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Chicago's Political Real Estate Agenda

The Land Grab issue turns the focus of the Seminar

The Chicago Association of Realtors (CAR) reported that residential sales for the first nine months of 2000 have broken records for the seventh year in a row in the City of Chicago, with closings on over 21,400 units in the city. But the report contributes the growth to condos, still overall the most popular housing choice.

The median cost of a home is at \$172,000, a 8.86% increase over last year.

The "Real Deal on Real Estate" turns the focus on political realities, the "Land Grab" in Black communities. This leaves behind the position reports of the record breaking real estate boom in Chicago.

Presented by the Community Assets Builders Association in cooperation with the Black Economic and Political Action Network (BEPAN) held the seminar at the Charles Hayes Center on 48th and

Wabash with the theme "Strengthening Our Communities."

Viewing recent developments of land grab on the westside for the new court house, to the vast amount of vacant land under city control on the south and westside. The seminar addressed real estate issues on housing and community economic development. It provided information to participants who gathered from across the City of Chicago.

Strikingly accurate and informative were the presentations made by numer-

ous presenters.

Dr. Conrad Worrill, Chicago Black Unite Front gave the opening remarks and a detailed lecture on the historical development of real estate on economic events and processes since the 18th century, which has shaped current circumstances and conditions the Black community is experiencing today.

Dr. Worrill stated the political land grab of Black people started as early as the 1600's, when Jean Point DuSable first

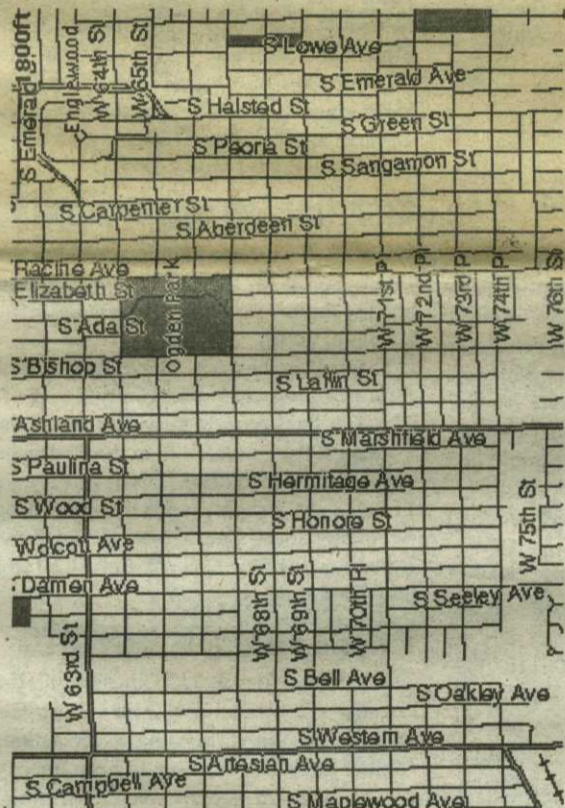
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Revitalizing Englewood

The task of 250 organizations and agencies to represent 53,000 residents at a cost of \$500 million

Englewood - Over the past few months, it has become apparent from the media that the Englewood area will undergo a major facelift. However, Henry Wilson, Chairman of the Englewood Conservation Council, explained the plans for Englewood is nothing new, they have been on the drawing board since 1962 without no money.

With over 250 organizations, 4 congressional representatives, 1 state senator, 2 state representatives, 8 aldermen, and a host of government agencies that serve the Englewood community. The question was how did the community ever get in the need for such an impasse of investments and reinvestment. Moreover, it's a wonder how the community got to be focused as a crime-rid-



den area of Chicago with such a vast amount of resources.

Wilson explained the plans were always there, but the funds weren't. "The community could not meet the demands with the social ills of disinvestment, along with the hold on resources to serve the community."

Businesses, politicians, churches, and organizations all have a major focus of being in the forefront of development across the community for the 53,000 registered voters and the 44,000 below poverty level residents of the New Englewood Village Collaborative areas.

From January 11 of this year to May 8, there will be a total of 19 community hearings and meetings with the ECCC, and the New Englewood Village Collaborative's (NEVC) plan. Not counting the regular community meetings of the 250

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Geoffrey "Dr. Groove" Watts and his wife, Donna at Noah's Ark Café, located in the Bronzeville Community at 3428 S. King Drive. A place designed to accommodate Christians as well as patrons who just desire to have a spiritual atmosphere while they eat. This joyful venue provides tasty, fresh food and top-flight Christian entertainment such as, gospel singers, praise poets, musicians, liturgical dancers, and gospel rappers within a relaxing atmosphere (which is also a profanity and smoke-free environment). Dr. Groove is the Promotion Manager at Noah's Ark Café. Look for some in-depth information in the next issue of SSJ on these remarkable people, and a truly marvelous establishment.

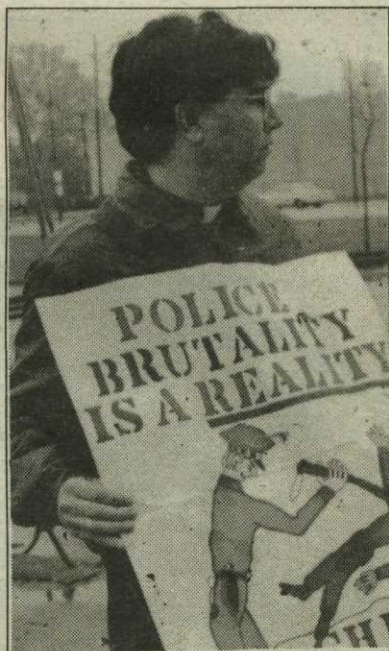
Auburn-Gresham Break Ground for 30-New Homes

Mayor Richard M. Daley joined city officials, private developers, and community residents at a groundbreaking for a new 30-home development in the Auburn-Gresham community.

The City is helping fund the project through its New Homes for Chicago Program, a targeted initiative the City reported has generated almost 1,000 new affordable single-family homes and two-flats throughout Chicago since 1990, representing an investment of over \$120 million. The project is being built on land donated by the City.

The homes, priced between \$100,000 and \$180,000, will cover an entire block on 79th Street between Eggleston and Normal Av-

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Police to Review 12-Point Reform Rules

Beyond JeChicago and the nation have been speaking out against abuses by police, prosecutors, the courts, and legislative bodies. The Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago reported the culture of injustice is so entrenched in the Chicago area, and throughout the State of Illinois, that only the combined forces of all segments of society can bring about change.

The Coalition proposed minimum rules and regulations to create an effective Chicago Police Department disciplinary system, by new general orders from Superintendent Terry Hillard.

Submitted at the last Chicago Police board meeting, spokesperson for the police department acknowledged receipt of the 12-point Reform Regulations and said they are reviewing the information, and will make comments after it is reviewed, which is expected late April.

The Coalition states, they are working to restore justice to the criminal justice system. The goal is to create a criminal justice system that is the guardian on the rights and safety of all citizens.

Spokesperson Malcolm Rich reported the coalition calls on elected officials to live up to their

responsibilities, to punish those who abuse their authority, and to stand up for the rights of the people in whose name they govern.

"We call for a new professional culture among police and in our courts," said Rich. "A culture of fairness and equal treatment under the law. A culture of accountability that holds all members of the justice system responsible to the people they serve. A culture of service, dedicated to ensuring safe communities for all of us."

The Chicago Council of Lawyers is hosting a discussion of the Justice Coalition's proposal to

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The UnZip

by the Weatherman

T.C. Crawford should know about Police set-up. At Versity Lounge on 43rd and Prairie, a Police Officer comes in for a drink with a friend, orders it and one for his friend. And then, Pow! Versity is busted for serving a drink to a minor.....Another note on Chicago's finest. Rev. Paul Jakes may have another Merday case on his hands... Word is Beauty Turner, Black Panther, Socialist Supporter, CHA Activist, and writer for various community newspapers including SSJ, reports the Chicago Police are after her and may possibly do a political railroad on her. If so, a word to the wise. Beauty Turner is no one they want to racially profile. P.S. Beauty has not returned phone calls to SSJ to confirm these reports.



Turner

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

says they are a key component of Illinois' economy, accounting for more than 300,000 jobs in the State. However, how many of these are held by Black Americans? They didn't have that number handy.

The Illinois Appellate Court is still in the hearing stages of the Christian Hope Church vs. The City of Chicago. A member of Christian Hope, Bruce Crosby has some comments on that....Richard A. Cowen, an attorney and a veteran election official has been appointed to a new three-year term as The Chicago Board of Election Commissioner. Cowen, who was appointed by the Full Circuit Court of Cook County, took the oath of office from Judge Richard Siebel.

John Paul Jones says he has no interest in running for alderman, However, his eyes popped when the State Senate race came up. And it's official, Everloyce McCullough is going to run against Dan Burke for the State Representative race of the 23rd District.



John Paul Jones

President Bush is visiting an elementary school today and when he visits one of the classrooms (4th grade I believe). They are in the middle of a discussion related to words and their meanings. The teacher asks the President if he would like to lead the class in the discussion of the word, "tragedy." So our illustrious leader asks the class for an example of a "tragedy." One little boy stands up and offers, "If my best friend, who lives next door, is playing in the street and a car comes along and runs him over, that would be a tragedy." "No," says Bush, "that would be an accident." A little girl raises her hand: "If a school bus carrying 50 children drove off a cliff, killing everyone aboard, that would be a tragedy." "I'm afraid not," explains the President. "That's what we would call a GREAT LOSS." The room goes silent. No other children volunteer. President Bush searches the room. "Isn't there anyone here who can give me an example of a tragedy?" Finally, way in the back of the room, Lil' Johnny raises his hand. In a quiet voice he says, "If Air Force One, carrying you and Ms. Bush, was struck by a missile and blown to smithereens, that would be a tragedy." "fantastic," exclaims Bush, "that's right. And can you tell me WHY that would be a tragedy?" "Well," said Lil' Johnny, "because it wouldn't be an accident, and it sure as hell wouldn't be a great loss."



Briefs



Peter Van Helden, President of Jewel-Osco Corporation and James W. Compton, President/CEO of the Chicago Urban League awarded the recipients of the Jewel-Osco/Taylor C. Cotton Scholarship to Monique Caston who was admitted to the College of Fine and Applied Arts, Architectural Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Owens Shelby who will pursue studies in Business and Finance at Morehouse College in Atlanta. Taylor C. Cotton, who worked at the Urban League from 1970-92, served as Director of the league's Labor Education Advancement Program and recruited people of color into the construction industry. In addition, he was the Founder and Executive Director of the Black Contractors United. The scholarship fund provides assistance to African Americans and other students of color to receive a one-time \$2,000 stipend and an internship opportunity with Jewel-Osco.

Candle light Atonement prayer Vigil

Jesus Christ, Martin Luther King, and Adam Clayton Powell, all have something in common. They all died on April 4th. An atonement prayer vigil for the crime and sin of violence and murder will be held on Wednesday, April 4, at 7:00 pm at the South Shore Community Church, 7401 S. Yates. For info call 721-5905.

De La Salle To Host Tenth Annual D-Final Event!

Tickets are now available for De La Salle Institute's Tenth Annual D-final Event! All are welcome to attend the D-Final features the NCAA men's basketball championship game on four oversized 9x12 ft. television screens and numerous other televisions, as well. Also offered will be a buffet dinner, an open bar, and a silent auction along with the opportunity to win cash and prizes through several contests. In addition, more than \$26,000 will be given away through the D-Final Super Raffle. Super Raffle tickets are \$50 each and are now available at the school. Admission tickets for the event are \$25 and include the dinner buffet and open bar. Proceeds from the D-Final Event benefit De La Salle's athletic program. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, or more information contact Maryann Svetlecic in De La Salle's (312) 842-8350 ext. 146.

4th Ward Meeting

The 4th Ward Alderman's meeting was held Saturday, March 24, 2001 at The Community Service Office located at 4646 S. Drexel Blvd. The special guest was Rev. John Brazeal, Pastor of Christ The King Lutheran Church, and Mary Steward, Executive Director of Mid-South Planning and Development Commission. Rev. Brazeal presented his plans to build affordable and market rate single family housing in joint partnership with OK Share Development. The development area is from 37th to 39th Streets, between Ellis

and Lake Park Avenue. Ms. Steward discussed the Commission's commercial and housing plans in its target area of 17th to 55th streets, bound by the Dan Ryan and Cottage Grove.

New School for Near Southside

Mayor Richard M. Daley, community and educational leaders broke ground for a new school that will house the National Teachers Academy of Chicago, the first of its kind in the nation. The building at 23rd and Federal Street, on the near southside will be a community school where college students will learn to teach young children in an urban environment under the guidance of teachers from the Chicago Public Schools.

The school, scheduled to open in 2002 will have 32 classrooms for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade and will accommodate 600 students. Some of the classrooms will have teacher observation rooms with a one-way glass. The school will have video-conferencing facilities and two libraries -- one for students, and the other will be for teachers and student teachers.

The \$42 million project will include two campus parks, a community center connected to the school by an overhead walkway across Federal Street. It will contain a swimming pool, a gymnasium, and a community day-care center for 48 infants and toddlers.

A second part of the academy for grades 9 through 12, will be in a new high school building that is being planned near Kelvyn Park in the vicinity of Fullerton and Kostner Avenue. It is expected to open in 2003.

Spring Clean & Green Day

Chicago's citywide Spring "Clean & Green Day", in which volunteers use city-loaned tools and supplies to sweep up litter and to paint over graffiti (3,500 gallons). The event will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001, and is coordinated by the Department of Streets and Sanitation who will loan brooms, shovels, rakes, and will provide free trash bags to local groups for their volunteer clean-up efforts. For registration information, call City Hall's 24-hour service request line at 311. Registration will close at the end of the day on May 2, 2001.

Summer Job Opportunities

The City of Chicago announced there are still plenty of opportunities available for youngsters seeking summer employment. Under a new umbrella, Mayor Daley's KidsStart Summer Youth 2001, Chicago youth will be provided job opportunities with The Chicago Park District, The Chicago Public Libraries, The Chicago Public Schools, and community-based organizations. The CPS has committed \$5 million to employ 5,200 youth. There are also 300 jobs available in the Police and Fire Training Academy. Applications for various programs are available to youth ages 14 - 21. Students can apply for these job programs at their local school or at any local Youth Net or the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development One Stop Center. Call 311 for a Youth Net or One Stop Center near you.

Palm Tavern update

The Bronzeville/Black Chicagoan Historical Society have requested a meeting with Alicia Berg, Commissioner of the City's Dept. of Planning appealing to reconsider the removal of the historical Bronzeville institution, to urge the city to consider the contribution of the Palm Tavern. No confirmation from Ms. Berg has been made at this deadline.

The Future of The Rosenwald Building

Once the Rosenwald Apartments were the homes to the elite Black upper class such as Nat King Cole, Quincy Jones, Joe Louis, Ralph Metcalfe, Oscar Brown, and a host of others! Now known as the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments, it stands vacant with no clear cut plans from public officials on the fate of the building. Residents questioned the reason for the displacement due to conflicting building violations. Residents were moved out over a six month period.

CHA said they moved their Section 8 tenants out because of a City of Chicago decision to close the apartments due to heating problems. However, another city report indicated the heating problem had been addressed. Also, according to the owner of Finer Foods, a former tenant of the building evicted as the residents were, also stated that heating was not the issue. The building originally housed over 1,000 units. According to reports East Lake Management is the managing agent for the vacant building.



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Taurus Flavors Bids Farewell

Several or more months ago Taurus Flavors owner and founder Edward Perkins, came up with an idea of helping those young people ages 18 - 21 years old, who had perhaps dropped out of school, no thoughts of a work ethic and no desires whatsoever of attending college. Some, more or less, outcasts from society.

Mr. Perkins had six steps he used in his efforts to train the youth in the community. Each progression upwards would depend on the individual, who must be drug free, trustworthy, eager to learn with a serious outlook towards the future. On Friday evening, March 23, 2001, at approximately 9:30 p.m., the Taurus Flavors Shop located in the 8500 block on Stony Island Avenue was robbed at gunpoint, forcing the workers to lay on the floor. Shop Manager, Mrs. Queen Esther Smith was approached for the days receipts. Afterwards, they attempted to get her to open a floor safe. Ignoring her cries that she did not know the combination, they proceeded to pistol whip her about the head and upper body. Mrs. Smith died shortly afterwards at the Jackson Park Hospital, as a result of the blunt trauma and cardiac arrest. Some of these same perpetrators were helped in the past by Taurus. It is this similar segment in our society that Edward Perkins had a vision to uplift and help. Viewing will be Friday, March 30, 2001, 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., at McCullough Funeral Home, 1621 E. Lincoln Highway, Ford Heights, Illinois. Memorial Services are Saturday, March 31, 2001 at Kingdom Hall, 701 Kedzie, University Park, Illinois.

Residents Questions CHA's Plans for Stateway, Taylor and Rockwell,

by Carmelita Banks Staff Writer

The Chicago Housing Authority put the wheels in motion for redevelopment of Stateway Gardens, but left the future of the Robert Taylor Homes and Rockwell Gardens on hold at a special meeting of its board of commissioners Feb. 7. This announcement was made at the February 20 meeting held at Wells/Madden Park Homes, 3830 S. Cottage Grove.

The board approved Stateway Associates for Stateway Gardens, Eastlake Management & Development Corp. for Rockwell Gardens, and the Brinshore-Michaels Development for the Robert Taylor Homes.

CHA CEO Terry Peterson praised the Board's action, saying, "This process is beginning in a strong spirit of cooperation among residents, the CHA and the developers. We're all very eager to get moving."

Stateway Associates, includes the Davis Group; Walsh Construction; Mesa Development; Kimball Hill Homes and William Moorhead and Associates, the Manager of Robert Taylor Homes.

East Lake Management & Development Corp. include Radiant Consulting; Johnson Johnson Roy; George K. Baum & Company; American Market Services; Chicago Equity Fund; Burling Builders and Piekarz Associates.

Brinshore-Michaels Development team includes Wallace, Roberts & Todd; Johnson & Lee;

Abt Associate; Hessel & Aluice, P.C.; Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen; Friduss, Lukee, Schiff & Co.; Danter Company; Walsh Construction; Chicago Urban League; William Worn Architects and Interstate Realty Management Co.

"I thought it was very interesting, very political in a C[over Y[our] A[ss] way," said Grant Newburger of the Coalition to Protect Public Housing. "[Board member] Andrew Mooney's questions were to the point that he didn't look at \$300,000."

Newburger was referring to CHA chief operating officer Bridget Reidy's request for an additional \$300,000 at each site for the redevelopment teams to complete area surveys and other work as required for the Hope VI applications. The board voted against the additional funds for all three sites.

"The word on the street is that Chicago will not be approved [by the federal government]" for Hope VI applications for the Taylor Homes or Rockwell Gardens, Newburger said.

Hope VI applications require redevelopers to decrease the number of people per acre, demolish outdated public housing, replace it with mixed-income units, and integrate it into the overall community.

The board approved chief executive officer Terry Peterson's entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the city Department

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Terry Peterson

Rainbow/PUSH Mute on Supreme Life Building

Lucas continues Black tourism goal in Bronzeville

Douglas - Harold Lucas, President and CEO of the Black Metropolis and Tourism Council said, they have been systematically disenfranchised by The City of Chicago, 2nd Ward Alderman Madeline Haithcock, Ron Carter of the Chicago Empowerment Zone Fund, and their mortgage lender. He also questioned Black leadership's w e have a tremendous opportunity to be the same.

officials and government agencies to discuss the development of the Black Metropolis Historic District.

Focusing on the Martin Luther King Memorial Site in Atlanta. Lucas said it is the highest revenue tourism attraction in the State of Georgia, pointing out the Great Migration of Blacks to Chicago and



Harold Lucas

Requesting that Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow/ Push Operation to intervene on the eminent domain proceedings by the City of Chicago, on taking control of the Supreme Life Building and Gerri's Palm Tavern. Lucas also received a blow from Jackson who replied to Lucas' request for Rainbow/ Push and The National Trade Bureau to call for a Town Hall Meeting with community organizations, elected

The City of Chicago has finally taken control of the Supreme Life Building through the use of eminent domain under the Bronzeville TIF, in the courts on March 15 of this year. The City paid the Black Metropolis about \$860,000 for the property, in which Lucas said he and his board were forced to accept, or the city could take the building without any payment. Adding to his board expense (Continued on page 6)

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Englewood

organizations and their committees addressing the Englewood community.

"Yes, there is a vast amount of organizations in the area, but all do not truly represent the community. Look at their letterhead and then determine if they are officially representing the community. Many are Johnny come lately's, just wanting a piece of the money," said Henry Wilson, Chairman of the ECCC. His commission has been spearheading the Englewood Conservation Plan within the administrative process established by the City's Department of Planning.

Revitalizing Englewood is \$500 million of public and private investment.

"The greatest challenge the community faces is to ensure that they are an integral part of the planning and development that will occur once the Englewood TIF is created," said Vincent Barnes, Executive Director of The Rebirth Of Englewood Community Development Corporation.

The ROE CDC is a result of Congressman Bobby Rush's "Englewood Rebirth" project. It is poised to begin Phase II of its com-

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munity development efforts in the Englewood and West Englewood communities. Phase I focused primarily on making community contacts and implementing key human development programs.

Barnes formerly of Congressman Rush's legislative staff was recruited by Rush to head the ROE CDC as a non-profit development arm of the areas. It has a host of corporate partners that the Congressman has organized in his efforts to implement a mixture of strategies related to Englewood.

"The physical development strategy is both challenging and exciting," said Barnes.

"It is simply the beginning of a bigger project. Cosmetics are nice but they're only an appearance of what could exist," said Barnes.

Other leaders believe accountability is the issue for the bigger picture. It was stress on March 17, as community activists of Englewood converged on the 63rd and Halsted Street

Patrick's Day protest march and rally headed by Keith Harris of the 16th Ward Political Task Force.

"We are not against growth and redevelopment, we are

This report prepared by the Englewood Conservation Community Council, Research and Development Committee. The report is a reflection of Englewood, West Englewood, New City, and Fuller Park total poverty rate, including persons below poverty. The census tract data is relative to the census tract numbers in communities and wards.

1. Ward totals, census tract numbers in Englewood, West Englewood, New City, and Fuller Park
2. Total census tract number of persons
3. Total census tract number of persons below poverty
4. Census tract data within two wards

Ward	1	2	3	4
3	8	9,502	6,616	6802 6119
6	2	4,464	4,395	6811
15	9	18,340	7,521	6704 6708 6711
16	16	23,059	15,957	6704 6711 6706
17	2	11,092	4,644	6811 6810
20	3	6,144	5,672	6802
Total		72,601	44,705	

Englewood and West Englewood precinct totals:

- 01 Total number of registered voters by wards.
- 02 Total number of ballots cast by wards.
- 03 Percent voter turnout by wards.
- 04 Total number of Englewood registered votes by wards/precincts.

Ward	01	02	03 %	04
3	23,256	14,685	63.14	1,286
6	36,981	26,683	72.15	5,052
15	32,007	20,098	62.79	16,709
16	23,562	13,672	58.03	10,747
17	32,086	21,454	66.86	16,798
18	36,581	26,150	71.49	1,347
20	27,402	19,122	69.78	5,377
Total	175,294	141,864		57,316

against being excluded from the process," said Harris.

"For the last two years, we have asked the City and all involved parties to put a mechanism in place to insure communi-

Englewood's Leadership Meet with Funders

Over 75 residents, leaders, and service providers of the Greater Englewood Community assembled to review federal, state and local programs, and policies that affect area families. The new census data has revealed a host of changes expected in Englewood. These changes will impact how the communities provide service and assistance to neighbors. In addition, laws governing welfare reform, financing, job readiness, and violence prevention will command the attention in the next century. Today's U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down testing of pregnant women for drugs, reinforces the community's commitment to keep fighting for policy reforms. The leadership explored how best residents, organizations, and businesses may best proceed regarding the courts decision and other critical matters facing residents.

Rev. Anthony Williams of St. Stephens Lutheran Church, and an active member of the PEACE Organization, Youth Empowerment

ty participation. This has yet to be done." Said Harris.

"All over Englewood new development is either in place or being proposed, such as St. Bernard's Place, Kennedy King College, 63rd & Halsted Mall, City acquired lots and the list goes on. Harris's concern is one that many residents wonder. "How does the community residents benefit, if homes are being built Englewood residents can't afford. "If this is any indication of what is to come. Then there are no plans to include the community." Harris said, using front companies

But Wilson points that residents are part of the planning process "We are not just standing idly by. Wilson is assured that plans are being implemented and the ECCC has two years of

Agency was the Guest Speaker.

"We must anticipate change," states John Paul Jones, Chairman with the Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force, one of the luncheon's panelist. "The better we prepare ourselves, the quicker we can respond to the challenges facing families and to make policies work in our favor."

The population within Englewood has declined the most among city neighborhoods according to the 2000 census. The dismantlement of our Commercial District and the growing shift of consumer spending to the south and west suburbs is compromising our regional competitiveness. Local leaders must counter these trends in wise and strategic ways to head off system failure.

The local leaders will pledge to work together in a year long campaign effort to strengthen families and increase productivity in greater Englewood. Together, we will combat poor health, violence, and unemployment.

research and development to keep the community on track. "The opportunity for community input has been in place and will continue to be".

The \$500 million dollars, plus, planned for redevelopment, has organizations and agencies concern for direct benefit for the residents. "Unless the residents benefit, our goals and objectives here are not meet." Says Barnes "Joint networking of the organizations is to hold the key to reversing the demise that has been historically associated with the degradation of this community and the neglect of the residents."

Barnes urged residents to come out and support the efforts of numerous churches and businesses to help identify the needs of the community. The objective is to pool the resources, build ethically, socially, as well as economically.

Loyola University Receives Grant For Philanthropic Case Studies

The Ford Foundation recently awarded a \$50,000 grant to Loyola University Chicago's Philanthropy and Nonprofit Sector Graduate Certificate Program to develop case studies in the field to be used as teaching tools in the program.

"The goal of the project is to develop 20 case studies that will serve as teaching and learning tools about Philanthropy by providing an in-depth look at significant issues and experiences related to foundation, decision-making, governance, and fund distribution, explained Louis T. Delgado, director of the Philanthropy and Nonprofit Sector Program.

"A special emphasis on philanthropic involvement in communities of color and other underserved communities will be manned throughout the project in order to improve philanthropic work in relation to those populations," he continued.

The case-studies project is directly related to the Graduate Certificate in Philanthropy at Loyola, Delgado said, and will work to strengthen that curriculum. The purpose of the certificate program is to promote and enhance the study and practice of Philanthropy and the non-profit sector by offering

graduate level courses to further develop professional skills. The program was developed under the auspices of the Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL) at Loyola as the leading Jesuit University, and it began in the fall of 1998.

"We hope this will be one of several grants in the United States and overseas that will help us better understand how Philanthropy affects social justice issues, and how the grant process can be strengthened to make this work more effective," said Christopher Harr, Program Officer in Governance and Civil Society at the New York-based Ford Foundation.

The grant will fund a one-year planning period, during which a team of experts and students will be assembled to interview professional philanthropists across the country. They will then establish criteria for case studies that will eventually be used as teaching tools either in the existing curriculum at Loyola, or at other educational settings including, seminars and workshops.

For further information regarding the Graduate Program on Philanthropic Studies at Loyola, contact Louis Delgado at (312) 915-8697, or e-mail at ldelgad@luc.edu.

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Centers for New Horizons Celebrates Week of the Young Child

Open Houses for childcare and infant center

Grand Blvd. - Infant and Toddler care has been virtually nonexistent in Bronzeville and now with the stricter TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) requirements, which says that recipients must work or attend school; there is an obvious increase in demand for quality childcare.

Addressing the demand, Center for New Horizons is hosting the Grand Opening of its new infant Toddler Center on Tuesday, April 3, at King High School, 4445 S. Drexel, from 1:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The event is part of the celebration taking place during the "Week of the Young Child". It is recognized this year from April 2 - 7.

The center will care for children between the ages of six weeks to 2½ years of age. Parents, friends and community neighbors will have an opportunity to see firsthand the benefits of having on-site childcare for young people who might otherwise drop out of school.

Centers will also be sponsoring an Open House at two of its Early Learning Centers, which provide childcare and educational programs

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for children 3-6 years of age.

The community is invited as well to see the benefits of an African-Centered curriculum and how it enhances the lives of the children who participate in the programs. It will be held on Wednesday, April 4, at Robert Taylor Early Learning Center at 5160 S. Federal from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and on Friday, April 6, at Stateway Gardens Early Learning Center, 3500 S. State Street from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Week of the Young Child, is sponsored by The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and focuses on the needs of young children and their families.

Centers for New Horizons is a comprehensive family and community service network. Its mission is to develop the capacities of families to become self-reliant to improve the quality of their lives and to participate in rebuilding their community. Centers employs more than 240 people and operates 17 separate facilities in Bronzeville.

and on automatically be accepted over that of the civilian.

★ Consideration of Substance and Patterns of Civilian Complaints of Officer Misconduct by OPS and IAD.
★ Elimination of Lengthy and Duplicative Steps in the Disciplinary Process.

★ The disciplinary process be streamlined from its current interminably lengthy and duplicative seven stage process to the following four stages:

★ Investigation, findings and disciplinary recommendation of OPS and IAD Supervising sergeants should be informed of CR investigations

★ Immediate Supervisors Have Responsibility for Discussing all Disciplinary Complaints with Their Subordinates and Recommending

★ Police Officers Who Provide Information About Other Officers' Wrongdoing be Protected From Reprisals

★ Creation and Implementation of "use of force" Implementation of Field Contact Cards or Reports for Traffic Stops and Investigative Stops Based on Suspicion of Criminal Activity Containing Race and Gender of Persons Stopped.

The Chicago Police Department Should Print Annual Reports and Make monthly Statistics Available Sufficient to Allow Public Monitoring and Reasonable Analysis of the Disciplinary System, Determine If and Where Racial Profiling is Taking Place.

For information, contact Malcolm Rich at 312-427-0713- E-mail: malcolmrch@chicagocouncil.org

Rush Testifies for CTA's 95th Street Dan Ryan Funding

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush (D-IL) continued his crusade to secure federal funding for renovation of the 95th Street/Dan Ryan El Station by testifying before the Congressional Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies. This subcommittee, part of the Committee on Appropriations, is presently hearing testimony for FY2002 appropriation projects.

"This is a project that is near and dear to my heart because of its importance to my constituents. So, when given the opportunity I eagerly made the clear and, what I believe, undeniable case for funding necessary to complete the renovation project," said Rush. In keeping with his promise to constituents, Rep. Rush has made complete station renovations a top priority.

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) President Frank Kruesi was also in attendance and invited to offer testimony to the Subcommittee. Rep. Rush first approached Kruesi about

station renovation needs in June, 2000.

"He (Kruesi) has assured me of his commitment to refurbish the sta-



estimates that \$35.7 million is needed for complete restoration.

The 95th station is a major south-side transportation hub, serves over 30,000 passengers a day, making it the CTA's third busiest station. However, the 31-year old station stands in need of everything from improved aesthetics and lighting to installation of a new elevator, modernized electrical equipment, and a new public address system. Making these improvements will better equip the station to meet the increasing transportation demands of the 21st Century.

Rush's testified before the Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations March 14,

2001. The congressman also added "I am also here in support of funding for the CTA's Blue and Brown Line projects and Metra's three line extensions."

The 95th Dan Ryan station was built in 1969. Thus far, the CTA has spent more than \$4.8 million to improve the infrastructure and physical appearance of the station. However, it

Police

reform the Chicago Police Dept.'s procedures for disciplining police officers.

A Roundtable Debate and Discussion about Police Accountability at the Chicago Police Department and the proposed police accountability reforms was presented to Superintendent Terry Hillard and the Chicago Police Board.

On March 29, at Chicago-Kent College of Law, the speakers include Jeffrey H. Haas, Co-Founder of the Peoples Law Office, a JCGC member. Haas has litigated numerous police brutality cases and is the author of a recent proposal for reforms within the Chicago Police Department's Disciplinary System. The other speaker, Thomas P. Needham, Chief of Staff for the Chicago Police is second in command to Superintendent Hillard, and is the former General Counsel to the Department.

The Justice Coalition, is a city-wide alliance of individuals and over 80 religious, civic, community, legal and business organizations working to reform the Criminal Justice System and defend civil rights.

The following is a summary of the reform points were:

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The Other woman, again

Dear Mother Diva,

I am a 26 year old law student currently involved with a 37 year old married man. I already know it's not a good situation, but I truly believe this man and I were destined to be together. We have been dating for a year and he keeps telling me when the time is right he will leave his wife. They have separated in the past which was about three weeks of bliss for me. But he said he had to go back for that



Diva,

old cliché "the children".

My heart is really caught up in him. I am so confused, what should I do about this?

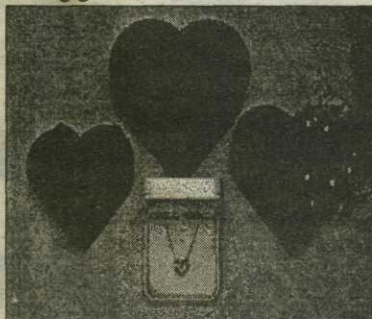
Affair in the 3rd, Southside

Dear Affair in the 3rd,

Let me tell you something girl. A man ain't gonna leave his wife for another woman. The way it happens, the wife kicks him out for cheating and he ends up with the other woman. For the few that leave for the other women, most likely they

were living a double life like the brother's in the movie "Waiting to Exhale".

Why should he leave? You are making it easy for him to have his cake and screw you to. This affair you're having with your boss or your law professor is a fling. Start loving yourself more and stop playing second fiddle to any man. It's not worth the stress and heartache. You will lose in the end. Besides, even if he does leaves his wife, he will do you the same way. It's a



pattern with men like that.

And how I knew it was a boss or teacher, years of experience baby. The fact you volunteered to me "law student" but didn't mention what he

did. It probably was your own little way of telling me. End this thing before it turns into a dangerous possible 187.

Best of Luck

Getting into the Movies

Dear Mother Diva,

I see you're a busy little bee climbing the ladder of success in the entertainment industry. I too am an aspiring actress. Can you tell me how to get my name out there and get a few acting gigs?

Linda, Hazel Crest

Dear Linda,

Don't get caught in this habit, but doing extra work is an excellent way of meeting people and getting the feel of working on the set. Go to Tower Records on Clark and purchase the magazine Audition News, it's filled with entertainment infor-

mation, as well as info on headshots and resumes, do not spend more than \$125 on your pics.

Two things will hinder your success, non supportive family, friends, player haters. The ones that have made it and they're afraid you will steal their spotlight.

Once you've gained some experience, get out of Chicago ASAP. New York or Canada is booming with work. Stay true to yourself and put our heavenly father first. If this is meant for you he will make it happen.

Keep the faith Best Wishes

Mother Diva, actress/comedienne, formerly a cast member of the Keenen Ivory Wayans show, "the church lady" on Fox's Ally McBeal, publishes an advice column in each issue of SSJ. Whether gay or straight, big or tall, Mother Diva has the answers for you.

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Supreme Life

was his Mortgage Broker submitting a \$900,000 lien for payment to the court for her expenses on a \$150,000 loan. According to Lucas.

Pete Scales of the City's Department of Planning dismissed reports the city will demolish the building because of its Historical Landmark status. He said the city has not determined the status of the building. However, upon the assessment of the building and an appraiser, the city will issue a Request for Proposal in which he stated public hearing would take part in the direction of the building.

Scales also invited Lucas to take part

in the RFP as well.

Still at this eleventh hour trying to save the building and obtain African American leadership in Chicago to stand up and close ranks, Lucas charged the city with a long time goal to demolish the building since 1992.

"We need to be publicly discussing this issue in a major town hall meeting format." Lucas continued to focus on how The Supreme Life Building, and other historical buildings such as the 8th Regiment Armory Building, Wabash YMCA, Chicago Bee Building, The Swift Mansion, Anthony Overton Building, Gerri's Palm Tavern, and the 47th Street Cultural Center, that make up the Black Metropolis/Bronzeville District. "We can collaborate to attract tourists as a revenue for all projects involved".

"As an organized community, if we can achieve this broader goal," said Lucas, it will inspire other infusions of cash flow and investment.

Lucas also requested assistance from U.S. Senator Peter G. Fitzgerald on a complaint to the Hope VI grant matter. Fitzgerald acknowledged his staff is currently working on the case. The Senator stated they were awaiting a response from HUD. Lucas said Rev. Jackson is the only Black leader in Chicago who can derail the City of Chicago's eminent domain action against BMC&TC. He also questioned PUSH's inactive role on the economic development issue involving the Supreme Life Center, calling it a counter-productive that must stop.

South Street Journal made attempts

to contact Rainbow/Push with no response. However, in a letter obtain from Rev. Jackson, he noted, he is and has always been dedicated to the socioeconomic empowerment of the undeserved for nearly four decades. "Additionally, I of course have a particular fondness for the "Gateway to Bronzeville" - The Supreme Life Building and for a former neighbor of Operation Breadbasket, Gerri's Palm Tavern. Thus, I share your enthusiasm regarding the preservation of Bronzeville." The Reverend continued, "The area has a rich and wonderful history and we laud and support your efforts to make it a tourism "Mecca." Unfortunately, however, the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and its National Trade Bureau cannot take a lead role in any specific endeavors at this time."

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Real Estate

settled in Chicago, and was forced from his land in the North Loop area.

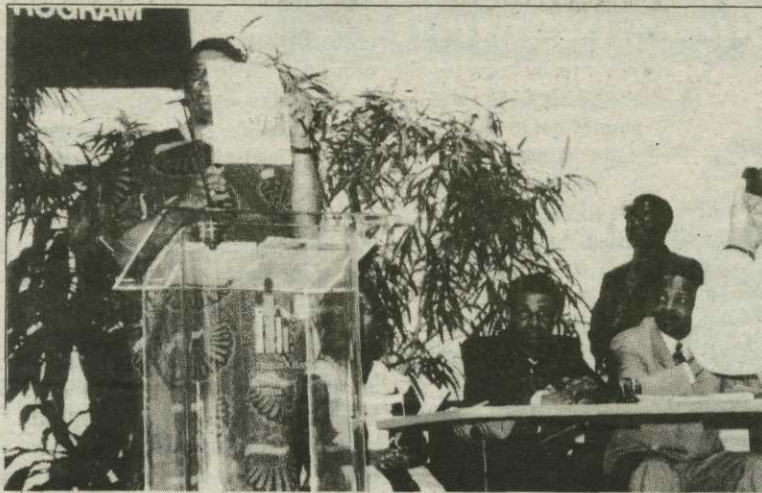
Harold Lucas, and Bamani Obadele made separate presentations on analysis of current conditions impacting the Land Grab which has displaced many African Americans.

John Paul Jones, Neighborhood Capital Budget Group gave an in depth analysis of the Tax Increment Financing process, and its impact on Chicago communities. Historically, the disbursement of public funding and aldermanic hold on land prevents an open market to city housing programs.

Illinois State Senator Donne Trotter, provided information and suggestions to the community participants gathered, which focused on imminent domain and other related issues.

The seminar targeted a wide range of community issues, including welfare to work, individuals that may have committed misdemeanors or non-violent crimes and are in need of a second chance, and working families that are at risk of losing their properties due to increased property taxes and other hardships.

In many communities, there is resistance to low-income families using Section 8 Housing Vouchers to obtain rental housing. For example, in the 5th Ward in the South Shore Community, according to an article written in the Chicago Sun



Dr. Conrad Worrill holds a picture of Jean Point DuSable and Harold Washington, presenting the real (deal) estate relationship to the Black community from the 1600s to 2001. Seated are Everloyce McCullough, Black Economic & Political Action Network, Lionel Nixon, former HUD specialist and member of SSJ, John Paul Jones of the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group and standing rear is Yaw B. Mintah, Executive Director of The Chicago Assets Builders Association who host the Real Deal Real Estate seminar.

Times, Alderman Leslie Hairston is considering a lawsuit to keep out Section 8 renters. "Some proponents call this resistance "elitist", "anti poor", "anti children", and "anti African American". Others say the resistance is warranted to protect the South Shore community from overcrowding, an increase in crime, and the reduction in residential housing property values.

Issues like these are the reasons, according to Yaw B. Mintah, Executive Director of The Chicago Assets Builders Association, intends to continue these seminars across the city, to bring these issues before the public for review and discussion.

A highlight of the seminar was the presentation by Anthony Fields, who provided technical "how to" information on the procedures involved in today's housing/financing programs. Mr. Fields identified and offered specific avenues that individuals can take

to participate in programs that will enable them to purchase or rehabilitate residential or commercial properties.

Many public and private institutions will benefit from the construction of new housing,

These programs build on the city's mission of providing home buyer options for diverse populations of individuals and families throughout Chicago and are a vital part of the City's efforts to increase housing opportunities for all residents.

Specific programs reviewed included HUD, City of Chicago Comprehensive Plans, Single Family Housing Mortgage Attainment, Section 8 Program, Public Housing, Relocation, Hope 6, Section 3, Tax Increment Financing, Commercial Development, Real Estate Tax Assessment and others.

Everloyce McCullough, Chairman of BEPAN, described the Housing Seminar as a arousing success and predicted that there would be more seminars to come.

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Then Came the Thunder

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Frederick Douglass

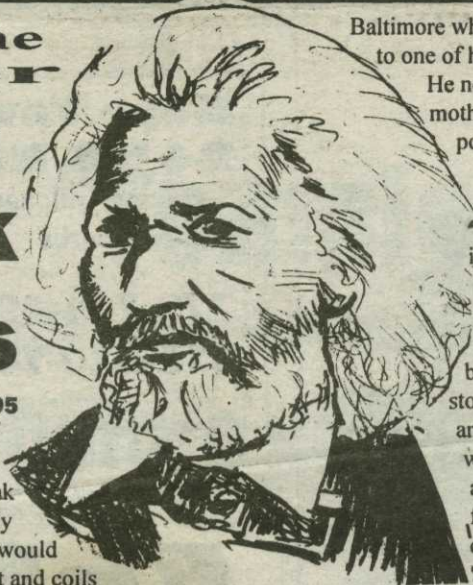
1817 - 1895

by Professor Willie Dixon, WVON Radio

There are but few men who are commanded by the voice of demanding pontification to speak to the towers of privations and demand, "Let My People Go". More Paradoxically is that voice would come from a runaway slave. From the dim mist and coils of nature stepped Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey, better known as Frederick Douglass.

Douglass was the victim of miscege nation, as it is suspected that his master was his father. It's known that the child was to be a slave if the mother were to be made pregnant. Douglass had uncommon intelligence as a slave. He wanted to learn to read and write (a cardinal sin among the slave community), it was the master's greatest dread. For once a slave learned to read, he was no longer a docile slave.

Douglass' life on his plantation in Talbot County, Maryland would follow the same routine of other forts of repression in Maryland. The slaves worked (from can see to can't see). It never rained too much, or was it ever too hot. The by-word was work. Douglass learned to read in



Baltimore when he was a playboy to one of his master's relatives. He never really knew his mother as such. She was pointed out to him, but the intimacy of childhood with his mother never existed. She would walk twelve miles at night after working all day, and hold her baby, and give him a stolen apple or an orange, then navigate the woods twelve miles and be in the field at first light for another day of tortuous labor.

Should she be captured in her nocturnal journey, she would be sexually put upon by unshaven, uncircumcised, white patrollers, searching for runaways. When Douglass' mother died he was not sad because he really never new her as such.

Douglass grew to full-maturity submerged in a system of slavery as loathsome as any system of bondage ever known to smash the humanity of a people. The slave was never allowed to look a white man in his eyes, he was never expected to genuflect with the ultimate humility. Douglass was opposed to such mortifying abasement. Between his woman and he, Douglass designed a plan to runaway, known as (self-emancipation). So on September 3, 1835, he with the blessing of his and the protector of all of Africa's children, he made his way to New Bedford, Massachusetts.

He made the acquaintance of William Lloyd Garrison (1805 - 1879). Garrison was the most ardent abolitionist of his day. With much danger for his life he had the Godly zeal to say "on this subject I will not quantify, I will not qualify, I will not surrender one inch, and will be heard". Garrison met Douglass at an Anti-slavery Rally, and asked the new escapee to say a few words about his days in bondage. Douglass at first was somewhat hesitant. But soon became the leading spokesman for liberation of the slaves. His fame as a speaker of great eloquence became well known. Douglass wrote his narrative, where he revealed the wickedness of slavery. His exposure was so complete he was forced to leave the country for his safety. He spoke in Europe, especially impressive in England and Scotland. There, the society to abolish slavery purchased his liberty. He returned to the bottomless pit of slavery. His voice was a beacon of retribution and scorn for the treacherous system of slavery. He voiced in angry indignation how America could live the twin evils of lies and superious chapters of democratic avenues for all men!

In his speech what to the slave is the 4th of July 1852 He states ... "when you have found the last, compare the atrocities of America and Russian and Turkes, and you will say with me, American try crimes reins without a rival)

Upon his death bed Douglass was asked in 1895, how the fight could be continued, he resounded in a weak voice; agitate, agitate and died! Douglass came from the depth of Maryland's slavery - to be renown as the negroes most powerful voice!

The moving finger writes, and having writ, it moves on. Not all your piety - nor all your wit, can change a single word of it.

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White on Black, Letters to the Editor

School Shootings and White's Denial

Tim Wise, AlterNet
March 6, 2001

I can think of no other way to say this, so here goes: white people need to pull our heads out of our collective ass. Two more white children are dead and thirteen are injured, and another "nice" community is scratching its blonde head, utterly perplexed at how a school shooting the likes of the one yesterday in Santa, California could happen. After all, as the Mayor of the town said in an interview with CNN: "We're a solid town, a good town, with good kids, a good church-going town...an All-American town." Yeah, well maybe that's the problem. I said this after Columbine and no one listened so I'll say it again: "White people live in an utter state of self-delusion. We think danger is Black, brown and poor, and if we can just move far enough away from "those people" in the cities we'll be safe. If we can just find an "all-American" town, life will be better, because "things like this just don't happen here".

Well, bullshit on that. In case you hadn't noticed, "here" is about the only place these kinds of things do happen. Oh sure, there is plenty of violence in urban communities and schools. But mass murder; wholesale slaughter; take-a-gun-and-see-how-many-you-can-kill kinda craziness seems made for those safe places: the white suburbs or rural communities.

And yet once again, we hear the FBI insist there is no "profile" of a school shooter. Come again? White boy, after white boy, after white boy, with very few exceptions to that rule (and none in the mass shooting category), decides to use their classmates for target practice and yet there is no profile? Imagine if all these killers had been Black: would we still hesitate to put a racial face on the perpetrators? Doubtful.

Indeed, if any Black child in America-especially in the mostly white suburbs of Littleton, or Santa were to openly discuss their plans to murder fellow students, as happened both at Columbine and now Santana High, you can bet your ass that somebody would have turned them in, and the cops would have beat a path to their doorstep. But when whites discuss their murderous intentions, our stereotypes of what danger looks like cause us to ignore it-they're just "talking" and won't really do anything. How many kids have to die before we rethink that nonsense? How many dazed and confused parents, Mayors and Sheriffs do we have to listen to, describing how "normal" and safe their community is, and how they just can't understand what went wrong?

I'll tell you what went wrong, and it's not TV, rap music, video games or a lack of prayer in school. What went wrong is that white Americans decided to ignore dysfunction and violence when it only affected other communities, and thereby blinded themselves to the inevitable creeping of chaos which never remains isolated too long. What affects the urban "ghetto" today, will be coming to a Wall-Mart near you tomorrow and unless you address the emptiness, pain, isolation, and lack of hope felt by children of color and the poor, then don't

be shocked when the support systems aren't there for your kids either.

What went wrong is that we allowed ourselves to be lulled into a false sense of security by media representations of crime and violence that portray both as the province of those who are anything but white like us. We ignore the warning signs, because in our minds the warning signs don't live in our neighborhood, but across town, in that place where we lock our car doors on the rare occasion we have to drive there. That false sense of security, the result of racist and classiest stereotypes-that gets people killed. And still we act amazed.

But listen up my fellow white Americans; your children are no better, no nicer, no more moral, no more decent than anyone else. Dysfunction is all around you, whether you choose to recognize it or not. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Health and Human Services, it is your children and not those of the urban ghetto, who are most likely to use drugs. That's right; white high school students are seven times more likely than Blacks to have used cocaine; eight times more likely to have smoked crack; ten times more likely to have used LSD and seven times more likely to have used

heroin. In fact, there are more white high school students who have used crystal methamphetamine (the most addictive drug on the streets), than there are Black students who smoke cigarettes. What's more, white youth ages 12-17 are more likely to sell drugs, 34% more likely, in fact than their Black counterparts. And it is white youth who are twice as likely to binge drink and nearly twice as likely as Blacks to drive drunk. And white males are twice as likely to bring a weapon to school as are Black males.

And yet, I would bet a valued body part that there aren't 100 white people in Santee, California, or most any other "nice" community who have ever heard a single one of the statistics above. Even though they were collected by government agencies using these folks' tax money for the purpose.

Because the media doesn't report on white dysfunction. A few years ago, U.S. News ran a story entitled: "A Shocking look at Blacks and crime". Yet never have they or any other news outlet discussed the "shocking" whiteness of these shoot-em-ups. Indeed, every time media commentators discuss the similarities in these crimes they mention the shooters were boys, they were loners, they got picked on, but never do they seem to notice a certain highly visible melanin deficiency. Color-blind, I guess. White-blind is more like it, as I figure these folks would spot color mighty damn quick were some of it to stroll into their community. Santa's whiteness is so taken for granted by its residents that the Mayor, in that CNN interview, thought nothing of saying on the one hand, that the town was 82 percent white, but on the other hand, "this is America". Well, that isn't America, and it especially isn't California, where whites are only half of the population.

This is a town that is removed from America and yet its Mayor thinks they are the normal ones-so much so, that when asked about racial diversity, he replied that there weren't many of different "ethni-tis-tities". Not a word. Not even close. I'd like to think that after this one, people would wake up. Take note.

Rethink their stereotypes of who the dangerous ones are. But deep down, I know better. The folks hitting the snooze button on this none-too-subtle alarm are my own people, after all, and I know their blindness like the back of my hand.



Invisible Ink Student Newspaper Run Swiped Over Slavery Reparations Controversy

March 19 - Stacks of freshly printed Brown University student newspapers disappeared Friday, the latest casualty in a campus-wide controversy over an ad denouncing slavery Reparations.

"It was a hit," said Patrick Moos, the editor of the Brown Daily Herald, saying he knew immediately why he couldn't find a single copy of his newspaper anywhere on the Ivy League campus.

Last Tuesday, the Daily Herald ran a full-page advertisement, entitled "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery Is a Bad Idea - and racist too." The ad was paid for by a conservative commentator, David Horowitz, who submitted it to nearly 50 colleges, including Brown. The one-page text, which is laid out to resemble the Bill of Rights, claims that African Americans owe the United States more than it owes them.

The Brown Daily Herald was one of only a handful of schools that ran it and one of only six that declined to publish an apology.

"This is really a First Amendment issue," said Moos, citing many articles on reparations that have filled the newspaper since the ad ran. Free Speech or Hate Speech?

Some members of the Brown community argued, it was not an issue of hate speech. "The Brown Daily Herald ... chose to ... print a paid advertisement that solicits funds in order to further a maliciously misinformed and intentionally misguided political project," said the "Coalition of Concerned Brown Students," a group which formed to protest the ad.

The coalition demanded a free ad page to respond to Horowitz's claims, and that the newspaper give revenue from the ad to organizations that represent Brown's minority students. The Daily Herald rejected the demands, reprinted and redistributed the missing edition on Saturday, with police present. They are also cooperating with a criminal investigation into who removed the missing papers.

ABC NEWS Affiliate NECN's Maya Kulycky contributed to this report.

Should South Street Journal accept a big ad of this nature?

From the Publisher

When selling out: It's not all About the Money

When Black Entertainment Television (BET) Chairman and CEO Robert L. Johnson announcement to sell to Viacom, it just confirmed another setback of the Black media. The same discredit as with Soft Sheen, Johnson Products, Emerge Magazine, Motown Records and the frustration of black grocery stores and gas stations now owned by others. Then the ultimate of the Englewood community selling of 63rd Street Business District to the City of Chicago. "It's about the Money." But the bottom line is all so about the people and those to supervene.

When the immediate termination of the BET's Tonight host Tavis Smiley happen it should have been no surprise. A photocopy as the those businesses in the community hire their own, or a new political administration do, and then hire others.

They control the patronage of the community, and the community learns to accept it as wet with a sponge.

Naturally the community raised questions. The same as it did with the Chicago Defender, when the concern that the Chicago Tribune may buy it. Ironically, WVON listeners along with the Tom Joyner show openly criticized BET. But, Melody Cooper Spann of WVON, kind of sided with Johnson on firing Smiley and on selling BET. When Johnson addressed the outcry he made a good case of a good business decision. A \$3 billion sell,

which he question any Black investors could meet.

Viacom now has the right to do whatever it wants with BET. With consideration that BET is aiming for the advertiser-friendly 18-to-34-year-old audience, and Tavis's viewers tend to be much older. For the most part, an increase of cash flow would mean better programming. But, BET is now is increasing the format it has been criticize for. That it is nothing more than cheap music video programming influencing the minds of the youth away from productive agendas to produce minds such as Johnson as the richest Black man in America.

But, business is capitalism. Market demand is community service. They all meet resulting in a profit. Johnson's BET profited from a massive market demand of music and comedy with his business. Now it is Viacom turn to benefit from what Johnson developed. But buyouts are not always about acquiring a new business for profit, just as *Essence* and *Emerge Magazine*, it was about acquiring the future competition earnings.

BET reaches more than 65 million households according to Nielsen media research. Tavis' show was one of the most uplifting programs BET had. Which is what is so disturbing about Johnson's decisions to fire Smiley and for Viacom to support it. When money is the agenda. Reports are that Smi-

ley's show had an average of 215,000 households viewing it. Even with the music television - the Tavis program added profit with quality programming. Johnson reiterated that he made the decision. However, by Viacom not over riding him for public demand seems like money was not the driving factor.

Indeed, BET did a lot of good in the Black community. Countless of Blacks got into the television business, and moved on to major networks. But the issue-surrounding BET is personally and very seriously. The integrity and credibility of Black business and money is at question with incredible odds of culture influences.

Racism is so deep it hides in the form of capitalism. Deep from the uncertain future of Black businesses on 63rd and Halsted Street, and 47th Street to the uncertain future of BET. If Viacom has not produce programs on it's other media outlets with quality for the Black audience before owning BET, and after Joyner launched a nationwide campaign to "keep Tavis on BET," did not work, how can the community trust of how it will be heading BET.

African Americans have had their language, religion, roots, businesses, communities, music and now the little culture it has is about to be influence by one of the most powerful mediums controlling or programming it. If it's about the money, it is a sign of a critical moment in Black history. This repeat of Black business sellout is entirely intolerable. Mr. Johnson selling of BET clearly is going against of all before him. And those that enjoy the rap and comedy, they will not always enjoy rap and will not find things so funny at the end.



A White reply: from paying Reparations

A Letter to Dr. Conrad W. Worrill on March 9

Dr. Worrill - Are you ready for the coming race war if your brainless scheme is OKed by our gutless politicians? You ought to check with Whitey first. Your "victimization" for the most part is self-induced. You and your anti-white colleagues are paying with dynamite.

Wake up.

It appears society is advancing towards a showdown with mostly African-American politicians over so-called Reparations. Some background: Whitey has been ripped off repeatedly, for decades, in supporting dysfunctional (dare we say it?) Blacks. Welfare, all sorts of subsidies and outlandish schemes - most-ly scams - have extracted billions of dollars from whites. Reparations is just another form of extortion, shakedown, blackmail (take your pick) - all to get even with a so-called white racist (and guilty) society.

Ironically, it's not even about color or race per se; it's all about class, culture, lifestyle, economics. So the "civil rights" movement, in retrospect, has been a fraud. What do Blacks think getting even, using revenge, will solve? do they really expect poor white trash or the working poor to pay extra taxes so that the "victims" can lord it over them about how they've suffered, been victimized more, etc.? Or how morally superior they now are? Get real.

Why don't Blacks pay back Whitey for all the goods, services and freebies, including horrendous health care expenses? What about the gigantic costs for overall crime, illegitimacy, immoral lifestyles, eternal vandalism and arson, general mayhem, massive drug use, anti-social behavior, et al? Many billions have been generously, mindlessly coughed up by decent whites for generations. isn't that repayment enough?

Where will it all end? Blacks are demanding money from folks who weren't even born or who were/are immigrants. Why should the innocent pay? A big mistake, a fatal one, is that the Black reparations industry has assumed that all white people are racist, evil,

etc. or former slave owners. Item: Millions of white people are outrageously smeared every day, carte blanche, with these asinine, dubious, unproved charges. Has the NAACP ever surveyed whites to hear their side, No. What about the media - any free expression there? No, none. Just having a white skin is proof enough, huh? So with the unbridled aid of the mainstream media and communications, millions of whites are guilty of racism, period. Next!

This racist, anti-white hustle will never fly, despite all the blame, propaganda and quilt (never challenged) zealously hurled at whites. It's a vicious hit-and-run campaign, willfully orchestrated, exacerbated by masochistic liberals, and quiet dogooders hell bent on forcing an entire nations/race to pay up and /or face the consequences.

The Black press especially likes to generalize, stereotype and race-bait - not to mention threaten. Again, it's a thirsty industry and they have a vested interest in promoting discord and distrust. They wallow in it. And yet, two thirds of the poverty-stricken in the U.S. are white. What

will Blacks do for them?

And who should receive this impractical, unfair handout? Successful Blacks, like billionaires Michael Jordan, Bill Crosby or Oprah Winfrey? or millionaire sports heroes, stars, gods? What about the millions of Blacks who are middle-class, who have legitimately made it, despite whitey's alleged "oppressive" obstacles, blah, blah, blah.

Why are we rewarding people who mostly hate our guts - and have proved it? We've been bad-mouthed for generations, eagerly demonized worldwide (with no chance for rebuttal or argument). Still we, the hapless, naive recipients of abuse and reverse, deliberate hatred and discrimination, are now expected to pay up. Many Americans will say: "Over my dead body!"

James A. Henderson
Milwaukee, WI



**REPARATIONS,
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Letters to the Editor

Reparations!? What?! I was just kid-n-around. Let me prove it to ya. Here. Take this. Now, do this seem like reparations. Now may I finish my DOROTHY CENTER!!!! YEAH!



As I sit here writing this letter in response to support for Ms. Gerri Oliver and palm Tavern. I find something very wrong with this picture. We shouldn't even be having this discussion. No way should Palm Tavern a historical landmark be up for grabs. This is a place where history was made. We lost the Regal and we haven't got over that.

You put your elected officials in to protect your interest only to find that they are the very ones who wound up with your life in their hands so to speak.

Gerri has had that establishment before any of us were born or before some of us came to Chicago. Whether her she owns the building or not great things have happen there.

How could anyone with a heart be so heartless? How could African Americans be true to their culture if they allow an establishment such as their go, done away with?

When it has brought so much pleasure to the community. To me the language that this is derived from is a form of Ebonics. What parts of this whole scenario are we supposed to understand. Gerri's place is what water is to land, it belongs there. As far as the associates of Ms. Oliver not being very co-operative sounds personal to me.

We are talking about an establishment that this lady has give 66 years of her life to. She has paved the way. If her place should no longer be there, then any new or old should not be there either. To me this is a done deal and no amount of letters will over ride the mess that has been created. However, this should be a lesson to the community to know whom you are choosing to represent you in the near future.

To Ms. Gerri, I want to encourage you not to be dismayed. Look to the hills from wench your help comth. You will have Serenity. Don't let your spirit be broken. The hearts of many will be with you. You have a precious gift, and memories to last you a lifetime. I salute you with this poem,

Sincerely Mable Cole

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Spiritual



Minister Darrell Wilson

"Temple of Mercy"

focuses on health, wealth & knowledge of self before ministering to others

by Carmelita Banks
Staff Writer

The theme of the Temple of Mercy Association's Annual Banquet on Feb. 10 was "The Coming of the 13th Tribe." Approximately, 150 attended.

"We're beyond race," explains Minister Darrell Wilson. "We are a non-denominational righteous movement."

The group, which studies the

teachings of various religions, does not single out Christmas for celebrating. Instead, it celebrates Black Heritage this month and has the banquet as a fund-raiser "to offset our expenses" for our projects, he says.

The ongoing program, called Health, Wealth and Knowledge of Self, deals with proper diet and alternative medicine for health; money management, business and financial portfolios for

wealth; and study of the Bible, the Koran, Kemet teachings and Black history for knowledge of self. Age- and gender-specific groups have developed as a result of that program.

The TOMA Youth Drill Team for 5-14 year-olds marching in military drill formation while reciting different points from Black History. The Men in Black for ages 20 and up protect children, oppose police brutality, and minister

to youth on the street. The Franklin Lodge 25 is for older men, the Daughters of Joanne 212 for women.

"We don't accept government grants," Min. Wilson says. "We only accept money from our people. If our people don't accept [a program and support it], it doesn't matter."

The only group of the members' family not covered by the offshoots of the program are teenagers.

"We are bridging that gap with the Junior Masons for ages 14-20," Min. Wilson said. "It should be launched in April."

TOMA network with other community organizations "for unity," he says. "Where there is a weakness in one [organization], we will find a strength in another to give our
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ITS NOT YOUR CHOOSING THE GUIDANCE IS MAN'S CREATOR

Hello Readers,

How are you, fine I truly hope so. Just to let you know who I am. My name is Mrs. Badie, Annie Ruth. I talked with you the other day. I promised to send something to you. I must keep my word. I am going to talk about the signposts of Life's Road.

Reader, if you were traveling on an unfamiliar road or pathway, would you view signposts as a hindrance? Not likely! Surely, you would view them as an aid to help you from straying off the route leading to your destination. What, though, of traveling life's road? Can it be successfully negotiated without signposts? An ancient Prophet of God acknowledged Mankind's limitations in this regard, he said at Jeremiah 10:23 - I

will know, O, Jehovah that to earthling man his way does not belong. It does not belong to man who is walking even to direct his step. So mans ways are not of his own choosing. Nor, is it for a man to determine his cause in life.

Where, then, can the needed direction by found?

The reliable source of such guidance is Man's Creator,



and the figurative signposts are to be found in the Bible. Jehovah, by means of his word, says: At Isaiah 30:21 - Your own ears will hear a word behind you saying: This is the way, walk in it, you people, in case you people should go to the right or in case you should go to the left, Yes, Gods word gives reliable guidance in every aspect of our life

Is. 48:17, - 2 Tim. 3:16 - 17. Sadly, however, the majority of mankind travel life's path independent of divine directions. Matt. 7:13 - Still, the signposts are immovably set in place! Will you pay heed to them as you walk life's road?

I must close for now, but in John 17:3, says: This means everlasting life, them taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one who you sent forth Jesus Christ.

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South & Southwest side school leaders Surprised by CPS Sudden Announcement of Budget hearings

Grand Blvd. - With less than a week's notice, parents, community residents concerned about overcrowding, and other school facility problems have scrambled to prepare their input into the Chicago Public Schools' budget for school construction and repairs.

Plans on rebuilding the CPS over the next five years will be published in the draft 2002 - 2006 Capital Improvement program document. Parent leaders from grassroots community organizations like the South West Community Congress have joined forces with the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group, a citywide citizens' watchdog organization, to overcrowding and repairs, many serious problems persist on the South and Southwest Sides.

"Our neighborhoods have many schools operating at well over 100% capacity. The additions we got built in the last few years are already overcrowded again. How much longer will we have to wait for CPS to make good on its promise for a new southwest side high school? Said Alfred Rodgers, an LSC member at both Morrill and Gage park schools and Region 5's representative to the citywide Local School Advisory Committee. (The design capacity is the number of students, which a school was built to accommodate).

"Why wasn't the public told about the hearing before now? Questioned Hector

Rico of Latinos Organizing on the Southwest Side (LOS). "We won't even see the proposed budget until after our hearing. We have a right to be heard, and now we have to struggle just to get the word out. Our schools are among the most overcrowded in the City, Rico said.

"NCBG invited the Trustees to come out to the hearings, and hear the concerns of parents and educators for themselves," added Mildred Wiley, NCBG's Board President and an active member of two LSC in the City's West Side. "At least west sides have a few weeks to organize," Ms. Wiley added. "We know CPS needs more funding to address the conditions in our schools. Why not encourage public input, so we can show the Illinois General Assembly that the additional dollars we are requesting will go to kids and neighborhoods that need the help? Instead, the hearings are the best kept secret in town."

Hearing for other Southside hearings for Region 6 will be held Monday, April 30m at 6:00, , 250 E. 111th Street, and for Region 4, Monday, May 7th, 6:00 pm at Kenwood Academy H.S., 5015 S. Blackstone.©

The regional hearings are not limited to questions concerning schools within that particular region. Each hearing will be open to all capital questions pertaining to any of the Chicago public Schools.

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Temple

people a holistic approach to solve our problems."

"The association began its ministry in 1990. Before that it was called the Temple of Music Association.

"I saw shysters using musicians, so I taught artists the business of music," Min. Wilson said.

As he traveled as a musician around the world, he "began to see negative images of Black people," he said. But he wasn't ready

to do anything about it. Instead, he nursed his hurt and anger with drugs and alcohol.

By 1987, Wilson was in the third stage of sarcoidosis, a drug-related disease of the lungs. He switched to herbs and "got [his] lungs back," he said. However, he still was not ready to give up the drugs.

"I was hard-headed for a long time, he said.


Later that year Wilson went to his last drug party and broke his ankle. He looked inward and changed the Temple of Music to the Temple of Mercy.

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Mother Ida Fulton, Board Member of South Street Journal, greeted Winnie Mandella while she was in Chicago last month receiving support from Chicagoans for South African children who served and died during the height of apartheid. Mother Fulton received the Winnie Mandella "Mother of the Movement Award" from the Round Table of Economic Development, and Ms. Mandella for her community leadership working with youth.

"Saving Grace,"

A new play by Gail Parrish opens on the ETA Mainstage Thursday, March 8, 2001 at ETA Square, 7558 S. South Chicago Avenue. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursday - Saturday; 3p.m. & 7 p.m., Sundays. "Auntie Nights" are Thursdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m., except opening and closing nights, featuring a special "2-for-1." Tickets subject to availability. General admission is \$20 with discounts for students, seniors and groups. For tickets and information, call ETA at (773)-752-3955.

A contemporary story about a family whose lives are changed by a free-spirited visiting relative who helps her young cousin realize the possibilities of becoming a dancer, "Saving Grace" explores the conflict between creative passion, duty and responsibility. "We tend to frame duty/responsibility as a more loving, more immediately necessary act and creative passion as more frivolous and irresponsible," says the playwright Gail Parrish. "With Saving Grace, I was inspired to explore questions and issues surrounding that through the journey of the Sweet Family."

"Saving Grace" is directed by Tiffany Trent. The cast includes Tabitha Cross, Matrice Edge, Adero Fleming, Leonard House, Jr. Makeba Pace, Taron Patton and Andrea Witkisch.

Gail Parrish began writing plays while studying playwriting at Howard University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Afro-American Studies. She also holds a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois. Her play, "Elevator" was awarded the Grand Prize in the Black Writers in Production Annual Play writing Competition in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1990 and First Prize in the Dream-builders Celebration contest in 2000. The play was later filmed as a made-for-TV movie and aired in eleven Midwestern cities. In 1989, she was third place



"Saving Grace", written by Gail Parish, Directed by Tiffany Trent. Left to Right: Leonard House, Jr., & Makeba Pace

winner of the National One-Act Play Festival, sponsored by the African American Alliance.

Tiffany Trent (Director) has directed several Show-folk productions at ETA, including The Tallest Tree in the Forest, A Place to be Me, Thunderstorm and Kasimu and the Coconut Palm, is a member of MPAACT and has worked there as performer, costume designer, and director. She has also directed at University Theater at the University of Chicago and the Youth Theater Workshop at Chernin's Center for the Arts. Tiffany has taught and performed at numerous theaters in Chicago. As part of her MFA program in directing at Carnegie Mellon University, Tiffany lived in South India and West Africa studying traditional forms of theater and dance.

Also opening in the ETA Gallery Thursday, March 8 through Sunday, April 22 is the "Spirit of South Shore/Journey" Photo Exhibit by the Chicago Alliance of African-American Photographers (CAAAP). This exhibition of 43 b/w images represents the first leg on the journey taken by more than 60 African-American photographers as part of "Journey: The Next Hundred Years," a year-long photography project recording African-American life in the Chicagoland area at the turn of the century. Over a 6-week period during the summer of 2000, CAAAP photographers isolated and documented the South Shore Celebration on August 27, 2000. Following its showing at ETA, the exhibit will tour throughout the South Shore Community. AN opening reception will take place in the gallery from 6-8p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2001.


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ALONG CAME A SPIDER

(**1/2) Morgan Freeman reprises his role of the Washington DC police detective-psychologist Dr. Alex Cross first introduced in "Kiss The Girls". This time around, it's not as personal as it is professional. There's been a kidnapping of a senator's 12-year-old daughter following the murder of a teacher. A psycho criminal, Gary Soneji (Michael Wincott) who happens to be a former patient, draws Dr. Alex Cross into this case. He receives a phone call from Soneji that Cross recorded and a running shoe left in his mailbox that belonged to the senator's daughter. Cross takes to the evidence to the crime scene seeking information and clues while meeting with the Senator (Michael Moriarty) and his wife. While then he befriends Jezz Flannigan (Monica Potter), the discharged CIA agent assigned to the Senator's family who failed to protect under orders. Initially, The CIA rejects Cross' assistance on the case due to a prior incident in which his partner was killed. Cross theorizes the motive in this case is more unusual than financial. He allows Flannigan to team on this investigation. The kidnapping turns into a game that starts with a missing photo of aviator Charles Lindbergh who had his own child abducted in a celebrated late '20's murder case. Cross figures Soneji wants to duplicate the "crime of the century". However, Cross feels the kidnapping of this particular senator's child wasn't important enough. Then Soneji draws out from a computer chat room, tries to kidnap another child, a friend of the senator's daughter, who happened to be the son of the Russian president at the assembly. Which happens to be prevented by an impromptu stakeout by Cross and Flannigan.

There is a lot more twists and turns to follow here in this film based on James Patterson's first novel to introduce his Alex Cross character (which was originally intended for a white actor to portray). The film leads to a final showdown of sorts when Cross figures out from the computer who is ultimately responsible has been right under his own nose. "Along Came A Spider" is a descent mystery thriller that spins its web. Although not always straight and true. In an understated performance, Morgan Freeman's presence and acting polish helps maintain this movie. Even when the film falters in its finale. An average detective yarn that could have been better.

Rated: R, 100 min. A Paramount Pictures Release, Opens Fri. April 6 at selected theatres

ON VIDEO

By David Schultz

GIRLFIIGHT

(***) Newcomer Michelle Rodriguez delivers a strong impression as a troubled Brooklyn woman whom defiantly takes up boxing to exorcise her demons and find potential romantic interest with a male boxer. Its' more about the characters than the sport, delivered with depth and insight by Karyn Kusuma in her directorial debut.

Rated: R, 110 min. Columbia Tri-Star Home Video

THE 6th DAY

(***) Arnold Schwarzenegger stars in this futuristic action-thriller about a man whose been mistakenly cloned. When his pilot buddy (Michael Rapaport) using his name tag is ambushed by anti-clone terrorist out to kill its wealthy passenger. Now, the ruthless gazillionaire (Tony Goldwyn) determined to protect his wealth, thinks the real Arnold knows his secret when he happens see a clone of himself taking over his family life. Hired goons led by Michael Rooker are sent to get the real Arnold before its learned the gazillionaire is really a clone whose breaking the law having worldly possessions by posing to be human.

Rated: PG-13, 124 min. Columbia Tri-Star Home Video

LUCKY NUMBERS

(**) A dark yet silly heist-gone-wrong comedy from director Nora Ephron ("Michael") in which a high-living TV weatherman (John Travolta) facing financial ruin, schemes with station's lotto girl, (Lisa Kudrow) to rig the state lottery drawing. The premise is based on actual lottery rigging that should have been the real movie here done straight than satirized.

BLOW

(***) Another interesting exploration into the drug world with its inhabitants doesn't resonate with the same brilliance achieved in "Traffic". But on its own level, "Blow" deserves our attention. The movie chronicles a fact-based story on one of the early drug smuggler pioneers, George Jung who during the 70's and 80's went from his rise to riches to his fall from grace. Which by then, didn't matter as much as what meant the most that he lost from his life.

The movie is part-autobiographical and part instructional guide to the drug smuggling procedures. But more important, the film evolves into a love story about George's loyalty to his friends. And the love that never diminished in the face of adversity and personal conflicts. It makes for a personally sad and tragic film. Originally intending to avoid being poor as his hard working father (Ray Liotta) who could never please his nagging materialistic wife. As a teenager, George leaves home with his buddy, Tuna (Ethan Suplee). Finding a new home in a beachside community filled with sexy airline stewardess, George and tuna set out to pay their rent without working. They are given the opportunity to meet club owner, Derrick (Paul Reubens) who sets up the duo to sell marijuana. Supply and demand increases that leads to an "enterprising" George to go to "the source" to increase their profit margin. So they make their own connection in Mexico, steals a charter plane to do their distribution with their own crew.

Things are going well until George gets jailed in Chicago, jumps bail to attend the fu-



Rated: R 105 min. Paramount Home Video

RUGRATS IN PARIS: THE MOVIE

(**1/2) Entertaining and witty movie sequel to the popular animated cable TV series. In which the infants Pickleses and the Finsters go aboard with their parents to repair a hi-tech attraction at an amusement park run by scheming Coco LaBouche (Susan Sarandon) who tries to marry Chuckie's dad to secure a job promotion.

Rated: G, 78 min. Paramount Home Video

THE TAO OF STEVE

(***) Donal Logue delivers a credible human performance as a pot-bellied average guy with his own ideology for getting women to have sex with. It's a macho code of the cool and in-control guy like Steve McQueen's screen per-

sonal and becomes a fugitive until recaptured at his parents' home. While in prison, George is befriended by a Latino inmate who introduces him to the profit in powder cocaine. Upon their release, George is introduced and made the American connection to Colombian drug czar, Pablo Escobar.

There is a bit of behind-the-scenes irony to this film. Before the credits, there is a statement made that Jung who could be freed if he lives until 2015. The man has never received a visit from her daughter, Kristina. And yet in the cast credits, the real Kristina has a bit role in the movie about her father she refuses to visit. It sounds a bit "like mother, like daughter" A remarkable movie with a strong performance by Depp.

Rated: R, 121 min. A New Line Cinema Picture

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WANT TO BE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR?

By NAURICE ROBERTS

Gerri Norington, principal of Institute of Small Business Management (ISBM), was preparing for one of her numerous meetings, when she received the call, "I've been selected Entrepreneur of the year!" a voice said enthusiastically. Norington the consummate business coach, growth consultant, and master entrepreneurial trainer, was quite pleased.

The voice belonged to Dave Bell, owner of Dave's Home Maintenance, a full-service handy man business in San Diego, California. He was the second, of her many clients to earn that prestigious honor. That's because Bell, like hundreds of others, not only took Norington's sage advice, but her entrepreneurial training course, as well.

April 14 the program, which launches hundreds of successful entrepreneurs, will be offered through ISBM on the campus of IIT-the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Beyond the Basics, is a comprehensive business development course, which is the main

offering of ISBM. The 12-month certificate program, which is offered both in April and September, provides 60-hours of classroom instruction, one-on-one coaching, and 27-hours of roundtable discussions, with additional instruction included. Seven skill areas of business development will be taught in the program, which include guest presenters.

"However, another strong component of the program is Personal Growth and Development," says Ms. Norington, Institute founder and program instructor. "There will be special emphasis o interpersonal skills, communication skills, and values identification, Business people must do a great deal of 'internal' work or working-on-themselves, personally, in addition to learn-

ing good business practices. That's what makes the program so unique and effective. Most entrepreneurial programs don't deal with his vital area. Knowing who you are, your strengths and weaknesses: and skills and talents, are key. Certainly, these are keys to business success."

A Chicago native, Gerri Norington, who grew up on the West side, knows all about business success because she not only has written books about it, but has also developed in-depth training programs about it. Actually she has provided quality services to small and micro business owners for more than twenty years. She has owned and operated businesses which included a manufacturing company, a marketing firm and several consulting operations.

Norington is the founder of two nonprofit business assistance centers and in 1983 developed, what became the ROSE Program, another entrepreneurial training

course. She is author of two books, The Road to Self-Employment. A Practical Guide to Microbusiness Development, and BYOB-Building Your Own Business.

She created a 6-hour audio program and wrote 40 articles, all focusing on business development. Gerri Norington has been a national workshop leader/presenter, a frequent guest on radio/TV programs and a guest lecturer for numerous business development program. She is the chair of the Technical Assistance Task Group of SECAP, Small Enterprise Capital Access Program, a consortium developed by the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago convened to assist small, undeserved business owners in gaining better access to credit. That task group is currently developing quality standards for the provision of technical assistance to small business owners. She also is on the advisory committee for the same group. An active member of the Power Circle Congregation (church), she is a Lay Minister, coordinating Power Unlimited, the business ministry. She is a divorced mother of one daughter, a practicing attorney.

For more information on Beyond the Basics and ISBM call 312-670-8842.



Gerri Norington, principal of Institute of Small Business Management

LaSalle Bank Celebrates Grand Opening on 95th St.

March 21, 2001 - Officials from LaSalle Bank, representatives from Featherfist, a local organization that provides social services for the homeless in Chicago, Horace Mann Elementary School and various Chamber of Commerce members, join in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for LaSalle's newest Southside branch at 1651 E. 95th St., LaSalle Bank, serving the Southside community for 20 years, expects the 6,500 square-foot branch to be the busiest branch in the network, handling over 5,700 customer transactions a month.

Dwayne Nesbitt, Branch Manager, holds scissors. To his left is Dennis Motyka, LaSalle Bank Senior Vice President. Reatha Andrews, Featherfist representative, Cynthia Eadie, Assistant Branch Manager and Clarice Dortch, former Manager of the original 8400 S. Stony Island Avenue location stand to Dwayne's left.



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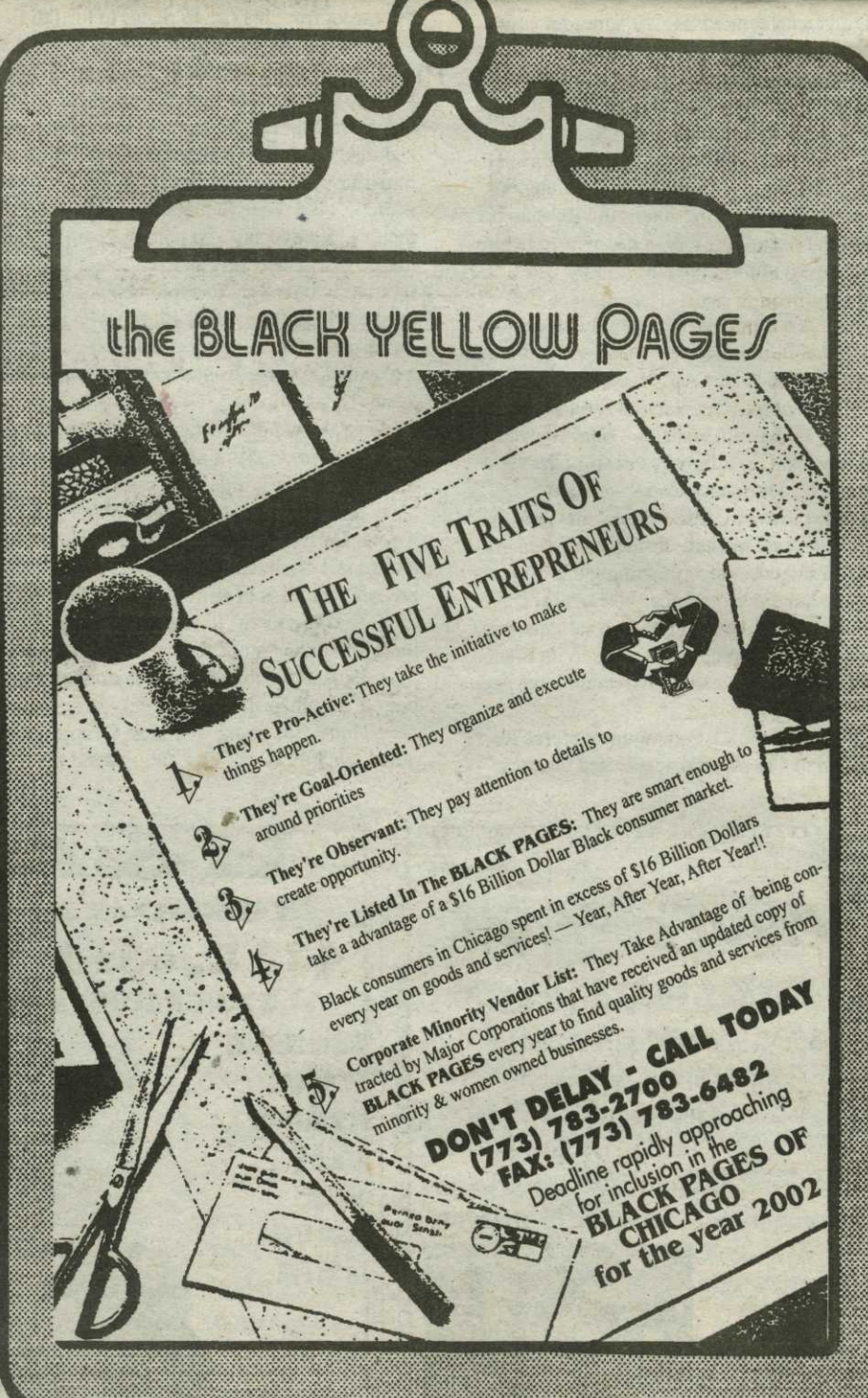
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CHA

ment of Planning for a land use study. The study of Rockwell Gardens and the State Street Corridor, which includes Stateway Gardens and the Robert Taylor Homes, will be done mostly by Camiros Ltd. and costs no more than \$180,000.

The board gave preliminary approval for the redevelopment of the 33-acre site of Stateway Gardens. The buildings to be demolished housed 1,644 units, according to Public Relations Officer Derek Hill.

"Most residents have already been relocated to nearby buildings," he said, because "none of our buildings are full to capacity." Most he said are one-third to one-half full.

Dissatisfied with the City's choice of management for the current buildings, Deirdre Matthews of CPPH, was also dissatisfied with the special meeting, contends that the buildings would be full if CHA "would take people off the waiting list."

"The private managers should keep the buildings up," she says. "Moorhead allowed Lawndale to go down [in condition], yet they were given Robert Taylor."

CPH contends that not enough tenant participation went into the decision to redevelop Rockwell Gardens or the State Street Corridor. As a result, only 20-30 percent low-income residents will be allowed in the new "mixed income" housing, according to Matthews. The problem, says Newburger, is that while the Local Advisory Council (LAC) had adequate tenant representation, the working group, which made the final decision on the plan did not.

"CHA did not give full access to all the members of LAC," he said. "more tenants from Rockwell, and Robert Taylor were there than were allowed to participate in the selection of the development teams."

Some board commissioners questioned the working group's choice of a development team for Rockwell.

"Eastlake Management in the initial scoring was in third place, and it wound up in first place," said commissioner Earnest Gates. "I'd like to know what caused that change."

The teams were selected with resident input through working groups established over the past year. Over the coming months, the development teams will apply for Hope VI federal funds as a first step in funding the overall redevelopment plans.

As with all other CHA redevelopment projects, the goal is to transform these properties into mixed-income communities and attract commercial investment to generate job opportunities for residents.

"This is not just bricks and mortar. We're rebuilding lives," said Peterson.

The Local Advisory Council, heads of all three public housing communities were enthusiastic about the naming of the development teams.

Mildred Dennis, LAC President of Robert Taylor B said, "I am very satisfied with the process. I look forward to working with the Brinshore-Michaels Development team."

"I want to thank Terry Peterson, Sharon Gist Gilliam, John Roberson, and all the developers. We have all worked a very long time for this. Thanks be to God," said Mary Baldwin, of Rockwell Gardens LAC President.

Francine Washington, Stateway Gardens LAC President said, "I'm delighted about HOPE VI and the development team that we have chosen. I think that they are one of the best in the City of Chicago. We are planning on doing great things in Stateway Gardens. What we are about to do in Stateway Gardens will set the tone for the nation."

30-New Homes

enues. Income-eligible buyers can receive purchase-price subsidies of up to \$30,000.

Under the program, the developer agrees to sell to qualified buyers below 120% of area median income. That's \$81,480 for a family of four.

The development team for the \$5.6 million project, known as Auburn Lakes, includes the Thrush Investment Company and a minority-owned development partnership, Granite Development, LLC. Granite's principals are Larry Huggins of Rite-way Construction and Joe Williams of the Target Group, two African-American builders who have worked on many City housing projects.

Daley recently announced an additional \$100 million in federal tax credits and bond funds for affordable housing projects, raising the projected goal in the current five-year affordable housing plan to \$1.45 billion through 2003. In addition, the City recently invited devel-

opers to apply for tax credits that can help fund \$150 million in multi-family rental housing during the next 12 to 18 months.

"The benefits of this housing development will extend throughout the Auburn-Gresham community, which is in the process of a tremendous comeback," Daley said. "The families who live in these homes will create a market that will attract more neighborhood businesses. And the City is helping move this process along with strategic public investments and financial incentives to attract more investment by private enterprise and not-for-profits."

Ald. Latasha Thomas (17th) praised the city's efforts to revital-

Photo by Antonio Dickey
On March 10, (left to right) Mayor Richard Daley, Ald. Latasha Thomas (17th), unidentified and Dept. of Housing Commissioner John G. Markowski joined City officials, developers and residents at a groundbreaking ceremony for 30 new home development on 79th Street in the Auburn-Gresham community.



ize the Auburn-Gresham neighborhood, noting, "Today we celebrate a successful example of the City's development strategy, which seeks to provide quality, affordable housing and other strategic investments to rejuvenate neighborhoods such as Auburn

Gresham," she said. "I am especially pleased that the New Homes for Chicago program will make first-time home ownership possible for families in this vital, thriving and stable community."

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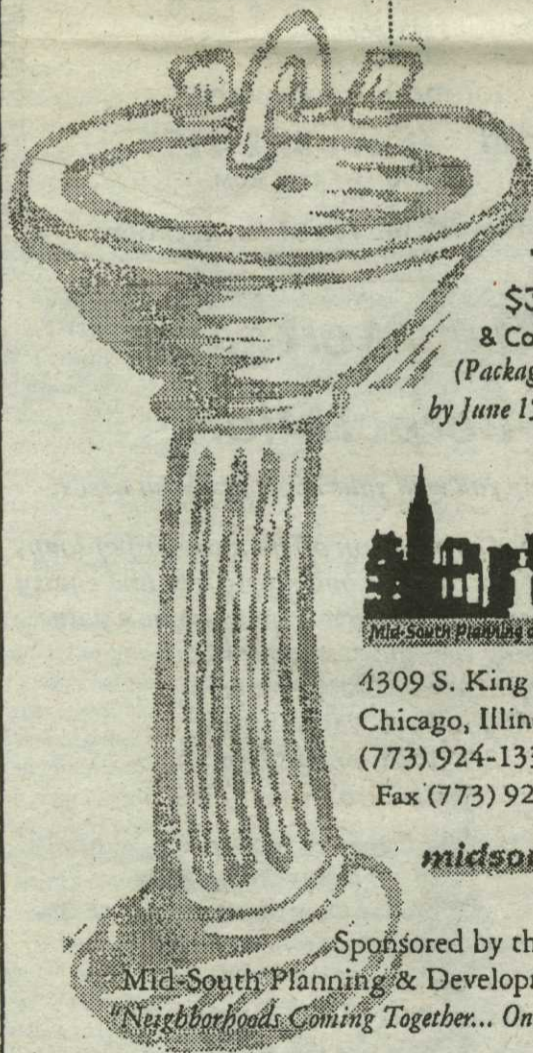


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The House Tour will be held Sunday, June 24, 2001 from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm. For more information about the tour, the nomination process or the organization, call the MSPDC office at (773) 924-1330.

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