

## The New Shining "Star" of Bronzeville

Revitalizing 47th St. with culture of the Little Black Pearl Workshop, The Washington Center Culture Center, now on 43rd Street is "The Starlight" a truly must see venue. It is "thee" newest hot spot in town. It's elegant features, and upscale designs; create the most pleasing palate for social ambiance.

43rd Street was the original Blues district of Chicago, Muddy Waters, Lou Rawls and Donnell Jones, just to name a few have dwelled and/or entertained on this side of the city. Bronzeville is and will forever be known as "The Blues Dis-

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## Slavery ties revealed by 4<sup>th</sup> wd Housing investor

In what has become an ongoing effort to show the depths of the roots of slavery in this country, senior executives from the Wachovia Corporation were asked to appear before the City Council Finance Committee to explain the recent disclosure that two of their predecessor companies were involved in slavery.

Initially, the company had signed the City of Chicago's Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit saying none of its companies had ties to slavery. Upon further research, the company found its previous statement was untrue.

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## "Deadly Moves" Chicago's Residents Journal, winner of National Award

(AScribe Newswire) -- The Society of Professional Journalists has announced the first winners of its new national award. First Place went to Mary C. Johns, editor in chief, and Beauty Turner, assistant editor, of Residents' Journal and Brian J. Rogal, associate editor of The Chicago Reporter, for "Deadly Moves," a collection of investigative stories on Chicago pub-

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Entering its 100th year of publishing

## Defender newspaper shaken

with allegations of sex, money, and drugs scandals



Col Eugene Scott (retired) became publisher of the Defender, after the death of John Sengstacke in the change of management, he may step back up as General Manager or in a more direction in the newspaper management

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The Chicago Defender, celebrating its 100 years as the nation's sole African American daily newspaper has been at the center of controversy and swirling accusations since last year's end. Now it is the center of protest that has triggered other media boycotts. The Concerned Citizens Against the Chicago Defender Newspaper (CCACD removed the Chicago Defender Newspapers from 40 west side and south side locations in the city over the past weeks in their announcement to include a six month boycott of Citizen Newspaper. And expanded the to protest NBC5 news.

Harold Davis Jr. President of the CCACD said, "We have received word from Defender executives that

the management intends to make significant changes in the near future. The boycott and Operation Removal (taking newspapers off newsstands) has been successful resulting in the Defender reducing its publication from 4 days to 3 days weekly.

"The Defender announced that it has eliminated Tuesday newspaper is a direct result of the 11-week boycott. The boycott will continue until official changes are made in the paper's management," said Davis.

The Chicago Defender official did not say rather the dropping of Tuesdays paper were due to the protesting.

In 2002, the Chicago Defender was acquired by Real Times Inc., a group of newspaper related investors headed by it Chairman Thomas Pi-

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Roland S. Martin, Executive Editor joined the Chicago Defender in July 2004 as an editorial consultant and assumed the role of executive editor in August 2004. Reports are his six figure salary will not be renewed.

## COGIG Northern District Convention 2005 "Sunday School is my Passion"



Bishop Cody Vernon Marshall, Jurisdictional Bishop of the Northern Illinois Churches of God In Christ made the sermon address Sunday is my Passion, "A Bride between the church and the community" at its Convention for 2005..

The Northern Illinois Churches Of God IN Christ (COGIC) had its official night convention from June 6 to 9, ending at Simeon High School Auditorium with a host of church congregations lead by Bishop Cody Vernon Marshall, Jurisdictional Bishop.

COGIC is a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in which the word of God is preached, explained Elder Leon Daniels, who heads the Northern District public relations. "Its where the ordinances are administered and the doctrine of sanctification or holiness is emphasized."

"It is as being essential to the salvation of mankind."

COGIC is also considered to be a member of the great Protestant

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## Ald. Tillman charges of treat, not warrant in court case

# "Provoking the movement"

### Part 2

## Re-jailing the ex-offenders turned insurgents of the community

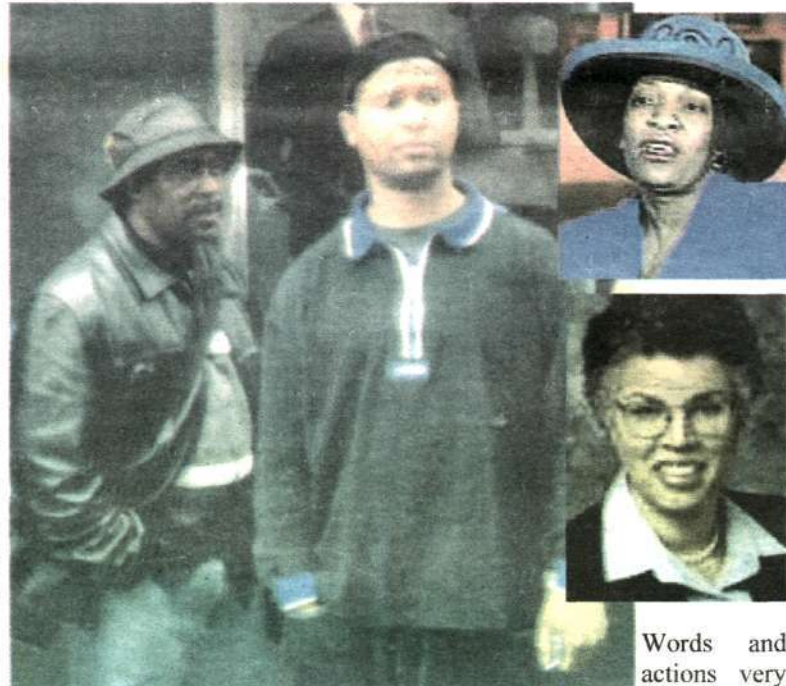
Ms. Beauty Turner  
Freelance Writer,

"Thugs" (SSJ \_\_\_\_\_) is how Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4) and a host of other elected officials describe Voice Of The Ex-Offenders (VOTE). That lead Preckwinkle role in the prosecution of Joseph Watkins a leader of VOTE with a four year sentence on charges he threaten the Alderman.

In June of this year prosecutors representing charges by Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3) failed to prove that Paul McKinney of VOTE threaten her in 2004 on 48th and State Street. McKinney was exonerate of the charges.

Then the other leader Mark Carter, face charges by Alderman Michael Chandler of threats.

Randal Robinson speaking before the congregation of Trinity



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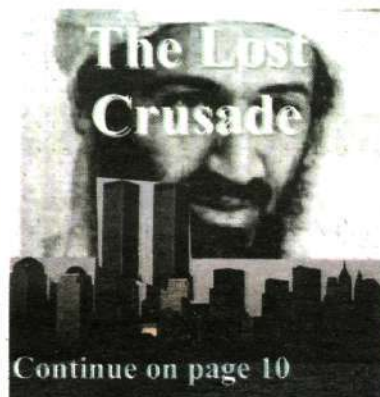
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stated "...desperate measures need to take place in addressing issues."

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Mary's Corner  
By Mary Patton  
To kick Mary's Corner off, SSJ asked at random, "What would you want to ask in an advise and question column?"  
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# UnZip

The Weatherman

Is Rush Limbaugh back on the "pain medication"? After delivering on-air re-

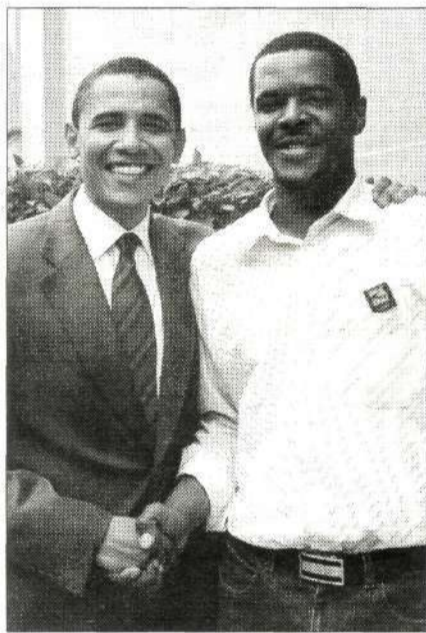


marks that he was considering allowing Rev. Al Sharpton to host his syndicated radio program for 30 minutes a day to "teach" Sharpton the ins and outs of the medium, Limbaugh now seems to be backing off in the wake of Sharpton's quick acceptance.



I know we live in a virtual world but lets get real for a second. The best speaker on the National stage is Sharpton. If you heard his speech at the Democratic

convention in 2000 you could not be anything but moved. I realize most white people hate his guts. That people see him as divisive. But if you have been listening to him for the past 3 years (when he finally



understood he had a national audience) he has been making sense. With a number 1 status as the most popular senator, U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-Ill.) embraces Byron Hobbs, president of SEIU Local 20, the union of Chicago and northwest Indiana health care workers, during a recent meeting at Rainbow PUSH. Obama thanked Hobbs for his support of the senator's efforts to bring deserved benefits to Illinois military veterans and for the support he received from Local 20 during his 2004 election campaign. Hobbs also expressed support for Obama's efforts to stop the attack on Medicare benefits.

Mark Allen, Mary Starrett, of NewsWithViews is raising the question if people know that when you pay FedEx (or any of the spy- happy FedEx family of companies including Kinko's) for shipping or printing or copying, you get the value-added bonus of having your activities monitored and reported to the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Customs, adding that FedEx has its own police department and a database that's regularly shared with the Federal government.

## Activists said the stamp was offensive, but not unexpected



The series of five stamps released for general use Wednesday depicts a child character from a comic book started in the 1940s that is still published in Mexico. The boy, hapless but lovable, is drawn with exaggerated features, thick lips and wide-open eyes. His appearance, speech and mannerisms are the subject of kidding by white characters in the comic book.

The Mexican government defended the stamps, saying that like Speedy Gonzalez - a cartoon mouse with a Mexican accent that debuted in the United States in 1953 - the Memin Pinguin character shouldn't be interpreted as a racial slur.

"Just as Speedy Gonzalez has never been interpreted in a racial manner by the people in Mexico, because he is a cartoon character, I am certain that this commemorative postage stamp is not intended to be interpreted on a racial basis in Mexico or anywhere else," said Rafael Laveaga, the spokesman for the Mexican embassy in Washington.

Activists said the stamp was offensive, but not unexpected.

"One would hope the Mexican government would be a little more careful and avoid continually opening wounds," said Sergio Penalosa, an activist in Mexico's small black community on the southern Pacific coast.

"But we've learned to expect anything from this government, just anything," Penalosa said. In May, Fox riled many by saying that Mexican migrants take jobs in the United States that "not even blacks" want.

Fox expressed regret for any offense the remarks may have caused, but insisted his comments had been misinterpreted.

Carlos Caballero, assistant marketing director for the Mexican

Postal Service, said the stamps are not offensive, nor were they intended to be.

"This is a traditional character that reflects part of Mexico's culture," Caballero said. "His mischievous nature is part of that character."

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However, Penalosa said many Mexicans still assume all blacks are foreigners, despite the fact that at one point early in the Spanish colonial era, Africans outnumbered Spanish in Mexico. "At this point in time, it was

probably pretty insensitive" to issue the stamp, said Elisa Velazquez, an anthropologist who studies Mexico's black communities for the National Institute of Anthropology and History.

"This character is a classic, but it's from another era," Velazquez said.

"It's a stereotype and you don't want to encourage ignorance or prejudices."

Laveaga, the embassy spokesman, countered that "if you look closely at many of the cartoon characters in U.S. pop culture, those who try will be able to find something offensive."

But, he noted, "the vast majority will see a cartoon character, which is what Memin Pinguin is."

The 6.50-peso (60 cent) stamps - depicting the character in five poses - was issued with the

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## Smoke-Free Ordinance Introduced Into City Council

The American Cancer Society is leading the effort to pass a smoke-free ordinance in Chicago in cooperation with the American Heart Association, American Lung Association, National African American Tobacco Prevention Network, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids and other coalition partners, including public health organizations, associations and community organizations.



Smith. "Tobacco companies and their allies will use scare tactics about lost revenues and jobs or the inappropriate intervention of government to oppose smoke-free laws, said Steve Derks, CEO of the American Cancer

Alderman Ed Smith (28th Ward), chair of the City Council Health Committee introduced a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance into the City Council at the request of the coalition. The ordinance would make Chicago smoke-free in all indoor public places, including workplaces, restaurants and bars.

"Secondhand smoke is a public health issue and we need to act now," said Dr. Steven Sener, president of the National American Cancer Society Board of Directors.

Added Dr. James Webster, chairman of the Chicago Board of Health, "All Chicagoans have the right to breathe clean, smoke-free air. Ten years from now, people are going to look back and wonder why it took us so long to enact a smoke-free law when we were fully aware of the dangers our residents, workers and visitors were being exposed to."

"It's time for Chicago to change its status as the largest city in the United States that does not protect the health of its citizens, particularly its workers, from secondhand smoke," said Ald.

Society, Illinois Division. "While there is irrefutable medical evidence linking secondhand smoke to illness and death, there also is economic evidence that smoke-free laws do not have a negative economic impact on the hospitality industry. Twenty-two independent studies, involving 12 different states, have proven that smoke-free laws have no negative impact on the hospitality industry—in some cases business has increased.

Smoke-free laws do not prevent people from eating in restaurants or drinking in bars. They prevent people from dying."

Ina Pinkney can testify to both the economic and health benefits of a smoke-free workplace. Pinkney is the owner of Ina's Restaurant on West Randolph, which has been smoke-free since it opened in 1991. "Part of the responsibility of doing business is providing your employees and customers with a safe environment," Pinkney said. "My employees are healthier and take fewer sick days. In fact, one of our employees is asthmatic, and she has not missed one day of work because of her asthma since she started."

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# Burge case costing city millions, as Patterson charged with disorder in the court

Disorder in the court Federal prosecutors asked a judge to impose severe penalties on Aaron Patterson for courtroom disruptions, the freed Death Row inmate delivered a long, shouting tirade in court. U.S. Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer abruptly adjourned and reconvened without Patterson in the room. Patterson, who is set for trial on federal gun and drug charges, shouted expletives, and at one point compared himself to Gandhi and John F. Kennedy. He also said if he's acquitted of charges he'd return as a superhero to "crush crime" because no one else is doing the job.

**Aaron Patterson, the freed Death Row inmate (now jailed) is suing the City of Chicago and former Chicago Police Cmdr. Jon Burge for police torture.**



those under him against police torture allegations is quickly approaching \$4 million, city officials told the Chicago Sun-Times.

To date, the city has paid more than \$3.6 million to defend four federal lawsuits filed against Burge and others. That dollar figure, generated since two lawsuits were filed in 2003

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Pallmeyer said she'll remove Patterson from the courtroom if he speaks out of turn at trial. She will decide by Wednesday whether he is fit to stand trial.

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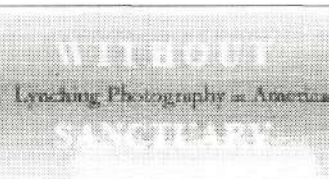
News reports are the public price to defend former Chicago Police Cmdr. Jon Burge and

# Without Sanctuary exhibit at Chicago Historic Society



The lynching of June 15, 1920 in Duluth, Minn. as photographed by Ralph Greenspun. The victims were nineteen-year-old Elias Clayton, nineteen-year-old Elmer Jackson, and twenty-year-old Isaac McGhie. This view later appeared on at least two postcards printed after the lynching (photo above not necessary part of the exhibit).

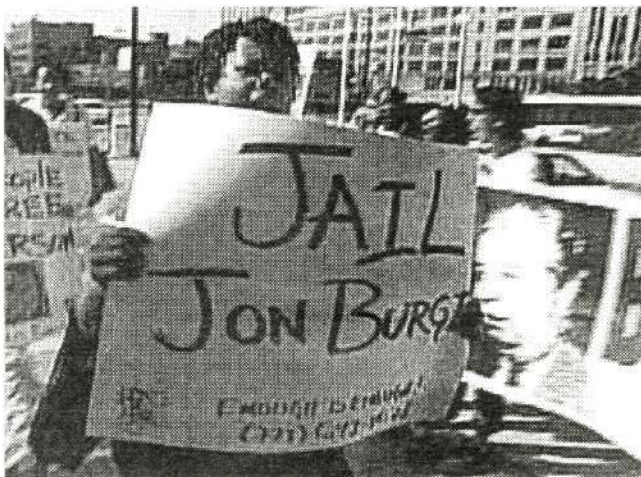
Between 1882 and 1968, nearly 5,000 African Americans were murdered, many at the hands of lynch mobs. Without Sanctuary at The Chicago Historical Society is located on Clark Street at North Avenue begins by uncovering the stories of more than forty of the victims through postcards and photographs from the collection of James Allen and John Littlefield. The graphic images depict the brutal murder



of someone's parent, child, brother, sister, or friend. As these images circulated through white communities stories of terror circulated through Black communities.

This haunting collection documents brutal acts of terror from America's past. Drawn from the collections of James Allen and John Littlefield, the images depict lynchings in the United States from the

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Supporters of Patterson and others continues to press issues of the cover-up for Burge's role in police torturing.

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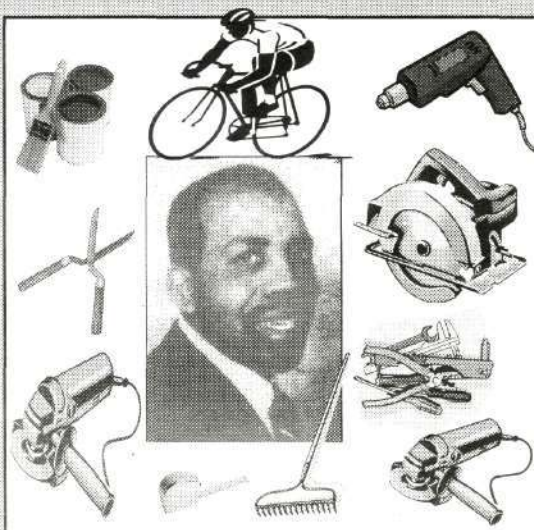
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# Chicago Defender

cou, a relative of the Sengstacke family.

In September of 2004 the Defender presented prospective investors with stock offerings claiming, "Real Times did not earn sufficient cash to satisfy its debt obligations and is currently in default of a number of its material financial obligations." Several months later, executives at the Defender were delighted not only to report sharp increases in revenues and subscriptions, but the launching of two additional magazines as well.

Meanwhile allegations of sexual harassment were being leveled at top executives by an African American female employee.

On Tuesday, November 30, 2004 charges of criminal sexual assault were filed with the Chicago Police Department against Joe Gilmore, Vice President of Sales for the newspaper. Similar charges were filed days later with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Illinois Department of Human Rights, charges that went a step further in alleging that Clarence Nixon, President and CEO of Real Times Inc., and Roland Martin, Executive Editor of the Defender were guilty of attempting a cover-up.

The charges also claim that upon reporting the incidents to Nixon, the woman was told not to file a police report because nobody would believe her story.

Picou dismissed the charges claiming that the EEOC has since dropped its investigation and that no lawsuits have been filed. It is reported that the woman has retained Atty. Dominick Ross and plans to file suit for an unspecified amount of damages.

More recently, CCACD called for an official boycott of the newspaper citing several reasons. Coalition member Darryl Smith, President of the Englewood Political Taskforce argues, "The



Founded in 1905 by Robert Sengstacke Abbott, and later lead by his nephew John Sengstacke led the movement known as the Great Migration; promoted the activities of pioneering aviatrix

Bessie Coleman; led the charge to integrate the United States Armed Services; and promoted the careers of Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks, Lu Palmer, renowned author Langston Hughes, Ron Carter (Publisher South Street Journal) and a host of others.

Among its many firsts is the introduction, in 1923, of the Bud Billiken® Page, the first newspaper section just for children. The Chicago Defender along with the Chicago Defender Charities, is the producer and organizer of the world famous Bud Billiken® Day Parade and Picnic. The parade originated in 1929 as a vehicle to showcase children. Today, the Bud Billiken® Parade is the largest event of its kind scheduled for August 13, 2005.

The Chicago Defender is now the flagship publication of Real Times Inc., a media company that also includes among its holdings the Michigan Chronicle, the Michigan Front Page, the New Pittsburgh Courier, and the Tri-State Defender.

Chairman of the Board Thomas Picou and President and CEO Clarence Nixon

Black community buys the Defender and it does not report on issues concerning the community. Numerous times we have tried to get the Defender to address the problems we have confronted regarding our efforts to get young black



men employed in the construction industry and Martin and Nixon did not respond."

## Other Media Boycott

On June 13, outside of NBC Towers, 454 N. Columbus, CCACD attacked the TV station for its lack to cover the boycott.

Davis, Jr. and the group's media consultant met with NBC5 and complained about NBC5 employee Art Norman and his handling of a CCACD press release obtained in the news station's newsroom in April 2005.

"Norman has a conflict of interest and has participated in censoring coverage of the boycott. We have made multiple requests for coverage but the last straw was when we were informed that NBC5 officials have been calling around and asking others not to cover the boycott," said Davis.

Harold Davis said the decision to include the Citizen Newspaper was based on both accepted of money from the DaimlerChrysler Corporation and its editorial policy.

The newspaper's continued acceptance of funds from the Daimler Chrysler Corporation has also been pointed to as warrant for the resignation of top executives. Daimler Chrysler was sued in Federal court for denying auto loans to creditworthy African American applicants. Filings revealed that Chrysler executives referred to its Black customers as deadbeats, porch monkeys and niggers. "Why is it that we (African Americans) are always compromising our culture, heritage and self respect for money?"

On April 7, 2005, federal Judge Mark Filip in response to the auto makers motion, refused to throw the lawsuits out of court. The CCACD also believes the Citizen has censored news coverage of the federal lawsuits in return for financial support.

The Defender's editor, Martin says that taking money from Chrysler is only business. Davis argued, the Jewish community would not stand for this from the Nazis in their community."

When questioned by SSJ reporters about the Defender's dealings with Chrysler, Picou responded, "the Chrysler case will be over soon, it's just like the situation with Denny's or any other large corporation that has a few bad people in its ranks, plus the fact those people aren't even there anymore.

"We are imposing a six (6) month boycott against the Citizen Newspaper and will be included in Operation Removal beginning this weekend." Davis further said, the Citizen newspaper turned its back on the people buy accepting funds from the company," said Joe Anderson, a coalition member.

Davis said, "Garth has disrespected the black community and worked against its political agenda endorsing republican presidential and gubernatorial candidates over the years and

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# Burge case

and another two in 2004, doesn't include legal bills submitted that have not yet been paid, and will continue to climb until the cases go to trial or settlements are reached, Chicago Law Department spokeswoman Jennifer Hoyle said.

Plaintiff attorneys lambasted the hefty bill, saying the money has gone toward continuing a cover-up they charge Burge and others started when they allegedly tortured suspects in the 1970s and 1980s. They say the city is helping in the cover-up by paying legal costs for more than 30 current and former police personnel -- about half of whom are defendants -- who refused to answer questions about torture allegations.

Under advice from their attorneys, Burge and other police personnel have taken the Fifth Amendment in depositions to avoid charges of furthering a conspiracy.

Four Death Row inmates pardoned in 2003 by former Gov. George Ryan -- Aaron Patterson, Madison Hobley, Stanley Howard and Leroy Orange -- filed separate suits accusing Burge and current and former police personnel under him of using torture tactics to get confessions out of them.

Separately, a state special prosecutor is conducting a criminal grand jury investigation into allegations of torture at the hands of Burge and others that could include a cover-up leading to then States Atty. Richard Daley (SSJ June 16, 2005)

Though the city fired Burge in 1993 for allegedly torturing a confession out of murder suspect Andrew Wilson, it is bound to defend him and other city officials named in the suits. Hoyle noted the suits name the city specifically and as many as 13 defendants that the city is responsible for defending.

"Flint Taylor, who represents Patterson and Orange in two lawsuits, criticized the city Monday for using taxpayer money to "defend the indefensible." Taylor said if the city loses at trial, it will also have to pay plaintiffs' legal costs, which are also in the millions.

the newspaper continued support of Richard Daley for mayor.

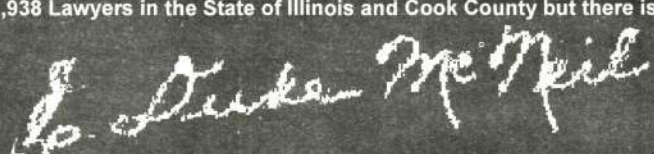
## Internal Change

CCACD have called for both Nixon's and Martin's resignation for failing to report the problem of sexual predators in the African American community, specifically the developments of the Ryan Harris sexual assault/murder seven years ago for which convicted rapist Floyd Durr is still awaiting trial.

In an effort to intensify the boycott, coalition members announced that in addition to petition drives and garnering supporters' signatures, they would begin removing the Defender from newsstands. President of People Educated Against Crime in Englewood (PEACE), Hal

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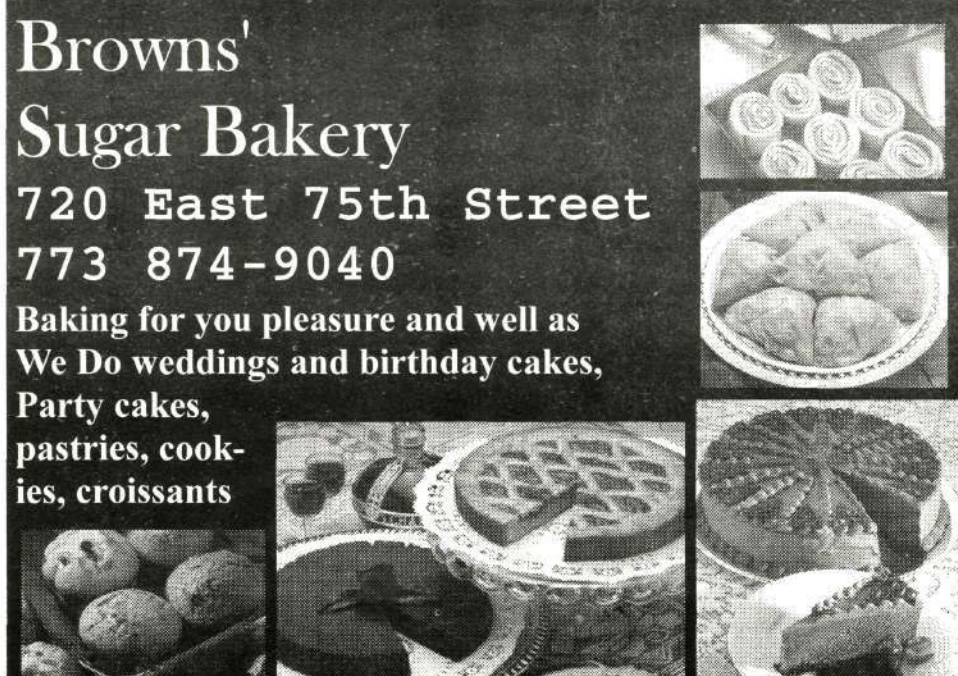
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# Driving while Black Chicago Police releases Race Data Collected from Traffic Stops

Chicago Police officers conducted 244,309 traffic stops in 2004. 67,809 of the drivers stopped were non-minorities (white).

176,500 of the drivers stopped were minorities.

The Chicago Police Department released preliminary data analysis from an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) report that compares the race of drivers involved in traffic stops to the estimated driving population in Chicago. Police stopped minority drivers at a rate 15 percent greater than Chicago's minority driving population as estimated by Northwestern University analysts.

However, Dave Bailes spokesperson of the Chicago police said, what is missing from the report is the number of drivers racial break down and how many drivers are in the City of Chicago which will be release later.

In releasing the data, Police Superintendent Philip J. Cline also cited the Department's five-year long efforts to reduce crime while also building trust within Chicago's minority communities and sending a strong message to officers that any form of racial profiling is strictly prohibited.

"Everyone knows that law enforcement and issues of race have crossed at many intersections throughout the history of our country," said Superintendent Cline. "We have the power of arrest. We carry weapons. And we are authorized by our laws to use physical force on individuals when necessary. This obligates us all the more to deliver a clear message that bias based policing is ineffective and unacceptable".

In 2003, the Illinois General Assembly passed the Traffic Stop Statistical Study law that required all police officers in the state to collect specific data, including race and gender, in each traffic stop

Under the law, officers were required to collect the driver's name, gender and address; the officer's perception of the driver's race; the violation that prompted the stop; the make and year of the car stopped; the date, time and location of the stop; and whether a consent search of the vehicle was conducted.

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Baskin said, "It's important to remove the paper from the stands in order to let the owners know we are serious. We are asking all stores or vendors to stop selling the paper because it does not serve the needs of its constituency."

It was recently discovered that the two magazines launched by Martin were being distributed as supplements inside of the Defender and relied on monies gathered from Defender advertisers but that the copyrights and trademarks were privately owned by Martin himself and were not legally the properties of the Defender or Real Times, Inc. When asked for his opinion by SSJ Picou responded, "he's (Martin) a 35 year-old kid, I asked him about it and he told me, he's not a liar. The maga-

The data was submitted to Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, which compared the traffic stop data to Chicago's estimated driving population (residents 15 years and older). The analysis has been handed over to the IDOT, which will submit a statewide report to the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Rod Blagojevich office by the end of this month.

The data show: Chicago Police conducted 244,309 traffic stops in 2004.

Minority drivers at a rate 15 percent greater than Chicago's minority driving population as estimated by Northwestern University analysts.

Of non-minority drivers, 89.7 percent were stopped for moving violations, 3.5 percent for equipment violations and 6.8 for license violations. Also, 84.1 percent of these drivers received a citation while 15.9 percent received a verbal warning.

Of minority drivers, 78.2 percent were stopped for moving violations, 8.5 percent for equipment violations and 13.3 for license violations. Also, 77.1 of these drivers received a citation while 22.9 received a verbal warning.

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Among the 244,309 total stops, 12,789 consent vehicle searches were conducted, 5.2 percent of the total stops.

Minority drivers were nearly three times more likely to consent to a vehicle search compared to non-minority drivers.

The report was not required to submit where an officer stop motorize stop and searched and no citation was issued and the driver was let go as the photos shown.

African American drivers were stopped at a rate 27 percent more than the estimated population of African American drivers in Chicago.

Bailes indicated as the Chicago Police launched several new tactics as part of a broader rapid deployment strategy aimed at focusing resources on hot spots where statistics and intelligence indicate that violence was likely to happen, it could account for the more arrest of minority drivers.

zines were profitable so we're looking into new names for them now so they can return with the Chicago Defender's trademark."

Last month, Federal prosecutors charged Chicago Defender's landlord, Boris Stratievsky and his father Lev with laundering over \$200,000 from an FBI operative posing undercover as an assistant to Ukrainian narcotics traffickers. Considered flight risks and a threat to the community, both father and son were held in Chicago Federal Metropolitan Correctional Center's custody until their detention hearing. Stratievsky bought the Chicago Defender's headquarters in January of 2003 in a lease sale back agreement. Picou argues that neither he nor any of the rest of the newspaper administration had any knowledge of Stratievsky's dealings. "Our deal was with the bank, that's who our mortgage is with," Picou relayed to SSJ reporters.



Photo above, an all too familiar scene in the Black community, young black males searched by the Chicago Police Department. This photo On 43<sup>rd</sup> Street,

young men had run out of gas and the cops flocked on them like crows on road kill and later let them go. SSJ Photos by: ARMADELL



The Police department bolstered its use of technology on the west and south side of Chicago. Which lead to a cracked down on open air narcotics

markets and it stepped up efforts to take illegal guns off the street.

As a result, there have been 352 fewer homicides during the two

years compared to the prior time period. There have also been 3,458 fewer shootings during the same period.

Additionally, reports are that crime through the first five months of this year continues a downward trend. Overall index crime is down 7.7 percent in every major category (homicide, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson), with the exception of burglary.

Superintendent Cline, also highlighted the Chicago Police Department's long term efforts to strengthen relationships between police officers and Chicago's minority communities.

"We know that racial profiling, whether it's real or perceived, threatens to erode the trust we have worked so hard to establish in all of Chicago's communities," said Superintendent Cline.

Going forward, the Department continues to will bolster its efforts to raise awareness of the OPS/IAD complaint process to encourage individuals who feel they were wrongly stopped by the police to file a complaint so it can be fully investigated.

The Department has also hired Lorie Fridell, a nationally-renowned expert in the field of race and law enforcement, to conduct a full review of its policies, training and communications to prevent bias-based policing.

"It's my commitment and the commitment of the Chicago Police Department to send a clear message to our 13,500 police officers and our 3 million residents that crime fighting is based on crime data, not race data," said Superintendent Cline.

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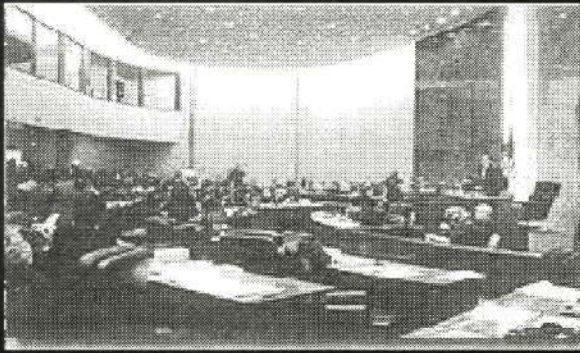
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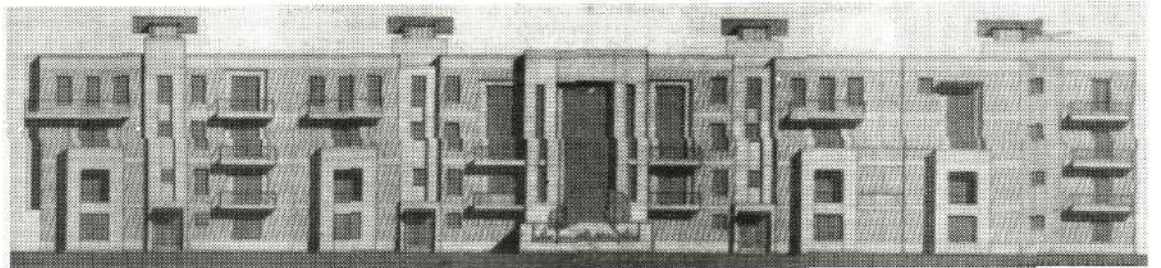
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# A War on the Poor in Woodlawn

By Ms. Beauty Turner

In early spring in late March on a crisp cool day over 60 Woodlawn residents gather at the end of the block of 62nd Kimbark chanting and waving signs that read "No More Condos!" and Stop the gentrification in our neighborhoods.



Rendering of the Florian Architects LTD. Is designing 28 condos to be build by Woodlawn Renaissance Partners LLC in the 1501-21 block of East 65th Place. The condos will sell for \$175,000 to \$250,000, as a sample of what residents say is pushing them out of their community.

The residents had gather together to express their outrage with an organization formerly known as TWO The Woodlawn Organization now known as WCDC Woodlawn Community Development Corporation.

This organization owns and manage a large amount of subsidized property in the Woodlawn area some in which a lot of the residents are renter of.

Recently many of these residents received a letter telling them that they would have to move because their buildings are due to become condo's.

Five scatter site project base section 8 buildings so far are being affected - they are 6201-07 South Kimbark, 1311-17 East 62<sup>nd</sup>, 1359-61 East 62<sup>nd</sup> 6141-45 South Kimbark, 6134-44 South Kim bark, 6241-43 South Kimbark the residents were recently told at a TWO meeting that these buildings would be converted to condos and the tenants of these building should be out by May.

Many of the residents that reside in these building are living on a fixed income some are receiving TANF, SSI, Pension, or working a

minimums wage tax credit job.

Otherwise the median income is less then \$18,000 a year.

"Where are we suppose to live?" One of the protestor asked the crowd of protestors that had gather at the end of the block.

Standing in the mist of the crowd was an elderly lady holding a sign shouting to the top of her lungs "No More Condo," a lady who identified herself only as Ms. Johnson said.

"I have been living here in Woodlawn for over 30 years, now TWO is trying to push us out of our apartment," Johnson said.

"This doesn't make any sense," she continue.

Why are they trying to push you all out, I asked.

"They allegedly lied and told us that there may be lead in our building," Johnson went on to say.

"But I have been here for over thirty years now and as long as I have been living here ;don't you think that they would have found it by now!"

"They just want to turn these buildings into condo," Johnson added.

"I don't think that what they

doing is right, there are many seniors that live in those buildings, TWO are putting them out knowing that they can't afford a condo," Robin Clippard Walls who is a twenty seven year resident of Woodlawn said.

"No More Condo's affordable living she chanted as she walked away into the thick mass of protestors.

However, the condos are coming. The city of Chicago put out a request for development proposals for 37 city owned, non-contiguous vacoant parcels in the Woodlawn community between 65th and 67th Street between Dorchester and Stony Island Aveues in the 5th and 29th wards.

"I have lived in the area for twenty three years this is not new to me, I watch TWO put a bunch of people out on 61<sup>st</sup> Stony Island a long time ago," Sharon Payne a long time resident and member of {STOP} Student Tenant Organizing Project said.

"I'm not leaving without a fight," Ebonee Stevenson a three year resident said into the mega phone as the crowd cheer in accep-

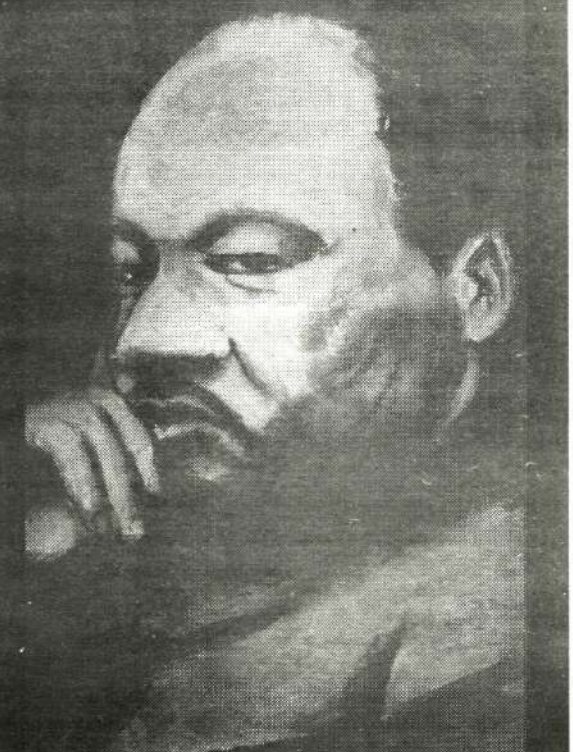
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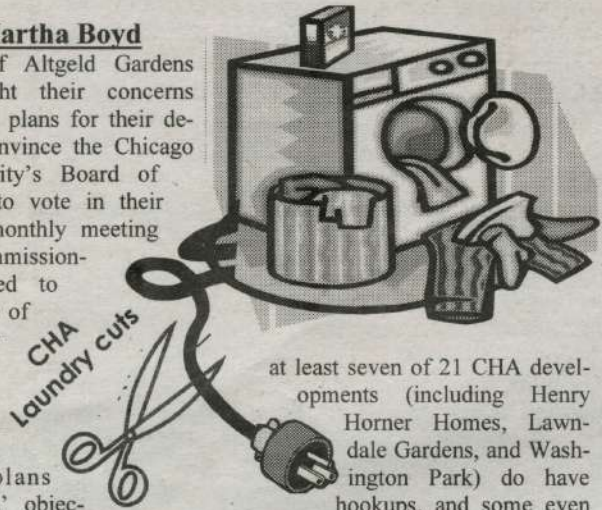




# TALK ABOUT DIRTY LAUNDRY – Altgeld Residents take laundry list to CHA

By Martha Boyd

Busloads of Altgeld Gardens residents brought their concerns about renovation plans for their development to convince the Chicago Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners to vote in their favor at their monthly meeting where CHA Commissioners are expected to vote on the issue of Altgeld's washer and dryer hookups, which were excluded from renovation plans against residents' objections.



at least seven of 21 CHA developments (including Henry Horner Homes, Lawndale Gardens, and Washington Park) do have hookups, and some even have entire rooms set aside within the apartments for washers and dryers.

One older resident at the Meeting stated angrily, "I am a taxpayer, I work from 7:30 AM to 5 pm, I come home to my handicapped son, and I have to go to dialysis three times a week. Now CHA expects me to get my clothes out to a Laundromat?"

Residents have been confronting this issue with CHA since September of 2004 when the plans for renovation were first revealed. Ms. Malone said she had only dealt with the Local Advisory Council (LAC) President and Vice President in the Working Group for Altgeld.

Cheryl Johnson, Executive Director of PCR said, "This plan didn't have any community input, and the people who are making the decisions for Altgeld are getting paid by CHA. We need a federal investigation to ensure that funds are being used appropriately for the redevelopment of our community and not for the personal benefit of those who are in power."

She charged that all members of the Altgeld Working Group are paid directly or indirectly by CHA, including the President of the LAC, who is employed by Eastlake Management, the management company.

Altgeld's LAC President, Bernadette Williams told residents in March about the plans to install electronic monitoring devices on stoves and refrigerators, which would trigger a police response when appliances are moved. CHA denied the "LoJack" story, but since then residents from Altgeld toured Lowden Homes on 95<sup>th</sup> Street and reported they had seen electronic monitoring devices on those units' stoves and refrigerators.

"Installing hookups makes better financial sense over the long term if these units are going to have desired amenities and stay marketable. The Transformation Plan shouldn't design Altgeld to be a second-rate community," says Unique Gibson, lifelong resident and founder of CHA Residents Who Care youth organization.

"For years, people have looked the other way and forgotten about Altgeld and our problems. CHA's Plan will perpetuate this. We want more resident empowerment and participation, and control over our own lives," says Johnson.

A resident at encouraged the gathered residents to go to the Board of Commissioners' Meeting, saying, "Government lies to you openly about things you don't have information about. Don't allow the fear they try to put on you make you silent."

Hundreds of residents of CHA's Altgeld Gardens Murray Homes are demanding that the CHA acknowledge and fix the problems with the redevelopment plans that were created without required community input and participation. Residents feel the resulting plans will decrease residents' quality of life.

The current blueprints for Altgeld Gardens located at 130th and Langley, of over 1,400 units do not include hookups for washers and dryers even though the majority of residents own their appliances and have had hookups in their units for decades. CHA is proposing residents to use Laundromats. Residents want to know who has been offered contracts to operate these businesses, and what CHA expects them to do with their washers and dryers.

On April 12, CHA sent senior project manager and architect, Jacqueline Malone, to address a Town Hall Meeting in Altgeld Gardens sponsored by the Far South Community Accountability Council (FSCAC). She told residents she agreed that it makes more sense from both a design and economic standpoint to keep the washer and dryer hookups in the units. "Frankly, it's easier for me as an architect to design them in the units than to design a whole new building [Laundromat]."

When residents learned they would not be able to keep their appliances. Ms. Malone contends she never heard residents' objections. Residents who have attempted to find out more about the decisions and take part in the Working Group for Altgeld Gardens believe their rights to participate and to represent themselves have been violated by CHA, its contractor Eastlake Management, and Altgeld's Local Advisory Council (LAC).

Residents assert that Laundromats are inconvenient and expensive, and become a center for unwanted activity. Ms. Malone explained that CHA has fiduciary responsibilities and needs to show taxpayers funds are spent wisely. "A lot of money is going into this project, lots to landscaping, creating safe places for kids to play."

FSCAC President Stephen White asked, "What then is the difference between Altgeld Gardens and the CHA developments that are getting washer and dryer hookups?"

For months, CHA's response to questions from People for Community Recovery (PCR) and community residents was that all family developments have to be the same, and none had washer and dryer hookups in the units. However, PCR has learned that

# COGIG Northern District Convention 2005 "Sunday School is my Passion"



Adm. Asst., Dr. Curtis A. Rodgers, Juris Sunday School Supt. 1st Asst. Elder Elliot Powell, board member Elder Lawrence Rodgers with an unidentified woman and Bishop Cody V. Marshall with Evag. Dr. C. Frances Parks, State representative of Sunday School

Board members Supt. Alfred Williams and Elder Leon Daniels present at the convention.



SSJ Photos Don Carter

body though it did not directly evolve from the European or English Reformation but had its origin within the General Association to the Baptist Church.

Elder Charles Harrison Mason, who later became the founder and organizer of COGIC, was born September 8, 1866, on the Prior Farm near Memphis, Tennessee.

Subsequently, in 1897, while seeking a spiritual name which would distinguish the church from others of the similar title, the name "Church of God in Christ" was revealed to Bishop Mason while walking along a certain street in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The following scripture supported his revelation: I Thessalonians 2:14, "For ye brethren became followers of the Churches of God which in Judea are in Christ Jesus: for ye have suffered like things of your own countrymen even as they have of the Jews."

Under Bishop Mason's spiritual and apostolic direction COGIC has grown from ten congregations in 1907, to the second largest Pentecostal group in America from three million in 1973 to an estimated eight million in 1997.

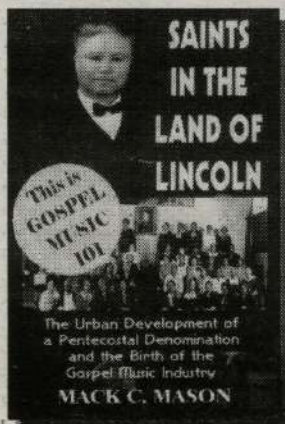
Churches are now established throughout the United States, on every continent, and in many of the islands of the sea.



Elder Daryl Burton (above) presented the Bishop Marshall for remarks and address remarks of the play "Shankes" that address the spiritual side of the COGIC with slavery (photo left).



Pastors of the Northern Illinois District in attendance of the Sunday Convention.



## Saints In the Land of Lincoln

In next issue South Street Journal will review the book "Saints In The Land of Lincoln", written by Pastor Mack C. Mason on the rich history and accomplishments of the COGIC. It traces the insider's keen perspective as he tells the story, largely ignored and undeservedly so, of a vibrant church community and the power and influence of its leaders. The issue will also introduce the "Spiritual Section of South Street Journal. For information on the section contact SSJABA member Rev. Elder Leon Daniels at 773 487-9062.





Altgeld Gardens resident Cheryl Johnson, of People for Community Recovery, at a press conference with residents of the far south side opposes expanding the dump at 130th and Bishop Ford Freeway.

### 'Trash to Park' Campaign on South Side Dump

Far South - Early June the Chicago City Council Environmental Protection Committee, 10th Ward Alderman John Pope's proposed amendment to extend the City's Landfill moratorium for another twenty years. His actions were supported by community groups opposed to Waste Management Inc.'s "Gateway Park" proposal to expand the giant CID Landfill in southeast Chicago in exchange for the company's promise to build a park on the site.

After the City Council hearing, community groups outlined the reasons for their support for Alderman Pope's proposal, and to expose what they call Waste Management's deceptive campaign to build a park at the dumpsite.

Waste Management has proposed expanding their 200-acre landfill at 130th and the Bishop Ford Freeway, adjacent to the communities of Hegewisch, Riverdale and Altgeld Gardens. Chicago's landfill moratorium established no further development or expansion of

landfills beyond their originally permitted capacity 20 years ago, and CID's permit requires it to close in June of 2005.

"Waste Management is lying to our communities, and is trying to manipulate us into supporting a park that will only be built if the company is allowed to expand the dump," says Altgeld Gardens resident Cheryl Johnson, of People for Community Recovery, which opposes expanding the dump. "A new park in our community would be wonderful - but not at the cost of endangering our health and environment with new dumping."

Community groups say the promised jobs already exist at WM's current recycling facility and are unrelated to expanding the CID Landfill, which will instead expose residents to the fumes and health hazards posed by dumping an additional six million tons of waste for five years in a region already saturated with environmental hazards.

## Without Sanctuary exhibit

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1870s to 1960s. CHS augments the exhibition with materials from its own collection—most notably Chicago-based artist Franklin McMahon's drawings of the Emmett Till murder trial—and has developed programming to help address the difficult issues surrounding such violent images.

The following is a list of the reason a black person could find himself hanging from a tree anywhere in America.

Acting suspiciously  
Gambling

Demanding respect  
Miscegenation  
Trying to vote  
Disorderly conduct  
Mistaken identity  
Unpopularity  
Eloping with white woman  
Molestation  
Unruly remarks  
Entered white woman's room  
Murder  
Using obscene language  
Enticement  
Non-sexual assault  
Vagrancy  
Extortion



Quarreling  
Adultery  
Grave robbing  
Race hatred; Race troubles  
Aiding murderer  
Improper with white woman  
Rape  
Arguing with white man  
Incest  
Rape-murders  
Arson Inciting to riot  
Resisting mob  
Assassination  
Inciting trouble  
Robbery  
Attempted murder  
Indolence  
Running a bordello  
Banditry  
Inflammatory language  
Sedition  
Being disreputable  
Informing  
Slander  
Being obnoxious  
Injuring livestock  
Spreading disease  
Boasting about riot  
Insulting white man  
Stealing  
Burglary  
Insulting white woman  
Suing white man  
Child abuse  
Insurrection  
Swindling  
Conjuring  
Kidnapping  
Terrorism  
Courting white woman  
Killing livestock  
Testifying against white man  
Criminal assault  
Living with white woman  
Throwing stones  
Cutting levee  
Looting  
Train wrecking  
Defending rapist  
Making threats  
Trying to colonize blacks

Peeping Tom  
Violated quarantine  
Fraud  
Pillage  
Voodooism  
Plotting to kill  
Voting for wrong party  
Frightening white woman  
Poisoning well

### Senators Who Refused to sign the AntiLynching Legislation

The list of Senators who refused to sign anti lynching resolution. Its 95% Republican this gives the GOP a bad name.

Here are the 20 Senators who 1) refused to co-sponsor the anti-lynching resolution passed the week of June 6th, 2005, and 2) refused a roll-call vote so they'd have to put their name on the resolution. But it was found out who they are

<http://www.senate.gov/>  
Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  
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Christopher Bond (R-MO)  
Jim Bunning (R-KY)  
Conrad Burns (R-MT)  
Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)  
Thad Cochran (R-MS)  
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John Cornyn (R-TX)  
Michael Crapo (R-ID)  
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Judd Gregg (R-NH)  
Orrin Hatch (R-UT)  
Trent Lott (R-MS)  
Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  
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# Residents Journal, winner of National Award



The winners of the journalist awards went to (l) Mary C. Johns, editor in chief, and Beauty Turner, assistant editor, of Residents' Journal, along with Brian J. Rogal, associate editor of The Chicago Reporter, for "Deadly Moves," a collection of investigative stories on Chicago public housing.

lic housing.

The series exposed unforeseen but deadly flaws in the way the city was relocating some 25,000 families from obsolete projects into new mixed-income neighborhoods.

The announcement of the winners of the SPJ New America Award was made by SPJ National President Irwin Gratz at the first National Expo of Ethnic Media held June 9 in New York City at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Alyssa Katz of City Limits and Abu Taher of Bangla Patrika won second place for their joint investigation into how Bangladeshi push cart food vendors in Central Park were exploited by a private company with a lucrative contract that paid millions of dollars to New York City while failing to protect its workers.

Third Place went to The Orange County Register and its Spanish-language weekly affiliate, Excelsior del Condado de Orange, for jointly publishing "Toxic Treats" or "Dulces Toxicos," a series of investigative reports. Their stories exposed extensive lead contamination in popular candies imported from Mexico and widely consumed by children in immigrant communities.

Gratz said the judges were impressed by the fact the stories went deeper and had greater impact as a result of the collaboration between the two publications involved.

The new award was unanimously authorized last year by the society's board of directors after it was jointly proposed by Sally Lehrman, chair of the society's Diversity Committee, and Guy T. Baehr, chair of the society's Awards and Honors Committee.

"Deadly Moves," the first place entry by The Chicago Reporter and Residents' Journal, was notable for the close collaboration between the two publications, the complementary contributions made by each and the importance and impact of their work together, Baehr said.

The investigative stories, which were published in identical form in both publications, exposed how the relocation of public housing tenants left many of them, especially young people, more vulnerable to gang violence and led to an upsurge in turf wars and gang-related murders.

After the stories were published, the Chicago Police Department announced plans to deploy 120 additional officers to the affected projects and neighborhoods to deal with the problems highlighted in the stories.



Residents' Journal is an 8-year-old bimonthly publication written by public housing residents and other low income people across the city, was a product of CHA.

CHA decided to stop the publishing of the newspaper that lead its publisher Ethan Michaeli, to branch of its own. It is now produced by We The People Media, a not-for-profit organization, and distributed to 35,000 families living in public housing in Chicago. Its readers are primarily African-American but every issue also contains articles in Korean, Spanish, Chinese and Russian in order to reach the diverse population of public housing in Chicago.

Johns and Turner, both long-time public housing residents who have been involved with Residents' Journal since it started, were able to use their firsthand knowledge and contacts within the community to trace the causes of the unforeseen upsurge in crime back to the turf wars of newly displaced gangs and drug dealers. They were also able to gain the trust of families victimized by the violence in order to show the human impacts.

The Chicago Reporter, a non-profit magazine founded in 1972 to focus on issues of race and poverty, has a long tradition of award-winning investigative reporting and is read by many of the city's power brokers. Rogal, who has been a full-time reporter for the magazine since 1999 and associate editor since 2002, contributed his experience both as a beat reporter covering the city's public housing bureaucracy and as an investigative reporter, including his expertise in the use of databases.

The winners will receive their awards at the society's annual Sigma Delta Chi Awards banquet to be held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on July 8.

"The Society of Professional Journalists award is part of an effort by SPJ to continue and expand that role as the United States becomes ever more diverse in both its population and its journalism," said Baehr.

# "Provoking the movement"

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McKinley says in his movement for the people.

What was treat to an elected officials, Tillman, the fort to kick back, regarding the CHA.

Direct verdict when all evidence submitted on a breach trail, is there were not any merit to the case, because of the in charges were inconsistency.

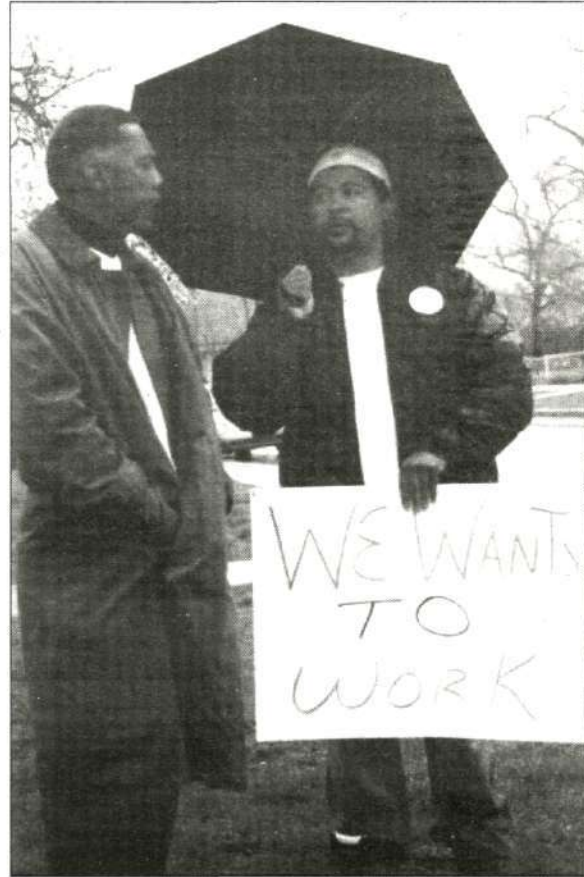
In the 12-13 court hearings on the case, Tillman attended most of them and testified against McKinney, along with Powell and Son construction Company that McKinney used profanity and threaten Tillman with the words, "I am going to get you".

The charges happen May 2004, on 48th and State Street where the VOTE members were protesting a CHA site, that it was in non compliance of HUD/CHA Section 3 program to hire residents.

McKinney said. "I never was within 100 feet of her (Tillman)"

"With 30 police officers at the scene, I never spoke to Tillman, only speaking to the people at the site. "I told our people we don't have to listen to these fools." He told SSJ.

"I was singled out by Tillman's personal friend and security guard Stg. Boze who was on duty from the 51st Street district. He was instructed to arrest me by Tillman.



At one of the protest for jobs by VOTE, CHA public relation representative Derrick Hill consults with Paul McKinney.

McKinney questions Alderman Tillman's 70/30% plan where any construction in the 3rd ward would have 70% black workers.

CHA study have not meet their goals in meeting Section 3 goals claimed McKinney. However, Derrick Hill of CHA indicated that those goals are still in the process of being met and the numbers will be forthcoming. Powell and Sons, a black contractors, a front company Loin

general construction company headed by Tillman's ex chief of staff Ken Jackson.

McKinney said that Jackson have been given money to Citizen to Elect Tillman, on the day after he was arrest and Powell Construction has did the same.

"It is evident that these aldermen, Tillman, Preckwinkle and even CHA CEO Terry Peterson are trying to cover up their part in receiving money from contractors as they are not following the law to hire community residents." Said McKinney.

Tillman nor her office did not return phone calls on the issue.

McKinney said from their protesting 12 workers were hired by Powell and Son devel-

opment. "We see everyone, every nationality but us working in our community." Said McKinney.

"All we are doing is bringing attention to issues that has been continually overlooked by the status quo leadership and elected officials."

VOTE members have been bringing aggressive action to all. Even at times when other progressive organizers say their ac-

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## Reading Scores Reach All-Time High, Daley Announces

The Chicago Public Schools have reached an all-time high in reading scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Mayor Richard M. Daley announced.

However, the Chicago Urban League rated the CPS in its report "Still Separate unequal: Race, place, policy and the State of Black Chicago." The report stated that nearly six in 10 African American 9th graders do not graduate with a regular high school degree within four years in Chicago.

However pleased with test scores the CPS reported on the 2005 test, administered earlier this month, 43.7 percent of students tested at or above national norms, an increase of 0.8 percentage point from last year's 42.9, and a slight increase over the previous all-time high of 43.3 percent in 2002.

In 1995, prior to Mayor Daley's taking control of the school system, only 27 percent of CPS students met national norms in reading. The ITBS is given annually to students in grades 3-8 and the national norms are periodically adjusted to better reflect the population as a whole. The 1995 scores were under old norms. All results from 1997 on are under new norms.

"It's a tribute to the entire city of Chicago that, after ten years of hard work, we have lifted this enormous system to a new all-time high," Daley said in a news conference at Mitchell Elementary School, 2233 W. Ohio St.

"But we still haven't reached our goal of becoming the best school system in America, and nothing will stop us until we get there," he said. "We will continue to challenge ourselves each and every day."

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## Mexican Stamp

domestic market in mind, but Caballero noted it could be used in international postage as well.

A total of 750,000 of the stamps will be issued.

Ben Vinson, a black professor of Latin American history at Penn State University, said he has been called "Memín Pinguin" by some people in Mexico. He also noted that the character's mother is drawn to look like an old version of the U.S. advertising character Aunt Jemima.

The stamps are part of a series that pays tribute to Mexican comic books. Memín Pinguin, the second in the series, was apparently chosen for this year's release because it is the 50th anniversary of the company that publishes the comic.

Publisher Manelick De la Parra told the government news agency Notimex that the character would be sort of a good-will ambassador on Mexican letters and postcards. "It seems nice if Memín can travel all over the world, spreading good news," de la Parra said, calling him "so charming, so affectionate, so wonderful, generous and friendly."

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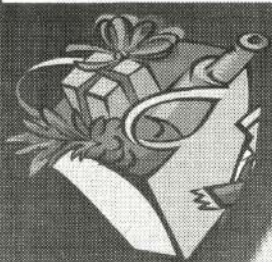
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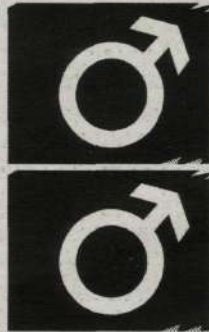
**Mary's Corner**  
**By Mary Patton**

To kick Mary's Corner off, SSJ asked at random, "What would you want to ask in an advise and question column?"

Q. There was a front page story on the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper about a month ago, with the question, in essence, "Is it expected for women to make more money in the household?"

I did not get a chance to read the story, and wish I did. However, being raised from the old school of a man's role as the bread winner, I have been dealing with the question from many angles. From a man being less of a man, him feeling inferior to the woman, or from a woman should always make sure her mate is her financial equal or greater. I guess this concern is greater among black men. How should one view this new trend of financial relationship between a couple?

A Successful Woman, Jackson State College



Mary: Dear Successful Woman,

Since the beginning of time men were judged by their successes and women by their beauty. Not all men are successful, neither are all women beautiful, vice versa. A man's success is not what he does but what he is. It's not a woman's job to find a mate that's financially compatible but to find one that's secure with himself regardless of her successes or failures. We have all graduated from the same school - they never taught us Dating, we have that in our corner now. If you have concerns, invite him out to various events and gatherings. I have always found if you really want to know someone, watch them under pressure. If he brings up income too frequently continue dating but marriage may not be a smart move.

Q. The term "Down Low", I just recently overheard what it meant a few months ago. Which if I am correct it means married men, that are undercover gay. It never cross my mind until, I over heard my husband in what I thought he was talking to another woman. Furious as I was I was patient not to say anything, so I could see the whole picture. After his phone call was over, I checked the caller ID and found it was not a woman, but his friend. Shock and appalled because of the tone of the

conversation, man or woman on the telephone. How should I approach this situation?

Undercover

Mary: Dear Undercover,

Ask him! Chances are he will deny it. My concern is not that of your husband's but yourself. If your suspicions are correct, how would this affect your marriage? If indeed he is bisexual, he may just be glad the cat's out of the bag or he may have just been happy with this lifestyle. If your instincts are correct in matter of time it may just be another friend, then another. Your husband will survive, but ask yourself; if he favors both sex what would you do?

Q. My son ask the question why did rapper Cassidy, shot someone with a gun. In his concern when asking about it, it wasn't the sympathizing for the victim; it was for Cassidy and his future. What is the message here? Not putting any judgment on Michael Jackson or even actor Russell Crowe public out bursts on persons, are people in general torment with the fate of celebrities than the victims.

Public Opinion

Mary: Dear Public Opinion,

Did you explain to your son that there are consequences for shooting someone? If not, I strongly suggest you do so as soon as possible. If we communicate more with our children that's the only message they will hear. We live in a culture where money doesn't buy the Justice System therefore we have a lot to be grateful for. I don't think people are tormented with the fate of celebrities, I think people ought to be happier with their own lives.

Mary Patton studied Business at The University of Toronto. B.A. Psychology & Liberal Arts & B.S. Health Science in New York State. Coordinate Activities of Daily Living for the physically and mentally challenged & Real Estate Investor.

For question to Mary; Write to South Street Journal at 7915 S. Exchange, Chicago, Illinois 60649 or Email at SoStreetJournal@aol.com

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- Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the South Street Journal, a community based newspaper on Chicago's South Side, on the occasion of their second anniversary.
- The South Street Journal has always prided itself on social responsibility providing objective and insightful news while keeping in mind the welfare of the residents of the communities it services. It has built a strong foundation of not only disseminating information but also encouraging communities to become involved in the current events and politics that affect them.
- The South Street Journal has provided Chicago's South Side with an informative and relevant community newspaper that fosters open dialogue on current events and helps to strengthen community relations. They have helped register voters and have provided a voice to communities that are sometimes overlooked.
- South Side communities such as Washington Park, Hyde Park, Douglas, Oakland, Kenwood, Woodlawn, Fuller Park, Armour Square, Grand Boulevard, and the Gap have all seen the benefits the Journal has provided.
- Mr. Speaker, today I stand here to formally recognize the South Street Journal for their contribution to the South Side of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and the United States of America.
- I am pleased to enter these words of commendation into the Record.

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# Congratulations to Conrad Worrill and NBUF

## And the new world black order

Mark Allen,

I want to publicly offer my congratulations to Dr. Conrad Worrill and The National Black United Front (NBUF) on their 26th year anniversary as an organization. In my 29 years in public service, I know that a majority of those years, I have known and actively worked with Dr. Worrill and his organization on a number of issues of importance to the African American community. From the campaigns of the late Mayor Harold Washington, to the Million Man March, and other political and grassroots issue campaigns. And I've always benefited from Dr. Worrill's counsel as I tried to establish myself as an activist with my own Independent views and leadership style.

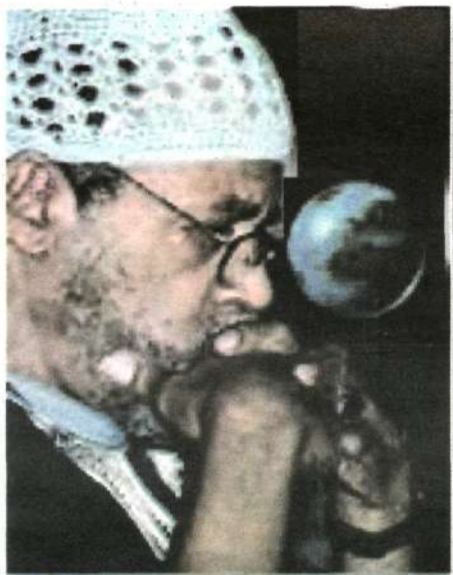
I can remember like it was yesterday Dr. Worrill's advice on how to promote your independence without alienating yourself from the other organizing groups and efforts that were also going on in the community. In my youth, there was no effort or issue that I would address that at one time or another was not addressed currently or before by other existing groups in the Black community. And, if you alienate yourself, then you only end up helping enough people to satisfy your individual self, but not successfully addressing the masses of our people.

That's why I was extremely moved by the theme of Dr. Worrill and NBUF's theme of their convention, "Operational Unity and Grassroots Organizing." History will show that we progressed as a people best when we operated as a united front on the major issues that impacted our people across organizational lines. We can all point to our individual group successes, but when we used "operational unity" we achieved much more for the masses of our people.

For instance, when a nameless, faceless person called in to a talk show where Rev. Jesse L Jackson, Sr was the guest, the suggestion was made to boycott former Mayor Jane Byrne's Chicagofest. Instead of Rev. Jackson immediately saying that PUSH would take it on, he decided to

wait and bring the idea to a cross section of Chicago's grassroots leadership. No one group could sustain the ability to generate enough troops to maintain the everyday direct action of doing the informational picketing outside the fest and continually educate the masses of our people who wanted to be entertained versus standing up to Mayor Byrne on principle on her disrespect of the African American community.

The boycott was successful because the majority of Chicago's Black grassroots leadership all took a role in leading the pickets and informational campaign to our community. Following this was the first major Mayoral Campaign of Harold Washington. I remember the meetings we used to have at PUSH, when people who ordinarily didn't like each other and swore not to work with each other again for various issues, actually put aside their differences at the door and focused only what our "operational unity" could do to elect Harold Washington. The same thing happened when one of Rev. Jackson's sons was erroneously tied to some drug dealer. We all came together again, despite our past differences and stood strongly behind Rev. Jackson and his son.



Final Call Photo/SSJ graphic

In my judgment, the concept of "operational unity" MUST be used again to address the State of Emergency that the African American community finds itself again today. We no longer control the economics of our community, leading to our Black men and women being forced to choose an illegal and life threatening economy versus legitimate ones, leading to more of our people dying, and others going to jail than school.

We no longer control the gas stations, car dealerships, car rentals, meat and produce markets, Ma and Pa grocery stores, sandwich shops, clothing stores, shoe shops, etc. We have now become everybody else's consumers, rather than producers. We have lost our financial institutions with the exception of maybe 2

or 3. We spend about 30 billion dollars in the Chicago economy with less than 10% being spent with Black owned and operated businesses.

It appears to me, that we must return immediately to the "operational unity" concept when it comes to building and re-building the African American community.

Congratulations again to Dr. Worrill and NBUF on it's 26th year anniversary as an organization. And it is my sincerest hope that the concept of "operational unity" does not pass us by as just another catch phrase and not an active and systematic way of addressing our inability to address the lack of legitimate economic opportunities for our people. We must all be tired of visiting jails and funerals when we've got the collective genius to solve this State of Emergency facing our people.

Mark Allen, President of the Monroe Foundation's Black Leadership Development Institute  
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In the face of July 4<sup>th</sup>, "To announce that there must be no criticism right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally tr

-- Theodore Roosevelt.

This is for all those who still naively believe in their government.

# The Lost

By Darrin O

"We are putting all the information that we have together the intelligence information, the information being generated by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies. And I think we will put before the world, the American people, a persuasive case that there will be no doubt, when that case is presented, that it is Al-Qaida, led by Osama bin Laden, who has been responsible for this terrible tragic situation."

-Colin Powell, two weeks after the attacks on 9/11

**PRESIDENT BUSH:**

"Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa." [2003 State of the Union]: America took him at his word.

But now we find out that it wasn't true.

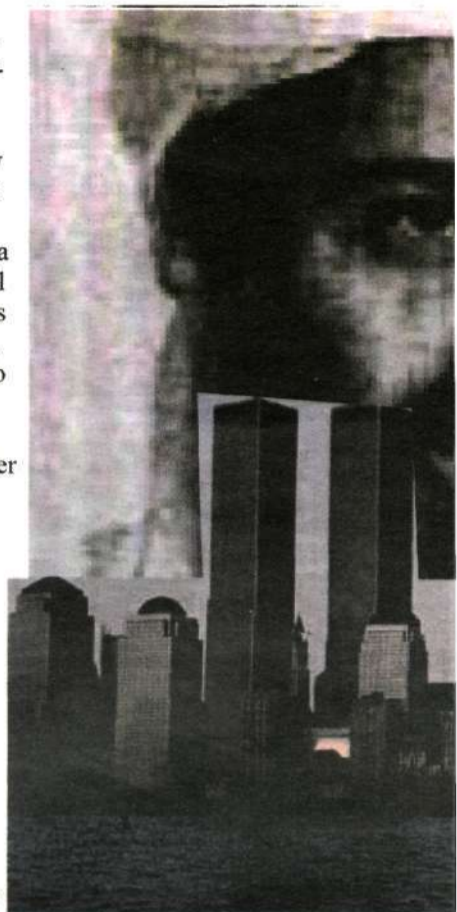
Far worse, the Administration knew it wasn't true.

**HEADLINES: White House Says Iraq Claim was Flawed** [New York Times, 7/8/03]: A year earlier, that claim was already proven to be false.

**The CIA knew it.** [New York Times, 7/6/03]: The State Department knew it. [New York Times, 7/6/03]

**The White House knew it.** [NBC News, 6/26/03]

Nearly four years later, we're still waiting for that evidence. But that hasn't stopped the Bush Admini-



stration from invading and occupying two sovereign, Islamic nations, originally described as a "crusade" by the president. Afghanistan and Iraq had absolutely nothing to do with 9/11, and our actions have proven that we are only interested in liberating resources- not people. The whole world sees through this administration's propaganda, except for the truly faithful zealots on the right- and their numbers are shrinking too as it becomes clear that we can't "win" in Iraq. As Bush's poll



## Sesame Street may be put on the streets

A House panel has voted to eliminate all public funding for NPR and PBS, starting with "Sesame Street," "Reading Rainbow," and other commercial-free children's shows. If approved, this would be the most severe cut in the history of public broadcasting, threatening to pull the plug on Big Bird, Cookie Monster, and Oscar the Grouch.

The cuts would slash 25% of the federal funding this year -- \$100 million -- and end funding altogether within two years. The loss could kill beloved children's shows like "Clifford the Big Red Dog," "Arthur," and "Postcards from Buster." Rural stations and those serving low-income communities might not survive. Other stations would have to increase corporate sponsorships. Already, 300,000 people have signed the petition. Can you help us reach 400,000 signatures today? <http://www.moveon.org/publicbroadcasting/>

Thanks!

## Yahoo Shut Down Black Online Discussion Group.

Dear Editor;

On April 29, Yahoo deleted both my email account and my six-year-old African American science fiction discussion list of 485 members, called SciFiNoir.

No warning, notification or explanation was provided. Since the deletion of my email account and discussion list, I have discovered many people are having their yahoo email accounts and discussion groups deleted in a similar fashion. My phone inquiry proved fruitless. Customer support refused or was unable to answer my questions. I was informed that I violated Yahoo!'s terms of service, but that they were not permitted to explain how I had done so. They also explained that there was no one to whom I could turn to find out more about the violation, getting service restored, gain access to my emails, copy my address book, or retrieve six years of files, images, and hundreds of thousands of messages from the deleted discussion list. Yahoo! has responded to member inquiries with a form letter that suggests that I shut down the list.

A review of recent messages on my science fiction discussion forum have revealed that less than 48 hours before the list was deleted, there was an extended message thread regarding an article in the Los Angeles Times covering the Toronto Sex Crimes Unit that focused on their fight against child pornography and how the majority of those arrested are Trekkers. As far as I know, there is nothing in Yahoo!'s terms of service that forbids users from discussing current events (even subjects of a sensitive nature) on their groups.

Yahoo! is currently in a cutthroat battle with Google. One of their

strategies against the Google threat is to offer users more email space and enhanced features on their groups portal. What they don't let unsuspecting users know is that if they use Yahoo! services is that they will be censored and that they running the risk of losing intellectual property.

To read the LA Times article, see the message thread, find out who else yahoo is deleting, or to read the What Happened to SciFiNoir at Yahooogroups FAQ, go to: <http://www.visitfloripa.com/scifinoir/>

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## Rev. Jackson's of Michael Jackson

The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., issued the following statement on the acquittal of Michael Jackson:

Dear Editor;

We express our relief at the jury's decision to exonerate Michael Jackson on all 10 charges. Throughout this trial, Michael maintained his innocence, and he has now been vindicated.

This trial has taken an incredible toll on all parties and there has been extraordinary pain. This trial swayed from the highest of highs to the deepest

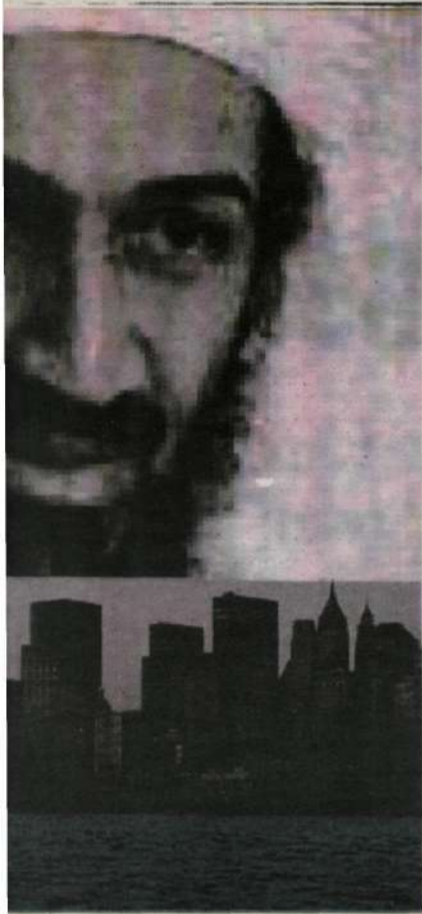




m of the president, or that we are to stand by the president reasonable to the American public."

# Crusade

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deceptive, because we are building 14 permanent military bases in Iraq, which means that we have no plans to leave. Depending on how many troops we plan to keep there, our continued presence could cost American taxpayers over 5 billion dollars a year. While the mainstream media continues to ignore this reality, the Arab world is well aware of what we are doing, and the overwhelming majority of them are militantly opposed to it.

Despite the rosy scenario painted by the Bush Administration, over 80% of the Iraqi people want us to leave now. They've been the victims of colonialism before, and they are not going to sit back and watch it happen again without a fight. The military bases we are currently building are going to make it impossible for us to win the hearts and minds of

the Iraqi people- if that was ever part of the strategy to begin with.

Remember, it was the American military bases in Saudi Arabia that caused our former ally, Osama bin Laden, to start working against us over a decade ago. The bases in Iraq will only insure the rise of future bin Ladens in that region, and no matter how much the Bush Administration tries to spin it, that doesn't make anyone in the world any safer.

numbers continue to plummet and support for the "war" evaporates, he is launching a new offensive to sell his brand of neo-colonialism to the American people. In a prime time speech delivered Tuesday evening, Bush gave us the same old rhetoric, and no real plan to get out of Iraq. Instead of specifics, he gave us vagaries like "we will stay in Iraq as long as we are needed - and not a day longer."

But even this non-statement is

## The Code of Silence Rename Washington Park from George to Harold?



Ron Carter, Publisher and Editor

There is a group in Chicago petitioning to rename George Washington Park to Harold Washington Park, lead by Osei David Andrews- Hutchinson.

Could this be as challenging as proposing to rename the Daley center to the Rev. Jackson Center?

Sometimes you just can't help being what you are and what one should be about. And being an African American in Chicago when it comes to the 4th of July or president's day, its party time. Fireworks on the 4th of July, Independence Day, and of course Washington Park is the place to be. The park is home of many barbecue's and get-togethers worthy of celebration along with the Bud Billikin Parade, and the African Festival of the Arts, the family reunions and the baseball games, and the 53rd street Hole picnics. When you think of Washington Park or even drive through it you think of getting away from the everyday hassle and bussal.

American history has its shortcomings for the Black citizens. Indeed the roots extend far beyond the shores of America. The past present and future is important to all descendants and the generations of tomorrow. No one should be left out

rather bad or good. As the saying goes: "If you do not know where you come from, you surely won't know where you are going."

With that names symbolize culture and past. As the Declarations of Independence was written in 1776, in 1789 George Washington became president of the United States. 100 years later black folks were legally free from chains. Another 100 years later Harold Washington was elected Mayor of the City of Chicago. And now two Hundred years from the presidency of George Washington, the truth of renaming Washington is not just for the future but the shame of the ugly past. The code of silence of the 1st president of the U.S. is he supported slavery should be the main reasons to rename the park.

However, who really notice the statue of the man on the horse (George) at 51st and King Drive? And for the most part, people under 25 years of age would be sur-

prise to learn the park isn't named after the 1st Black Mayor of Chicago.

However, with the forth of July upon us we should be remind of the first president of this country as he represented the solid foundation of the constitution, that is written so prefect that it justify celebrating a president that was a slave owner, while supporting stealing land from native Americans and the torturing Africans as slaves.

Consequently, from then to this day grade students are taught to respect the our 1st president as a way of life in American. What city council member would support such a movement to rename Washington Park, from George to Harold? What elected official would lead the cause to the Chicago Park District.

Naturally, upon the renaming, people would continue to call it Washington Park, or as Harold would like, (Harold's Park).

Would the statue on 51st and King Drive be taking down as Saddam Hussein statue was as a probe of freedom



for Iraqis?

Comparing what Daley has done to the people from 51st Street to 61st Street with what Rev. Jackson has done maybe that challenge should be on the agenda as well.

Somehow the mission is worthy of the renaming of Washington Park that will poke very hard at the nexus between George of 1789 and Harold of 1983 and the real meaning of the Forth of July.

This is only scratching the surface here, but even this cursory glance makes the current look at the name change like some grand geopolitical "clash of history" to come and more like a nasty falling out among thieves of history--who sometimes collude, sometimes collide--now duking it out for turf, cloaking the rhetoric about freedom, security, and addressing the code of silence of park in the black community named after a slave owner. Washington Park of Chicago.

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of valleys. Yet through it all, Michael never surrendered; nor did Michael's family -- his mother and father, brothers and sisters, and his friends who stuck by him through this ordeal.

There were two trials taking place at once in this case: the media trial, and the courtroom trial. This jury weighed the facts and disregarded innuendo; it studied the evidence and disregarded rumor. Michael's legal team led by Tom Mesereau presented a masterful defense. His publicist team led by Raymone Bain kept the community informed and educated. And clearly, based on the evidence presented in the courtroom, Michael was vindicated. It was the legal system at its best.

Grasping the depth of the pain and agony of this ordeal, we must learn the lessons of this trial, of the court process and environment. Now is the time to move toward healing and rehabilitation. Michael Jackson is free but not unscarred. Also, the accuser and his family, they, too must go through their own process of healing and rehabilitation.

I have known Michael since he was eight years old, and my prayers go out to him and his family. I talked with Michael today, and reminded him the ground is no place for a

champion. Now Michael must reflect on this trial and draw on his strengths and his faith in God to see him through. We look forward to the day when Michael Jackson again sings and soars, and once again can display his wonderful creative gifts to the world.

### African Festival of the Arts Meeting with the Washington Park Advisory Council

Dear Editor

The meeting with the Washington Park Advisory Council on Tuesday was attended by a cross section of individuals and my guess is that some were and others were not members of the Advisory Council. The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wards were represented by their respective Aldermen and Chiefs of staff, Chuck Bowen represented City Hall and representatives from the Park district were present. It was generally agreed that the festivals will stay in their current locations for this year.

The park District in conjunction with the interested parties will begin looking at alternative sites in Washington for next year. Alderman Preckwinkle and Chuck Bowen are in support of developing a permanent festival sight in Washington Park.

The Park District supported by the Ald. Preckwinkle and

Chuck Bowen offered the following, according to the respective issues of concerns:

#### Parking

The University of Chicago parking facilities on 55<sup>th</sup> & Ellis and 59<sup>th</sup> and Cottage are being negotiated for public parking.

The space across the Armory (52<sup>nd</sup> and Cottage) to be negotiated as additional public parking

Space will be made available for handicapped parking along Cottage

Tow trucks to periodically patrol to tow illegally parked vehicles especially in front of parking garages and blocking alleyways

#### Sound

Re-orientation of stage away from residential areas

#### Debris

4<sup>th</sup> Ward office is looking to bring additional city resources to help clean the neighborhood

Periodic festival cleaning crew patrol to pickup debris in the affected areas before, during and after the festival

Please thank everyone who asked about the status of the African Festival of the Arts and assure them that the Weekend will proceed this year on Labor Day Weekend, and in its normal location.

Thank you.  
Patrick



# South Street Events

South Street events. Don't see your event listed? Send your calendar listing to SoStreetJournal@aol.com or to SSJ Events 7915 S. Exchange Ave. Chicago, Ill. 60649

## June 24-July 4

**Taste of Chicago**, Grant Park Free Admission

## 4th Ward Democratic Organization Presents A Community Mid-Summer Night Extravaganza



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1060 East 47th Street Donation \$20.00 At Door \$25.00 21 and over Make Checks Payable To: 4th Ward Democratic Organization For more info phone: 773-536-8103 Fax: 773-536-7296

## Thursday, June 30

**The 71st St. Advisory Council Hosts The 4th Annual Town Hall Meeting** - 6:30 pm. St. Columbanus Church 331 East 71st Street, Topics \* Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), 71st Streetscape update Streetscape plan and timeline Planters maintenance agreement Timeline of Construction Employment Opportunities 71st Street Bridge \* Plans for the 50th Year Commemoration Activities of Emmett Till \* Sign-up for the Advisory Council The 71st Streetscape program will affect businesses and residents from State to Cottage Grove.

## July 1 - 4



The above photo by Robert Sengstacke is part of Collecting Photography at Nicole Gallery 2: 4653 S. King Drive, -an exhibition Great Trio: Photography by Bryant Johnson Raymond Mays and Sengstacke, thru - July 31, 2005

African Caribbean International Fest, 55th & South Cottage Grove, 10 a.m. - 10:30 p.m

## July 2, 9, & 16,

African Hand Drumming class continues with Master Drummer Atiba Y. Jali, Saturdays @ Afri-Ware 948 Lake St., Oak Park 10:30-11:30am, \$15/class ages 7 and up. Atiba Jali also has a best selling CD "Karibu" \$15 available at Afri-Ware. Djembe and log drums are available for purchase. Call to confirm upcoming classes or call Atiba directly for one-on-

one sessions at 773-626-6088.

## Saturday, July 9th,

**Solutions for Eliminating the Impact of Plantationism in Relationships** with Mates, Family, Friends and others. a candid, presentation by Frank Cannon, 7 pm, free @ Afri-Ware, 948 Lake St. Oak Park, 708-524-8398. Cannon will discuss: \* Selecting Healthy Nontoxic Relationships, Identifying the Danger of False Support Systems, Love is Observable and Measurable, Bedroom Revolutionaries vs. Romance on

the Battlefield, Selective Communication vs. Dishonesty. Frank Cannon is a community activist, former Black Panther, Chairman of Brothers and Sisters in Consolidation and author "Understanding the Power of the Union: Relationships Between Black Men and Black Women

**FREE @ Afri-Ware. CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT 7pm**, event taped by Tami Yarbrough of Channel 19. This program will be aired each Saturday in July on channel 19 at 9:30pm.



In 1959, Dr. Margaret T. G. Burroughs launched the first Lake Meadows Art Fair where many of Chicago's African American Artists began their careers.

Forty-Six years later, in 2005, Neleh Artistic Expressions present "Art Renaissance" Re-birth of The Lake Meadows Art Fair. honoring Dr. Burroughs for her contributions to Chicago, the world, and especially the Black community. Also honored were two additional art legends Sylvester Britton and Melvin King. Neleh Artistic Expressions is located in the Lake Meadows Shopping Center 3467 S. King Drive

## July 9

**I Have A Vision Gospel Fest**, 7200 S. Dobson St. (Hoard Park), 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

K.I.D.S. Zone Festival, 6700 - 6900 S. on Halsted Street, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## July 17

**Chinatown Summer Fair**, Wentworth from Cermak to 24th Street, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

## July 30

**Altgeld Gardens Community Gospel Fest**, Carver Park (939 E. 132nd Street) 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Ghana Fest**, Washington Park, 54th on Payne Dr., 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.

**Southside Youth Festival**, Foster Park (84th & Loomis), 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

## August 14,

THE 2005 Summer Poetry Residences at The Poetry Center of Chicago [www.poetrycenter.org](http://www.poetrycenter.org) Submission Deadline: July 17, 2004 - The Poetry Center and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago it will award two poetry residencies in a national application pool, working independently the selected poets will be invited to give a reading at The Poetry Center as part of the 2005-2006 Reading Series\*\* and to submit several poems, one of which will be published as part of The Poetry Center's Broadside Series. Accommodations will be provided at The School of the Art Institute's new residency tower, located in the

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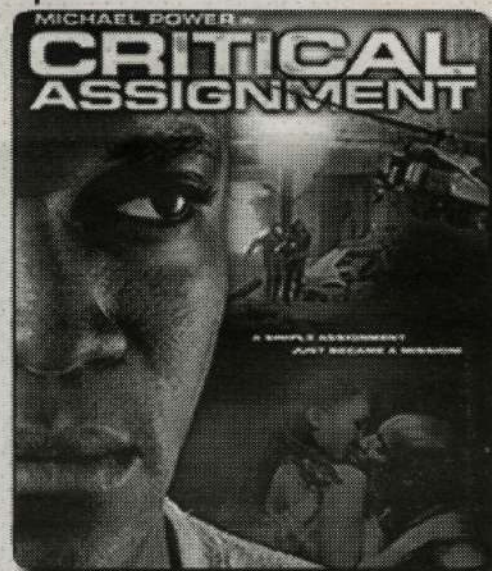
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## Thursday, August 4, 7:00 pm Critical Assignment

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# South Street Stepping Out

**Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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**Monday**

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**Tuesday**

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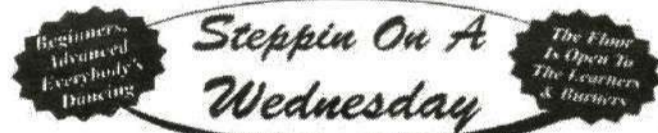
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# Steppin' Out With Chocolate City

By Vincent Walker

If you want to get out have some fun any night of the week, then I suggest that you do like more and more Chicago party people are doing and check out the *Chicago Nite Life* schedule put together by the man simply known as *Chocolate City*.

Maybe a drink, some live music, or do you have enough nerve to grab the microphone and throw down on karaoke night. How about some live comedy, competitive bid whist, or are you a part the popular dance craze that is spreading across the nation known as Steppin'?

The Chicago Nite Life schedule will let you know how to get that particular groove on. I recently talked to Chocolate City to get his take on the so called Steppin' Craze. He is one of the best steppers in Chicago. If you don't believe him, ask him.

He started Steppin' in 1972, and back then the lab was the basement sets. With a lot of James Brown music playing, everybody would put there own variation on what was then called



the Bop. The rough guys in the neighborhood were teaching each other how to step, and every neighborhood had its own legends.

On the south east side, the legends were LV, and a brother named Blood, who mastered steppin' with two girls at the same time.

"Blood was ice cold", as Chocolate City reflects back. By the time J B's Monorail came out, we were Skatin' & Steppin'. Now we're real serious about this Steppin' thing, says Chocolate. We have Chocolate City and The Chocolate Girls, and we put our, "Show on the Flo".

Although, back in the day, we didn't care what you looked like. We were working up a sweat, having a good time. Now the steppers' culture is high fashion. From head to toe, steppers like to look sharp.

Chocolate prefers the neighborhood club over the big ballroom scene, and he recommends that you don't spend to much time in a steppers' class, just get on the floor and do what you do, and don't forget to have fun with it.

You can check out his 24hr. Party Hotline, (312) 458-0994 and visit his website: [www.chicagohottestparty.com](http://www.chicagohottestparty.com).

# Street Dedication for "Soul Foods" Actress's 70th Birthday Irma P. Hall,



Ald. Howard Brookins (21) lead the dedication for Irma Hall saying she is not just a talented person who deserves this honor on her 70th birthday, I am proud she is of the 21st ward as a resident. She is truly deserving of this special recognition." seating right rear is comedian and action Carl Wright.

SSJPhoto Vincent Walker

Street Dedication Tops List of Events for Actress's 70th Birthday Irma P. Hall, one of Hollywood's giant talents and one of Chicago's most endearing figures, as she was honored June 3 street naming dedication at the southeast corner of 95th and Halsted tops a flurry of events honoring her 70th birthday. Mayor Richard M. Daley and the Chicago City Council recently declared June 3 "Irma P. Hall Day" in Chicago.

On hand to pay tribute to Hall at the street naming ceremony will be Harry J. Lennix, star of stage and screen and frequent Hall collaborator.

"Irma is not just a talented person who deserves to be feted on her 70th birthday, she's an amazing role model," said Randy Crumpton, chair of the Irma P. Hall Day Committee and a Chicago entertainment attorney. "She has lived life to the fullest by fulfilling her own dreams as a teacher, actress and writer, and she has taught young people to dream. She is truly deserving of this special recognition."

Hall's powerful performance as "Miss Emma" in HBO's "A Lesson Before Dying" graced the screen at the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library, 9525 S. Halsted St., when the film was shown in the Auditorium.

An exhibition of Hall's memorabilia from her stage and screen performances opened in the Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of the library. The exhibition will be on display through August 5.

On June, 4, Hall will display her literary talents when she reads her poetry at 2 p.m. at the Woodson Regional Library in the Auditorium.

Immediately following her reading, a second film from her impressive filmography, "The Ladykillers" with Tom Hanks, will be shown.

All of the public events celebrating Irma P. Hall's birthday are free of charge.

A native of Beaumont, Texas, Hall was raised in Chicago where she completed high school before heading off to Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa. She had carved out a career for herself as a high school language teacher when she was bitten by the acting bug in 1973 after landing a small role in actor-director Raymond St. Jacques's "Book of Numbers." She soon formed her own regional theater company in Dallas and began working in television features, but would not get her big film break until 1996 when at the age of 60 she was cast as Aunt T in "A Family Thing" with James Earl Jones and Robert Duvall. Major roles in "Soul Food" and "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" would follow. Her co-starring role in "The Ladykillers" would earn her a Special Jury Award at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival.

In addition to "The Ladykillers," two other films featuring Hall were released that year while she convalesced from her accident: "A Slipping Down Life" with Guy Pierce and Lili Taylor and "Collateral" with Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx. By October, the indefatigable Hall had recovered enough to accept a Career Achievement Award from the 40th Chicago International Film Festival. For more information about Irma P. Hall Day events, contact the Woodson Regional Library at 312-747-6900.

Welcome Back to Jazz 'N The Alley 2005!

This year Jazz 'N The Alley will happen twice monthly July, August and September - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

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# StarLight

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trict.

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The StarLight host daily events, jazz, blues, poetry, theater, after work steppers sets, corporate functions, and private parties that are open to the public Tuesday through Sunday 6 pm.- 1 am. Currently, for the next six weeks

The StarLight is featuring the play "Save the Last Dance for Me" by Eugene Dillanado on Tuesdays starting June 28. This screenplay explores the fever of an extra-marital affair, racism and reparations. Every Wednesday through Friday after work starting at 6 pm The StarLight welcomes all professionals to come out and step, network, and have fun. On Saturday evenings the signature theatrical production "Broadway-N-Bronzeville" is hosted at the StarLight.

The StarLight's charity is the Black Aids Institute founded by Phill Wilson, a Chicago native. Wilson is widely respected as a global warrior in the fight against HIV/AIDS. The Black Aids Institute is the only national HIV/AIDS public policy, training and



Erica Renee Christian (above) StarLight's M.C. & Phylis Hyman, Jill Scott, impressionist). And Tim Bolhar, singer and entertain director and Luther Vangoss impressionist.

mobilization center in the U.S. focused exclusively on African Americans. Phill Wilson believes that the AIDS epidemic is a "Our people. Our problem. Our solution" agenda. The StarLight's open earlier this year goal is to empower the community by creating employment opportunities and provide quality service in the area of entertainment.

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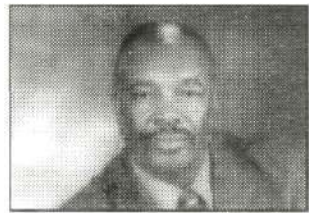
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Why Franchising?

South Street Business:

Franchising provides the potential to bring out the best for Small Businesses



By Steve Braxton

Having had the opportunity to be exposed to franchise development and experience the whole realm of the business culture of the franchising industry; during the time of what was known as, the "revolution and expansion age", of the industry in the early 70's. The performance and exposure encountered was amassed in corporate management.

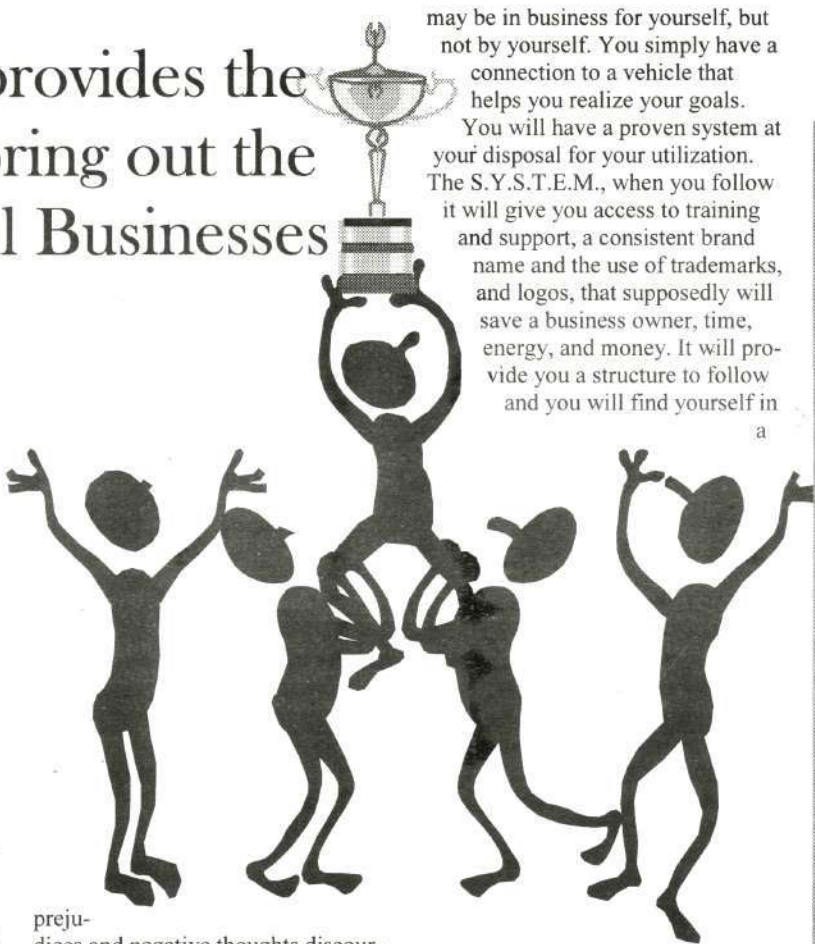
At this juncture let me preference the fact; that small businesses are the fastest growing concern in America, and in particularly women-owned small business owners. Small businesses also account for the largest real growth and incremental gains both in the "growth domestic products", (GDP) and employment opportunities.

In addition, small businesses are touted as one of the most dynamic and resilient market sectors in the U. S., because of the enormity of the potential, and the vast market appeal, which makes it a viable option for the marketplace. And to be involved in the franchising industry bode well for a stronger force, larger slice of the pie, and a greater impact in the economy of the business sector.

Why is the concept of franchising unique among small businesses?

In some circles today it may be referred to as "The F Word", which does not necessarily means a bad connotation. At first blush when one hears the term; "The F Word", these are the thoughts, that usually comes to mind:

1. "Frustration", which is a feeling you may have in your present job
2. "Fear", don't be fooled; remember; fear is an illusion, its nothing more than false evidence appearing real. But never forget, only true evidence is for real. Do not let old



may be in business for yourself, but not by yourself. You simply have a connection to a vehicle that helps you realize your goals. You will have a proven system at your disposal for your utilization. The S.Y.S.T.E.M., when you follow it will give you access to training and support, a consistent brand name and the use of trademarks, and logos, that supposedly will save a business owner, time, energy, and money. It will provide you a structure to follow and you will find yourself in a

prejudices and negative thoughts discourage you or block your career path. You could be thwarting a new direction for a bright and profitable future. You may sometime perceive change as a bad thing. However, you must forge ahead to meet the challenges and the conflicts head on, in order to overcome barriers, conflicts and obstacles.

3. "Failure", also remember, a single attempt may result in failure. But perseverance is a main stay that must be employed, to get to the desired results you are seeking. Therefore, that single attempt is not ultimate failure; it just happens to be a by-product called "risk". Moreover, in franchising, that "risk" is a shared one, and it is always minimized

Because, when you do the research and delve deeper into the process for the concept of franchising; you may learn, discover, or even uncover, some things that may be helpful to you, as you seek the keys for your success in a given business initiative, you may:

- > observe some franchise myths being dismantled;
- > become better informed about effective trends in franchising;
- > learn more about how to explore all your options;

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unique win;win; relationship in the world of business to interact with people in the "business of businesses"

It must be a "business of businesses" to get you to your goals, and it may not always be something you love or that you have a great deal of skills in. But you can capitalize on it, and be committed to it, by realizing the success of it, just be in the right consciousness for it, and put forth the efforts it will take to achieve it.

In next month's column I shall continue with part II on the franchising process. We shall focus on the "Residual Benefits of a Franchising Concept"

Always remember, "We are not here just to meet yours needs, but to exceed expectations" Let us hear from you we invite your questions and comments contact us: @ brasr6@yahoo.com

Steve Braxton, is a business consultant executive coach freelance columnist, and has amassed over 25 years in the franchising industry. He is a proven & seasoned business veteran. He has written two books with an impending publishing date in the fall of 2005, the titles are: "The Road That is Difficult To Travel" and "Prayer For An Occasion"

Con. Rush and SBA bring Business Ownership Training to District

In an ongoing effort to increase business ownership in the First Congressional District, Congressman Bobby L. Rush announced that Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), will kick off their business training workshops at Rush's office



Con. Bobby L. Rush

Designed with the busy entrepreneur in mind, SCORE, which is funded by the Small Business Administration (SBA), will hold monthly workshops at Rush's city and suburban offices through October.

"Many areas of the First Congressional District are in need of critical business services, which are key to stimulating economic growth and community stabilization," said Rush. "I'm committed to providing the necessary resources to spur business growth, and challenge aspiring or established entrepreneurs to come out and take advantage of the SCORE workshops."

At each of the business workshops, SCORE representatives will provide participants with training and counseling on things to know when starting a business, how to improve or expand existing business as well as business financing resources.

To register, please call (708) 385-9550 or email Younus Suleman at younus.suleman@house.gov.

Rush introduce the "Small Business Intermediary Lending Pilot Program Act"

In his announcement on the congressional floor Rush said this bill would establish a pilot program to provide low interest loans to non-profit, community-based lending intermediaries. The bill would also

provide midsize loans for small businesses.

"Small businesses and startups continue to face barriers when accessing midsize loans between \$35,000 and \$200,000, with affordable terms and conditions." Said Rush.

"With all of the banking industry consolidation, the method by which banks make small business credit decisions has changed to the disadvantage of small or startup businesses. Nonprofit intermediary lenders, including community development corporations, are in a better position to provide financial support to small businesses."

Rush outline the program in that nonprofit intermediary lenders provide riskier, up front capital to small businesses, with more flexible terms and underwriting procedures. These lenders also offer technical assistance to reduce the transaction costs and risk exposure of banks.

Rush continued to say the effectiveness of these types of programs has been demonstrated by several Federal programs, including the Microloan Program under the Small Business Act, and the Intermediary Relending Program in the Department of Agriculture.

There are more than 1,000 non-profit intermediaries around the country that are providing financial and technical assistance, and creating employment opportunities for low income individuals.

The bill would establish a midsize loan pilot program, providing loans averaging \$150,000 to eligible intermediaries, particularly for startup, newly established, or growing small businesses.

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## Provoking

tions are too much of a sacrifice are noble and debatable, "They need to hold and fold then come back again", in their tactics." Said one organizer.

VOTE has demonstrated at Rainbow/PUSH vowing. "We are the new Sheriffs in town,"

They have unset meetings of Gov. Blagojevich, Mayor Rich-

ard Daley, Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Chicago Defender, and on and on. Their confrontational protests have made both seasoned community activist and elected officials affect the conscience of community organizing.

Watkins reoccurrence of the law began at Alderman Toni Preckwinkle office where a lot of chaos jumped off which lead to Watkins being arresting accused of assaulting two police officers-Watkins is expected to be release in December from his sentence.

"The crowd reply back to VOTE Spoke-person McKinley-NOW. A large crowd of 50 to 75 people approached the construction site

Attorney Bart E. Beals, representing VOTE at one time says "Their actions are due to the vast un-employment roles in the low-income black communities and to the ex-offender dilemma of not having a job, a concern that Hill says is a concern of CHA hiring public housing tenants under the HUD Section 3 guidelines of not to hire persons with

felons.

But, VOTE actions have produced people getting jobs, including public policy of jobs on the Dan Ryan construction to the legislation rights of ex-offenders.

Mark Carter says "We've been beating our drums, asking for police review boards, more jobs, better housing and we are not shutting up and going to lay still while the issues on our community are piling up on our people. We understand that the problem is elected officials."

With considerably mixed feel-

ings, VOTE is no difference than those before them. During the late 80's and early 90's 21st Century VOTE, roused as a youth movement that faded. Professor Bob Sharks replied on VOTE. "They are not thugs, they are not gang bangers. They are ex-offenders that have served their time and standing up for what they know is the right thing to do. They (elected and public officials) have to understand they are here and not going any where."

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## Slavery ties revealed by in 4th ward

On June 1, Wachovia Corporation submitted 110 pages outlining the company's involvement. In the wake of the disclosure, senior level executives were called to Chicago to field questions before the Finance Committee.

"...We recognized that we needed to conduct further research to fully comply with the City of Chicago's Slavery Era Disclosure," stated Michael Rizer, senior vice president and director of communications of the North Carolina based company. "We directed the research team to include any predecessor institution that was in any way involved in slavery..."

The research company determined that the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company owned at least 162 slaves, and the Bank of Charleston accepted at least 529 slaves as collateral on mortgaged properties or loans, and subsequently acquired an

undetermined number of these individuals when customers defaulted on their loans.

As a limited partner and syndicator in the 4th Ward's Madden-Wells project, Wachovia Affordable Housing Community Development Corporation is slated to build 162 affordable housing units. This recent disclosure threatens the project, since several aldermen are calling for rescission of the bank's involve-

ment.

"It's a disclosure ordinance. It's not designed to be punitive," explained 4th Ward Ald. Toni Preckwinkle. The precedent has already been set with J.P. Morgan Chase, which initially denied having any historical ties to slavery. So, you come forward and basically admit the error of your ways and apologize both for your involvement in slavery and inadvertently misleading the

council as to the nature of that involvement and we go forward from there."

The Finance Committee has asked Wachovia executives to return for further questioning. Rizer said the company appreciates the opportunity to tell the facts.

"We recognize the value of the proposed Oakwood Shores redevelopment project and its strong benefits to the community, and we want

to play a role in the process," said Rizer in a statement before the Finance Committee on Wednesday.

Ald. Preckwinkle said that she is grateful that Wachovia is taking the EDS seriously and that senior management came in person to acknowledge the company's historical ties to slavery and explain their initial filing.

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## Woodlawn

tance.

I haven't been living in Woodlawn for one year yet, why would TWO move me here only just to move me out, David Malley said.

"I just put my daughter in school; now we will have to move again that is not fair to us, Malley added looking disappointed while standing near his teenage daughter.

"We need to stand up for our rights we are only as weak as our weakest link," Malley added.

"We are here in support of the People Of Woodlawn, the people expressed to us that they are not being paid attention to, and they are not being treated fairly, we are here to help, and see what is going to happen and most of all to let people know that it is not about us,"

One of the lead organizers of {MAGIC} Bryan Echols Executive Director said.

I called three places one of the places was TWO WCDC to talk to Darnell Bond who is the property manager; Bonds told me to call another number and talk to the Chairman Leon Finley, so I called the number he gave me and a secretary at Apostolic Church told me that Finley was in a meeting with some developers and he would get back in touch with me.

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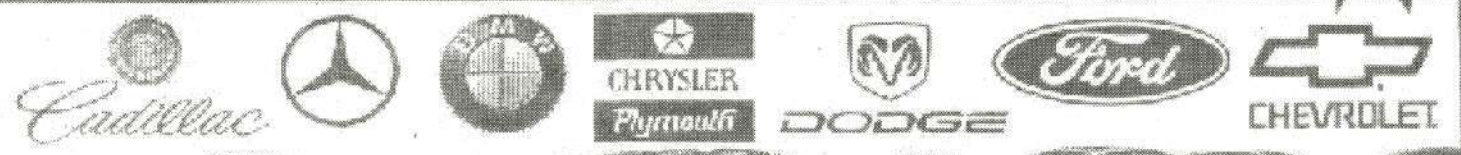
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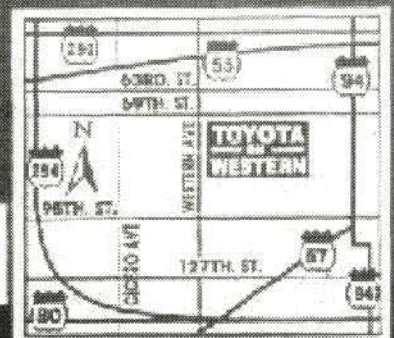
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