Englewood residents have begun to endure the challenge of a developing community. The challenge to ensure that the residents and local businesses alike will benefit first from over $300 million in planned public and private investment. Moreover, how will community residents leverage economic opportunity and build organizational capacity at the same time, says John Paul Jones, Chairman of the Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force.

Everything came to a head in May, when the City of Chicago, during separate governmental processes, decided on a host of public and private projects that will effect Englewood for years to come. Oversight the city approved the project manager for the new Kennedy-King College Campus, general contractor for the new West Englewood Library, and the Community Development Commission (CDC) issued the intent to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with a consortium of 18 Korean merchants known as "Englewood Commercial Development Corp." to construct 176,000 sq. ft. of new commercial and retail space.

The CDC approved the proposal to construct retail stores at 59 Street to 61st along Halsted Ave, without presiding over any local African American partner or known business group.

There is no single answer to the question of where people have gone. In the case of Stateway Gardens, "Affordable housing now." "Wake up" and chanting and cell phones and shouted

With a "Tent" sleepover at Ida B. Wells "Wake Up Call'

Many have simply disappeared.

-Jamie Kalven

Housing:
"Wake Up Call"
At City Hall
With a "Tent" sleepover at Ida B. Wells

On May 1, 2002, 50 energetic people set off a big alarm clock in the City Hall Chambers, sounding off their clocks and cell phones and shouted "Wake up" and chanting "Affordable housing now!"

The police moved the group out of the chambers though not fast enough for the coalition to make an impression with the media following them out.

Housing coalitions across the city are addressing the much debate over the merits of affordable housing and the CHA Plan to transform housing.

Keeping the demonstrations going, the historic June Tenth Day ishonored by the Coalition to Protect Public Housing (CPPH) supported by the Coalition for Fair Community Development, (CFCD) when beginning on June 19 at 10:00 am,

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The first poll of the Mayoral Plebiscite II identified Spencer Leak Sr. as a key potential Mayor candidate, early returns now has Jesse Jackson Jr. leading.

As Mayor Richard M. Daley comes close to the end of his four years in office, the newly formed Accountability Committee has launched a campaign to unseat him in February 25, 2003. Their mission was announced on May 19, with a program honoring Malcolm X on his birthday. The Committee highlighted the program as "The long overdue and highly awaited." Mayoral Plebiscite II. Poll sheets were distributed to the attendees with 17 potential candidates to run for Mayor.

The public will return the sheets on June 19th at the Old St. Paul Baptist Church, 531 N. Kedzie, from noon - start.

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Inside South Street Journal

From the Publisher

June is a month that is paying a lot of attention to slavery, From the celebration of "19th of June", 1865, when slaves of Texas got word they were free, to the rallying for "Reparations"

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Cook County Jail Inmates

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Afrika Bambaatas and DJ Kool Herc took part in the Zulu Nations weekend conference addressing:

The Politics of Hip Hop Culture and Inner City Youth

If a young man can survive on the street selling crack, and be only about the "Bling-Bling", certainly he can handle some precise operations of a political organizations and live the life of a responsible citizen.

"The Bling-Bling term is the conscious of young adults by the media portraying them in the videos, living beyond the norm, the flashy cars, the jewelry, the ladies and just living large" says Nicole Keenon, a member of the Universal Zulu Nation.

A conscious that the Universal Zulu Nation presented and had addressed in the Weekend of May 17 -19 at their Hip Hop convention held at Inner City Studies on 39th Street. Part of the convention was the announcement of the Hip Hop Political Committee, represented by TJ Crawford of the Rollingout Magazine.

The weekend conference examined the phenomenon of hip hop music as a mechanism for communication and the sociopolitical ethos of youth in the inner-city and beyond. Nicole Keenon stated the Zulu Nation addressed Hip Hop in five elements; first; DJ, 2, Break Dancing (B Boys), 3. MCing, 4. Graffiti art, and 5, Knowledge, Culture and Overstanding.

"The Bling-Bling" was not the Hip Hop of the early 80s". Said Ms. Keenon. "The problem today is that the media has given the image of the life style."

"The convention proposed in many ways was to the level of"
The UnZip

by the Weatherman

All the Presidents men

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, should have been listening to WYON listeners. Perry Noll asked Duh! We knew all along that President Bush new more before Sept. 11. If he dug deeper he would have discovered that Bush Sr.'s investment may lead to Osama bin Laden's. "Looks like Gephardt needs to go into the White House." Did Former President Jimmy Carter follow Cliff Kelly and company to Cuba. Carter delivered a speech in Cuba calling for this country to open trade with Fidel Castro's Cuba. President Bush talks a lot about strengthening the embargo, while American agricultural firms smell millions of dollars of food to sell to Cuba for the first time since 1963. And on the money trail...

More in Washington D.C. the Judicial Watch, the group that investigates and prosecutes government corruption reported that the U.S. Department of Justice is investigating the largest donor to Hillary Clinton's Senate campaign is the creator of "Spiderman," Stan Lee Media, a NASDAQ company named after Spiderman's creator Bill Clinton intended to work for in return for $2 million in contributions to Hillary campaign and $1.5 million in cash and stock. A $17 million offer to Bill Clinton after he left the Oval Office.

While the nation's attention was focused on 911, Detroit took a major step toward electing a new mayor.

In the last UnZip complaints were received that Arnes Dancy in the 16th Ward is a potential candidate, and a maybe someone from the ACORN organization as well.

The Bronzeville Children's Museum received a $3,000 check from Jewel-Osco to fund exhibitions for children through African American History. The exhibit display famous musicians and musical styles of rhythm and blues legend. Jimmy Hendrix, Bessie Smith and many more. And keep your ears to the ground as the museum will expand and break ground for a new facility at 93rd Stony Island. Also on 91st and Stony the Chicago police was doing a massive DUI check (arrest of people) the end of May.

Father Michael Pflerger is mention in Era Westly lawsuit against the City and Chicago Catholic Charities, on the reasoning of his land on west 79th Street near Racine. African-American Internet duo. Rob and Ross Rackner have created a brand new search engine called BlackWebPortal.com. Why does it matter? Sources say Black Voices is owned by the Tribune Company, Black Families by Cox Communications, BlackWebPortal.com by an Asian company, and Soul City HBO by AOL Times Warner. Reports are BlackWebPortal is the only site that is 100% black. A poll by BlackWebPortal website indicates that if the election were held today, 77% of respondents would vote for Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson over Bush.

Frank Garner, Eagle One Development Group. developers of single family homes have been presented a very favorable land price at 93rd Vincennes.

Chicago Department of Human Services Recognizes Week of the Young Child

CDHS will open the Chicago Center for early Education in May, a new, state of the art center that will provide a comprehensive collection of multi-media resources to help adults nurture the growth and development of young children. The facility, designed for parents and child care professionals, is located at Malcolm X College, 1990 West Van Buren.

Research confirms that children exposed to a variety of developmental activities from birth perform better in school and life. Reading to children, playing learning games and participating in other activities together promotes family bonding and gives kids a jump start in school before they are old enough to enroll in kindergarten. For more information call 312-735-3134.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Grants CDHS is seeking community and faith-based organizations that sponsor activities for children to participate in the 2002 summer Food Service program. The federally-funded program provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to children ages 19 and younger, in low-income communities during the summer. Boxed lunches, breakfasts and snacks will be delivered to participating organizations every week day from June through August 31.

Chicago youth can design their own summer programs and apply for funding to carry them out through the CDHS Summer Youth Empowerment Grants. Youth empowerment grants range from $250 -- $1,500 and can be used for a variety of activities including field trips, community service projects, sports camps, workshops and any other program for young people. Chicago residents between the ages of 8 -- 18 can apply for these grants.

Youth can log on to the CDHS Web site at www.cityofchicago.org/YouthServices to find detailed information about the program. Applicants are required to be sponsored by a not-for-profit agency. Sponsorship includes providing an adult to oversee the program, participants and budget. Program space, equipment or other resources can also be provided by the agency. Applicants who are awarded funding will be notified by June 30, 2002. For info call 312-735-3134.

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Research Library

Chicago State University broke ground recently for a new $35 million, multi-purpose, state-of-the-art library. The new library, which will be the only public academic research facility on the South Side, will hold 790,000 volumes, double the capacity of the existing facility. It will be equipped with an automatic storage and retrieval system that will enable users to obtain books within 80 seconds. Construction of the four-story building that will create approximately 300 trade jobs, began in May and will take 20 months to complete.
Special Prosecutor appointed to investigate at least 20 years of torture by Chicago Police.

Coalition to address errors of Police and Courts

Every individual, community, civic, and faith-based organization concerned with law enforcement and criminal justice in Chicago has something to protest this week as a number of decisions handed down are a miscarriage of justice.

"Individually and collectively, many sectors are focused on exposing and eliminating racist and abusive police practices, addressing prosecution misconduct (both are at the root of all wrongful convictions), abolishing the death penalty, advancing prison reform and defending the civil rights of all citizens.

The most recent action is a petition drive headed by Congressman Bobby Rush to remove Judge Clayton Jay Crane from the Cook County Circuit Court by a campaign to vote "no" to his retention on the November 5 election. Judge Crane up set the Black community for letting five off-duty Cook County sheriffs officers go, charged with chasing and shooting a Black couple while driving.

Lieutenant Dignan has been implicated in 11 cases of torture. These officers committed acts of torture against at least sixty-six (66) Black suspects at Area 2 and 3 Police Headquarters.

Torture victims have alleged that Lt. Dignan used a cattle prod to administer electrical shocks to men's genitalia, suffocation with plastic bags, gun (Continued on page 16)

Preservation Week 2002 "Preserving the Spirit of Place"

The theme for National Historic Preservation Week, last May was, "Preserving the Spirit of Place" called on all of us to do all we can to recognize, save, enhance and rehabilitate irreplaceable landmarks that give each community its distinctive historical character.

In observance of this year's celebration, Bronzeville Community Development Partnership (BCDP) recently conducted a private tour of the Black Metropolis Historic District, community landmarks and neighborhood revitalization projects with key preservation leaders. "The tour also provided an important opportunity to introduce our collaborative partners that are relatively new to Chicago, to each other," said Paula Robinson, managing director of the BCDP. The tour was coordinated for the benefit of Royce Yeater, Midwest Director for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Lonnie Bunch, President of the Chicago Historical Society. The tour was conducted by Harold L. Lucas, president of the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council, who provided an historical overview and the itinerary included a meeting with Alderman Arenda Troutman (20th Ward) Chair.
Insurance Companies pay $27 million to Blacks

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Unitrin Inc. will pay $27 million to customers who were overcharged on life insurance because they were black, under a class-action lawsuit.

The money will go to about 467,000 policy holders from the Depression era through 1970. Insurance companies during that time often charged black customers more than whites because they were perceived to have a shorter life span and a higher insurance risk.

Unitrin will also pay $6 million to policyholders because of poor record keeping, never received life insurance benefits.

The company agreed to an additional $1 million for a nationwide regulatory settlement.

The amounts paid will vary because some policies were held longer than others.

"It was ignored and deeply distressing when I found out there were consumers in modern America who were paying higher premiums because of the color of their skin," said Illinois Director of Insurance Nathaniel S. Shapo, a lead negotiator in the case.

Slave Era Insurance Ordinance would require city contractors to sign a sworn affidavit verifying they would be part of the mandatory disclosure.

In honor of Marcus Garvey on the 115th Anniversary of his birth, August 17, the National Black Demonstration in Washington DC will call for reparations for descendants of slaves.

From California to Connecticut series of reparations for descendants of slaves. "THEY OWES US" Almost 140 years after the civil war, the debate about reparations for descendants of slaves is gaining steam across the country.

From California to Connecticut serious dialogue is underway about the merits of compensating Blacks for the subjugation sanctioned by America for more than 240 years.

Great wealth was accumulated through free labor. Cotton, rice and tobacco industries boomed. Slaves built the nation's capital and slave trade enriched prestigious universities such as Brown and Georgetown. Now, according to a growing segment of African-American(Black) heirs, it's time to pay up.

By Stan Simpson

The efforts of California Commissioner Harry Low, Governor Gray Davis, and former Senator Tom Hayden lead the issue.

Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. leading the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition will assist individuals who have taken the lead on these issues, and also will formulate its own advocacy strategy to address the wrongs through a national platform.

Prince Virgel, Chief Prin. and Vice Chair, Real Estate Committee. Troutman, had just returned from Cuba with the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois and provided a global perspective how a sense of place connects all residents to their shared heritage.

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The public will take part in a mock public announcement on WVON porters.

African Americans listed on the poll consultant who was not on the list to vote narrowing down the choices of Mariam Santos. Reports are that he will seek re-election. And Spencer Leak is the African American listed on the poll consultant who was not on the list was inserted by his ward supporter who has hinted that he will run a winning campaign against Mayor Daley.

However, a preview of polls turned in, former U.S. Senator Carol Mosley-Braun and Jesse Jackson Jr. have become notable names. Non African Americans listed on the poll sheet are Paul Vallas, David Orr and Mariam Santos. Reports are that there are at least two other candidates not on the Committee list not including the Mayor himself who has hinted that he will seek reelection. Ald Ed Smith (D), not on the list was inserted by his ward supporters.

McAllister deciding to run saying she realized that, "If someone does not do something, the African American is not aware of the name. Leak, in one way or the other. He makes all the recognized names to be on the list and for the community to come together."

"The Challenge"
The committee mindful of the application and different views in running a candidate against Daley, Atty. Andre Grant, the key speaker today - and all at this time that Harold Washington became Chicago's first black Mayor

Black elected officials and potential candidates would not want to move immediately into the campaign. Pointing out that Daley has exercised more power and authority over most officials and leaders, than any time before. "I thing they want to cut their personal losses." Said Bruce Crosby, a former of The Committee. "Obviously, all of us want a city that's prosperous, not just better off for some, but better, one that is moving not just forward, but up and for all."

"Daley has established the perception that he is heir to the mayor seat. And in the words of Malcolm X, he has handcuffed a lot of black people." Said Crosby.

"The Issues"
Many political observers admitted that the issues would have to be more cleared for the voters. Unlike the sequence of events and issues that occurred when Harold Washington became Chicago's first black Mayor

Black Pages

Daley Family Donates Late Mayor's Papers

The family of the late Mayor Richard J. Daley formally donated his papers to the University of Illinois at Chicago in a ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of the late mayor's birth.

"This is the right place for his papers - in a library that bears his name, and in a university that he helped create," Mayor Richard M. Daley said at the ceremony. "My father considered the building of this university one of his greatest accomplishments as mayor."

Mayor Daley was joined by members of his family and university officials at the event, which took place in a plaza west of the UIC Chicago Circle Center, 750 S. Halsted St. The papers will be housed nearby in the university's Richard J. Daley Library.

The Mayor noted that his father "fought long and hard to have this university located near downtown Chicago and close to public transportation. It was a very controversial project, but it was the right thing to do."

"Anyone who looks at this university today - and all at this time that Harold Washington became Chicago's first black Mayor

Dramatically, the issues are being heated with a boycott being called on this years Taste of Chicago. Lead by Minister Brian McAllister. Across the city the issues surrounding the Mayor's office have expanded not just to the Black community they have rooted white merchants attempting to identify a candidate to run as well.

Last year Mayor Daley in his State of the City address challenged citizens "to improve the quality of life throughout our city" was met by some 100 leaders of grass roots organizations and residents convened by the Jewish Council of Urban Affairs. They took the challenge and produced the "People's State of the City" platform.

Jonathan Rothstein, who chairs the steering committee proclaimed the platform as "priorities facing Chicago neighborhoods."

Delegates delivered their document to Mayor Daley's City Hall office. "A Vision for Justice," looking for major changes in community development, improved elected official accountability; and proactive steps to addressing neighborhoods.

"We're not opposed to development," explained Joe Ann Bradley, a convener of The Committee. "But we will not stand by and see a coney of our neighborhood replaced."

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Moseley-Braun may seek rematch

Former Sen. Carol Mosley-Braun (D), who lost her first re-election bid in 1998 to U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R), said that she is considering seeking a rematch in 2004.

"I am being encouraged to stand for the Senate. I have not said, "No,'" Moseley-Braun told The Pantagraph newspaper on Tuesday. "I haven't closed the door on it."

The former Senator also told the Bloomberg, Ill., newspaper that in the meantime she is in the process of forming a public policy think tank, to study national and international community issues.

Moseley-Braun, the first black woman ever elected to the Senate, lost to Fitzgerald 50 percent to 47 percent in 1998. Fitzgerald spent upwards of $50 million on the race, while Moseley-Braun spent a little more than $7 million.

Moseley-Braun is also listed on the "Chicago's poll for the possibility of her running for Mayor of Chicago.

In 1999, she was nominated by President Bill Clinton to serve as U.S. ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa. ChicagoBlackRollcall.com

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The Dearborn community only heard by the media that the Chicago Public School officials decided to school their school, Daniel Hale Williams, 2710 S Dearborn, and two other elementary schools are to close at the end of the school year Mary C. Terrell, 5410 S. State St.; Mary Mapes Dodge, 2651 W. Washington Blvd.

Their Williams school principal only heard two days before the public announcement.

In September 2003, Renaissance Schools will open, at Dodge and Williams. The Renaissance Schools are to be models for affecting change in low-performing schools.

Chicago Public Schools quietly announced what CPS Superintendent, Arne Duncan identified Dodge and Williams to close due to low-performing schools and replace them with a new educational model called Renaissance Schools. Terrell Elementary School will not reopen because of declining student enrollment.

"CPS accountability is in question for failed intervention strategies over the past 5 years," Katrynne oecigren Curriculum Coordinator at Williams school. "It was insulting and humiliating when CPS' Arne Duncan and Michael Scott said such harsh, public words about there being no glimmer of hop or "no spark of learning" in our school without taking the time to see what our learning environment and nurturing relationships truly look like within Williams School."

The surprising announcement to close the three schools came weeks after mayor Daley and Duncan had visited the Dearborn Homes CHA site, home to Williams school, offering positive praise pertaing to the principal, students, and quality teachers at Williams.

"To have meaningful change, we must be honest with ourselves and each other, and acknowledge that we have failed to provide our children at these schools with the quality education they need and deserve," said Arne Duncan, CPS chief executive officer. "Clearly, our children still failed under CPS' intervention recommendations from external professionals.

Others schools are expected to be selected for closing as well. CPS report the schools were chosen based on six criteria ISAT (The Illinois Standards Assessment Tests) scores below 17 percent; ITBS (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills) scores below 20 percent; chronic probationary status; insufficient annual progress (below CPS averages); open leadership issues; and close proximity to better schools, where students

Schools selected for the Renaissance Initiative will get a top-to-bottom transformation of academic programs, faculty and school leadership through a formal process that includes input from parents, local communities and nationally recognized education experts.

What CPS says signals the next phase of Chicago public education reform.

The outgoing staff at Dodge, Williams and Terrell elementary schools will be given the opportunity to apply for other positions within CPS, and are being offered replacement support services.

An independent survey of residents in the local communities surrounding each school to identify parent/student priorities for the revitalized school.

However, members of the Dearborn community says what CPS is proposing is without the consent of the present parents, and school leadership.

At a press conference opposing Williams closing found it insulting that CPS wants to send their children outside of the neighborhood when 'a perfectly good school sits right in their backyard, and bused to schools miles away.'

John Pointer, a Williams School Staff member says, "for some children, that is moving kids from at least three schools in three years not by choice. The parents request only a secure stable and well-invested school.

A key faculty leader, Marcia Oliver-Hague adds, "We don't believe that looking at test scores alone is enough to justify closing the school."

"The on going issues of our school leadership should have raised flags about the level of additional supports needed at Williams School and that its difficult to distinguish test scores from the mobile population and the more stable students."

"Williams could succeed if given adequate resources and shared decision-making by all of the key school and community members," states Tiffanie pewee a parent and of Willamins.

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Black Business for Englewood

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During the May 14th CDC hearing, representatives from 2 locally based organizations formally opposed both the ECDC as the developer and its receipt of $5.5 million from the Englewood Neighborhood Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district.

A deal residents Jones says falls short of the residents and local tax payers expectations. "Let's be real!" Jones said. "The Korean Merchant Association of Englewood has not been the best of neighbors. We will be fools to allow the merchants to capture both our sales dollars and the future growth of our property tax proceeds, without demanding some degree of ownership and addresses past inequities over black business opportunity.

John Paul Jones said, "The political leadership allowed such a proposal to go without black or local partnership. The City has already moved to acquire 29 properties valued at $800,000 to be sold to the merchants for $1. This $24 million retail project is catching the attention among blacks throughout the city, who feel deep inside that something went terribly wrong with this project.

"In this deal, the Korean merchant has the competitive edge within a predominantly Black community," stated Arness Dancy, Executive Director of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. "Among all the black officials and pastors that have worked in secret on this project, someone should be raised the 'Black-Green-and Red' quick." The actions prove that the city is not sensitive to our economic future and our continual quest for inclusion.

In all there will be three retail projects proposed for the Englewood commercial development, one approved early this year is to be constructed at 63rd and Union (20th Ward) to build a 70,000-square-foot commercial center, which will anchor a Walgreens Drug Store and a McDonald's restaurant.

The main project is the northwest Sector at 63rd and Halsted for Retail Development, making room for the Kennedy King College relocation.

The 63rd & Halsted Shopping District hosts over 60 businesses with only three Black owned incubators according to Dancy. Historically, the district has been off-limits for black businesses. Not until, a major campaign erupted in late 1970's when Sears Department Store decided to leave the Englewood Mall, did a group of black investors assembled known as the Phoxnics Group demanded site control of Sears.

Today, the northeast corner of 63rd and Halsted remains black owned. This site remains the only genuine location that Blacks can lease space. The community leaders are concerned that the opportunity to finally have Black businesses access their retail center, will forever be denied if no partnership is forged immediately.

As of now, the process has no apparent local partner. Jones said, "The political leadership allowed that deal to go forward without any local benefit package or community partner." As Shirley Coleman (16) while questioning the legitimacy of her proponents public cry, supported the Commission's vote. She admitted that she realizes it is a problem and told SSJ that this has been a long process where the community was invited to provide input, but others wanted action now.

"I understand and support those who want Black businesses in the community," said Coleman. "We have 300 lots in the 16th Ward of Englewood for development. We are open to any business project to take advantage of them."

Cautioning not to repeat the problems of an over-saturation of retail services in the core of the Englewood Community, the Task Force has launched a campaign to education neighbors about its retail future and options associated with other key planned projects that will include other local elected officials and the role they must play concerning the use of Englewood TIF dollars and land use planning.

At a June 3rd meeting, the community drafted a Minimum Goal Statement that outlined their public position on the Korean Merchant deal along with...
Here we go again, Latest Bronzeville shinanigans...

Dear Editor,

Here's the latest! Now I'm convinced, Dorothy Tillman has lost her mind. First it was the Palm Tavern. Then came the threat of losing Metropolitan Church, with no aldermanic help in saving the place. Now comes word that the Ritz Hotel, Oakwood & King Drive, and the Grand Hotel, 51st & King Drive, are going to be raised. All of these historic Bronzeville landmarks are in the city's Third Ward - Dorothy's ward.

For all of her Black talk, Dorothy's denigration of African American cultural icons is tantamount to the bombing of the Centuries-old Buddha sculptures at the hands of the Taliban. She rants and raves about "jobs," which is a good thing, but what happens when the jobs are gone? Leadership in the Third Ward should be addressing the issue of securing entrepreneurship and ownership opportunities for this historically Black neighborhood. What Dorothy is doing is a throwback to the building of the White House. Black folks built it, and White folks control and operate it. That's what's happening to Bronzeville, or should I begin calling it Vanillaville?

By way of this letter to the editors of the Chicago Defender, Nathan Thompson

Nathan Thompson

No... Nobody! Inner City Blues

Dear Editor;

City Hall and the aldermen have unscrupulous control over the community development process in the city of Chicago. The tools of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and the eminent domain procedure are unjustly utilized by the powers that be to control who is empowered with grant funds and other city, state and federal subsidies that enable development at the neighborhood level. State and city grants are allocated behind closed doors to political cronies, concubines and Mafia connected tough guys while legitimate grassroots, bottom-up community building organizations and authentic urban preservation initiatives are systematically blocked from accessing available resources. If you are not genuflecting and kissing up to your alderman and offering large re-election campaign contributions, your project will most likely get blocked. If you need any legislative support from the city council. Gone are the days of our elected officials representing the people in their respective wards and protecting the public trust. Did that reality ever exist in the Chicago Council, the Illinois General Assembly or the federal government?

Today, Demigods are in control in City Hall. Political corruption is evidently rampant in City Hall and the state capitol. Has anybody ever thought that this cycle of urban pathology and moral corruption is destroying the fabric of African American communities and perpetuating violent crime, drug addiction and abuse? Because I certainly haven't.

One Sanchez, I heard your call. No, Sanchez.

I thought, myself, what do they know about the activists of the 60's. He went on to say, education is the other.

Upon inquiring, he was addressing today. The number one issue of his peers was support for those who spend $250,000 for wrongly imprisoned for 54 months. I had no real in-depth of Joseph's concern until I spend a total of 6 days in three different jails the first week of April 2002. It was an opportunity for a hell-of-a-story for a reporter. However, the story has been told over and repeatedly. Upon informing the inmates that I was a reporter, they made me promise I would tell their story. "Make sure you tell the story, Publisher." said Ricardo Rivera on his way to a state prison.

They really were looking for a story similar to the Chicago Tribune spread (early this year) on the criminal system. But, they were really looking for help from the public for

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Granger in Galveston, Texas on the "19th of June", and the "1776, did not include the enslaved descendants of African-Americans nor were the annual observance of Juneteenth Independence Day and the 2000 National Holiday Observance, House Concurrent Resolution 356, a formal apology for slavery is sponsored in Congress by Congressman Tony Hall (D-OH). We, the undersigned, support the establishment of Juneteenth Independence Day as a federal holiday. We, the undersigned, support the request of Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr., M.D., Chairman of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, and the National Juneteenth Christian Leadership Council for you to issue a Presidential Proclamation establishing the "19th of June" as National Juneteenth Independence Day in America.

Whereas, on the "19th of June", 2000, during the historic 1st Annual WASHINGTON JUNETEETH Independence Day, House Concurrent Resolution 356, a formal apology for slavery was sponsored in Congress by Congressman Tony Hall (D-OH). We, the undersigned, support the establishment of National Juneteenth Independence Day and request that you establish a National Juneteenth Independence Day Commission to advise you and future Presidents on how the annual observance of Juneteenth Independence Day can bring all Americans together with the goal of promoting greater understanding and racial healing.
d the Inmates

Some one gets their ass kick every hour. "The Black ones are worst," they said. My beating was on camera, if it was working. I found justice is not blind, with eyes open shut, hiding from the truth. I was amazed each day seeing many blocks of men, 90% Black. Even in the Bridgeport jail on 35th Street, it was 100% Black. Seventy-five percent Black in Du Page County Jail.

As stated by Ira Glasser, Executive Director of the ACLU, "Racial bias is a persistent threat to democracy, and nowhere is that more evident than in the treatment of people of color by law enforcement and the criminal justice system."

The entire criminal justice system is riddled with racial prejudice," and institutional racism. It is so deep it is disruptive, or Black men are natural criminals.

My case stems back to 1998, the result of Officer Shorter, who falsely wrote me up for a DUI, after I refuse to give him a free newspaper. Even as I beat the charges in court years ago, I still am labeled by the system as a DUI.

There are many with harsher crimes, explored by the Chicago Police, the Cook County jail, lawyers, judges, and elected officials suppressing evidence that could have cleared many from convictions.

But I S.U.S. is indeed a great country. Where the fundamental right to vote, speak, and practice religion mean something. Moreover, the opportunity to obtain the abundance whatever your color is here. Given that of its high standards of liberty and the pursuit of happiness, it is ashamed of it as well.

Each day in Cook County Jail alone, at least 10,000 of the 15,000 inmates suffer from the sting of discrimination with discriminatory arrest, racial profiling, and/or brutality from law enforcers. And yet, it is a complimentary conspiracy as well. But recognition to obtain the suburban police that expose their co-police workers last year of mass wrongly arrest of Blacks and Hispanics.

Rep. Cynthia McKinney noted that, Florida Governor Jeb Bush created a phony list of 57,700 convicted felons--to "scrub" thousands of innocent Black people from the voter rolls. 80% were Black. Had they voted, the course of history could have changed. Instead, Bush was declared the victor by only 537 votes.

As a circumstance it happen here in Bronzeville, Illinois, in 2000 (SSJ Story Sept. 99) the State of Illinois, Chicago Police, and Cook County Sheriff was called upon by County States Attorney Richard Devine to implement the massive arrest plan of 40,000 probators and parolees by end of the year.

A Judge tried all in his power to stop the action. Of the eighty men I interviewed only one was in for the first time. Inmate Michael Smith was serving three days for urinating in an alley near 112th and King Dr.; Johnny Williams, 17, for sleeping with a 14-year-old girl. Both as most men were in for violating their parole Half said they were on false charges.

Back to young Joseph two points, political prisoners and education. Very strong merit. It was reported that in the year 2010 Black men will be 60% of the jail population, while only 12% of the U.S. population. 80% with no further education, while CPS chief Duncan is closing schools and drop-outs are at 40%.

There are people that belong in jail. Nevertheless, in the case of most Black inmates it is the systematic methodology of government locking up the Black youth. No other ethnic group but the Black race is subject to such mass arrest.

At least in while Steven Leah was the director of Cook County Jail, they invested in the autobiography of Malcolm X. While today, the movies I saw crime and drug related. Such as Belly. It is hoped for Joseph and the Inmates and their families a more generate enthusiasm to seek justice to release those at least in 50% 7,000 inmates still in Cook County Jail unfairly.

America was built on justice and slaves. But even today it is just that "just us" and still slaves.

Joseph has made it clear from the start.

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Dear Editor,

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The whiners of Bronzeville

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By Peggy Ann Griffin, SSJ Spiritual Editor

The Hidden Ones

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rael and India are not usually pictured as lands inhabited by African people, but in fact, they actually are. Not only these countries, but around the world there is a presence of African indigenous peoples. They are "The Hidden Ones." Some scholars are continually working to bring that which has been concealed into the light. One noted savant is Dr. AviMelech Ben Israel of the Hebrew Israelite Nation. His presentations focus on the remnants of the indigenous African-Armenian population that remain in Palestine-Israel today.

Dr. AviMelech is a resident of Israel and incorporates his background in thought provoking multi-media productions. In his words, it is "education" for colleges, grade schools, secondary schools, jails, and public institutions. The mind is intrigued as he explains the visuals that encapsulate thousands of years of history. The work is a documentation of the presence of the African Diaspora from antiquity to the present age. He maintains that the ancient Medics, Serians, Cushites, Israelites, Kabites, Philestines, Phonicians, Nubateans, and other nations were African Edomites. Through extensive research, this lost history is now being recovered.

Modern scholars have attributed much of the distortion of history to Napoleon Bonaparte. During the Napoleonic Wars, armies invaded Jerusalem and deliberately destroyed artifacts that depicted African features. The large noses were chipped off faces, leading to question in contemporary museums the ethnic identity of ancestors. The recovery of some of this history can be accredited to Bishop David Seaton, who went to Jerusalem in 1895 and documented information coming from the The original inhabitants of the land.

The work of Bishop Seaton and other scholars clears the doubts about the history of Blacks in these regions but raises a larger question. "Where do White people come from?" AviMelech and other historians conclude that they evolved from African people. Through climatic conditions, leprosy, and other diseases; there emerged Albinos, which over a period of time came to be the Caucasians of modern times.

Another way that history has been distorted is through the excavation of the Suez Canal from 1859 through 1869, which separated Jerusalem from the continent of Africa. Prior to that time, people could walk from what is now called the Middle East to Africa. Even with the restructuring, Egypt is still located on the continent of Africa, but in modern media it is not associated with Africa. As a result, many people do not realize that it is a part of Africa. Because Israel was once directly connected to mainland Africa, prior to the excavation of the Suez Canal, African scholars refer to it as Northeast Africa.

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ho 'prophets' from our suffering? In the Black community, many are 'prophesying' from our self-destructive behavior. In the scriptures of the Bible there is rarely any mention of Balaam, a false prophet hired by the enemy of God's people.

Then the Israelites traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho. Now Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel has done to the Amorites, and Moab was terrified because there were so many people. Indeed, Moab was filled with dread because of the Israelites. The Moabites said to the elders of Midian, "This horde is going to lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." So Balak son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, sent messengers to summon Balaam son of Beor..."

If the founding fathers could have imagined the tremendous population growth that their slaves would live to experience, I'm sure they would have intensified the areas of the constitution that related to slavery. We have been forced to steadily increase since the first slave ship, Jesus of Lubeck, Captained by Sir John Hawkins in 1555, landed on the shores of North America.

When you have a people you under feed, under educate, torture, rape & murder in the midst of exploiting their natural strength for material gain - you never expect them to survive the ordeal in mass numbers. In other words, white people hoped we would be exterminated in proportion to their technological & material advancement.

Now we are over 40 million people inside the United States, and we are growing, while they are at zero population growth. This means that they in their natural greed, and limited scientific understanding of the capabilities of nature to produce sustainable resources, feel threatened by the rise of our population.

This new awareness & expression casts us as budding prophets of the prophesies of old - one crying in the wilderness.

However, we are not living in the days of the need for prophets! The moral & spiritual character, and even the vision of the prophets is needed in today's world. But, God never granted to any prophet, (except Jonah & Muhammad), the prophetic vision, method & power to completely reverse the condition of the heart of God's people. Most prophets were overcame by the very same people Allah sent them to save.

This is the dilemma of anyone who will step-up on behalf of black people in America. You will be opposed most by your own people.

This opposition has caused many men & women, who have started out as great fighters for the upliftment of the masses of our people to surrender the fight. Many have been broken completely in their spirit. Many, have become so broken & bitter, have given of time, energy & resources, many sell out to the highest bidder. Some start out with money in mind. Many see gain & profit in the hurt and suffering of black people; like oil beneath dessert land.

I believe many of those who are the most visible & vocal, are like Balaam and black people are the ass they have hired themselves out to ride. But. Like Balaam's ass, many black people see the God has a compass present in the mind of us are blessed to see God's wrath ready to strike & take the head of the false prophets, so we cast them off.

God in truth, and He has always sends a man into the world to set the tone for all lesser men, and to warn the false prophets: who do the so-called man & women of God see as God's man in this day & time? And equally important, can you recognize the call of God coming from anyone today?

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On July 13, Washington Park Court Historical Fest Committee and Genesis Development Corp. are co-sponsoring a “Healthy House - Restoration/Preservation Home Fair” at the enclosed parking lot at the corner of W. 57th St. and Vincennes Ave. The hours are 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm the cost is $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for children under twelve. Interior designers and architects will answer questions on both exterior and interior house decor. The public is invited to bring photographs and floor plans of your house or individual rooms and/or photos of objects to use on or in your house. The interior designers and architects will all have pictures and portfolios of their work for your review. For more info call at 773-624-6281, L. Parker.

June 15, South Side Housing Fair in cooperation with Congressman Bobby L. Rush. The First Congressional District Housing Task Force, Saturday, 2002, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Dunbar Vocational Career Academy, 3000 S. King Dr. 773/728-2371.

June 17-18: Urban Grassroots Marketing & Sponsorship Event. A two-day conference presented by the Strategic Research Institute at the Wyndham Chicago will be check-full of new info, debate, discussion and insights on how to keep pace with the evolving urban marketplace. Sessions will cover local event sponsorships and partnerships opportunities that open up the playing field to hair salons, car dealerships, concerts, urban schools, churches, soccer teams, major and minor baseball leagues, Father's Day, street teams, online chat rooms, whatever else makes sense. For more info or to register, go to http://www.serchicago.com/thm77 or call 888-666-8514.

Saturday; June 22 Rain- bow/PUSH is hosting the Afri- can American Contractors Association and its membership with other concerned groups and trade workers to celebrate the 2nd Annual African American Contractors Day. On this day they will convene to discuss opportunities for jobs, contracts and fairness in the industry. At 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Dr. King’s Workshop of Rainbow/ PUSH, 910 East 50th. For more information, call AACA at (312) 915-5960.


Sullivan House Computer Technology Center Six-week Session C. Free Ongoing Computer Literacy Courses Beginning Monday, SHCT provides two classes per week for a total of 12 hands-on lessons. Register now for 4-6 PM or 6-8 PM classes, M and W, or T and Th. Special classes are held Fridays and Saturdays. We teach basic computer knowledge of hardware and software. An introduction to wordprocessing software, data processing software, spreadsheets, utilities and graphics software packages. Students practice stock market investing with online accounts or communicate with each other and send job resumes online. There is also a typing program and basic computer skills for all. Registration soon, limited number of computers and a high rate of returning students. Classes are free. Sullivan House Community Technology Center, 7677 S. Coles.

Free Computers Operation Connection is now receiving applications to provide free computers and software to families and groups with little or no technology experience. To apply for or donate computers and equipment, contact Operation Connection at the Healthcare Consortium of Illi- nois at (708) 841-9515.

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Target Stores Offer Scholarships for Students Deadline: November 1, 2002. Administered by the Citizens’ Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc., Target All-Around Scholarships for Students are awarded each year to high school seniors and college students who are committed to community service and educa- tion. Target will award four $10,000 and over $1,000 scholarships for higher educa- tion (two per Target store). Awards are offered for institution costs and fees for full-time, post-secondary, undergraduate educational programs. Con- tact: Target All-Around Scholar- ships for Students Tel: (800) 316-6142.

DeLalla to Host Six Summer Sports Camps This summer, De La Salle Institute will be hosting six sports camps for grammar school stu- dents. Not only will these young men and women get to learn more about their fa- vorite sports, but they will also be able to see De La Salle campus first hand. The camps offered include football, base- ball, wrestling, basketball, golf and soccer. Each of the camps will be conducted by the Mete- ors’ head coaches, along with their assistants coaches. For more info contact Mike Walsh 312-842-7355 ext. 145.
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If you sing, dance, rap, recite poetry, etc, the Temple of Mercy Acceptance Live Edu-tainment by Chicago's "Sax Preacher" presenting positive and conscience raising poetry, Hop, rap, and songs. Everyone is invited to attend and/or perform. "Positive Performance Showcase" All lyrics must be conscience raising with no profit. 7757 S. Halsted St. 2nd fl. 4pm to 7pm. Call: 773-829-7248. June 26th. Avant Fusion, Velvet Lounge one of Down Beat's best 100 jazz clubs "Artscope Africa," featuring live performances by musicians and storytellers, readings by novelists and poets, sponsored by Africope, Radio Open Mic: Ethiopian Diamond Restaurant, 6120 N. Broadway, Chicago/TIME: 10 p.m. Call: 773-743- 4787, or 773-328-6100.

Maxwell Street Blues during Blues Fest 2002 and beyond. The old Maxwell St. neighborhood is mostly gone. But on Saturday afternoons (noon to 3 PM), Blues musician and folk artist Frank "Little Sonny" Scott Jr., known as the Supreme Mayor of Maxwell Street, has organized street-like Blues Revues and jam sessions at Sam Sodom's Fabulous Maxwell Street Uptown
1. "OPEN YOUR EYES" That reunites "Jerry Maguire" director and star, Tom Cruise, plays a playboy-living publish in between the new love he desires, real-life love, Penélope Cruz and Oscar nominee Cameron Diaz as the obsessed wannabe lover. Unbilled Kurt Russell co-stars as the psychiatrists trying to unlock Cruise’s mind when he’s disfigured and held for murder. R: 132 min.

2. "THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES" Richard Gere seems a bit miscast in this supernatural thriller as a D.C. journalist who was sailing with his wife tragically, unexplainably winds up into a small West Virginia town plagued by strange occurrences that points to a moth-like psychic entity and an impending tragedy that Gere must try to escape. PG-13; 118 min.

3. "OUT COLD" The amazing snowboarding stunts are OUT COLD when he’s disfigured and held for murder. R; 132 min. display good chemistry and energy among this youthful cast that polished McGuire and Friends. Tom Cruise is set in present time. Talk of a new beginning for Clancy’s CIA analyst character, Jack Ryan, who is now younger, unmarried, knowledgeable yet inexperienced as Ben Affleck takes on the role.

4. "STAR WARS EPISODE II: ATTACK OF THE CLONES" With several planets trying to leave the Republic. Numerous assassination attempts are being made on Padme Amidala (Natalie Portman), the former princess who’s now a Senator for the Republic. The board committee which includes Jedi masters Yoda and Windu (Samuel L. Jackson) to summon their protege Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) and his young Jedi apprentice, Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) to protect the Senator. From the outset, there is a rebellious spirit between Skywalker and Kenobi who finds more to disagree and contest throughout their assignment. Christopher Lee returns as the chief villain for this movie, Dooku who is the man behind the real villain who’s the one that subsequently creates Darth Vader. Dooku commands an epic battle with the Jedi knights versus his army.

5. "SUM OF ALL FEARS" is one of the most sophisticated and potentially timely thrillers I’ve seen in years. Ryan succeeds his superior, Bill Cabot (Morgan Freeman probably inheriting the role started by James Earl Jones) that more investigation is needed when three key soviet scientists are discovered missing. Cabot sends out an operative, Clark (Liev Schreiber) who finds the three missing soviet scientists who had been moved and the scientists eliminated and potentially timed thrillers I’ve seen in years. The film’s drama begins into the 70’s but this youthful Ryan is set in present time. Talk about a time warp. A taut political thriller adventure. "Sum of All Fears" is more of an ensemble piece in which Ben Affleck is well supported throughout. Every aspect of this movie is authentic and highly detailed and technical. "Sum of All Fears" is one of the most sophisticated and potentially timely thrillers I’ve seen in years. Ryan succeeds his superior, Bill Cabot (Morgan Freeman probably inheriting the role started by James Earl Jones) that more investigation is needed when three key soviet scientists are discovered missing. Cabot sends out an operative, Clark (Liev Schreiber) who finds the three missing soviet scientists who had been moved and the scientists killed. The US President, his staff and Cabot are attending the Super Bowl. It’s a timely and harrowing scene when the bomb hidden in a cigarette vendor machine explodes like the H-bomb did to Hiroshima. It’s a realistic and frightening scene, the way the bomb’s force not only levels the ground, but helicopters in the air. Now in a race against time to reveal that a neo-fascist is behind this terrorist act, in order to have these two superpower countries eliminate themselves with their nuclear capability. It’s a compelling and frightening scenario that brightens the possibility in the wake of 9-11.
Credit Union to Open Doors

South side residents and community groups have come together and formed the Partnership for a South Side Community Development Credit Union (the Partnership) to open the first community-owned and operated credit union on the south side of Chicago.

The Partnership held one of its latest community meetings, June 8th, at the Robert Taylor Community Center to explain special services and opportunities for public housing residents, and continue mobilizing local support. Cliff Kelley of WVON Radio emceed the meeting and with Minister Bomani Obadele as a keynote speaker.

The credit union will serve residents in 11 south side communities, including from Near South Side, Oakwood, Douglas, Grand Boulevard, Kenwood, Hyde Park, Washington Park, Woodlawn, South Shore, Greater Grand Crossing and Chatham.

Dues of community groups, businesses, churches, and politicians have also pledged their support for the credit union. Jim E. Cobb, President of the credit union's Board of Directors, is Assistant Vice President of ShoreBank Corporation and a Douglas resident.

The Partnership has already raised $550,000 in non-member deposits, $50,000 in secondary capital, and $132,000 in grants and over 700 pledges totaling $505,000 in deposits for start-up and first year costs. But still needs fiscal support to begin to self-sustain its 5th year.

"We seek to reverse the flow of capital in the African-American community on the south side," said Al Hofeld, Jr., attorney for the Partnership. The Partnership also plans to implement several innovations, such as no-fee access to all ShoreBank ATMs, loans and financial education to CHA residents, matching gifts for micro-enterprise savings accounts, pay-day alternative loans at reasonable interest rates, and savings incentive programs for members.

The credit union is slated to open between October, 2002, and February, 2003. "Our goal is to create a $5 million credit union in 5 years," said Cecilia Butler, co-chair of the Partnership. Butler points out that successful community credit unions in the U.S. have achieved membership in the thousands and assets in the millions within only a few years of receiving their charter.

Currently, there is no community development credit union on the south side of Chicago. For further information, call 312-347-8390.

Bill 602P proposes 5¢ per E-mail

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If you intend to stay online and continue using E-mail the way it was meant to be used...

Many figured this was coming. The last few months have revealed a trend in the United States Government attempting to push through legislation that will affect the use of the Internet.

Under proposed legislation, the US Postal Service will be attempting to bill E-mail users out of "alternative postage fees." The Bill will permit the Federal Government to charge a 5-cent surcharge on every e-mail delivered, by billing Internet Service Providers at source. The consumer would then be billed in turn by the ISP. Washington DC lawyer Richard Stepp is working to prevent the legislation from becoming law.

The Postal Service has claimed lost revenue, due to the proliferation of E-mail, is costing nearly $230,000,000 in revenue per year. It even developed a recent ad campaign: "There is nothing like a letter."

The average person received about 10 pieces of E-mail per day in 1998, the cost of the typical individual would be an additional 50 cents a day —or over $180 per year—above their regular Internet costs. This would be money paid directly to the US Postal Service for a service they do not even provide, said Mosi A. Ifatunji of the Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy.

"The whole point of the Internet is democracy and noninterference," said Ifatunji. "The public is already paying an exorbitant price for small mail because of bureaucratic inefficiency."

Ifatunji said, currently it takes up to 6 days for a letter to be delivered from coast to coast. If the Postal Service is allowed to tinker with E-mail, it will mark the end of the "free" Internet in the United States.

Reported Congressional representative, Tony Schnell (R) has suggested a "$20-$40 per month surcharge on all Internet service" above and beyond the proposed E-mail charges.

Ifatunji said most of the major newspapers have ignored the story with the exception of the Washington Post calling the idea "a useful concept who's time has come" (March 6th, 1999 Editorial).

"The public should not sit by and watch their freedom erode away!" Urged Ifatunji. "This message needs to be sent to everyone. Write your congressional representative and say "No to Bill 602P."

"The public actions could very well be instrumental in killing a bill we do not want."

Mosi A. Ifatunji can be reached at the Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy, 412 South Peoria Street Office Suite, 325 Chicago, Illinois 60607. Tel: (773) 238-6026, Office, Email: <mosi@ifatunji.com>.

Urban Grassroots Marketing & Sponsorship Event

June 17-18: This two-day conference presented by the Strategic Research Institute at the Wyndham Chicago will be chock-full of new info, debate, discussion and insights on how to keep pace with the evolving urban market place.

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The Chicago Defender

The Sale is on again

Cook County Circuit Judge Berenetta Bush approved the sale of the Sengstacke Enterprise Inc., publisher of the Chicago Defender, to Real Times Inc., a company owned by Sengstacke relative Thomas Picou.

In exchange for control of the Defender and three weekly newspapers published in Memphis, Detroit and Pittsburgh, Real Times will immediately pay $3 million in cash, an additional $3 million plus 12 percent interest over five years, and a final payment of at least $2.5 million.

The Defender's future has been in question since 1997, when John Sengstacke, publisher and majority owner of Sengstacke Enterprises, died at age 84.

Members of the Sengstacke family had opposed selling to a number of companies that made purchase offers, saying they didn't believe they would allow them to help run the Defender — as they say the paper's founder, Robert Abbott, would have wanted.

(AFP)
The Dimensions of the Problem

Chart prepared by Danielle Walters

| Number of legal households living in family developments as of 9/1/01, according to the CHA's "Plan for Transforma-
| tion—Year 3" draft annual plan for FY2002 | 14,209 |
| Number of legal residents living in family developments as of 9/1/01, according to the CHA's "Plan for Transforma-
| tion—Year 3" draft annual plan for FY2002 | 43,052 |
| Average family size based on the number of legal residents living in family developments and the number of legal 
| households in family developments (43,052 legal residents, 14,209 households) | 1.07 |
| Ratio of residents to non-leaseholders based on "The Robert Taylor Relocation Study" | 23/32 |
| Estimated number of non-leaseholding CHA residents based on "The Robert Taylor Relocation Study" ratio and 
| number of legal residents as of 9/1/01 (43,052 legal residents, X) | 14,473 estimated non-leaseholding residents |
| Percent of non-leaseholders assessed by The CARA Program at Stateway Gardens who are living with leaseholders | 76% |
| Percent of non-leaseholders assisted by The CARA Program at Stateway Gardens who are living in vacant units | 24% |
| Estimated number of non-leaseholders living with leaseholders throughout the Chicago Housing Authority based orf The 
| CARA Program assessment proportions from Stateway Gardens (14,473 non-leaseholders living with leaseholders) | 3,480 estimated non-leaseholders living with leaseholders |
| Total number of beds in Chicago homeless shelters on De-
| cember 16, 2001, according to Chicago Department of Hu-
| man Services | 8,825 |
| Total number of occupied beds in Chicago homeless shel-
| ters on December 16, 2001, according to Chicago Depart-
| ment of Human Services | 8,084 |
| Total number of available beds in Chicago homeless shel-
| ters on December 16, 2001, according to the Chicago De-
| partment of Human Services | 241 |

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Addressing the Mayor's position on public housing, CHA, Executive Director, Terry Petersson, nor his spokesperson Der- nick Hill, would not return SS telephone e-mail. 

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