Empowerment Zone

Wallace Goode addresses Bronzeville Block Club on Empowerment Zone program

Last $7 million of $100 million in Grants and loans now targeting small businesses

Douglas - Wallace Goode, Executive Director of the Chicago Empowerment Zone (EZ) program, used last week's Bronzeville Block Club meeting to address the last round of the $100 million in EZ funds developed in 1994. The remaining $7 million will focus on small business development.

On the same night, just a mile away on 50th and Wabash, the South Side Empowerment Zone Cluster's monthly meeting discussed the same agenda, financial assistance to small businesses.

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59th Street and Halsted

Ald. Coleman: "On hold until Black partnership is secured with Koreans businesses"

Englewood

Kenner & Daniels address insurance overcharge; in Englewood

Inside South Street

The New Englewood Terrace

After the demolition of Robert Taylor Homes, the New Englewood Terrace (NET) is now the Tallest building on the south side, serving the needs of low-income people.

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Politics leaving voters stranded

Voters the middle of the 15th Senatorial District
Black political fight

The nation's premier comedy club, the "granddaddy" of improv theater, responsible for programs like Saturday Night Live, Mad TV and other sketch-comedies, is coming to the sitcom world. It's not just a matter of, "Is it funny?" anymore. It's a matter of, "Is it funny to me?"}

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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Friends of History and Culture: North Pullman - Small organizations often host impromptu events. This is the case in the struggle to preserve the historical experience of the A. Philip Randolph Museum Gallery within the George Pullman Tourism Destination at 111th & Cottage Grove.

On August 25th the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP), annual hosted a fund-raiser and founding anniversary celebration for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters A highlight of the event honored Black Firefighters from New York City.

The event was not only a re-sounding success, it exceeded its vision. We honored not only the BSCP and the Firefighters. They deserved it. We wanted the NYC Firefighters to see the black community of Chicago can and will support our own. When they stepped out of the car to the event, they saw a sea of faces, all there for homeland, a truly historic occasion.

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With the powers that rule in both political parties is to withhold the resources, destroy the indigenous local culture and replace it with culture from a euro centric perspective. This event was to keep our history alive.'

A week in progress

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Funds for Ex-offenders re-entry Programs. Rep. Danny K. Davis

Cong. Danny Davis (7) announced that the U.S. Department of Justice awarded the State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Corrections a grant for prisoner re-entry of $2,000,000 for the Department's Serious and Violent Offenders Re-Entry Initiative.

The Illinois Department of Corrections to target 200 adult male offenders ages 18-24 years and 10 juveniles ages 14-17 who will be released in the North Lawndale Community. Less intensive re-entry services will also be provided to parolees in the West Garfield, Austin and West Humboldt Park Communities of Chicago.

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Alderman Leslie Hairston (5) at one of the school opens, says that she
mentary pupils in the state. Only 78
view. In the State of Illinois, of the
asked on a few key commitments.
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To "end social promotion" by flunk-
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the Mayor praised School Board
President Michael Scott, CEO Arne
On September 13, the school sys-
are falling behind.
are not retained, and retained stu-
dents are much more likely to drop
out."
"Second, the program’s supporters
said that the number of students
flunked would drop over time, be-
because students would work harder to
avoid being flunked. But the num-er of students who have been flunked is at an all-time high." Re-
ported Moore.
"Flunking students is politically
popular, but is an educational
failure. Research indicates that
these low-achieving students should
be promoted, but given intensive
special help," Moore said.
Duncan reported CPS has higher
reading test scores. This increase is a
result of the new reading initiative.
Which requires two hours daily
reading in elementary schools, read-
ing specialists in 114 schools with
the lowest reading scores and man-
datory summer school for children
who are behind in reading at the end
of the third grade.
CPS reported the schools are add-
ing 40 more reading specialists, en-
couraging schools to work toward
three hours of reading per day, and
providing additional literacy train-
ing and mandatory summer school
will continue for third graders who
are falling behind.
Looking at the financial side,
Duncan revealed that the higher ad-
tendance resulting from the city-wide
back-to-school campaign last year
earned CPS $10 million in addi-

(Continued from page 1)
The newly released movie Bar-
bershop gave audiences a high spir-
ted version of life recounts the real
life of Chicago and the history and reality.
If anyone did not know who Rosa
Parks was before the film came out, they
do now.
Three weeks after its release the
movie is still number one at the
box office. The first tick-
kets sold were $39 million.
There is talk of a sitcom and a
sequel.

Spencer Leak described the
remarks on Black leaders pro-
fane and disrespectful.
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The movie tackled with
daring and relevant, contro-
troversial topics definitely segre-
ated itself from the rest. It has
prompted discussions across the
nation.
Mrs. Jacquelyn Jackson and
Spencer Leak, Sr. called a commu-
ity meeting to discuss the film; one
attender described it as historic, that
represented many views on
the city. "It is too bad Barbershop went
there for a laugh but they did. In-
stead of wasting too much energy
saying you are a bad boy I would
like to see a bit more outreach done
where it counts. With the folks who
spent 19 million dollars in a couple
of weeks to watch the movie. Our
kids."

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Grand Exit—The Nommo Gathering’s August 3rd production debuted their long-anticipated, summer sketch comedy revue. The writers were part of the Second City’s Black comic writers training. The group combined satire and hilarious social commentary, addressing everything from African-American media stereotypes, corporate icons like Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben, to elder slaves and Black voting habits.

Second City Training Center is beginning efforts to diversify its stages. With plans to open on 47th Street, in the midst of urban gentrification in Bronzeville, questions were raised behind the scenes as to whether or not the entertainment being provided for the newly created community is being redeveloped to adhere to the neighborhood’s new social makeup.

The city of Chicago awarded $850,118 in Federal Empowerment Zone money to Second City to open a comedy club/training center on the northwest corner of 47th and King Drive (once hailed as Downtown Black America). The funds were awarded in the wake of the closing of the world famous Palm Tavern, an institution that has been part of Bronzeville since founded in 1933. The city is in the process of acquiring the building for the $1.4 million restoration and the Community Development Dept. of culture Affairs is being redeveloped to adhere to the city’s Eminent Domain clause.

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Woodlawn Social Service Network
Monthly State of Community Address:

Woodlawn - What's available and what's missing for the mental health in the Woodlawn community? That was the subject of this month's luncheon for the State of Community Address: Mental Health Services in Woodlawn.

On September 20th at the Woodlawn Mental Health Center on 6337 S. Woodlawn, Woodlawn community agency representatives from the Woodlawn Mental Health Center, Lutheran Social Services, Thresholds and Ada S. McKinley Intervention Services joined the Woodlawn Social Service Network (WSSN) for their monthly network meeting.

"For us this an important community meeting," said Laura Singer, who runs the Living Room and the Social Work Institute meeting.

WSSN is a coalition of community agencies and institutions dedicated to assessing and meeting the needs of the Woodlawn community. While identifying unmet needs in the community many of the activities they support are to facilitate networking and collaboration among community agencies and institutions, and publicize existing services, events, opportunities, concerns, and institutions.

"Collaborate to provide services to fill gaps," said Laura Singer, identifying and applying for funding for social services in the Woodlawn community. Singer explained that last August, thirty members of WSSN discussed solutions to violence in Woodlawn. "All Woodlawn agencies and institutions are encouraged to review the possible solutions and look at how their organization can play a greater role in reducing violence in the community," she said.

The monthly Networking Luncheon is held the third Friday of every month 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Steering Committee consists of Arvis Averette, Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors (WeCAN), Deborah Burns, Besse Coleman Library, David Hays, University of Chicago Service Center, Terrance Miller, Woodlawn Development Associates, Bardeno ReinGold, Woodlawn Mental Health Center, Laura Singer, Chair, William Smith, Illinois Department of Human Services and Joseph Streigl, MAGIC.

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Englewood

Association to ensure a maximum level of local benefits to residents and current employers. In addition affords to avoid the problems of over-saturation of retail services in the core of the Englewood Mall.

So far, the $24 million retail project at 59th and Halsted consist of all Korean Merchants with 1 owner maintaining 10% under the Englewood Commercial Development Corporation.

The Alternative Proposal will be an agreement with Project Able and ECDC that now will include black businesses where the Korean merchants will relocate businesses making room for the Kennedy King College relocation on 63rd Street.

Project Able is a black business organization in Chicago where a membership requirement is that one must have a million dollars in cash in the bank, Melvin Reynolds, Loop Capital Marketing is head of the group and did not return phone calls.

On hold as well, requested by Coleman is the proposal to acquire 29 properties to accommodate merchants. In addition, the $2.4 million support from the City of Chicago.

As demolition is taking place around the 63rd and Halsted area, the main development, in all there will be three retail projects proposed for the Englewood commercial development. The third one is to be constructed at 63rd and Union to build a 70,000-square-foot commercial center, which will anchor a Walgreen’s Drug Store and a McDonald’s restaurant.

The 63rd St. area of Englewood is house to over 80 businesses of which only 5 of Black owned according to Arnez Dancy of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, and a 1/6th ward aldermanic candidate. He cautioned the community “Clearly Englewood is moving forward and these projects prove it. What major action needs to happen is for the community; the city and developers ensure that black businesses are part of it.

With Englewood being the last economic frontier for Blacks in the city of Chicago. In the case of

Frazz Printers and Stuff N Things, businesses in the 63rd Street area are interested in staying in the area, but may not be able to pay the more expensive rent to stay.

There is still room for other projects in the area to part of the development and I welcome the community to sit down with me and plan them out.”

Coleman added that part of the agreement developers in the joint venture is a 2% profit set aside for a community job-training program.

In all Coleman says $62 million is the table for investing in the community, with programs such as the TIF, housing and other government programs.
Jakes in the Mayoral Race

present for Rev. Jakes’ announcement on Monday, October 7, at Old St. Paul’s Church, 4201 Westside, where he is the pastor.

Bruce Crosby, co-convenor of TAC would not say if Jakes is their choice. However, he did say, “it is time for things change.”

Jakes was actually thrown into the ring after former Congressman Gus Savage during an appearance on the Cliff Kelly WVON radio program, a conflicting story was reported in the Chicago Defender.

Savage was asked on the radio program to run, at which time he responded that he had too old and hinted that Rev. Jakes should run. Savage remarks lead TAC and other community members meeting with Jakes in their mission to replace Daley. However, Jakes said he received several calls from prominent leaders urging him not to run.

Up against the clock, with the citywide candidates and aldermanic petitions in circulation since September 17th, Bob Troutman, a consultant to Jakes said, “an Exploratory Committee is being organized for a progressive candidate for Mayor.” Adding, “Rev. Jakes is expected to be high on the list.”

In order for Jakes or any mayoral candidates to get on the ballot at least 25,000 registered voters signatures need to be collected—five times the number needed to run for governor or any other state-wide office of 5,000 in Illinois.

Challenging the signature requirements, TAC had three meetings with the Chicago Board of Elections and Chairman Langdon Neal consistently refused to compromise. Taking the matter to court, TAC, accompanied four plaintiffs, along with Atty. Avila filed a federal lawsuit asking for a reduction in the signatures for filing for citywide office. Crosby says the suit should be between 1,800 and 2,500. “Our argument is that the signature requirements are unconstitutional. We can win this case.”

There are four other candidates in the race, Rafael Chagin, Rev. Joseph McAffee, Robert Martini, and Rev. Floyd Plump. The mayor himself is expected to enter. However, insiders suggest that could wage on the mayor’s wife’s health.

Upon getting on the ballot a Black candidate must fight harder than ever to wake up the Black constituencies and overcome Daley.”

The citywide candidates and aldermanic candidates running outside influences in the Black electoral process. In addition, according to Al. Shirley Coleman, Daley has proven to be a good mayor for the city.

Joining Coleman, many Black leaders urge him not to run. “Agree that Daley has not been fair to blacks believe that he is not best.”

Having breakfast with Jakes at Edans Restaurant on Madison Ave., Verdell Trice a member of Senator Adie Presby’s organization said, “The comfortable level is high in the African-American community that we feel the racism and discrimination in the city.”

Meanwhile, allegations have surfaced that WPAC submitted in August that it was reported that the Park District is requesting plans from the University students to erect a staging area across from Provident Hospital. Butler said that the site is unacceptable to the city and WPAC.

Ald. Troutman did not return phone calls to WPAC. “I think the WPAC is subject to being the only liquor store in the 17th ward with a petition closed down by the city, and now is subject to being the only liquor store in the 17th ward with a petition closed down by the city.”

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The new ward maps, for new Aldermen are now available at City Hall in Room 340. Because of redistricting, 30% of the Black voters in Chicago have a new ward. A change in will win newly formed Black Political Action Committee (BEPAC) is gearing for a city hall change in February 2003 election.

“This election will see a high level of candidates running as a slate of candidates independently of Mayor Richard Daley. Said a spokesperson for BEPAC.”

“Our candidates are going to be running their own campaigns but they are being brought to the council, aldermen with principles to govern their decisions. “Parks and recreation are another matter.”

Preparing aldermanic candidates for the February election, the Task Force for Black Political Empowerment will soon be announcing their aldermanic campaign workshops.

In the 3rd Ward Race Report are that Pat Hall will run not for Alderman, in the 3rd ward against Dorothy Tillman, but is leaning her support to Kenny Sawyer, a relative to former Mayor Eugene Sawyer. Also in the race is Pat Dwell who recently held a fund raiser at the home of Jim and Sandra Washington’s house—with support of members of the Grand Blvd Homeowners Association. One big part of their main goals is to be to create change—especially since many of them feel powerless. According to Mr. Monroe, of GBHO.

Paul’s Corner Liquor Store at political issue? In the 17th Ward, announced candidate Tyrone DeAndre’ Hawthorne says in will look into political issue?

Atty. William Harte who provided argument is that the signature requirements have paid nearly $2.5 million to the Resolution Trust Corporation, a mortgage lender of the WPAC submissions. Maps drawn by Brace typically limit minority voting rights through a two pronged technique: “packing” a large proportion of minority voters into a smaller number districts and “cracking” prooed of minority voters in districts or ward which are controlled by Mayor Daley, Alderman Ed Brooke and Madigan.

BET Founder Gives Democrats SIM (AP)—Black Entertainment Television founder Robert L. Johnson has donated $1 million to the Democratic National Committee’s Voting Rights Institute. Johnson’s $1 million contribution, one of several seven-figure contributions the DNC has received for the 2002 election, reportedly will help finance voter education and get-out-the-vote efforts, said Donna Brazile, who heads the institute. Johnson has been a prolific Democratic donor in the past few years. He contributed at least $130,250 to Democrats for the 2000 and 2002 elections, while his company gave at least $25,000...
Shaw - Meeks campaign that successfully closed several liquor stores. The political feud grew even more intense upon the election of Meek's follower A.J. Anthony Beal (9) over Shaw's twin, Robert in 1999, who enlisted the help of Cong. Jackson.

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"The bad blood launching be-

"Both are selfishly trying to por-

"Nevertheless, Senator Shaw ac-

"The Republican Party County

"Democrats control the Senate

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As one drives up to the building, the sign that was changed to reflect the new feelings of pride associated with the renovated building, it's a challenge to think of ways to insure fair and equitable access to affordable housing for all. What are your thoughts on this complex issue? Samuelson: With a vision already formed, we need to find out what they wanted. The result was the goal of New Englewood Terrace (NET) to provide 320 families with rehabbed units by 2003. In addition to that, we want to offer a building rich with services. Brawn Collier (public relations specialist for the NET): "The goals for the building are as aggressive as the building itself. The management has put together a set of principles that will guide this development and keep its goals in line with those of the community." Samuelson: As the community is undergoing rapid growth in real estate values, we want to offer a building that reflects the changes happening around us. 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Comparative Analysis: Robert Kelly Case Dear Editor: Robert Kelly and I attended Kenwood Academy high school back in 1987 we both study the time. In fact, I remember when Robert "Family" in 1987 at the Orchestra Hall in Chicago. Lena Mclin, the music instructor—now retired—at Kenwood Academy, to get to the point the follow- ing is racism at its worse, and constitutes "defector dis-

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Letters to the Editor

Ron Carter
Publisher & Editor

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The project will provide high-quality and affordable housing in the Englewood community. For me? There is the relationship between effort and luck work is merely a means to an end. wwest of the Dan Ryan. How does this fit in the make-up of the image and make-up of the Englewood

WTTW and Black TV

Dear Editor: The recent death of Edward L. Morris reminded us he programmed on WTTW the first serious African American talk show, Jim Tillamook’s Our people. Morris was recognizing the fact that the largest ethnic group in Chicago was entitled to fair amount of media time to air subjects and their view point on those subjects community rate with their numerical presence in the city’s population, that was in the late sixties. After that program was can-

tioned, the Black American presence has been gradually reduced to minimal tokenism. Presently, the management of WTTW has reduced Afri-
can-American participation in programming and actual participation in serious programs, such as Chicago Tonight has resulted in the City's Black community sending over 100 players to the NBA. Would you have James Brown host a program on the
The process of evolution -

Dear Editor,

If we are to evolve, we must move with the changes that are being made. We tend to lose focus when we do not think as a group. See, strength is in numbers - we understand that everybody has a different agenda centered on an individual or group's desires. If we stop, focus and follow the blueprint, we must be loyal to the cause of the quest and we must implement for "Planned Family-hood", expanding beyond the Nuclear family.

The Affordable Housing Initiative for Bronzeville Residents is an illustration of the African American community's ability to encourage generational change. This October the Carter Family will have their Family Reunion meeting planning for 2004. Cousins Kim is working on an in-depth Family Reunion next year. However at the next "Soul Food" dinner, after the loud mouth relative sets down, the family members can lead a different soul inspiration for the future. This October the Carter Family will be the focus at their next family reunion meeting as well. Moreover, whatever the Bush family do, even in supporting Mayor Daley's "Branches of generations are counting on us."
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds Southside Apprentice Program by Beverly A. Reed

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has awarded a Southside apprenticeship program a grant to train men and women for position in the construction industry, The Greater Washington, Park Community Development Corporation has already begun a pre-apprenticeship program teaching Basic English and math skill to its participants.

Persons with a high school diploma or GED, are 18 and older are eligible for the program offering 27 union approved building trades. The participants determine the course of study with the first phase being classroom study coupled with site work. The second phase is the actual apprenticeship program in which trainees will get on the job experience.

Protestants for the Common Good and Chicago's Faith Community

In the city of Chicago, Protestants for the Common Good have over two hundred active members representing about a hundred congregations throughout the city. PCG has also partnered with the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs and the Council of Islamic organizations of Greater Chicago to promote affordable housing and diverse communities through an effort called Interfaith Open Communities.

Many of Chicago's faith communities have long upheld the need to promote diversity and openness in our communities. In 1960's and 70's the primary challenge was racial discrimination. As a result of activism lead by religious leaders, fair housing laws were enacted which had a significant impact on housing discrimination. Today, while we have not solved the problem of racism, we are faced with a new challenge: economic segregation. While reform of the zoning code cannot solve all of these problems, Protestants for the Common Good applaud the goals set out by the Zoning Reform Commission, especially in their recognition that zoning is an appropriate tool for promoting healthy communities that enhance quality of life for all residents.

While we support the vision and principle laid out by the Zoning Reform Commission, we believe that the actual recommendations in the report, especially with respect to new affordable housing, fall short of that vision. In that respect, we have offered comments for the public record.
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The Life with Lupus Guild kick-off national Lupus Awareness Month, which begins Oct. 1. The first 4-week Saturday module begins Oct 5. Openings are for students and teachers. These classes are free at the Sullivan House Community Technology Center, 7877 S. Coles. Or email or call, Dr. Jacques Richard in CSU Physics Department 773-995-3297 or 773-995-2181.

CSU new Space Science program. Free for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors that can receive credit. There was an open house at CSU on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The first 4-week Saturday module begins Oct 5. Openings are for students and teachers. Details on the applications can be found on line at www.csu.edu/sass. Or email or call, Dr. Jacques Richard in CSU Physics Department 773-995-3297 or 773-995-2181.

Announcement

The Network of Concerned Citizens, community organizations, religious/spiritual organizations, youth organizations, social & educational organizations, agencies & administrations, are initiating the October 16th Holy Day Of Atonement Youth Rally; To trumpet attention toward programs that facilitate the transitioning of the youth, the family, & our communities, in the ending of conflict between Youth & Youth (whether gang-related, drug-related, male-female relationship related etc.), Youth & Educators in the school setting, Youth & Law Enforcement Officials, Police, and Youth and Parents/Guardians in the home setting.

Washington Park Children's Free Clinic, offers free check-ups, school physicals and vaccinations for children. Every Thursday from 5:30—7:30 pm, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 5700 S. Ave. (773) 684-6561.

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Show times are every Sunday, at HoneySuckles Chicago, 843 West 13th Street. You can order the book by going to the store’s Web site or by calling 773-434-0472.

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Hyde Park/Kenwood JAZZ Festival Wednesday, October 9th Hyde Park/Kenwood JAZZ Festival, October 13, at the University of Chicago’s Mandel Hall. Mandel Hall is located at 57th and University. Doors open at 6 PM. This year’s theme is “Jazz Futures.” Bands confirmed so far include the legendary Harlem saxophonist Bill Saxton, Ernest Dawkins and the Line The Spirit Ensemble, the Harlem Esplanade Trio and Malachi Thompson’s Africa Brass featuring Dee Alexander. JAZZ Festival 2002 is seeking for supporters and volunteers to help make this a great festival. Call SCAI at 773-536-6555.

Jazz Concert, Comedy Show & Dance Party, Featuring The Godfa ther of Soul and Acid Jazz Roy Ayers and Ubiquity. Seeing in Roy’s band will be Stevie Wonder’s former Bass Player, “Ron Richardson” along with Steve’s former Drummer “Dennis Davis”. Friday, October 11, 8pm-2am, at Isaac Hayes Restaurant 739 N. Clark Street.

Since September 8th, the Moore Squeaky Produc- tions has been providing Chicago with a lively, unscripted theatrical comedy show. Good Times is a parody of the 1970’s hit show Good Times. Squeaky’s “Good Times” comedy show, is a high

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The book deal marks a bright spot in an otherwise difficult last few months for Knight, who was released from prison a year ago. His attempt to return Death Row Records to its former glory was thwarted by a $6 million tax bill, which Death Row incurred while he was behind bars. Knight is confident that the book deal will help Knight market Death Row as a company with a history worthy of depiction on the big screen.

Perhaps more important, perhaps, is the book's potential to serve as a cautionary tale. Knight says, "I want young people to know how terrible prison is. I want them to understand the importance of education—that there are more ways to get out of the ghetto than being an athlete or a rapper."

FOR ELLA – Patti Austin (***): Primarily considered a contemporary soul-jazz singer from her early recordings with Quincy Jones and classic contemporary duet hits with James Ingram. Now Patti Austin further her legitimacy in pure jazz by capturing the big band sound and distinctive vocalization of the legendary Ella Fitzgerald. Not as an impression, Austin serenely attempts to recapture Ella in her youth. Nonetheless, “For Ella” is a decent, respectful challenge for Ms. Austin who could have done more by scaling down the band to an intimate trio or quartet concert.

Recommended Selections: “Too Close For Comfort”, “Honeysuckle Rose”, “You Have To Swing It, Mr. Panama”, “A Tisket A Tasket” “Hearing Ella Sing”, “The Man I Love”, “Miss Otis Regents”.

RIT’S HOUSE – Lee Ritenour (***1/2): Veteran jazz and studio guitarist-musician Lee Ritenour delivers another solo effort that should satisfy the smooth jazz crowd. A diverse musical career from such a versatile artist-performer who melodically expresses his personal memories and experiences that captures a “comfort zone” mood. While retaining some of the old school free form jazz past masters like Lee Morgan, Gabor Szabo, Joe Pass, and Wes Montgomery. Well accompanied by George Duke, Marcus Miller, Michael McDonald, Joey DeFranco. Ritenour’s “Rit’s House” is a sweet and flavorful excursion you’ll welcome in your house.

Recommended Selections: “Modulo 101”, “13”, “Marush”, “On The 77” “Rit’s House”, “Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic”, “A Little Dolphin Dreamin’, “Olinda”, “The Count of Monte Cristo (***): An entertaining remake of Alexandre Dumas’ adventure novel with Jim Carrey as Edmund Dantes wrongfully accused and framed for treason by his less-than-noble best friend, Montege (Guy Pearce) who in love and marries Dantes’ fiancée. Richard Harris co-stars as the innate mentor who hones Dantes’ knowledge and skills to escape prison, find an underwater treasure that made him wealthy enough to pose as a Count to aid in his plot for revenge on Montege. Director, Kevin Reynolds (“Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves”) provides the right mix of social reverence, gusto and energy with some religious undertones.

PG-13; 131 min.

SORORITY BOYS (**): “Bosom Buddies” get nasty in this gross-out and silly sex comedy about three college buddies framed about three college buddies framed and expelled out of their frat house, who disguise themselves as the opposite sex to live in the girls dormitory. While they search for a revealing sex tape against their snobbish leader that could reinstate them back in “their” frat house. R; 97 min.

CHANGING LANES (**): One of the year’s best films and a sure-fire Oscar contender next year. Thanks in part to riveting performances by Samuel L. Jackson and Ben Affleck who become adversaries in this thought-provoking melodrama. When a hurried lawyer Affleck crashes into Jackson, a recovering alcoholic, and ex-husband whose rushing to court. During the exchange, Affleck accidentally drops some important file papers that falls into the hands of Jackson who’s unable to make his court appearance to regain his family. With Affleck’s legal partnership at stake, he takes extreme measure to try to get Jackson to return the file papers. It leads to Affleck and Jackson disrupting each other’s lives. An intelligent, insightful, must-see movie. R; 99 min.

STOLEN SUMMER (**1/2): The first winner of the Project Greenlight movie involves a Catholic kid ‘s personal quest to help a Rabbi’s terminally ill son get to heaven. Chicagoan writer Pete Jones awarded his first directorial choice offers a tender slice of life where the kids have honorable intentions over the adults’ restrictions in this coming of age drama with a strong supporting cast. John Goodman, Aidan Quinn, Bonnie Hunt and Kevin Pollak filmed around Chicago’s northern suburbs. PG; 93 min.

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Empowerment Zones

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step in continuing efforts after the program is over, increasing efficiency and better meeting the needs of both community partners and small business owners."

Goode emphasized, "The program is about simplifying access to our loan products.

Providing loans in the EZ area will be the responsibility of Chicago Community Ventures (CCV), is committed to businesses located in the area. They will now have access to debt and equity financing from CCV, initially capitalized at $2.5 million and scheduled to increase another $20 million over the next 4 years."

Though residents welcome the assistance, some feel slighted by the fact that small businesses have been given such a minute portion of the EZ funds. Longtime resident Cindy Gordon said, "These loans and grants are fine, but for so many small businesses to have to split $7 million after larger companies like the Hyde Park Co-op & East Lake Management are given over $50 million to share is an insult." Goode was unable to provide exact figures reflecting what larger corporations received in comparison to the smaller businesses currently being funded. "The Revolving Loan fund was created to provide financing and technical assistance to small businesses in the Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities," observed Gordon.

According to the 1990 Census, the unemployment rate in EZ areas was 25% and the average poverty rate was almost 45%. The federal government identified the communities as victims of economic distress and designated EZs and ECs to intervene and revitalize them.

Goode said after the funds are gone the city will continue programs in the area. "CCV hopes to spur economic and business development in low-income communities throughout the Chicago area," Executive Director Stephen Maduli-Williams said.

CCV has already extended financing to Harris Ice, which has produced and distributed ice from its North Lawndale location for more than 30 years.

Entrepreneurs and small business owners who are interested in learning more about CCV's loan fund should contact Ursula Baldo-ceda at (773) 822-0319.

Community Claims a Victory?

After years of struggle to obtain the Supreme Life Building on 35th and King Drive, Harold Lucas compromise with the City, and its new owner for free office space for five years. Many community residents question it was a victory.

In an unanimous vote, the Chicago Community Development Commission awarded the winning development proposal for the landmark Supreme Life Building to the Liberty Life LLC, at a public hearing on Tuesday, September 24, 2002. The development team includes East Lake Management and the Bronzeville Community Development Partnership (BCDP), pictured here are members of the team that made the presentation and community representatives that provided public testimony in support of the plan.

(Top Row) l-r Stacy Mansker, GAP Community resident; Elzie Higginbotham, Chairman/CFO Liberty Life LLC; Mary Steward, Executive Director DPD; (bottom) Leroy Kennedy, VP Community Development IT; Mary Seward, Executive Director Mid-South Planning & Development Commission; Ken Grant, Chicago Empowerment Zone Coordinator. Need money to start or expand your business?

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Insurance Meeting

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cause they were perceived to have a shorter life span and a higher insurance risk.

Insurance companies typically target senior citizens and low income/minority insurers, insurance that are ultimately higher in cost and saddled with illegal fine-print terms.

The issue is national. In 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.

"This insurance practice has devastating consequences, both for the insurers and for their family and the community," stated Rep. Kenner. "These forms of insurance causes a genuine opportunity to be insured, without being forced out bad life insurance." He added that:

"I want to see our community afforded a genuine opportunity to be insured, without being forced out bad life insurance." He added that:

Rep. Kenner, advocate for a stronger state role in the fight against insurance companies by supporting Rep. Jeff Schoenberg actions. "I want to see our community afforded a genuine opportunity to be insured, without being forced out bad life insurance." He added that:

Kenner stated that he did not know how many people are effective by the insurance. But he with the Elder Daniels is organizing the community of the practice of the insurance companies and offers information about how to avoid it.

We want the community to begin their insurance policies to the meeting. Said Elder Daniels. Representatives from the Illinois State Insuance Department will also be on hand to discuss their actions."

This meeting is major education initiative, is designed to help community avoid this sort of insurance.
New Housing Development for Woodlawn
Neighborhood Reduced Land Costs to Help Build 10 Townhouses

Woodlawn - Mayor Richard M. Daley introduced a plan to the City Council to build 10 new residential units in the Woodlawn neighborhood, continuing the effort to turn vacant City-owned parcels into affordable and market-rate housing opportunities.

The Woodlawn community under the leadership of Revs. Brian Brawer and Dr. Leon Finney has used many of the City's wide variety of economic development tools to create new housing in Woodlawn. With the Mayor's backing of many of their projects he urge the City Council to approve this latest Woodlawn redevelopment plan.

"Here, we will bring new homes to vacant, underutilized land and expand the housing options for Woodlawn residents."

The developer, Sutherland Pearson Development Corp., plans to build 10 new three-story, all-masonry townhouses on vacant parcels at 6201-07 S. Drexel Ave. The group will be sold the vacant parcels for $69,213, a land cost write-down of from their $215,000 appraised value. The project has a total budget of more than $2.3 million.

The Department of Planning and Development Commissioner Alicia Berg said sale of the property will bring new homes to Woodlawn that meets a mix of affordable and market-rate units. Adding that the market-rate units will range in price up to $290,000. A market value that over shadow the existing residents for affordable.

Two of the homes would be made available to families earning 80-100% of the area's Average Median Income. The large, 2,050 square feet homes will have three bedrooms, with at least three bathrooms, and an attached two-car garage. In addition, the developer donated a parcel, located at 6226 S. Ingleside Ave., to the AKArama Foundation, in order to complete the needed site assembly for their proposed community center.

In June, the City Council approved a separate plan to build 25 mixed-income units near 62nd Street and Kimbark Avenue. That $6.7 million project will include a mix of single-family homes and townhouse units.

Hyde Park Apartments

This ordinance authorizes DOH to provide funding of up to $3.5 million in housing revenue bonds to Hyde Park Redevelopment Associates, L.P. for the rehabilitation of an existing seven-story building. The allocation of $541,650 in tax credits will generate more than $2.1 million in equity for the project.

Hyde Park Apartments, located at 5330 S. Harper Ave., will provide 73 units of affordable rental housing. The rehabilitated building will consist of seven studio, 59 one-bedroom and seven two-bedroom apartments for low-income residents. Total redevelopment cost will be $6.9 million.

Preserving Communities Together

Preserving Communities Together (PCT) is a program designed to stimulate community renewal by returning City-owned properties to responsible private owners. Under the program, the City acquires vacant and abandoned property for disposition to approved developers.

Ordinances are being introduced for the following who are seeking to enter into a redevelopment agreement with the City:

- 165-75 E. 63rd Street to Tracy Powell and John Lucz

The developers will rehabilitate the property into retail and residential use to complement the revitalization of East 63rd Street.
Schools

and the poorer the school district the less time the student is in class.

An issue Duncan stated he would address the matter for increase of teachers salary to expand students time in class.

CPS reported the schools are adding 40 more reading specialists, encouraging schools to work toward three hours of reading per day, and providing additional literacy training and mandatory summer school will continue for third graders who are falling behind.

Looking at the financial side, Duncan revealed that the higher attendance resulting from the citywide back-to-school campaign last year garnered CPS $10 million in additional State funding.

Among offering more programs which includes to keep children engaged in positive activities; and, to continue for third graders who are falling behind.

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Schools Insurance

ance practices that threaten their financial stability in the time of need, when it really matter, before they occur.

"I was amazed and deeply distressed when I found out there were consumers in modern America who were paying higher premiums because of the color of their skin," said Elder Daniels.

Chicago-based Uninrit is the parent of Union National Life Insurance Co., United Insurance Company of America and Reliable Life Insurance Co. It is the third insurer to settle allegations of race-based life insurance pricing. American General Life and Accident Insurance Co. and Life Insurance Company of Georgia agreed to settlements of $206 million and $51 million, respectively.

For information on the meeting call representatives Kenner’s office at 773-288-7150.

Second City

Second City for African-American performers, and producers by emulating the group's vision and programmatic thrust.

"It remains a fact that Griffen recent 'minority recruitment' efforts came only after being involved with our group," Alexander stated. "Which was the direction of our goal in developing the center on 47th Street," he added.

"We are questioning the allocation that excluded African Americans from ownership," said Thompson.

"I understand the value of Second City with its name and success. But if it is at the expense of destroying opportunities for Black folks and using us and our community as a smoke screen for making money and taking it out of Bronzeville, then there should be other ways we can make the same things happen for and with our own," she remarked. "Anything that is not participative and 300,000 are not.

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