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Ms. Beauty Turner Associate Editor

As federal funding for public housing has significantly decreased; just like Hip Hop Artist Kanye West said during a Music Award Show: "President Bush doesn't care about us." And R&B artist Michael Jackson once said in a song: "They don't care about us," meaning Black folks.—Community activist Barbara Moore, 63, a former resident of Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and her daughter, Kolette Moore, a young mother of three are beginning to feel the same way about CHA and this city as well as private landlords.

When tenants refused to just move out and let public housing buildings be closed, as what occurred in 1999, to residents The residents were led by Barbara, the president at the 5266 So. State St. building, in the Robert Taylor Homes projects, they began to resist the CHA Transformation Plan, which required them to be moved from public housing. He joined with the Coalition to Protect Public Housing in hopes of saving the building from being demolished.

In an effort to save the building, they wrote (Continued on page 5)



Community Activist Barbara Moore ( now an invalid who is ill an unable to walk) "I need my daughter to look after me," Moore said while barely able too look up from her bed.

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### The \$310,000 Police Chief

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J.P. "Jody" Weis, 49, replace Superintendent Phil Cline. As the new Superintendent of Chicago Police Department was Special agent in charge of the FBI's Philadelphia field office.

#### By Rovce Strahan Staff Writer

After a string of scandals involving police officers, the City Council voted on the recent appointment of J.P. (Jody) Weis as the Chicago Police Department new superintendent, formerly with the FBI. For most of Chicagoans it was not a surprise that Mayor Richard Daley would not appoint interim Police Chief Danna Starks, who has served since August, and that the new chief would be white. Daley also announced that Starks, will become chairman of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

However, at \$310,000, clouds remain why?

The CPD faces numerous abuse allegations, including two highly publicized bar beatings caught on tape. In an effort to restore public trust, the mayor's office takes control of the agency that investigates police misconduct complaints.

In response to the appointment Pat Hill, and former police officer and head of the African-American Police League, said that "Mayor Daley is just

### In the mist of issue going into the Olympics

playing politics with the sentiment of the people."

Weis has never been a police officer, but he arrives in January to lead Chicago's police force of over 13,000 sworn officers. Both cops and community leaders who've worked with him as chief of the FBI's Philadelphia office acknowledge the challenges ahead, but they believe he's up to the task as he received high remarks.

Hill addressing checks and balances saying the system is pointless when two departments work so closely.

Hill reported that "FBI agent Weis was station in the Chicago office at the height of the Trucking Scandal from 2000-2003." She also stated that "it may be a conflict with the mayor and unethical for Weis to be hired." adding the question is whether the mayor can hire and determine the salary of the person he hires.?"

A call was also made to the mayor's press office, no calls were returned.

Rev. Jesse Jackson of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, in response to the new police superintendent who is not a member of a minority group questioned the appointment. But reports are Starks did not want the top cop job.

Jackson said "African Americans are the largest ethnic population in Chicago. We are the most arrested population, and the most abused and victimized by police misconduct. The greatest example of this has been the torture forced confessions obtained under Jon Burge at a time when our current mayor, Richard M. Daley, was the state's attorney."

One highly noted case is that of Aaron Patterson who is part of a \$20 million law suit in which then Daley was States Any. as a defendant in the law suit

The Traffic Stops or "Driving While Back", The CPD may call it conducting DUI Strike Force Patrols in a pre-designated area with roving po-

lice officers that continually monitor vehicular traffic for signs of impaired driving. Patrols also place emphasis on speed, alcohol-related and safety belt violations. Police vehicles equipped for speed detection are deployed to apprehend speeding violators.

But in the result the court rooms, are of mostly black males.

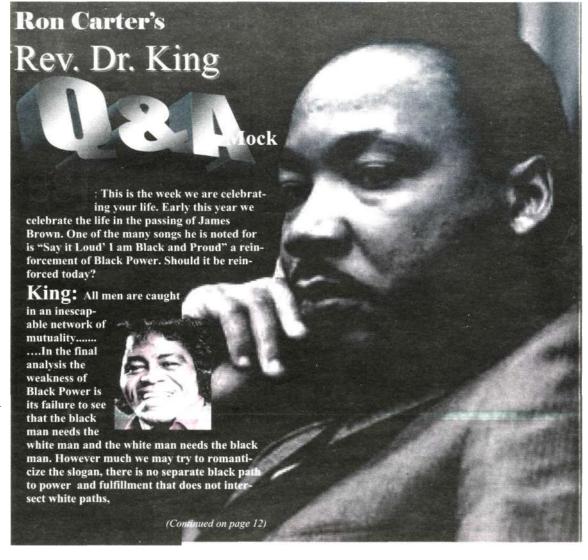
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Pat Hill, President of the African American Police League

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#### Bill "Dock" Walls Has Right To Run Against Rush For Congress



am writing this commentary in response to the November 1, 2007 Commentary by The Chicago Defender's Glenn Reedus that Bill "Dock" Walls isn't ready to fill Congressman Bobby Rush' shoes. I am also writing this as a veteran political activist, resident and voter in the First Congressional District, and one who knows Bill "Dock" Walls as well as Congressman Bobby Rush well. I feel uniquely qualified to offer some balance to Mr. Reedus' belief that Walls isn't ready to fill Rush's shoes.

Bill "Dock" Walls has every right to offer himself and his years of public service to the voters of the First Congressional District. As I reflect on history, this is the same right that Bobby Rush had as an activist when he ran against the legendary 2nd Ward Alderman William Barnett. Bobby Rush called Barnett "one of a kind" and, while Rush respected the political accomplishments of Barnett, that did not stop him from offering himself as a candidate for 2nd Ward Alderman.

There were a number of long time political activists who said that then activist Rush did not have the right to take on the political legend Barnett, but it was Rush's right and then the voters had to make the final decision and they did. This was true when legendary labor leader Charlie Hayes and Mayor Washington went against many leaders wishes for Lu Palmer to be First District Congressman. It was put to the voters to finally decide and they did. This was also true when Alderman Rush went against the wishes of many when he put himself to the voters to oust the seniority of legendary Congressman Charlie Hayes. It was finally put to the voters to decide and they did.

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr is doing well in developing his congressional career, but lie had his critics who said that his only credentials was his public service through Operation PUSH and had no elected office of any kind. Reedus made the point that Walls' only credentials is his public service as a community activist and aide to the late Mayor Har-

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#### News Briefs

### Laws fines and suits Smoking ban in Illinois

On Jan. 1st 2008 Illinois public places officially become smokefree, extending and superseding current local bans, including Chicago, which was scheduled to go into effect July 2008. Illinois becomes the 22nd state to prohibit indoor smoking. This includes all office buildings, bars, taverns, casinos, private clubs and restaurants, protecting employees and the general public from the dangers of second-hand smoke. Exceptions to the smoking ban include private residences (except if used as a business, Childcare, adult care or health care facility), private vehicles and other designated facilities .Local health departments and law enforcement entities are authorized to enforce the Act

### New requirements for teenage drivers

Five new laws created to ensure the safety of Illinois motorists will go into effect on January 1st, 2008. These laws will create new learner's permit and cell phone requirements for teenage drivers, increase penalties for underage drunk drivers and DUI offenders trying to bypass interlock devices, and raise awareness of the dangers of driving while impaired by allowing relatives of DUI victims to request roadside memorial markers.

### \$2 Million Illegally Secured by Chicago Police - Thousands of Tickets Wrongfully Issued



A class action lawsuit has been filed against the City of Chicago, Mayor Richard Daley, and various police officers by the Law Offices of Blake Horwitz, a civil rights firm specializing in police misconduct.

Chicago police officers have been arresting and ticketing thousands of innocent civilians for violating the cell phone ban (which prohibits using a cell phone while driving) to the tune of millions of dollars accrued to City coffers, under a law that has never been properly enacted.

The law (625 ILCS 5/11207) requires the City to put up signs to inform drivers that they may not speak on their cell phone while they are driving.

There are no signs. The City has certified that it has failed to put up signs. Therefore, the lawyers filing the suit says that every single arrest in this regard has been illegal. All money received by the City through tickets that its officers have issued has been illegally secured.

"The City is simply trying to earn more money given the absence of a balanced budget," says police misconduct attorney, Blake Horwitz. Horwitz, who has sued the City more then 100 times for police misconduct violations, points out that since the cell phone ban was passed almost two years ago the city has collected millions of dollars.

Drivers cited for violating the ban are fined \$75, or up to \$200 if the driver is involved in an accident. As of September 2007, over 25,000 citations had been issued citing violations of the Ordinance, representing an influx of revenue to the city of nearly two million dollars.

### City, COMED, Comprehensive Settlement agreement

Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) has agreed to pay the City of Chicago and several sister agencies, including the Chicago Transit Authority, Park District, Chicago Public

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#### **Alexander Hamilton**

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arack Obama is a member of Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ. Its minister, and Obama's spiritual adviser, is the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. In 1982, the church launched Trumpet Newsmagazine; Wright's daughters serve as publisher and executive editor. Every





year, the magazine makes awards in various categories. Last year, it gave the Dr. Wright Jr. Trumpeter Award to a man it said "truly epitomized greatness." That man is Louis Farrakhan. Obama's top campaign aide, David Axelrod, points out, Obama often has said that he and his minister sometimes disagree. Farrakhan, Axelrod told SSJ, is

one of those instances.

Obama needs to take page from the late Chicago Mayor Harold Washington when it comes to denouncing Minister Farrakhan. When Washington was challenged to repudiate Minister Farrakhan, the Mayor responded that "I am in the healing business, not the repudiation business

Brother Abdul Muhammad; The Virgin Birth. Do Muslims Believe in Jesus? Is the Bible Tampered With? The book is endorsed by the Honorable Louis Farrakhan Christianity. Farrakhan says that we should watch and learn from. He described it as classy, very instructional and 99.9% correct. Meanwhile, 15 Million Christians don't go to Church in the US, it seems today's Christians don't like to go to Church. When David Vahey (former Youth Pastor) and David Simonsen (family Counselor) heard this they decided to launch a National Campaign called "National Go To Church Day". With a campaign slogan like, "Spank the Lazy Donkey", referring to Americas problem with Church attendance, their message is getting listened too. With over a 1000 hits in just the first week on their website people are talking about the problem in churches today.

In relationship with **Trinity** United Church of Christ, **Rev.** Al Sharpton and his new Chicago Chapter of National Action Network has some more work to do with their relationship with local Black leadership. Recently Rev. Sharpton was in Chicago and received major press coverage with his demands that the new Chicago Police Chief be rejected, but on confirmation day, you could hardly notice major protests against the nomination, and the final vote for the new Police Chief's approval was 44 votes in favor and only one against. Sharpton talked but did anybody listen? As WVONcontinues to make additions to their on air talk show hosts and those who can attract a new genera-





tion of listeners, etc, will

Mark Allen ever be able to
change his resume from the
"former" WVON talk show
host to current? Stay tuned.
The word is still out if Ron
Carter is a cousin or slave to
the Daley's since Carter's
I DNA came back with his
roots are from Ireland. And
Old man Daley law partner
was William (Willie) Lynch.

Mayor Richard M. Daley received a utiny of his Chicago planning commission which he chairs, when the commission voted against the mayor in supporting the Congress Plaza Hotel for expanding, with the unions involvement for the last four and half years, as the Hotel reduce the employees salary and benefits. The new 2nd ward alderman supported the union. Who is the new woman seen in public looking kind of cozy with Michael Jordan. ? When caught sleeping on your man's shoulder... Raise your head slowly and say, "... in Jesus' name, Amen. She don't look like Michaels cousin. Rev. Dr. Webb Evans, should be de-

lighted to know that **The Warren Ballentine show** on 102.5 in Allanta is talking about a National Black Out Day. They are asking their listeners to spread the word for those who may not listen to the show. This is the second phase from the Jena6 and many other cities and people of color are facing

similar situation like the Jena6.

South Street Journal was acknowledged by The (CBC), The Congressional Black Caucus, in a reception repast by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee from Dallas, Texas. Quote: "I salute Dr. Veronica Williams of The South Street Journal as The only Black Media Source being represented in the Indiana State House Capital Rotunda, as we Honor 7th Congressional District-House of Representatives Elected Official, The Late Great Julia Mae Car-

son. "Veronica has been passionate in interviewing the CBC members during this two (2) day historical event.

On the political campaigning front, Congressman Jackson has endorsed the 75 year old State Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie over the 2nd candidacy of the 45 year old educator Dr. Sharon Latiker, who got over 30% of the vote in her last attempt against Currie and who could have truly benefited from a Jackson endorsement this 2nd time around. What happened to Jackson's endorsement of younger "next generation" leaders that he developed with his endorsement of younger candidates against State Rep. Elga Jefferies, Former legendary 3rd Ward Alderman Dorothy Tillman, Former 2nd Ward Alderman Madeline Haithcock, and of course against the 71 year old political "dinosaur" William Beavers. So why would he not support yet another "next generation " candidate like Dr. Sharon Latiker, also a product of the Rainbow/Push Coalition's Youth Political Education Workshops? Tommy Brewer for Cook County States Attorney Wallace "Gator" Bradley said that he will detail how he has the proof that Brewer is being set up to take away votes from Alderman Howard Brookins. Gator wasn't through. He said he will also give details on how Attorney Brewer deliberately misrepresented the case of Aaron Patterson . Stay tuned.

### **Black Wall Street 3rd Summit** Challenges itself for more focus

The campaign to sustain and increase Black businesses and create partnerships in preparing for the creation and development of a Black owned business districts was the focused of the third Black Wall Street Economic Summit (BWSES) that on Saturday, December 1, 2007.

Simultaneously, the Chicago Urban League announcement its ProjectNext program in early March of this year, the Black Wall Street-Chicago Economic Summit was officially launched May 19

create a business dialogue among the 200 participants to create a platform to sustain and increase black businesses in Chicago; and to create a business relationship for sectors who attended the summits. The summit is basing its activities from a template of the Black Wall Street District of

"Jena was a wake-up call for America and it

became painfully apparent that in some juris-

dictions in the United States local police de-

partments have developed a pattern and prac-

tice of conduct which involves the wholesale

violation of the human and civil rights of the

citizens; and Chicago stands out as a prime

Oakland, California, as other cities around the country are developing Black Wall Streets as well.

Business leader and small business owner, Leonard Harris of Chatham Food Center addressed the body on how he got started in the grocery business, and its relationship to family. Saying how he was able to provide for his family as well as his children's college education. He also indicated that he realized that he and his family were just making it. He publicly thanked Mark Allen for convincing him to become involved with the Summit and become a member of the Chicago Urban League ProjectNext program that now has Chatham Foods in line for business expansion. He also pledged a \$500 contribution for the Black Wall Street-Chicago project to further its organizing efforts. Following that, local business owner Kenny Johnson was publicly recognized for being the financial sponsor or the Black Wall Street-Chicago project to host

Commitment from Alderman Fioretti. He agreed to come back to the next Summit after having talked to Otis Monroe and Billy Payne about Black vs. Minority and how to get Blacks more City Contracts.

Bobbie Johnson wanted to get a legal team together to go after developers who have not implemented Section 3 of the (Continued on page 19)

example of a police department out of control."

"To address these concerns and restore confidence in the department, we've taken many steps. They include creating a new Office of Professional Standards to conduct investiga-





Mark Allen, Associated Editor of SSJ, Alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr. (candidate for States Attorney), Morgan Carter and Ron Carter, Publisher and Editor of SSJ and chair of the Black Wall Street Economic Summit, present information to participants about the creation and development of Black owned business districts in Chicago

#### The \$310,000 Chief



JP (Jody) Weis, the new superintendent of the Chicago Police addresses the media as interim Supt. Dana Starks looks on. (Brian Jackson/Sun-Times)

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In a build up of repeated cases, persons get entrapped in the legal system. Jackson further stated "Just recently there is the case of the

young African American man who was sodomized by two police officers during a traffic stop. Those police officers in that case need to be charged as sex offenders and taken off the force. The new superintendent must combat this corruption."

As so many cases have been perpetrated against the black community, Rev. Jackson went on to say, "In case after case, we see the black community as a victim of police brutality. In some cases, like that of Freddie Wilson, who was shot by police 20 times last week during a traffic stop, we see a tragic loss of life. This is excessive force and unnec-

Hill said, "no one is looking out for our (African Americans) interest. We Aaron Patterson have a government in place; and when we don't participate in this government it becomes fascist."

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mittee, to hold a public hearing to discuss the police shootings but on the public hearing on the appointment of the new police chief their were less than 50 people at the hear-From **OPS** to Independ-

the Police and Fire Com-

#### ent Police Review Au-

Many believe that corruption plays a major part in investigations being handled improperly and are glad to see Mayor Daley finally implementing a plan to strengthen the OPS and restore confidence back to investigations.

The OPS was created in 1974 to investigate excessive force, shootings by the police, and deaths of citizens while in custody of the police department as

well as domestic disputes involving officers. In recent years, the OPS have appeared to be

weak as a result of the department not handling situations properly. Mayor Daley has taken a strong stand against corruption within the po-

lice department and the OPS. "I've made it clear that misconduct in the department cannot and will not be tolerated in the City of Chicago," Daley said. However, reports are there

are 600 police on the repeatedly list of the former OPS. Of those, one complaint resulted in a 15-day suspension and prompted reprimands. The officer with the greatest lion settlement number of complaints, 55,

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March 17-21, Volunteers Needed for Annual Daffodil Days in Chicago: event celebrates the hope cancer will be eliminated. The Chicago office of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its annual Daffodils Days, which celebrates the progress that cancer treatment is making, and the hope cancer will be eliminated. Among the volunteer tasks needed to be filled in addition to deliveries are daffodil pre-sales coordinators in individual Chicago businesses, and to take requests, pack and

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man individual table sales at locations around Chicago. Also needed are sponsors. For infor contact Emily Phillips at (312) 279-7257 o r a t www.emily.phillips@cancer.org.

Thurs. January 17th Illinois-Greater Englewood **Anti-Violence Coalition session** will be: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Kelly Branch Library (6151 South Normal Blvd.) Agenda Quick review of the notes from December 2007 Brief review of current State efforts More exchange of ideas on Anti-Violence focus for 2008 Calendar of Events. John Paul Jones, Chairman Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force

Book Signing at eta 6-8 pm Thursday, HAROLD! Photographs from the Harold Washington Years by Antonio Dickey, Marc PoKemper and Salim Muwakkil eta Square, 7558 S. South



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memorative Year!, a book that captures in words and more than 100 pictures the powerful emotions that circled around one man in Chicago in the early 1980's. For more information, call (773) 752-3955 o r www.etacreativearts.org.

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#### Sat January 19,

The 9th Ward will host a Service Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Gwendolyn Brooks High School, 250 E. 111<sup>th</sup> St., featuring representatives from the Chicago Police Department and Department of Housing as well as NBC/5s Dr. Sandy Goldberg, Park National and Seaway Banks, and mobile units for license renewals, state IDs, immunizations, and dental exams.

Violence Against Women and Girls is on the Rise Fight Back and Live! Women only personal protection and safety seminar Saturday, Jan. 19, 6pm VSK Jiujitsu Institute 409 W. 144th St. Riverdale, IL 60827 708-841-7441 \$20 in advance; \$25 at door.

All Fathers, Stepfathers, Foster Fathers, Grandfathers, Great Grandfathers, Godfathers, Uncles, Brothers and Male Caregivers! The University of Illinois at Chicago Flames vs. Detroit Mercy Titans, , at the UIC Pavilion. 525 S. Racine Street (1200 wpst) at gate 5. Tip-off is at 3:00pm so arrive at 2:30 to pick-up tickets. FREE! Childrens will also be exposed to the opportunity of attending college at this event. Call Dexter at The



Project BlackStar 773.285.9600 to RSVP for the event and for more information.

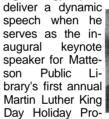
Sun. January 20th Pastor CL Barrett of the Life Center Church will be the guest speaker for the Gift from God Ministries Church Anniversary on, 3:30 p.m. Service at 953West 63rd Street (the SE Comer of 63rd and Morgan). At 1:00 p.m. Rev. Lewis flower, Chairman of the Westside Ministers Coalition will be the guest speaker at Gifts from God Ministries Church. All

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are welcomed.

at 12 noon. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Featured Speaker: Loretta Ross Rockefel-Memorial Chapel 5850 S. Woodlawn Ave.

Mack D. McGhee, a nationallyknown speaker renown for his high-energy style, is expected to



gram. The event takes place at the Library at 801 S. School Street in Matteson from 3-5PM on nationally-recognized as the official King Holiday. The event is free to the public.

Thurs. Jan24th,

MS. ANGELA DAVIS address the question: "How Does Change Happen?" Ms. Davis will address the issue of unfinished work in the struggle for equality in America, and how to deal with the social challenges that remain in American democracy. 7:00-9:00pm, Location: Rockefeller Chapel (5850 S. Woodlawn Ave.) Contact: Tsion Gurmu



tgurmu@uchicago.edu. -MS. DAVIS, an American social justice activist, and professor who was associated with the Black Panther Party (BPP) and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Communist Party. She draws upon her own experiences in the early 1970s who spent 18 months in jail and on trial, after being placed on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted List." Her story is one of false accusations, incarceration and the ultimate vindication of justice.

#### Fri. Jan. 26,

Sisters Embracing Life Support, West Suburban Hospital, Rooms A&B Lower Lever, 11:30a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 3 Erie Court, Oak Park IL Speaker will be Dr. Rick A. Kittles, PhD Associate Professor of Genetic Medicine, from The University of Chi-

Alderman Pat Dowel town hall at the Charles A. Hayes Center at 4859 S. Wabash Ave. from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Sistas in the Arts Series! January '08 Explosion... Featuring: Sistas from the STL (St. Louis) Emcees and Poets Ainoku Saadiq &Cheeraz and Ms. Nterpretation 8:30pm Mercury Cafe 1505 W. Chicago Ave. \$10 Cover

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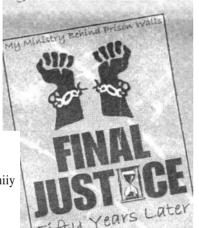
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### "CHA: They don't care about us"

(Continued from page 1) letters to the mayor and Congress. They marched on City Hall and the CHA Headquarters. They also held prayer vigils and strategy sessions.

Ms. Moore used the social room at 5266 as the headquarters of the struggle and as a place where people gathered to strategize and organize. This involved a hard fought 3 3-day occupation to save the building.

Ms. Moore, now, seven years later, is catching the sometimes bad after math of fighting for others.

Barbara and her daughter Kolette moved about a year ago from the last building of the Robert Taylor Homes, at 5135 So. Federal.

"CHA moved me and my daughter into this building together (presently at 4752 South Wabash) because they knew that I could no longer walk and I'm suffering from a lot of different illnesses," Barbara said during an interview and with over 25 students on the GHETTO tours from Highland Park High School in. They all crowd in her bedroom as she told her story. Her daughter lives across the hall from her.

"I haven't even been to court and this landlord is forcing CHA to move me to the Trumbull Lowden Homes," said Lolette.

Barbara added "Now a year later, they are forcing my daughter to move away from me and she haven't even been to court." Explaining, "If I get sick or if there's a fire here, who will help me?" I'm an invalid," Barbara continued. "Beauty, CHA is sending a truck here tomorrow to force me and my children to move to a place that I know nothing about!" Kolette said in a tearful voice.

"I have sons and they will not be safe here! Kolette added.

"How could they just come to your house one day and say you have to move, and they told me that they don't have to have an explanation," Kolette went on to

"My mother need me here. She doesn't have anyone to help her get dressed, eat or wash up; this is not right,!" Kolette went on to say.

"CHA nor this city or private landlords seem to not care about us!" according to Kolette.

I called the CHA spokesperson,, Derek Hill, and told him about Kolette and Barbara Moore's concern..

"She agreed to move last week, now she's complaining," Hill said.

"We are saving Kolette from being evicted by giving her a newly rehabbed unit in the Trumbull Lowden Home," according to Hill.

"These are temporary units we begged the private landlord to let some of our residents stay here."



**Next CEO of CHA.** Mayor Richard M. Daley names Lewis A. Jordan, currently executive director of the Housing Authority of Cook County, to be the next chief executive officer of the Chicago Housing Authority during a press conference at City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle, on Tuesday, December 11, 2007. A former Rockwell Gardens resident who rose to run the Rockford and Cook County housing authorities was chosen by Mayor Daley today for "one of the hardest jobs on the planet" — CEO of the Chicago Housing Authority.

"I believe Lewis Jordan brings with him the personal background, the professional credentials and the sense of commitment required to complete the objectives of the Plan for Transformation, which is what I have asked him to do," Daley said. Lewis A. Jordan, currently executive director of the Housing Authority of Cook County will be the next chief executive officer of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA). He was born when his parents were residents of the Rockwell Garden public housing project on the West Side. He served as executive director of the Rockford (IL) Housing Authority and managing agent of the Rockford Housing Development Corporation from 2002 to 2006.

Hill added: "Why can't she take her mother with her?" Hill said doing a late night telephone interview.

I asked Barbara Moore why she can't move with her daughter.

"My hospital is not too far away from here," Barbara Moore said.

"Trumbull Lowden Homes are too far away from all of the things that I need like my hospital and medication" Moore added:

"How can they just come to our

home and move us without due process of the law? " Barbara asked.

"This is still America." Barbara added.

The next day, bright and early, before the sun begin to shine, a big CHA moving truck pulled up to 4752 South Wabash and moved Kolette and her family to the Trumbull Lowden Homes, leaving her invalid mother behind to care for .herself.

Her voice was cracking as she tried to explain to me on the telephone about her dilemma." Who will go and pay my bills, pick up my medication, and take me to the hospital?"

There were numerous calls to CHA Relocation Department, Representative Sonya Franklin, and the Senior Manager for Relocation for the Chicago Housing Authority. By press time, she could not be contacted. I called Cast Property Manager for the 4752

South Wabash building, Mr. Onderwal Langworthy and asked him "Did he know Kolette Moore?

He told me yes; she is a tenant at 4752 South Wabash.

I also asked him have Kolette Moore been to court to be evicted and was she evicted?

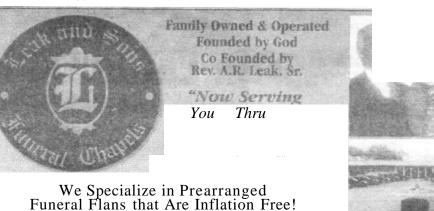
His voice tone hit a high unnerving pitch. "I don't know you and I'm not going to answer any more of your questions!" Langworthy squealed.

. I called Attorney Nicky Bazer of The Legal Foundation and asked her about the Moore's situation.

"What CHA has done to Kolette needs farther looking into" Bazer said.

The Chicago Housing Authority's Five-Year Plan for Transformation is a \$1.5 billion plan, which would result in thousands of poor families being driven out of public housing. The plan calls for the demolition of 18,532 units of family public housing. The city of Chicago will build 24,000 units of new or rehabbed housing, but the great majority of poor families will not qualify for the new housing.

There were 29,296 units of family public housing that was part of the plan. In the city plan, 40% of the new housing would be for senior citizens—no children allowed. The city claims that there will be 14,864 units of family housing, but the plan mandates that all the new housing will be for mixed income families. In reality, this means that only 2,294 homes would be priced for the 16,446 low income families who now have leases in CHA housing.





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### The **26th** District, **Endorsement** kicking in, polls turning

With little more than two weeks left in the campaign, candidate Kenny Johnson has moved into a lead in the in 26<sup>th</sup> District state representative race, according to the latest poll.

Johnson, reportedly, is leading the field of five with 20 percent of the vote, having gained 13 points since a similar poll in September which Phillip Jackson, the former public executive lead. The initial head-to-head running showed Jackson with a wide-margin lead at 26 percent of the vote compared to incumbent Elga Jefferies at 7 percent, followed by Johnson and Will Burns with six and two percent respectively. However, regardless of the poll Paul Chadah reported he has a commanding base of support that represents 30% of the voters.

Nearly 400 voters were surveyed in its most recent poll with an error margin of less than 5 percentage points. Pollster Lester & Associates was accurately predictive of Chicago aldermanic races last spring.

The district have many heavy weight politicians with their hands in the race such as Congressman Jesse Jackson Ji\ supporting Johnson; who is president and founder of Richmond Group Inc. and owner of The Little Gym of South Loop and Naperville. Then there is House Speaker Michael Madigan supporting Rep. Jefferies; and State Senator Elmer Jones and Mayor Richard Daley supporting Will Jones.

Jefferies was joined by SEIU Local 880 as the guest of honor during the 2007 Quality Care Champion Award ceremony. "I am honState Rep. Elga Jefferies, who replaced the late Lou Jones is up against four well suited can-







Paul Chadah's Comments "We absolutely support Senator Barack Obama's Presidential Campaign. He actually represent real if he wins you instantly have change.. He already represents change sends a good positive message to millions of our kids. Imagine the confidence that will surge in a young man of color when asked Do you

think you can be president. For Barack has given us hope. Hope and Dreams are the real ingredients."

"This is not a campaign, it's a people's movement," Jackson says. "The people of the 26<sup>th</sup> district want change. The people in the state want change. And the people are using me to deliver this message to Springfield!



Johnson said, "My positive message about new leadership and changing the status quo in Springfield is resonating with the voters.

The 26th District includes much of the Loop and runs along the Chicago lakefront from the Near North Side to the South Side. The 26\* District includes all or parts of six wards: 2,3,4,5,20, and 42.

ored that the hard working men and women of this union have chosen to honor me," Jefferies said. "I am very proud that I have been able to stand up for the working families in Illi-

Other endorsements received by Jefferies, according to Bob Dennen, include the AFL-CIO, League of Conservation Voters, Jesse White, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Amalgamated Transit Union (AFI-CIO-CLC).

However, endorsements are piling up for Jones who received the backing of 20\* Ward Alderman Willie Cochran the third Chicago alderman to endorse Burns'.

Jones:"! will not be intimidated or bought off by the National Rifle Association," Burns said,

adding that

Mavor Daley's endorsement came because of his strong record working on gun legis-

Burns now has the support of aldermen representing more than half of the expected vote in the Tuesday, February 5 Democratic primary in the

lation in the State Senate.

Also State Rep. Ken Dunkin became the first member of the Illinois House to support Bums when he announced his endorsement. Cochran and Dunkin join 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Toni Preckwinkle and 5\* Ward Leslie Hairston, Senator Kwame Raoul, former federal judge and Congressman Abner Mikva, and others in supporting Burns' campaign.

"As a community leader and activist, Will Bums has shown he has the knowledge and the experience and the energy to bring together business, labor, civil rights and civic groups to solve problems," Cochran said. "He has the background in Springfield to get the job done to help improve our neighborhoods," Burns was Senior Advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff to Senate President Emil Jones, Jr.

Jackson with a more known name, and Chadha with a solid base of support of the north part of the district, stated he is sure the district would vote for him upon his name getting out over the whole area including the south side.

Johnson said, "My positive message about new leadership and changing the status quo in Springfield is resonating with the voters. Clearly, the voters are tired of the gridlock in state government. They want new leaders with new ideas to improve schools, create jobs and enhance public services," Johnson

The latest poll, reported in Capitol FAX newsletter, noted that Johnson is "running a textbook campaign," which includes an aggressive direct mail effort, billboards and e-

Meanwhile in Springfield the Illinois House voted unanimously to accept the governor's amendatory veto to legislation, co-sponsored by Jefferies, to implement the Fiscal Year 2008 budget, which includes a record increase for public schools. Jefferies said. "I am very pleased that we were able to pass a spending plan that includes a record increase in funding for education without increasing the tax burden on working men and women, families and senior citizens."

#### **Sessoms** weathers **ballot**

#### Challenges in 5th **Subcircuit Race**

"It's really a shame what honest candidates have to go through sometimes," said Judge Furmin D. Sessoms after surviving "frivolous" challenges to his nominating petitions from both opponents in the race for 5<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit of the Court of Cook County.

"I wasn't worried," said Sessoms, who has held the position since his appointment by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created when Judge Bernetta Bush retired. "I needed 500 signatures to get on the ballot. We filed over two thousand, and 692 were not even challenged. It should have ended there."

Instead, one opponent challenged addresses with abbreviations for Chicago, such as "Chgo" or "Chi." The other opponent raised questions that required consulting voter registration binders in the Cook County Clerk's office to authenticate signatures and other information provided on Sessoms' petitions.

Although both challenges were dismissed, Sessoms acknowledged, "It tied up 5-10 of my volunteer staff for nearly three weeks, during a peak period for planning and fund raising. It was also an incredible waste of our public servants' time and taxpayer money, in terms of several Board of Elections clerks who had to do the

Sessoms says he is putting the petition challenges behind him and concentrating on the next few weeks leading up to the February 5 election. "It proves you can run a clean campaign and prevail." He expressed confidence in his name recognition as a former deputy public defender and executive director of the Southside Branch of the NAACP. "My goal as judge of the 5<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit is to continue serving my community - especially those who need it most.'



### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ifs hard to believe that m January 15,2008 Or, Martin Luther King Jie wM have turned 79 years, old, but the stark realty today is socially racially, economically and educationally the civil rights gains of the 19S0\*s are fast eroding..

As tie world celebrates this national hofday, Dr. King's unlnished agenda ccrtinues; la unravel Affirmative action is under alack, a resurgence of hate crimes raises its ugly head» fewer dollars granted for federally subsidized: heattficare, hospitals and schools closing, a growing foreclosure crises, aernings of global warning» talk of a recession, police brutality on the rise» more than 2 million m prisons mnd; pite, shootings and violence increasing, high school dropouts on the rise» drugs ami a sense of hopelessness on tie upswing.

Dr. King, we miss your guidance, your wisdom, and the hope you gave us, tat we tter\* you tor b^ng a human sacrifice so that today Afean Americans can enjoy basic human rights.

We thank you» Or. King for going against the grain and putting your life and reputation on the frie by raising the issue of peace rafw than bombs. We praise your display of non-violence in your quest lor

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No, Dr. King, you were not just a dreamer. You were a man of action-a master change-maker and today Wades» ^hies, Asians m^d Africans continue to echo your words of fairness as they work to complete your unfinished agenda.

You were living proof of being a mM rights leader who was not for sale md we thank you for being un-toossad and urthbought and for raising the bar of social Justice.

But» I suspect if Or. King were alive today, he would have led the Jena Six marohes that protested the two-tiered fuefeig one for blacks, a less stringent one for whites and the subsequent displays of nooses and Swastikas all across America.

You, Dr. King» are the master teacher of sooat change, and I hope some day this nation will complete your unfinished Happy birthday, Dr. King, wnd we miss your moral teadership.



Todd H. Stroger

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#### The new **Chief issues**

tions into the allegations of misconduct and disbanding the Special Operations Unit. But we must do even more," he said.

"I will be serving two groups of people," he said. "I will be serving the Chicago Police Department with a great deal of enthusiasm and pride, but I also will be serving the community, and it's a balancing act."

The Mayor identified numerous challenges the City and the new superintendent must ad-

These include: Using all the tools to go after | the drug kingpins and gang thugs, and using j technology - especially the use of neighborhood j safety cameras - to help prevent crime. Continu- j ing efforts to install cameras in police cars to record traffic stops and other interac- j tions with the community.

Again Chicago is imposing to hiring more police officers with the issue of the lack of black police officers.

In addition Daley is calling for the new system to replace OPS, which is called the In-1 Rev. Al Sharpton and dependent Police Review Authority (IPRA) j Atty. Lewis Myers, Jr. Some critics question the independence because all members are appointed by the Mayor. It j forwards all complaints filed against police officers to the department's internal affairs j

The City reports IPRA final summary re- J ports must be open to public inspection, except to the extent that information contained therein is exempted from disclosure by the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, collective bargaining agreement, or any other applicable law.

According to Father Pfleger, "We've experienced a lot of negativity about the plan but if the structure works well, the police will be very happy. If police are falsely accused the matter will be handled properly under a fair and just system to everybody, the citizens of Chicago as well as the Chicago Police Department."

#### **Sharpton to peti**tion Olympic

Reverend Al Sharpton, president of the National Action Network, announce the elevation of a campaign to remedy the pattern and practice of police misconduct and abuse against citizens. Rev. Sharpton announced that he will petition the International Olympic Committee to reject Chicago's bid to host the 2016 Olympics in wake of a pattern and practice of police brutality and misconduct if the mayor and city officials do to take concrete steps to deal with the rampant police brutality.

Citing international human rights law, the civil rights leader said "I will meet with the International Olympic Committee to ask it to reject the city's bid to host the 2016 Olympics unless it immediately institutes police re-

While speaking to reporters on the fifthfloor of City Hall, where Mayor Richard M. Daley holds office, Rev. Sharpton was flanked by a group of legal experts, religious and com-

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munity leaders who have been in the forefront of fighting police misconduct, which expands more than two decades.

Participants included Atty. Lewis Myers, Jr., who is spearheading a legal team, and Rev. Marshall Hatch, who is leading efforts to organize the ecumenical and lay community.

'We are standing here to serve notice on Mayor Richard M. Daley that until there is a remedy for the pattern and practice of police misconduct in Chicago; we are prepared to recommend to the International Olympic Committee to refuse the city's bid to serve as the site of the 2016 Olympics," Rev. Sharpton

Rev. Sharpton also said "we are targeting the Olympics—because Chicago has become an international embarrassment and this unchecked behavior must end."

Documents will be released to the U.S. Jus-



leads the legal team



Janeiro and Madrid who are competing against Chicago for then 2016 Olympics, and. it is our contention that the United States should not be rewarded for violating the human

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rights of its citizens," Rev. Sharpton said. The International Olympic Committee will select the host city in 2009.

Based on a manifesto presented by Rev. Sharpton and his group, the Chicago Police Department continues to violate the human and civil rights of its citizens under 42 U.S.C. 14141 -Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement-State and Local Law Enforcement-Police Pattern or Practice which address a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers that cause a violation of in appropriate pattern or practice.

Rev. Sharpton also released a list of recommendations included; disciplinary complaints against officers and their disposition be maintained during and for seven years following an officer's employment; call for an immediate federal investigation under the Omnibus Act.

In his first remarks after being named, Weis acknowledged the hurdle.

Weis also established credibility with the community by prosecuting crimes against Arab-Americans. Under Weis' command, the FBI helped win the conviction of a Philadelphia woman on hate-crime charges for slipping notes such as "Remember 9/11" and "You and your children will pay" under the door of her Arab-American supervisor at a Philadelphia hotel.

"I will be serving two groups of people," he said. "I will be serving the Chicago Police Department with a great deal of enthusiasm and pride, but I also will be serving the community, and it's a balancing act."

### Marc A. Wiley #

have been contacted over the past week for my comments about Senator Obama's recent win for the Democratic Iowa Caucus. I have always been forward on my opinion when it comes to candidates. I have monitored this man for quite sometime now from his travels to Africa and appearances with Oprah Winfrey. I reflect back to his rising star status since the announcement he is running for President. Speaking with others about Senator Obama for President has some mixed views. Individuals I have spoken with from a multitude of backgrounds have given me strong opinions. Will Obama have the support of the "whole" black community or just a few asked a Senior citizens from Ford Heights? He speaks very well and has lots of charm, but can he run the country asked an African American citizen from Hazel Crest? I would be concerned for his safety is the response from a middle age Polish American Man from Glenwood. Let's talk about it in the café.

#### Race Should Not Be The Issue

What would make crowds flock to see and hear the man who symbolizes the promised dramatic change Americans crave. Obama's words are soothing and energizing, there's no doubt. He's a younger, appealing candidate. But he's more. He's black. And electing an educated, sophisticated and seemingly kind man with African-American lineage to the White House could help effectively ease the subconscious guilt some white Americans feel for the injustices American blacks have suffered throughout our nation's history. The draw for "The Great Debaters" for me was the fact that one of my favorites, Denzel Washington, played the key character. Washington played Melvin Toisón, a free-thinking literary professor in the late 30s and early 40s who mentored Texas' Wiley College debate team to unprecedented victory. Everyone loves the story of a self-sacrificing teacher or coach whose students are challenged to achieve beyond their wildest dreams. "The Great Debat-

ers" is one of those sto-

But after getting into Robert Eisele's story line, one quickly realizes "The Great Debat-

ers" is more complicated than simply retelling a small college team's struggle. Because the setting is about a black college in the Jim Crow-ruled South, its real theme is racial and social injustice.

Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Studios produced the film and it was brilliantly directed by Denzel Washington, who also played the starring role. Being the film's release correlated with Oprah's public endorsement of Barack Obama for president, one has to suspect an underlying political strategy that has been a part of the American public's warming to the idea of a black president.

Let's hope the reason Barack Obama continues to rise in prominence is because of the majority of Americans are convinced he's qualified to run the world's most successful democratic republic and not because we've been made to feel guilty for the sins of other's forefathers. Electing Barack Obama for president should not be mistaken as a chance to make up for past injustices. While the thought of such relief is nonetheless appealing and comforting, it's

I would suggest the American Voters look at the qualifications of a candidate and not just because of their ethnic background. Cook County and Chicago voters are still dealing with the election of Cook County Board President Todd Stroger and giving Rod Blagojevich another term to run this State. Both elected by African American majority. In my personal opinion, I would not put Senator Obama in the same category as these two elected officials. But be informed at the polls! In the next upcoming week, I will discuss the elections covering the Cook County States Attorney's Office and several State Represen-

tatives races in the Southland.

### **Police Torture Settlement**

commuted the sentences of every death row typewriter bag; mock executions with a pistol. inmate in the state.

Wallace "Gator" Bradley, now known as proposing that The Chicago City Colleges de-The Urban Translator will be speaking soon in velop a new curriculum of civic education.

a regular column in the I jail.

Right now Gator is celebrating the fact that on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther jj King's birthday he was a If part of the historic police j brutality legal settlement jj being signed that will

bring multi millions of dollars to split between victims like Aaron Patterson and others. The accusations are like something out of a wartime prison: electric shock and cattle prods; near suffocation with a Gator says that he has a lot to talk about, like

Patterson now sits in federal jail sentenced I South Street Journal re- on what he says are false charges by the City, I garding the innocent in and the FBI due to his political involvement and the law suit. Patterson's release from prison made him an important symbol for opponents of police torture. But just two years later, a federal jury convicted him on drug and gun

> He is now suing one of the attorneys that represented him leading to his conviction.

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Schools and City Colleges, a total of \$55 million over five years as part of a comprehensive settlement agreement that resolves numerous ongoing legal disputes, and provides benefits for the City and ComEd customers in Chicago in the areas of energy efficiency, project prioritization and system improvements.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the City will drop its appeal of an Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) decision in ComEd's 2005 rate case. The agreement also resolves the following legal matters: the City's lawsuit against ComEd to recover environmental remediation costs incurred by the City át property bounded by 118th, 119th, Loomis and Racine Streets (the City continues to pursue this litigation against other defendants); municipal code citations related to placement of ComEd poles; emergency services costs incurred by the City related to ComEd outages and fires; costs incurred by ComEd as a result of dig-ins by City crews; and costs incurred by ComEd for construction relocations.

The Chicago Police Department faces numerous abuse allegations, including two highly publicized bar beatings caught on tape. In an effort to restore public trust, the mayor's office takes control of the agency that investigates police misconduct complaints.

It costs the city of Chicago \$24 million each year in police misconduct lawsuits.



Given her years of service, dedication and expertise in Democratic politics, Chicago Alder-



man Sandi Jackson (7th Ward) was named by Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean to serve on the Rules Committee of the upcoming 2008 Democratic National Convention. Jackson is one of 25 elected

officials personally selected by Dean to assist in the coronation of the Democratic Party's nominee for President of the United States.

### Part Dist 2008 Capital Improvement

Three times during his nearly 27 years in prison, Charles Chatman went before a parole board and refused to admit he was a rapist. His steadfastness was vindicated Thursday, when a judge released him because of new DNA evidence showing he indeed wasn't. The release of

#### <sup>E</sup>A 114-year **□** old woman

registered to vote in the U.S. elections on Thursday. Virginia Call was visited by the chairman of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners to enlist in the official book of voters, thus enabling her to participate in the presidential polls next month. She registered on her birthday and the family, who is unable to present her birth certificate, showed a family Bible as evidence of her birth date. Call was an active voter until around the '80s. She has since moved in with her grandson, 80year-old John H. Taylor, who failed to update the voter registration record of the family. The registrant was in a wheelchair wearing a blue sweater and white cap on

her head when she enlisted.

Chatman, 47, added to Dallas County's nationally unmatched number of wrongfully convicted inmates.

"Every time I'd go to

parole, they'd want a description of the crime," Chatman said. "I don't have a version of the crime. I never committed the crime. I never will admit to doing this crime that I know I didn't do."

# HIV/AIDS Numbers Worse Than Previously Thought

A new report on the domestic HIV/AIDS epidemic will soon be released by the Department of Health and Human Services and is expected to convey that the new HIV/AIDS case estimates are 50 percent higher than previously believed by federal health officials. This new information demands greater national attention and action. Unlike the United States, other nations - such as many in the Caribbean and in sub-Saharan Africa - have national plans to address HIV/AIDS and are starting to see results. In fact, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) recently reported lower HIV/AIDS numbers in the global community: changes that are due to better reporting and surveillance. And while they do not suggest that 33 million - instead of 39 million global HIV/AIDS cases is acceptable, they do indicate that attention to the global pandemic though still flawed — has yielded positive re-

### U.S. Falters In Terror Case Against 7 In Miami

One of seven indigent men charged with plotting to blow up the Sears Tower in Chicago as part of an Islamic jihad was acquitted on Thursday, and a mistrial was declared in the prosecution of the six others after the jury said it was hopelessly deadlocked.

The outcome was a significant defeat for the Bush administration, which had described the case as a major crackdown on homegrown

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Seniors, Do it now! "Before Its Too Late. Lorene Richardson University of

Chicago Retiree and Bill Barker Sears Roebuck and co. Recently appeared

with George O'Hare (also a Sears Retiree) on a special senior network Chi-

cago can TV cable 19 TV show entitle "before its too late. Ms. Richardson

and Mr. Barker told of how extremely challenging it is for senior citizens to

make the right decisions about their very important medicare part D prior to

the deadline of December 31, 2007. For those who need help they can go to

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Officials had acknowledged that the defendants, known as the Liberty City Seven for the depressed section of Miami where they frequently gathered in a rundown warehouse, had never acquired weapons or equipment and had posed no immediate threat. But, the officials said, the case underscored a need for preemptive terrorism prosecutions.

In acquitting Lyglenson Lemorin, 32, a Haitian immigrant who was cast by the prosecution as a junior foot soldier in the group, the jurors were compelled by evidence that suggested he had tried "to distance himself from the others, Jeffrey Agron, the jury foreman, said outside the courthouse.

Mr. Lemorin had split with the group's leader, Narseal Batiste, 33, and moved to Atlanta months before the seven were arrested last year, according to The Associated Press.

As for the six defendants on whom the jury deadlocked, the United States attorney's office here said Thursday that it would retry them. The judge, Joan A. Lenard, ordered jury selection for the retrial to begin Jan. 7 and barred prosecution and defense lawyers from discussing Thursday's outcome with reporters.

The defendants — five Americans and two Haitians — worked in a small construction business owned by Mr. Batiste and were members of the Moorish Science Temple, a sect that blends Islam, Christianity and Judaism and does not recognize the authority of the United States government.

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#### Dr. Martin Luther King A Man with a Dream





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high level group of African American clergymen, proclaimed it "a great day for our campaign." Added Brookins, "I am ecstatic and I know that this endorsement will provide the lift and momentum we need to carry us to victory on February 5th."

Reverend Turner, who is President of the Baptist Minister's Conference of Chicago and Vicinity, proclaimed to the group that, "Howard Brookins is the most qualified candidate in the race and he is the only candidate who can bring about the kind of change necessary to restore the faith in the criminal justice system that so many of our people have lost."

Reverend Turner went on to urge the pastors to stress the importance of the State's Attorney's race to all of their parishioners. "This race", said Turner, "is about change. Not only for this generation, but change for unborn generations to come, and Howard Brookins will bring about that change."

Chuck Bowen said the meeting was "to ignite support for the next States Attorney, a candidate who will practice justice for all." Even though the media was invited to attend the event, John E. Davis, Press Secretary for the Brookins campaign, reminded the minister's that "the media will tell you there will be no campaign until we say it will be a campaign. The media is not here. The only media here is South Street Journal. We don't mind if the media comes or don't come. Like a submarine runs silent but when we come up be ready for bat-

### isters for Brookins C

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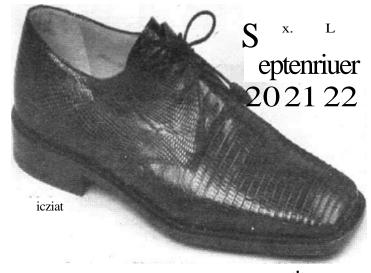
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**By Ron Jenkins** 

Staff Writer

ential members of the Chicago area

clergy have endorsed Howard B.

Brookins, Jr. for Cook County State's

Attorney. "The church is a vital com-

ponent of our campaign, says

Brookins. Brookins adds, "We have

picked up a tremendous amount of

support from the clergy throughout

Cook County and we will continue

to seek their endorsement by speak-

At a minister's breakfast for

Brookins held at the Mount Carmel

Missionary Baptist Church of Rever-

end Joseph Felker, located at 2976

South Wabash on, preacher's came

together to announced their support

for Brookins as well as to offer

strategies to galvanize their respec-

tive faith communities. With a sign

posted on the wall that said, Howard

B. Brookins, Jr. for Cook County

States Attorney "Justice For All

Calling the primary elections "a

historic time for African-

Americans", Reverend Walter

Turner urged his fellow pastors to

support Howard B. Brookins, Jr. for

Following Reverend Turner's lead,

more than three-dozen prominent

pastors pledged their support and

resources to getting Brookins elected

during a ceremony at Providence

Missionary Baptist Church on the

Brookins, visibly humbled by the

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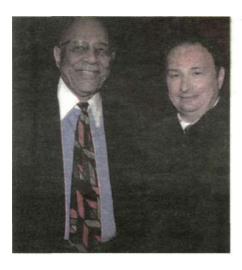
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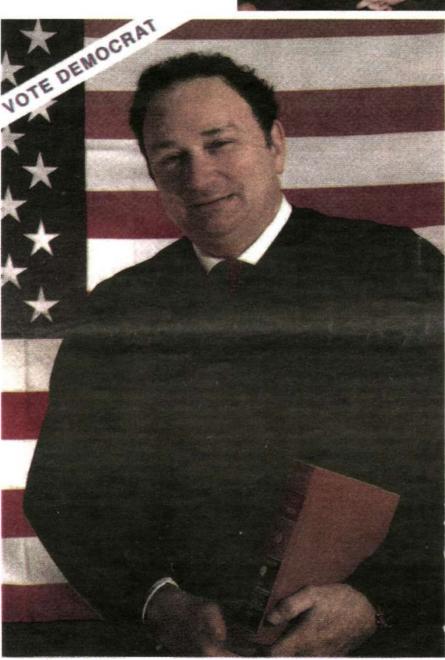
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#### Chicago's Next Great Senator??

By: Okema J. McLoyd

s Chicago really in store for another Super-Senator? That's the question that comes to mind about Jonathan Bedi, a very promising 5<sup>th</sup> Ward candidate. His outstanding resume and educational background is outdone only by his genuine and undying love for Chicago. If nothing else, Bedi is sure to win the popularity of the people.

Bedi has been a long time community supporter going back to college. While attending law school at the Washington College of Law, Bedi taught a government class to students at an underprivileged high school in Washington D.C. While in college, Bedi also focused on helping underserved citizens by volunteering legal ser-

vices to needy residents in the area. Even then, Bedi say's "he wanted to move back to Chicago to live, raise his family and work to make a positive difference in the community. Jonathan Bedi hopes to bring economic prosperity to the west side's 5<sup>th</sup> district by utilizing all resources including private partnerships and maintaining a well working relationship with other city and community leaders. "It's not all about passing legislation," Bedi says. He will continuously support a close relationship with the community to ensure that their needs are met

Reaching out to the community, Jonathan Bedi is working to provide single parent homes increased access to childcare and after school programs. Bedi will provide incentives to attract more medical professionals to the underserved community. He is also seeking innovative ideas and resources to create living wage jobs for citizens. Bedi seems to have thought long and hard about his future plans as Illinois State Senator, not to downplay his already impressive history as a community activist in Chicago and abroad.

Bedi has already begun to utilize several different resources to help prepare our children for the future. He plans to provide schools with the funding needed to ensure the area's kids receive a quality education. Bedi also worked with the Urban Synergy program whose mission is to improve the quality of life for young people and create opportunities to increase educational and vocational experiences.

As Senator, Bedi plans to make the community safer and less vulnerable to crime and drugs by working with law enforcement. Bedi also plans to develop and expand ex-offender programs. Bedi values equal rights and opportunities for all. He hopes to provide rehabilitated non-violent offenders with more opportunities for job training and placement by working with local businesses.

Chicago's west side 5<sup>th</sup> District is very unique. This is because the 5<sup>th</sup> District is the most economically, racially and socially diverse area in the state of Illinois. Bedi says life experiences have prepared him to deal with such a multi-

cultural area. He was raised in a multicultural family. His father was a first g generation immigrant and his mother I American. Bedi also attended school in Brazil where he experienced life as a minority first hand. Bedi's wife is also Chinese-American. He appreciates the value of diversity and respects the many cultures that populate this place we call "home."

Jonathan Bedi says he felt encouraged to join community organizations such as P.E.A.K. Partnership to Educate and Advance Kids, where he is a youth mentor on Chicago's west side. The

National Organization of Women was especially was impressive to Bedi because he values and is concerned about women's rights. Bedi joined the NOW organization and says he is appreciative of his strong, independent mother, sister who is a lawyer in Michigan and his loving wife who are all supportive of him.

Bedi is confident that he has what it takes to bring about a positive change in the 5<sup>th</sup> District and he feels the area is long over due for help. Bedi feels Mayor Daley is doing a great job with the city but admits that the west side has been neglected while the rest of Chicago is growing. Bedi hopes to be a voice for the 5<sup>th</sup> District and address the people's issues and concerns as Senator. Bedi reminds me of the same driving passion for the people that continues to elevate Senator Obama.

#### Inter-National

### **Italian Says 9-11 Solved**



## It's common knowledge, he reveals, CIA, Mossad behind terror attacks

American Free Press -Former Italian President Francesco Cossiga, who revealed the existence of Operation Gladio, has told Italy's oldest and most widely read newspaper that the 9-11 terrorist attacks were run by the CIA and Mossad, and that this was common knowledge among global intelligence agencies.

In what translates awkwardly into English, Cossiga told the newspaper Corriere della Sera:

"All the [intelligence services] of America and Europe...know well that the disastrous attack has been planned and realized from the Mossad, with the aid of the Zionist world in order to put under accusation the Arabic countries and in order to induce the western powers to take part ... in Iraq [and] Afghanistan."

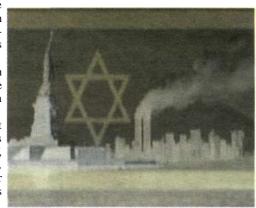
Cossiga was elected president of the Italian Senate in July 1983 before winning a landslide election to become president of the country in 1985, and he remained until 1992.

Cossiga's tendency to be outspoken upset the Italian political establishment, and he was forced to resign after revealing the existence of, and his part in setting up, Operation Gladio. This was a rogue intelligence network under NATO auspices that carried out bombings across Europe in the 1960s, 1970s and '80s. Gladio's specialty was to carry out what they termed "false flag" operations—terror attacks that were blamed on their domestic and geopolitical opposition. In March 2001, Gladio agent Vincenzo Vinciguerra stated, in sworn testimony, "You had to attack civilians, the people, women, children, innocent people, unknown people far removed from any political game. The reason was quite simple: to force ... the public to turn to the state to ask for greater

Cossiga first expressed his doubts about 9-11 in 2001, and is quoted by 9-11 researcher-Webster Tarpley saying "The mastermind of the attack must have been a sophisticated mind, provided with ample means not only to recruit fanatic kamikazes, but also highly specialized personnel. "I add one thing: it could not be accomplished without infiltrations in the radar and flight security personnel."

Coming from a widely respected former head of state, Cossiga's assertion that the 9-11 attacks were an inside job and that this is common knowledge among global intelligence agencies is illuminating. It is one more eye-opening confirmation that has not been mentioned by America's propaganda machine in print or on TV. Nevertheless, because of his experience and status in the world, Cossiga cannot be discounted as a crackpot.

SOURCE: <u>www.americanfreepress.net</u>.



### Sudhir Venkatesh,

### the sociology grad student who infiltrated one of Chicago's most notorious gangs

sociologist young who studied a Chicago crack-dealing gang from the inside captured the world's attention when it was first described Freakonomics. Gang Leader for a Day is the fascinating full story of how Sudhir Venkatesh managed to gain entrZe into the gang, what he learned, and how his method revolutionized the academic establishment.

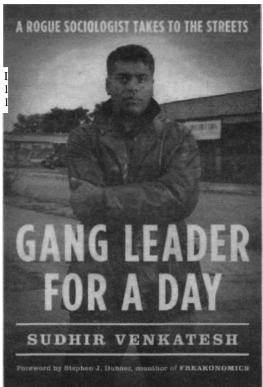
When Venkatesh walked into an abandoned building in one of Chicago's most notorious housing projects, he was looking for people to take a multiple-choice survey on urban poverty. A first-year grad student hoping to

impress his professors with his boldness, he never imagined that as a result of the assignment he would befriend a gang leader named JT and spend the better part of a decade inside the projects under JT's protection, documenting what he saw there.

Over the next seven years, Venkatesh got to know the neighborhood dealers, crackheads, squatters, prostitutes, pimps, activists, cops, organizers, and officials. From his privileged position of unprecedented access, he observed JT and the rest of the gang as they operated their crack-selling business, conducted PR within their community, and rose up or fell within the ranks of the gang's complex organizational structure.

In Hollywood-speak, *Gang Leader for a Day* is *The Wire* meets Harvard University. It's a brazen, page turning, and fundamentally honest view into the morally ambiguous, highly intricate, often corrupt struggle to survive in what is tantamount to an urban war zone. It is also the story of a complicated friendship between Sudhir and JT-two young and ambitious men a universe apart.

"Gang Leader for a Day is not another voyeuristic look into the supposedly tawdry, disorganized life of the black poor. Venkatesh entered the Chicago gang world at the height of the crack epidemic and what he found was a tightly organized community, held together by



friendship and compassion as well as force. I couldn't stop reading, and ended up loving this brave, reckless young scholar, as well as the gang leader J.T., who has to be one of the greatest characters ever to emerge from something that could be called sociological research."

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— Barbara Ehrenreich "Gang Leader for a Day is an absolutely incredible book. Sudhir Venkatesh's memoir of his years observing life in Chicago's inner city is a book unlike any other I have read, equal parts comedy and tragedy. How is it that a na ve suburban kid ends up running a crack gang (if only

for a day) on his way to becoming one of the world's leading scholars? You have to read it to find out, but heed this warning: don't pick up the book unless you have a few hours to spare because I promise you will not be able to put it down once you start."

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—Steven D. Levitt, co-author, *Freakonomics* 

"This extraordinary book features the fascinating research of a brilliant young sociologist. Sudhir Venkatesh spent several years closely interacting with crack-selling gang members and struggling poor residents in a large and very dangerous public housing project in Chicago. His riveting portrait of day-to-day life in this poor community, including the challenges confronting parents in a drug-infested and violent social environment, is disturbing. But, *Gang Leader for a Day* is rich with original information and insights on poor families, drug dealers and even the police. It will leave an indelible impression on readers."

—William Julius Wilson, Harvard University Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser Professor

"Whether you enjoy fiction, history, or biography you'll be drawn to Venkatesh's gripping retelling of his experiences in the Robert Taylor Homes. *Gang Leader for a Day* poignantly reminds us that there continue to be separate and unequal Americas that ultimately impact us all."

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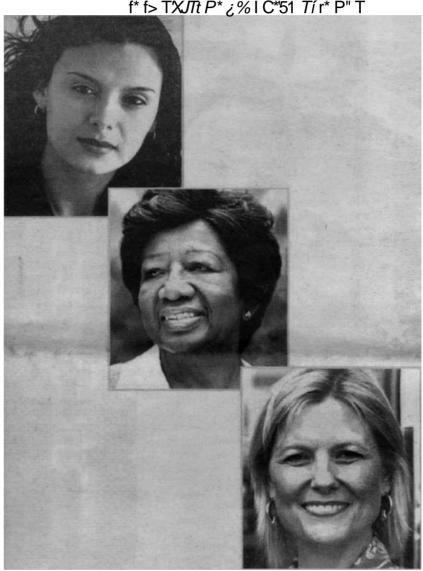
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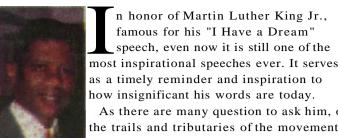
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As there are many question to ask him, of the trails and tributaries of the movement he lead, this Q & A is just a reminder of how the past still have influence on the fu-

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This newspaper will remain an affluent readership and relevant to the progressive moves in our neighborhoods and to greater the greater good of Chicago and the world.

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#### **BIOGRAPHY**

artin Luther King the great civil rights leader was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later decided to change his name to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tradition as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta when he served from 1914 to 1931. Martin's father also served there, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as assistant pas-

King attended segregated public schools in Georgia. He graduated from high school at the age of fifteen. Later he received his B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College. He then studied in theology at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was eventually elected president of a mostly white class. Dr King was awarded the B.D. in 1951. He enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, finally completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953. He received his degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott. As ac result of their union two sons and two daughters were born into

In 1954, King decided to accept the pastoral of the

**Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in N** bama. Dr King was, by this time, a mc tive committee of the National Associ vancement of Colored People, the lea of its kind in the nation. In December, the leadership of the first great Negrc stration of modern times. This act fin; precedented success as by Decembe preme Court of the United States dec tional the laws requiring segregation and whites rode the buses as equals. Dr King was arrested regularly, his he he was subjected to personal abuse, stop his passionate civil rights camp;

On the evening of April 4 1968, whi balcony of his motel room in Memphi where he was to lead a protest march striking garbage workers of that city, nated.



And there is no separate white path to power and fulfillment, short of social disaster, that does not share that power with black aspirations for freedom and human dignity. We are bound together in a single garment of des-

We must stand up and say, "I'm black and I'm beautiful," and this self-affirmation is the black man's need, made compelling by the white man's crimes against him.

SJ§3!P\$: Your Religious Development has been a very substantive part of your life, how was this developed?

It is quite easy for me to think of a of love mainly because 1 grew up in a family where love was central and where lovely relationships were ever present.

My parents would always tell me that I should not hate the white man, but that it was my duty as a Christian to love him.

Even though I have never had an abrupt conversion experience, religion has been real to me and closely knitted to life. In fact the two cannot be separated; religion for me is life.

Here in Chicago we have more churches than businesses, and more churches that goes opposite of the will of the people. It is putting a negative taste in the minds of many with the church leadership.

ifeTatoaLtfy: There was a time when the church J^wJWi^^ was very powerful. It was during that period when the early Christians rejoiced when they were deemed worthy to suffer for what they believed. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society. Whenever the early Christians entered a town the power structure got disturbed and immediately sought to convict them for being "disturbers of the peace" and "outside agitators." But they went on with the conviction that they were "a colony of heaven," and had to obey God rather than man. They were small in number but big in commitment. They were too God-intoxicated to be "astronomically intimidated." They brought an end to such ancient evils as infanticide and gladiatorial contest.

We will win our freedom because the sacred heritage of our nation and the eternal will of God are embodied in our echoing demands.

> chj J \ This year is a presidential election, there is a chance for a major historical change, in which there is a cloud of fear upon White people and some Blacks, Barack Obama will win. How would you address this concern?

> > ilip\* Courage is the power of the mind to overcome fear

But be assured that we'll wear you down by our capacity to suffer, and one day we will win our freedom. We will not only win freedom for ourselves; we will appeal to your heart and conscience that we will win you in the process, and our victory

SiUiUi Another concern with this election is that many of your associates here in Chicago do not support Obama, and the others take the position of being silent. How do we

day before King was assassinated

In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends..... Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about

"Cowardice asks the question - is it safe? Expediency asks the question - is it politic? Vanity asks the question - is it popular? But conscience asks the question - is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neithejE; safe, nor politic, nor popular but one must take it because it is right."..

sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity...

The hottest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral intimes of great moral conflict

.We may have all come on differenfships, but



*j-J t* How do you address the concern of the "N" word that once was considered very degrading. Now, it is developing a new meaning of acceptance

rappers (see Entertainment), and Dave Chappelle comedie strip joking with the term. And now a Taiwan store selling a clothing line with your name 'Nigger King'. What is the physic of the word, do you see a self hatred among black people now?

IIXike an unchecked cancer hate corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity. Hate destroys a man's sense of values and his objectivity. It causes him to describe the beautiful as ugly and the ugly as beautiful, and to confuse the true with the false and the false with the true.

As long as the mind is enslaved, the body can never be free. Psychological freedom, a firm sense of self-esteem, is the most powerful weapon against the long night of physical slavery. . . . . And, with a spirit straining toward true self-esteem, the Negro must boldly throw off the manacles of selfabnegations and say to himself and to the world...with dignity and honor. I have a rich and noble history

S«MK' Police misconduct is an issue that continues, even though the Chicago Police Department has the Office of Professional Standards that investigates police misconduct. There are two prominent community representatives on its board, Rev. Michael Phleger and Any. Andre Grant. Should this be a direction to address the ill actions of police?

idÍÍÉÉ¿í"It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me, and I think that's pretty impor-

¿0WÍí \* On the war in Iraq, most Americans did accept President Bush attack on the country because of 911. Bush was in some ways given a mandate to "Get Even" with a growing hatred of what happen on that day. What is your take on 911?

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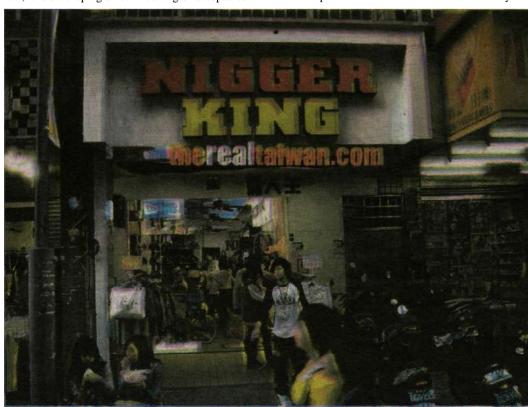
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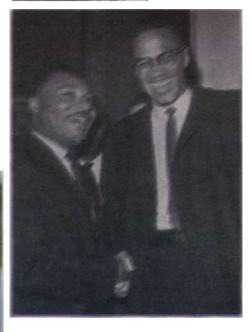
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lylllff^You know, right before he was killed he came down to Selma and said some pretty pas-



sionate things against me, and that surprised me because after all it was my territory there. But afterwards he took my wife aside, and said he thought he could help me more by attacking me than praising me. He thought it would make it easier for me in the long run.



:JvÜ People still question your stance on love thy neighbor'.

p[|iijtf£; I know that love is ultimately theonly answer to mankind's problems. And I'm going to talk about it everywhere I go. I know it isn't popular to talk about it in some circles today. I'm not talking about emotional bosh when I talk about love... I have seen too much hate. I've seen too much hate on the faces of sheriffs in the South. I've seen hate on the faces of too many Klansmen and too many White Citizens Councils in the South to want to hate myself, because every time I see it, I know that it does something to their faces and their personalities and I say to myself that hate is too great a burden to bear. I have decided to love. If you are seeking the highest good, I think you can find it through love. And the beautiful thing is that we are moving against wrong when we do it, because John was right, God is love. He who hates does not know God, but he who has love has the key that unlocks the door to the meaning of ultimate reality.

;SwoM \* •  $F^{rom}$  those that are at the bottom to those at the top of the social class. There are those of us that can not see a future, 35 street is witnessing more homelessness on the streets with a vast number of condos going around them. Chicago has transformed over 20,000 black people from Public Housing over the last five years, many out of the city even to other states, for some it cut down crime, for others, the poor were an eye soar to the city, and then there are those that say, what the city has done to black people here in Chicago is a total shame of the leadership. How do we address the issue of the poor?

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missed, I hope, from our consciences by being branded as inferior or incompetent. We also know that no matter how dynamically the economy develops and expands, it does not eliminate all poverty.

The problem indicates that our emphasis must be twofold. We must create full employment or

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we must create incomes. People must be made consumers by one method1 or the other. Once they are placed in this position we need to be concerned that the potential of the individual is not wasted. New forms of work that enhance the social good will have to be devised for those for whom traditional jobs are not available.

SJSufeSo for the homeless on the street, and those that are misusing the homelessness and poor status as laziness, that we are not sure of to help?

10kig£ "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But then the Good Samaritan came by. And he reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to

SSJ: Should the Black community accept more from outside of it community as it seeks self alliance?

IOi!I3KiWe don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles, we don't need any Molotov cocktails, we just need to go around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our country, and say, "God sent us by here, to say to you that you're not treating his children right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda — fair treatment, where God's children are concerned. Now, if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. And our agenda calls for withdrawing economic support from you."

; Does this count for you and others going to jail and even to the point it caused your life?

I will stay in jail to the end of my days before I make a butchery of my conscience." In that dramatic scene on Calvary's hill, three men were crucified. We must not forget that all three were crucified for the same crime—the crime of extremism. Two were extremists for immorality, and thusly fell below their environment. The other, Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love, truth and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment.

So is going to jail in your case, a Declaration of Independence?

I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law.

Still in your course in life, should it be an example of many to follow?

As June approaches, with its graduation ceremonies and speeches, a thought suggests itself...Whatever career you may choose for yourself-doctor, lawyer, teacher-let me propose an avocation to be pursued along with it. Become a dedicated fighter for civil rights. Make it a central part of your life. It will make you a better doctor, a better lawyer, a better teacher. It will enrich your

spirit as nothing else possibly can. ... Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for human rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in.

Excerpted from "The Drum Major Instinct", a sermon by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1968. Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb

agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's "Theory of Relativity" to serve. You don't have to know the Second Theory of Thermal Dynamics in Physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love, and you can be that servant."

33 J > Where Do We Go From Here?

#### X\_iiiy J' Address to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (1967-08-16)

Now, in order to answer the question, "Where do we go from here?" which is our theme, we must first honestly recognize where we are now. When t tüution was written, a strange formula to determine taxes and representation declared that the Negro was sixty percent of a person. Today another curious formula seems to declare that he is fifty percent of a person. Of the good things in life, the Negro has approximately one half those of whites, of the bad things of life, he has twice those of whites. Thus half of all Negroes live in substandard housing. And Negroes have half

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the income of whites. When we \|ew the negative experiences of Ufe, the Negro has a double share. There are twice as many unemployed. The rate of infant mortality among Negroes is double that of whites and there are twice as many Negroes dying in Vietnam as whites in proportion to their size in the population.

...Where do we go from here? First, we must massively assert our dignity and worth. We must stand up amidst a system that still oppresses us and develop an unassailable and majestic sense of val-

This is no time for romantic illusions and empty philosophical debates about freedom. This is a time for action. What is needed is a strategy for change, a tactical program that will bring the Negro into the mainstream of American life as quickly as pos-

Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better



This newspaper is embarking on a campaign known as the Black Wall Street (Chicago) Economic Summit. The next summit will be March 1,2008. It will address sustaining and increasing Black businesses and capturing the economics of the communities. How do you view this campaign?

Now, we are poor people, individually, we are poor when you compare us with white society in America. We are poor. Never stop and forget that collectively, that means all of us together, collectively we are richer than all the nation in the world, with the exception of nine. Did you ever think about that? After you leave the United States, Soviet Russia, Great Britain, West Germany, France, and I could name the others, the Negro collectively is richer than most nations of the world. We have an annual income of more than thirty billion dollars a year (1960s, today 800 billion), which is more than all of the exports of the United States, and more than the national budget of Canada. Did you knovy that? That's power right there, if we know how to pool it.

; 3 § J¿'. This may be an unfair question but, do you regret you died at a young age of 39, or maybe taken a different route in your ministry?

Speech in Detroit, June 23, 1963. I decided early to give my life to something eternal and absolute. Not to these little gods that are here today and gone tomorrow, but to God who is the same vesterday, today, and forever.

Sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. (1968-02-04) Every now and then I guess we all think realistically about that day when we will be

victimized with what is life's final common denominator — that something we call death. We all think about it. And every now and then I think about my own death, and I think about my own funeral. And I don't think of it in a morbid sense. Speech at Civil Rights

1 March on Washington, August 28,1963.1 submit to you that if a man hasn't discovered something he will die for, he isn't fit to live....

If physical death is the price that I must pay to free my white brothers and sisters from a permanent death of the spirit, then nothing can be more redemptive. Every now and then I ask myself, "What is it that I would want said?" And I leave the word to you this morning.

ft <\*(r  $CJ^{\prime}JJ$  , What should I tell people about you?

i~illP \ Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize, that isn't important. Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards, that's not important. Tell him not to mention where I went to school.

I'd like somebody to mention that day, that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give bis life serving others.... that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody.... I tried to be right on the war question.... say that I did try, in my life, to clothe those who were naked. ...that I did try, in my life, to visit those who were in prison. I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity. Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace; I was a drum major for righteousness.

 $j \setminus Thank you Dr. King for your time again.$ 

i \_ ill y U And I want to thank God, once more, for allowing me to be here

#### Faet & Commentary Round Up of Mark

(Continued from page 2) old Washington. The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr attracted over 7 million votes for President and paved the way for through his national voter registration and voter education drives that created new progressive public policies and new elected officials, and this from a man who never held an elected

Who would have thought then State Senator Barack Obama, after suffering a sound defeat after presenting himself as a candidate against Rush for First District Congressman, would become U.S. Senator and now our historic national political leader, breaking fundraising records in his run for the U.S. Presidency. Despite the many critics of Mayor Daley, he continues to

defeat any Black candidate. Voters decided. Despite many national critics that say Obama has no credentials to be Presidency, he is currently before the voters, and



they are deciding, decide. And this is what the process needs to be now as voters in the First Congressional District have to decide if they want to continue under the leadership of Congressman Bobby Rush.

We are now in a situation where ther more voters not voting than voting and who knows what they will think about various candidates at different times. And based upon the history of how Congressman

Rush has went against critics who said that he should not run fior Alderman or Congress, he surely would not oppose Bill "Dock" Walls offering himself as a candidate for First District Congressman in the same manner in which Rush presented himself to the voters over the years. Bill "Dock" Walls has the right to present himself and his public service credentials as a candidate against Rush for Congress. And with all the dynamics of political races including Walls versus Rush, its for the registered voters of the First Congressional District like myself to decide.

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"When Barack wins," Rev. Jackson said, "it sends another message to the world of what the United States is about." "This is the most important election of our lives," Rep. Conyers said.

At critical crossroads in our nation's history, leaders of bold strength and compassion have arisen to lead us all to a higher destiny. 1984 is that crossroads and Jesse Jackson is that leader Not since Abraham Lincoln has a candidate for President of the most powerful nation on earth felt more deeply and acted more decisively to meet the cry of the American people for social justice worldwide.

Fresh from the victory by U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) in Iowa's caucuses, Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and a diverse panel situated Obama's campaign in the context of Rev. Jackson's Presidential campaigns in 1984 and '88 during today's taping of the "Upfront with Jesse Jackson" radio pro-

Butch Wing, national political coordinator for Rainbow PUSH Coalition, noted Rev. Jackson's ability to participate in Asian American and Latino communities, as well as the peace movement campaigns," said Vanden Heuvel, whose magain El Salvador, during the 1980s. "Those movements became a part of the Jesse Jackson '84 and '88 campaigns," he said. "They became our issues as we were organizing around the country. Being able to bring all of those groups together became the agenda for the presidential cam-

Along with Wing, Rev. Jackson was joined on "Upfront" by U.S. Rep. John Conyers CD-Mich.), who chairs the House Judiciary Committee; U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Tex.); Katrina vanden Heuvel, publisher of The Nation

magazine; and Prof. Charles Ogletree of Harvard University Law School. "Barack Obama is following your trail," Ogletree said.

"The fact that you were inclusive is what everyone is fol-

then — labor, housing, racism – are coming up now, and we need to address them." "You laid this whole roadmap of hope," Rep. Jackson Lee said, praising Rev. Jackson as a "visionary of hope." Rev. Jackson said America is "ready" for what he outlined 20 years ago, with a leading female candidate in U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) and a leading Black candidate in Obama.

"When Barack wins," Rev. Jackson said, "it sends another message to the world of what the United States is about." "This is the most important election of our lives," Rep. Conyers said. 'We are all globalists now. You cannot become successful globally if we cannot solve the problems at home. This is the groundwork that makes what you did in '88 so important." Rev. Jackson noted the excitement and optimism of Harold Washington's first mayoral campaign in 1983

"We believed that Harold could win in Chicago," he said, and the victory energized all who witnessed it. "Rev. Jackson was saying 'free Nelson Mandela' and 'stop apartheid," Wing recalled, highlighting Rev. Jackson's foresight in tying South African politics to U.S. campaigns. "At the Democratic convention," Wing said, Rev. Jackson "called these [issues] a 'moral disgrace.' While it sounds common now, back then, these were revolutionary

"Progressives were birthed by the '84 and '88 zine endorsed Rev. Jackson in his campaigns. "Now we need to energize this next generation of voters who have grown up with Reagan and now Bush administrations.'

Rev. Jackson was in New York City for the Wall Street Project Conference in Manhattan. The "Upfront" program was taped at the historic Trinity Church, America's oldest burial ground for African people. "Upfront with Rev. Jesse Jackson" airs Saturdays at 10 p.m. EST on the WORD Network.

#### **Senator Obama's Bronzeville Connection**

#### By Beverly Reed **Featured Writer**

all it a premonition, call it a lucky guess, but I called it like I saw it at the 1st annual Bronzeville School of Film Awards Ceremony presented by Ziff Sistrunk nearly ten years ago. All right, by now, nearly all the organizers in Chicago have told their when I met Obama story. So I guess its alright to tell mine.

I first met Senator Obama as a student at then fledgling Lugenia Burns Hope Center, a leadership development and organizing institute located in the Bronzeville community.

The Center was founded in 1994 by Senator Obama and Centers for New Horizons CEO Dr. Sokoni Karanja. "We recognized that without a organized community whatever we established could be lost," said Karanja.

The Hope Center provides ongoing training to teach organizing skills and techniques to the lowincome and working class residents of Bronzeville and other communities in an effort to foster civic engagement and .empowerment among the disenfranchised.

Senator Obama not only founded the class he also taught us organizing techniques. Before you can serve an individual or «group you must determine their self interest. In order to determine an individuals or group's self-interest you must determine where that individual spends their time, energy and money. I have never forgotten that dictum, what I refer to as the organizers golden rule. That knowledge continues to assist me in all aspects of my life.

Several years later after apprenticing at the South Street Journal, I was fortunate enough to become a reporter/columnist at the Chicago Defender Newspaper where I became re-introduced to State Senator Obama. It was through editorial board meetings, attending press conferences and interviews that cemented my belief that the brother was who he said he was and his constituency was being served by a just and honorable man whose pedigree enhanced rather separated his relationship with the people.

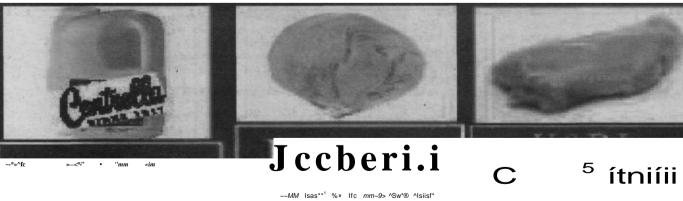
You just knew he was a man on the rise. And so it was with great delight that I accepted the opportunity to present the Senator with the Bronzeville Community Service Award.

As Mistress of Ceremony I felt truly honored to have the opportunity to introduce the cultural and political icons of that time and those who continue to

Negro Leaguer, Double Duty Radcliffe, Bronzeville Don, Harold Lucas, Former Police Superintendant Terry Hilliard, the legendary William Barnett and then State Senator Barack Obama.

It was a stellar group of outstanding Black men and I can still see the pride in the Ziff's young male student's eyes when they looked at their history and saw their future.





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Award-Winning Author Jacqueline Woodson Meets with 150 Open Book Students on December 15th Students Perform Skits Based on the books *Miracle's Boys* and *Locomotion*.

# Unique Open Book Program Stimulates the love of Reading

More than 150 African American inner city students, aged 9-14, got a chance to meet award-winning children's book author Jacqueline Woodson as part of Chicago's unique Open Book Program during an talkshow style Student/Author Event on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at Williams Multiplex, 2710 S. Dearborn in Chicago. The Open Book Participants performed excerpts and asked interview questions based on Woodson's books *Miracle's Boys* and *Locomotion*. The young people also got a chance to have their books

signed by Woodson.

Open Book participants were from Lawless Gardens and several elementary schools including Beethoven, Gregory, Johns Academy, Mayo, McCorkle, Ryder, White Career Academy, Williams Multiplex, and University of Chicago-Donoghue.

Woodson reacted to their performances by stating that she had never before sat in an audience and watched scenes from her books performed.

Another highlight of the event was an Appreciation Award presented to Open Book Founder and Executive Director Marrice Coverson by Williams Multiplex.

Miracle's Boys and Locomotion are the latest books experienced by students in the Institute for Positive Living's Open Book Program, a youth development program that stimulates love of reading through an exciting exploration of literature. During each 10-week after-school program module, Open Book incorporates dramatic arts and media to spark imagination, build skills and broaden horizons.

In Miracle's Boys, three brothers who are orphaned by the death of their mother, are trying to get by. Twelve-year-old Lafayette tells the story of what happens to him and his older brothers, fifteen year old Charlie and twenty-one year old Ty'ree, after Charlie comes home from a juvenile detention center where he has spent time for armed robbery. Miracle'\$ Boys is the winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and the Coretta Scott King Award.

Locomotion is about Lonnie C. Motion, a boy who has had some tough breaks in his life. But, Lonnje's fifth grade class is learning to write poetry and suddenly, Lonnie is finding the words to tell the world



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about his family, the fire that took his parents away, his little sister, his world. *Locomotion* is National Book Award Finalist and a Coretta Scott King Honor book.

Woodson spoke to the young people from Open Book about her journey from a child who always loved to tell stories to a professional author with over 20 published books. In her biography, Woodson stated that she told a lot of stories as a child D not "Once upon a time" stories but basically, outright lies. This all changed in fifth grade when a teacher told her that a story she wrote was "really good." Woodson told the students that this is how she found out that when you put a lie in a story on paper, it's not a lie any more. These are the type of lies that win you prizes.

"Author interaction is a key ingredient in the success of the Open Book Program," states founder Marrice Coverson, president of the Institute for Positive Living and executive director of Open Book. "The talk-show format gives students the opportunity to interact with one an-

other and to experience the books through the dramatic productions that each school has prepared."

The Open Book Program focuses on stimulating interest in reading quality, culturally relevant children's literature through a variety of activities including literary circles, drama, and Internet experiences. During each program segment, participants do an in-depth study of one or two books. Authors and author/ illustrators have included Sandra Belton, Ashley Bryan, Debbi Chocolate, Sharon Flake, Jan Spivey Gilchrist, Nikki Grimes, Harriette Gillem Robinet, Charles R. Smith, Jr., Glennette Tilley Turner, Darwin MacBeth Walton, Walter Dean Myers, and Camille Yarbrough.

For information on the Student/ Author event or the Open Book Program, contact Marrice Coverson at 924-9802. Information about Open Book including examples of student work can be obtained on the World W i d e W e b a t www.openbookprogram.org <a href="http://www.openbookprogram.org">http://www.openbookprogram.org</a>.

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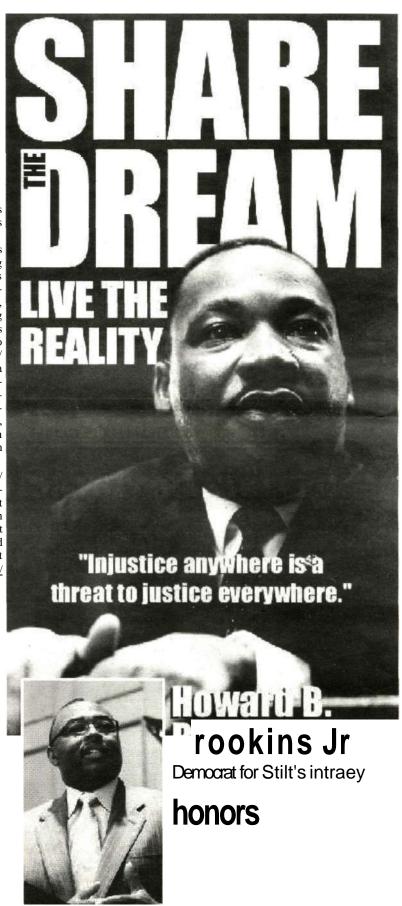
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#### **Entertainment Brief**

Talk show host expands empire with her OWN cable channel. \*She can not be stopped. Oprah Winfrey has announced that she will launch her own television network through a 50-50 partnership with Discovery Communications to be titled the Oprah Winfrey Network, or OWN.

BLIGE, 50 CENT, PERRY, WY-CLEF IN STEROID PROBE: New report says singers and rappers among thousands who have either used or received illegal substance. \*Mary J. Blige, 50 Cent,-Wyclef Jean, Timbaland and Tylor Perry have been named in a steroid trafficking investigation that has exposed just how far its use has traveled beyond the world of sports.

VIVICA A. FOX CLAIMS THERE IS NO SEX TAPE: Actress says if one existed, she'd be trying to profit from it herself. \*Film and TV star Vivica A. Fox is denying that she is the woman featured in a sex tape that has been circulating on the Internet

WESLEY SNIPES PRAYS BEFORE TAX FRAUD TRIAL: Actor attends service at nearby church before heading to Ocala courthouse. He made sure he was prayed up before attending the first day of his tax fraud trial Monday in Ocala, Florida.

DR. BRIAN EVANS SHEDS LIGHT ON PLAS-TIC SURGERY: Boardcertified Surgeon talks tuck.

\*With the recent stories and reports about the dangers of and "addictions" to cosmetic and plastic surgery, plastic surgeon Dr. Brian Evans took time out to talk with EUR's Lee Bailey and discuss plastic surgery in general and clear up some questions about nipping and tucking.

SERENA WILLIAMS REVEALS BROKEN HEART: Defending Australian Open champ Serena Williams took the first step in retaining

Australian Open Chainp Setella Williams took the first step in retaining her title with a win over unseeded Australian Jarmila Gajdosova 6-3, 6-3 to advance to the second round.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEBRÓN -HERE'S A SPEEDING TICKET: NBA star clocked driving 101 mph in 65 mph zone. \*LeBron James kicked off his 23rd birthday Dec. 30 with an early morning speeding ticket in his home state of Ohio. LONGORIA, T.O. IN DALLAS QB DRAMA: Eva advises Jessica on girlfriend challenges; Owens cries while defending Romo after playoff upset. \*Eva Lóngoria has some words of advice for Jessica Simpson. Both ladies have mates who are professional athletes, and both have at one time or another been blamed for a bad performance by their famous sweetheart.

Stevie, Alicia, Gladys among stars at inaugural event as coalition pickets against negative images.
\*Black Entertainment Television threw its inaugural BET Honors ceremony Saturday night in Washington, but it wasn't without controversy.

DAVID TALBERT BRINGS
'BAGGAGE' TO FOX SEARCH-

LIGHT: Playwright-turnedfilmmaker to adapt movie based on his 2005 novel. \*With his inaugural film foray "First Sunday" currently sitting at No. 2 at the box office, playwright-turned-filmmaker David Talbert has secured a home for his follow-up film "Baggage Claim."

Actress lands female lead in comedy opposite Samuel L. Jackson and Bernie Mac. \*The cast of dimension Films comedy "Soul Men" just got a big dose of estrogen. Actress Sharon Leal will join Samuel L. Jackson and Bernie Mac in the Dimensions Film road trip comedy about two bickering former singers.

Kerry Washington has replaced model **Naomi Campbell** in the upcoming Spike Lee film "Miracle at St. Anna," reports <u>Blackfilm.com</u>.

Byron Allen salutes celebs living King's dream; TV One, Starz inBlack offer specials.
\*A two-hour Martin Luther King Jr. Day special from Byron Allen's Entertainment Studios has been cleared in 90 percent of the country, while cable networks TV One and Starz InBlack plan to commemorate the holiday with MLK-related specials.

T-Pain, Cool and Dre among producers for new CD.

\*Jermaine Dupri was asked recently by Billboard to explain the holdup regarding Usher's follow-up album to 2004's

"Confessions," which set the bar high with 9.4 million copies sold in the U.S., according to Nielsen SoundScan.

MARIO VAN PEEBLES HEADS TO PINE VALLEY: Mario Van Peebles will join the cast of ABC soap "All My Children" later this month as a prosecutor running for Senate, the network has announced.

MICHAEL CLARKE DUNCAN CATCHES 'SALMON': troupe Broken Lizard. \*Burly actor Michael Clarke Duncan is set to topline comedy troupe Broken Lizard's fifth film, "The Slammin' Salmon," reports Variety.

CASSIE PREPARES NEW ALBUM FOR SPRING: attempt to move past her admittedly sub-par live performances that accompanied the 2006 release of her self-titled debut album with new and more "grown" material for a sophomore

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There will be special performances by current and previous

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### Rapper Nas Plans to Title Next Album N-Word

As reported in the *Source Magazine* both Nas and Def Jam are denying reports from Fox News that the label balked at his decision to title his upcoming album, "N\*gger."

Last week, <u>FoxNews.com</u> quoted a "source close to" Def Jam chairman Antonio "L.A." Reid as saying that a Nas album is not on the release schedule, and it most certainly would not be called "N\*gger." But Reid said don't believe everything you read.

"We support everything our artists do, everything!" Reid told MTV News during the New York premiere of the film American Gangster. "We stand firmly behind and beside our artists with pride and with pleasure. Anything Nas wants to do, I completely stand beside him. Nas is prolific, he's prophetic, he's a

genius, an amazing artist of respect. So, while I'm not sure exactly all that [the title] entails, I know it's smart, so I stand behind him. That's real."

Common, who co-stars in "American Gangster," was also supportive of Nas and respects his artistic decisions.

"I love Nas," he told MTV with a grin. "Nas is always bringing something new, bringing something for us to think about. He's one of the best ever. If it wasn't for Nas, a lot of cats, including myself, wouldn't be rhyming the way they do. So I mean, I know [the title] is something behind what he's doing, he's making statements. That's something we need in hip-hop. Last Poets did it, Gil Scott-Heron did it, Marvin Gaye did it. We gotta keep making statements."

Nas first announced the title of his album and its scheduled Dec. 11th reléase date during a concert last week in New York. The news was met with outrage from the NAACP, Rev. Al Sharpton and Rev. Jesse Jackson, who said the title "makes a mockery" of the race issue.

"I'm a street disciple," Nas explained." I'm talking to the streets. Stay out of our business. You ain't got no business worrying about what the word 'nigger' is or acting like you know what my album is about without talking to me."

"If Cornell West was making an album called 'N\*gger,' they would know he's got something intellectual to say," he continued. "To think I'm gonna say something that's not intellectual is



Nas Performing at Madison Square Gardens

calling me a n\*gger, and to be called a n\*gger by Jesse Jackson and the NAACP is counterproductive, counter-revolutionary."

Meanwhile, Rev. Al Sharpton added his voice to the chorus of discontent over Nas choice of title.

"Again, I'm opposed to anybody using the term," Sharpton said. "We're in an age where they are hanging nooses; they're locking our kids up in Jena and Florida. We do not need, to be degrading ourselves. We. get degraded enough. I think we need artists to lift us up, not lock us down."

Nas told MTV: "Whether you in the NAACP or you Jesse Jackson. I respect all of them ... I just want them to know: never fall victim to Fox. Never fall victim to the sh\*t they do," he stressed. "What they do is try to hurry up and get you

on the phone and try to get you to talk about something you might not know about yet."

"We're taking power from the word," Nas added. "No disrespect to none of them who were part of the civil-rights movement, but some of my n\*ggas in the streets don't know who [civil-rights activist] Medgar Evers was. I love Medgar Evers, but some of the n\*ggas in the streets don't know Medgar Evers, they know who Nas is."

"And to my older people who don't know who Nas is and who don't know what a street disciple is, stay outta this mother Peking conversation," he continued. "We'll talk to you when we're ready. Right now, we're on a whole new movement. We're taking power from that word."

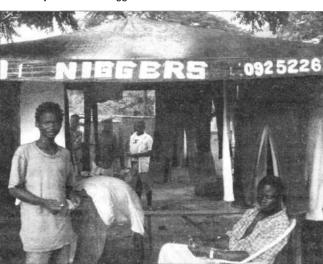
"Davis, William C," wrote something to think about. A Little known Black History Fact. This information can also be found in the African American Archives at the Smithsonian Institute. Although not taught in American learning institutions and literature, it is noted in most Black history professional circles and literature that the origin of the term "picnic" derives from the acts of lynching African -Americans. The word "picnic" is rooted from the whole theme of "Pick A Nigger. This is where individuals would "Pic" a Black Person to lynch and make this into a family gathering. There would be music and a "picnic" "Nic" being the white acronym for nigger.") Scenes of this were

depicted in the movie "Rosewood" We should choose to use other words like "Barbecue" or outing instead of the word picnic.

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#### What David Sylvester found while in Africa,

I found was a store selling what the owner called 'hip hop' style clothing. It was manned by two gentlemen — one of them asleep! (Talk about living up to or in this case down to a stereotype) I asked the guys what was up with the store name. After hearing my obvious non - Malawian accent and figuring out that I was from America, the man thumped his chest proudly and said "P-Diddy New York City! we are the niggers!"





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#### **Business Brief**

#### Papa John's Pizza charged with Fraud Scheme

businessman, Abdelhamid Chaib, was added as a co-defendant to a pending indictment against Chicago area businessman and political fundraiser Antoin Rezko and Ali D. Ata, a former executive director of the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA), in connection with a newly-expanded scheme to fraudulently obtain an additional loan for approximately \$2.6 million to finance the sale of approximately 17 pizza restaurants in the Chicago and Detroit areas and also defrauding investors in businesses that operated the franchises. The new indictment is part of Operation Board Games, an ongoing federal public corruption investigation of insider-dealing, influencepeddling and kickbacks involving private interests and public duties related to various state boards and non-profit organizations, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

Chaib, 53, of La Grange Park, also known as "Al Chaib," was charged with three counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud. He will be arraigned at a later date in U.S. District Court.

According to the indictment, Chaib was an officer of several restaurant businesses operated by Rezko, including Rezko-Citadel, doing business as Panda Express, which was partially owned by Rezko Enterprises LLC. Chaib also owned and purportedly operated Al Chaib LLC and Chaib Investments LLC, which had offices in Chicago. Beginning in

approximately December 2002, Chaib, doing business as Al Chaib LLC and Chaib Investments LLC, purportedly owned and operated Papa John's Pizza stores in and around Chicago and Detroit.

#### 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 qualified businesses. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply at www.chivenrures.org/financial/ loans. Or call 773.822.0320.

### **Businesses in** the 3rd Ward

By Alderman Pat Dowell Starbucks In partnership with Earvin "Magic" Johnson, a new Starbucks Coffee store was opened at 35th and State. It is a partnership that is aimed at investing in neighborhoods that are typically overlooked by other major retailers.

National City Bank Banking facilities are now available to residents at the new National City Bank location at 35th and State. In addition to creating new jobs for our residents, our office has worked with National City Bank to organize a contribution from National City Bank to the Metropolitan Youth Development Academy; a

youth-oriented not-for-profit organization

**Subway** There are two new Subways in the ward that are locally owned by two young entrepreneurs. One is located at 51st and Indiana and the other is at 55th and Wentworth. **Record Breakers/ Reggies** Record Breakers is a cutting edge music store and coffee shop recently relocated from Hoffman Estates to 21 st

and State. They specialize in buying

and selling CDs, LPs, 45 s, DVDs,

and other music related merchandise. Reggie's Music Joint is quickly \*becoming one of Chicago's top live music venues. For more information, visit their website at <a href="http://">http://</a>

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#### Real Estate News Vacant Lots

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ing hard to bring responsi-

ble economic development to these lots that will benefit the community while reducing the crime and garbage associated with vacant lots. If you have any concerns about litter in a vacant lot in your neighborhood, please call Glendale James at the Department of Streets and Sanitation 3rd Ward Yard Office at (312) 747-6181

**47th and Calumet/52nd and Union** I have been in discussion with the Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Housing to assist me in developing a Pa-

rade of Homes which will include affordable and market rate housing for sale on these blocks that have been neglected for over 15 years. **Dearborn Homes -28th and State** Phase I of the renovation is nearing completion. Phase II is scheduled to begin in 2008.

Harold Ickes- 22nd and State
My office is working with the CHA
to secure money from the Federal
Government for the renovation of
these homes.

47th and King Drive **SW Corner Request** for Proposal (RFP) I am pleased to announce that plans for achieving commercial development through the RFP process is underway. My office is working with the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development to ensure that this process includes diverse, responsible, and forward-thinking proposals from all parts of Chicago, particularly the Third Ward communities. Click here to visit the Department of Plan-

ning and Development's page on the City of Chicago's website and learn more about pending RFPs.

#### 43rd and Calumet RFP

The Department of Planning and Development, Chicago Transit Authority, and my office are discussing ways in which 43rd and Calumet can be a transit oriented development (TOD) location. This would make the location more accessible with pedestrian walkways and bicycle facilities. Additionally, we want to integrate existing homes and businesses while attracting new develop-

ment. **2008 Developments**The Grand Imperial I

The Grand Imperial Hotel will be located at Archer and Clark and will feature 200 spacious guest rooms, a banquet hall, and meeting rooms. The South Loop Hotel will be located at 2600 S. State St. and will have 200 spacious guest rooms and 50 suites in addition to a banquet hall that seats up to 350 people, meeting rooms, and event spaces.

The second phase of the Robert Taylor Homes off-site redevelopment commences in 2008. It will consist of 118 units of rental housing which include 23 at market rate units, 43 affordable units, and 52 units for public housing residents.

A mixed use retail and housing development consisting of 181 market rate and affordable units with parking will open at 1935 S. Wabash. A 36 unit condominium building with retail outlets on the ground floor located at 31st and Indiana is scheduled to be completed in early 2008

We are also exploring opportunities to bring a grocery store to 39th and State

#### The Rosenwald Building

Not long after the election, the Rosenwald was finally boarded-up and secured. The property is privately owned and I have met with the owner who is wanting to sell. At this point, I will continue to monitor the progress of this property and encourage the owner to continue keeping it secure and free of debris and litter. I will be hosting a Community Urban Planning Workshop that will consist of urban planning experts and residents to explore ideas about the use of this building and identifying resources for funding. Please contact my office for more details.

3rd Ward Townhall Meeting January 24,2008 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Charles Hayes Center (4859 S. Wabash



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Morgan Carter moderator of the Black Wall Street Economic Summit along with, Mark Allen seating front, as attendees look on. (photo right) Bobby Johnson of Bronzeville proposed a legal team to go after developers who have not implemented Section 3 of the Hope VI Grant, as BWS committee member

(Continued from page 3)

Hope VI Grant Jonathan Johnson - proposed to create a Network for Youth.

Otis Monroe-of The Monroe Foundation proposed to see some concrete outcomes and use Alderman Howard Brookins plan for Wal-Mart in his ward as a model for the Wal-Mart at 110<sup>th</sup>

"We need to be at the table during meetings with legislatures regarding access to capital to change the laws and enact policy that represents change in the Black Community.

Harold Lucas of Black Metropolis Tourism proposed a designation of specific geographic areas of Bronzeville as a National Heritage Area. He's asked the BWSES to partner with him in that effort.

Liz O'Gillvie proposed creating a definition of economic development and a committee to do this. "We need people to commit to bring people with them to these Summits to help it to

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continue to grow," she said. She suggested participants commit to bring five people to the next Summit.

Collette Armstead wanted answers to why banks are under capitalizing Black businesses at the start up level when that is when we need the most financial sustainability.

Other commitments: Wanda White, Professional in Economic Development, volunteered to help the BWSES create an Economic Guide; Bob Fioretti, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman committing that he will request the land to be green. He wants city jobs to be created for everyone in this city. He wants the contractors who obtain contracts to be residents of the City of Chicago. He wants job training with the top priority being the training of people in the City of Chicago for jobs from the City of Chicago;

Harold Lucas proposed the acquisition the old Defender News Paper Building at 3433 S. Indiana. The 2nd Ward Alderman also agreed to talk to Otis Monroe and Billy Payne about Black vs. Minority and how to get Blacks more contracts from the City of Chicago. The BWSC will conduct a full and complete assessment of the facts and circumstances surrounding black business. BWSC will enter into an investigation of targeted areas to determine whether or not black economical benefits are guaranteed to the immediate community.

"Because business organizations are invested with the responsibility to commence and economic remedies and practice of racially deprived communities of their just future." Lucas explained. BWSES will convene a special task force to determine whether or not municipal, state and local departments that have accumulated an excessive number of projects continue to engage in patterns and practices of Black vs. Minority.

Another major announcement was that the

group is working with The State Treasurer's Office on plans to create Black Business Development Banks within the Black community.

BWSES conjunction with community business organizations and associations will prepare, draft and present proposals and legislation that calls for the enactment of responsible reporting of "Black" versus" minority" empowerment

Mark Allen announced that he would be working closely with Real Estate Development Elzie Higginbottom on creating a new generation of Black developers and contractors prepared to build and rebuild Black owned and operated development projects in the Black community.

The next summit will be held on March 1, 2008, 8:00 am to 3 pm at the Chicago Urban League, participates are encouraged to RSVP and to received the planning proposals call SSJ at 773 373-7000. The committee meetings are held on Thursday mornings RSVP to attend.

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many compa- \*% nies moving I a broad and others going out of business. I do believe with Obama being president of



the United States he will be the same to the country as Mayor Harold Washington was to Chicago. Washington tried his best to make it possible for everybody to receive justice regardless to race, creed, or color. I believe Obama will do the same being president of the United

#### Veryday we see Arabs, Koreans, Jews every ethnic

grOUp taking the business dollars out of the black area. We don't see any black business owners bringing any business dollars from the other communities. Those who are selling to blacks don't seem to be buying anything from blacks. I don't know but I would like to know the number of black published newspapers sold in the white area compared to the number of white published newspapers published in the black. The same thing about our banquet, somebody may have this information. If you do I would like have such information. According to the press at present, every race in America is doing better than blacks. There is a cause. The latest news state that, black are at the economic rock bottom. Others races will not get blacks off the bottom and they



Webb Evans, President **United American Progress** Association

should not expect others to do it. African Americans can start getting off the bottom this by spending every dollar possible with a business owner who lives in the black

#### CRA Coalition Proposes Illinois CRA Law: Prepares for Springfield Hearings at Forum:

The Community Reinvestment Organizing Project (C.O.P.), a community banking, lending and reinvestment organizing and public policy initiative of the Monroe Foundation and coalition of over 50 community development groups, held a CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) Leadership Training and Springfield Mobilization Workshop on: at Marquette Bank

The training and forum focus on mobilizing community leaders to prepare testimony to the Illinois Financial Institutions committee on the need for Illinois to pass a CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) law that hold financial institutions that disclosure from banks seeking to state serve as state depositories and investment banks more accountable in how public funds and investments are used Monroe Foundation stated, "Our coato leverage community banking, lend- lition has asked Senator Hunter to ing and investments.

State Senator Mattie Hunter has taken the lead in sponsoring an amendment to the State Deposits of Moneys and Public Funds Investment Act which will require more accountability and

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deposits.

Otis C. Monroe, III, president of the sponsor this amendment to the State Deposits of Money and Public Investment Act because as the banking lobby weakens the federal Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, it is become easier for banks to say they are meeting the credit needs of their communities, and receive a strong regulatory compliance rating. "But to truly safeguard communities from banks and their affiliates who don't do enough to benefit their

neighborhood markets, not just their

countable measures in place, and the Illinois State Treasurer, as the "people's banker", should be the one to hold institutions accountable through disclosure and more transparency".

State Representative Ken Dunkin is planning to hold hearings in Springfield on CRA and predatory banking fees issues.

Specially, the law will require: -Illinois State Treasure to issue a public notice when a financial institution or investment bank is seeking to serve as a public deposits or investment bank, requiring more transparency in the process, and public review - Allow for a 30 day public comment period, providing an opportunity for the citizens of Illinois to offer written comments on an application by a financial institution or investment bank, additionally, providing an "alert" opportunity from the public of financial institution's or investment banks that may have engaged in predatory banking and lending practices that may be potentially harmful to low-moderate income communities in Illinois - Requires financial institutions and investment banks to disclose any affiliations, subsidiary or investments with sub prime lenders or



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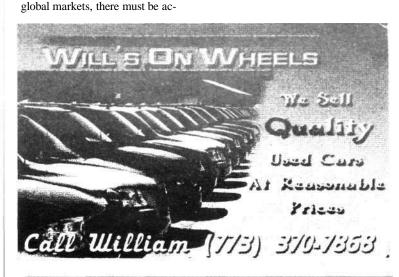
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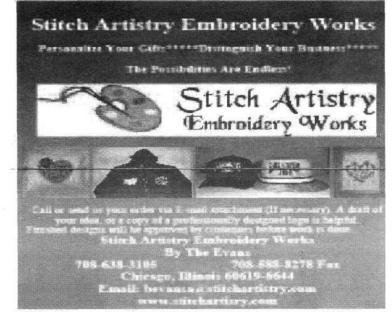
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With everything that's going on with the economy and the recent increase in foreclosures, people are still buying and selling houses. Obtaining a mortgage is still very easy as long as you have the credit and income, ignore what you hear on the streets. Just because your neighbor was denied for a loan doesn't mean you'll be denied.

The first thing you want to do is pull you own credit report from any of the free websites,

www.freecreditreport.com. Its harder being taken advantage of if you already know what's on your credit report. Under no circumstances do you tell the real estate professional that you have bad credit.. Why open the door to that negative situation?

The easiest way to understand and correct your credit report is to schedule an appointment with a loan officer. They will go through your credit, debt, and income. They'll calculate what's known as your debt to income ratio. This is your debt versus the amount of money you make. The rule of thumb is all of your debts should come out to less that 50% of your income. The lower the better, this will factor into your interest rate. This will allow them to calculate how much of a loan you qualify for. Make sure the lenders provide you with a pre-approval letter. A pre-approval letter legitimizes you as a serious borrower. It also gives you additional negotiating leverage to negotiate a sales price.

Just because you qualify for a \$200,000 loan doesn't mean you purchase a house worth \$200,000. You must know your limitations. Managing a mortgage is not an easy task and can be quite stressful at times, especially if you fall behind. If the most money you've ever managed is your \$30,000 Nissan Maxima you shouldn't jump in the ring with a \$200,000 mortgage. Use your intuition, when it comes to choosing a loan officer and realtor. Remember the larger the loan amount or the more the house cost, the more money they make. So it's in their best interest to buy at a higher sales rate. Don't allow them to convince you to exceed your limitations.

While you're looking for your house, use this time to tie up those loose ends on your credit. Pay all credit card and utility bills from college and you'll see an increase in your overall credit score. Once you receive the satisfactory letter fax it to all three credit bureaus.

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those collection agencies on your report. Let them know that they are simply a liaison for you creditor and you want them removed immediately. This will make a significant improvement in your score and you can re-negotiate for a lower interest rate. The higher your credit score, the lower your interest rate.

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Even if you're not a first home buyer have a real estate attorney review your sales contract. I know your cousin is a lawyer that does not qualify them to review your real estate contract. Just like you don't want a cardiologist to deliver your baby, please believe me when I tell you that you don't want a lawyer that practice family law to review your real estate contract. I've seen it too many times before and it's not a good outcome. Only a real estate attorney knows what to look for,

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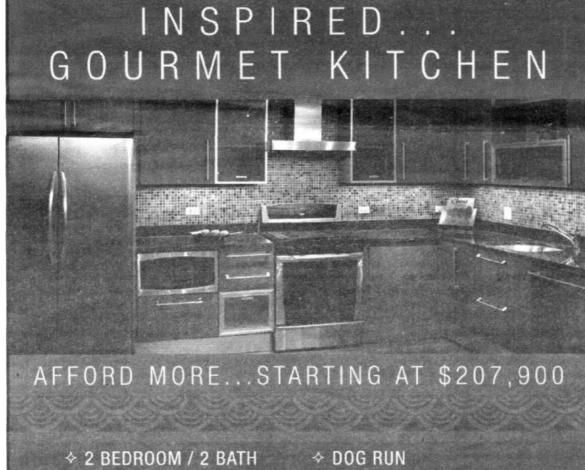
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#### **County Approves President Stroger's** Re-entry Employment/Bid **Incentive Program**

Committee chaired by Commissioner Earlean Collins Votes to Approve Bid Incentives for Prospective construction contractors who employ ex-offenders on jobs of \$100,000 or more.

-Cook County Board President Todd H. Stroger applauded Commissioner Earlean Collins and other County Board members who voted to approve his much-anticipated Reentry Employment/Bid Incentive program in an ordinance before the Board's WorkForce Development and Job Opportunity Committee today. The ordinance allows bidders seeking County construction work valued at \$100,000 or more a chance to have their bids reduced up to one percent in the competitive bidding process in exchange for agreeing to use ex-offenders to perform between five and fifteen percent of the hours contracted.

"Any realistic efforts to reduce the jail population must include real opportunities for ex-offenders to work and earn a living," said President Stroger. "This ordinance provides positive reinforcement for businesses to join us in a realistic effort to provide job opportunities for people who are serious about improving their lives. I'm proud that my administration has been able to work with Commissioner Collins and other members of her Committee to advance this program. The ordinance calls for the creation of a Re-entry Employment Committee to work with non-profits to identify

former offenders who might become candidates to work with private companies on County contracts. If approved, the Re-entry Employment Committee will consist of seven members including a representative from the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources o a representative from the Department of Capital Planning.

A representative from the President's Office of Employment and Training o a representative recommended by the Office of Contract Compliance o a representative of a nonprofit organization whose mission is to reintegrate ex-offenders into society; and two representatives appointed by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, one of whom shall be a representative of organized labor and one of whom shall be a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

The ordinance also provides that the County shall work with nonprofit organizations approved by the Board of Commissioners, whose missions are to help former incarcerated individuals re-enter their communities and reduce recidivism. These nonprofits will work with the President's Office of Employment and Training to create pools of former offenders who can enroll in courses in State certified programs to learn trades, thereby enabling the Cook County Re-entry Employment Committee to recommend these former offenders to vendors.

#### Plan a reality to put people to work

Dear Editor:

A new report this week from Northern Illinois University and the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability found that while Illinois has been adding new jobs at a record pace, it's experiencing a troubling trend being seen across the country: the rate of new **good-paying** jobs is going down.

In response to **the** report, economist Mark Zandi of Moody's advises "The **only way out is** investment in your infrastructure and education of your

This is yet another important reason why the legislature needs to approve a

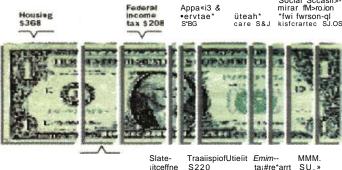
capital infrastructure plan. In September, the Illinois. Senate passed a bipartisan infrastructure investment plan. but the bill has been stalled in the Illinois House of Representatives. Since then, Governor Blagojevich, Senate President Emil Jones, Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson and House Minority Leader Tom Cross have been working together on a comprehensive solution to Illinois' transportation needs - including a more than \$25 billion plan to build roads, bridges and schools and a plan to keep trains and buses running in Chicago.

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#### True Star Magazine THE NEXT CHECK: How are you gonna spend it? Youth Financial Literacy Symposium

True Star Magazine's event planning team has planned and executed its first youth financial literacy symposium. This team of 25 teenagers from Harlan Community Academy have planned and executed this event from beginning to end as part True Star's after school programs. True Star is a partner with leading Chicago non-profit After School Matters.

True Star Magazine will hold its first youth financial literacy symposium. In this seminar True Star will address how to avoid financial pitfalls that are deliberately introduced to young people during early adulthood, before they receive any training in the proper handling of funds. The goal of this event is to give urban youth the money management skills they need to become responsible consumers.

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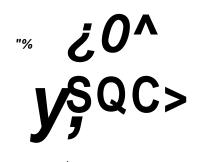
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#### Chicago Schools and regenterfication Atty. takes (Hindurgh as Black known as Black known as Black tubble after a large-scale CHA/Police, schools closing served public hous-Chicago Public Schools officials faster to create a great school system or leave behind a generation of citing a sense of urgency, unveiling ing and low income residents.

a series of proposals to address under-enrollment in 11 elementary schools, while addressing low performance in eight other schools that would undergo a "turnaround" if the plan is approved.

A turning point reports the CPS and officials and educators must move

young people unprepared for work and for life, Mayor Daley said.

The impacts of Chicago School can be in part of many students have been left behind already from the demolition of public housing which contributed to the dismantling of the public education system with

Back in January, 2006 CPS said it took steps on Chicago struggling schools with a proposal for closings schools, principal replacement, and new curriculum among options as they viewed then: Restructuring List

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### Wins sort

By Ms. Beauty Turner

For numerous of years the Chicago Police Department have been arresting young men and young women for trespassing when they came to visit a relative or simply if they lived in public housing developments and couldn't show the officers a

State ID.

Recently Attorney Támara Holder stood up in support of some of the residents in the court of law and this is the results. Headline:

"Defendants Acquitted In Ickes Trespass Case', "Támara Holder's Fight For Public Housing Residents".

Community Activist Barbara Moore alerted me to this issue in 2005 when her grandson were constantly being detained and arrested after visiting her in the (Continued on page 9)

### Seniors organizing on 40th street



Ms. Beauty Turner

The aging of America, together with extended life expectancy, is resulting in an unprecedented demand for all kinds of long-term care services. Among these services are assisted living residences. However, according to the residents of Paul G. Stewart Apartments Senior Housing in the 500 East 40 building, Habitat Management Company has been doing an awful job keeping up their build-

Many of the residents believe they are just as bad as Regent Management company that was reported on television, that manage 45 Condo's and ran out on the residents after the media broke the

story they put a closed sign on their management door.

Many of the residents feel as if Habitat is not keeping clear records about their rent either.

" For the last 18 months since Habitat Management Company took over managing the Paul G. Steward buildings every things been messed up, Residents in the building complained on January 28<sup>th</sup> in a community meeting.

"We formed a Paul G, Steward Residents and Tenants Association trying to bring attentions to our dilemmas," Antoinette Ross a long time resident said. "Since December 2006 we have been trying to get Habitat to do their jobs as a (Continued on page 3)

### **Under Obama's win** Black Staff Writer Leadership obama did not generate the historic time in over 20 years. That momenObama did not generate the historic time in over 20 years. That momen400,000 voters slept in February

Chicago, Illinois was the home city and state of U.S. Senator Barack Obama, and he has done more than what people expected of him to the point that he can win the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, and on to winning the presidential election. But major

turnout that they expected, and it hurt the historic candidacy of Alderman Howard Brookins for Cook County States Attorney.

The Obama momentum did generate large number of new voter registrations, including the 114 years old Bronzeville resident Virginia Calls tum carried into the record numbers of people participated in early voting, but in the end the Black leadership failed to generate the early predictions of almost 70% turnout from the Black community. What was thought to be an easy win for Alderman Howard Brookins in his race

5 election.

State Senator and Illinois Senate President Emil Jones, Jr. said on WVON that he truly did not understand why the level of excitement that motivated him in this election did not translate more into others from the community.

"The Obama campaign made a decision not to invest in Illinois more because there was already high concentration of news reports and Obama material in so many local elections that they did not see a need to invest any more money, and I just expected more turnout," said Jones WVON host Cliff Kelley said that he also did not understand how people could not say that they did not know about the significance of this election. Kelley said" maybe we need to get Dr. Carl Bell, the psychiatrist to examine the state of our

"It is wonderful that Obama took Illinois; but we need to find where any of the presidential candidates stand on police brutality, housing loss, and lack of jobs that are a reflection of the Wards and areas where thousands of people did not vote" said Mr. Stanley A., a voter in his 40's named "Thank you to the African Americans who did vote. It was unfortunate that people did not know clearly that Brookins was qualified for the office."

"And people just did not make the connection of just how historic that Brookins candidacy was, and doesn't understand why Black leadership

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### Winners and Losers



William Beavers lost his seat as 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Democratic Committeeman to Sandi Jackson, and may now lose his seat as City Chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party



Wallace "Gator" Bradley Winner for his field operation of Judge Michael Hyman



Jesse Jackson Jr.

lost his 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt

to get his former

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Bobby Rush Loser for not seeking reelection for the historic 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Committeman



Brookins, winner to run and loser to do all he could to win



Barack Obama wins more momentum as he wins in Illinois



Mayor Daley Winner for his early endorsement of Barack Obama and safe in his political



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Kenny Lewis

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Fact& **Commentary** Round Up of J Mark Allen

SSJ Associate Editor

### 'Tes He Can

^ arack Obama became the first African-U \* ^ American politician to actually have a JmmM chance to win his party's nomination for the President of the United States by winning, in convincing fashion, all the political experts on television stated that he is the embodiment of hope. They stated that he has created the hope and change movement, so he is a force to be reckoned with in 2008. I agree. But I must in good conscience state here and now that for the sake of the country, for the sake of our community, and for the sake of hope Barack if you are elected please deliver!!!

Obama is not the candidate of change in politics in the future. He has already changed much of the landscape of politics in this presidential cycle. He has already exposed the game for what it is. It is what is. I have ranted for months about how good people are muted by the political moves of well trained, well funded, deeply rooted political machines that exists for the sole purpose of getting politicians of their choice elected. Politics is about everything but issues. Politics is about delivering things for everyone but the people. It is not and has not been for a very long time about delivering good governance for the people.

We as a community should vote solely based on issues instead of on just how much we personally like the candidate. Yes. Obama has never been elected to an executive office. Yes. Obama has only been a Senator for about three years. Yes. Upon inspection Obama's record in state office does not necessary reveal him to be a maverick that has changed the landscape of politics in a city that desperately needs it. But, Barack is a very smart person that understands that what he promises he must deliver. He also has the experience of cracking the machine ceiling to break through into the United States Senate so he knows how to deal with dirtier politics- keep your hands clean. And he is not bad on the issues either.

Barack also knows that the best candidate and the best public official do not always win. He has experienced that already. He has broken open for our community to see plain as day how politicians routinely give their endorsements away solely based on political convenience instead of philosophical integrity. That is why many of the members of the Black Congressional Caucus endorsed Hillary Clinton before the Iowa Caucus. That is why scores of African-American state politicians in South Carolina jumped on the Hillary Clinton band wagon months ago when she looked like a lock for the nomination. That is why several African-American politicians in Chicago gathered under the cloak of anonymity at the Ballroom on Martin Luther King Drive in Bronzeville on the Southside of Chicago several months ago to pledge their support for Hillary Clinton. It was not about any issues. It was not about any differences in policy between Obama and Clinton. It was about picking up their thirty

Well, now that the race is wide open and Obama has demonstrated that he can win, the calculations have changed. Will all those African-American politicians jump ship and beg Obama for forgiveness or will change come on the local level as well as nationally?

I hope Obama continues to captivate the hearts, hopes, and dreams of the country and march right into the White House. And I hope that he starts to deliver real change from the moment he finishes his giving his oath of office until the moment that he hands over the keys to the new occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. And I hope that change that it flows from Washington, D.C. into our hearts and minds so that we can change our way of choosing politicians.

#### **News Briefs**

#### The Bronzeville Community **Development Partnership** (BCDP)

hosted a legislative reception and dinner celebration in the lower level lounge of Sebastian's Hideout in downtown Springfield Illinois. The legislative orientation reception was convened by the BCDP to educate African American legislators in the Illinois General Assembly on the importance of supporting African American heritage tourism development in Illinois. Bill Williams VP at the Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau and board member'of the BMC&TC (Right in photo) makes a point during the lively and entertaining orientation session. Other legislative and civic engagement leadership participating in the session included Rep. Ester Golar 3rd Dist, Sharon Morgan, Gina Griskall, Deborah Cuzan, State Senator Mattie Hunter 3rd Dist, State Senator Emil Jones Jr. 14th Dist, Anne Walker, Cheryl Colbert and Paula Robin-

#### "Watergate Type Conspiracy Unveiled Involving HUD™

CCN Media Group Media Network backs call by Investigative Reporter for indictment and resignation of top Chicago Local HUD Officials, Chicago, IL

A four year investigation reveals that Housing and Urban Development Officials lied under oath in federal case # C032209 regarding New Englewood Terrace Apartments. Vs United States of America (HUD) on an illegal termination of a Housing Assistance Payment Contract.. HUD recently lost the 4 year court battle. Investigative reporter, Lionel B Nixon (former HUD official) along with witnesses will provide facts never before revealed to the public.

A HUD "Watergate type" conspiracy involving top HUD officials in Chicago confiscated and destroyed information. In addition to their retaliation against whistleblower, Ms. Freddie C. Batchelor ( who's laptop they confiscated because it housed evidence of obstruction of justice),. Batchelor also stated there is additional proof of direct retaliation and intimidation from HUD contained in one of their business envelope marked (Your Eyes Only) from HUD Regional Office77 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois (Letter and envelope to be displayed at press conference!)-

Courtney Minor a federal HUD employee, said in that letter, said that Ms. Freddie Batchelor would be actually guilty of treason, if she talked about the obstruction of justice, a triple conflict of interest, malfeasance, public government corruption, and his misstatement of the ethics law.

Executive head of HUD, Secretary Alfonzo Jackson was accused of retaliation. Greene, one of the PHA officials said, "I'm experiencing what happens when you really say no to the Secretary". Appeals to Jackson and subordinates in Washington DC to investigate these matters were ignored, said Nixon

#### Farrakhan Scheduled to Address Nation of Islam "Saviors Day"

(Taylor Media Services) Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan is scheduled to address his organization's annual "Saviors Day" celebration in Chicago, Illinois on February 24th. Ouestions had been raised as to whether the 74-year-old Farrakhan would appear since he is thought to be suffering from complications related to treatment for prostate cancer. The often controversial Muslim minister had already turned over the day-to-day operations of his nationwide group to a committee he selected.

The theme of this year's gathering is "The Gods at War: The Future is all about Y.O.U. Persons interested in attending the event can visit online www.savioursday2008.org. or call 773-324-6000.

#### Rev. Jackson Responds to Fidel Castro's Resignation

The following statement from Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition is in response to today's announcement that Fidel Castro is resigning his lifelong post as President of Cuba.

"Today's announcement of Fidel Castro's resignation represents a major moment in history. The United States should seize this moment to open up a new era of relations with Cuba. It is time to break down old barriers and build new bridges must be an end to the economic blockade against Cuba and usher in a new climate of open educational, trade and cultural exchanges between our two countries. Restoring normal diplomatic relations with Cuba serves the interest of peace in our hemisphere. It is President Bush and Secretary of State Rice that should initiate this process.

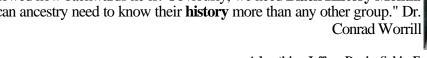
Quotes: Black History

"I don't want a Black History Month. Black history is American history."

Morgan Freeman

"I don't even know how he could form his mouth to say that. (Freeman) showed how backwards he is. Obviously, we need Black History Month.

People of African ancestry need to know their **history** more than any other group." Dr.



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#### UnZip

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ake Meadows Apartments coming down!? Reports are in 10 years for low-raise condos. You mean to say Black middle class have to go too!? Wow city planners you are mean.

Congrats to 16th Alderman

Jo Ann Thompson at the Ribbon Cutting for a 146 unit senior supportive living building at 5717 S. Ashland

Legendary actress Denise Nicholas was in town recently at the

Walmart, 2500 W. 95th Street and then at Kmart, 17550 Halsted Street, Homewood, The award-winning actress and author Nicholas made several stops in Chicago to autograph copies of her best-selling novel, "Freshwater Road" and to speak with high school students about the book and what life was like during the Civil Rights movement.

It looks like The Chicago Black Wall Street Project's challenge for inclusion of new Black products at the new Treasure Island Supermarket in Hyde

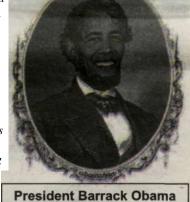
Park is being heard. Word has it that Treasure Island will announce that they have added Reggio 's Pizza to start and are actively calling on other Black Product owners. Look for more efforts like this to hit places like Tar-

get, Lowes, Best Buy, CVS, Walmart and others in the Black community. Hellooo Melody Spann-Cooper!

Newsmax Magazine's special report "Obama & the Oprah Factor" Can Oprah Winfrey, the most influential woman in America, make Barack Obama the next

President of the United States? A Zogby poll, commissioned by Newsmax, revealing Oprah's political reach and how Oprah stacks up against the power of Hillary Clinton.

"I believe that Barack Obama will defeat Hillary and win the Democratic nomination, " so says Dick Morris, along with Eileen McGann, and he provides strong supporting evidence: "I think .. victories in states as diverse as Washington, Louisiana, Ne-



braska, and Maine illustrate his national appeal and demonstrates Hillary's inability to win in states without large immigrant and Latino populations."

Please note that the young lady that song at the Former Mayor Eugene Sawyer city hall tribute on Friday, Feb. 1st was Englewood's very own, Felicia Coleman-Evans, daughter of Darlene Sherpard, President of the Sherwood Park Advisory Council Felicia is a member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and has song recently in Europe.

Feliicia made her Carnegie Hall debut as featured soloist in the tribute to the great Leontyne Price.

In Bronzeville Andrea Lee, M.S. W. has reported that the Grand Boulevard Federation, is now located in the Charles Hayes Center Wabash, 2nd Floor



Birthdays at FOX-TV include meteorologist Tammie Souza and GoodDay Chicago's morning news anchor Jan Jeff coat

While our community has said good by to some famous political names, we are taking the to also lift up the

names of a number our the not so famous name of people we have lost from the grassroots community. Berthond "Bert" Potts was another legend we lost from the grassroots community. Mr. Potts was a member of Operation Breadbasket, founding member of Operation PUSH and was still a current member of The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition at the time of his death. Potts' voice was well known to WVON\_AM 1690 listeners who for years heard Pott's on -air comments with his famous phrase "what I mean?" And right before his death he renewed his South Street Journal subscription. And to Black Star Project director, Phillip Jackson; his uncle and this publishers former landlord and friend, "The Button Man" Mr. John Jackson past. He was another regular caller on WVON. The same holds for **John** DeVaugh. He passed in December; a SSJ Advisory board member from the start in 1993. Then there was a host of family and friends of SSJ and the community at large. "Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in

heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.

But for somehow there were more deaths than there were births in the last two months.

### Chicago Schools a mix of regenterfication



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rates were decreasing at almost 50%... The truancy rate increased at 42 high schools, some quite markedly - Austin doubled from 33% to 64%, Robeson had 533 truants in 2006 up from 56 in 2005, Bogan 447 truants in 06 up from 14 truants. But dropout rates declined at many schools in 2006, including a few schools with a lot more truants.

Over the last five years Chicago has been experiencing a drastic economic transformation: a wave of new development and a reversal of white flight, a wave of gentrification, and the displacement of entire neighborhoods. To-

day again CPS proposed a variety of measures affecting nearly 200 schools that fall short of federal standards under No Child Left Behind. Repeating its proposal of 2006, roughly 1500 kids are going to be affected. Already there are students who will never be counted in the midsouth "BronzeviUe" and west area schools that closed. They have become the disappearing children—not displaced, vanished with the neighborhoods school they once called home. Catalyst Chicago an independent newsmagazine reports, this is a much more complex problem than is described in the media and firing everyone in a school won't necessarily change the outcomes for kids living in high poverty neighborhoods, or in communities where learnRallies continue by teachers as shown at RainbowPUSH to save teachers jobs in the wake of the Chicago Public Schools proposals to close schools and fire and move teachers as are the students.

ing and education is not valued by a large percent of the population.

For the teachers it will be hundreds of them, according to CPS .[Sun Times says nearly 500].Kids stay put at turnaround schools, while principals and teachers go back into the pool. Everyone leaves at -schools that are being outright closed — perhaps the most drastic move of the various options, even more so than turning a school around since it involves kids as well as teachers and administrators. Principals lose jobs at schools that are going to be consolidated, but teachers get to move along with the kids

For the teachers it contributed to the rapid replacement with privatized schools and to the recent firing of unionized teachers and increase of non-union charter schools.

CPS, CEO Arne Duncan is defending his proposal to close failing schools and fire hundreds of teachers from those facilities. But Marilyn Stewart, President of the Chicago Teachers Union countered that Duncan's plan would destroy the collective efforts of diligent teachers trying to make a difference

"As a 30-year teaching veteran, I'm concerned about the students, teachers and communities who will be adversely affected by these changes." Said Stewart in response to the proposed plans for turning around underperforming schools and consolidating underutilized schools.

In her statement she said, "Every student has the right to be educated in a safe, healthy learning environment. Many parents tell us they prefer that be a school within their own neighborhood. The Chicago Teachers Union has consistently opposed the idea of shifting students and closing schools as a means to improving them. We believe closing schools and displacing students and staff is not the answer."

One school advocate enlist that what's really going on here, if you look at all the choices for closings and messing around is an assertion by Duncan and Daley that they can do anything they want, since there is a "policy" reason for doing anything and a way of manipulating "data" to get the results they want. They currently have about 50 people (possibly as many as a hundred) "running the numbers" and preparing the lies for each school they are attacking. Demographics and Accountability are just the major departments that will be promoting the Big Lie over the next three weeks. The Law Department is working overtime to bring this prize (unlimited ability to terminate schools) to the Daley administration.

Steward said "As professional educators we know, and industry research has shown, that smaller classes lead to improved student achievement. Combining schools and students may lead to overcrowding, thus lessen a student's chance for success. The solution to underutilization is not to create overcrowding.

CPS must consult with the educators and other stakeholders affected in order to minimize or eliminate the adverse affects of these proposed changes. After all, teachers know what students need."

The CPS has held hearing around the city on the proposed turnarounds, consolidations, and relocations. The hearing are ending with a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at the Central Office, 125 S. Clark St., 5th Floor Board Chambers to vote on CPS proposals. To make comments at the meeting citizens must sign in for public participation in the lobby, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Meeting begins 10:30 a.m.

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### Seniors organizing on 40th street

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management company. We have issues such as deteriorating conditions of the parking lots as well as the buildings grounds. Other concerns sighted was: the Weatherizing of doors and windows, Insufficient lights in building court-yards, Plumbing and the Tenant use of the community room.

The Steward apartments monthly Rent is from: \$650 - \$850. Many of the residents said, "We even have worked with the Metropolitan Tenant Association plenty of meetings and workshops but nothing else, we need help!"

"Well first of all we are all in the dark, I think that Mr. Levin and Paul Bonner have came to a parting of the ways," Jeffery said.

"We have been told all types of things when it comes to our housings," Reverend Jefferies added. "Our concerns are that we are afraid if being moved up out of here and we have no where to go!" Reverend Jefferies a 24-year resident said.

"Since Habitat came to our buildings things have gotten worse,' Mrs. Ross who is also a long time resident added.

"Feces is backing up in my sink, the grease traps haven't been clean out, the smell of sewer water reeks throughout our building, "Reverend Jefferies went on to say.

Since December 2006 the residents have send out letters to the Governor, Congressmen, Habitat management company, HUD, MTO as well as numerous of others representative.

A spoke person for Congressman Bobby Rush -Touree Muhammad said when asked about the letter from Paul G Steward. "Congressman Rush informed me that he will be looking into this matter!" Muhammad said.

Mark Segal, Chief Operating Officer for The Habitat Management addressing the residents concerns responded by e-mail with a statement saying, "The Habitat Company shares residents' many concerns about the condition of the apartments owned by Paul G. Stewart Apartment Associates, Phase IV. As the management company engaged by the Illinois Housing Developing Authority to take over the management of this property, we have been working diligently with building ownership to help secure funding to make the necessary improvements to this building.

Habitat Company LLC has over 23,000 units under management, and are one of the largest private residential property managers in Chicago and the Midwest,

Aalderman Pat Dowell of the 3<sup>r</sup> ward where the apartments are located said that she is fully aware of the residents in the Paul G. Steward buildings concerns. She also informed me that she have been to numerous of their community meetings," but the problem or the burden lays on the two Owners CEO Fred Bonner and IDA they would have to come to some type of agreement to help the residents!" Dowell said.

Fred Bonner did not return calls on the matter.

Paul G. Stewart Apartments - is descript as a living bold, beautiful, and bountiful! With feature new, fully rehabbed, spacious studio, 1 & 2 bedrooms apartments - each with impressive amenities. In addition to a grocery store, dry cleaners, and a fitness center, we offer a full calendar of social activities, three media centers with 70' TVs, seven full-time social service coordinators, and 24-hour monitoring service - all with spectacular views of downtown and the lake i...However with all the improvements in the Paul G. Steward buildings recently; residents content that there needs to be be many more.'

" Recently IDA and Habitat have agree to come out and talk to the residents as well as put more capital into the buildings!" According to Metropolitian Tenant Organization (MTO) Organizer Malik.

The aging of the baby boomers has fueled

the change in senior housing options since the mid 1990's. The oldest baby boomers turned 60 in 2006, and when the trend peaks in 2030, the number of people over age 65 will soar to 71.5 million — one in every five Americans. As a result changes have been made in all facets of senior housing.



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**GUICHARD** SENTS REFLECTIONS OF AN ART MASTERED: AN INTRO-SPECTION Featuring the fine art of Charlotte Riley-Webb and Louis Delsarte, Exhibition till April 1, 5:00 - 10:00 pm Opening Reception: Gallery Guichard 3521 S. Martin Luther King Drive.



Xpressions of You is a time for young lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and allies/ supporters of these women of African descent to enjoy a safe space and address issues they may be facing at school, at home, in church, and in the community. Age: 18+, Every 1st Friday - Drop-in, 6-9pm @ Affinity 5650 S. Woodlawn, Garden Level. Affinity provides a safe space for game night, movie night, networking and community involvement. Food provided. Every 3rd Friday - Doors open @ 7. Showtime 8-10pm @ Affinity, 5650 S. Woodlawn, Garden Level. Music-n- Discussion, Artn-Discussion, Words-n-Discussion. Performances and post discussion.

Energy-Efficient Light Bulb Giveaway. The bulbs use twothirds less energy than a standard bulb to produce the same amount of light and last ten times as long. Over the next month, they will be distributed through: Aldermen's offices, The Chicago Department of Environment, 30 N. LaSalle St., 25th Fl. The Chicago Department of Housing, 33 N. LaSalle St., 2nd Floor The Historic Chicago Bungalow Association, 1 N. LaSalle St., 12th Floor, The Department of Aging's Senior Centers, or call 311 to learn the nearest location that distributes bulbs.

Volunteers Needed for Annual Daffodil Days in Chicago: March 17-21, evenr celebrates the hope cancer will be eliminated. The Chicago office of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its annual Daffodils Days, which celebrates the progress that cancer treatment is making, and the hope cancer will be eliminated. Among the volunteer tasks needed to be filled in addition to deliveries are daffodil pre-sales coordinators in individual Chicago businesses, and to take requests, pack and man individual table sales at locations around Chicago. Also needed are sponsors. For more information contact Emily Phillips at (312) 279-7257 or www.emily.phillips@cancer.org.

Older adults and people with disabilities should apply for Illinois Cares Rx and Circuit Breaker benefits over the Internet to get their benefits faster and to avoid any possible break in coverage next year. Individuals can use the online application at www.cbrx.il.gov because it is the fastest way to get approved for the state's prescription drug assistance program, Circuit Breaker property tax grants and \$54.00 license plate discount. The state's pharmaceutical assistance program, Illinois Cares Rx, provides wrap-around prescription drug coverage to fill in the gaps created by Medicare Part D and offers drug coverage for people who do not have Medicare. Seniors with questions about Illinois Cares Rx or Circuit Breaker can call the Senior HelpLine 1-800-252-8966 or 800-624-2459.

#### Thiirs. Feb. 14

NAACP Chicago Far-South Suburban Branch. February Monthly Meeting 7:00 P.M. St. Victors Catholic Church Rectory Hall 553 Hirsch Ave. Calumet City, II

#### Friday, Feb. 15

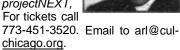
Cook County Commissioner Robert Steele (2nd District) Invites you to the Grand Opening of his new district office at 3936 West Roosevelt Road, 1st Fl 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For additional information or to RSVP please call (773) 722-0140. Entertainment and light refreshments. This month's Sistas in the Arts is cosponsored with Affinity's XPU. 7:30pm Affinity 5650 S. Woodlawn (garden level) Featuring: Sharon Powell Poet and Sex Health Educator.

Newsweek's Ellis Cose to kevnote Chicago Urban League



Annual Report Luncheon at the Hilton Chicago. A native of Chicago, Ellis Cose has, since 1993, been a contributing editor for Newsweek magazine. He is also the former chairman of the editorial board and editorial page editor of the New York Daily News. Cose began his journalism career as a weekly columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times—becoming, at the age of 19, the youngest editorial page columnist ever employed by a major Chicago

daily. In addition League President and CEO Cheryle Jackson will launch the next phase of projectNEXT, For tickets call



Haymarket Center will host a dessert and beverage gathering for employers who have employed clients from our eightweek Job Readiness Program. 2008 from 2:30-4:30pm at 124 N. Sangamon Street complimentary parking RSVP to: Nephtali Fuentes at 312.226.7984, ext

#### Monday, February 18, Tuesday, February 19,

Why are young black men in jail? Why are babies making babies? The Media Connection TV Show entertainer and producer Bill Cosby at the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast sponsored by the Rainbow/ PUSH Coalition as he discusses the critical issue of "Raising Our Youth". The Media Connection Host Naimah Latif, CAN-TV Channel 19 in Chicago. noon, Watch The Media Connection every Monday at 5 pm and Tuesday at 12 noon on CAN-TV Channel 19 in Chicago. To see on the Internet, go to Google Video and type in: The Media Connection host Naimah Latif. For info on upcoming shows call (312) 849-FILM (3456)

#### February 19,

Grand Boulevard Federation, PPEN Monthly Meeting - TUES-DAY, 2007 from 5-7 PM at 4150 S. King Drive (Centers for New Horizons). Please RSVP. GBF Monthly Meeting - Wed., February 20, 2007 at 10 AM at the Chicago Urban League (4510 S. Michigan). 4859 S. Wabash, 2nd Floor p: 773/548/8140 ext. 205

f: 773/548/6622.

#### Thursday, Feb. 21

ASK THE DOCTOR 10-11am at Bessie Coleman Library, 732 E. 63rd Street. Sponsored by the New Communities Program/TWO in partnership with the University of Chicago's Dr. Thomas Fisher, Instructor, Emergency Medicine and Community Solutions in Action, ASK THE DOCTOR offers community members the opportunity to ask University of Chicago physicians questions submitted in advance or to benefit from the ensuing conversation. Only

questions received by February 18th will be responded to. FAX questions to 773c/o 🎏 256-1584 Renita Austin.

Words of Inspiration by Robert T.

Sells, Christian author Robert T. Sells offers the ultimate expression of love and adoration with Words of Inspiration, using a beautiful com-

bination of poetry, prose and praise in this "love lanquage" book. 6 pm. Free. Books will be available for sale and autographing.



ROBERT T. SPLLA

Global Reach Inc presents a black History forum to acknowledge and celebrate the Achievements of African-America to World/Global History, Invited speakers are Dr. Yaounde Olu, Rev. Al Sampson, Marc FX Hart, Salim Abdul-Klhaliq, Ron Carter SSJ Newspaper, at 7 pm, dr. Jacob Caruthers CCICS, 700 East Oakwood Blvd. 39th and Langley, Coordinator by Randy Evans.

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To celebrate Black History Month, Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre (CRDT) Jubilation runs at 7:30pm at the Columbia College Chicago Music Department, 1014 S Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605. Matine e performances on February 19th and 21st at 12:00pm are also available to school groups and community organizations. Tickets to CRDT's Jubilation are \$35 for reserved seating and \$30 for general seating. Advanced reservations recommended. To purchase tickets, contact the Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre office at 773-847-0305 or CRDToffice@comcast.net. For more information, please visit us at

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The 2nd Annual Rosa Parks "Taking A Stand" Awards and Brunch honoring Clark Kirk, Clara Shelters: 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. 953 West 63rd Street Gifts from God Ministries. Love Donations will be accepted: Following the awards,

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participants will attend a black history play at Kennedy-King College. The play will cost \$8. Prior Winners were Sen. Jacqueline Collins and John Paul Jones. Email Gay Chisum

#### Sun. Feb. 24

The Gods at War: The Future is all about Y.O.U. (th) Youth Organized & United To Help. FAR-RAKHAN LIVE, McCormick . Place 2301 S. Lakeshore Dr. 2pm (doors open at 12 noon) \$20 donation Call Toure Muham-



mad at (773) 531-8798 or email toure@beansouptimes.com. Mon. Feb. 25,

Deputy registrars may accept the registrations of qualified residents to vote. Residents which must be a U. S. Citizen, must have been a resident in the precinct for at least 30 days prior to Election Day and must be at least 18 years old by next election. "Sign up for class today to become an Illinois Deputy Registrar" Class Held; Celia Gregg Memorial AME Church, 520 Sibley Boulevard, Calumet City, Illinois 60409. Reverend Clinton E. Ward III, Pastor, Monday 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. For info email to valencia hotmail.com or call Valencia E. Ross at (708) 539-7978.

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#### Westside **Association** for **Community Action Receives Community Grant** Award-

Westside Association For Community Action (WACA) was the recipient of a community grant award recently from Jewel-Osco and Coca-Cola Enterprises at the 9th Annual Taste of Black History Kick-Off Reception held at DuSable Museum of African-American History in Chicago. WACA was recognized at the Black History kick-off reception for their excellent, diligent community work over the years. Five other community organizations were awarded and include: St. Sabina Church; Black-on-Black Love; Kenwood Oakland Community Organization; DuSable Museum of African-American History and Proviso Leyden Council on Community Action.



Pictured above are: (left to right) Miguel Alba, director of Public Affairs for Jewel-Osco; Corinne Jenkins, executive director of WACA; Lola Jenkins, vice president of Operations at WACA; Roy Whitmore, president of Operations at Jewel-Osco and Anthony Taylor, manager of Community Relations at Coca-Cola Enterprises.

The Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO) was also the recipient of a community grant award from Jewel-Osco and Coca-Cola Enterprises at the 9th Annual Taste of Black History Kick-Off Reception held at DuSable Museum of African-American History in Chicago. KOCO was recognized at the Black History kick-off reception for their excellent, diligent community work over the years. Five other community organizations were also awarded and include: St. Sabina Church; Black-on-Black Love; Westside Association For Community Action; DuSable Museum of African-American History and Proviso Leyden Council on Community Action.



### Teachers off tomorrow rally for funding least five years in neighborhood classroom. When she picked up her

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To celebrate progress and foster growth of their community-enriching program, teacher candidates of Grow You Own Teachers Illinois will rally in the Capitol rotunda in Springfield on Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 11:30 a.m.

Legislators and teacher candidates has launched their message: Grow Your Own which they say saves taxpayers' money because it fills understaffed lower-income schools with highly qualified teachers who are committed to their communities.

"The GYO partnerships and the inspiring teacher candidates will make their case for needed funding in Springfield with policy makers, many of them long-time supporters," said GYO director Anne Hallett.

Funded by the state, GYO unites community groups, higher education institutions and school districts to recruit teacher candidates from lower-income neighborhoods where schools have trouble retaining qualified staff. The state funds provide forgivable loans that help put the candidates through college so they can obtain teaching certificates. In exchange, they agree to teach for at

Organizers expect more than 100 candidates from GYO's 16 partnerships around the state to attend the rally.

'We have grown considerably in the two years of the initiative," Hallett said. GYO wants funding for the program to increase from \$3 million a year in 2007 and 2008 to \$4.5 million for 2009. "This program has expanded from 12 partnerships to 16 and from 395 teacher candidates to 545. Increased funding is badly needed to support this growth."

The law that funds GYO sets a goal of 1,000 new teachers in schools by 2016.

Hallett says that 87 percent of GYO teacher candidates are nonwhite. "They are people who live in the neighborhoods," she said. "They know the culture of the kids and bring major assets into the classroom. We want these highly motivated adults to have the resources they need to reach their promise to become highly qualified teachers."

Candidate Tiana Camphor, 25, of Chicago's Southwest Side, was a dreamer, although she didn't dream of eventually being at the front of a

diploma from a south suburban high school, she was a teenaged single mother, and what she wanted was to

"When I got out of high school, I really didn't have a desire to go to college. I didn't see the importance of it," Camphor says. "I was going to pursue a career in music.'

But her love for her child and for reading joined with her love for music to put her on another path, one that would lead her to a husband, two more children, a church, community activism and then to Grow Your Own.

Camphor recalled that in high school "all my friends were studious, and my close friends went to college. My best friend went to St. Xavier in nursing." Camphor was visiting that friend who brought her to a lifechanging moment: Camphor was introduced to a young man playing the piano in the lobby of her friend's

was a pastor involved in St. Xavier's campus ministry. He invited her to join his gospel choir. Now, Corey Camphor is her husband and the (Continued on page 6)

### WEST SIDE!!

some of the latest developments concerning the Proposed Ogden-Pulaski TIF. The Lawndale Alliance on Cable channel CAN TV21

The Lawndale Alliance will hosted the Ogden-Pulaski TIF Hotline on Monday, February 11, 2008, Cable channel CAN TV21. The live call in show, co-hosted by Valerie F. Leonard and Joe Ann Bradley, will gave viewers a forum within which to discuss some of the issues surrounding the Proposed Ogden-Pulaski TIF Redevelopment Plan; provided an overview of the approval process and explore ways the TIF may more directly benefit local businesses, homeowners and residents. Program sponsors include the Monroe Foundation and Do for Self Community Development Corporation. A press release is

#### **Approval Process**

The Proposed Ogden-Pulaski TIF Redevelopment Plan is being advanced without the benefit of a local advisory council to review it before it is approved. The redevelopment plan was introduced to the Community Development Commission on December 11, 2007, and was reviewed by the Joint Review Board on January 4, 2008. The matter will appear before the Community Development Commission for a public hearing on February 19, 2008. The hearing will take place at 1:00, in City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall. We urge you to stand in the gap for North Lawndale and present public testimony. For info 773-521-3137.

#### Correspondence to the City

The Lawndale Alliance submitted a letter to the Community Development Commission with a detail outline of our concerns and recommendations surrounding the Proposed Ogden-Pulaski TIF Redevelopment Plan. They have since received a letter

from the Department of Planning that refers them back to the Plan, but the group reported it does not address their concerns. However, Commissioner Randall has referred them to Deputy Commissioner Bonome for further discussion.

#### **TIF Advisory Council**

There still is no TIF Advisory Council in place for the Proposed Ogden-Pulaski TIF. Nor has there been any communication from Alderman Dixon or Alderman Munoz as to when a Council will be put into place. If you are interested, please contact Alderman Dixon's office at 773-522-2430. If you are in the 22nd Ward, you should contact Alderman Ricardo Munoz at 773-762-1771.

#### A Call to Action

Call Alderman Sharon Dixon at 773-522-2430 and Alderman Ricardo Munoz at 773-762-1771. Ask them to recommend that the Community Development Commission not move forward with the Proposed Ogden-Pulaski TIF Redevelopment Plan until a TIF Advisory Council is put in place, and community input is in-

#### The Civic Federation Calls for TIF Reform

The Civic Federation issued a report recently calling for TIF reform. To download a copy of the PDF file, click onto the link below. http://www.civicfed.org/articles/ civicfed\_261.pdf

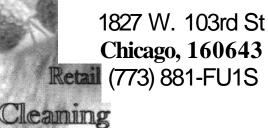
**Inquiring Minds Want to Know** Ms. Anita Booth provided the following information: A neighbor on 19th and Drake report, that they received a letter offer from the Department of Planning to buy their 2 flat for \$82.000.000. According to what was said in the (City's TIF) meeting, the plan had not yet been approved, so how could they make an offer for property in the TIF.

We will inquire if this home owner requested to sell their property. We thank the North Lawndale **Community News for continuing** to cover community and economic development issues.





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sembly knows it."

#### **Teachers**

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father of her two younger children. Her husband also helped her connect to the Ambassadors for Christ Church, near 79th Street and Ashland Avenue in Chicago, and through the church, the singer found another voice. She became an activist with TARGET Area DevCorp., a community organizing and development organization that helped form GYO Illinois and is a GYO partner with Chicago State University and the Chicago Public Schools.

With a home life, a church and a community anchoring her, Camphor reverted to an old love.

"My husband had the book at our house," she said, referring to "Inside Mrs. B's Classroom: Courage, Hope and Learning on Chicago's South Side," written by a Chicago journalist, Leslie Baldacci, who left the craft to become a teacher.

Camphor was shocked when she read the stories of the miserable conditions in the schools.

One of Baldacci's statements stood out: "I can go and I can make a difference."

Shortly after Camphor finished the book, she learned about the GYO teachers' initiative, and today she is studying at Chicago State University to earn her teaching certificate.

To her, just as important as GYO's financial backing for school is the group's moral support through its cohort program.

"Our cohort is really like a big family. We check up on each other. We read chapters together," she said, adding that GYO's child-care assistance is a "life saver."

Will she be at the rally?

Yes, she says: GYO is "just awesome. We need to have more fund-

For Madeline Talbot, lead organizer of Action Now and a power behind getting the law passed, "there is no excuse for giving the kids who need the most help the least experienced teachers.

"GYO is changing that," Talbot

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#### CBS 2 Special Edition of EYE ON CHICAGO **CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

added, "and we're going to Spring-

field to make sure the General As-

Special Eye on Chicago Will Air Saturday, Feb. 23, at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, Feb. 24, at 10:30 a.m. Donna Thompson, CEO Access Community Health Network, featured guest

CBS 2's Diann Burns will host a special edition of Eye on Chicago in celebration of Black History Month in Chicago. The half-hour program will air on CBS 2 on February 23 at 11:00 AM and again on February 24 at 10:30 AM. Burns will be joined by CBS 2 anchors and reporters, Suzanne LeMignot, Steve Baskerville, Jim Williams, Derrick Blakley, Pamela Jones and Dorothy Tucker. The program will focus on important issues impacting Chicago's African-American community. The topics include healthcare, children with special needs, male role models and cul-

#### Black History "There are still a few seats available!" **GHETTO**

Ms. Beauty Turner has a unique bus tours of the inner city' It were featured in the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Sun Times, Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, as well as numerous of other prominent papers in early July 07.

**TOURS** 

Next tour is on March 17 from 10-1 pm. (Visiting Cabrini Green Development.)

There are still a few seats available for "Beauty's Ghetto Bus

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Turner will take you to historic sites, provide you with data and details about low-income families, and introduce you to people who



Rear center Ms. Beauty Turner founder and host of Beauty's GHETTO Tours looks on as co-host Ron Carter, publisher and Editor discuss and explain issues surrounding public housing. Photo by Mable Hardy

have been relocated from Robert Taylor Homes, State way Gardens, Madden Park Homes and the city's other, now-demolished high rise public housing developments. She has provided similar tours for Northwestern University's Freshman Urban Program, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, Cardinal Francis George and others.

The last tour was almost at capacity, so people are strongly recommend contacting Beauty at 773-924-9590 or 1-773-297-5619 cell, beautvturner@gmail.com Tickets are \$25 each.

Google search "Beauty's Ghetto Bus Tours" for more information.

Some of the people, groups who have grace the Beauty's Ghetto Bus Tours with their presents include: LA California Professor/Student 1/9/08

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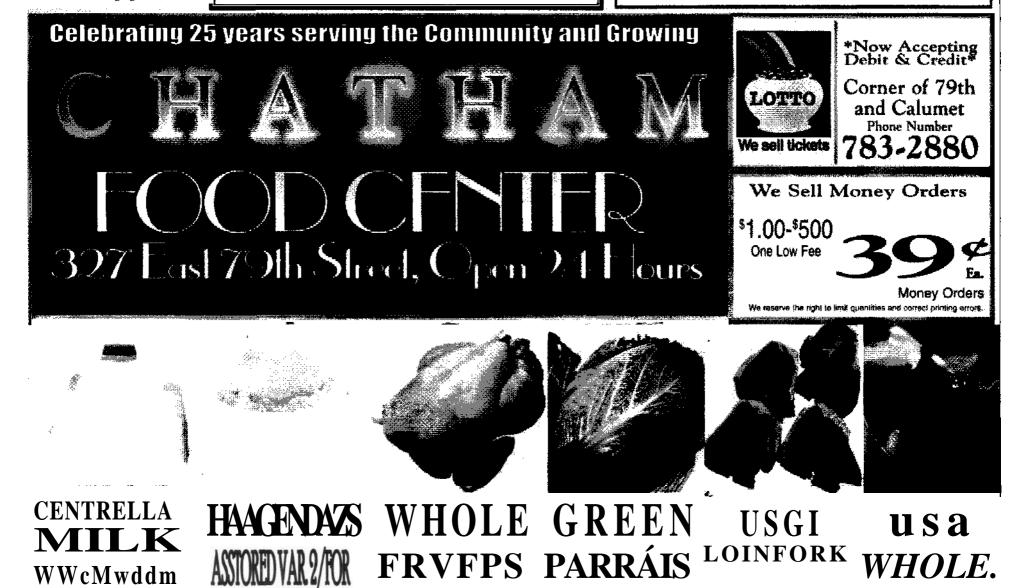
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#### **Gun Control in Chicago**

Propelled by daily reports of shooting deaths across the nation, Rev. Gregory Livingston, national field secretary' for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, assembled leaders from the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence, Purpose Over Pain, Save Another Life and others to plan concerted action in pursuit of stricter gun laws.

"We did not call this meeting because we knew that six people were going to be shot in a Missouri courthouse yesterday," Rev. Livingston said. "Nor did we know that three women would die because of gun violence in Louisiana this morning.'

Mayor Richard M. Daley unveiled a package of "common sense" gun legislation proposals the City will support in Springfield and Washington, D.C., that balances the need to protect the rights of gun owners with the necessity of reducing the threat of gun violence in Chicago and all across

Rev. Livingston told the group that 30,000 people die from gun violence in the United States every year, with gun violence now the leading cause of death among African American males ages 15-24.

Initial crime data from last year shows that the vast majority of homicides in Chicago 75 per cent — involved firearms, Daley said.

Further, the data show that 89 per cent of offenders had a prior record and that more than 73 per cent of murder victims had a prior record

as well, he said.

"Every year, I've presented an aggressive package of gun reform legislation in Springfield and Washington, D.C. In the last few years, we've made some, but not enough progress against the odds in Springfield.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, called for a summit of anti-gun organizations after five women were fatally shot at a Lane Bryant department store in Tinley Park, Illinois. Throughout 2007, Rev. Jackson led a campaign in support of common sense gun laws and a ban on assault weapons. In July, he and Fr. Michael Pfleger, pastor at the Faith Community of St. Sabina, were arrested during a protest at Chuck's Gun Shop in Riverdale, Illinois.

'Rev. Jackson was there when Dr. King was killed with a gun," Rev. Livingston reminded participants in today's meeting.

Many of those participants have been involved in tragic incidents of gun violence, including Jennifer Bishop of the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence. Since the shooting deaths of her pregnant sister and brother-in-law, Bishop has spearheaded numerous anti-gun violence marches and rallies promoting awareness to the

Daley said the legislative package includes five proposals - four of which will be pursued at the state level and one at the federal level.

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Saturday, Channel 25 (Comcast) 7:00 p.m.

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knew about a woman who was born September 18, 1915 in Waterford, Mississippi. She was the 9th of 15 siblings. She received her education in the public school system in Mar-



shall ¿ounty, Mississippi. Mrs. Nadie Smith did I met this great not have an opportunity to complete her education but she used what she had learned to help others. While a 7th & 8th grade student, she was an able instructor who taught the lower grade level students. She volunteered and taught reading education at District 169 in Ford Heights to low- achieving students in the community. She did not have a diploma or a degree from any school or university, but she had a Ph.D. in life and yet another, in love.

Mrs. Smith career was being a wife to her husband and mother to her 13 children. She was a social worker to many in the community. She provided respite care to many, cleaning their homes and preparing their meals. She was a great worker with the PTA. She also volunteer for the American Red Cross who was responsible for making sure the children were vaccinated with their early childhood shots.

I remember eating many meals at her home. Nadie Smith cooking was one of her passions. She would cook a feast fit for a King. Breakfast consisted of bacon, eggs, grits, sausage, oatmeal, salmon and rice, and homemade biscuits on a daily basis. Her dinners were served with Roast, Turkey and Dressing, Beef Stew, Fried Chicken, peach cobbler, pound cake and her homemade dinner rolls. Nadie Smith was very big on family and community coming together.

I often speak about it takes a whole village to raise a child. Mrs. Nadie Smith was that type of woman who not only said it but lived it. If you did not have anywhere to sleep, you had it at her home. If you were hungry than you showed up and had breakfast, lunch and dinner.

woman over 41 years ago and

always enjoyed our conversations and words of wisdom. I learned how to cook from this woman because I spent so much time in the kitchen with her. She would always tell me that when she cooks, it's not by measurements but to the taste. I mastered this technique because of

We need to learn the basics of what a family consist of and continue teaching our children moral values. I remember Nadie Smith told me a long time ago, "Family is like a tree, you need a leaf, branch and the roots. The leaf provides beauty, the branch provides strength and roots provide life. One cannot survive without the other." She fed and provided shelter, and mentored to so many in the community of Ford Heights. Nadie Smith has left this world but will always live in so many people's heart. She has gone to join her husband of 58 years. I had a vision of Deacon A.C. Smith standing at those pearly gates taking his bride to their new home. Nadie with her long silky black hair and draped in white with gold trim, telling the angels to continue to watch over her children and over 38 grandchildren, 93 great grandchildren and 23 great great-grandchildren. The church was crowded not because Nadie died, but because how she lived. This Great woman was not just a mentor to me, but she was my grandmother with a message that will live on forever. In her training I will continue to be an advocate for children and senior citizens.

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### Atty. takes on CHA/Police harassment of residents

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Robert Taylor Homes written in the South Street
Journal.

Dariul Moore age 18 at that time was allegedly threatened and told by CPD not to visit his bed ridden grandmother while she lived in the projects. Or he would be constantly arrested for trespassing. "One time was too much to be arrested for visiting my Grandmother," according to Dariul Moore "My grandson was afraid to come over and visit me," Moore said in a telephone interview on February 17, 08.

"It felt wrong as if it were illegal than!"
Moore added. It's unconstitutional for residents in public housing to be treated any less than being American citizens. Being poor shouldn't make you any less than any one else in America; and any one else that being treated unfairly challenge it in the court of law. Recently that same issue was raised in 2007 during my Ghetto Bus Tours.

Residents from the Dearborn homes, and Harold ICKES Homes told me what were taking place in their homes; Residents from ICKES sued CPD, CHA and the city about this trespassing issue. And this year they are finding out that fighting back pays off as Attorney Holder stood up in support of some of the residents.

On February 8, 2008, Arty. Holder won two cases of trespass on the Ickes property by way of acquittal.

The State of Illinois failed to meet its burden that Ickes residents could not have visitors on the property and such visitors would be arrested for trespass by Chicago Police. Each defendant, Larry Smith and LaCharles Washington, was charged with two counts of trespass: Trespass to State Supported Land and Trespass to Real Property.

Attorney Holder subpoenaed the Chicago

Housing Authority and the Woodlawn Organization (the Ickes' property manager) for alleged rules and regulations that residents could not have visitors. CHA as a whole pays the CPD \$16 million annually to police public housing, in which Derrick Hill reports he has no know report of what the CHA gets for their money.

LaCharles Washington was visiting his infant child prior to going to school at 10 am, when he was arrested outside the steps of an Ickes building and detained for ten days. He was later told by an assistant public defender to plead guilty if he wanted go home since he could not afford to post bond.

Attorney Holder was in court that day and convinced Mr. Washington to withdraw his plea of guilty and fight for his innocence. Friday's victories also settle a previous belief of Judicial Sub circuit No. 9 Judge Marvin P. Luckman, who, in open court, previously told

defendant Larry Smith, "Unless you are on the lease, you can't be on the Ickes property."

Mr. Smith is also the father of an infant child who resides on the property; he was arrested with the child's mother, Marie Battle, last July. Attorney Holder tried Ms. Battle's case last October, which resulted in a not guilty verdict by Judge Luckman.

These acquittals now set a precedent for



"... these arrests and prosecutions are flatout wrong... young people have been arrested in public housing from the year of 05 until now. Many of them now have a felony on their records concerning these trespassing charges." Attorney Holder

of them now have a felony on their records concerning these trespassing charges.

Following the residents addressing the issues this reporter with Reverend Jesse Jackson and some other ministers stayed overnight at Ickes so the residents who are speaking out are not harassed. Jackson called the harassment an attempt to drive away low income residents from the in-

creasingly upscale near South Side.

the many pending and potential future trespass cases against relatives and friends of Ickes residents.

The victories also provide more fuel to the class action lawsuit filed by Attorney Holder on behalf of Harold Ickes Home residents against the City of Chicago Police Department in October of 2007. Attorney Holder has received hundreds of complaints regarding abuse of police power, including but not limited to trespass. Attorney Holder, who represented the men pro bono, commented, "the most important thing to me is that public housing residents realize that they do not have lesser rights just because the live She continued, "These victories

prove that if you fight for what is right, you will prevail. Many of these arrests and prosecutions are flat-out wrong and a waste of the taxpayer's money." So many other young people have been arrested in public housing from the year of 05 until now; many

lytical stars. She gained national attention for fighting for the rights of railroad workers who were fired in the name of "homeland security" which led to a Congressional hearing. Her law firm specializes in criminal defense, expungements, Governor's pardons, police brutality and personal injury lawsuits.

Ms. Holder sits on the Women of Power Alumni Association Advisory Board; and is also the founder of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Expungement Clinic.

Get in touch with Attorney Támara Holder (<a href="http://www.xpunged.com">http://www.xpunged.com</a>)



Ickes Homes is located on the west side of State Street between 22nd to 25th street. Young residents tried of police harassing them, climb in a tree and firm the misconduct of the Chicago Police Department violating their citizen rights and degrading them.

Ickes Homes is currently serving as one of CHA's "relocation resources," transfering residents who were moved from other developments. Plans for this property's future are under consideration. As half of the building are closed down.

Holder is one of Chicago's rising legal ana-

### Politicians slept in Chicago

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did not make the same case for Brookins as they did for Obama," Stanley A said.

Even though political leaders like Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. and others did not support Brookins, there was still enough voters that did not vote at all that could have made the difference for Brookins. Rev. Al Sampson's radio commercials talked about making history with Obama, but did not include the historic candidacy of Alderman Howard Brookin.

Ranoule Tatum who dropped out of the race for 26th District State representative endorsed the winner Will Burns a political insider that had enough backing to defeat Kenny Johnson. Tatum said that he was glad that his supporters were able to make the difference for Burns in his victory. "Most people saw Burns and Johnson running similar high tech campaigns, so we were glad to add our truly grassroots support on the ground for Burns and our 20% of support for Burns helped make the difference and we are glad and confident in Burns leadership." We could have done more to connect Brookins to Obama but did not and that's unfortunate, said Tatum.

"Not voting for Brookins was a travesty." Said Wallace "Gator" Bradley. 'While Authorities tried to pull me down and, criminalize me for. spreading the vice, 'put down the bullet, pick up the ballot, as a (Black) people are being tortured by police, under brutal circumstances and, facing depths of fiscal police organizations which are unimaginable. This was our last chance, the chance of a lifetime to speak out against the injustices.

Women might have taken a toll in the voting

turnout; seriously against Brookins for doing his wife "wrong", shamelessly spoken, 'women of Chicago lack the vision of the larger spectrum, the Big Picture', take a look next time." Gator also mentioned.

In response to the voter turnout, WVON on air host Matt McGill said that he talked to people that did not vote and it appears that there is a sentiment among a lot of voters that they are "anti anything to do with politics, no matter what happens." With all the media hype around Obama that it wasn't clear that some real hands-on voter education still needed to be done to convince more people to vote.

Even with the small voter turn out Tatum, explained, "People do vote, African Americas do vote, however it is the percentage that does not participate, those are the votes that matter most because they neutralize the movement, they do not believe a change can come." A dent in a Black political movement and its leadership.

The black political base of leadership has issues of a transformation or a further lost of its political landscape.

A lost that have many concerns of the economics of communities. William Beavers lost his seat as 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Democratic Committeeman to Sandi Jackson, and may now lose his seat as City Chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party.

Bobby Rush surrendered his post of the first Black Historical 2nd ward committeemanship by not seeking reelection or slating anyone to retain it.

T.J. Crawford another WVON on air host said that too many people in the next genera-

tion still talk about how the elections were stolen proving that a majority vote does not count and don't participate.

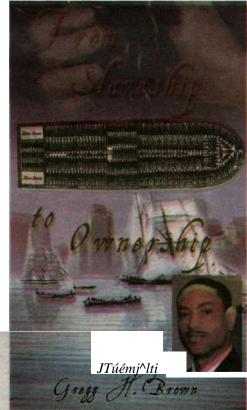
Rick Bryant District Director for Jesse Jackson Jr, said "that's sad, maybe some correspond to conclusion, we need to listen to what Obama is speaking of, we need to realize this is a democracy, you get who you vote in."

"They say that after all the work people did in the last election, Bush was made the President even after Gore won a majority vote," Crawford said. And now the candidate is Obama, you already have super delegates saying that even if Obama win the popular vote they will keep their commitment to the Clinton so that kind of talk proves once again that the majority vote will not count.

The people of the 3rd Ward elected Alderman Pat Dowell as 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Committeeman. Dowell said " the State of Illinois, and the country went to the polls to elect leaders who represent their values. I am deeply honored to be your Alderman and as Committeeman, I will ensure that our ward elections are held to the highest standards of integrity and fairness. I cannot express my gratitude enough for those who worked so hard on my behalf to make me the Democratic Committeeman of the 3rd Ward. Most importantly, I want to thank the voters of the 3rd Ward. Your faith in me will not be forgotten and I will work everyday to demonstrate that it is not in vain. Together, we will make our ward the best in the City of Chicago.'

As we move into what is going to motivate voters to vote in November, enough community and political lead-

ers now agree that there must be more direct contact with the 400, 000 people that did not vote and how assessing what message will get them to the polls in November.



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### From the Scottsboro Nine (9) To the Jena Six.

e salute The NAACP for the great job they did to help the Scottsboro Boys after many of local lawyers refused to defend them; them were sentenced to die in the electric chair in Alabama. They did come to their aid after dropping the Ball to the IDL in the beginning and I Want to talk more about what they actually did for them.

But before saying more about the NAACP, I want to say something about police brutality. After the Civil War, Now we know the slave owners bull-whipped their slave, cut their feet, toes and fingers off; raped the black women and sodomized the men. But after the Civil War was over, and the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments were passed, it was unlawful to do this, so lynching prevailed in the South and also some Northern cities and thousands of Black men were lynched all the way up to the 1930's

Now, I was born June 25, 1931, at the beginning of The Great Depression, in Chicago, Illinois, exactly three (3) months after the Scottsboro incident, which took place three months before. Can you see the connection? If you don't, keep reading and you will see it.

On page 25 of a book by James Goodman, who taught history and social studies at Harvard University, you read where it says in his book entitled Stories OF Scottsboro: "The deputies discovered two white girls, dressed in men's overalls. Initially they said nothing about an assault. The first time the sheriff asked them if the boys had bothered them they said no only under the pressure of the lynch mob outside the jail in Scottsboro and the prodding of the solicitor, who kept saying, "Go ahead and say they did it, that boy attacked you, didn't he." The girls finally agree to make the charge. Investigations after the trials revealed that the two girls were notorious prostitutes, who applied their trade in Huntsville and Chattanooga. One of them,

Ruby Bates had once been arrested for hugging a Negro in public.

"The boys were held without bail;

Newspapers whipped up the mob spirit, and the judge scheduled the first trial for horse-swapping day, ensuring a tremendous crowd. Ten thousand people, most of them armed with rifles and revolvers, poured into a town of fifteen hundred. Sheriffs beat the boys in an effort to extract confessions, but in spite of the lies... they did not confess and they refused the advice of their crooked lawyer to "plead guilty and beg for life in jail." On the night of the first day of the trials, however, Clarence Norris was taken out of his cell alone, threatened, and badly beaten. He turned states evidence the next day. The verdict in the first case was greeted with applause and cheers from the spectators in the courtroom and a thunderous roar from the crowd outside. A brass band struck up a tune. The second jury had to be influenced

by the reaction of the people of Jackson County to the verdict of the first.

It is significant to note that police brutality is not a ne procedure in our criminal justice system. However, in 1931 Black men were beaten openly and in public view until the US Supreme Court began to reverse cases like Brown v. Mississippi, etc., at which point police departments started secret interrogations in the back rooms near alleys of police stations of police departments started secret interrogations in the back rooms near alleys of

police stations of the United Sta tes, and while PCFA,INT'L doesn't go along with IDL's line of reasoning(because we are not Communist or Socialist), we prefer to believe that it was the US Supreme Court ruled in Powell v. Alabama 1932, the white man knew that from then on there would be oversight and the Writ of Habeas Corpus, and the writ of certiorari would bring

**Bryant Purvis** 

Theodore Shaw

reversals of these violations in the Federal Court. It was after Scottsboro that police departments went underground, so to speak, especially

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#### Obama reply to Mr. Tavis **Smiley**

President and CEO, The Smiley 3870 Crenshaw Boulevard, Suite 391 Los Angeles, CA 90008

Dear Tavis,

hank you for the invitation to participate in the 2008 State of the Black Union forum in New Orleans, Louisiana February 21-23. The exchange of ideas raised at this annual symposium are invaluable as our nation strives to address the critical issues facing not just

African Americans, but Americans of every race, background and political party.

I especially commend you for hosting this dialogue in New Orleans. On the eve of the Louisiana primary, I visited this great city for the fifth time since declaring my candidacy to share policy proposals for rebuilding the Gulf Coast so that we never experience another Hurricane Katrina. On February 9,1 was deeply humbled to win the Louisiana primary with 86 percent of the African American vote and a 14 point lead among all voters who said they were adversely affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Uniting our country and creating a national constituency for fundamental change is why I am running for President of the United States. We have come a long way in this race, but we still have a long road ahead. In the final stretch, I will be on the campaign trail everyday in states like Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin talking directly with voters about the causes that are at the heart of my campaign and the State of the Black Union forum such as affordable healthcare, housing, economic opportunity, civil rights and foreign policy. I am committed to touching every voter, and working to earn their vote.

That is why with regret, I am not able to attend the forum. I understand that you have declined the campaigna€Ms request to have Michelle Obama speak on my behalf. I ask that you reconsider. Michelle is a powerful voice for the type of real change America is hungry for. No one knows my record or my passion



for leading America in a new direction more than Michelle

Tavis, this is our movement and our time. I look forward to working closely with you throughout this election. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Barack Obama

#### **Rev. Jackson Responds to Lynching Party Reference by** Bill O'Reilly

The following is a statement from Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., founder and president of Rainbow PUSH Coalition regarding Bill O'Reilly's comments about Michelle Obama.

Dear Editor

n his radio program, talk show host Bill O'Reilly commented on Michelle Obama's recent statement regarding pride in her country. O'Reilly said, "I don't want to go on a lynching party against Michelle Obama unless there's

#### **Letters From**

evidence, hard facts that say this is how the woman really feels."

This statement is hurtful and dangerous. These words from a man with a media platform like O'Reilly's can unwittingly send suggestions to sick people at a time when we have escalating mass violence, Jena is still a recent memory, and

the noose continues to surface as a symbol of intolerance in communities across the country.

The statement also calls up images of some of America's darkest moments. The lynching party—a horrific event that brutalized black Americans and terrorized communities. There is no acceptable context for the use of the term "lynching party" in our national political dialog and media.

President Bush recently stated that "lynching is not a word to be mentioned in jest. As a civil society, we should understand that noose displays and lynching jokes are deeply offensive. They are wrong. And they have no place in America today."

The President is right. While free speech is our right and privilege, there are standards of decency and dignity that all participants in the political dialog should observe as we energetically debate the issues.

We should all be sensitive to the historical journey Barack and Michelle Obama are on, and we owe it to ourselves to assume our best behavior and maintain maximum dignity.

Bill O'Reilly owes Michelle Obama and all of America an apology. Fox News must also react to this insensitive comment that is a reference to the very worst of America's racist past. We are asking both Fox News and the FCC to pass judgment

#### A Presidential Request

President George Bush The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

ye waited 7 years to contact you making sure we were successful in developing a road map impacting the plight to save the dreams, hopes and aspirations of the youth in the community where we live. We have the audacity to hope for America's promise.

We have spent the last 7 years saving a historical apartment building named the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments which I was illegally evicted from in 1999 where I served as the H.U.D. Drug Elimination Coordinator of a seeding program

In the police stations of northern big cities like New York, Chicago, Illinois in 1952,21 years after The Scottsboro incident, and by that time the practice was to arrest Black men in these big cities and take them to the back of these police stations near the alleys where they could not be heard in the front of the police stations where the Desk Sergeant sits, and if someone comes through the alley and hears the screams of a Black man being tortured, they would think some man was beating his wife.

This kind of police behavior was going on 30 years later when Police Commander Jon Burge and his cohorts tortured almost 150 Black men, and the people of Cook County Chicago paid over \$ 5 million for an investigation that admitted some blacks had been tortured, but that the statute of limitation had run out. The only difference between what happened to me and what happened to them was that Commander Burge had been a soldier in Viet Nam where he learned to use the Black Box, and when he joined

partment, he brought one with him, ten, and the rest is history. Well, I write about what the NAACP did Boys after they were tried and hat will have to wait until next





Ron Carter, publisher and editor, Mark Allen, associ ate editor

n March 1, we will come into the Black Wall Street Summit thanking those of Tulsa Okalahoma and even those in Bronzeville as they have lived the Black Economic agenda that we strive for today.

Our economic purpose then and as we carry it out once again is to recognize the issues upon us and the challenges ahead. The Black Wall Street, originally

known as the Negro's Wall Street, is a term, reportedly coined by Booker T. Washington, to describe the segregated black business district on the south end of Greenwood Avenue in Greenwood, Tulsa, Oklahoma during the early 1900s. It was a prosperous area, made so partly by the segregation laws in effect at the time that restricted African Americans from spending their money in white areas. The area reportedly used "black dollars" instead of U.S. currency to do business inside the district.

Chicago today witness daily of the spiraling number of black males languishing on the streets. Regrettably, they have been eradicated from the process because they are considered an obsolete and fungible commodity with little or no economic worth, as jails are an economic market for others using Black youth.

It has been 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, to widespread access to capitol and the responsibility that the community must act and act quickly. One example as 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. The 2040 Plan places strong emphasis within the

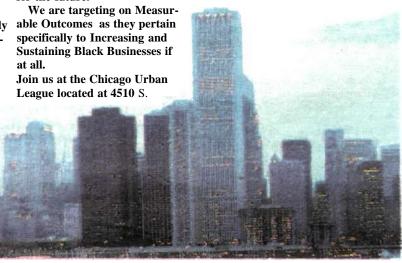




In as much, the Black Wall Street committee has proclaimed that the Summit is a long term long over due campaign with business organizations, consumer advocates, and business-related agencies is in place to assess actions taken and the challenge ahead to secure and increase Black businesses.

This Summit is to leverage our most valuable assets intellectual of working in harmony - while we utilize the nearly \$800 billion in Black consumer spending to advance our own economic agendas. We are to collaborate with the Chicagoland community businesses to strengthen the economic base among Black Americans.'

There is no division among us. We are joined together in the same mind. Grant unto us each representative, the boldness speak a natural agenda which confirm with signs of action as where we are to go for the future.



#### the People

called the "Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments Challenge" during the Empowerment Zone

In 1981 the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments (Rosenwald) was placed on the National Register of Historic Places list by then Congressman Harold Washington thereby designated as a significant architectural structure by the United States Department of the Interior and must be protected by this branch of government as a part of the American fabric which tells the story and is an exemplary model for workforce housing for the working

In 1908 Mr. Julius Rosenwald became president of Sears. Mr. Rosenwald was inspired by Booker founder of Tuskegee Institute.

Of all his philanthropic efforts, Rosenwald was most famous for the more than 5,000 "Rosenwald schools" he established throughout the South for poor, rural black youth, and the 4,000 libraries he added to existing schools. The network of new public schools subsequently employed more than 14,000 teachers. In 1927, Rosenwald received a special gold medal from the William E. Harmon Awards for Distinguished Achievement in Race Relations for his contributions to the education of black

In 1929 he built the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments; an exemplary model for workforce housing in Chicago. The covenants that were created by Mr. Rosenwald and Mr. Washington yielded an everlasting monumental legacy.

The Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments were homes to residents rich and poor; famous and anonymous. This building is located in the Grand Boulevard Community (38); a Casey Reform Community.

"This was an extraordinary, first-of-its-kind place in Chicago, and the people who lived there were musicians, athletes, doctors ... the cream of the crop among Chicago's black aristocracy," as Rosenwald's grandson, biographer Peter Ascoli, who has wrote a book about his grandfather called "Julius Rosenwald: The Man Who Built Sears, Roebuck and Advanced the Cause of Black Education in the American South:" told the Chicago Tribune in 2003. "Inside this building were two nursery schools, ballet classes, and a Boy Scout troop. There were star-



gazing gatherings on summer nights ... and there were several stores on the ground floor, including a bank, a Sears, an A&P, and several stores owned by African-

needs technical assistance from the White House to ensure a successful redevelop-

Provide a potential framework for improving our community's understanding of the structures and processes involved in successful heritage-led regeneration. The building is protected by U.S. Legisla-

We need your staff to research other resources available to us. Coalition members will be visiting Capital Hill in early 2008 to meet with your staff for assistance. I have elicited the support of Digger Phelps who worked with me on a previous pro ject. Thanks for your consideration.

> Sincerely. Bobbie Johnson RN

Convener - Save The Rosenwald Coalition as a Proud Black person and forward this to every Black Person you know!

### Arizona, Southern Style

y name is LaMar McGowan and today was the first day of my life were I Felt like less of a Black Man! When did Slavery become marketable? I'm Calling for a nation wide Boycott on a drink company named "Arizona" which has a variety of flavors, I myself have bought a number of their drinks, but on 11/30 I bought my last one. Their is someone in the marketing dept. who told someone on the board that "We can degrade Black people and make money at the same time" and the board member agreed!

Every Black person from the south knows how good it felt on those hot southern days to have a tall glass of sweet tea. "Arizona" has a flavor known as "Southern Style Sweet Tea" but if you look closely on the front of the can their is a picture

Yes I said a Plantation, with a white couple on the porch and a Black woman Dress like Aunt Jamama walking away from the house. When did Slavery become marketable? My Grandfather was 100 years old before he passed in 2004 and

that Picture reminds me of his very few but painful story's not a hot southern day with a cool refreshing glass of sweet tea. So stop buying any drinks from this company! Stand up and let your voice be heard & overload their lines.





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#### **Entertainment Brief**

#### MAXINE DANIELS FIRES BACK AGAINST R. KELLY Daughter of George and Regina says singer is trying to defame her parents.

\*Maxine Daniels, the 21-yearold woman at the center of R. Kelly's latest sex scandal, has taken her story to the Chicago Sun-Times in an attempt to defend herself and her parents

against accusations leveled in a press release issued Monday by Kelly's camp.

'MADEA'...THE CARTOON: Yes, Tyler Perry is animating his famous gangsta grandma for a new TV series. \*Now that Madea has left her rather

large mark on the stage and big screen, the next step

for creator Tyler Perry is to bring the gun-toting grandma to life in her own cartoon series.

#### MARIO, JASON TAY-LOR GO'DANCING': New crop of 'Stars' announced for ABC reality show; cast comes together for 'Oprah' taping.

\* Singer Mario and Miami Dolphins star Jason Taylor are among the dozen celebrities who will compete on the next season of "Dancing With the Stars," which returns to ABC on March 17.

#### NICOLE MURPHY LOVES HER SOME

**STRAHAN:** \*Nicole Murphy, the ex-wife of actor Eddie Murphy, recently spoke to People magazine about falling in love with her current

squeeze, Michael Strahan of the Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

DIDDY SAYS HIS ACTING GAME HAS IM-PROVED: Mogul set to show and prove in Monday premiere of 'Raisin in the Sun.'



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Never Set Outta the Boat.... A dark ensemble comedy that follows a g^oup of young men stru&l ""9 3%®0i life a\* a dug rehab center in Los Angeles. Stars Chicago hoys Niel Gillie and Harsyleamxk

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•Entertainment mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs says there's a huge difference in his acting performance in Broadway's "A Raisin in the Sun" and his performance in the made-for-TV adaptation scheduled to air Monday (Feb. 25) at 8 p.m. on ABC.

#### SPIKE LEE BACKS OBAMA:

\* Spike Lee told an audience at the University of Dayton to "do the right thing" and support Sen. Barack Obama's run for the White House.

#### 'DEBATERS' SCREENED AT BAFT A/LA EVENT: Film's \*"The Great Debaters" got the royal treatment in Los Angeles Sunday at a special screening hosted for families by The British Acad-

emy of Film and Television Arts/ Los Angeles' Inner City Cinema.

TANK ARRESTED DURING NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND: Singer alleges police brutality in New Orleans. \*One minute, Tank is singing with Jordin Sparks in the Grammy swag suite. The next minute, he's tasered and handcuffed near the House of Blues in New Orleans.

#### MAGAZINES LINE UP FOR J.LO BABY PHOTO: People magazine reportedly pays mil-

lions for exclusive shots. \*So what's the going rate for first dibs on pictures of J.Lo's twins? MSNBC is reporting that People magazine is prepared to pay Jennifer Lopez and her husband Marc Anthony \$6 million for exclusive pictures of the babies.



### MORE MIJAC GRAMMY RUMORS: Singer allegedly demanded a special award and other accommodations in exchange for appearance.

\*Cindy Adams of the NY Post claims to have more details about the drama between Michael Jackson and Grammy producers that resulted in a planned segment saluting the 25th anniversary of "Thriller" being cut from the Feb. 10 telecast.

•OPRAH' TELL-ALL WRITTEN BY WOULD-BE EXTORTIONIST: \*The man who tried to extort Oprah Winfrey is releasing what he's calling "the most explosive book ever written about the talk show queen."

ITTY BITTY BITS: Michelle Obama in Newsweek; Dog Chapman returns; Michael Clarke Duncan in the 'Street\*; \*The latest issue of Newsweek has an extensive cover feature on Michelle Obama, the wife of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

SHOOTING CANCELS LIL WAYNE-HOT BOYS REUNION: Gig in New Orleans scrapped after three people were shot outside N.O. venue.

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## **Black History in Film**

## **Columbia College** Chicago's Film & Video

Department and Critical Encounters. as part of the African Heritage Celebration, presents screening and debate Gordon of Park Jr.'s



1972 film SUPER FLY. Join faculty members Vaun Monroe (standin' with the 'fly) and George Bailey (stickin' it to the movie) for a spirited debate of one of the most controversial and influential films ever made. Thursday, February 14, Columbia College's Film Row Cinema 1104 S. Wabash, 8th Floor, Chicago 7:00 p.m. start.

## **Black Star on** the Stars on Hollywood

In celebration of Black History Month, The Black Star Project has organized a Film Festival! The three selected films represent three distinct depictions of the African-American experience in the 20th Century. Saturdays in February for a free screening and discussion of these films. Referee'd by Ron Falzone, FREE and Infinite open to the public. Saturday, Febru-

## Malcolm X,

direction by Spike Lee, this film

traces Malcolm X's path from hustler and drug runner to his conversion to Islam and emergence as a leader in the Nation Of Islam. This film is filled with riveting performances by Denzel Washington, Angela Bas-



Freeman, Jr. as The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Rated PG-13. (Exerpted from www.imdb.com).

Refreshments will be for sale. Please call 773-285-9600 to reserve seats. The Black Star Project, 3509 S. King Drive, Suite 2B. Cabin in the Sky was a groundbreaking production for its time due to its use of all Afri-

can-American cast, including Lena Home, Ethel Waters, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Eddie "Rochester" Anderson. Little Joe is a compulsive gambler who has promised his wife Petunia that he'll give up this bad habit. However, one day Little Joe goes to a casino where he

is shot and severely injured. Little Joe dies and is given six months to redeem his soul and become worthy of entering Heaven, or his soul will be condemned to Hell. When he is resuscitated, Little Joe must choose between redemption and Georgia Brown, a seductive singer. Unrated. (Exerpted from a review by Alejandro Frias on <u>imdb.com</u>.) Phillip

Jackson says, "This Black musical is similar to The Wizard of Oz. I encourage youth to see this film with parental guidance."Saturday, Febru-



## Dreamer

Production, LLC, headed by Ny'Acies Thomas, present the socially conscious original musical stage play The Infinite Dreamer, set to run February 21<sup>st</sup>. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> of

2008 at the a Malcolm X College, 1900 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, IL. 60612. Doors Open at 6:30pm. The Play starts at 7:00 PM.

The Infinite Dreamer (http:// www.idreamstageplay.com) is an intriguing tale of one man's struggle with the negative temptation of easy money. When recording artist Ny'Acies Divine (Ny'Acies Thomas) is approached by a record company, dangling a big money contract to entice him to include profanity and derogatory lyrics in his music, he resists. Until, his Mother is

given a life hinging ultimatum of having a heart transplant, which the family cannot afford, and the insurance does not cover. His psychologist and love interest, Dr. Theresa Stevenson (Dionne Woodson), reaches out to help. Will he sell his soul to get the funds for the much needed operation; does he even have a choice?

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Friday, Feb. 29th, MIC Stage presents Open MIC Extrava-

ganza e: Garv Comer Youth Center, 7200 S. Ingleside. 773-358-4091. 6:30pm to 8:00 pm, Free for members of GCYC with high school id, \$5 for students with high school id. \$ 10 for students without high school id, Tickets are available for \$5.00 in ad-

vance. Get your tickets now! Limited seating. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of the mentioned categories. Mr. Mercer 773. 426.1626. The event is brought to you by MIC Stage CEO- Markus Allen.

G. Garvin Turns



The G. Garvin Show with Emilie McKendall returns to the Talk of Chicago 1690 WVON on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from noon-3pm.

Chef G. Garvin, host of TV One's popular, Turn Up the Heat, will not only bring his culinary skills to the air with special features such as, Hooking It Up, Cooking It Up, but the program will also focus on the social, economic and spiritual dynamics within the African-American community, for example, the importance of African Americans taking the lead in the rebuilding of New Orleans, the difficulties Black women face in the film industry and the troubled lives of Black athletes.

"I want to discuss why positive images, responsibility, accountability and stable support systems are important and why positive results are not just a coincidence—it's about positive resolution," expressed Garvin.

Sharing the hosting duties with Garvin will be Chicago radio personality, Emilie McKendall, who has graced the mic on several radio stations in the Chicagoland area

## Sam Cook and Dinah Washington would be really good too.

February 14, 2008

RICHARD PEGUE IS "DR. DUSTY" The Best Music of Your Life

HIS IS A HISTORIC EVENT in a historic place. This newspaper office is just east of Grand Boulevard, or South Parkway OR Doctor Martin Luther King Drive on 35<sup>th</sup> street - around the corner from Sam and Dinah, a couple of blocks from Quincy. Got that? I said this to editor and publisher Ron Carter last year and when you think about it, this is great geography that we seem to take for granted as we walk on this hallowed ground. Time travel isn't ready for us yet but if it were where would you go? To the future? Or down the street to see Sam Cook entering Doolittle Grammar school on a cold winter morning. Or Dinah walking from 37<sup>th</sup> and Cottage to Phillips for classes. Let's go to 37th and Prairie to see Quincy going to the store on the corner. When was the last time you saw a photograph of someone you knew having a good time? Didn't it make YOU feel good too?

"GOODTIMES" is more than just the title of the 1979 hit by Chic. Goodtimes is an enjoyable state of mind, a feeling of joy and relief from the pressures and problems of today. TODAY the election, the taxes the rent the streets and the BS...Bills and Stuff Come on let's go to Riverview or the Regal.... To ride the Bobs or to see Bobby Blue Bland.. .Skating or to visit that sky scraper.. .to the Savoy or to the top of the Prudential building, up to 41. Goodtimes, Good Dusties.

THE BEST MUSIC OF YOUR LIFE is 40 years old this year.

The official date is May 6<sup>th</sup> (at WVON) and we're starting our celebration now with this column in the South Street Journal. We'll recall some of the really good times and good music you've made part of your life just like we do on the radio at WKKC 89.3 FM. This is the Kennedy-King College radio station that you can now hear on line at WKKC.fm (that's WKKC dot fm).

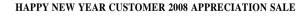
TUNE IN AT MIDNIGHT and do the time travel thing with the Temptations and Miracles, Count Basie, the Spaniels and El Dorados. Muddy Waters and Koko Taylor, Marvin and Tammy and the neighborhood kids Sam Cook and Dinah Washington. We bring you the memories and songs you love. A fan named Donald Yarborough called me "The Time Collector" and you know he's probably right. We've got a lot to bring you in the South Street Journal with a little help from our friends in this office.. .radio's missing magic, Mark Allen and another 'Doctor', Dr. Veronica Williams who knows her gospel radio.



SOUTHSIDE SENIORS GET READY TO PARTY with us at the ATLAS CENTER, 1767 E. 79<sup>th</sup> street at Creiger. The special event is our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Saturday March 22<sup>n</sup> The event is a fund raiser for the Atlas Center between Stony and Jeffery, and tickets are only five dollars for the dancing and the fun we will have from 12 noon until 4. This IS the Dusty Record Convention for seniors. We'll be saluting the southside high schools you may have attended. For more details call 312 747 0189.

P.S. we do the Blue Monday Luncheonette party with the dusties at 11:30 until 2 every week and lunch is less than three dollars. Join us for the fun and all of the services the Southeast Department Of Senior Services offers. The staff is absolutely wonderful.

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## Equal Pay Act to ensure women and men paid equal wages for equal work

The State announced that Illinois has won its first Equal Pay Act case in court resulting in thousands of dollars in owed wages for a female employee. The Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) found that Main Street Liquors located at 2000 W. Madison Street in Chicago violated the Act by paying a male clerk a higher wage for performing the same work as a female clerk formerly employed at the store. On Jan. 17, 2007, a Cook County Circuit Court judge ruled in favor of the State and ordered the employer to pay \$4,061 in backwages and \$8,122 in penalties to the employee, making this the State's first equal pay case won in court since the law went into effect in 2004.

The Equal Pay Act complaint was filed by a female clerk when she learned that a male clerk was paid more for performing the same work. After investigating the complaint, IDOL found Main Street Liquors in violation of the Equal Pay Act and on June 30, 2005 demanded that the employer pay backwages to the complainant. The employer refused to comply with the Department's demand, making it necessary for the Department to seek the assistance of the Illinois Attorney General's Office to recover the wages and to collect penalties for delaying payment of wages due the employee. Illinois' Equal Pay Act prohibits employers with four or more employees from paying unequal wages to men and women doing the same or substantially similar work, requir-

ing equal skill, effort, responsibility and under similar working condi-

#### **DCEO Announces Expanded Access to Workforce Services** for Individuals and **Businesses**

City and state community, civic and business leaders to attend the Chicago launch of Illinois workNet

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Jack Lavin, Mayor !s Office of Workforce Development Commissioner David Hanson and Illinois Department of Employment Security Director James Sledge announce a comprehensive effort to transform and expand access to the state !s workforce development system. Illinois workNet is a free resource that integrates physical locations (Illinois workNet Centers) with online resources and a broad range of community-based organizations to connect individuals and businesses with high-quality career planning, training, job placement and support services.

Tuesday, February 19, 10:00 a.m. news conference. Jack Lavin, director, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), David Hanson, commissioner, City of Chicago, Mayor!s Office of Workforce Development (MOWD), James Sledge, director, Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), Local elected officials, Local business, community and civic leaders Instituto del Progreso Latino, an Illinois workNet Center, 2570 South Blue Island Avenue,

## Black male crisis

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mynity and new programs focused on education, the workforce and multimedia outreach

The Chicago Urban League on announced its strategic response tó the crisis of African American men and boys with a new program designed to promote social, educational, familial, and economic success at its Annual Report Luncheon.

The Initiative for African American Males, or I AM, will tackle the negative trends and outcomes that disproportionately impact Black males. The initiative is integrated with new programs to expand job and career opportunities for African Americans, to develop stronger connections to the Black church, and to establish a multimedia platform for African Americans in Chicago. The programs represent Phase II of the League's groundbreaking projectNEXT economic empowerment agenda.

Ellis Cose, author and Newsweek magazine columnist, was the featured speaker at the event, which drew more than 1,000 of Chicago's business, civic, political and academic leaders to the Chicago Hilton and Towers. One of the largest business networking events of the year, the keynote address was delivered by Cheryle R. Jackson, now in her second year as President and CEO of the Chicago Urban League

With the I AM program, Jackson said the League is taking a leadership role in helping to address the Black male crisis. "African American men and boys are becoming lost in a cycle of hopelessness and underachievement. We must restore their hope and give them tools for economic and social success," Jackson said.

## Power to open a **Building for Business**

Once a model and now an entrepreneur, 35-year-old Bertina Power is set to open a 3,500- square-foot office building in February for small businesses and self-employed professionals looking for space to grow and develop their respected busi-

And unlike many commercial office buildings where tenants must supply their own office equipment such as copy and fax machines and even a receptionist, Power is supply-

needs as amenities Other shared amenities include two conference rooms. kitchen, break room and a café. "Tenants will have

ing all these

their choice of using the staff receptionist for administrative support or bringing their on staff person," Power said.

"Of course, those tenants wanting to use the services of the staff receptionist will have an additional charge added to their monthly rent." Power, a real estate broker, began working as an accountant for Atena Insurance after college. A Hampton University graduate, she is married with a onemonth old son. The incubator, Power Business Enterprise Center, at 8055 S. Stony Island Ave., used to be Keller Williams Realty and had been owned by a medical professional who sold the building.

There are 10 offices available ranging from 66-square-feet to 172square-feet. Tenants can choose from one to three-year leases at \$17 per square foot. On-site parking is available to tenants and mailbox rentals without an office is another service the incubator offers. "We will have 20 to 30 mailboxes available for rent. A lot of times small businesses, especially home-based businesses, will not have a business address that they can receive mail and packages. So this is an option for them," adds Power.

"They could even rent out one of our conference rooms for a day or a few hours if they need to meet with clients or simply need a place to come do some work for a few hours." The entire building will be Internet connected so those wishing to bring laptops can do so. "This

> location offers excellent parking right in front of buildthe Power ing," added. "And because its proximity to Interstates 90, 94 and 57, it is a perfect loca-

tion for today's mall business.

"I grew up not too far from here so I have a personal investment in this project and I want it to work." she said. "While my goal is to help Black business professionals especially women. I am open to dong business with anyone. Embarking on her first commercial project, Power said if this project proves successful, she hopes to develop more commercial properties.

There will be an open house at the building for prospective tenants from 5p.m.-8 p.m. Monday. For more information, or to RSVP call (773) 721-9200.



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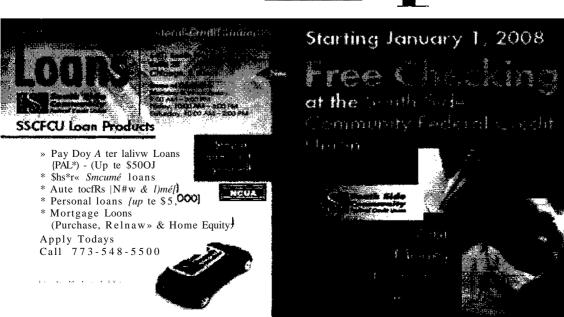
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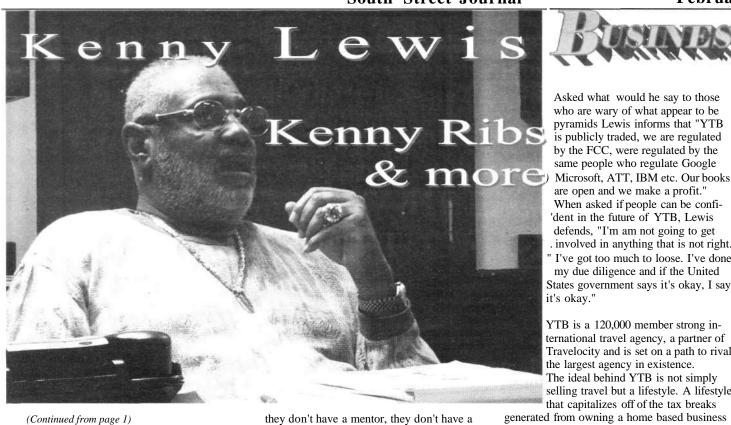
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On a sparkling black marble conference table in one of four suites at his corporate headquarters sit six trophies the spoils from his latest passion. And the returns keep coming. Kenny Lewis is engaged in something worthwhile and could not be more content.

And like some ebullient fiance, he will flash you the evidence to prove it. On the fifth finger of his left hand he bears a blue and white sapphire ring for \$100,000 dollars in sales in his first quarter [check this info] . Ask Kenny Lewis what thrills him these days and he will emphatically and unabashedly respond YTB. No sweat. And no sweat it was. "This thing is huge.

YTB (Your Travel Bureau) is a multilevel marketing corporation that Lewis discloses as one of the easiest and most satisfying venture has ever endeavored. Why? "Because it works. And it works without thinking about

That is what he advises his newest recruits and prospects. And (besides running his Kenny's Ribs and Dusties buffet chains) that is how he spends his time these days. Recruiting and mentoring. "When people come in I don't want them to try to think about it and figure it out."

"I'm a giver. I'm a giver from my heart" says Lewis explaining part of the passion. Promoting YTB is a way that he can give entrepreneurs the opportunity to change their lives. Unlike Kenny's Ribs chain which has never been franchised, YTB allows a minimal investment of under 500 dollars. There is not the risk and financial involvement. "... you can't get hurt", says Lewis. While many have approached Kenny Lewis to open up their own Kenny's Ribs franchise Lewis contends that the financial risk was too great and people wanted him to guarantee their

"When people come to me and say give. me a franchise for Dusties [Buffet] or give me a franchise for Kenny's [Ribs], I cringe... because they want me to guarantee their success. Those ventures cost a million to five millions dollars. Now I'm very skeptical about taking someone's money, because once I take your money, you are going to hold me accountable for your success. I don't want that responsibility. I don't want it."

I feel [YTB] is the greatest business opportunity I have ever seen. The huge plus is that it can't cost you more than 500 dollars so you can't get hurt. How many black entrepreneurs have been slaughtered out there-, their lives wrecked because of getting involved in a venture [that costs way more] than what they anticipated? In most cases they take that leap of faith with less than 30 percent of the money they need. "Even if it's the [worst] decision you've ever made, at least you have gotten that entrepreneur [quest] out of your system and it didn't hurt you.

I love it {YTB) because I feel it's my calling. I want to help people, and I know that if a person makes money it can change his circumstances. It can change their family circumstances for generations to come.

Lewis admits that YTB is not for everyone but encourages people anticipating operating a business to try YTB first.

Lewis' advice to first time business owners is "...rather than go and lease a space or trying to put some type of store up, or go into any type of business, whatever it might be, I would rather see them try this and see if it works before they go jump into something else. Even if they get into something else,

Asked what would he say to those who are wary of what appear to be pyramids Lewis informs that "YTB is publicly traded, we are regulated by the FCC, were regulated by the same people who regulate Google are open and we make a profit." When asked if people can be confi-'dent in the future of YTB, Lewis defends, "I'm am not going to get involved in anything that is not right. I've got too much to loose. I've done my due diligence and if the United States government says it's okay, I say it's okay.'

YTB is a 120,000 member strong international travel agency, a partner of Travelocity and is set on a path to rival the largest agency in existence. The ideal behind YTB is not simply selling travel but a lifestyle. A lifestyle

that capitalizes off of the tax breaks generated from owning a home based business that allows its entrepreneurs to get paid for how they live.

WTB asks, why not make your lifestyle your business? You travel, you make purchases, and so do your significant others and you can make

it pay. YTB pays you back for how you live when encouraging friends, family and associates to pool their resources in your direction (through purchases), or recruitingwhere your reap the reward for the sales or their recruits. Like any other multilevel marketing corporation YTB recruits its members through other members who have a 'downline'. Members sell not only travel but have a website which in addition to travel offers a bridal registry and can even allow you to save on car purchases.

It can begin as easily as a \$500.00 investment and \$49.00 monthly hosting fees for a ready made business that can be up and running on the internet within 24 hours of your signing up.

"Travelocity came to YTB approximately two years ago offering to partner with them." Lewis explains that although Expedia is the largest travel agency in the world, "we feel that we will overcome Expedia in two to three years." He further explains how Expedia has felt the pressure of YTB's rapid growth so much so that they began multilevel marketing two weeks ago. "We will be in every country in the world in a matter of time."

It's only natural that Kenny Lewis would choose YTB given his affinity for what he sees as winning team.

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I read in the Black Press in 2006 that the National Urban League changed their agenda from Public Relations and Social Work to improving the economic conditions of the black communities.

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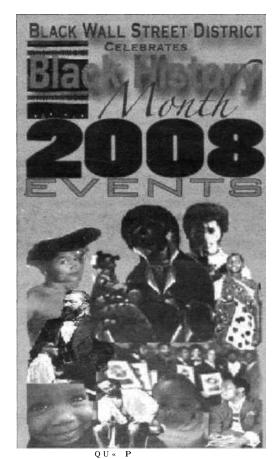
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## "Borrower Outreach Days" Caught in Foreclosure Crisis

According to preliminary figures from the National Training and Information Center, about 14,000 foreclosures started in 2007 in Chicago, up from 10,339 in 2006. Mayor Daley Outlines City's Foreclosure Initiatives with HUD Secretary Jackson, Encourages Residents to Attend Workshops

Since 2003, well before the crisis of the last year, the City and its partners began to combat foreclosures through the Home Ownership Preservation Iniselor simply by calling 311, the City's non-emergency number.

to inform residents about the availability of its 311 foreclo-foreclosure action is initiated. sure assistance campaign with a widespread marketing campaign.



tiative, or HOPI (HO-PEE). Through Rainbow Push National Field Secretary, Mr. Gregory Livingston, Tommy the initiative, any Chicago resident who Bennett, National Director of Community Affairs stands with James is having trouble paying their mortgage Brown. The Rainbow Push Coalition has been helping homeowners like can be connected to a financial coun- Mr. James Brown get through the home foreclose process.

On January 1, the City launched its new "early warning" Last year, the City also substantially increased its efforts process to give homeowners more time to get help before a

> how to avoid foreclosure, we have a real chance of making a difference," he said.

## CHA's Plan for Transformation Moving Forward in the 3rd Ward

Alderman Pat Dowell (3) is encouraging residents to learn more about the ongoing plans to improve the commercial and residential environment of the 3rd Ward.

Dowell said "I am hopeful that as the 3rd Ward continues to grow and re-develop we will remain a place that is welcoming to people of all income levels. The re-development of Robert Taylor Homes as Legends South will provide not only market rate housing, but also mixed-income rental and affordable housing units."

"As residents see cranes going up and construction beginning, not only for this project but many others, I want them to know what is going on in the ward. Building can bring not only homes and stores, but jobs and

opportunity. I want all of the residents to be informed about their neighborhood," continued Alderman Dowell.

In the coming weeks, the master plan for the re-development of Robert Taylor Homes (now known as Legends South) will be moving forward to transform and revitalize the current site and surrounding neighborhood and reintegrate Robert Taylor Homes into the larger community.

According to the developer, Brinshore Michaels, the plan calls for the construction of up to 2,388 new mixed-income rental and affordable and market homeownership units, the rehabilitation and construction of

seven community facilities, and the development of new retail space.

The entire site was addressed in a single master planning process because of the critical link between the development on-site and the surrounding community, and the need to comprehensively address its impact on the future of the area.

In the current phase which began the week of December 17th, Brinshore Michaels will be constructing a total of 118 rental units at 39th and Indiana, 41st and Prairie, 42nd and Wabash and on Prairie, between 42 and 43rd. Fifty two (52) units will be set aside for public housing residents, forty three (43) are affordable units and twenty three (23) are market rate apartments. Powers Construction, an African American firm is the general contractor. More information on the Plan for Transformation is available at www.thecha.org. (See the Plan for Transformation).



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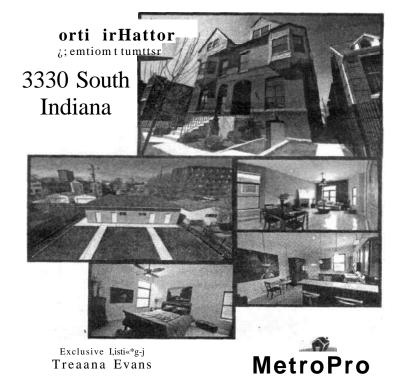
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As it was explained persons choose a field in which they are interested to work, and they will be walk through the entire process to get hired into a union. If one do not have any experience in that particular field, the starting pay rate is \$29.00 per hour. More if you have a background in that field.

The contact's Tonya Cody-Robinson, (773)538-5120. They are looking to recruit very heavily at this time, as reports are they have not received enough participants to begin the February class.

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#### Chasity Melvin of the Chicago Sky - WNBA **Encourages Jobs For Youth Clients to Reach** for the Sky!

Chasity Melvin's awe-inspiring message to the JFY's graduating class was nothing short of a slam dunk. Calm and confident, Chasity gave JFY graduates some insight into the world of being a WNBA star, what she likes about Chicago and her future goals. Chasity said to JFY clients, "You are truly blessed to have a program like JFY." The clients were elated to have the opportunity to ask questions about her phenomenal career and how she feels about living here in Chicago. She humbly replied. "I like the Lakefront, I like being right downtown and I have a great view. The Lakefront is the best part of Chicago for me right now."

As reported by the Chicago Sky's website, Chasity says that "My immediate goal was to come to Chicago and give some veteran leadership and help the team finish close games and we've been able to do that." T he Sky has made major strides early on in year No. 2 of the franchise, thanks in large part to the recent acquisition of Chasity Melvin , who came to Chicago in a trade with Washington back on May 24, 2007. The veteran center has put up double digits in points and rebounds in nearly every game she has played for Chicago, and as a result wins are starting to come at a more frequent pace. The afternoon concluded with Chasity signing autographs and posing for pictures with clients and staff.

For twenty-eight years, Jobs for Youth (JFY) has provided job training services to Chicago's youth and provided Chicago's business community with motivated, job- ready workers. JFY is the largest nonprofit in Chicago serving young adults 17- 24. JFY's mission is to help young men and women from low-income families become a part of the economic mainstream. Jobs For Youth has made a difference in the lives of over 100,000 Chicago area youth. Jobs For Youth provides all services free of cost.

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## Program to help women and minorities gain jobs in building trades

Daley praises cooperative efforts on a City project. of City Colleges, Construction Induscreated by the City Council and pose penalties. aimed at increasing the employment of women and minorities in the you=re willing to help these new building trades has placed more than workers gain a foothold in your inapprenticeships in its first two years your while," Daley said. of operation, Mayor Richard M. Daley said today.

Technical Institute has established the Dawson apprenticeship program itself as the top apprenticeship trainer is helping us make sure the people in the city, and that is a tribute to the who build our city are representative spirit of cooperation and partnership of the people who live in our city," that so many different groups have he said. brought to this effort," the Mayor said in remarks delivered at Ken- the program: nedy-King College, 3901 S. State St., where the apprenticeship training ships with the Builders Association,

vember, 2005, when the City Council the Painters unions and the Illinois passed an ordinance to provide finan- Road and Transportation Builders. cial incentives to companies that agree to sponsor Dawson graduates for union apprenticeships.

Under the ordinance, a City contractor gets credits if it agrees to sponsor graduates of Dawson=s Construction Program for union apprenticeships. The credits would be applied toward the company=s next bid

"The ordinance doesn't force anytry, Labor. A voluntary program one to participate and it doesn't im-

It merely tells contractors: If 150 City Colleges students in union dustry, the City will make it worth

"Two years later, we can be proud to say that the voluntary approach "In two short years, the Dawson has been a successful one and that

In its first two years of operation,

•Has formed new training partner-Rush University Medical Center. The program was created in No- ComEd, the Operating Engineers and

## **State** Computer hiring

The state's new web-based electronic hiring system is up and running. The launch of www.work.illinois.gov came less then one year after the Governor announced plans for the website creation.

The new eRecruiting website is

designed to expand access to jobs within state government and significantly increase the pool of applicants. All Illinois state agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor are using the new program, giving job seekers one-stop for finding, applying for and tracking the status of their state job application. "I am committed to streamlining the hiring practices within the state. The new website makes it easy for more talented people to find and apply for jobs in state government," said Governor Blagojevich. "We need to use every tool that is available to attract the best and brightest to public service. This new technology helps us achieve this." The web-based system run by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) was created with the user in mind. The website, www.work.illinois.gov lets applicants focus their search for a state job, by allowing them to search open positions by job description, county and/or salary. "The new program is really driven from the job seekers perspective," said Maureen O'Donnell, Acting Director of Central Management Services. "The program helps applicants target their job search more effectively by focusing on a particular field of interest. An applicant can even register for email notification of specific job opportunities."

The new eRecruiting website also lets job seekers register a personal profile and basic professional background, and each time a position is applied to, the previouslyentered profile information will automatically be included in the application.

This eliminates the need to reenter the same information for every job application. The system also makes it easier for applicants to track their progress. The job seeker can log on to www.work.illinois.gov anytime to check the status of their



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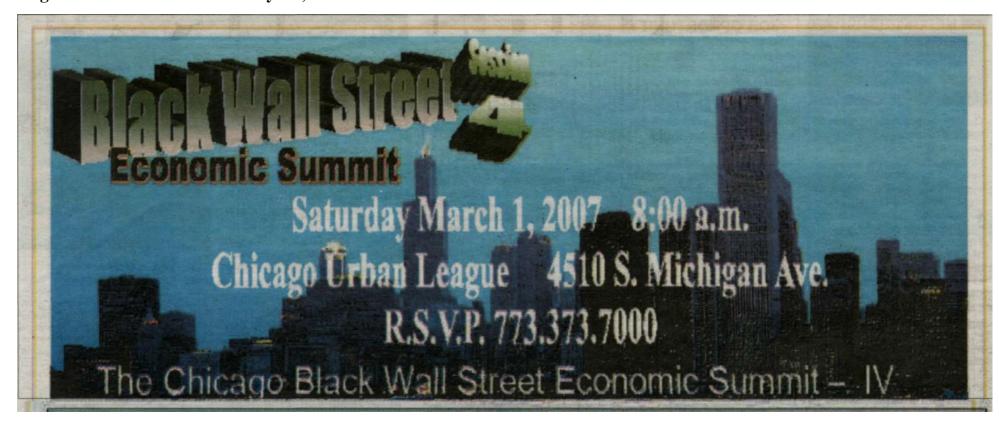
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#### Community members question motives and effectiveness of recent staff changes

By Yohance Lacour

flashes and newspaper headlines were abound with talk surrounding Chicago Police Superintendent Jody P. Weis' announcement of staff changes. "Weis Swears In New Top Cops In Sweeping Overhaul", "Shakeup Is One Of Biggest In Recent History",
"Top Cop Weis Cleans House" and "Police Chief Cleans House At Districts," were just some of the headlines on display at newsstands and online media outlets. Referred to Jody Weis, Chicago as Special Operations as 'the biggest depart- Police Supt. ment housecleaning in



decades', masses of readers quite Last week, broadcast news naturally assumed Supt. Weis'

moves were evidence of attempts to curtail police brutality and improve community relations.

In November, Mayor Richard M. Daley appointed Weis to Superintendent in the midst of several scandals, from the infamous videotaped beating of a female bartender by an off-duty cop, to the SOS scandal, after which an investigation led to the disbanding of one of the department's elite units known Section. Seven members of the unit were eventually charged with robbery and kidnapping, one of them allegedly sought to hire a hit-man to murder another member of the unit for his cooperation with probes and investigation into the officers' conduct.

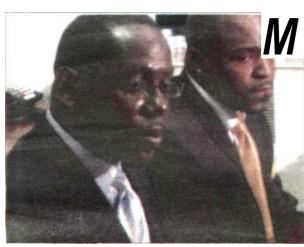
Consequently, Daley emphasized the need for police to 'be vigilant in fighting crime and ensure they maintain the trust of the public' "Jody Weis is uniquely qualified to both implement his strategies in our fight against crime and assure the conduct of police officers," said the mayor, citing Weis' FBI experience. Weis however, months later claimed he was, "not going to bring any new sTTSfegies to the art of policing," noting his lack of 'street cop' experience. A closer look at the recent changes has drawn questions from the community as to how sin-



Pat Hill, Pres. Of the African-American Police League

cere the department's intentions are. Though 21 of the city's 25 districts have new commanders in place, 16

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M Detective Asks Wife of **Tortured Man For Sex** 

False arrest, imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and assault & battery were just some of the charges leveled against the City of Chicago and several police officers in a civil lawsuit filed earlier this week. Leonard Robinson, Jr., arrested at his home for domestic battery remained in police custody for a period of three days, during which time officers never ques-

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## at press conference editorial In Defense of my Pastor

Clinton allowed his crucifixion



Barack Obama and my pastor, Rev. Wright have been crucified by right-wing media outlets for Wright's assessment of America's foreign policies. And former President Bill Clinton, after reaching out to Wright for spiritual support, remains silent.

fter getting to know who Rev. Jeremiah Wright actually was, I proudly accepted that Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago would be my place of worship. In addition to a spiritual wisdom that I felt connected to, he held positions on world affairs that were very much in line with my own.

Faced with prolonged negative press regarding my outspoken pastor, fellow Trinity member, Senator Barack Obama distanced himself from Wright, even removing Wright from one of his campaign committees.

In an interview conducted by New Yorker Magazine, in which Obama's wife Michele was the focus, a journalist presented me with questions pertaining to Rev. Wright and his relationship with the Barack Obama. Fearing my answers could have possibly tarnished the candidate's

image, I explained mat though there were issues between the two men it wasn't my place to detail mem. Two weeks later it was world news.

asks His Wife for Oral

Sex' Leonard Robinson,

Jr. (right) and his attor-

ney, Andre M. Grant (left)

Rev. Wright's statements, labeled controversial by the media, are actually no different from statements made by Rev. James Meeks or Rev. Aton of the Temple of Mercy. Wright's sermons mirror what many Blacks have heard on countless occasions from several different sources. His comments also frighten much of white America.

As a member of the media I am fully aware that sensational headlines and controversy makes for good marketing. Being a member of the black media however, I also realize that digging up my pastor's old sermons was part of a specific agenda for a media outlet like Fox News.

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## **Kenwood Music Teacher Charged With Soxual Abuse**

**By Vohance Lacour** 

Kenwood Academy High School music teacher and choir director Kenneth Lenon, was charged with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and barred from school grounds. According to the Assistant State's Atty.'s office, Lenon inappropriately touched a 16-year old boy's genitals over his clothes on multiple occasions between November 2005



and January 2006. A second boy, 17, was the victim of similar abuse just two weeks ago. All of the activity allegedly took place on the 7900 block of South Winchester. Lenon's home. **Parents** Kenwood

students received letters informing them of actions taken during spring break. Kenwood Principal, Liz Kirby prioritized the concerns of parents whose children were in classes instructed by Mr. Lenon by meeting with them first. She then enacted a long division schedule on the Monday students returned from break to facilitate counseling for anyone interested.

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# Sista' takes on

## Coca Cola'

By Yohance Lacour

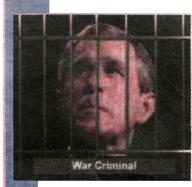
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By Ms. Beauty Turner Anti-war Movement "In The Streets" **continued ;n** page 8)

## **News Briefs**



Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his chief administrator (left) face perjury charges for denying affair.

## **Detroit Mayor Vows** to Fight on, Despite

"Hate Driven, Bigoted Assault"

(Taylor Media Services) The embattled Black mayor of Detroit Kwame Kilpatrick last week vowed to fight for sweeping investment plans for his poverty-ridden city despite a series of scandals which threaten to end his second term in office. Kilpatrick charged that his critics in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington. Contracthe local media and political establishment were part of a, "hate-driven, bigoted assault." And in an emotional address, he called for, "this unethical, illegal, lynch mob mentality to stop.'

Nevertheless, some of Kilpatrick's problems may be of his on doing. The scandals began when a focal newspaper published a series of racy text messages which suggested he was having an affair with his chief administrator. Then the projects currently open for bid is available at he denied the existence of the affair while under oath. Now he faces possible perjury charges which could send

Another scandal was revived last week involving Kilpatrick's wife, Carlita, who allegedly beat a stripper during a 2002 party at the mayor's mansion. The stripper, Támara Greene, was killed in 2003 and her murder remains unsolved. Meanwhile, Kilpatrick has beefed up his legal team as he awaits a decision from Wayne County prosecutors as to whether he will face criminal charges for the alleged perjury.

## **Thornton Township Celebrates National Women's History Month**

With Women of Honor Brunch

Thornton Township Supervisor Frank M Zuccarelli and the Human Relations Commission are hosting a Women of Honor Brunch on Saturday, March 29, 2008. The brunch wijl be held at Thornton Township 333 East 162<sup>n</sup> Street, South Holland, 1L. This community event is open to the public, starting at 10:30 a.m. and is free of charge. The brunch will consist of food and beverages, an awards ceremony as well as a keynote address to women. Several Women of Honor will be awarded for their contributions, which benefited the community's encompassing Thornton

Ajiita Alvarez will be awarded for her civil service. The first Latino to win a primary election for Cook County States Attorney. Elected official Deborah Sims was the first African-American woman to hold office in the 5<sup>th</sup> District, which includes areas on the south side of Chicago as well as the south suburbs. Gloria Morningstar has been City Treasurer of Harvey for more than a decade. She is the first Native American to hold that office. 89-year-old cally Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) are lola Toler will also be awarded for her life-long commit-strapped for cash, have suffered cutbacks in both state and ment to the community.

The public is invited to attend this event. For more information, call 708-560-4060 ext. #3128 or 708-906-1319.

#### The Public **Building**

has invited the 19 firms that were prequalified to bid on Contract 1470, construction of the Jesse Owens Park and Fieldhouse, 8800 South Clyde Avenue. A copy of the ad can be found at http:// www.pbcchicago.com/subhtml/opening display.asp? BIDJD-247.

A pre-bid meeting was held, March 25, 2008 at the tors, sub-contractors and suppliers were invited. After the pre-bid meeting, a list of firms attending the pre-bid meeting were added to the Website ad. Sealed bids shall be received at the Public Building Commission, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington, Room 200, until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at which time they will be publicly opened. Information on this contract and all of



The picture above shows Generation Y Youth Activists of Southwest Collaboration» Ages 16-21. They fight against police brutality and housing crisis in the city of Chicago.

www.pbcchicago.com.

## **Black Colleges Said to Face Severe Problems** and Possible Extinction

(Taylor Media Services) Many of the nation's historifederal government funding and are being questioned about the need for their continued existence in the post-

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A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself.

Arthur Miller (1915-2005) American Dramatist, author of "Death of A Salesman"

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## UnZip

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ook County Board President Todd Stroger should be listening to Commissioner Jerry Butler's hit song, "Only The Strong Survive." Stroger is up against tremendous odds leaving him in a situation where he's 'damned if he does and damned if he doesn't'. When he fails to take steps necessary to make County government work he receives criticism, and when he does do what is necessary he seems to receive even more criticism. I commend Stroger for increas ing his availability to other local gov-



ernments, community organizations, and local media in providing full disclosure of his leadership decisions, even those that involve family members and close associates. Stay strong President Stroger! Only the strong survive.

The politics of CeaseFire. Local leaders appear to be up in arms every time there is a senseless shooting or killing of a young person in our public schools, but just how serious are they? Every neighborhood where a Chicago Public School student has been hurt or killed this year was once home to a CeaseFire intervention program. The loss of State funding has resulted in a severe cutback of CeaseFire s full-time intervention work. The understaffed group is now forced to settle for vigils and memorial marches when they were once in a position to prevent these senseless acts of violence. So how much longer will we watch our children get hurt and die while our leaders play politics with the full time funding for CeaseFire's proven intervention programs? Stay tuned!

Attorney Bart Beale for Cook County States Attorney? That's what a number of community and political activists had'to say when asked who they may have to consider being an independent candidate for Cook County States Attorney in November. Will the Black community wake up in November and wake up the 300,000 City voters that did not vote in the primary? Will Attorney Beale accept the independent candidacy? Stay tuned!

Frank Walker remembered. Local businessman Frank Walker, who was an active part of The Chicago Black Wall Street Projects' Black Products campaign passed away recently. Walker will be remembered this weekend by not only business leaders and supporters but by members of his fraternity as well. Walker was a Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi. The Kappa's are also mourning the loss of John "Sully" Sullivan, whose services will be held this weekend at The El Camino Memorial Park & Mortuaries in San Diego, California.

Alderman Fredrenna Lyle new Democratic Party City leader. 6th Ward Alderman and Democratic Committeeman Lyle was recently elected to replace former 7th Ward Committeeman William Beavers as City Chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party. Maybe in this new position, she can take the lead in getting the party to sponsor some much needed voter education efforts, reconnecting ordinary people to the political process. How long will the Black community watch idly while Latino voter education and political empowerment projects soar? ^ -

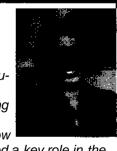
Sharon McGhee, assisWhfnews direptor for the legendary 24 hour news/talk radio station WVON-AM f 690, is still making history with ner PocketBook Monologues. In honor of Women's History month, Pocketbook Communications is presenting, "Everything Your Mother Should Have Told You About Your Pocketbook, But Didn't." This special presentation is being sponsored by Illinois State Senator Mattie

Hunter (D-3rd)and other co-sponsors. Treasure Island's new grocery store in Hyde Park has proudly announced their inclusion of Black owned products like Reggio's Pizza, Glory Greens and others. Interesting how Treasure Island's Executive Vice President Maria Kamberous failed to mention how

The Chicago Black Wall Street Project played a key role in the addition of Black vendors. It was The Chicago Black Wall Street Project that publicly challenged Treasure Island and 4th Ward Alderman Toni Preckwinkle regarding the fact that a number of Black vendors had expressed concerns regarding the number of Black vendors in the new Treasure Island Hyde Park store. According to one Black publication, Treasure Island has 100 "minority vendors, \* with 14 being Chicago area companies. But The Chicago Black Wall Street Project is not interested in the "Minority" answer to a "Black" question.







'Mystery Photo' Contest Winner Heads to Memphis

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For being the caller with the most information regarding the 'Sunday Best' photo, WVON awarded Claudia Kemp an all ex- WVON owner, Melody pense paid trip for two by way of Spann-Cooper luxury motor coach to Memphis, Tennessee for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (see SSJ Feb. 14

Kemp and her cousin Qamar M. Mateen will receive hotel accommodations, continental breakfast and a tour of the Civil Rights Museum and the Loraine Hotel where Dr. King was murdered. Mateen, Kemp's cousin was listening to WVON when they announced the contest and urged her to call and enter. Mateen, the local organizer for the Million Woman March says, "I am excited about a chance to be a part this important moment in history. Dr. King has meant so much to me, African Americans, women and hundreds of millions of others around the country and the world"

WVON's highly publicized 'Mystery Photo' campaign garnered





Cleft) WVON Promotions Director, Monique Smith (right) WVON Mystery photo contest winner and daughter of Spencer Readus Jr., Claudia KempDr. Martin Luther King Jr. death scene on April 4, 1968 at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Ten-

attenwide tion.'The idea

came from one of our listener/ vendors who we have purchased a lot of our art from. It's a popular piece that a lot of people have or know about, but no one knew of its origin. I knew it would be an exciting campaign and unique to do, it fit WVON perfectly as we attempt to "wow" our audience during Black

History month," said WVON owner, Melody Spann-

"The Memphis trip was the brainchild of Monique Smith, in WVON's promotions department," continued Spann-Cooper. Smith wasn't hesitant to share credit for the trip's inspiration with her co-

workers, "the trip was actually an extension of the creativity here at the

"Al Sharpton and the National Action Network was responsible for organizing the march itself and I felt we should take a group of WVON

listeners, especially considering the political climate. The possibility of having an African-American man elected to the White House makes Barack Obama is the embodiment of Dr. King's dream for America realized," said Cooper. #



## **Detective Asks Wife For Sex**

tioned him about the alleged charges. Robinson, Jr. was however, severely beaten by detectives in an attempt to force a confession to the murder of a 3-year old child, a murder that occurred three years prior.

"They handcuffed me to a wall, beat me with a TV antenna, kicked me, stomped me, spat on me," said Robinson. Based on photographs taken by order of the court, a Cook County Circuit Judge determined that Robinson was indeed beaten and whipped while in police custody. Robinson's lawyer, Attorney Andre M. Grant maintains that detectives were trying to beat a confession out of his client for a crime they knew he didn't commit. "The police officers knew Leonard Robinson, Jr. was innocent. They beat and his body. They spit on him. His injuries were documented. They even knew that the child wasn't murdered but died due to suffocation from plastic left in his bed," Grant told reporters.

"I find that the Defense has established that these injuries occurred during police custody. That the State has not established by clear and convincing evidence that these injuries were not made as a direct result to get Mr. Robinson to testify," said Circuit Judge Vincent Gaughan at a pretrial hearing in November.

Adding insult to injury, Detective Vincent Humphrey, one of the officers responsible for not only beating Robinson, but fabricating his confession as well, made sexual

advances towards Robinson's wife while he was in custody. "My God... for the lack of a better word, he's hitting on Mrs. Robinson at the time that he's the one saying that her husband made an oral confession," continued Judge Gaughan. According to the complaint filed March 26, 2008, Detective Humphrey asked Robinson's wife, "about her bra size and her underwear size," even going as far as asking her to "have oral sex with him".

Robinson's lawyer saw him through the acquittal of the murder charges and is now prepared to seek retribution for the abuse suffered by his client. "Not only is this conduct reprehensible, it is indefensible," said Grant," we won the murder case, now these officers must





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#### News Brief

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Civil Rights Movement era.

The above represent some of the thoughts expressed last week by the presidents of some of the nation's top Black colleges as they testified before the House Education and Labor Committee. Kentucky State University President Mary Sias spoke for the group telling the committee, "HBCUs are-and continue to be needed and are as vital now to the educational system In America as they have ever been."

Experts currently estimate that while historically Black colleges represent only 4 percent of all institutions of higher education, they graduate 40 percent of all African American students. In addition, the single biggest problem facing the Black schools appears to be inadequate funding. For example, a 2005 report by the National Science Foundation found that 6 percent of the nation's top predominantly white universities received more federal funds for research than 79 historically Black colleges and universities combined.

## among Black Gay Men

(Taylor Media Services) According to data released last week (Thursday) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). the rate of HIV infection among Black gay men has skyrocketed from 2001 through 2005. The CDC report showed that in 33 states where data was collected, the number of HIV or AIDS cases increased among all males who fall into the category of "men who have sex with men."

However, the largest increase came among young Black homosexual men between the ages of 13 to 24, That increase was a staggering 80 percent. In a press release, Debra Hauser, executive vice president of Advocates for Youth, indirectly blasted the Bush administration's anti -AIDS efforts saying, "We will never be able to adequately address sexual health needs of young people when our government insists upon funding abstinence-only-until -marriage programs that censor vital information about contraception and condoms and de-

## **Jury Finds Police** Intentionally Shot 12-Year-Old; Awards \$28 Mil

(Taylor Media Services) A Uniontown, Pennsylvania jury last week found that two state troopers intentionally shot and killed a 12-yearold Black boy and awarded his father \$28 million in damages. The shooting took place six years ago on Christmas Eve. In making the award, the jury rejected arguments from trooper Samuel Nassau that he shot Michael Ellebe because he heard a gunshot and thought the boy had shot at his partner.

The second officer, Juan Curry, argued that his gun %vent off by mistake. Eiiebe's Michael Hickenbottom said the case was not about money but justice. He said his biggest concern was to discover why his son was shot

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(TMS) Last year, on the first day of the new school year, The Black Star Project estimates that it helped organize 400,000 men in 238 cities life.' around the world. Barcelona, Spain, and Devon-Million Father March 2007's participants.

This year it is seeking additional organizers in order to expand to 300 cities and 500,000 men.

"Like an army on its way to battle, hundreds of children, as well as all children.

make them breakfast, check their book bags, and passed to other people around the country and then take them to school on the first day of around the world who would be interested in school this fall school year," proclaimed Phillip coordinating the Million Father March 2008 in Jackson, Founder and Executive Director of The their city." Black Star Project.

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education of the children. control the future of that race'

-Phillip Jadson. The Black Star Project

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In a recently released statement Jackson explained the motivation \*. behind the Million Father March, "When men are actively and substantially involved in the educa-\*

tional and social development of their children, "organizing the Million Father March does not

shire, Bermuda were just two cities among the was developed by Black men in Chicago, Illinois, this event is open to men, women, teachers, volved in the 2008 organizing effort can visit the and community members of all races around the group's website at www.blackstarproject.org, world who are willing to work to educate Black email info@ blackstarproject.org or call 773-285-

thousands of Black men will wake their children, Jackson continued to say, "the word needs to be

For those interested in coordinating the March

in any of the selected cities or nations can forward to Black Star your name, city, phone and e-mail address.

Jackson

their children perform better in school and in take much work, and The Black Star Project will support all participants in making this yearly Although the Million Father March world-wide event a great success in your city.'

Men and women interested in becoming in-

# Rush introduces 'Families Beyond Bars' bill

Girl Scouts of the USA, community groups sought to provide federally resourced childparent visitation program

Congressman Bobby L. Rush and the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) have united to reduce the self-destructive childhood behavior associated with having an incarcerated parent.

On March 13, Rep. Rush urged Congress to support "H.R.5654: The Families Beyond Bars Act of 2008," a bill that seeks to establish resources for youth-serving organizations, such as the GSUSA, which carry out child-parent visitation programs for children with incarcer-

"About 1.5 million children in the U.S. have at least one incarcerated parent, and an estimated 10 million more have at least one parent who was incarcerated at some point during that child's developmental years," according to the Bureau of Justice. Also, in 2006, an estimated 75% of incarcerated women were mothers of children under the age of 18.

"It is horrible to witness a new generation of children that are all too familiar with the criminal justice system," said Rep. Rush. "Congress and the community must come together to provide a comprehensive solution to this social ill that threatens to sentence too many of our chil dren to a life of pain and suffering.

The Families Beyond Bars Act found that "Children of incarcerated parents often battle attention deficit disorder resulting in poor school attendance and grades, depression, aggression, low self esteem, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder." Furthermore, "children with imprisoned parents may be nearly six times more likely than their peers to be incarcerated."

"Girl Scouts Beyond Bars helps strengthen the fragile parent-daughter bond by giving girls and moms a chance to connect with each other

in powerful ways during a very difficult period," said Kathy Cloninger, CEO, Girl Scouts of the USA. "The Beyond Bars experience gives girls a stable and shared peer experience, while also keeping them involved in their mother's lives, which gives girls a much better chance to grow up with the security and confidence needed to succeed in the future. As the nation's voice of girls, it is imperative for Girl Scouts to partner with government to help girls

who are most at risk to develop the courage and confidence they will need to thrive."

The Bill would authorize the U.S. Attorney General to award grants between \$200,000 and \$310,000 to qualified organizations to carry out structured child-parent visitation programs that foster and develop familial ties between eligible children and their incarcerated parents.

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Commentary
By Pat Hill

# "A Discussion of Race Worth Having"

(The title and excerpts of this article are taken from statements by Presidential candidate

Cynthia A. McKinneyallthingscynthiamckinney.com)

"I am deeply offended that in the middle of a Presidential campaign, remarks - -be they from a pastor or a communications mogul, or a former Vice Presidential nominee - - are the cause of a focus on race, and not the deep racial disparities that communities are forced to endure on a daily basis in this country."

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too am offended that after decades of experiencing the monolithic thinking and behavior of white America when it comes to Black America that we continue to allow ourselves to be taken off course in our protracted struggle to achieve self-determination. Black people cannot afford to become spectators; we

must set the tone and the agenda for the Presidential elections, always. We must move forward in the tradition of our aneestors and that is to serve as the conscious of human kind and not wallow in the cesspool of ignorance.

Two issues on which we must stand firm are race and

economy. With the current mortgage and inflation crisis people in America are experiencing, how can we not demand that all Presidential candidates talk about offering their constituents relief? As long as America is America, race is always going to be an issue. So, we the people must demand candidates present positions that will result in public policy addressing the issue of race. A sermon focusing on a moral appeal, in my opinion, is not enough from a Presidential candidate. We have ministers and other religious/spiritual leaders devoting their lives to doing this. That is not what the criteria by which we decide who we will elect President should be based on.



The Federal Reserve Bank, a private company, controlled by a handful of private banks is responsible for the 70% foreclosure rate in America. At their whim, when money is low, they dictate, not the U.S. Treasury, when to print more money. The more

money circulating without backing (gold, etc.) reduces the value of the money. That explains why J.P. Morgan- CHASE Bank with money from The Federal Reserve Bank recently bailed out Bear Stearns Cos. for \$236 million.

Virtually, all of the seven or so banks that control the Federal Reserve Bank were responsible for predatory lending because they financed subprime lending institutions while refusing to lend money to many who attempted to get loans from the banks themselves. Now in the midst of the crisis in home lending, you see, Bank of America, CHASE and others that were never before seen our community, opening up branches for our convenience, we think. Bear Stearns Co., the fifth largest investment bank in the world was bought by the third largest bank with a 28 day loan from the "Fed". Have we heard any mention of those facing foreclosure being offered any relief to save their homes? Instead, U.S. taxpayers are being issued some token gesture from the IRS beginning in May, 2008. According to law, it's our own money being returned to us and we are still due more.

Although the Iraqi conflict is important, it is just another component of a few large corpora-

tions aspiring to control the worlds' financial power. Our Presidential candidates have been silent on espousing a position on what the President and U.S. Congress are going to do about the Federal Reserve Bank. We should demand that they have one and we need to know what that position is.

The 2008 report, United for a Fair Economy explores the sub-prime mort-

gage crisis and notes that Black and Latino communities are experiencing the largest loss of wealth in U.S. history, with an estimated \$92 billion lost by Blacks and an estimated \$98 billion lost by Latinos.

I, along with former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney and I'm certain, countless other Americans, welcome a "real discussion of race in this country and the resolve to end the long-standing disparities that continue to spoil the greatness of our country. " Just as important, those who are dying to become leader of this country must take the lead in setting the agenda on behalf of its people, Americans.

## <u>¥act&</u> <u>Commentary</u> of Mark Allen

SSJ Associate Editor



## The Dream Ticket Is Still Real

he combination of Obama and Clinton best represents a ticket that is not the black ticket or the white ticket, but the right ticket. As a former staff member on Rev. Jesse L. Jackson's 1988 presidential staff, I watched how many of our supporters did not support the Democratic nominee Mike Dukakis after Rev. Jackson lost the Democratic nomination. Rev. Jackson finished second in total support, garnering 7 million votes, but he was not on the ticket. We can't let that happen again.

I was one of the first community organizers Barack Obama met in Chicago over 20 years ago, and I have worked directly with him throughout his political career.

In 1986, Barack was Project Director for Project Vote, a city-wide voter registration campaign that put more than 100,000 new voters on the books. It set the stage for the historic election of Illinois U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun, the re-election of Chicago's 1st Black Mayor Harold Washington in 1987, and a new Chicago City Council.

That brings us to the 2008 election. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton compliment each other and often used the word "we" in their discussions of the party, leading some to wonder if there could be an Obama-Clinton or Clinton-Obama ticket. That question received a lot of reaction from the audience recently, and is worthy of consideration.

The Democratic Party cannot afford for the excitement and new generation of voters that Obama and Clinton have brought to the process to be turned off by the non inclusion of the other candidate on the ticket.

Will Obama supporters have the same passion to elect Clinton if she becomes the nominee without him as vice president? Would Clinton supporters have the same enthusiasm for Obama if he is the nominee without her as vice president?

A lot of new voters may not understand why the two top vote getters are not automatically on the ticket together. Based upon my experience of 1988, let me be one of the first to say that I would surely support the Obama/Clinton ticket, or the Clinton/Obama ticket.

I agree with what Barack Obama stated so clearly-he certainly is not a candidate for vice president. If he stays on course he will go into the Convention with a majority of the popular vote and a majority of the delegates and will be the Democratic nominee. But the burden will be on him to make real his public statements of how he respects the leadership of Senator Clinton, and the respect he has for the American people who have made their votes clear in making Obama and Clinton their top two vote getters.

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of the former commanders received promotions while 8 were reassigned or kept in place. The 2<sup>nd</sup> district is still without a commander. These details have become the source of concern for citizens and officials alike. "Housecleaning implies getting rid of stuff, out with the old and in with the new," said South Side resident, Sonja Moore, "if he (Weis) didn't fire anybody it seems like it's not so much housecleaning as it is moving old dirt around."

Pat Hill, president of the African-American Police League (AAPL) is particularly critical of the Weis' changes, insinuating they are cosmetic and designed to mask a hidden agenda. "Even though Mr. Weis is not of Irish descent, the dictates of the police department are still being made by Daley to maintain control of the department," she said, referencing the Irish descent shared by Mayor Daley and a large number of longtime police officers. intendent to insure that he'd continue to call the shots." Referred to as a 'shake-up' by much of the media, Hill claimed it was, 'nothing more than a shuffle'. "It is our (AAPL) position that Daley is waiting to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> district's commander position with a white person in an effort to put in place the necessary components to win the bid for the 2016 Olympics," declared

Monique Bond, Director of News Affairs for the department, defended Weis' selections citing a number of 'strategically planned' shifts of minority officers to 'more important and sensitive areas.' "Though the SOS unit's prior commander, John Franklin was laterally moved, the unit is now the Special Functions Group (SFU) and is headed by an African-American male. He (Weis) appointed the first Hispanic female to Deputy Superintendent of Bureau of Patrol, and there is also a

black commander heading the Targeted Response Unit," Bond told SSJ reporters. "Clearly by the reorganization of the command staff, he has displayed a commitment to promoting hard workers and changing the makeup of negative perceptions formed in the past," she continued

Craig Futterman, Clinical Professor in the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School and founder of its Police Accountability Project was hesitant to judge Weis' changes without more information. "It's difficult to say whether the changes are good or bad without knowing the particular players involved,'\* he said. Futterman, who has studied the department's handling of officers

for years, did express concern about the promotion of former head of the Internal Affairs Department (IAD), Debra Kirby to General Counsel to the Office of Superintendent. "She had been in charge, minding the store during the time when IAD's investigatory systems were clearly broken under her command," said Futterman, citing reports that for some time Kirby ignored memos alerting her to the SOS scandal. He further stated, "IAD was clearly ineffective, so to now promote her to counsel for the superintendent, it makes one wonder, who's running the show, the superintendent, or someone above him who knows she (Kirby) knows where the skeletons are?"

## **Kenwood Music Teacher**

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That evening she invited all parents and community stakeholders to meet and further discuss the allegations in detail.

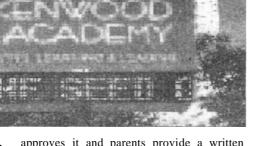
With roughly 50 parents in attendance, Kirby took on some tough questions, giving parents an opportunity to voice their concerns at length.

The mother of a

senior, who wished to remain anonymous, admitted to suspecting Mr. Lenon's sexual orientation upon their first meeting. "Yeah, it was obvious right away that he was that way (homosexual) but that wasn't immediately disturbing, I have family members like that and its not like just because a teacher is gay he has to be a predator," said the concerned parent. "What was odd though, was the fact that my son wasn't at all surprised, I don't know if it came as a surprise that the students involved were engaging in that type of activity, but he was definitely not surprised that the teacher had been accused of misconduct," she said. Though local news media publicized Lenon's identity upon his arrest, Ms. Kirby never referred to the teacher by name, citing ongoing investigations as her reason for maintaining his anonymity.

"Even though the victims' names haven't been released, my son says he knows exactly who one of the boys were because there was only one student known to have driven the teacher's Navigator," commented a parent, referencing allegations that Lenon allowed one of the boys to drive his car to his South Side residence.

.Distraught parents asked Kirby what messages staff members had received regarding the definition of inappropriate behavior. "We reviewed specific policies. For one, faculty members are to have no contact with students outside of approved school functions. Secondly, teachers are not to give students any money or gifts, for anything, whether performance or bus fare, and lastly, students will not be receiving rides home," explained Kirby. "Board policy already maintains that students can only receive rides from faculty members if the principal Family Services.

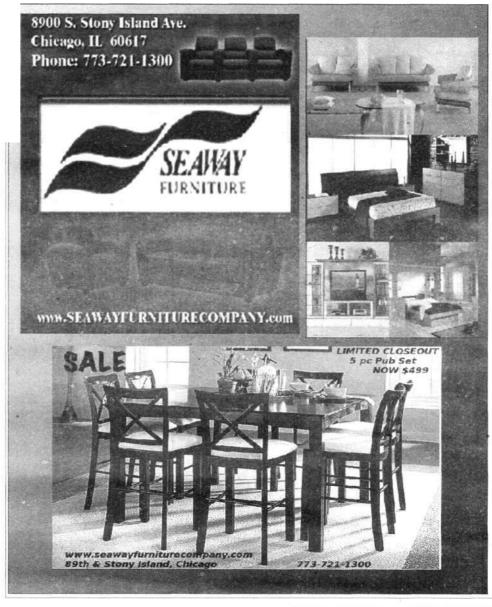


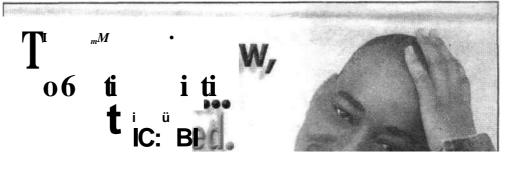
approves it and parents provide a written agreement, but my message is just don't do it because I'm not approving it, period," she told the audience.

Several parents sought advice as to how to look for signs of trouble and discuss inappropriate behavior on the part of teachers with their children. Kirby suggested that parents either employ scenarios in which they ask students how they would respond to particular situations or just confront them matter-of-factly. "Just be blatant, once a teacher has a student's trust, the sky's generally the limit. We're all familiar with 'stranger danger' but when people in positions of authority, who are close to them behave inappropriately it can really throw children off, being that they're young and still developing," expressed Ms. Harper, a guidance counselor assisting Kirby throughout the meeting. "Basically you need to tell your child that you need them to be streetsavvy so they are clear as to when a boundary has been crossed," Harper finished.

Principal Kirby received several words of praise from parents appreciative of her response to the ordeal. An unnamed mother in attendance-told the principal, "I have a tremendous amount of respect for you. Not every principal would take the time to personally inform parents, we could have found out through the news, I applaud you for reaching out to us and making sure we were kept aware."

The charges against Lenon are under investigation by the Chicago Police Department, Chicago Public School's Legal Department and Department of Children and







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By Ms. Beauty Turner

## **Anti-war** Movement "In These Streets"

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'War. What is it good for? Absolutely nothing!' Those song lyrics rolled around in my head as I

prepared to speak at the Anti-War Movement protest at the Federal Plaza. Over 3000 people from many different nationalities descended on the peaceful anti-war rally and marched. Signs, t-shirts and colorful banners denouncing the war sprinkled throughout the crowd. The echoes of protestors chanting, "No more war!" and "Bring our soldiers home!" roared loudly from the crowd. A yellow and black banner that read, "Bring our troops home now!" adorned the main stage. Youth of every color sung out in harmony,

marked the fifth anniversary of the war and said the United States was on track toward victory.

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The 4,004th U.S. death

came days after Bush

"Stop the war," while young boys and girls tapped on drums and marched around the Plaza.

My speech follows... This morning I woke up to a speech that made me shake and shiver, a speech that President Bush had written, marking the fifth year anniversary of the War in Iraq.

His speech's central theme was, "because we acted." His speech failed to mention why "we acted." There was no reference to the absence of the weapons of mass destruction we were supposedly waging war for.

Because he acted, over 4000 American soldiers lost their lives.

Because he acted, there are over 30,000 wounded American soldiers: men and women. Many who joined the army because they were impoverished and couldn \*t afford a quality education. There are over 1 million Iraqi people who have lost their lives. And many more are dying right now.

Because he acted, the American people are in an economic downfall, a Katrina like whirlwind drowning us in heavy debt. We are losing our homes to demolitions and foreclosures. We are losing our jobs like 2-year olds lose baby teeth, one at a time. In my community, we are still picking cotton, j lint out of our pockets, with no real opportunity to fuel our economic engine. Due to recession, trillions

> of American dollars are being dumped irt~ an open pit, never to be retrieved. Yet America is no better off than the first day war started.

Babies in my community are scared with terror out of their minds; while walking and being shot down like rabbi dogs, right here on American soil while going to American schools because the lack of resources. There is no healthcare, funding for schools, funding for housingsbecause he acted. Stop this war and bring our troops home!

"Change" is a word that is often used in the political arena. The word "change ' is being thrown around like loose copper pennies in every direction. But in order to change this trend of an unjust war; change will come and it will come, "because we acted." All power to the people!

Afterward, we all marched in unity down the middle of pot holed streets in the Gold Coast area of down town Chicago. The line curved many times as I looked back from

marching in the front of the line while helping to carry the main banner. Many people were telling me they were sick and tired of the crying and unnecessary dying in a five year unjust war.

In Chicago, the protestors called for an end to this five year war and for our troops to come home. Many police officers stood on the side line with their new special high power technical black vehicles which rode slowly in front of the march. There was no cursing, spitting or fussing. It was a very well organized and peaceful protest. Many other Anti-war protests were taking place all around the globe. Chicago represented. They were "in these

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## Reflections on the Black Wall Street **Economic** Summit

recently had the pleasure of serving as a panelist for the Black Wall Street Economic Summit at The Chicago Urban League. Several organizations and community business leaders were in attendance. Many voiced concerns about the plight of small business owners in Illinois and Cook County, let's talk about it in the Café.

When you look at the big picture here in the State of Illinois, corporations that cannot survive are starting to migrate to other states. We hear about economic development in our communities but local businesses are not awarded contracts. Pushing smoking bans on small bars, taverns and family owned diners has hurt too. Listening to small business owners speak about their struggle to compete draws is a serious concern. In the City of Chicago Black owned businesses make up a mere 9% of contracts

A South Suburban resident and business owner with contracts in the State of Illinois and the State of Wisconsin complained about how slow the State of Illinois is on paying his company. He hasn't received payments in over 6 months. Small businesses are often afraid to compete for State and City contracts unless they have funds to survive for the long periods of time they can expect to go without payment.

A possible merger between Continental and United Airlines may give Continental the upper hand in determining where the merged carriers would put the new headquar-



ters. Boeing should be upset with the 35 -billion dollar contract going to Northrop Gruman for Air Force Refueling Contracts, especially since it caused Boeing shares to drop and Northrop Gruman shares to rise.

Many small businesses and even some larger corporations foresee a very difficult time trying to survive in the midst of ever-increasing taxes, harsh anti-business restrictions and terribly slow pay schedules. Eventually they will be forced to leave, relocating to neighboring states and taking their tax bases with them.

Mr. John Clark, owner of the only black owned frozen pizza company in the United States, Reggio's Pizza, recently addressed the refusal of large chain stores in Chicago's Black community to carry his product. In my opinion, Illinois needs to become business friendly, otherwise more trouble is on the horizon. I am however, glad to report life returning to the Lincoln Mall area of Matteson, Illinois. There is also a proposed strip mall for Country Club Hills similar to the Outlet Mall in Michigan City, Indiana that appears to be promising. It's a great start, but it's still jeopardized when customers are paying over 10% in sales taxes and store owners are forced to pay astronomically high rents to keep their doors open. As a side note, I personally endorse Reggio's Pizza, it's delicious.

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From left to right: Descendant Cassandra Bradshaw, Survivor Jeanette Bradshaw, Shaka Barack of Chicago, Descendant Laurel Stradford of the Black Wall Street of Tulsa, Oklahoma

#### By Shaka Barack

American community in North the massacre is, "how fast things can Tulsa, Oklahoma amassed extreme be taken away, that can happen to wealth by adhering to Black Nation- anyone of us at anytime. They actualist buy black and self-reliance con- ally bombed that area which is the cepts. The community produced so first time in the history of our counmany African American millionaires, try that our government bombed whites from neighboring areas (citizens). The Gap Band was from dubbed it, 'Black Wall Street.' On May 31, 1921, a Race riot left an estimated 1000 men, women and what they were talking about." children massacred at the hands of angry whites. For 75 years it's remained a dirty, virtually undocu- his memoirs read, "if I don't use a mented secret.

89-year old Jeanette Bradshaw, one of the few living survisays, "supposedly á Black shoeshine raped white girl, but they found out later it was untrue, they were boyfriend and girlfriend, this is what the riot started over." In the midst of the devastation and Descendants Ann Marie Usher and

build- Laurel Stradford burning ings, Bradshaw lost her brother. "We don't know where our brother

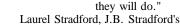
mobs) were after all the young boys pride, "because they had to keep the and they didn't stop for one minute to find out the truth, they just started nesses grew, their kids went to medikilling and burning. It was dreadful, cal school and came back as surdreadful, and •dreadful," recalls Brad-

Tulsa, J.B. Stradford (b.1850-d. the money wasn't being scattered 1935) is said to have been one of the about. wealthiest. He is survived by his 76country. He built it from the ground they were able to accumulate." Lau-

lionaire's granddaughter. What she In the early i 900's, the African - most wants people to remember from Tulsa, when they wrote the song, 'You Dropped a Bomb On Me' that's

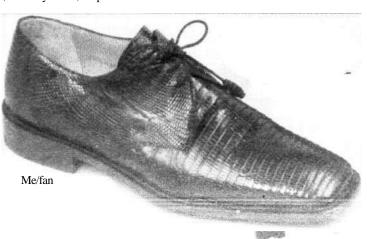
Stradford was an adamant of supporter of Black business Excerpts of Black man who will? White people

are not .going to come into your community and out Black people to do work. How are they going to learn to do good work if I don't use them? And if they don't do good work and I tell them that they need to make different changes or improve, the only way they are going to improve is to get the work. The more work they get, the better



was, but he ran, a bunch of boys flew great-granddaughter speaks of her because they knew that they (white ancestors' community with great money in the community Black Busigeons and bankers, ministers and builders. There was somebody in all Of all the Black millionaires in the trades including newspapers. So

The Tuba race riot came about year old granddaughter, Ann Marie because of Indian land Blacks were Usher, who described him as a great buying up, once oil was discovered man with had foresight, an entrepre- on that land whites wanted it back, it neur. "He built the Stradford Hotel in war the side effect of success at a Tulsa Oklahoma, which was de- time when white people wanted evestroyed during that massacre. It was rything and were jealous of Blacks the largest Black owned hotel in the who managed to get a lot more than up, brick by brick," reports the mil- rei Stradford is the owner of the



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## Lu and Jorja Palmer to receive special honor

Late activists and community leaders Lu and Jorja (English) Palmer will be honored by Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC) in a dedication ceremony on March 29 at CBUC headquarters, 330 E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street. A reception and awards will follow the ceremony at Parkway Ballroom, 4445 S. King Drive. The event, cochaired by U.S. Representatives Bobby L. Rush and Danny K. Davis is free and open to the public. CBUC is dedicated and committed to working for substantive change in the social, economic and political arenas. Since its founding in 1980, the organization brought about the election of the first Black president of the Chicago School Board, launched the first good government and political education courses in Chicago and created the movement that led to Harold Washington being elected the city's first African-American mayor. "We are pleased to report the continued work of two of our most respected elders, Lu and Jorja Palmer," said Eddie S. Read, CBUC chairman. Lu and Jorja are best known as founders of CBUC and the Black Independent Political Organization (BJPO). While they did great works through the aforementioned organizations they served in many other capacities.

"Jorja was involved in several civic community and political organizations She worked with leaders across the country to advance a positive and progressive agenda for all people, with a special focus on issues concerning Black people," Read explained, "on October 22, 1982, Jorja founded and established the Stanford English Home for Boys, the first group home for African-American children in Illinois was named for her autistic son, Stanford English."

Pioneering advocacy journalist Lu Palmer, also served as the chairman of the board of directors for United Services of Chicago (USOC), a position he held from 1991. until his death. USOC is a community based organization that successfully recruits, trains and places minorities and women in employment across a wide range of industries. Palmer also hosted WVON's "On Target" radio program for a number of years.

In 1987, the street where his organizations were headquartered was renamed in Lu Palmer Place. In regards to his legacy helping the disenfranchised, the veteran journalist once said, "The reality is that those who fall into the category of the committed are relatively few. But it takes the few to teach and inject into the many the serum of determination, so that when the 21<sup>st</sup> cen-





tury dawns, Africans in America will be alive and strong and storming the doors that lead to freedom." Prominent people from across the state are expected to attend the March 29<sup>th</sup> dedication ceremony where a plaque featuring Palmer's trademark slogan, "enough to make a Negro turn Black' will be unveiled.

"As we continue to advance the Palmers' work in the economic, social and political arena we invite the community to join us for the dedication ceremony," Read said. "We encourage everyone to attend this special event.

An avid and outspoken supporter of Harold Washington, Palmer was instrumental in his mayoral election.

Dubbed the godfather of Chicago black political activism, Lutrelle "Lu" Palmer was born March 28, 1922, in Newport News, Virginia. While his two older sisters opted for careers in education, Palmer, with a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa became a reporter for the Chicago Defender in 1950. "The Panther with a pen" spent fifty years galvanizing and informing the black

community as a reporter, syndicated columnist, newspaper publisher and radio commentator. He wrote for other

newspapers including the *Chicago Daily News*, and Nashville's *Tri-State Defender*. He founded the *Black X-Press Info-Paper* in Chicago. He was a recruiter and organizer for the Associated Colleges of the Midwest from 1970 to 1990.

Palmer often lost jobs as a result of his stances. Illinois Bell canceled its sponsorship of Palmer's twelve-year-old radio show in 1983 when he announced his support of Harold Washington. As a community

activist, he founded the Black Independent Political Organization in 1981, and served as chairman of the Extended Services Program for the Group Living Facilities for Boys in 1998.

Palmer's scores of honors include the Chicago State University Black Writers' Hall of Fame, induction into the Black Journalists Hall of Fame, the Jomo Kenyatta Award for Political Activism, the Outstanding Service/Community Information Award, Grambling State's Outstanding Service Award, Bell Labs' Black Achievement Against the Odds

Award, and the Proclamation of Unity Award.
"Lu Palmer, a man of principle, a man of the people, for the people and of the people. Lu Palmer, a man of greatness," recalled Congressman Davis.

Palmer received a journalism degree from Virginia ington mayor. Union University in 1942 and a master's degree from Syracuse University. He and his wife, Jorja English be missed. Lu Palmer, resided on Chicago's South Side and had seven children. Lutrelle Palmer passed away on September 12, 2004, his wife passed on December 29, 2005.

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have waited a long time for this opportunity to approach you for help and a remedy for my stolen medical education by this government. The purpose of this march is to draw media attention and the attention of the Dean and Trustees to the demand that my stolen medical education must be returned allowing Martin Lewis to transfer to another medical school. I demand that Rush Medical College make restitution to Martin Lewis. Rush has intentionally refused to allow me to attend any other medical school in the country.

I want to continue and rescue my stolen medical career.

My name is Martín E. Lewis. I was a first year student at Rush Medical College in Chicago and completed the courses of the first year program over a two year period at the school from September, 1983 to June 1985. In my stay at Rush, I was required to repeat the first year, including courses already passed. I was dismissed from the program on September 6, 1985 because I had outstanding failures in three courses from the repeat of the first year which I was denied the right to makeup (two of those courses I had already passed the previous year) as allowed by the school's own rules, although my transcript actually shows all passing



Marchers protest the theft of Martin Lewis' education by Rush Medical College

grades for all courses.

Discrimination arose from the school's administration in my very first quarter throughout my entire stay until I was dismissed in September, 1985. The university allowed an inequitable application of the make-up policy, in which white students, in my same, exact class were treated differently. In the most egregious case where fellow student, Susan Crifase (Now Dr. Susan Crifase-Lin) was allowed to have 5 additional make-up examinations in her Freshman and Sophomore years. That is 5 more than the make-up policy allowed; to clear and expunge all failures of all courses on her records. In my case, the make-up policy was strictly & fully enforced; even though the courses were not actually failed in the first place as proven by the course professors'

own grade records. Through my legal case, via discovery, I possess all of these facts, from Rush's own documents, proving all this is true and accurate.

Although I am now pursuing reinstatement with Rush, I want to go to another medical school with a different environment to complete my medical education as a Clinical Neurosurgeon

## For these reasons, a protest inarch on Rush is absolutely necessary!

I cannot attend another medical school twenty-one years later. Because of my absolutely unjust dismissal from Rush Medical College, I have been placed in a highly extenuating and extraordinary circumstance. This is an understatement to say the least.

There clearly is no other way to complete my medical education without being accepted for transfer. Attempts to secure my reinstatement

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and the clearing, reform and resolution of "records from the first year curriculum have consumed the intervening 21 years since nv dismissal in September, 1985.

(NOTE: The Dean of Rush Medical Coll. has refused to supply a letter of reinstateme or a recommendation letter for transfer sii my dismissal.) As stated earlier, I seek transfer and advanced standing to the secy year class starting in the Fall.

I have pursued reinstatement with Rusl Medical College through a lawsuit addres ing this case before Federal Courts in Chi cago. In my lawsuit, defendants Henry P Russe, M.D., Rush Medical College, and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Ce ter have refused to settle in or out of coun despite the revelations of clear and convii ing disparate treatment between white anc black medical students at Rush; by their o documents and records during my time th As a pro-se plaintiff by court order, I am seeking relief including immediate reinstement and re-admissibility for transfer to a other United States medical school.

I am still trapped under the 1989 U.S. S preme Court Rulings even though I was p tected under the language of the law befoi the rulings narrowed the scope of coverag My case was pending on the date of enact ment of the 1991 Civil Rights Act that owturned these decisions. I need your help now! No human being should have to endure the shame and frustration of having proof of wrongdoing but the Congress kn(ing these results failed me. I need the nee sary language in the 1991 Act for it to app to my case and restore my stolen career.

I just want back the medical-career that Rush Medical College stole from me and J want the U.S. government sanctions **lifted** I can be made whole via the courts.

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onvened a city-wide political X College on Aug. 15, 1981, "to explore old and new strategies lart new paths toward full politixill political empowerment — in :k wards, in Black congressional legislative districts, in City Hall intry." Conrad Worrill, the Na-

tional Chairman of the National Black United Front (NBUF) said, "It was Lu Palmer that declared at this conference, and subsequently popularized the slogan that became a reality, "We Shall See In 83' We will miss Lu, but his spirit will remain with

"Lu was a huge figure in Chicago and Black journalism," recounted his friend and political ally,

Sr., founder of the Rainbow

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## Publisher's Editorial

# In Defense of my Pastor

eemed "inflammatory" by several media organizations, were suggestions by Rev. Wright that America brought the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on itself and that the government played a role in spreading the AIDS virus in the Black community. Both statements are true. A recent PBS documentary, Bush's War highlights the senselessness that has left nearly a million Iraqis and 4,000 American soldiers dead, supporting Rev. Wright's assessment of the war. If under control of the Bush regime, America carries out acts of terror then it should be no less subject to God's damnation than any other nation that resorts to terrorism.

I support Obama's distancing himself from our pastor. He has a tight lead in a close race against New York Senator Hillary Clinton for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination and is not going to prevail unless he can continue to rack up large numbers of white votes.

However, I also know that our pastor is on point: terrorism is terrorism and must be denounced if we are to remain morally consistent. America is responsible for acts of terror worldwide. Osama bin Laden did not wage a terrorist war on America on a whim. The 9/11 attack came after years of lopsided American support for Israel in the Middle East, shows of total disrespect for oppressed Palestinian people and almost foreign policies, the nation's cry will not be for

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universal support for un-democratic, authoritarian Arab regimes known for suppressing their own people. It is only logical that nations in such positions resort to terrorism. That is what Osama bin Laden did on 9-11 and Rev. Wright was cor-

rect in accusing America of bringing problems on Rev. Wright the opportunity to defend himself. If itself by continually supporting corrupt, oppressive ruling elites.

Rev. Wright I assume had no idea that Obama would eventually run for President and words spoken three years ago would haunt the presidential hopeful's candidacy. Ultimately, Obama denounced Rev. Wright for defying

America's 'political correct' policies, which allows it to place certain topics off limits for public discussion while simultaneously claiming to be a nation with belief in freedom of speech. America did bring on the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack and just as Malcolm X described the death of President John Kennedy, so did Wright accurately refer to 9/11 as a case of "chickens coming home roost." The Honorable Elijah Muhammad consequently distanced himself from Malcolm as did Barack from his pastor. I'm reminded of Jack

Nicholson's famous line from the film 'A Few Good Men'. When a truthful answer is demanded of him by a superior, Nicholson responds, "you can't handle the truth!" Like Nicholson's adversary in the film, America is just as unable to handle honesty.

If American government continues with current

God to bless America, but for God to America should be damn it. Rev. Wright is an icon whose ability to identify how issues relate to Christianity gives him a unique perspective and judging by the size of his congregation it is one that is resonating with masses of churchgoers. White people with good sense should tion that resorts to support Obama and Rev. Wright, for if mainstream media persists in calling on Obama to denounce his former pastor, cameras will eventually give

that happens, America will see this country turned upside-down by some 'good old fashioned' preaching from one of the world's most honest preachers, one that has been all over the world and back to the streets.

Farrakhan praised Obama as the only hope for healing the nation's racial wounds, "we

His name is not the only problem.

Media pundits continue to disrespectfully liken Obama's name to Osama bin Laden's, referencing his middle name as if he shares a connection with Saddam Hussein. Did they do this with Arnold Schwarzeneger or George Bush Sr.'s dealings with bin Laden?

> are witnessing the phenomenal rise of a man of color in a country that has persecuted us because of our color. If you look at Barack Obama's [diverse] audiences and look at the effect of his words, those people are being transformed from what they were. This young man is the hope of the entire world that America will change and be made better."

Bill Clinton is in a perfect position to defend Rev. Wright by bridging the cultural gap that prevents so much of white America from understanding the pastor's choice of words. If he can accept the undeserved reference of 'America's first Black president', play the saxophone while donning dark sunglasses, smoke marijuana and drink beer while watching sports with Rev. Jesse Jackson then he should be able to translate Rev. Wright's sentiments to the rest of the country. He clearly had a great deal of respect for Wright's patriotism and moral standing when he invited the pastor to the White House following leaks of his adulterous affairs with Monica Lewinsky. Rev. Wright was worthy of a place at Clinton's prayer breakfast but not worthy of defense in the midst of harsh, scornful unfair media criticism? Now that's what I call the 'Judas Fac-

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## A LITTLE GUN HISTORY

n 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control laws, 20 million dissidents were unable to defend themselves and thus exterminated. In 1911, Turkey established gun control laws resulting in the extermination of 1.5 million defenseless Armenians. In 1938, Germany established gun control laws. Consequently, 13 million Jews faced captivity and extermination. China

established gun control laws in 1935, leaving 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves from extermination. Guatemala established gun control laws in 1964, after which 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. As a result of Uganda's 1970 gun control laws, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. Cambodia's 1956 gun control laws led to the eventual extermination of

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people were exterminated in the 20th Century due to gun control. -control laws only adversely affect law-It has now been 12 months since lawmakers forced Australian gun owners to surrender 640,381 firearms to the govern-

ment. The destruction of the guns reportedly

cost Australian taxpayers over \$500 million dollars. The first year results are in: homicides are up 3.2 percent, assaults are up 8.6 percent and armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent)! In the Australian State of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300 percent. While law abiding citizens turned in their firearms criminals did not. The steady decrease in

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abiding citizens. With guns, we are citizens', without them, we are 'subjects'. If you value your freedom, spread this message to your most intelligent friends. I did.

## Ode to the Balladeer...

**Another Hasty Song** 

e was born Robert Sylvester Gops said he became a child molester

Only God knows what is true In '02 cameras showed what he could do With a beautiful voice he would sing...

then behind closed doors do nasty things Then proclaim himself today's Martin Luther King While his freedom ringed. he sings. another nasty song...

With mic in hand, he tells us he is the Pied Piper Through the hood he moves like a cobra or Young girls, 14, 15, maybe eleven On their knees he

gives them hell, On his knees he cries for heaven As their mamas stood by, believing they

Robert Sylvester made their little girls cry,

then die... inside as they lost their dignity while a man they loved took their virginToday while his freedom rings, he yet another nasty song...

A community's voice is silent, its heart is cold and clammv It cheers and seeks a snapshot of its hometown hero and his Grammys Perhaps he is 'just a flirt...' Who among us has done not a little dirt?

Forget all of the shame, forget all of the

he is ours, to whom our greed has given

So his freedom can ring, so he can sing just one more nasty song...

Justice's steps are frozen in the name of money As Robert Sylvester finds another juvenile honey They say the righteous will not be forsaken Yet another Chi-town girl finds her virginity taken Five years later He remains untried... Full of pride Claiming everyone involved has lied That we are with-

out forgiveness Nah, we're just a witness while his freedom rings, and he proclaims himself Martin Luther and sings another nasty song...

by Stephanie G. Shakur





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## Entertainment Brief

CAUSE OF DEATH PEND-ING FOR CORINNE BAILEY RAES HUSBAND: Cops arrest man on suspicion of supplying him with drugs.

\*Authorities are still waiting on toxicology reports to determine what exactly caused the death of Jason Rae, the 31 -year-old husband of British R&B singer Corinne Bailey Rae..

FORMER MLJAC MANAGER IN NY POST STORY BY MISTAKE: Frank DiLeo wronglyquoted in article about Jackson family's financial issues.

\*A scathing story about the Jackson family in Sunday's New York Post claims most of the famous brothers are financially strapped and waiting on the next handout from Janet, but EUR has learned that a source quoted in the article claims to have never spoken with either of the two Post writers.

WILSONS WIDOW BLOCKS **OPRAH-LED FENCES?: Talk** show host was reportedly trying to star in revival, but widow shut those plans down cold.

\*The New York Post is reporting that Oprah Winfrey was in "serious discussions" last year to star in the upcoming Broadway revival of August Wilson's "Fences" - that is until Wilson's widow Constanza Romero decided to go in a different direction.

SINBAD VS. HILLARY CLINTON II: Senator responds to comic's recollection of Bosnia trip, which prompts a final from Sinbad - so he says. \*Sen. Hillary Clinton is brushing aside comments made earlier this month by comedian Sinbad, who claimed that their 1996 trip to Bosnia was not as violent as she described in two separate occasions

on the campaign trail. WILL SMITH BE-HIND PHARAOH' PROJECT?: Actor's production company reportedly developing project written by Carl Franklin.

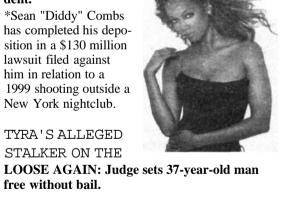
\*Sun Media is reporting that Will Smith's Overbrook Entertainment production company is housing the next project

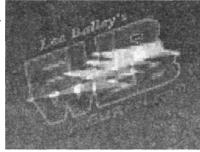
written by filmmaker Carl Franklin. DIDDY COMPLETES DEPOSITION IN SHOOTING CASE: Mogul deals with \$130 mil-

lion lawsuit stemming from 1999 club incident.

has completed his deposition in a \$130 million lawsuit filed against him in relation to a 1999 shooting outside a New York nightclub.

TYRA'S ALLEGED STALKER ON THE





\*A 37-year-old Georgia man who was charged with stalking Tyra Banks for several months was let out of jail pending his next court date in Manhattan.

DMX IS BLEEDING\*; TRACY MORGAN GETS NAILED': Entertainers join casts in separate film projects shot in the Carolinas.

\* Rapper DMX and actor Tracy Morgan made the Hollywood trades yesterday after joining separate film projects shot in both North and South Carolina.

B.B. KING BUYS A JUKE JOINT: Blues legend becomes club owner in his hometown.

\*B.B. King is the proud new owner of a juke joint in his Mississippi Delta hometown.

LIL MAMA'S ALBUM FINALLY HAS A STREET DATE: Jive takes advantage of teen rapper's exposure on MTV series.

> \*Lil Mama's new Jive album, "VYP - Voice of the Young People," has been assigned a release date of April 29, Billboard reports. TYLER PERRY WRITING OBAMA-**INSPIRED SCRIPT: Blogsite reports of** filmmaker being inspired by the couple. \*The blog site Sonya's Spotlight

(www.sonyasspotlight.com) is reporting that Tyler Perry is currently writing a screenplay inspired by the life of Michelle Obama, the wife of Democratic presidential nominee, Barack Obama.

ALICIA KEYS PLUGS DOVE SOAP: Singer stars in new 'micro-series' about women in their

\*Alicia Keys is starring as a public relations execu-

tive in a new micro-series created by Dove go fresh, aimed at giving women a "fresh take" on life in their twenties.

TIGER WOODS PLUGS GATORADE IN SPACE SUIT: Plus, golf staV's six-month winning streak ended Monday at Doral.

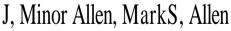
\*Tiger Woods sports an astronaut suit for a series of advertising spots supporting his new signature sports drink, Gatorade Tiger.

JILL SCOTT DE-**TAILS MING-**HELLA EXPERI-**ENCE:** Artist says director was main



reason she signed on for 'No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency.' \*Actress Jill Scott continues to praise Anthony Minghella, the British director of her film "The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" who died last week at the age of 54.





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## It's Happening at:

## Chicago Avenue was jumping last **Thursday**

night.. But it was not

the type of party you might expect in the Austin neighborhood. There was no bumping and grinding on the dance floor, no alcohol, no profanity, and no fighting. It was a family friendly event. A night of unity and good clean fun. The Sankofa Cultural Arts and

Business Center held its first Get Loose Jam Session last Thursday. Musicians brought their instruments and came together on one accord. Drummers, keyboard players, and guitarists all jamming to the same beat. Musicians who ters, mentors are also encouraged to had never before met one another, all grooved in harmony. This is symbolic of our African culture. There were church musicians. African drummers, music students. recording artists, and even a few people who had had no professional training, all sharing the same stage. It was an evening of inspiration, fellowship, networking, and fun. and other games. This is to be the first of many monthly jam sessions.

If you missed this one, mark your calendar next month. SOME PROFANI Every third Thursday, Chicago Avenue will be jumping from 7:30 pm until 10:30 pm. So when people tell you that there are no safe places for families to get together and have a good time, you tell them to head over to the Sankofa Cultural Arts & Business Center...where culture lives. Thee Get Loose events are free and open to the pub-

April 13 at ICE Theater 210 W. 87th St.-Doors open at 5pm.-Showtime 6pm \$15 for TWO-add. tickets \$5,



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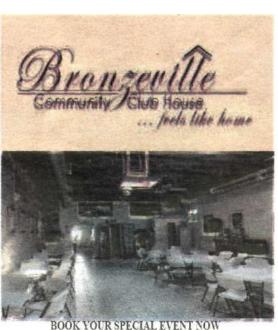
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EADING IS GOOD While you are waiting to see the Jackie Taylor version of The Teddy Pendergrass story, IAM WHO I  $\overline{AM}$ , take the time to pick up TRULY BLESSED at the bookstore. Teddy and Patricia Romanowski have put the pathway on paper to aid your preparation for participation in the play's performance at

the Black Ensemble Theater 4520 North Beacon, (how's that for a sentence?) It's our opinion that Jet Magazine has been looking good lately and their articles orí music people have been effective, including the one on the evolution of SNOOP. By the way, I wrote my first article for Mr. Johnson's Black Stars magazine during my 1980 WJPC years.

ANNIVERSARY PART ONE Last Saturday at the ATLAS CEN-TER-Department Of Senior Services, we were blessed with a celebration of our 40 years on Chicago radio, put together by the Friends Of The 79<sup>th</sup> Street Seniors. The event was a fundraiser for the center's auxiliary complete with live entertainment and plenty of exercise with the Best Dances Of Your Life in the form of the Twist, Twine, Watusi, Bop, and line dances that included The Cupid Shuffle. MANY THANKS go out to the staff and management of the Atlas Center including ROBIN TILLOTSON for putting this event

together. We'll have more on this event next week. To see some of our photos go to our site TheBestMusicOfYourLife.com photo gallery. Also, visit





79thStreetSeniors.com. More next week

FRICTION FICTION Here's something to put your dollar problems in perspective. Exxon. Thanks to Zay Smith of the Sun-Times, we now know Exxon makes \$28,000 PROFIT (not net) every 23 seconds. Now let's round these figures off. That means Exxon does \$84,000 per minute, \$5 million plus per hour, \$40 million in YOUR 8 hour work day, and \$120,960,000 EVERY 24 HOURS. -

ON STAGE Did you go to the Patti LaBelle/ Jeffery Osborne show and how was it? E mail your comments to BestDusty@aol so I can print them...1 didn't see the performance.

**ON THE RADIO** Since we are working on 40 years worth of air waves, you should know that no matter where you are you can hear The Best Music Of Your Life On WKKC.FM = that's wkkc dot f m / not dot com to listen to the station on line Saturday night at midnight until 6am. The request line is 774 488 9552. See you on the radio!

I'M JUST AN ORDINARY GUY But I was wondering...

- 1 Are the rich people really nice?
- 2 Does the state have enough \$\$\$ to tear down and rebuild that Northern U building? And did that go away?
- 3 Do you remember Prince and Joys on 51st and Michigan?
- 4 Was the Minster smiling and/or frowning when the Trinity thing hit the news?
- 5 Isn't this passport spy thing making the campaign process look like a TV movie?
- 6 Is it true that whoever gossips to you will gossip about you? Ain't that right Louise? Pleeeeeze!
- 7 Don't you miss Sauers' on 23<sup>rd</sup> and Glady's on Indiana?
- 8 Does whoever came up with flavored cigarettes deserve to go to
- 9 When will they catch the Tinley Pk guy? Honey
- 10 Do you watch as much TVone as you should?

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#### BET **Takes** Its Programming Model to Britain with Launch

Black Entertainment Television (BET) channel was a big step in BET's made history last Thursday by launch- "commitment to expand the BET ing a British version of BET. Initially, brand internationally. British Blacks and other viewers will  $g^{\wedge}/r^{\wedge}$  i <  $c'2^{\wedge} l / fl$  4-simply receive the same Hip Hop and  $^{\wedge}$  » 3 tO **pay ÍMo Mil** tO



From left to right: BUI Brown, Direc. of Economic Develop. For State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, John Clark (CEO and Founder of Reggio's Pizza, Inc.) and Morgan Carter (Direc. OfACE's Business Network). During the Black Wall Street Summit on March 1, John Clark was presented with a letter of commendation for the grand opening of his 5th Reggio's pizza restaurant located 1339 S. Halsted St. inUniversity Village.

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reality shows currently being watched by many American Blacks. But BET Networks issued a statement saying the scription drug fraud American content will be given "a regionalized look and feel" which means more Black British content.

#### BET founder Bob Johnson along with current CEO Debra Lee

BET was founded 27 years ago by Channel Black billionaire Bob Johnson and then sold to media giant Viacom. It is still programmed by Blacks headed by chairman and chief executive Debra (Taylor Media Services) America's Lee. She said the launch of the British



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SB A Names 11 Cities to Launch Emerging 200, an Intensive Jobs and Growth Initiative for 200 Inner City Businesses

- The U.S. Small Business Administration announced the selection of 11 cities for the Emerging 200 initiative, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Memphis, Atlanta, Chicago, Milwaukee, Albuquerque, New Orleans, Des Moines and Oak-

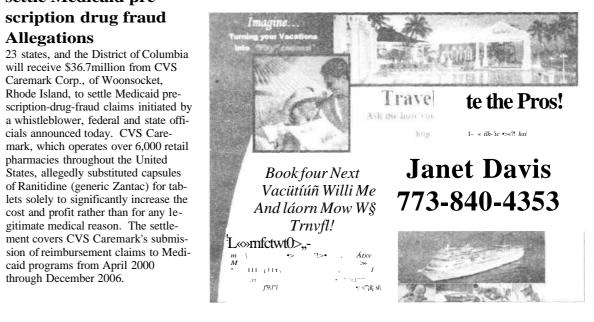
The SBA initiative will focus on small, poised-for-growth inner-city companies with potential for job creation. Research shows small firms with fewer than 20 employees created 80 percent of the net new jobs in the economy from 1990 to 2003 and added nearly three times the number of new jobs than larger companies between 1995 and 2002.

"This innovative initiative is designed to accelerate the growth of companies that are poised for sustained expansion," said SBA Administrator Steve Preston. "With the selection of these eleven cities, the Emerging 200 initiative will begin to prepare 200 high potential companies for their next phase of growth. It will attract and tap the power of these local entrepreneurs to transform their communities, grow wealth and increase the tax base in a real and lasting way."

The Emerging 200 initiative will have its official unveiling in each of the pilot cities at a series of local launch events in late March and early April.

The SBA Emerging 200 initiative will enable entrepreneurs from the 200 companies to participate in an intensive and comprehensive curriculum focused on developing winning, local strategies and attracting capital to fuel growth. Engaging the local network of business resources that is already in place in each city is a critical component of Emerging 200. Consequently, the local SBA District Offices will be deeply involved in assembling community partners, including state or local government, technical assistance partners, and capital providers.

"Clearly, in inner-city communities throughout our country, it is the small businesses that are creating employment opportunities," added Preston. "The Small Business Administration, through the Emerging 200 initiative, is now focusing further support on these job producing



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# House Finds a Home

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African American newspapers has a new Presi-

#### by Pachina Fletcher

As SSJ reported some weeks ago Roland Martin's contract was not renewed. The Chicago Defender is going in a new direction for the new year. Media Executive Michael A. House has been hired as the new president starting March 31st.

House has over 40 years of experience in various media genres: radio, newspapers, marketing, and sales. He has done it all.

Before his position at the Defender, Mr. House was president of the Call & Post Newspaper Group, where he supervised over 50 full and part-time employees. The black newspaper group publishes weekly papers in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati as well as a weekly statewide edition. Prior to the Call & Post, House served as President of the Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. (API) in New York, N.Y. His responsibilities included the placement of national advertising in more than 200 black newspapers across the country. In addition to newspapers, he was general manager of Cleveland's cable television public access channel. And was the spokesman for Mayor Frank Jackson of Cleve-

As President, Mr. House will be charged with overseeing the entire operations of the historic newspaper. The vision is to create an integrated platform that includes web, events marketing, and traditional print advertising.

"Mr. House's passion, knowledge and expertise in the newspaper industry is unrivaled," said Hiram E. Jackson, Chief

Executive Officer of Real Times, Inc. (parent company of The Chicago Defender).

His commitment to excellence helped him garner the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) 2003-2004 Publisher of the Year Award.

House's additional print media responsibilities include his work with Ebony Magazine. As the publication's New York-based Advertising Manager, his duties included developing and implementing advertising positioning and strategies.

He also has prior sales and marketing assignments with Ford Motor Company, Mobil Oil Corporation, and Rockwell International.

Prior to joining the Chicago Defender, House served as Press Secretary and spokesperson for Mayor Frank G. Jackson and the City of Cleveland, and was responsible for media relations and public records requests.

House sits on the Board of The Urban League of Greater l Cleveland, The Hun-

ger Network, Minority Organ Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP), and the National Alliance of Market Developers, of which he is National Past President. He is also a member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2003. and President of the Call & Post Foundation, which

annually hosts the W.O. Walker Salute to Community Excellence Awards, an event that funds scholarships for students attending historical black colleges and universities.

A native of Cleveland, House grew up in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood and

graduated from John Adams High School. He earned an MBA from Baruch College - City University of New York and has a bachelor's degree from Howard University.

Once recognized as the only daily African American newspaper, the Chicago Defender returned to its roots and transitioned to a weekly publication the week of February

13th. Like other publications, the Chicago Defender has had to change with the times; however, they remain committed to sharpening its focus and offering readers more pertinent content. House is ready to take on the challenge of revitalizing one of the oldest black newspapers in the country.

"I am humbled by AmmtWmmSm this opportunity to be

associated with such a historic publication," House said. As we continue to embrace this new transition, I look forward to working with the Chicago Defender family as we give readers more concrete and comprehensive news that not only will inform, but will educate and impact lives."

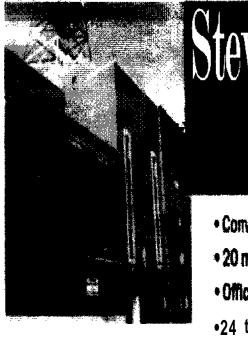
Founded in 1905 by Robert Sengstacke Abbott, the Chicago Defender, for 100 years has been the voice of the African-American Community in Chicago and across the United States. The Chicago Defender spoke out against lynching, racism, and segregation, and led the movement known as the Great Migration; promoted 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 and renowned author Langston Hughes.

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 in the world.

In recent years, the Chicago Defender has changed it's look, motto, and location. But, it's circulation is still down from where it once was.

Hiram Jackson, CEO of Real Time Inc., parent company of the Defender says, "The Defender's vision is to create an integrated platform that includes: the web, event marketing, and traditional print advertising. "Mr. House's passion, knowledge and expertise in the newspaper industry is unrivaled.

We welcome his vision and leadership as the Chicago Defender intensifies it's goal of being the finest African American newspaper in the country, by providing relevant stories to the African American community," says Jackson. We in the African American community, as well as Real Time Inc. are hoping House can rejuvenate the Chicago Defender with experience and expertise to make the 101 year old paper the "Voice" it once was.



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But if any man provide not from his own and especially for those of his own house he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.

A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children. What are we leaving for our children?

I will put you on top instead of the bottom. I will make you lenders instead of borrowers. The Chinese children will have China Town. The Greek children will have Greek Town.

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These are some of the leaders I have worked with in the past and some who worked with him to accomplish what he is doing: A. Phillips Randolph; Labor Leader, Dr. Vernon John; Educator, Civil Rights and Economic Leader, Dr. Martin Luther King; Civil Rights Leader, Lu Palmer; Political Leader, S.B. Fuller; Economic Leader.

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the marketplace to her all natural *Tea* a top rating of 4.5 out of 5 stars. gourmet tea.

launched Magnolia Spice Teas, Inc. introducing the marketplace to her all Albertsons/Supervalu, .Dominick's/ Mart, Costco and other retailers.

According to Sowell, Magnolia has been unable to participate in several local and regional events for

purposes of sales and marketing. She maintains that this is a result of Exclusivity Agreements required by Coca Cola and/or conditions imposed by Coke in exchange for their sponsorship dollars.

In 2000, Sowell says she signed a Confidentiality, Non-Disclosure Agreement with Coca Cola, North America. Beverage Partners Worldwide, and Coca Cola Enterprises for purposes of fashioning a joint venture, distribution, and marketing

agreement between the companies. After disclosing her product line and the 'untapped niche market' it targeted, Coca Cola North American, Partners Worldwide decided against entering into an agreement with Mag-

ern Style Sweet Tea won 1st Place, hibiscus, organic cane juice sweeten- weeks," Billingsley concluded. Best Ready-to Drink Sweet Tea at the ers or honey, and orange, lemon,

gave Magnolia's Southern Style Sweet juices/concentrates.

similar to Magnolia's Southern Style ity Agreement.' Sweet Tea." An August 2006 BEV-NET review rated most of Coke's flavors 2 out of a possible 5 stars, commenting, "the bottle is a

World Tea Expo. In 2006, BEVNET lime, pineapple, mango or guava

"Coca Cola's launch of Gold Peak According to Sowell, in the sum- violates the spirit and the letter of the In 1997, Calvita Frederick Sowell, mer of 2006, Coke launched Gold agreement signed with Magnolia," Peak, a ready to drink tea targeting asserts Sowell. Her representatives the 'upscale gourmet niche tea mar- charge that, "Gold Peak is a wrongful natural gourmet tea. Magnolia has ket' that she discussed with the com- 'knock off of the Magnolia's teas, distribution that includes Jewel/ pany several years prior. Sowell reducing Magnolia's sales, and neucharges, "Gold Peak's Sweetened Tea tralizing the Distinctive Beverage Safeway, Food4Less/Kroger, Wal- looks, smells and tastes remarkably Exception within the Coke Exclusiv-

> "Coca Cola throws pennies at our causes and uses that as license to overload our community's shelves with artificial bev-

> > erages made of unhealthy chemicals," claim Magnolia representatives, "in addition they steal our best and brightest creations, block healthy beverages from the market place and prevent the growth of successful minority businesses that create local jobs." Coca-Cola's Director of Community and Multicultural Communications, Lori Billingsley

rior product within (and) uses many Sowell so that we can better underingredients that are staples of Coke stand her concerns and try to reach an products, including high fructose amicable resolution." "The Coca-Cola Company is guided by high ethical standards and a set of values that includes integrity and accountral and contain black or green tea ability. We hope to have an amicable In March 2005, Magnolia's South- leaves, cloves, cinnamon, licorice or resolution within the next few



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## foreclosure Resources

According to Chicago Tribune, no fore-quences Of missing a credit card payclosure news would be the best news. ment aren't as bad as having a foreclo-But some recent items do provide a sure started," he says. glimmer of assistance for homeowners The inclination to pay credit cards first Chicago Housing Department is mail- Chen, housing economist at Econowners who've had a foreclosure filing

Typically, it's easier to get a lender to Households don't want to lose their ease payment terms before a foreclo- ability to consume, likely in some cases nity for area residents to learn about the sure is filed. But because of the number they need their cards to continue pur- home buying process, including dowrf of foreclosures, lenders may be more chasing necessities." likely to make a loan adjustment after the fact, notes Dan Lindsey of the Le- cies rose for all types of debt — mort- tion. gal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Moreover, last month major lenders Pro bono squad: Bad economic times announced a 30-day "pause" right after call for good lawyers — who'll voluna foreclosure filing, with the idea that homeowners might work something

State life raft: Illinois homeowners who are struggling to make mortgage payments might be able to refinance through a new \$200 million state fund announced last month.

To find out whether they qualify for a fixed-rate loan, borrowers can call the national Homeowner's HOPE hot line: 888-995-HOPE.

Chicago-area callers should ask to be transferred to a counselor affiliated with the Illinois network set up by Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, one of the groups administering the \$200 million pool.

Pay mortgage first: Corporate employee-assistance program are getting more call for help with mortgagerelated troubles, says John Jones, a financial specialist with Chicago-based ComPsych, a firm that runs EAPs.

Jones reports that counselors find "people are more worried about defaulting on their credit cards than on their mortgages They think that if they miss a credit card payment, all their floor of the Dirksen Federal Building, cards will get hit with a much higher, punitive rate."

\_, But, Jones points out, that the mortgage should be the priority. "You need two things — a place to live and enough to eat. The negative conse-

better for cards than for mortgages. grams and services citywide.

However, Chen notes that delinquengages, autos and credit cards ~ by the end of last year.

teer their services.

The Chicago Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of Chicago Bar Association, is expanding its efforts to recruit "pro bono" lawyers to help the 1 million plus low-income residents in the Chicago area.

The surge of foreclosures is adding to the demand for such assistance. The foundation is recruiting volunteers for the following: \*Chicago Legal Clinic. Most pro bono clients are referred byhousing agencies. However, anyone can call 773-731-1762 for an appointment, and they may be able to arrange a sltding-scale fee.

\*Chicago Volunteer Legal Services. Taking new cases "slowly and selectively?'Call 312-332-1624.

\*The Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago: It's at capacity, but callers to the general line at 312-341-1070 may be referred elsewhere.

\*Bankruptcy Assistance Desk. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on weekdays, except federal holidays, the desk is staffed by lawyers versed in bankruptcy matters. The desk is on the 6th in room 622, 219 S. Dearborn St.

The Chicago Department of Housing announced the 2008 schedule for its in distress: Postcards to the edge: The is a recent development, says Celia Affordable Neighborhoods Expos, a series of free housing fairs designed to ing post cards listing resources for omy.com. "During this cycle, it does promote homeownership and public seem that credit quality is holding up awareness of affordable housing pro-

> The expos will provide an opportupayment and closing cost assistance programs, renting and home renovaj

"We want to reach out to as many possible so that they know of the opportunities that are available to them,"

In addition to City agencies, the

Homeowners facing foreclosure and those who want to make sure that it doesn't happen to them will be able to take advantage of financial counseling services and loan work-out sessions with on-site counselors and lenders.

The expos will be held on Saturdays and locations:

- April 12, 2008 Creative Chicago Expo, Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- April 19, 2008 Camino A Su Casa, West Side Technical Institute, 2800 S. Western Ave., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- April 26, 2008 Southwest Region Expo, Maria Saucedo Academy, 2850 W. 24th Blvd., 10 a.m. 3330 South to 2 p.m.

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first-time homebuyers and renters as Housing Commissioner Ellen Sahli

expos include lenders, real-estate professionals and housing counseling agencies, as well as private vendors who provide services for people looking for affordable housing. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in workshops and meet a variety of industry professionals and service pro-

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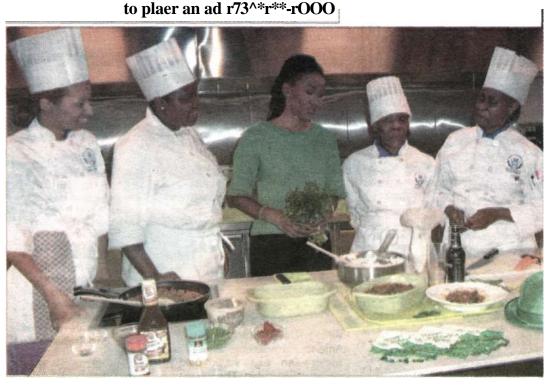
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22 year career in the restaurant business. the culinary arts. "It's a lifetime business that never closes, Continuing Education options are available because people always need to eat." B for the "cook" in each of us at both the Smith, accompanied by her husband/ WCI South Shore Cultural Center location, business partner Dan Gasby continued, and on the main campus at 63rd and Halsted "Spending time with students is the right Streets. Please call: 773-602-5000 for thing to do, because a little inspiration can additional information go a long way with emerging entrepreneurs visit: <<u>>>\*Pww.ioegHMdyidgag.€€£\*</u>j and chefs, who desire to succeed in the

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B. Smith shares cooking and business tips with Washbume culinary Institute

#### CARRUTHERS CENTER HOSTS ANNUAL OPEN

The Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies (CICS) of Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) will host its Annual Open House for current and prospective students on Wednesday April 2"d, 2008 from 4:00 until 7:00 pm., at 700 East Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. The event is FREE and open-to-the-public.

"We encourage all current and prospective students to attend this exciting and informative educational event at the Center for Inner City Studies", said Dr. Conrad Worrili, Director. "This is an excellent time to further your education at NEIU."

During the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open House, attendees will have an opportunity to meet and talk with CICS

instructors and staff and attend information sessions covering the following topics: Financial Aid (a financial aid workshop will be held from 3:00 until 4:00pm)

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