PUSH Prison disparity meeting

Upstaged by ex-offenders in the absence of Sheriff Sheahan

Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., President of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and his panel of experts were continued interrupted during a town hall meeting discussing the criminal justice system on Wednesday, April 9, at PUSH Headquarters.

Ex-offenders, known as VOTE (Voice Of The Ex-offenders) disrupted the meeting accusing it as a front protecting the politics of Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan, who was not present among the host of panelist. However, Cook County Jail representatives included Cook County Jail Director John Maul, Chairman of Cook County Corrections; Cook County Commissioners Bobbie Steele, Earlham Collins, Deborah Simms and Mike Quigley — discussing the overcrowding in Cook County Jail.

But the meeting focus was more on the inhumane conditions of Cook County Jail, which incarcerate about 10,500 inmates every six months, most have not been sentence, waiting for trial not able to meet bond. The conditions are ripe for the breeding of terror, disdain, and disrespect, according to Rev. Jackson addressing the nation overview. "The sad reality in the United States is that despite representing only 6% of the world's population, America imprisons more people than any other country in the world."

The era of Chicago's decline, the years of white flight and failing factories and spreading blight, is over.

Studies conducted by the city say by 2022, the Near Loop is projected to add $510 million to $540 million in development.

The document is a two year study by the Central Area Plan Steering Committee, working under the auspices of the Richard Daley administration. The experts mission was to think about the city in 10, 15, 20, 30 years.

Chicago is currently in the mist of the new loft culture on the fringes of the Loop, gentrification squeezing and erosion of public housing complexes, where indifference has replaced hope, or (Continued on page 5)

Chicago's Rebirth

By Unsolicited Writer

The U.S. Census Bureau of its 2000 census portrayed a city on the move. From endless printouts of dry data emerged a dynamic portrait of a city responding to global forces, changing before our eyes, rewarding some of its citizens and punishing others. A projection by Professor Bob Starks, and chairman of the Black Political Task Force.

Amidst the rapid gentrification facing the historic Bronzeville and Near West Side communities, the Loop is booming. Chicago has become a magnet for the wealthy, even as it remains a warehouse for the poor. The poor, are not as poor as they were, but the rich are a lot richer, and the gap is growing.

79th & Vincennes still in business

By Ron Carter

Location is the key when establishing a business. A thought that may have not been on the minds of the Pappas family when they established their store on 79th and Vincennes in 1963. However, it is a clear plan that the precinct in which Mr. Pappas is located in the 17th ward has been trying to plan him out of any future plans for the past three years.

The last petition drive was lead by Theodore Davis, reputedly a member of the 17th ward Regular Democratic Party. However, Ald. Thomas indicated that she nor her office had nothing to do with the petition drive.

Nevertheless, Pappas won again, preventing the referendum from getting on the ballot. He proved his case with duplicate signatures, none registered voters, forgery signatures and circulators signatures after the petition was filed.

Pappas says he has maintained his business in the years through a (Continued on page 14)
The DuSable Museum
Announces Arrival of the African Amistad

By Eddie Read

Talk, Talk, Talk,

That's right that is what we hear now... Talk, Talk, Talk!

There is talk, talk, talk about George Bush, talk, talk, talk about politics in general, talk, talk, talk about the Supreme Court, talk, talk, talk about crime, talk, talk, talk about health care, talk, talk, talk about the need for jobs, talk, talk, talk about the new Governor, talk, talk, talk about the youth, talk, talk, talk about each other.

Why is it so? Maybe because the talkers don't have the answers, maybe they don't have the power, maybe they don't have the moral authority, maybe they don't have the respect of the people.

Whatever the answer is, we don't see any problem solving or results. So where do we go from here and what do we do.

I have always been big on going to the people and letting them say what they need. Now some would say that we don't do that. I say that will just say more talk. One thing for sure if you open up the door to the people and if they feel enough of the process they will move.

Today there is no movement, everywhere now, and there is a rhetorical meme that looks like it is going somewhere but it never does. For one thing, the people are smarter and aware through the vehicle of mass communications there is no more anything they don't have to wait till next week's meeting to see that you are full shite.

We are living in the day of the false leader, one who is motivated by his or her own agenda or those that are up to stop someone else's agenda. We have always had people that play other role but not as prominent a role as now.

For now, I just wanted to put this little thought on your mind because I want you very much to see a résumé of a sincere movement for the good and well being of our people. Check it out. If you find someone who you believe in, then run with them.

As far as those that are not right, just stay away. They and everybody else get the message. Talk is cheap, but what you gon' do!!!
Coalition Launches Boycott of Daimler-Benz/Chrysler

Woodlawn—Chicago's Woodlawn community was the site of the first national hearings of the Daimler-Benz/Chrysler Auto Corporation, and to announce a boycott of the auto company.

Dr. Leon Finney, chair of the coalition and president of The Woodlawn Organization, explained that the boycott resulted from failed communications between the coalition and the auto giant.

Two lawsuits were filed, one on behalf of the victims and a class action suit by attorneys "Judge" Eugene Pincham and Edward Vrdolyak. Both prominent lawyers testified at the hearing.

Mr. Vrdolyak testified first outlined the lawsuit against Daimler Chrysler's financing subsidiary accusing the company of denying credit to customers based on race and repossessing vehicles of customers living in predominantly black neighborhoods without justifiable or proper notification.

The suit claims Chrysler systematically and intentionally denied low-interest vehicle financing to customers living in predominantly black neighborhoods, based on where they lived and the dealership they selected to purchase the car.

According to the suit, Chrysler uses an automated computer program called the ACE (Automated Credit Evaluation) System. the suit contends.

The coalition has enlisted other corporations support by not to allowing Chrysler to advertise with their companies. As an example all U.S. Sports franchises to withdraw Chrysler's sponsorships.

The coalition is asking the public not to buy Chrysler or Mercedes Benz, and for present owners to return their cars. Investors are to sell their stock immediately.

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The complaint also charges that when 70 Marquette dealership customers obtained financing, Chrysler renounced the agreements as 'nigger deals,' and repossessed most of the 70 vehicles.

The complaint, and witnesses stated vehicles were repossessed from owners who never missed a payment or were only marginally late. Chrysler's attempts to repossession these vehicles began a series of meetings that exposed Chrysler's allegedly racist policies.

In these meetings, Chrysler's regional zone manager asserted that the only way the black purchasers of Chrysler vehicles qualified for financing in the first place was through a fraudulent conspiracy between dealership employees and insiders within Chrysler, the complaint states.

The following are the coalition's demands of Chrysler and associate business partners:

1. The resignations of executives Brad Norman, Ben Bogs, and Jerry Beverman regards racial remarks in meetings.

2. Eliminate the ACE Machine. All applicants should go through regular credit check procedures.

3. Increase in Minority Chrysler dealerships and Chrysler executive positions.

Until demands are met the coalition is asking the public not to buy Chrysler or Mercedes Benz, and for present owners to return their cars. Investors are to sell their stock immediately.

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Civic rights firm sue Chgo Bd of Election

More than the "divide and conquer strategy", the planning to defeat Rev. Paul Jakes, former alderman, against Mayor Richard Daley, and Bill "Doc" Walls, candidate of City Clerk against incumbent James Laski, was in the planning long before their intentions to run on the February 25 ballot. According to Pleasant Stephens of the Black Political Action Committee, his organization has secured lawyers to file a suit which if victorious could turn, at least the City Clerk office results of the February 25, 2003 elections.

BPAC charged the Chicago Board of Election, on grounds of defeating voters, violating the First and Fourteenth Amendments of their right to choose their candidate on the question of inactive and active voters.

The suit lead by Atty. Bart Beal and his two partners, G. Clinton Gaston, and Keenan G. Saulter will be filing suit on allegations of the Board creation of the inactive voters, "is taking away a voter's right".

It is also a question of the demographics and locations of the wards that were determined inactive in the case of Mr. Walls petition signatures.

Walls reportedly had 25,000 validate signatures of 38,000. However, 16,000 were claimed good by the board, and 7,000 were charged as inactive voters of Chicago.

At deadline Tom Leach of the board told City Journal the signature issue has already been ruled on by the courts and the Board of Elections. And was based on a mailing canvas of inactive registrant voters not responding to two mailing sent to the voters, which labeled them inactive. Not their absence of voting in past elections said Leach.

But according to Beal, "they (the board) dismiss voters rights by preventing that candidate for being on the ballot. Their signatures on the petition should be good, rather they voted on not. The normally voters are moved from the ballot upon a door to door canvass in the wards and removed if they, have moved or died."

"Does that mean for the coming presidential election that there are going to be inactive voters for those that did not vote on February 25. Over 65% of the voters." Ask Beal.

"They have the right to sign petitions. And should not have been purged at the will of the Board of Elections. There is no in between."

Beal stated that the suit will be filed in Aril, but would not say persons who are complaints.

Walls has been helpful in BPAC case added Beal, in which reports are he is to file a separate case to throw out the last election, just short of collecting the 25,000 required signatures to run mayor. Jakes escape being challenged by Daley. However, according to Stephens "Just as

There are 2,000 lawyers in the state of Illinois and Cook County, but there is only one..."
people than any other nation," proclaims Jackson. "Most are of color — most are poor. Most had inadequate legal representation and most dropped out or were pushed out of school. We must become disturbed by these disparities and move to action."

PUSH is seeking a federal investigation in the disparity of the criminal justice system. Bill 'Dock' Walls, leading the Task Force, moderated the meeting with Cliff Kelly of WVON.

But the clash at the meeting was bought about due to the absence of Sheriff Sheahan, that bought on the death penalty, expungements, the possible solutions were

expressed, wanting solutions, but he is please thus far that Zelda Whittier representing the Sheriff is sitting at the table with the Task Force to address the issues of County Jail. Walls also indicated that a federal investigation is in the works as well addressing the disparity of the prisons. The Justice Department report indicated that 12 percent of African American men ages 20-34 are in jail or prison, compared to 1.6 percent of white men in the same demographic.

Other topics of discussion addressed the death penalty, expungement legislation introduced by State Rep. Connie Howard, miscarriage of justice in numerous cases, the rate of return offenders and jails being the epicenter of HIV/AIDS.

One attendee said with all the experts, the possible solutions were over shadowed by the members of PUSH by the end of the meeting as Commission Bobbie Steele was about to address the audience. VOTE accused Steele of not addressing the issue thus far, being over the county jail. Not allowing her to speak the standing room only crowd walked away with many unanswered questions.

Concern on the daily lives of families and those in jail, Harold Lucas, a community organizer and president of Bronzeville Online touched by the disparity of jail said, "Unfortunately, I have a grand nephew who has been caught up in Illinois's bloated criminal justice system. He informed his mother that there is a possibility he could be released from jail soon with 38,000 other predominantly young African American males because of overcrowding.

"Will my grand nephew and his peer be embraced by the Black community? How will they be able to constructively reassemble themselves back into the community without a support network that provides job training, civic and social responsibility workshops and gainful employment opportunities?" Mark Carter a member of VOTE, and an ex-offender described his beating in County jail by a guard sitting in the audience.

"We (Black men) for the most part are wrongfully convicted or harshly sentenced because of the political and economical radial goals of this country. PUSH is degrading the process for accountability."

"Many are living the horror of jail while no one is prosecuting the conspirers such as Mayor Richard Daley, Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan, and States Attorney Richard Devine as a conspirers to jail and destroy our communities locking the youth in unpresidential number. said Carter."

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PUSH Town hall meeting end with ex-offenders disruption

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Using the letters in IDOC system, the letters spell: BLAcKMAN

The only letter not in the IDOC system

(Continued from page 1)

VOTE

Publisher beaten by County Guards

City Journal publisher and editor, Ron Carter as an inmate for eight (8) days in Cook County Jail in April 2002, for a traffic warrant. He reported that upon his arrival within the first 30 minutes he was beaten to the ground by five (5) guards.

"What's more, the whole criminal justice system is part of the cover up. Starting with the judges; when filing suits, most lawyers would not take a case for the intimidation from the court administration code of silence, and being blackballed on future cases or business arrangements they have with the county. What's more, upon having a good case the money is not worth the time lawyers informed me."

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Black, Latino and Asian Health and Community Leaders address Premature Deaths, earlier than whites

A host of representatives leaders in the state of Illinois held a dynamic press conference with the National Minority Health Month (NMHM), at the John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County. The leaders address the media regarding the NMHM's 11-City campaign to educate African Americans, Asians, and Latinos on how to reduce and prevent premature deaths in their communities. From (L-R) Front Row: Sharon Green, Deputy Director, Dept. of Public Health, Office of Women's Health; Joanna Su, Executive Director, Asian Health Coalition of Illinois; Bobbie Stiel, Cook County Commissioner, 2nd District; Mildred Hunter, Regional Minority Health Coordinator, Office of Minority Health; Dr. Marilyn Gaston, NMHM Chief Medical Officer; Dr. Javetta Orgain, MD, Past President, National Medical Association; Brenetta Pearson, Chairperson, Office of Minority Health Association; Dr. Aida Giachello, Director, Midwest Latino Health Research Training Center-Reach 2010; Jenny Aquirre, Office of Minority Health, Department of Public Health. Back Row: from (L-R) Salim Al Numaid, Executive Director, Healthcare Consortium of Illinois; Dr. Dwight Jones, president & CEO, AMERIGROUP Illinois; Gary Puckrein, Program Director, NMHM and Dr. Shirley Flemming, Deputy Director, Office of Minority Health, Chicago Department of Public Health.

Chicago – Chicago Public Health reported in April 1999 that in the minority communities, and focusing on the south and west side, the residents have a life expectancy of about 60 years, and the white community of the north and west side can expect to live to 75 years; a 15 year difference.

Minorities are dying before 65, contributed to HIV AIDS, strokes, and hearts and kidney failure, cancers of five types, lung, breast, prostate, colon, recto, cervical. In addition, violence and in attentive violence and Infant Mortality. Other cause in the report are substance abuse, and suicides. With a focus on premature death rates in at-risk communities, National Minority Health Month (NMHM), a healthcare reform organization, launched The Refractio in Premature Deaths Campaign in Chicago. Chronic illnesses were identified as the major causes of premature deaths for the city's communities of color (African-,Hispanic-, Asian- and Native-Americans).

"National Minority Health Month has a mandate to change the playing field in health for All Americans. While this awareness campaign targets Chicago's resources to offset the serious outcomes of health disparities. The data we are compiling is intended to target and focus existing resources directly to those residents who are affected," said Dr. Gary Puckrein, Program Director of National Minority Health Month.

During a press conference hosted by the Cook County Bureau of Health Services and held at the John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, U.S. Representatives Bobby Rush (D-1) and Danny K. Davis (D-7), Senator Donne E. Trotter, Mildred Hunter, Regional Minority Health Coordinator in the Office of Minority Health, Cook County Bureau of Health Services Chief Ruth Rothstein, AMERIGROUP Foundation, and NMHM's Chicago's coalition (comprises of community and faith organizations, health officials, and the private sector) gathered to show their support for the campaign.

"Despite all the progress we have made in health care too many of our people are still left behind. Statistics show that African Americans, Hispanics, and other ethnic groups lag badly behind Whites in all areas of health care. As a national institution, we can, and we must, do better. This year, this National Minority Health Month, ought to mark a point in our history were we say: "Enough!" We will no longer accept racial and economic disparities in our health care. We cannot just sit back and watch minority communities (The Center for Disease Control defines premature deaths as any death that occurs before the age of 65 and estimated that about 47% of all premature deaths are preventable). Chronic diseases continue to claim the lives of hundreds of residents In Chicago every year."

The awareness tour, set to conclude with NMHM's annual awards dinner in April, is a collaboration with the campaign's corporate sponsor, AMERIGROUP Foundation. In addition to Chicago, the campaign will tour Houston, Texas, Atlanta, Georgia, Los Angeles, California, Illinois, Newark, New Jersey, New York City, New York, Michigan, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Maryland, and Waterbury, Connecticut.
Town Hall focuses on saving Affirmative Action

By Jamie C. Nesbitt

A cross section of community leaders, and educators gathered at the Chicago Urban League, 4500 S. Michigan, for a Town Hall meeting on the future of affirmative action programs, which are in danger of being dismantled in wake of the Supreme Court’s ruling on the University of Michigan case in July. The meeting was a joint effort by Danny Davis (D-7th Dist.), the National Alliance of Black School Educators, Chicago-area branches of the NAACP, and the 7th Dist. Con. National Association of Health Service Executives, comes as the Supreme Court hears opening arguments in the case, which are scheduled to be heard over the next two days.

Meanwhile, as the Supreme Court prepares to tackle the issue, two anti-affirmative action groups, The Center for Equal Opportunity and the American Civil Rights Institute, have threatened to take legal action against 30 universities, arguing that their reliance to determine eligibility for certain awards and academic enrichment programs violates minority enrollment.

As the law school has a loose system that targets "critical mass" in minority enrollment, Danny Davis, speaking more than the University of Michigan case, it is about leveling the playing field so that every person does have a chance," said Davis. "And Affirmative Action has played an integral part."

"Democracy is a seriously competitive way of life. You're competing all of the time. It's about responsibility as much as it is about rights. It's about the right to struggle.

"There are members of Bush's cabinet that are currently reaping the benefits of affirmative action," Davis added, referring to Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. "And a certain member of the Supreme Court who should remember that he has benefited as well, when it comes time to make his decision."

George Mitchell, President of the NAACP, echoed Davis', emphasizing the importance of keeping Affirmative Action in places of higher learning.

"Things have changed since the civil rights era, but not that much. Affirmative Action ensures that students have the same chance at success," said Mitchell, noting the disparity between blacks and whites in the areas of employment, education, and housing. "Why is it that there is such a disparity?"


Mid South and Anthony Overton on 36th Street

In 1920, Chicago, Anthony Overton, a former slave, founded the Chicago Bee—a major African-American newspaper, Victory Life Insurance—predecessor to Supreme Life Insurance; Overton Hygienic Manufacturing—one of the nation's foremost producer of Black cosmetics; and Douglas Bank—the country's first Black owned national bank. In the early 1920's Mr. Overton built the Chicago Bee Building and the Overton Hygienic Building located in the Southside Bronzeville Community.

The Overton Building's 1923 tenants included Chicago's first black architect, black physicians, dentists, lawyers, realtors, sports and entertainment agents. The building was also home to African-American stockbrokers, politicians and entrepreneurs.

The Overton Hygienic Building is currently being restored by Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, a local community-based organization. Mid-South is committed to advancing Mr. Overton's legacy into the new millennium with state-of-the-art smart building technology, to attract young Black professionals and entrepreneurs, particularly of those professions descendant of the early Overton tenants.

The building is expected for completion late this year.

In honor of Mr. Overton's legacy and work of MSPDC, the Journal will heighten history in the making featuring the accomplishments of untold heroes and the people preserving it for the future.

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The Dues Power of the Teachers

The Dues Power of the Teachers 4.796. Mandatory should be that whatever conclusions are reached from the table, the effect of the State Lottery on Chicago School attendance is evident. The largest category of para-professionals are teachers, 11,1148 have Masters Degrees and 16312,313 Elementary teachers.

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Dear Editor;

A case of Malicious Prosecution
Dr. Hamilton-Bennett vs. General Jim Ryan

Dear Editor,

On April 15, 1922 at Cook County Hospital Harold Washington was born to Roy Lee and Serena Washington. Sixty one years later he captured widespread attention, defeating Jane Byrne, States Attorney Richard Daley (mayor) and finally Bernard Elton to become the first black mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago. Washington surpassed the labes of Black Mayor to become the first elected minority mayor of Chicago.

In spite of repeated confrontations with the aldermen who opposed him, mayor Washington was able to make improvements in the city, which could be seen ad felt across racial and class lines and felt today. More than his political success people were fond of the man himself. "His articulation, his intelligence, his way with people," express Harold Azzam Rajee of Bronzeville.

"His attitude towards black people, he was there for you," said Sophie Latham. "His tremendous sense of humor." said Dr. Leon Finney of TWO. Most people believe him he said would be mayor for the next twenty years, for all intents and purposes, it seems he was right. His unexpected death sent a wave of grief over the entire city that had not been felt since the death of Dr. martin Luther King, Jr. His neighborhood the Grand Boulevard (Bronzeville) once the poorest and most neglected of neighborhoods, has shone the honor of calling itself land of the richest and most eloquent politicians Chicago has even known. Hey Harold, we miss you.

The Dues Power of the Teachers

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The unnecessary and the necessary Bush War

Dear Editor,

A case of Malicious Prosecution

Dr. Hamilton-Bennett vs. General Jim Ryan

Dear Editor,

Dr. Hamilton-Bennett, noted Black clinical psychologist, is widely loved in the community.

On Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at 9:30 am the beginning of The People of the State of Illinois vs. Maisha Hamilton-Bennett Case # 02-CR-16455; at 2600 S. California, Room 700 in front of Judge Simmons. Outgoing Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan filed this criminal case and has yet to provide Dr. Hamilton-Bennett, her Attorney James Childs or the community in which she serves the exact factual evidence to support such a filing. The community is up in arms concerning this outrage and is requesting that the newly elected Attorney General Lisa Madigan meet with the attorneys and all others involved to determine if the charges in the complaint against Dr. Hamilton-Bennett around the country are demanding as investigation to determine if this really constitutes prosecutorial mischief making and/or a politically motivated attack.

According to individual closeness to the case, serious questions have been raised that certain documents offered by the State as evidence have actually been manufactured, altered, forged, and/or misinterpreted by Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan, infamous hatchet man in the Holando Cruz fascis; new attempting prosecutorial mischief making against Dr. Maisha Hamilton-Bennett.

The Actual Facts Research & Survival Center (TAF) also adds its voice urging Attorney General Elect Lisa Madigan to examine these issues with due diligence. TAF has done research for Dr. Maisha Hamilton-Bennett on numerous occassions and can confirm her dedication and attensiveness to detail in the pursuit of facts and legitimate research.

TAF personnel have witnessed first-hand the hard work and many hours that Dr. Hamilton-Bennett has dedicated in the Community helping those in the community who otherwise could not afford or avail themselves of her much needed specialized services. The government has an obligation to protect its citizens from all forms of attacks, including State Sponsored Terrorism. If the State, through prosecutorial misconduct, causes it's citizenry to be in fear for their reputations, lively hood or freedom, then it is in deed State Sponsored Terrorism.

Barney Muhammad

The unnecessary and the necessary Bush War

Dear Editor,

The article strongly hints to top Saudia in a way it was pointed out that U.S. led offensive on Iraq is strategic planners focus Africa's Gulf. Giant U.S. shore and American oil is a vanguard of U.S. led. It was revealed that was knowing the region to be safeguarded military specialist and lobbyist
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City charges determine to close E2

The city reported the order was issued July 29, 2002, and cited numerous code violations at the club on the second floor of 2347 S. Michigan Ave.

"The court order was very clear," the Mayor said. However, the public misconception is that the second floor has a "second floor" balcony, which is the issue in the courts. Jennifer Hoyle of the City's law department said the balcony was build without a permit. Calvin Hollins, one of the owners of the E2 told City Journal the court ruling has been obeyed. "It has not been in use for the public, nor at the time of the incident occurred. This is the center of the violations. Oppose to a host of violations the city is saying."

The Mayor said the City also will review the building and fire codes, as well as regulations regarding private security guards and any other areas of concern that the investigation uncovers.

Ms. Hoyle confirmed the violations of the second floor balcony are the deciding factor in housing court. But ceaseless pointed out other issues of E2, vigorously to close the business, and revoke the business licensees of the Le Mirage Studio Ltd., owners of E2. Indicating E2, Epitome nor its owners will be able to operate any business in the city of Chicago again. In addition, requiring the building to be returned into the management of its owner, Lesley Motors (former Ford auto dealer). Mr. Hollins, not surprise of the City's non-cooperation to addressing violations and fines as it do with most businesses. He suggested that there is more to the city's agenda than his entertainment establishment.

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Spike Lee & Terence Blanchard special concert at Orchestra Hall

By David Schultz

Jazz musician Terence Blanchard has successful parallel two worlds as a recording artist who fulfills his jazz roots legacy and as a talented composer of movie scores. For the most part, Blanchard has been driving force behind many movies, especially those from renowned filmmaker Spike Lee. Lee has given the public most socially important movies of this generation. His latest, "25th Hour" is another exceptional film about the last two days of freedom for a local drug dealer. The music score garnered a Golden Globe nomination for best motion picture music score for Blanchard.

Universal Zulu Nation

By Terrence K. Smith

Universal Zulu Nation's music represents the change in the cultural perception of Bronzeville, as they shut down Gerri's Palm Tavern and the Checker Board Lounge, while giving Second City $800,000 in EZ Funds to open a facility in Bronzeville. The Mayor insists that the tragedy absolutely should never have happened," he said. The next housing Court is scheduled for May 1, at 11:00 a.m. in room 1103 at the Daley Center.

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Local artist produces song in honor of victims

Zas Zas (above) is one of the local artist that has collaborated in producing a song in honor of the victims called, "Slient Prayer, for the Chicago 21.

In mounting with the city and in light of the death of the young victims all proceeds for the sell of the CD will go to the family of those that lost a love one at E2.

The song features, Greg Gibbs, Vanessa Holmes, Jeff Garrett and Sax Preachr. Music and Lyrics written and produced by Tyrone Williams aka Jaf's, recorded by Earl O'Neal Jr. at Reel Recording Studio.
Bronzeville Entertainment Talent

By Beauty Turner

Bronzeville native-born sons-CEO Marvin (Thunder) Robinson and Yoki Song (singer) are two men from the Robert Taylor homes who created Mental Habit Production addressing inner city talent that normally does not get any recognition or exposure.

Mental Habit Productions brought to the viewers on video the group of men called the Looney Bin, which consists of three young men- Wicket, St Nick and Castor Troy, all from Ida B Wells's development.

They took the audience by surprise with a rap and a new dance called the Millennium Pop. One young woman who saw the act said, "Their beat was sweet. I made me move my feet and love me a song with a steady rock to the Millennium Pop." The show was moderated and hosted by Mystic the fool, who was cool, and Wicket Chi took to the sky left the audience excited and high hanging off a half moon from laughter. Talent were judge by celebrity judges such as Sax Preacher, CWAL Records, TRUE Enough, Bash Entertainment, Yoki Song Maker, Tracy Beasley, Johnny P. Artistically Anointed, and many others.

Over 20 acts performed including: Golden child, BMA Mob Action, SHAM, City Under Siege, and Speak (winner of the contest). Over 20 acts performed including: Golden child, BMA Mob Action, SHAM, City Under Siege, and Speak (winner of the contest). And the mood and energy the concert was electric.

The WILD THORNBERRY MOVIE (**) Based on another animated Nickelodeon TV series franchise. Young Elka feeling responsible for the poachers stealing a cheetah cub; is determined not to let a London boarding school and a Congo trip into return back home to rescue the cub and fail the poachers. Some of the message in this eco-cartoon gets lost but its intentions are honorable to entertain and enlighten children to the power they possess within themselves. PG: $5 min. Paramount Home Video

INSPECTOR GADGET 2 (**) Silly slapstick special effects fun is strictly for the kids in this direct-to-video sequel to the 1999 original of the animated TV special. French Stewart takes over the role of the multi-accessory robotic crime fighter from Matthew Broderick. This time, the bumbling inspector falls in love with the newer "female" prototypes Q9, Elaine Hendrix whos been assigned to recapture the evil Claw who has escaped from prison for another world domination scheme. G: 89 min. Walt Disney Home Video

CHOCOLATE FACTORY - R. Kelly (Jive) (***) Amidst the many growths of court appearances and public accusations and legal charges of sexual misconduct with minorities, Chicago-born performer R. Kelly has tried to weather the storm through his music. But still this latest recording was much maligned and delayed and re-conceived. When it was initially titled, "Loveall" and featuring copies of the uncompleted album began being illegally sold in tape cassette form across the city. After being pulled back on its release date several times to finely tune new material for the revamped double disk. The end result brings us "Chocolate Factory," a softer confection of mid-tempo love songs, ghetto relationship and street emotions. While Kelly indicates no apologies (Even though, "Heaven, I Need A hug," from the "Loveland" portion might be considered one), he does seem to soften his usual explicit language. Such as Kelly saying "F" things up on "Heart of A Woman" or saying Shhh! Instead of the other S word on "I'll Never Leave". Overall, Kelly's musical talent can't fail him on this offering that his legion of fans can overlook his lack of creativity, but his commercial artistry on these selections. The closest Kelly comes to expressing the hypocrisy of show biz and fame is on "Been Around the World" with Ja Rule. Unfortunately, Kelly has delivered that serenade before with better lyrical results. On "You Made Me Love You", Kelly wobbles a bit of Lenny Williams while the guitar riffs into Al Green's territory but Kelly can't muster enough. What makes "Chocolate Factory" tasty is how the true R&B roots lives. And the mood and energy is somewhat new. The inspiration is true and clear as well as passionate and respectful. Does this mean Kelly is cleaning up his act?


DYS/FUNKTATIONAL FAMILY (****) Most concert movies featuring black comedians are topical to using current events to illustrate a point about how blacks would respond. And they are also familiarized in characterizing and satirizing traces and behavior in black family. The is routine stuff that can only be as good, depending on the performer and storyline. Comedian-actor Eddie Griffin's stand-up routine is given an additional dimension in personalizing his humor via inserting documentary footage with his family and relatives that he speaks about during his stage act. The concert was filmed at Chicago's Arie Crown Theater. While Griffin's mother, uncles and relatives from Kansas City, Missouri, held their family reunion at Eddie's gig at the Star Plaza Theater in Merrillville, Indiana.

This mostly concert movie part-documentary mixture adds criterion to the old saying "truth in humor." When Griffin tells how his mother's smile had a flash of the past about her son's struggle and comedy. She shaves her son in a car. She chimes in with a word of Griffin's routine that makes it more hilarious with a stamp of authenticity. There are even moments of hilarity where we can see close Eddie cuts into his "eccentric" family that we see the stink look on his mother's face in the audience. Even though she can't help but laugh. Outrageous characters and family antics are what the audience has come to enjoy and they take the film away from Eddie is one of those uncles who loves porn movies enough to make his own! You just can't make up a person like him that almost got this movie on the ratings chart. All of these family members' comments put visual references to most of Eddie Griffin's comedic monologue. Even the tales of drug use and criminal involvement has a parallel to Richard Pryor. Griffin would do routines about his drug use. As crazy as Eddie Griffin's family is seen, the close-knit family is still felt.

"Dys/funk'ational Family", Griffin is consistent throughout this movie unlike Martin Lawrence was with his "RunTelDat" concert movie as Eddie Griffin failed to finish strong in his movie by his "cheap" impersonations of Cosby as a pimp, Sammy Davis Jr. at M.C.'s, Pryor as the U.S. President. Director George Gallo best known for writing and directing some forgettable comedies does an admirable job of pulling it all together into a coherent tone. But still, this is Eddie Griffin's moment here that showcases a talented and funny individual whose star is on the rise.

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Looking north on 16th and Indiana Ave, the Oakland/Douglas community of Bronzeville, lies in the path of the march south from the Loop and north from Hyde Park, poverty-level Chicaagans, mostly black, now inconveniently probably will be moved farther out, into the fringe suburbs, beyond the reach of the economy. This is the European pattern—affluent cities girded by halos of poverty.

The future, as viewed through the columns of census statistics—good for Chicago, good for many of its residents, bad for others. Chicago will be richer and so will many of its citizens. But inequality will grow and so will the poverty of many Chicaagans, exiled to the shantytowns on the edge of the Global City.

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Schools to match
Many have children, and insist on good education.

This spread will have a major impact on one of Chicago's biggest problems—its schools. The global citizens in their near-Loop lofts can buy private schooling, but the middle-class families who are gentrifying the rest of the city can't afford the Latin School. They will demand better public schools and they will get them.

But what's good for Chicago's poorer neighborhoods is not necessarily good for the people who live in them now. Chicago public schools located adjacent to public housing are now being systematically shut down and the residents are being directed to Section 8 housing in segregated, predominantly lower income African American communities.

The near west and north
This is the region behind Dearborn Park and the other developments south of the Loop, for the lofts and new housing west of the Loop, for the affluence of Lincoln Park, and for the rehabbing of whole neighborhoods, especially on the Northwest Side, like Lincoln Square and Ukrainian Village. As this gentrification takes place, it closes in on the public housing complexes, many built near the Loop. The Henry Horner Homes and Cabrini-Green still exist, but they're being cut back and knocked down. Someday, probably, they will vanish. But right now a tourist in the Global City can find great wealth and great poverty, virtually across the street from each other.

Median household income on the Near West Side more than doubled between 1989 and 1999. On the Near South Side, it nearly quadrupled. Home values soared around Logan Square and in Lakeview. In West Town, home to trendy Wicker Park and Bucktown, gentrification shoved up median home values by 176 percent.

In one neighborhood within the Near West Side, the median family income is $97,940, highest in the city apart from some Lincoln Park enclaves. Right next door are neighborhoods where the median income is $2,267 and the poverty rate is 56 percent.

In other communities
The rebirthing of Chicago will continue as Affluence, already anchored on the fringes of the Loop, spreading westward toward Douglas Park and south toward Oakwood, will embrace most of the Northwest Side, spreading outward along the roads and rail lines to O'Hare.

In other city neighborhoods, progress has yet to arrive. Perhaps, for the people who live there.

Median family income in North Lawndale and Englewood is between $18,000 and $19,000, slightly up on the figures from the last census. In Washington Park, this income has increased only 33 percent, but only to $15,000.

In Oakland, income more than doubled but from such a low figure that it still is only $10,739, by far the lowest in the city. Poverty rates vary from 1.8 percent in some parts to 6.4 percent in areas of Grand Boulevard, a community next to Hyde Park, an island of academic affluence that produces and sells its own products.

The reshaping of Chicago has missed some neighborhoods—North Lawndale, Englewood,Near West Side, etc. For the present residents
As neighborhoods like Oakwood and Windwood are reclaimed, those who live there will be priced out and will leave. Developers promise this won't happen, the re gentrification of the Section 3 component of the HOC IV Transformation Plan is to be given for housing or community development, to public housing resi dents. However, poverty-level Chicaagans, mostly black, now inconveniently probable will be moved farther out, into the fringe suburbs, beyond the reach of the economy. This is the European pattern—affluent cities girded by halos of poverty.

April is kick off for the Englewood Black Chamber of Commerce.

A networking/meeting /site and directory.

The EBC website is expected to be running in April 2003. Membership in the chamber will start off at $275 per year, which includes listing on chamber website and directory. For information call Arnez Dancy at 773-417-2105.
Affirmative Action

blacks are twice as likely to be unemployed as whites; the per capita income for blacks is the lowest in 20 years. To claim that race is irrelevant is ignoring history.

"The legacy lives on," added Dr. Regina Mayo, head of the Chicago branch of the National Association of Black School Educators. "One way to correct the injustices is Affirmative Action, coupled with reparations. Affirmative Action brings a climate where everyone feels welcomed and brings equity in results.

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"Russell Christian, a representative from the National Association of Health Services Executives, brought attention to the lack of patients are people of color.

"There are no black CEOs in the industry, and moving up in is limited," said Christian.

All panelists echoed the need for more youth involvement to keep Affirmative Action alive, with one panelist, an assistant professor at the University of Illinois, "We don't stand a chance without them," she remarked.

Davis added, "And the members of the old guard have to be strong enough to pass the mantle to the younger generation." Rev. Theresa Dear, president of the Dupage NAACP, made a plea to elected officials. "Not taking action, she threatened, "will set us back 40 years. We will have seen the enemy and it will be too late."

The meeting's passionate speech came from Rev. Al Sampson. "We've been spoiled. We've become complacent with the scraps."

"Think of what we could achieve if we were unified...if we went down in the trenches and fought side by side with the garbage man or the janitor. We can't afford to look down on our brother. We can't afford to believe that we're too good to sit down at the table with him. This is a fight for our lives," said Sampson.

"They are trying to turn back the clock. We thought the battle was over and it's just beginning."

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79th and Vincennes

Paul Pappas, standing at 79th & Vincennes of a mural of community support, is converting his business from liquor to a restaurant in attempt to avoid continued fines and liquor sales.

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tough economy and tough community environment, where crime is rampant and drugs are a dominant source of income. But nothing as tough as the city has explored means to files and even closing the store down temporarily. Pappas in the last 12 years has spent over $75,000 in fines and legal cost to challenging the city on-going inspections and legal matters.

Some members of the West Chatham community have an ill-feeling of the former 79th & Vincennes Market. They view liquor sales as the link to the crime and drugs in the community.

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