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Stolen Lives



By Ms. Beauty Turner

Since January 07 there has been 12 civilians killed by the hands of CPD. Aaron Harrison was just like a lot of black urban youth hanging outside on the west side with a few of his friends enjoying a hot summer day.

Locked on the block like most of them tell me.

But on August 6th all that changed. Harrison was a lot like a typical teenager, otherwise like most teenagers in the hood he could be spotted wearing a baggy white tee shirt along with blue denim jeans hanging from underneath it, showing off buttocks or revealing

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Do you
know this
man?

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Black Wall Street targets "Black Products"

Sustaining and increasing Black Businesses



Over 150 people participated in the 2nd Chicago Black Wall Street - Black Economic Summit held Saturday, August 18th, at the headquarters of the Chicago Urban League, 45th and Michigan Ave., spearheaded by The South Street Journal and The Black Leadership Development Institute (BLDI).

Simultaneously, with the CUL announcement of its projectNext program in early March of this year, the Black Wall Street Economic Summit was officially launched May 19 of this year.

"The African-American community is facing permanent economic isolation and is in danger of becoming forever the underclass." Said Cheryl Jackson president of the CUL proclaimed the historical chapter of the National Urban League is getting out of the social services business and will focus exclusively on economic development.

Mark Allen, cofounder of the Summit said that The Chicago Urban League served as the site because of their new commitment to be the center of a new movement for Black economic



empowerment. Adding that the BWSES primary objection is to sustain and increase the presence of Black businesses.

Harold Lucas of the Black Metropolis Tourist and Convention Center cited "the summit as the most diverse mix of business people to address the economic issues together". Some of the participants included, Bob Dale of R.J. Dale Adver-

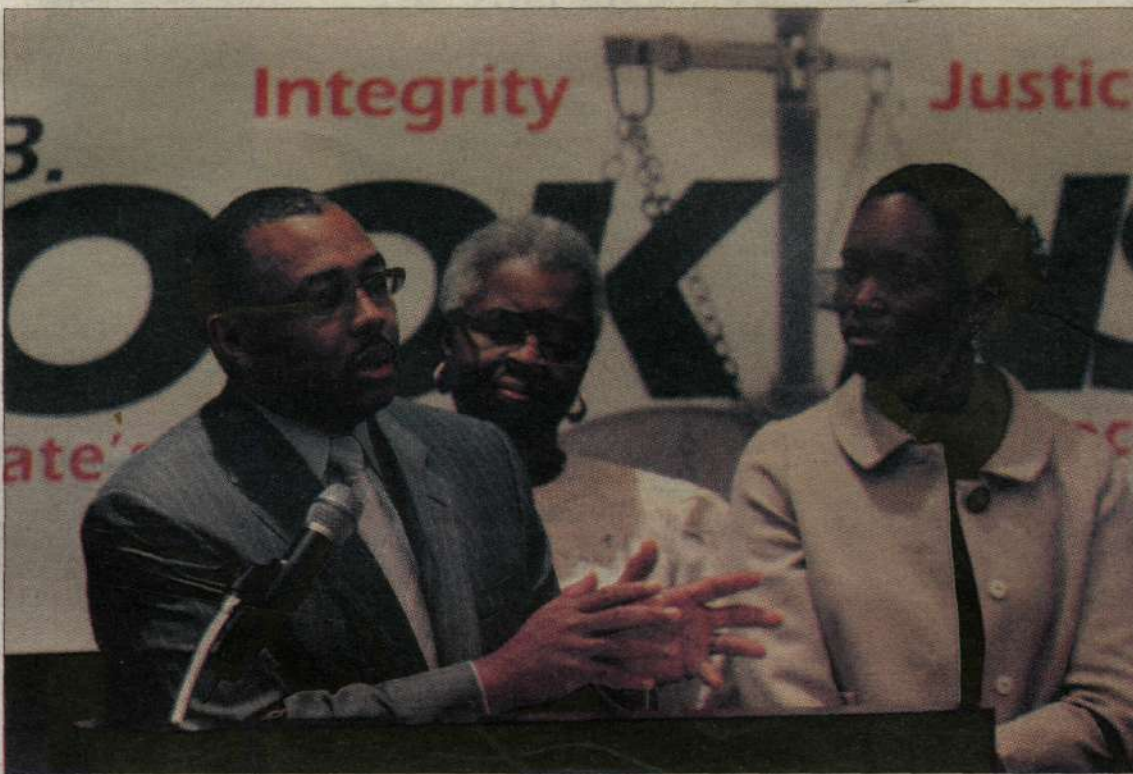
tising, Leonard Harris of Chatham Foods, Morgan Carter of ACE Business Network, Patrick Ford, Director of The Chicago Urban Leagues Entrepreneurship Center, John Clark of Reggio's Pizza, The Englewood Black Chamber of Commerce, Chatham Business Association, African American Chamber of Commerce, BOP Chamber of Commerce and others.

As every business dances to the tune of the consumer, one of the focuses of the summit is furthering the working relationship with business leaders and the community, one who received a standing ovation was legendary Black economic empowerment activist,

Dr. Webb Evans of The United American Progress Association, who stated in all his 42 years of promoting black business this is the first time he has seen more than usually of black people and organizations addressing economic issues over social issues. In a separated initiative addressing economics, Salem Baptist Church, pas-

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Brookins to run for State's Attorney



Alderman Howard Brookins announced his candidacy for Cook County State's Attorney office in a field of at least seven other candidates. Standing in support of him is his mother and wife looking on.

Reflections of other state wide elections

Surrounded by his family, Chicago alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr. (21) officially stepped into the race for the Cook County State's Attorney's office.

In making his announcement at the Allegro Hotel, Brookins vowed to be tough not only gang members and drug dealers, but also tough on crooked elected officials and dirty cops. Said Brookins, "When I'm elected state's attorney, we will no longer rely on Patrick Fitzgerald and the federal government to clean up our dirty system; I intend to do it myself."

As a crowd of cheering supporters looked on, Brookins went on to describe what he believes was a series of highly publicized failures under outgoing state's attorney Dick Devine. Failures that he claims

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Grooming the Next Generation

Black History Month is usually the only time of year when people read about African American contributions to the health and wealth of American society at large.

BUFI has posed the questions: "what will be the legacy of Black organizations and institutions?" within the Black community. BUFI finds it is of utmost importance that we highlight those activist, hard-working individuals who are actively passing the contributions of their life's work forward by grooming those who will carry these skills and ideas forward through the generations into the future.

BUFI has been in existence since 1985, has been trying to help people consider these questions and relate them to modern existence. According to Henry English, BUFI President and CEO,

In 2001, BUFI inaugurated the "Living Leg-

ends/Passing the Torch ©" Award benefit and ceremony to pay homage to those who are actively grooming the next generation and ensuring that their legacies are promulgated and preserved for the future. "The Passing the Torch® Awards were created to counter the all too pervasive stories about the social, economic and spiritual problems of the African-American community, because we at the Black United Fund of Illinois (BUFI) also know that there is a brighter, more positive story to tell, but the problem was - no one was telling it."

This year, another stellar group of eight Chicagoans, including Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Senior Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ,

as he prepares to pass his legacy to the Rev. Otis Moss, III, Pastor - Trinity United Church of Christ.

The 7th Annual "Living Legends/Passing the Torch ©" Awards ceremony, will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the Harold Washington Cultural Center, 4701 S. King Dr. Entertainment will be provided by the Grammy-award winner and jazz virtuoso Ramsey Lewis Trio and a special guest. Marion Brooks, WMAQ-NBC 5 reporter and anchor and Cliff Kelley, WVON-1690 personality and host of the provocative "Cliff Kelley Show" are the co-emcees for this year's event.

Call 773.324 - 0494 or www.BUFI.org.



Fact & Commentary

Weekly Round Up of.....
Mark Allen



A Look at Politics, since the beginning of The South Street Journal 13 years ago until today

The examination of the past 13 years of politics could probably be summed up with the phrase "the more things change, the more they remain the same," and that would be the beginning and end of the report. 13 years ago, the first issue of The South Street Journal had a front page story dealing with a major political issue of the lack of affordable housing for residents of Chicago poorer communities, including the homeless. This was a major local issue as to whether Chicago's political community would exercise its power to significantly increase the funding for the creation of new affordable housing and the jobs created from the new developments.

Our political community used information from a well researched document called "The Chicago Affordable Housing Fact Book, then laid out in great detail, exactly where new affordable housing could be created in Chicago's poorer communities. A few hundred community groups found common ground and successfully lobbied the Chicago City Council and ultimately Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley signed *The Chicago Affordable Housing and Community Jobs Ordinance*, which provided \$500 million new dollars for affordable housing and \$4 million dollars to the Low Income housing trust fund for the homeless.

One of the ironic things about the Housing and Jobs campaign was that the majority of the grassroots people who successfully fought for the ordinance passage, found out very painfully that they could not afford the very housing that the ordinance called for, and this was due to the fact that the City had developed a definition for what was affordable that was very different from what the grassroots supports of the ordinance could actually afford. This was complicated even further in terms of the letting of the contracts to build the new housing in that a majority of the contractors building housing in predominately Black areas were non Black. So major legislation was passed designed to empower the Black community but ended up empowering everybody else but Black people.

13 years later, the major news media is focusing on, guess what? The lack of new housing creation that's truly "affordable" for the grassroots residents of Chicago's poorer communities. And the focus is on what Black elected officials are responsible for the areas where the land is available. Added to that scenario is the subject of another expose that The South Street Journal is currently exposing and that is, how many non black moving and trucking companies are getting the lucrative contracts to provide moving services in predominately Black areas at the expense of qualified Black owned and operated companies that can do the same service. 13 years later and our community and leadership are faced with the exact same questions and no real answers that are truly increasing the betterment of life for Chicago's poorer communities.

13 years ago, Black political leaders were challenged and accepted the burden of taking the public agenda that Black people were not getting their fair

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IIT to Offer Full Scholarships to CPS Graduates

Mayor Richard M. Daley and leaders of the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) announced that IIT will offer scholarships to all qualifying Chicago Public Schools graduates who meet admission requirements and who have a household family income of less than \$40,000.



IIT is the third local institution to earmark scholarships specifically for CPS graduates.

The University of Chicago's Collegiate Scholars program supports five students each year, and Roosevelt University in October announced plans to offer scholarships to qualifying students from Little Village's School of Social Justice.

"This program is going to make a big difference in the lives of some of our best students," Daley said at a news conference at IIT's recently renovated Technology Business Center, 3440 S. Dearborn St. "The Chicago Public Schools have made tremendous progress in improving classroom learning and raising the aspirations of their students. This scholarship program is another big step in the right direction.

The scholarship will cover any remaining costs " including tuition, books and fees -- once federal, state and other available awards have been applied. Tuition alone, without any aid, is approximately \$23,000 annually.

John W. Rowe, chair of IIT's Board of Trustees, and IIT president

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Bill Cosby at podium, addresses approximately 9000 parents and youth during the CPS Parent Empowerment Conference at McCormick Place Convention Center. (Photo credit: www.bronzevilleonline.com)

Entertainment

Warm up with Some Hot Concerts this Winter

Forget the temperature! February in Chicago means "hot concerts" as the City of Chicago announces two fantastic opportunities to celebrate jazz and blues.



On February 9, "CAR"-NI-VAL fills the Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Avenue, offering a FREE concert (tickets are required) featuring legendary New Orleans performer Dr. John. The cool music continues with a hot celebration February 17 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph, "Cadillac Assembly Line: A Tribute to Albert King" featuring Sir Mack Rice. Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale to the public January 2, 2007.

It's Mardi Gras time at the Navy Pier Grand Ballroom with a FREE Chicago-style CAR-NI-VAL celebration featuring music and fun on Friday, February 9. Headlining the event is legendary New Orleans musician Dr. John. Known for his "funky" music, a compilation of pop/blues/gospel/jazz/R & B/funk, his energetic sound is sure to have everyone's beads jumping by the end of the night. Saxophonist Donald Harrison, one of the most respected jazz improvisers today, will open the concert. From a line of New Orleans Mardi Gras chiefs, he will conjure up the spirit of professor Longhair by featuring a rhythm section from the Tipitina's Foundation to help create his personal blend of New Orleans funk.

"CAR" - NI-VAL begins at 7 p.m. and the first 500 people in the door will receive a complimentary ticket to the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place. All concert-goers will receive a \$5-off coupon for an Auto Show ticket. Tickets are available by calling 312.742.TIXS (8497), or visit the website at a later date for in-person ticket locations. The concert is free admission, but advanced tickets are required (there will be no tickets available at the door). Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Then on February 17, get your groove moving at the "Cadillac Assembly Line:



Dr. John will be performing at the Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier

A Tribute to Albert King." King, a left-handed "upside-down/backwards" guitarist, influenced many prominent artists, from Eric Clapton and Jimi Hendrix to Stevie Ray Vaughn.

The event includes an early warm-up in the lobby with a performance from Chicagoan Fernando Jones. Then the curtain will rise at 7 p.m. with Big Time Sarah. A regular on the Chicago blues club circuit, Sarah's gritty, raw voice is a welcome addition to the lineup.

The evening proceeds with a cavalcade of talent beginning with The Platinum Band, Blues guitarist Melvin Taylor, and fellow guitar genius, Lurrie Bell. The tribute would not be complete without Carl Weathersby, who at one time was Albert King's rhythm guitarist and whose career was mentored by him.

Headlining the event is the self proclaimed Old Gangster of Hip Hop Blues, Sir Mack Rice. This fabled singer/songwriter's is known for "Mustang Sally" and the

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To beauty with style



Mass transit and paratransit workers and riders to join together again on September 16 to unify and organize for their right to an expanded transit system for all.

Paratransit Riders Face 32-576% Increase in Fares; Declare A State of Emergency That Governor Must Meet

Paratransit riders converged on the governor's office Mon. September 10 at 8 a.m. with mass transit riders and drivers. IMPRUE (Independent Movement of Paratransit Riders for Unity, Vehicles, Equality), and RDA (Rider-Driver Alliance) sought a meeting with Governor Rod Blagojevich to address the life-threatening conditions paratransit riders face when their fares increase by as much as 32%-576% due to the elimination of the monthly ADA pass, and they are forced to stop riding. This represented their third attempt to meet with the governor. IMPRUE has filed written and verbal requests for a meeting.

"We declare a state of emergency in Illinois on Tuesday September 11, and everyday until the service cuts and fare hikes are rescinded," declared Dr. Ayo Maat, founder of IMPRUE and member of the Rider-Driver Alliance (RDA) Paratransit Committee, who herself uses a wheelchair. "No other population group faces up to a 576% increase in transportation costs."

Paratransit riders have been ignored as the mass media fail to cover their plight, the governor fails to address their needs, and the legis-

lators fail to provide the funding for mass transit and paratransit. Bus, rail and paratransit riders and workers already hit hard by this legislative Katrina...Illinois' perfect storm of legislative apathy and procrastination that will cost people with disabilities their lives, livelihood and health, are fighting back not only Monday September 10, but Tuesday, the anniversary of 9-11.

"Paratransit riders are fed up!! We are not going to sit in the basement and wait out the storm any longer. We hereby place the governor, our U.S. senators, the Federal Transit Administration, and the mayor on notice," declared Dr. Maat.

"This is our 9-11," said Dr. Maat, "We will witness the fall of transit justice in Illinois for the people with disabilities who ride the federally mandated paratransit if the Governor does not intervene. Our Ground Zero will spread from the Governor's office to the mayor's office to PACE and our communities.

RDA is the formed with the help of IMPRUE LVEJO (Little Village Environmental Justice Organization) and members of the former Transit Boycott Ad Hoc Coalition.

Jena 6: racism in your face

While five of the students have yet to go to trial, Mycall Bell has already been convicted and sits in prison awaiting sentencing. We talked a few days ago with a lawyer who has visited Mychal several times. He says that it would help Mychal to hear from those of us who support him.



A scene of the pass, racial fights

ties, and organizations like the National Association of Black Journalists want to bolster awareness about this troubling case, which they say has received little play in the media.

As Mycall, one of the six black students was convicted on a reduced charge of aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy to commit aggravated second-degree battery. He faces a maximum sentence of 22 years in prison. The five other defendants are awaiting trial on attempted murder and conspiracy charges.

The charges sparked outrage in the black community and drew attention from the American Civil Liberties Union, which is monitoring the cases. The Rev. Al Sharpton has also voiced his concern, saying the charges indicate a different standard of justice for blacks and whites.

"The court's decision in the 'Jena 6' case has the potential to be ground-breaking and shift attitudes about race and justice in the United States," said Barbara Ciara, president of the National Association of Black Journalists, in a released statement. "It is critical that news organizations cover this court proceeding with the same dedication and persistence that is given to stories such as the upcoming presidential elections and the recent trouble surrounding the Atlanta Falcons' Michael Vick."

A united front of more than 300 concerned community members gathered at the steps of the courthouse in Jena on July 31, 2007, in a show of support for the African-American youth civil rights victims who were imprisoned after reacting to the provocation of Caucasian students who received only a school suspension of 3 days for hanging nooses from a 'whites only' tree in the schoolyard that all students share.

School officials at Jena High School banned students from wearing a T-shirt that reads, "Free the

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-A Delegations had to Jena Louisiana to Impact Jena 6 Demonstration Beyond Rally-

There is growing concern surrounding the Jena Six case in Jena Louisiana. Yet, inexplicably, the

national media, most particularly on television, has been abysmally silent on an occurrence of grave social, political and legal importance.

Jena 6 is the term coined to describe the six black high-school students in Jena, La., in late June who was charged last December with attempted second-degree murder for allegedly assaulting a white student who taunted them with racial slurs. Civil rights leaders, radio personali-

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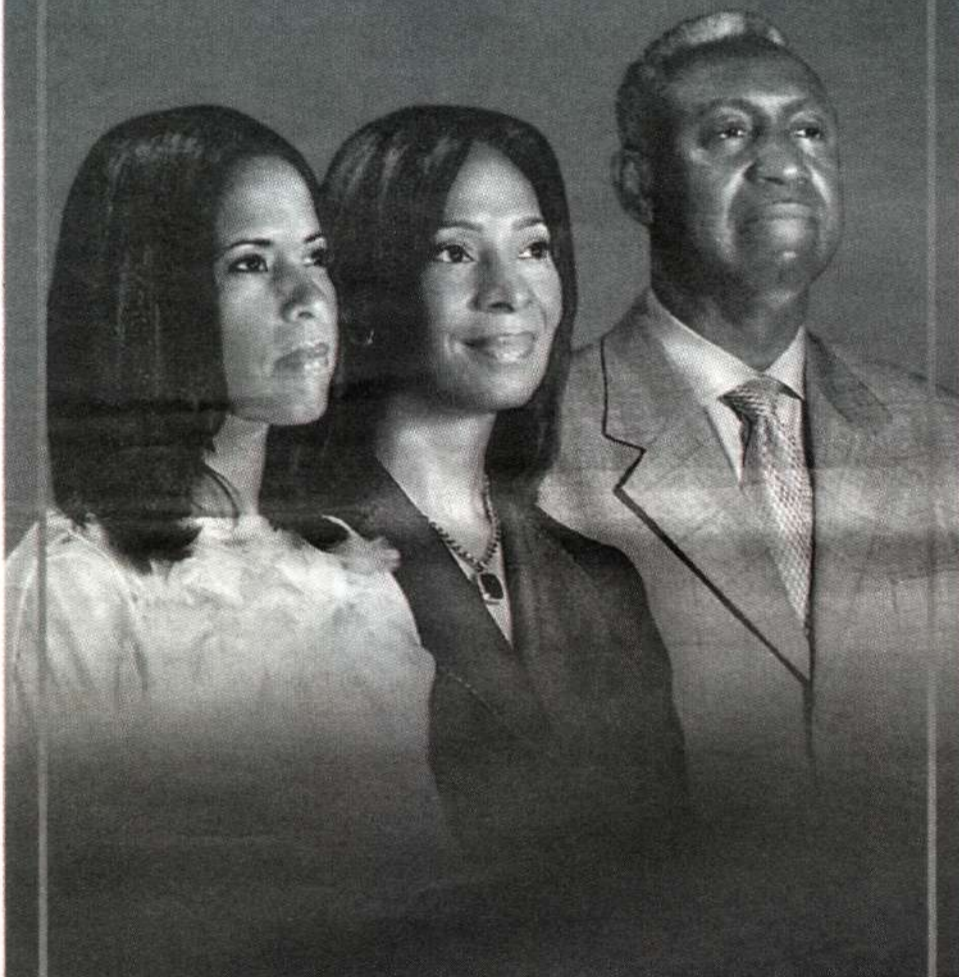
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"This is not a photograph" as people are amazed by what a pencil can do.

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The Arts and Business Council of Chicago will host a workshop, "Blogs and Online Communities: Web 2.0 Enhancements and How They Work," Maximize your communication and audience engagement efforts through all things Web 2.0, with a focus on blogging and online communities.

Friday Sept. 7th

Ear Candy and Kreaions/220 combining efforts to create a spoken word experience. Friday September 8th at "The Rhyme Cafe - Poetry Sessions" at Hidden Pearl Cafe From 6PM -10PM, 1060 E. 47th Street, The event will feature performances from the Ear Candy Poets including Miles and Passion, a special appearance by Disco Poet Khari B., Moon, and more to be added. From 6-7 a special youth poetry and performance session will take place.

Sat. Sept. 8,

The Board of Directors & The Blue Ribbon Committee "Gala 2007", "ELECTRIFYING THE FORCES" An Evening of Dining * Dancing * Innerattainment. 7:00 p m to Mid-night, eta Square. 7558 S. South Chicago Avenue, Attire: Diasporan Elegance Silent Auction/Prizes/Goodie Bags. Open Bar, *Buffet Served until 9:00 p.m. Catering by 'Fanfares by Faye'



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Wed Sept 12,

Infrastructure Engineering, Inc. is organizing a Network Fundraiser for 'Building A Better Chicago' in honor of Freddrenna M. Lyle 6th Ward Alderman/ Committeeman. cordially invite you to come join us on from 5-8 pm. RSVP to Kathy King at (312) 425-9560 ext. 1256 or email to kking@infrastructure-eng.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 11,

Education Committee Meeting - from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM at 715 E. 47th Street. Please RSVP.

Sat, Sept. 15th

Not-for-Profit Grant Opportunities Learn how to develop project proposals to "pitch" to Chicagorearea grantmakers by registering for Fall, 2007 "Grantwriting & Applying for Grants" 3-Part Training Project, held on, 22nd and 29th, 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. Participants' will learn how to: Develop a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) -Step One In Getting A Funder's Attention- How To Develop A Proposal - Step Two In Making A Case for Funding- How To Develop A Proposal Budget - Step Three In Creating A Request- How To Prepare For A Site Visit- Got the Attention- Don't "Blow-It"!-In Registration for the "Grant writing & Applying for Grants.

In The PaintY-outh Basketball Camp Fall Basketball Camps on Southside enrolling! In The Paint Basketball is enrolling campers for our Fall Basketball camps at Morgan Park Methodist Church, and Community Church. These camps will begin on Saturday September 15th and continue until December 1st. The times will be from 10am to 12pm each Saturday. The camp is for boys/girls ages 8 to 13 years. The camps will be held at the following locations. The cost is \$249.00 for the entire 12 weeks. The cost includes basketball fundamentals, mentoring session and a t-shirt.



Viewpoint, 6pm channel 21. Pat Hill guest, The show reruns September 16th @ 7:30pm channel 21. September 28th @ 8pm channel 21. Phillip Jackson guest

Sun. Sept. 16,

Illinois State Representative 34th District, State Central Committeewoman-1st Congressional District, and Vice Chair Democratic Party of Illinois A. "Connie" Howard for her Fourteenth Annual Sunday Supper 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm Harambee House 11901 South Loomis, To RSVP or more information please feel free to contact Brewster 773.783.6707 or e-mail atm1mom@sbcglobal.net

Wed., Sept. 19th

GBF Monthly Meeting - at 10 AM at the Chicago Urban League (4510 S. Michigan).

Thurs, Sept. 20th, PPEN Monthly Meeting - 2007 from 5-7 PM at 4150 S. King Drive (Centers for New Horizons). Please RSVP.

Saturday, September 22

Annual 3.5k Family Fitness Walk, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Come rain or shine, Body Parts Fitness Foundation is hosting its Fitness Walk. The Walk starts at Willie Dixon's Blues Heaven Garden & Museum, located at 2120 S. Michigan Ave. The event includes basic fitness testing, snacks, and entertainment (blues band, DJ, clown, raffle prize and awards to the youngest / oldest walker etc).



Bronzeville Summit – A Showcase of Development and Information about Bronzeville Today

This photo on the magnificent Black political history that happen in the 2nd Headquarters of the Democratic party. Congressman William L. Dawson was the political boss of this great political organization who in 1955 helped to elect Richard J. Daley Mayor of Chicago in 1955. The most powerful political organization of that period was located at 3433 South Indiana ave and the building is one of the historic structures that makes up the Black Metropolis Historic District. This 15,000 square foot building is currently up for sale and questions are raised if the Black community does not establish a recourse to preserve its history and provide an appropriate adaptive reuse, it will be sold to developers and the community may lose its political and civic cultural heritage associated with the landmark forever. Photo provide by Bronzeville Tourism and Convention Center

The Bronzeville Community Development Partnership is hosting today's 2007 Summit *Bronzeville International*. The summit showcases current projects in the Bronzeville Community Development Planning Studio and launches its formal bid to establish a Black Metropolis National Heritage Area. The event has the distinction of being the first community event in the newly opened McCormick Place West and celebrates the installation of the Bronzeville Portal on 23rd & Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, marking the civic gate of the world's largest convention center.



Bronzeville is Chicago's Black Metropolis, a historic "city-within-a-city" destination where more than a half million southern migrant families in search of a northern "promised land" adapted, innovated and thrived. They inhabited a narrow boundary know as the "Black Belt" which stretched along Chicago's south lakefront. Their unique experience is imprinted in the music, literature and civil rights struggles of this amazing era. Some of the country's great cultural and entrepreneurial business contributions were born here and have had a great impact on the world.

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C/CURE Living History from families in Riverdale The Underground Railroad

By Naomi Davis

Though the skies cried all weekend long, enough heart and elbow grease was on the scene to delight some young and old with stories from Harriet Tubman herself (well, nearabouts...) and Illinois' own, Glennette Tilley Turner...we collected more oral histories for our C/CURE Living History Archive from families in Riverdale who visited the Altgeld Oldtimer's Reunion, and others...snapped family portraits...ate.

There were old time treats like watermelons from the southland (and we don't mean southern Illinois) and a healthy version of our perennial favorite - drumsticks - prepared in the connoisseur's kitchen of Helen's Restaurant.

And of course, recruited new friends to our membership and to our mission to create a cultural and eco-tourism destination centered at the site of the old Ton Family Farm (see our Ton family C/CURE member, Paul Ton dressed as Jan in the overalls top photo right). Though our Woodland and Double Dutch games, many performers and other activities were rained away, we look forward to a sunnier day;

C/CURE CREDO

To explore the Underground Railroad is to explore our birth as a nation and our

staggering journey toward a more perfect union; to witness bonds of slavery transformed to bonds of partnership and collaboration; to face the paradoxes in ourselves and our history; and to challenge the perceived limits of our compassion, courage, and capacity to share.

We are strengthened and humbled when we honor the price paid for freedoms to which we still aspire.



C/CURE Living History Archive members and friends visited the Altgeld Oldtimer's Reunion, one of the festival vendors, Curtis Murphy of Benton Harbor, featuring a poignant Underground Railroad T-Shirt...as some of C/CURE faithful and new allies huddle below umbrellas and the youth. Gathered for a snapped family photo.

In honoring our ancestors we honor ourselves; and so may our efforts be worthy of our mission, and may the hallowed ground we celebrate result in Raising Spirits! ~ now, and for generations to come.

We thank our ancestors for showing us the way; and remind you (below) of why to come out and play! the next C/CURE gathering call Naomi Davis and Martha Boyd, Chicago/Calumet Underground Railroad Effort, 773 569 4464 773 344 7198

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Chicago: Group of Housing

Experts and Activists ask US Senators Dick Durbin and Barak Obama for a Full Investigation of The Chicago Regional HUD Office's Over-site of CHA and their Termination of the New Englewood Terrace Apartments Section 8 Housing Assistance Contract that displaced 180 Black families.

The Search For Truth about the Death of Pfc. LaVena Johnson,

a beautiful and intelligent African American woman was raised in a St. Louis suburb. She was an honor roll student, she played the violin, and she donated blood and volunteered for American Heart Association walks. She elected to put off college and joined the Army once out of school.



At Fort Campbell, KY; she was assigned as a weapons supply manager to the 129th Corps Support Battalion. She was LaVena Johnson, private first class, daughter of Dr. John and Linda Johnson. She died near Balad, Iraq, on July 19, 2005;

just eight days shy of her twentieth birthday. She was the first woman soldier from Missouri to die while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. She was an. After an investigation, the Army declared LaVena's death a suicide, a finding refuted by the soldier's family .In an article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, LaVena's father pointed to indications that his daughter had endured a physical struggle before she died - two loose front teeth, a "busted lip" that had to be reconstructed by the funeral home - suggesting that "someone might have punched her in the mouth." The military said that the matter was closed..

Very little was said on LaVena's death for many months until the facts were reported in a family interview on the Lizz Brown, Talk Radio Show, stories in The ST Louis Argus, ST Louis American and a recently televised report on KMOV in St. Louis that disclosed troubling details not previously made public.: There were indications of physical abuse that went un-remarked by the autopsy.

- The absence of psychological indicators of suicidal thoughts; indeed, testimony that LaVena was happy and healthy prior to her death
•Indications, via residue tests, that LaVena may not even have handled the weapon that killed her
•A blood trail outside the tent where Lavena's body was found
Indications that someone attempted to set

LaVena's body on fire
After 11 months, the Army sent the Johnson family evidence relative to their daughter's death. Evidence reviewed by Dr. Johnson and his brother, Joseph Johnson , clearly revealed that LaVena had suffered a severe beating, was sexually assaulted, was severely burned and

Stolen lives



Chairman Fed Hampton Jr. looks on a Kubla from WeCan Inc. comforts Aaron Harrison's mother after she break down in a flood of tears over the killer of her son by a policeman. Photo by Beauty Turner

colorful underwear. Most older church going folks always comment about when they were teenagers they wouldn't be caught dead with their pants hanging down to their ankles, barely fitting them without a belt on what most church folks would called proper.

On August 6 Harrison according to some of the witnesses he was order by some of the white police officers to stop running.

But he just kept on running through a trashy open field holding tightly onto his pants that didn't have a belt many say trying to keep his pants up on him.

When a shot from a police man revolver rung out and shot him in the back.

According too witnesses the police officers walked over to him and handcuffed him leaving him profoundly bleeding like a trapped baby deer dying in a glassy, trashy dirty field.

Many Lawndale residents roared out in anger at the police officers on the day of the killing, protesting in the street throwing glass, bottle and sticks at the police officers as they marched down Roosevelt and Mozart in protest.

The next day a full blown news conference



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there was also an attempt to burn down the tent where her body was found with her body in it.

Phillip Barron, owner of the website Waveflux has started a petition drive to gather names to be sent to the Armed Services Committees of the US Senate and the House, to compel the Army to do the right thing and reopen her case and give her and her family due process under

the law.

The Armed Services Committees of the Senate and the House has the funding authority and legislative oversight over the armed forces. The members of these committees can compel the Army to acknowledge the grief of the Johnson family and reopen its investigation of LaVena's death.

This case should be investigated

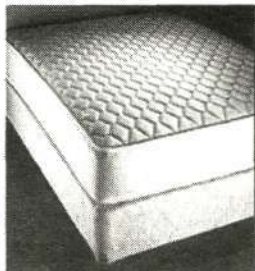
just like the case of Pat Tillman, the high profile former NFL football player who was killed by friendly fire under odious circumstances.

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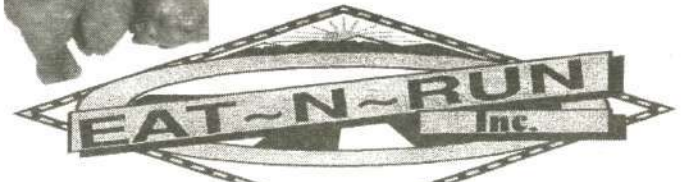
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Beauty's Ghetto Bus Tours meets "Da" Hole



Former Robert Taylor public housing residents, Ron Carter publisher and editor of SSJ listen as his brother Naroy Carter, Chair of the 53rd street Reunion Committee, address participants of the Beauty Turner's Ghetto Tours with Grant Newsburger, Mary Sustrunck (former resident of Taylor Homes) and Turner, former residents as well as founder and the Ghetto Tours (Greatest History Ever Told To Our-People) Bus Tours.

Photo by Mable Hardy

Former residents from Robert Taylor Homes returned to the vacant lots of 53rd and State, Reunion which once was the Robert Taylor public housing of CHA.

Over 600 former residents from the old, the young and the in-between graced the field with their presence. former residents came from as far as Iowa, Wisconsin, and Mississippi to participate in what they are now calling "Da Hole" Taylor Reunion.

Many were residents upon completion in 1962, as Taylor Homes became the largest public housing project in the United States. Built along a two-mile stretch on State Street from 39th to 54th, in the Grand Boulevard and Washington Park community areas, the project comprised 28 16-story buildings mostly in U-shaped clusters of three, containing 4,300 apartments and over 27,000 people.

The Taylor Homes was nicknamed "Da Hole" because of the famous saying "Once you got in the

hole it was hard for you to get out!" former resident Naroy Carter, Chair of the reunion, and his brother SSJ publisher and editor Ron Carter help organized the event.

On that Saturday of August 25, Beauty Turner's Ghetto Tours met up with some residents as she escorted a bus of ademedics at Da Hole.

"It was rough, but it was memorable days as well." Said Naroy Carter. "We were family then and still today our reflection is on the love that we had under the social and political climate that created the conditions of "Da Hole."

The Taylor Homes were not the only public housing residents coming together for a reunion Stateway Gardens from formerly from 35 to 39th Street, held their reunion on 35th and Wabash.

Pat Dowell, Alderman of the third ward attended Da Hole reunion, briefly joining in doing the Electric Slide.

In explaining the tours, Turner, a

journalist and writer for SSJ and other newspapers said. "Every body on the planet has been telling our stories such as Professors, Sociologists, Academic, film makers, city officials, politicians, but the most valid voices that are being affected the most and that is the voice of the voiceless-The residents themselves. Learn from an expert!"

At the end of the GHETTO tour you will visit Turners Ghetto Gallery which holds a unique display of photos, memories and artifacts.

In addition, at the Ghetto Gallery, prominent rap artist Caution throws his rap in part of the stop the Ghetto Bus Tour. Professors from all around the world came to Beauty's Ghetto Gallery to hear Ms. Beauty Turner speak about Chicago Housing Authority 1.6 billion dollars Relocation Transformation Plan and it affects on low income people

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Brookins run for State's Attorney

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led "too many Cook County residents to lose faith in the criminal justice system".

High on the list said Brookins, was the state's attorney's failure to thoroughly investigate the torture cases of former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge. Brookings charged that the office, "literally turned a blind eye to the tortures of more than a hundred black men and a 13-year old boy." Brookins said the result of these fail-

ures by the state's attorney's office has left Cook County taxpayers footing the bill for tens of millions of dollars in legal fees and settlements.

Brookins, who earlier this year won a hard fought re-election campaign as alderman of the 21st ward, said he would fight just as hard to restore faith in the county's criminal justice system. He said he would make fairness and justice the hallmark of his administration. "I will dedicate myself to the homeowner, the business

owner, the taxpayer, the law abiding citizen, as I work to restore integrity, ethics and discipline to the office".

Brookins' legal experience includes stints as an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney, Assistant Cook County Public Defender, Special Assistant Illinois Attorney General and Assistant State Appellate Prosecutor. He has also run his own private law firm.



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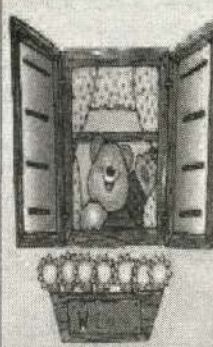
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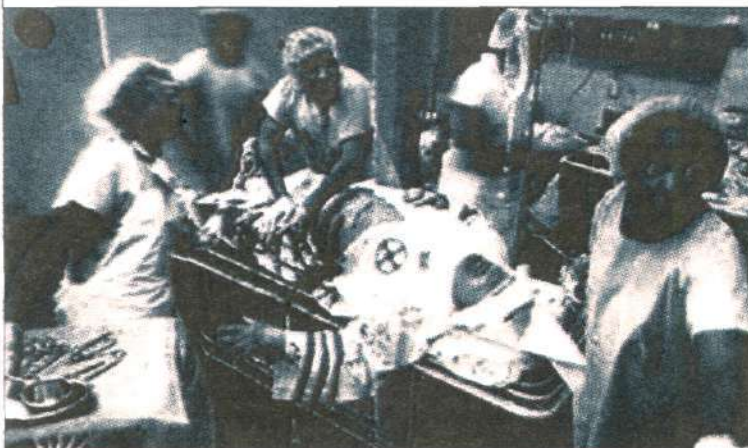
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Klansman convicted of '64 slayings deserves monkeys and a banana skirt, not jail time



By Toure Muhammad



"you mean these aren't his pjs?"

Reputed Ku Klux Klansman James Ford Seale was sentenced August 24 to three life terms in prison for his role in the 1964 abduction and murder of two Black teenagers in southwest Mississippi.

U.S. District Judge Henry T. Wingate told James that while the crimes occurred 43 years ago, "justice itself is ageless." Yes, Your Honor, but justice can sometimes be as late as the runaway bride on her wedding day when it comes to just us.

James should have been judged by 12 and carried by six a long time ago, but I guess us black folks should be mighty happy that justice was finally rendered. He was convicted June 14 on federal charges of kidnapping and conspiracy in the deaths of Charles Eddie Moore and Henry Hezekiah Dee, two 19-year-old college students who disappeared from Franklin County on May 2, 1964. The decomposing bodies of the young men, mostly just skeletal remains, were found about two months later in the Mississippi River.

During the sentencing, James, now 72-years-old reportedly showed no emotion. I wish the victims' families could have showed him a good old-fashioned "To Kill a Mockingbird" bullet in that court room. But that would have been an easy way out for James, who does not deserve prison time.

Normally, I don't advocate for capital punishment because usually it is the people without capital that get the punishment. But in this case,

James should be put to death, but not with lethal injection, electricity, or even a firing squad. He should be put to death with 18 monkeys and 72 straight razors.

Imagine the scenario. First, get the aggressive type monkeys with big teeth that hate to be looked at in the eyes. Then don't feed the monkeys for one month. Heavily tape the straight razors to the monkey's feet and hands. Make sure the blades are exposed. Tie James to a tree right near the Mississippi River where those two precious teens were found. Finally, strip him butt naked, put him in a ripened Chiquita banana skirt, and spread even more monkey food over his body. Then paint a bunch of eyeballs on his chest, his neck and back and let the monkeys feast. Now that is the video I would love to see uploaded to YouTube.

Finally, take that video, a parrot, and an aggressive, do-not-look-in-the-eyes-big-teeth monkey to every nursing home in "the Confederacy." Play the video for every old white man while the parrot sits on the monkey's shoulder repeating the words: "Brawck, the FBI has more than 100 unsolved cases from the civil rights era to crack. Brawck, Polly wants a cracker! Brawck, Polly wants a cracker!"

Meanwhile, the monkey sits quietly picking his teeth with a razor blade.

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Jena 6: racism in your face



This file photo of white youth displaying the confederate flag, a sign of the old south still in place, J. Michael Carr Jr. of the Fathers for the Future Foundation, his words in support of the 6 black students can be identified for the white youth above. "The trial in Jena, LA is only a small aspect of a larger problem that is plaguing the nation. The question is not, how do we prosecute warehouses of our youth, but rather how to nurture them and secure a future of liberty with the pursuit of happiness that is a right of all Americans? "The lives of these six young men are very important to our delegation; and creating opportunities for all men is our ultimate goal", Carr said.

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The panel agreed that similar incidents occur nationwide, but don't receive the attention the Jena 6 has had. Banks said the National Bar Association is organizing a task force to establish a uniform approach to cases where racial injustice may be a factor.

The current presidential candidates have not spoken out on the case, Scott charged, because "it's not popular to stand up for small interest groups or minorities."

"The court's decision in the 'Jena 6' case has the potential to be ground-breaking and shift attitudes about race and justice in the United States," said Barbara Ciara, president of the National Association of Black Journalists, in a released statement. "It is critical that news organizations cover this court proceeding with the same dedication and persistence that is given to stories such as the upcoming presidential elections and the recent trouble surrounding the Atlanta Falcons' Michael Vick."

A united front of more than 300 concerned community members gathered at the steps of the courthouse in Jena on July 31, 2007, in a show of support for the African-American youth civil rights victims who were imprisoned after reacting to the provocation of Caucasian students who received only a school suspension of 3 days for hanging nooses from a 'whites only' tree in the schoolyard that all students share.

School officials at Jena High School banned students from wearing a T-shirt that reads, "Free the Jena 6." The white student in the fight reportedly suffered a concussion but was not hospitalized. Prior to the fight, three white students had been suspended for hanging three nooses from a tree in the school courtyard. The earlier incident was not reported to the police.

School officials had the tree demolished last month, according to the Shreveport Times.

A delegation from the Hip Hop activist community will serve as Ambassadors for Common Peace at the September 20th, 2007 protest rally of the Jena 6 trial in Jena.

Mr. J. Michael Carr Jr. of the Fathers for the Future Foundation (FFF) and Troy Nkrumah of the National Hip

Hop Political Convention (NHHPC) will lead a delegation of young people to Jena to monitor, mediate, and demonstrate for the justice of the six young youth who are on trial and unless justice is served could spend the decades in prison.

This delegation will also include over 10 young lawyers from around the country who will work as legal observers to ensure that the constitutional rights of the demonstrators are not violated by law enforcement.

The "Friends of Justice", the actual organization to first break the Jena 6 story to the Chicago Tribune and BBC in December 2006, the Ambassadors For Common Peace will work to promote civility and goodwill at the mobilization in Jena.

Unfortunately, the case is another incident that points to the entrenched racial and socio-economic disparities in the South, which this country has yet to fully confront," says political scientist Dr. Sekou Franklin of Middle Tennessee State University. As the Congressional Black Caucus has noted "...we must speak out against injustice and inequality. This tale of two standards depicts a pattern of gross violations."

It is the belief of the Hip Hop community that this is one of the most salient racial trials since the Rodney King verdict in 1992 and has the potential to repeat the disastrous outcome if justice is not met for the defendants. This one trail has the potential to set back race relations and delegitimize the current strides made in the fight for racial justice, thus furthering the heightened racial tensions.

Concerned about the educational and economic interruption in the lives of these six black young men, the Fathers for the Future Foundation, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, has created a separate scholarship fund to help these youth continue their education after this ordeal has ended. It is the mission of the Fathers for the Future Foundation to educate adult men between the ages of 16 - 30 in financial literacy, parenting, life-skills, and job training.

"The lives of these six young men are very important to our delegation; and creating opportunities for all men is our ultimate goal", said Carr Jr. "The trial in Jena, LA is only a small aspect of a larger problem that is plaguing the nation. The question is not, how do we prosecute warehouses of our youth, but rather how to nurture them and secure a future of liberty with the pursuit of happiness that is a right of all Americans? Jena, LA is the first stop on our journey to social justice and economic opportunity for our nation's young men".

For more information about the Ambassadors For Common Peace, please visit www.fathersforfuture.org.



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Mo'Nique will host "Fight 4 Life,"

Demonstrating her passion to help end the HIV/AIDS crisis in the Black community, television and film star Mo'Nique will host "Fight 4 Life," a town hall meeting Sunday, September 16 at 3 p.m. at Chicago State University. Lloyd Kelly, executive director of the Let's Talk, Let's Test Foundation and Dr. William Johnson, executive director of the Luck Care Center, will join Mo'Nique at CSU's



Douglas Library Auditorium for this open and honest discussion on HIV/AIDS.

Mo'Nique is the host of "Showtime at the Apollo," the "BET Awards" and "Mo'Nique's Fat Chance."

"Mo'Nique is well known and well respected in the Black community and she should be commended for her commitment to ending HIV/AIDS in our community," said Kelly. "She keeps it real. Our hope is that this discussion will get people to understand that this disease is killing

our community."

The Let's Talk, Let's Test Foundation and the Chicago Department of Public Health are sponsoring the free event, which is open to the public.

The Let's Talk, Let's Test Foundation is dedicated to increasing awareness about the HIV/AIDS crisis in the Black community and has signed on to the National Call and Commitment to end the disease by 2012.

The call charges Black America: To develop a national commitment to reduce HIV rates by 50 percent during the next five years.

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Some doctors are not sure that prostate cancer should be found and treated early. That may seem odd, but it is because most prostate cancer grows so slowly, and the side effects of treatment—mainly impotence (not being able to have an erection) and incontinence (not being able to control urination)—can be severe. Some doctors fear that some men are put through those side effects needlessly because their cancers are very small and unlikely to cause problems.

The number of deaths caused by

prostate cancer has dropped since the PSA test became common, but there is no proof that early detection is the reason. The drop in the death rate could also be due to better treatment, for example. Studies are underway to prove that early detection prevents deaths caused by prostate cancer, but the results will not be available for several years.

This means that the decision to have a PSA test for prostate cancer depends on your doctor's opinion and your own preferences. Some men will not want to live with the side effects of treatment; other men are more concerned about survival. It is important to learn all you can and talk to your doctor before making a decision.

Should I have a PSA test to screen for prostate cancer?

It is expected that prostate cancer will account for 33% (232,090) of new cancer cases in men in the United States during 2005. About 90% of those will be discovered in the early stages, where the 5-year survival rate is almost 100%.

News Briefs

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Mayor Daley, House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) and Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis were among political leaders and transit officials who urged the crowd gathered outside the James R. Thompson Center to press lawmakers and Gov. Blagojevich to support the funding increase.

The funding will offset the CTA, Metra and Pace combined operating budget shortfall of \$200 million. A lack of additional money will force fare hikes and service cuts.

The CTA has said it will increase fares as soon as Sept. 16, while cutting about 700 workers and nearly 40 bus routes, if State Officials fails to pass a bill fails to

Jefferson said adequate funding will serve as a safeguard - allowing the CTA and its sister agencies continuous infrastructure maintenance and development throughout the next five years.

Jefferson added that employees of ATU, the largest transit union in North America, also need protection. "The ATU reached an agreement with the CTA and Mayor Daley more than two months ago that would protect workers' pensions and health benefits and provide wage increases," Jefferson said. "We did our part to negotiate and to work out an agreement."

If the House transit panel passes the bill, the full House could vote on it next Tuesday.

Tatum proposed enforced Ban on Cell Phones could generate \$45 m



Ranoule Tatum the president of (PUMP) People United Motivating People and a Candidate for State Representative in the 26th District will ask the Mayor and City Council members to revisit the ban on cell phones. The ban became an ordinance over two years ago. "This is a public safety issues said Tatum", a recent study by

Harvard University stated that over 2,600 deaths and over 330,000 injuries were caused a few years ago in the United States by drivers on their cell phones.

"We have citizens' legs being crushed, people driving into Metra trains, hitting cyclist and pedestrians, Tatum says. "Critics have made many validate points about distraction derived from women who drive and put on make-up, or those who drink coffee or read newspapers when they should be paying attention to the traffic."

Tatum says the fact that 80 percent of cell phone users have crashed at some point and another 65 percent have nearly crashed because of distractions is a powerful statistic.

Mr. Tatum would like to see the Secretary of State Jessie White; the Illinois Department of Transportation Public Safety Department and General Assembly members reconsider this as a public safety issue on a state level.

Tatum would like to offer the Mayor and the City Council a proactive plan, which he has coined as "(Chicago Cell Phone Safety Enforcement and Diversion Program)". Mr. Tatum believes that the city should enforce this ordinance as a mean of generating revenue as an alternative to Mayor Daley's post-election tax increase. A portion of the new revenues could be set a side for public awareness and cell phone safety education.

Three Harvey officials indicted in \$144,000 credit card

The elected president of the Harvey Park District and its two top administrators were arrested by FBI agents on federal charges for allegedly misapplying approximately \$144,000 in park funds for non-public purposes by using district credit cards to pay for personal expenses. In addition to the credit card misuse, the defendants allegedly illegally obtained personal services and cash payments from park district vendors. All three defendants were charged in an 11-count indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Tuesday and unsealed following the arrests this morning, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Toni Shelton



Top Hollywood Publicist to the Stars Received Honor from Hyde Park Group

Hollywood publicist Toni Shelton grew up in the Hyde Park area of Chicago, and began her career there. Now she is returning to accept a special honor for her contribution to the success of others.

Through many ups and downs she paid her dues, learned the ropes, and found success for herself and is now helping others achieve their dreams. It is no wonder that many rising stars are coming to her for help. Toni has not forgotten her roots in Hyde Park and Kenwood High School, and she returned to accept an award that acknowledges her contribution to the success of so many others.

Shelton was being honored for the help she has given to many aspiring actors and models,

and for her many years of service to the organization of this annual event. She is the only female promoter to give house music parties, and is known for her hard work and effort to hire all the DJs who have made the parties possible. Shelton received the Award at a Private Dinner in July of this year. Rapper Dave Dylan performed his newest single at the event, and other Hyde Park celebrities will be in attendance, including Charles Parnell and Dr. Sherrie Wallace.

The parties organized by Shelton are well-known because they attract so many celebrities, NFL and NBA players. Dylan, also an alumni from Kenwood, will appear at five of the party locations to perform live. Parnell will travel from New York where he is a regular in the longest running soap "All My Children."

Shelton owned two hip hop clothing stores and a modeling agency in Hyde Park be-

fore she made the move to Hollywood. Her stores were always popular with celebrities such as Bernic Mac, TLC, DRS One, R. Kelly, and others. R. Kelly is another alumni of Kenwood, and Shelton said he is a close friend and she hopes he will attend the event as he has in the past.

Shelton is an industry expert who has worked as a model, photographer, agent, manager, and now helps others achieve their dreams. All four of her children are working models and actors. Her book "Rising Stars, An Inside Guide to Breaking into the Entertainment Industry" breaks down every aspect of the business and offers a realistic method needed to succeed.

She provides information and photos on a web site at <http://www.Myspace.com/ToniShelton>

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Steve Parson

Business: Actor, Model

How long in this business 9 years

Education: High school Kenwood College, Kennedy-King, Loop Academy of Business.

Special training: Fundamentals of Acting, Advanced theatre

Birth date 3-10 Birth place: Chicago If not Chicago, include Chicago neighborhood you live and/or raised Chicago, Illinois

Film/video

Experience:

Production Role

Barbershop, Arresting Officer Barbershop 2, Calvin's Customer Return to Sender, Mailman Ron Isley/R.Kelly, Leading Henchman

Ice Harvest, Security Guard Roll Bounce, Extra

Family/Marital status: Spouse Single. How children 1, four year old son

Training and Education

Act One- Fundamentals of acting 3/1999-6/1999

ETA'S Theatrical Program- Advanced Drama 9/2000-6/2002

Personal hero Jesus

Why? There's none like him.

How did you get interested in acting?

It all started in the third grade through junior high school, talent shows etc.

Who inspired you to succeed in this field? My family

If you weren't in this business, what business would it be? Ministry.

What do you feel about this neighborhood and/or the people? I think that this community is a history land mark, four people and the powers that be could care less. So therefore we need to become more spiritually, Socioeconomically and political awakened,

and stop being a sleeping giant.

What are your special features and/or benefits to the community?

To inspire and encourage any man or woman to go for your dreams, nobody controls your destiny but you.

What advice would you give to entrepreneurs just starting

Be realistic, stay humble and patient, but move importantly, never, never quit. Have faith in God and faith in yourself.

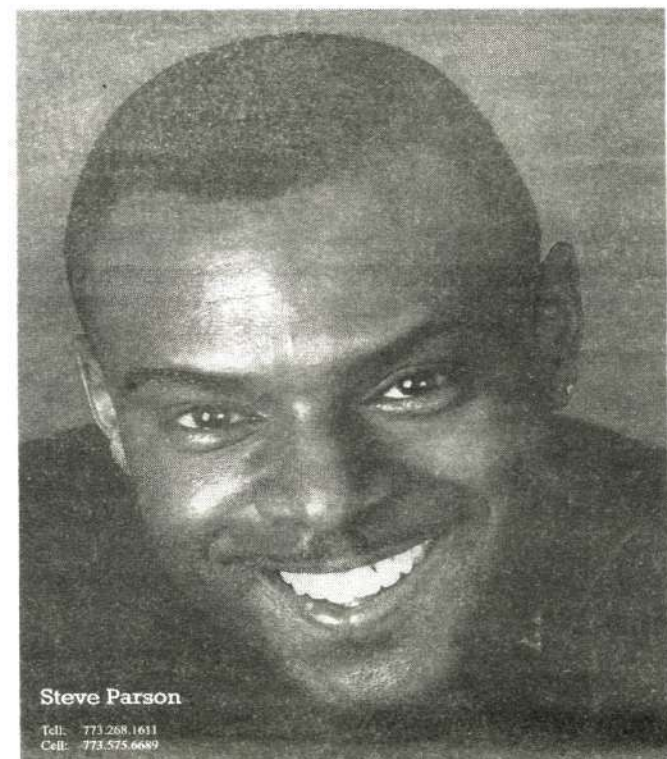
The most joyful part of being in this business: Doing what you love to do.

The most stressful part of the business. Deadlines, long hours.

What are your future goals? Accomplish larger goals, more films, and upcoming projects.

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BUSINESS



Black Wall Street targets "Black Products"

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tor Rev. James Meeks in a separate campaign announced the formation of 400 new businesses being development from his church body.

Holding a dollar bill in the air, Evans said, "We have had all types of marches. Now its time to march our dollars to our own community." Evans added that in understanding the African Americans economic power and their buying habits will help Black businesses to effectively aim their marketing strategies.

The Selig Center study projects that the nation's black buying power will rise from \$318 billion in 1990 to \$761 billion in 2005, and to \$1 trillion in 2010 and it only receive 5% back into its community.

The moving ahead with economic agendas to drive social change, the BWSES activities range from sustaining products in stores, supporting organizations efforts, a common fund to land acquisition for a black owned commercial development.

Highlighting African-American vendors from around the country.

BWSES adopted a platform and campaign touch upon the success of Jewel-Osco food stores during Black History with African-American products. "This is another important step toward Black businesses," said Ron Carter, publisher and editor of SSJ and chair of the BWSES. "By partnering with business organization around the city, we're providing the opportunity to succeed with significant increases of sustaining Black owned business."



Clark

"All major stores should and could promote Black products in all areas, especially in stores that are located in predominately Black communities." Stated Carter.

To that degree BWSES with SSJ has begun to contact major stores to begin dialoging for Black products, in the way that Jewels promoted them during Black History month with the assistants of RJ Dale Advertising Agency. SSJ has made calls to Kmart, Wal-Mart, CVS and Target inquiring on Black products in the stores.

Minneapolis-based Target responded saying it is committed to providing guests (their customers) with great innovative products from a survey they conduct from their customers they tells they want products to have in their stores. However, its representative could not address



(Projected Date from the Selig Center's study, Multicultural Economy, 2004, (thousands of dollars)

	Total Buying Power in 2004	Total Buying Power in 2005	Total Buying Power in 2006	Total Buying Power in 2007	Total Buying Power in 2008	Total Buying Power in 2009	Percent Change 2004-2009	SHARE OF TOTAL 2009
UNITED STATES	\$ 723,108,552	\$ 765,901,067	\$ 811,368,905	\$ 859,542,341	\$ 910,579,582	\$ 964,647,512	33%	100%
Illinois	\$ 39,728,722	\$ 41,962,517	\$ 44,326,388	\$ 46,820,748	\$ 49,452,591	\$ 52,229,272	31%	5%

the number of Black products in their stores. Target making note to donating more than \$3 million each week to area nonprofit organizations, John Clark of Reggio's Pizza cited concern of the process for Black manufacturers to display their products, as manufacturers pay to have their products it is harder to get in the store, oppose to a survey of what consumers want, as they go through the district store, as with Walgreens, nothing goes in the store with out their approval. Chatham Business Association has invited Target and Wal-Mart among others to make more known their vendor opportunities for businesses and their products at large.

Inasmuch BWSES agenda is to get stores like Target see more real inclusion of Black products, goods and services versus their sponsorship of community functions as Nike did granting \$50,000 community organizations \$5,000 each in Chatham with out a community economic agenda.

The first summit (May 19) hosted conveyed that the summit cannot be idle while increasing numbers of businesses face the risk of closing due to the monopoly of others. In addition, widespread access to capitol and the responsibility that the community must act and act quickly. From that point the committee titled the second summit as "Where's The Money."

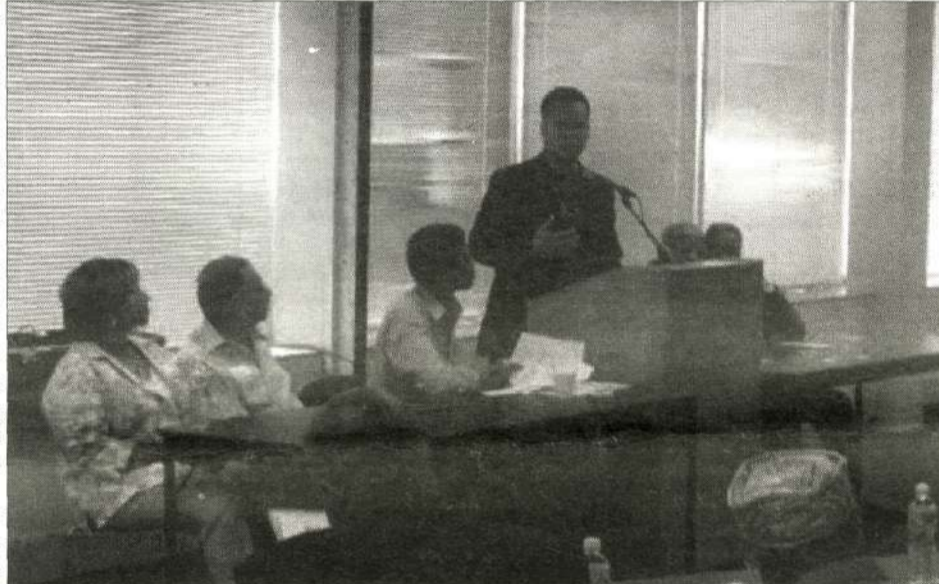
"This summit is just another process of helping to take the Black community back-to-basics to reclaim the economy of the Black community and put our people back to work," said Allen, who is also a Community

Outreach Consultant for CUL.

One example noted in the Englewood community of the 51 Korean stores being granted property on 59th street and Halsted, and overall the Chicagoland 2020 and 2040 plan that do not include the stability of Black businesses sharing the economics at least in its own communities.

To address this Allen said the summit is reaching out to major Black developers like Larry Huggins and Elzie Higginbottom to become a direct mentoring and resource to empower a new generation of Black owned developers to begin to be contracted to build and rebuild the many projects in our own communities.

"We want to empower them with the retail tools that they need to succeed in the business. We have given their businesses a chance to do business with us, now let us do business with them. These direct technical



At podium, Illinois State Representative Ken Dunkin, 5th District who also serves as Chairman of Tourism Development for the State of Illinois, discusses potential allocations of state resources towards the development of Bronzeville as a premier heritage tourism destination during the Black Wall Street Summit convened at the Chicago Urban League on August 18, 2007.

assistance tools are coming from the Chicago Urban League's new Entrepreneurship Center and others with

like resources." "Without the support of the busi-

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Do you know this man?

"America's High Tech 'Invisible Man'"

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By Tyrone D. Taborn

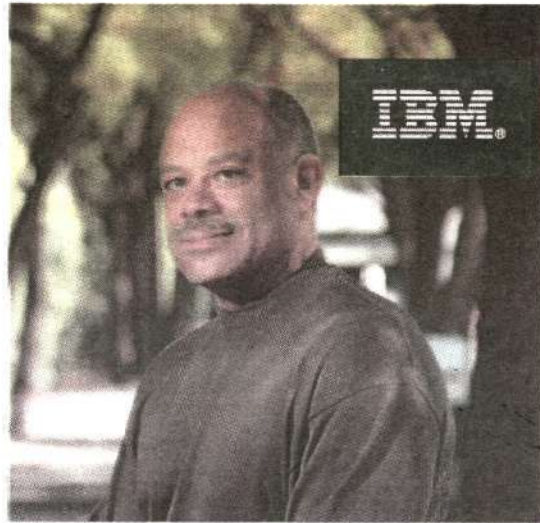
You may not have heard of Dr. Mark Dean. And you aren't alone. But almost everything in your life has been affected by his work. See, Dr. Mark Dean is a Ph.D. from Stanford University. He is in the National Hall of Inventors. He has more than 30 patents pending. He is a vice president with IBM. Oh, yeah. And he is also the architect of the modern-day personal computer. Dr. Dean holds three of the original nine patents on the computer that all PCs are based upon. And, Dr. Mark Dean is an African American.

So how is it that we can celebrate the 20th anniversary of the IBM personal computer without reading or hearing a single word about him? Given all of the pressure mass media are under about negative portrayals of African Americans on television and in print, you would think it would be a slam dunk to highlight someone like Dr. Dean.

Dr. Dean isn't the first Black inventor to be overlooked, Consider John Stanard, inventor of the refrigerator, George Sampson, creator of the clothes dryer, Alexander Miles and his elevator, Lewis Latimer and the electric lamp. All of these inventors share two things: One, they changed the landscape of our society

Somehow, though, we have managed to miss the shot. History is cruel when it comes to telling the stories of African Americans. Dr. Dean isn't the first Black inventor to be overlooked. Consider John Stanard, inventor of the refrigerator, George Sampson, creator of the clothes dryer, Alexander Miles and his elevator, Lewis Latimer and the electric lamp. All of these inventors share two things:

One, they changed the landscape of our society; and, two, society relegated them to the footnotes of history. Hopefully, Dr. Mark Dean won't go away as quietly as they did. He certainly shouldn't. Dr. Dean helped start a Digital Revolution that created people like Microsoft's Bill Gates and Dell Computer's Michael Dell. Millions of



jobs in information technology can be traced back directly to Dr. Dean.

More important, stories like Dr. Mark Dean's should serve as inspiration for African-American children. Already victims of the "Digital Divide" and failing school systems, young, Black kids might embrace technology with more enthusiasm if they knew someone like Dr. Dean already was leading the way.

Although technically Dr. Dean can't be credited with creating the computer -- that is left to Alan Turing, a pioneering 20th-century English mathematician, widely considered to be the father of modern computer science -- Dr. Dean rightly deserves to take a bow for the machine we use today. The computer really wasn't practical for home or small business use until he came along, leading a team that developed the interior architecture (ISA systems!) bus that enables multiple devices, such as modems and printers, to be connected to personal computers.

In other words, because of Dr. Dean, the PC became a part of our daily lives. For most of us, changing the face of society would have been enough. But not for Dr. Dean. Still in his early forties, he has! a lot of inventing left in him.

He recently made history again by leading the design team responsible for creating the first 1-gigahertz processor chip. It's just another huge step in making computers faster and smaller. As the world congratulates itself for the new Digital Age brought on by the personal computer, we need to guarantee that the African-American story is part of the hoopla surrounding the most stunning technological advance the world has ever seen. We cannot afford to let Dr. Mark Dean become a footnote in history. He is well worth his own history book.

Business Brief

Business Networking working



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Mayor Daley Names 21st Century Commission

Mayor Richard M. Daley announced the creation of a "21st Century Commission" composed of leading Chicagoans who will evaluate the current scope and structure of city government and make recommendations on how it can be improved to meet the future needs of citizens.

Daley said. "The reality is that the role of government must continue to evolve as the world changes and people have new expectations. Every now and then it's important to step back and ask fundamental questions about the role government should play," he said. The 21st Century Commission will be co-chaired by Sarah Pang, Senior Vice President for Corporate Communications, CNA, and Bennett Johnson, the city budget director. Its final report will be due in one year, but Daley said he also has asked the commission to provide some immediate suggestions that can be implemented in the upcoming 2008 city budget.

ACE Business Network

was established with the purpose of teaching and helping business professionals to network with each other by exchanging contacts, leads and referrals, and to do business with people they know, like, and trust. With the help and support of Mr. Morgan Carter, Ace's Business Network A'Fair (ABNA) was formed thirteen years ago. It had decided to hold regular weekly meetings and to have a specific and timely agenda, which was borrowed from Robert Berg, author of "Unlimited Referrals".

Since then, nearly two thousand people have attended ABNA and anywhere from 60 to 80 people attend weekly. "We have now begun ACE's West," says Carter. It meets at Cathy's Restaurant 5638 W. Chicago Ave. every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 8 to 9:30 am, Ace's South meets every Monday 7:15 to 8:30 am at the Chatham Pancake House, 700 East 87th Street. There is a \$2.00 mandatory room charge per person at each location. For information, contact Morgan Carter II, "The Worlds. Conversation Starter" at 773.420.3645, or email morgan6402@yahoo.com

New Loan Fund for Chicago's Small Businesses

The City of Chicago, LaSalle Bank and Chicago Community Ventures announced the launch of a new loan program for Chicago's small business owners. The program is targeted to businesses with less than \$5 million in revenues and who are seeking capital to grow their business. Term loans and purchase order financing between \$25,000 and \$250,000 with extremely favorable interest rates and low origination fees will be available to quali-

The Monroe Foundation to Chicago Urban League President

Cheryle Jackson requesting that the League take a leadership role with grassroots community leaders and organization's in organizing a town hall meeting at the CUL with representatives of Bank Of America to discuss the banks community reinvestment and community benefits strategies for low-income markets, specifically African-American, as part of its purchase of LaSalle Bank.

Otis Chandler Monroe, III, CEO of the The Monroe Foundation reported at recent press conference the potential economic impact and job loss, held by the Woodstock Institute where there were no African-American or other elected leadership standing with the community on this issue!

"We must mobilize now to change this and hold elect officials, including elected treasurer's, accountable and engage, not behind the scenes, but with community involvement on this issue," Monroe said.

Additionally, C.O.P. has sent similar letters to the City of Chicago, State and Cook County Treasurer's calling for their leadership in facilitating a dialogue between BOA and community leaders.

BOA has a current and soon expanded market presence; branch expansion and closure plans of current LaSalle Bank location's; supplier diversity contracting opportunities for African-American and Women-Business Enterprises.

The Community Reinvestment Organizing Project (C.O.P.) is funded by a grant from the Woods Fund of Chicago. For info call (773) 315-9720



Citibank and Ariel Capital present WVON's 14th Annual "Making Sense of Your Money" Financial Seminar

As African Americans continue to consume to the tune of \$847 billion, the mechanisms for building and maintaining wealth are increasingly important.

WVON's 14th Annual "Making Sense of Your Money" Financial Seminar is Saturday, September 22nd at the DuSable Museum, 740 East 56th Place, from 8:30am-3pm. The Financial Seminar is FREE and open to the public.

"With this year's Financial Seminar, we are hoping to provide attendees with the tools they can use in their quest to become fiscally responsible," stated Keisha Chavers, co-coordinator of the seminar.

Workshops will be presented by some of the country's preeminent financial and business experts, including: Melody Hobson, president of Ariel Capital; Ken Smikle, president/founder of Target Market News; Hank Meyer, financial advisor with Citi Smith Barney; Jim Reynolds, CEO, Loop Capital; and personal finance expert Lynnette Khalfani, the Money Coach. In addition, there will be a panel on homeownership presented by Citibank and the Neighborhood Housing Services. A schedule of workshops and workshop descriptions are attached.

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ness organizations and communities, the campaign would not be a reality. Business organizations need to facilitate and encourage appropriate commercial developers, public and private at the earliest signs of development that are available for lease / sale.

A focus will be on how the media will provide more effective information through disclosure and business education addressed through The New Black Independent Media Coalition, and through the reestablishment of the old Operation Breadbasket Consumer Clubs, that can eventually mobilize thousands across the City on this new Black empowerment campaign. "If we can see the importance of learning the Cha Cha Slide across our communities, we can surely teach ourselves again, the importance of the reclaiming our Black economy" stated Allen.

Readie Smith of a member of the organizing committee said that there is enough collective genius that once pulled together on a united front can soon begin see real results in terms of sustaining and helping other Black business grow, and significantly increase the number of new Black owned and operated businesses and much needed job creation for Black people in the community.

Urban researcher Revin Fellows, a member BWSES committee added that the ongoing quarterly summit meetings will also report, develop and promote new initiatives that will help generate more dollars for the Black community from the development of new projects and current ones.

"We must develop more public policies that are specific with the language "Black" for the term "Minority" unfortunately run Blacks out of business." said Fellows.

He continued to say "we must hold our officials accountable for more Black grassroots economic opportunities with new Democratic control."

Black elected officials who attended the Summit included State Representative Ken Dunkin, State Senator Mattie Hunter, Cook County Commissioner Robert Steele, Alderman Pat Dowell. Also indicating their early support for the Summit's is State Senator Donne Trotter, Chair of The Appropriations Committee.

There was a concern in the lack of Black businesses and the imminent challenges of securing the economics in the Black communities for Black people. Carter stated that "Of course, the adoption of action is long-term stability of Black businesses. We have allowed other groups to provide good and services in the Black community that Black people have the talent to develop for our own communities. Finding out why this has been the norm is like trying finding the secret to Colonel Sanders' eleven herbs and spices."

The next BWSES Summit is scheduled for Saturday, November 17th at the League Headquarters, 45th & Michigan. Those interested in participation, sponsorship or agenda items can call the events coordinator Wanda Lee at 773-373-7000. The committee members are on Thursday mornings at the SSJ office.

Mr. Buy Black Dr. Webb Evans Speaks on the Economic Agenda"

Congratulations to Ron Carter, Rev. M. Earle Sardon and the National Urban League.

I remember years ago before Rev. Jesse Jackson came to Chicago, it was Rev. M. Earle Sardon and the Urban League trying to get other races to hire African Americans. Their methods were different but their objectives were the same.

There were many business owners who would not hire a black on certain jobs. They would all use the same excuse they can't find a black qualified for the job. They would tell us to find one. That was their way to keep from hiring blacks. The Urban League used public relations method. Rev. M. Earle Sardon used boycotting and picketing. When Rev. Jesse Jackson came to the city he had a different approach to help black businesses and get whites to hire black help. If white business owners refused to stock black produced products or hire black help in all positions, he would boycott and picket them. He did not accept their statement that they could not find a qualified black for certain jobs. He told them to find one or train one. We discovered that was the way they were getting their white help.

In 1961, I called together such

religious leaders as the late Rev. J. C. Austin Sr., Pastor of the pilgrim Baptist Church, Rev. Hiram Crawford, Pastor of the Israel Methodist Community Church and Rev. T. M.

Hamilton, Pastor of Cathedral Baptist Church and told them if we put forth as much effort trying to get people to spend their money with Black Owned Businesses as we are trying to make whites give us a job, I believe we will create more jobs than whites are going to give

us.

I had another meeting with Rev. J. C. Austin Sr. and he told me that would be one of the greatest things I could do in life; start an organization to get more blacks to prepare and go into business and get as many people as possible to spend their money where it will circulate in the black community to create jobs and improve our economic condition. I have attended 3 meetings sponsored by Ron Carter dealing with Economics. Each meeting the numbers have increased. In 2006 the Urban League decided to change their agenda from public relations and social work to Economic Development. Rev. M. Earle Sardon is now working with the United American Progress Association.

Economic Development is the way we must go in the future. There is much we must do to change our economic condition. But we can start by Buying Black.



Rev. Sardon



Ron Carter



Cherlye Jackson

Coffee the new hang out Star Bucks moves in the Black hod more.



Joining the Starbucks on 71st and Stony and 35th and State Street, Ald. Sandi Jackson was on hand to open the brand new Starbucks Coffee store in Pill Hill on Friday, June 22nd. The new drive-thru store is located at 1753 E. 95th St. (95th & Stony Island Ave.). Starbucks Coffee Company and the Johnson Development Corporation (JDC) formed Urban Coffee Opportunities, LLC (UCO) in February 1998 to enhance the development of Starbucks retail stores in ethnically diverse, urban and suburban neighborhoods across the country. There are currently over 110 UCO stores across the United States. The new store opening in Pill Hill will be the 7th UCO store location in the Chicago area and the 1st in Chicago's Ward 7. "We're so excited about the opening of the new Starbucks Coffee Shop," said Ald. Jackson, of Ward 7. "We look forward to more franchises locating in the Ward 7 area of Chicago. I stand ready to work with my community to help bring more exciting economic opportunities in the months and years to come."

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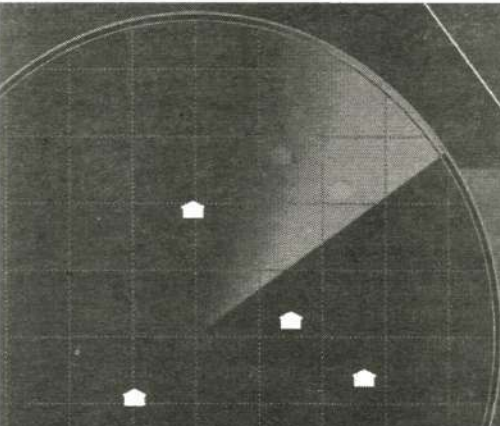
Over the last 15 years, the descendants of this rich history have worked with the state of Illinois, the city of Chicago and partners like the National Trust for Historic Preservation to preserve Bronzeville's environment, the stories of its people and places and most importantly, its vision of promise for new opportunities and a better life.

The National Park Service has recognized the Great Migration as a nationally significant American Story and invited the neighborhoods that constitute Chicago's legendary Black Metropolis to broaden their collaborative efforts towards securing a National Heritage Area (NHA) designation. There are currently 37 NHAs that have sustained their economic revitalization strategies through these congressional designations and the implementation of a comprehensive management plan. NHAs are eligible to attract \$1 million a year in matching federal funds over a 10-15 year period.

Heritage Partners have pledged their long term support through community-based investment, in-kind services, resources and cash contributions or grants. Multi-year investment partners of \$100,000 or more including East Lake Management and Development Corporation and



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Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) have signed Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs).

"Illinois Institute of Technology is pleased to be a collaborative partner in the continued revitalization of the Bronzeville community and the proposed Black Metropolis National Heritage Area," said John L. Anderson, president of IIT. "We invite others to be a part of this bold, historic and innovative initiative."

Speakers at the event include:


- Congressman Bobby Rush
- Jan Kostner, Director of Illinois Bureau of Tourism
- John Cosgrove, President, Alliance of National Heritage Areas
- Paula Robinson, Managing Partner, Bronzeville Community Development Partnership

Lilia Rach, Associate Dean and HVS International Chair at the Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism, and Sports Management at New York University.

Lee Bey, Executive Director, Chicago Central Area Committee Community, business and political leaders attending today's 2007 Summit *Bronzeville International* will gain insight through these and other speakers and exhibits on current Bronzeville projects.


"We are beginning the process of establishing the Black Metropolis National Heritage Area in Bronzeville," said Paula Robinson. "Our hope is the summit will provide a spark and generate enthusiasm for this effort."

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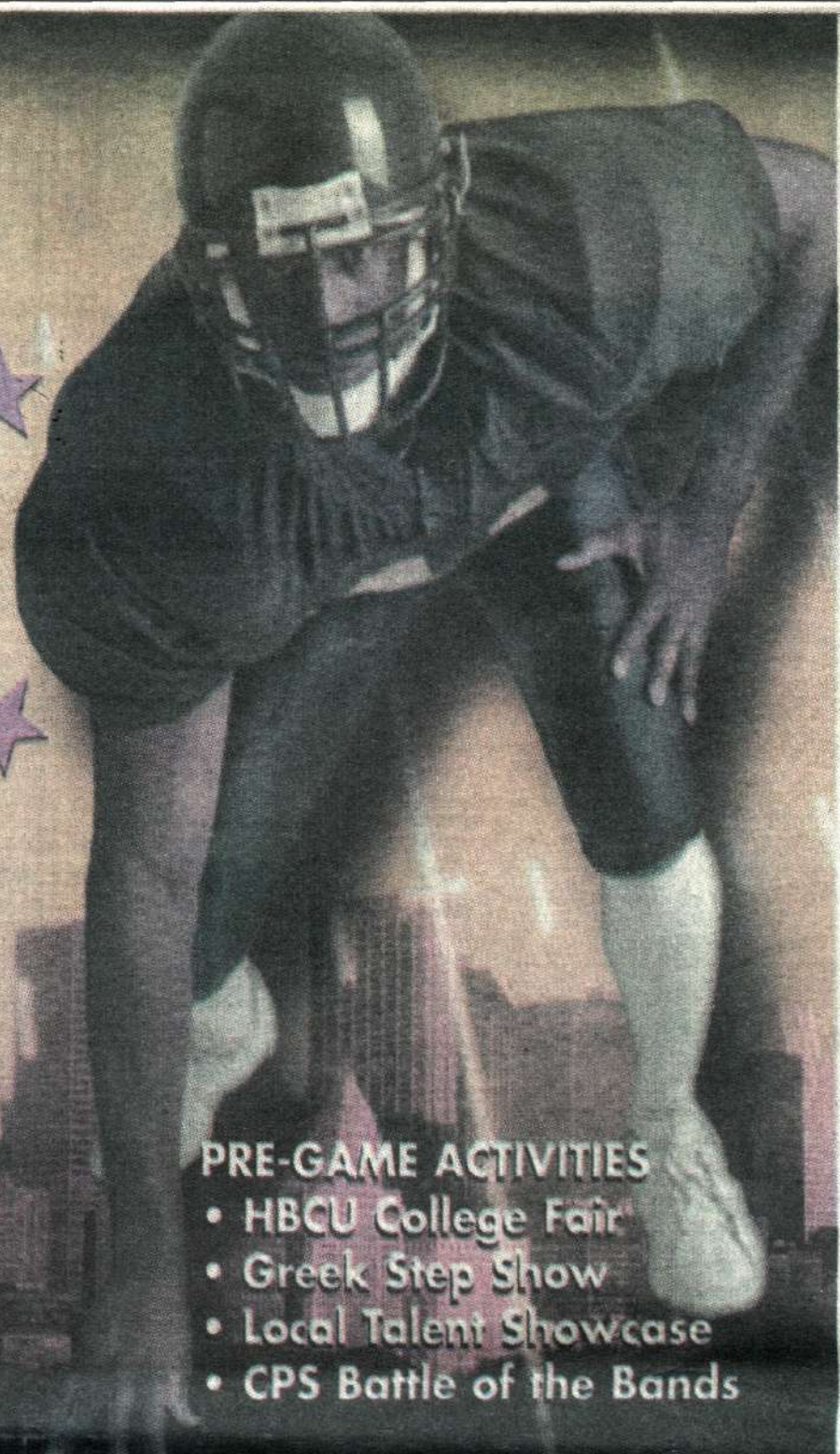
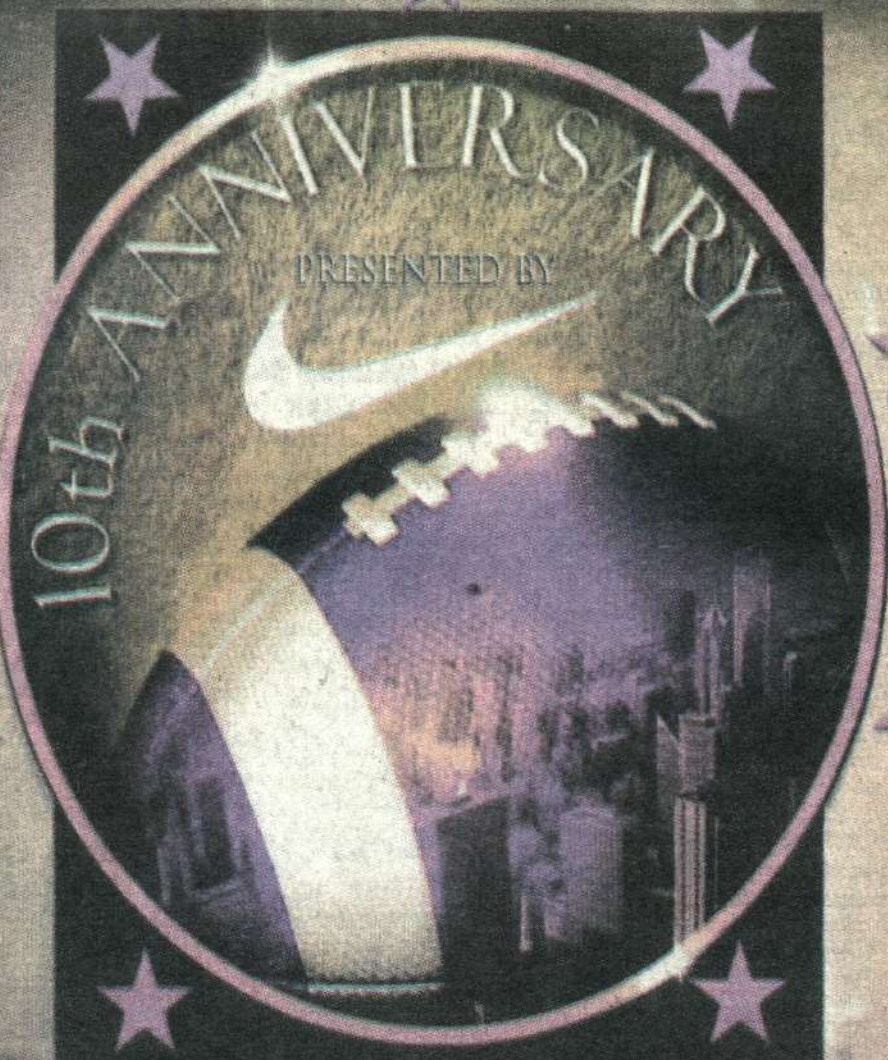
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