our people.

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start any trouble with white folks I would be rewarded with gifts from the great white man but if I fought against white supremacy, I would be given a piece of (black) coal.

Although my daughter is not in to the "Santa thang" I have many family members who tell me "Oh, let the baby have her "Santee" Claus, as if that will be the litmus test to determine her success or failure in life. I guess during her acceptance speech for the 2030 Nobel Peace Prize she is going to say ".and I owe it all to my strong belief in Santa Claus," or if she winds up homeless and wandering the streets, she'll moan "if only my Dad would have let me sit in Santa's knee, I could have been a contender."

The image of the blue eyed, blond haired "Christ" child has been most destructive, well surpassing "gangsta rap" as the most negative influence facing Black children. If you are throwing a birthday party for someone each year, the least you could do is put the right picture on the party invitation. What is wrong with Black folks having a Black Messiah in their nativity scene?

For too long, we have been told that Yeshua (his parents named Him Yeshua, the white man named him Jesus)



## of the New Family: A Reality

ral drawings and City of Chicago ss to allow the start of construc- wood Child and Family Center 5. this year, over \$6.3 million dol- ave been received to help this : a reality. Governor Blagojevich, Jones, Jr., and Senator Mattie lead in the release of \$4.5 mil- inds. In addition, the advocacy Alderman Theodore Thomas, d Congressman Bobby Rush, an n dollars in Empowerment Zone ed. Private fund raising efforts t: Aid Society have increased the

Respectfully,  
John E. Woodson (ret.)  
Bronzeville

funding by \$300,000.  
The estimated construction cost as of October 2004 is \$7.3 million. The newly formed Campaign for Englewood Steering Committee, co-chaired by Joset Wright, former president of Ameritech, Cecil Coleman retired vice president of Harris Bank, convened an initial membership meeting on December 1, 2004. This steering committee consists of Englewood clergy, philanthropists, governmental officials, and citizens. This committee will work to raise the additional dollars necessary to fully fund this new center. It will, also, identify and act on strengths, opportunities, barriers, and tasks that will build the support of the Englewood Community.  
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## Another Buy Black Campaign Reasons to be conservative for 2005

Ron Carter, Publisher and Editor



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Firm	Top executive	2003 Revenues (in millions)	Change from 2002	Minority group of ownership	Year founded	Full-time employees worldwide 2003	Description of business
1 Johnson Publishing Co., 820 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 60605; (312) 322-9200; www.ebony.com	Linda Johnson Rice, president, CEO	\$488.5	+15.0%	African-American	1942	1,676	Publishing, television production, cosmetics, hair care
2 Harpo Inc., 110 N. Carpenter St., Chicago 60607; (312) 633-1000; www.oprah.com	Oprah G. Winfrey, chairman	\$275.0	+14.6%	African-American	1986	263	Television and film productions, publishing and online media
3 Veluchamy Enterprises; 1213 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove 60515; (708) 449-2800; www.veluchamy.com	Pethinaidu Veluchamy, chairman, CEO	\$210.0	+2.4%	Asian	1974	3,000	Direct marketing and mailing, banking, real estate
4 Flying Food Group LLC; 212 N. Sangamon St., Ste. 1A, Chicago 60607; (312) 243-2122; www.flyingfood.com	Sue Ling Gin, chairman, CEO	\$150.0	+15.4%	Asian	1992	2,200	Airline catering, home meal replacement
5 Sayers 40 Inc./1; 1150 Feehanville Dr., Mount Prospect 60056; (847) 391-4040; www.sayers.com	Gale E. Sayers, president, CEO	\$112.7	-19.3%	African-American	2003	75	Information technology products and services

A "Buy Black" campaign was held December 18, 2004, the core basis was centered on Reparations: (paying back blacks for their enslavement). Upon reviewing the material I reflected on how would South Street Journal be involved other than reporting the event. Recognizing the *Chicago Defender*, and *Ebony Magazine*, (the top minority firm in Chicago) would be very conservative supporting such a cause. On the contrary an astounding support would be that of BET (Time/Warner), not black owned, by acknowledging its profit base should reflect economic parity.

As the *Chicago Tribune* roots itself from 157 years as an abolitionist republican newspaper; today it characterizes itself as being conservative and sensitive to public debate. We all must be suspicious of untested ideas." A good 2005 conservative resolution statement for SSJ, as it relates to supporting a one-day buy black campaign or the Million Man March of 2005 is The glory of unity is great, but the organizers must be greater

**Conservative in Business**  
Pamela in Alabama did not know anything about the Buy Black campaign. *Ebony* magazine for the most part wasn't mindful that she as well as others weren't aware of the campaign. Above all, if *Ebony* supported such a campaign, their financial stability would have been in question; and their December issue wouldn't have been printed. Consequently their 1,600 employees would have been affected financially; therefore it would not have been a good business decision.

In light of being totally committed *Ebony* magazine would have prepared it's readers and advertisers last June to avoid suffering a lost for the coming editions of 2005. Accordingly, *Ebony* would have developed a campaign to have an influx of black business ads. It would have targeted corporate advertisers in the same manner as *Black Enterprise* and the *Black Pages*, not only for corporate images, but their role in supporting the Buy Black campaign as they do with 'Buy white' campaigns year round.

In another case, Oprah, whose the second top black business; would have had to do the same as *Ebony* with her magazine as other black publications. However, Oprah and her shareholders would surely suggest giving away cars instead.

**Conservative Socially**  
"Everybody knows how to take care of their own except Black folks as a whole", points out Web Evans, who is looked upon in the highest regard in organizing Buy-Black campaigns. But, no more than those before him: Elijah Muhammad, Marcus Garvey, and recently the late Tim Bridges of Matah.

The Chicago Urban League reports that there is a growing poor population of Black people in Chicago. Lavern Murphy of POP, agreeing with

the report, points out that for the most part the ones in the middle and at the top do not depend on their own ethnic base as they achieve success as other races do.

"People see this. As other immigrants come to America for opportunities they are benefiting greater from the doors that has been opened by Black American movements. In business it seems that Arab nationalities know to set up shop in the black community the minute they land at O'Hara Airport. It's no accident. The United States does not need Black labor folks any more, nor the value of them in business." Stressed Murphy.

For centuries, Black Americans have been viewed as a cheap labor force. Now that is changing, the gap widens as President George Bush is demonstrating it with his new "Guess Worker" platform that allows immigrants to work 3-4 years in the States working for less pay.

What's more, presidential candidate John Kerry summed it up addressing reparations as 'Get over it'. It is like an overwhelming slap in the face to black leaders pushing him and reparations at the same time. Reasons to have supported Ralph Nader, win or lose, the glory of principles is greater than the lost compromising ones principles.

**A Conservative Resolution**  
*Chicago Tribune* addressing its conservative position wrote, "Believing change must be made in the light of tradition and the lessons of history."

The tradition to buy black, and the glory of another Million Man March will not be as profound if inmates **Joseph Watkins, Aaron Patterson, Michael Smith and others falsely accused** are not present as it relates to the 10-point platform outlined in *The Final Call*. The buy-black campaigns in resolution of the Million Man March is lost without the possibility of each participate combining over \$100 million for consumer services and goods for that one day of October 16, 2005 to enhance another top black business in Chicago.

As Armadell Hicks quotes Fannie Lou Hamer, "God is not going to bring it and put it in your lap, you got to do something."

Still maintaining as a believer "conservatively"; SSJ's objectives for 2005 are: 1. Highlighting the injustices of the criminal judicial system. 2. Working with Citibank in spearheading cooperative economics. 3. Leading the political agenda of POP with the Citizens For A Better Chicago. 4. Helping to spearhead a delegation to Ghana, Africa. And 5: Welcoming those that would take part in the new Advisory Board of SSJ.

May we all have a prosperous New Year with a prescription to broaden good will for all.

# South Street Events



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**State Representative Connie Howard** invites a busload of Chicagoans to travel with her to Washington, D.C. January 2nd 2005, to witness history in the making at the swearing-in ceremonies for Senator-elect Barack Obama. Others that will be sworn in are Congressmen Bobby Rush (1), Danny Davis (7) and Jesse Jackson Jr. (2). For information call



**Tuesday, December 28, 2004**  
Bronzeville Community Cares presents: *Getting In Gear, The Truth about College.* Why should I go to college? What REALLY happens when you go away to school? How will I know what classes to take? How can I get ready for college if I'm only a Junior? A panel for high school Juniors & Seniors presented by current college students. Also featuring: Dewan Simon, CEO of SITOO Fashion, With a candid look at ethnicity and success., 6pm-9pm, The Bronzeville YMCA 3728 S. Wabash, Refreshments will be served! Come with your questions about college! For more info visit [www.bcc-chicago.org](http://www.bcc-chicago.org) or if you have other questions, call 773-854-6994!

**The Sullivan House Community Technology Center 3rd ANNUAL COMMUNITY KWANZAA CELEBRATION,** Saturday, January 1, 2005 at 7677 S. Coles, in South Shore Chicago, 12 noon, African Drum Circle 2 PM Spoken Word Poetry and Testimony 3 PM, Induction Ceremony, Youth in Coles Street Tech Crew 4:30 Music with Ze Inner Urge Jazz Society. Spaghetti for the Community ALL DAY. Come and enjoy and celebrate our Goals for



(Celebrating the Principle Ujamaa Kwanzaa 2004, "Lets' Pull Together Around the 7 Principles" Program, 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Olive-Harvey City College 10001 South Woodlawn Ave. Music-Song-Poetry- Dance-Feast-Market Kwanzaa Address Sarudzayi Sevanhu All African Peoples Revolutionary Party All African Women's Revolutionary

Union. The Ujamaa Market Music/Dance, Poetry/Book Signings Exhibitors & Vendors, Watoto Village For more information on the event, becoming a vendor or exhibitor Call Kwesi Ronald Harris at 312.925.7162

**The Kemetic Institute presents teaching about Africa TAA 2005,** a cooperative multidisciplinary approach to helping teachers teach about African History and culture, the afternoon curriculum sessions will address integrating the Chicago reading initiative into social studies con-

tent, eight lecture schedules for \$160.00. Starting January 6, with the African historiography, Culture and Geography, For more info call Ms. Yvonne Jones at

773-268-7500 ext. 147. At the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for inner City studies, 700 East Oakwood Boulevard

## Beansoup Times: Three years of fake news

In the recent edition, *Bean Soup Times* reports that "R. Kelly's bionic eyes saw gun men in Garden" and that the number one reason Kerry lost the election was because "Seventy-eight percent of young, Republican voters think it's hot that Vice President Cheney has a butch, lesbian daughter."

The only Black-owned satirical newspaper in the United States enters its fourth year of production in January 2005. With an over-the-top parody of tabloid sensationalism coupled with a deadpan, loose AP style of writing, the Chicago-based *Bean Soup Times* spoofs popular culture, the media, entertainment, and cultural stereotypes from a Black American perspective.

Besides, "hard news" the publication offers "Ghettoscopes: Horoscopes that keep it real," "Simple Recipes", and commentaries. To sum it up, the newspaper and companion website offer jaw-dropping, silly Black American humor with striking social and political commentary. Along with the satire, *Bean Soup Times*

also offers an arts and entertainment section complete with a calendar of events, celebrity interviews and features, and reviews.



**Toure Muhammad, the brainchild and publisher of *Bean Soup Times***

"I wasn't sure how people would respond to a "Black-themed" satirical publication, but I've been blown away by the love," said Toure Muhammad, the brainchild and publisher of the publication. "We attract informed, urban professionals who want this unique blend of humor, politics,

and culture." A writer for other publications including SSJ, Muhammad publication began in January of 2002. People first encountered *Bean Soup Times* as an email sent to about 50 people in March 2001. Now the publication can be picked up at supermarkets, libraries, bookstores, and restaurants, and various other locations throughout the city.

Toure Muhammad is a graduate of Morehouse College, a former journalist, and a communications professional. More info can be found at [beansouptimes.com](http://beansouptimes.com).



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# Beauty Turner

## Beauty Turner

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...just about all executives take the position they are responsible for the administration of them. Is there a blame for what is happening to public housing residents. The residents, government or just the change of the times?

**Beauty:** "Every body had a hand in this tragedy, and as things unfold it is going to take everybody

To remedy this cancerous epidemic that leaving a lot of my people homeless."

**SSJ:** The fact is: to understand politicians, you need to "follow the money." Is that the case with the Transformation of CHA? Or the resident just did not do their part?

"It is easy to understand politicians after all I use to date one."

**SSJ:** As George Bush won the election, most grass root organizers voted for Kerry and other Democrats. Are they out of touch with the main stream of America?

**Beauty:** I would like for every grass root organization to go see Fahrenheit 911, by Michael Moore. In this documentary the Black policy makers needed one Senators signature on an inquiry concerning the disenfranchising of the Black vote in the year 2000 between Gore and Bush."

"Gore was the Chairman of the committee and guess who was a Senator at that time none other then Kerry."

"Kerry could have done something for the Black man by signing that inquiry, but he did not!

"Enough to make a Negro turn Black", like Lou Palmer said "There's more to Government than what meets the eye!"

### Englewood

Round Up  
John Paul Jones

### School Reform

The Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force reporting on CPS - Schools and Regions to Discuss Renaissance 2010. Ninety four out of the areas 28 public schools have been placed on probation within the past 3 years. The State's power to close and or reconstitute schools goes into effect FY 2006.

Since 2001, CPS have been challenged about the ways in which they close and reopen schools within black communities.

### An update on the 63rd and Halsted Commercial Project Application.

The Family Task Force responded to the City's Request for Proposal (RFP) to become a joint venture partner in this \$26 million project. The Task Force will expand the committee in order to meet with banks and other institutions to strengthen our equity position for this project. In addition, the next meeting for the Global

### "Respect for King Days"

Committee TEAM and PEER Inc. committee will layout plans for "Respect for King Days" and the "Emmett Till Anniversary". The committee is establishing permanent committees for the 3 year campaign that started the December 18th event.

Furthermore, they are establishing a "Blood Stain Banner" Committee for the "Till Anniversary". Alderman Troutman will present the Humanities Week Jan. 15 thru 21st, 2005

For information call John Paul Jones at (773) 436-6496.

**SSJ:** Challenges funding community organizing." How can foundations improve their thinking as it relates to their work on community development and community change.

**Beauty:** "Foundations leaders need to get a close up view of what is really taking place so them they can make a better decision on what needs to be funded.

Plus grass root organizations need to not get into the habit of being put on a leach, and being pulled back in when the funders think that you are going to far to help the people.

**SSJ:** What are some resources that may be helpful in the people research in this phrase?"

**Beauty:** There are many resources out here such as studies that can help in this phrase. Professor Sudhir Venkatesh and my studies about the CHA Relocation Transformation Plan report is on line.

Plus there's a documentary that we did it is called- "Dislocation" which will be out soon research and studying the relocated public housing residents plight. The study also include some of the people who resided in the building with me- 4525 South Federal.

The easiest way to get copies of our work is to goggle search my name -such as "Beauty Turner"

With Tom Sullivan report- he was contracted by the CHA to give a report about the out-come of the plan so far.

The most that people can do these days is

to get involved, and our problems can be solved.

**SSJ:** If there was a panel of stories regarding CHA, covering areas of community development, planning for the future, and community-based research, and who the buck stop with accountability and responsibility; who are five people you would want to be on that panel?

**Beauty:** The panel would address the CHA Transformation Plan. First of I would be one of the panelist, including Carol Steele from Cabrini Green, Professor / Sociologist Sudhir Venkatesh from Columbia University, CEO CHA Terry Peterson so that he can reply, Ron Carter Publisher South Street Journal."

**SSJ:** Who would be the moderator?

"None other then our own Black award winning Radio talk show host WVON Cliff Kelly."

**SSJ:** Upon there being a book written about you, what would you want to be left out?

**Beauty:** "If there was a book written about me what would I want left out? "Umm, that is a unique question, my question to you is, "If I wanted something left out why would

I tell it to you now!" (smile)

**SSJ:** Community activist normally swear, do you?

**Beauty:** "Many people swear, but I try not to make a habit of swearing, I try to be more diplomatic."

**"Kerry could have done something for the Black man by signing that inquiry, but he did not! "Enough to make a Negro turn Black", like Lou Palmer said. "There's more to Government than what meets the eye!"**

"I am a true believer in that you can say what you mean without swearing and still get your point across."

**SSJ:** What advice would you give to activist just starting?

**Beauty:** Be passionist about your people, and your cause, believe in your rights as a people, and every thing else will fall in line.

**SSJ:** The most joyful part of being in this business

**Beauty:** "Helping people!"

**SSJ:** The most stressful part

of the business.

**Beauty:** "Not being able to help them all!"

**SSJ:** What are your future goals?

**Beauty:** My future goals are to write books, plays, songs, documentaries, and be a motivational speaker to our youth.

Otherwise continue to write and fight until I become Sleeping Beauty in my grave!



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# South Street Stepping Out

Chicago steppin originated in the 1950's. Partners face each other while alternately moving side-to-side and spinning to the beat.

Steppin as it is affectionately known originated in Chicago. It was originally known as the "Offtime Dance", which was a form of a slowed down (or half time) Jitterbug in the 1940's and later a heavy Bop influence in the 1950's. During the 1950's it became known as the Walk due to its slow walking appearance with the leader and partner walking around the dance floor in time to the music, followers walking backwards and leaders walking for-



ward. even long dress coats. Ladies wearing high stiletto heels (Imp's), short skirts to long dresses, basically looking very cool. The dance is a very relaxed and smooth form of movement, not the breakneck actions of the jitterbug.

Not all music is good for stepping, but it is a versatile dance when it comes to music, including, R&B, Pop big Band, bop, jazz, Contemporary dance, Hip-Hop etc. However, like most music, dancer look for certain rhythms in the these music forms. The main form of the music is R&B. The basic is 8 steps and are counted 1-2-3 —4-5—7-8. There are 6 count patterns to the music as well. The dance is African American in nature but does well-

The 1960's brought it all together to form the dance called "Steppin or Stepping" Dancers would dress up wearing Wide Brim Hats, Baggy Slacks. Ties and

come cross the racial barriers as many other nationality's races partake in the dance.

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**New Years Eve Comedy Explosion, Friday, December 31<sup>ST</sup>**, hosted by B-Cole, Featuring Comedians Cool Aide (from

Detroit), (Chicago's Own) Jeff B. and from the movies: "How to be a Player" and "B.A.P.S." the hysterical Includes After Party until 3:00 am , tickets \$100 per person VIP \$125 per person, Show, Dinner, Open Bar, Party Favors/Ring in the New Year + After Party, Overnight Hotel Room, \$150 per person plus tax, (\$310 per couple tax included; available for double occupancy only. VIP \$360 per couple. Holiday Inn, Matteson Ballroom, for a reserve hotel room call (708) 957-8490.

## From The Stepper's Network

[www.Steppersnetwork.net](http://www.Steppersnetwork.net)  
**Tuesday's**  
Dancettes, 6pm—2 am, the 50 Yard Line, 75th and Michigan, Ron Brown, 6 pm—2 am, Sweet Georgia Brown's, 4167 W. 183rd St., Country Club Hills.  
Stepper's after staking & A/W set, 2 pm—2am, Artis, 1249 E. 87th St.

**Wednesdays**  
Chocolate City Social Club, 5 pm—2 am (New TV Show) We-B- Clubbin, Celebrity Lounge, 2020 E. 83rd ST  
Stepper's set, 8 pm -?? 50 Yard Line, 69 E. 75th  
A/W Stepper's set, 5 pm—2 am , Secrets Lounge, 14112 Chicago Rd, Dolton, IL

**Thursdays**  
Stepper's se, 9 pm—?, Three G's Sports Bar & Grill, 14202 S. Cottage Grove, Dolton

**Fridays**  
Reese's Lounge, 1827 W. 87th , Chicago 7 pm—2 am  
"a" Team, Stepper's set, 8 pm—4 am, Est of the Ryan, 914 East 79th, Chicago.

**Saturdays**  
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## Ms. Helen West of Neleh Artistic Expressions

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## The Art of Reginald Gammon At the Susan Woodson Gallery, 5121 S. Drexel

Born 1921 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Reginald Gammon's work has been exhibited widely both nationally and internationally and is represented in numerous private and public collections. Part of the Harlem Renaissance, he has received too many awards. His subject matter often deals with dramatic moments in history and unlikely heroes. But his images can range from being intensely personal as in his depiction of a triple bypass, to very humorous as in his series of gym images. However, over the last few years, the artist has focused almost exclusively on Jazz figures as shown of the "Duke" Ellington. All of Gammons images live up to his aim of portraying the depth and spirituality of African American culture.



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**Jazz Unites**

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gospel artists Felicia Coleman-Evans, Roberta Thomas and Tamarica McCann, pianist Lee Koonce, jazz pianist Earma Thompson, bassist John Whitfield and two members of Ms. de Haas' own family—Broadway performers Aisha and Darius de Haas.

**Gospel Music Museum for Chicago Update**, as reported in SSJ December 1, 2004 the museum would be located in Englewood, recently the organizers of the Museum said it will become part of the future expansion of the DuSable Museum of African American History on 57th Street.

**Auditions for entertainers** Singers, rappers, spoken word performers, bands, etc seeking exposure and to merchandising and promotion of their CD's, clothing etc, or upcoming performance dates, a television show called "next Up Talent Showcase" will be aired of artists of the Chicago-land and Northern Indiana areas.

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# City Budget

were, "The black alderman, are unarmed, a brunch of individuals."

"It would be hard to understand the entire budget if you were not at the committee hearings.

Some modifications from the original budget included shifting some of the proposed alcohol tax increase from beer to wine and liquor, and dropping increases in the motor vehicle lease tax, as well as sidewalk cafe fees.

Ald. Howard Brookins (21) voted against the funding provision of the budget, rationalizing that Blacks buy wine and liquor more than beer. "The increase hit black people more. In addition, it is easier for people in city boarder wards to enter the suburbs to purchase cheaper priced cigarettes and liquor. Brookins also admitted the budget does not address the towing problem and the contracts.

At a budget hearing at the South Shore Culture Center the overwhelming testimonies addressed city services threatened by the projected budget deficit.

Some expressed concern for improved city services, yet others, ignoring obvious budget shortcomings, proclaimed Daley the best



**Bill 'Doc' Walls, by all indications, a 2007 mayoral candidate, said he called to congratulate the aldermen on their stand. "We must call them out when they vote against our interest and support them when they vote correctly."**

Chicago mayor ever.

Daley commented, "Everyone likes complements" and touted his record of city services without cuts. An unnamed city employee confirmed allegations that Daley staged the public hearings.

But Walls contradicts his statement insisting services are being cut. The budget contains almost \$50 million in new program cuts, in addition to \$2.3 billion in cuts that Daley has made since 1989.

Cuts were also felt in the communities where the City is proposing to issue a \$186 million bond to fund neighborhood improvement projects (in 2003 the Mayor proposed a

## New year city budget, Daley: "The Best Mayor Chicago ever had" Voice citizens in lei of \$220 mil. deficient

\$195 million bond, after passage of the City's 2004 Budget, the bond issue was reduced to \$150 million) reported by the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group calling it, "Promises broken".

Daley said "Revenues are not keeping up with inflation or our needs. "and Springfield's failure to approve a city owned casino for Chicago, warning that things could get worse, in effect, positions Springfield officials to eventually approve a Chicago casino.

The mayor's office stated the casino issue had nothing to do with this year's budget. But looking ahead the mayor is steering for a casino, alleging it would generate hundreds of millions in new revenue, alleviate raising property taxes and create thousands of new jobs,"

Sources say that is the real deal allows legislators to bail out the CTA, pay for it with a casino, thus avoiding a property taxes increase.

### City Workers

"All I want is my job" The city unions chanted, working without a contract the last 18 months. "We are not going to take it."

But they did. In 1989, there were

38,689 full-time positions in City government. In 2005, there will be approximately 35,900.

As the city continues to negotiate with the unions, the mayor delays raises for exempt personnel by six months and will reduce the number of vacancies by another 240 positions. The result is 1,300 fewer budgeted positions in this year's budget than last year's."

Privatizing jobs has escalated over the last eight years, and the mayor's office reports that in the coming months the mayor would present an agenda to increase privatization. O'Hare airport and the selling of the Chicago Skyway are only examples of city jobs being privatized. Contractor work is the base for privatization with issues surrounding emergency contractual work as high as \$200,000.

Unable to produce privatization cost comparisons, the budget office argued the emphasis is on better quantity and consumer services. Added the cost is a minimal.

Disputing the minimal clam, "Privatization of jobs cost more," said Cononate. "This is a ploy to fatten Daley's campaign chest and provide him a White pin stripe pa-

tronage army. This mayor is a union buster." He said. "And aldermen in support of the budget turned their backs on the unions and their family members who are city workers."

Mark Loveless said, "But this is the Mayor these city workers voted for," "How many of these city workers were house slaves, Black, White, or Latino? Now they need community support.

Looking to the political future, Cononate said, "The northwest voters are not blindly supporting Daley's pile-of-ticks. We just want a good challenger, Daley's future is less certain. His choices are being questioned...\$4 million in destroying Meggs Fields is an example of poor spending. The Mayor's "Millennium Park cost of \$475 million."

Coconate, said two thirds of the voters, 600,000 voters stay home and only 8% to 11% of the black voters came out to vote, and the mayor won. "That is no overwhelming majority. For there is an opening crack in the armor."

Walls and Coconate announced they have joined forces to fight for the rights of average citizens. Furthermore, the two warned they would politically oppose the Mayor and those Aldermen who continue to support his scandalous tax and spend administration.

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## Result of Kwanzaa Quiz

**Q1.** What is the term for the seven principles of Kwanzaa? (2) Nguzo Saba

**Q2.** The candleholder that is used during the Kwanzaa celebration is called. (2) A Kinara

**Q3.** In creating the holiday, Maulana Karenga added a second "a" to the original Swahili word "Kwanza." Why? (2) A child in the first celebration wanted a cardboard letter to hold during the ceremony.

**Q4.** From which other celebration does Kwanzaa adopt much of its structure? (2) Umkhosi in Zululand

**Q5.** What do the ears of corn, called "muhindi," in a Kwanzaa display represent? (3) Each child in a family

**Q6.** Which Kwanzaa principle would be most closely associated with making a purchase at an African-American-owned shop? (3) Ujamaa

**Q7.** Which is the Swahili word recited at every Kwanzaa celebration that means, "Let's pull together"? (2) "Harambee!"

**Q8.** The colors of the Black National Flag, or "bendera," are red, black, and green. What does each color symbolize? (2) Red: the struggle of the people; Black: for black people; Green: the hope of the future

**Q9.** Fill in the blank: The pouring of libations is usually performed in honor of our ancestors by \_\_\_ (3) an elder \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q10.** The Karamu is the major Kwanzaa feast held on December 31. What 1980s song features lyrics about this feast? (2) "All Night Long" by Lionel Richie

## Election

Hamilton.

Citing other problems in Ohio: unequal access to voting machines in the suburbs, to the long lines in the inner cities. Jackson also cited numerous reports of glitches and outright miscounts from electronic voting machines (privately owned by a partisan who publicly declared he would win Ohio for Bush) -

"And why, in Warren County, Republican dominated election officials declare a "homeland security emergency," locked out the press and all independent observers, and proceeded with a closed door, secret vote count?" Jackson explained perhaps the most revealing vote discrepancy came in the comparison of the vote tally for Ellen Connally, a Democratic Party State Supreme Court candidate. In several counties, her margin over her opponent far exceeded - by hundreds of thousands - the margin between Kerry and Bush.

Exit polls in Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania - key swing states - varied from the Election Day results issued in these states.

Jackson said, Secretary Blackwell must reclude himself from all proceedings related to Ohio's election, as a co-chair of the Bush-Cheney campaign in Ohio. This is a clear conflict of interest and undermines the fairness of the process.

"We have an antiquated Electoral College system that must be abolished. Cong. Jesse Jackson, Jr.'s bill, which calls for a constitutional amendment on the right to vote for all U.S. citizens - presidential elections with one set of rules where the individual right to vote is protected - will go a long way toward achieving this goal."

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# CTA

Lawndale. "We've been pushing hard for months against CTA's so-called 'Gridlock Budget.' We warned the CTA that trying to intimidate lawmakers during the Veto Session wouldn't work. We pleaded with them to think 'outside the box' and work with us to find solutions. Now maybe we'll have the breathing space to bring about some real reform."

Other state official that were commended were Senators Meeks and Trotter, Representatives Anzette Collins, Ken Dunkin, and Colvin, and all the members of the Black Caucus for speaking out said Rev. Cy Fields of the Interfaith Organizing Project

Rev. Fields explained, "CTA has huge credibility problems with the public. We have long called on CTA to open up their books. It's no good to throw money at them when we can't be sure it will be used to help those communities that need the service the most. And now that the Black Caucus has called for a State Audit, and the Senate President and Governor

are getting involved, we're moving in the right direction!"

But some advocates say the real deal is laying the foundation for a Casino for Chicago as CTA workers has been given layout notices and letters of termination and is constantly hiring new employees, 1,250 layoffs were projected, however jobs are being reclassified from the last cut offs.

With many complaints of the services of CTA, the agencies has massive capital improvement:

Top rail projects include building the Circle Line, extending the Orange Line from Midway Airport to Ford City, extending the Red Line from 95<sup>th</sup> to 130<sup>th</sup>/Stony Island, extending the Yellow Line to Old Orchard mall, extending the Blue Line to Schaumburg, and establishing a street car and bus rapid transit system along the Ogden Avenue and Carroll Avenue corridors. The CTA will also seek the reauthorization of its Cermak (Douglas) Blue Line rehabilitation project and the capacity expansion project on the Brown Line—the development of an express train service to O'Hare and Midway airport. The CTA will continue to pursue that project but will seek funding through other

sources.

CTA Board Chairman Valerie Jarrett said, "CTA's current infrastructure provides the most integrated blueprint for expanding regional public transit. It is the core system with the most potential for cost-effectively connecting to other public transit lines,"

"These rail and bus investments, in turn, have improved the mobility of millions of Americans, helped to reduce congestion and improve air quality in the areas they serve, and have fostered the development of viable, safer and more livable communities.

Other CBT participants, like the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization and the Developing Communities Project have also been advocating for CTA to reform its priorities and open up CTA's decision making. The Campaign will continue to keep up the pressure on CTA and Mayor Daley to avert the Gridlock Plan, and work with transit advocacy groups and lawmakers to develop a fair and balanced funding solution to assure the future of mass transit.

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