“Kings” Reviles the Black Policy racket, The Economic engine of the Black community of yesterday

Once upon a time in the Black community, the men and women owned the businesses, today it is owned by other ethics for the most part.

Once upon a time in the Black community was an economic engine in the Black community, that financed the little league baseball games to the major Negro League.

The economic engine behind it all was the policy racket. In the 1930s, Time Magazine dubbed Chicago’s Bronzeville neighborhood the “Business Capital of Black America.”

For all of the prosperity associated with this historic migration of Black people to the Bronzeville neighborhood, its legacy is deeply rooted in Policy, the ‘numbers game’ known today as the Illinois State Lottery, but the Lottery is not financing the community as it was during that time of the Numbers racket of Policy.

The African American businessmen who founded and controlled this game for half a century, however, were called Policy Kings.

Nathan Thompson, spent ten years documenting, interviewing, writing and researching the era during the 1930s and 40s. “There was a National Brotherhood of Policy Kings that permeated nearly every Black community in America.”

Explains Thompson. “Then known as the nation’s Black Belts. Chicago’s Bronzeville neighborhood was the “Policy Capital of the World.” In King's, it sends the readers on a journey.

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“A Process of Protest” Ms. Beauty Turner

Featured Writer

Give a hug a hug they’re asking for a job not your wallet

An organization group called V.O.T.E (Voices Of The Ex-offenders) and other residents of the Oakland/Kenwood community has been protesting on a daily ritual, this time it was in the 4th ward, for over a month.

It has become common knowledge among elected officials and the construction industry in Chicago about the protesting and aggressive actsives on the grounds of construction sites lend by VOTE.

Their protests can be heard in almost every neighborhood being fiber and fueled like gas.

Information spread like a wildfire gathering community concern as it enhances; reminds many of the legendary grapevine of the Underground Railroad.

“We see everyone, every nationality but us working in our community.” Paul spoke person for V.O.T.E.

Many people in the community share the same views as V.O.T.E., as driver-letters honked the horns in support of the organization of young people.

On 39th Lake Park young women walking their children to school, two healthy strong young black men standing in front of an off-

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It was historic all right, but....

As Aronica Sorensten struggled to make the cut at the Colonial Institutional, Rita Pilgrim, the Southern National Women Golf Coach and one of Sorensten's advisors, relates to the media that the LPGA Women's champion may have lost her putting mechanics during the second round. (Photo by: John Reynolds)

I t was another one of those gender-fence-comparing Events.

And it claimed another victim.

It was a valiant effort, it was courageous, it was graceful, and a class act. In reality, Annika Sorenstam, one of the world's best "thank you" as the tears began to swell, "I'm glad it's over, but this is over my head, she said. I wasn't as tough as I thought I was"

The class and poise she displayed earned her the respect of other competitors, some of whom had voiced opposition to her being in the field. It certainly taught them a lesson in tolerance with corrections, however, and Annika Sorenstam can't compete against PGA professional men players.

To believe or assume that she can is a no brain-

er, honestly, but more on this later.

It was exactly 6:03 P.M. on the 18th green of the arduous and unforgiving 7,080 course of the Colonial Country Club, when Annika Sorenstam, ranked the 18th in the Fortune 18 Hillmanite were present at Capt's Hard Time Dining. And it claimed another victim.

Events.

"among' men, but in reality, Annika Sorenstam

It had been 58 years since Babe Didrikson Zaharias, "The Great One" she was called, last laced up some spike shoes and played against men in a PGA TOUR Tournament. This work here in Fort Worth, Texas, along the banks of the legendary Trinity River, the scene was being built for another Texas Showdown. Sorensten, the world's No. 1-ranked woman player accepted a sponsor's invitation (Exemption) to test her skills and forde of the world's top men players, and unfortunately it lasted no longer than 24 hours before 'flaming' out.

November 1954, on a site at South 3400 block on S. Park Avenue. Newly designed as Lake Meadows, a combined commercial and residential complex, Hillman's Finer Foods Store opened its doors.

What made this an historic event was the fact that never before in the history of the highly accredited food chain had it located in an almost predominately Negro community. The late Gardner Stern, Sr., President of Hillman's was indeed a visionary. This was proven repeatedly.

During the spring of 2001, Eddie Perkins, a former Hillmanite, decided it was well over due to have a reunion of those who worked at the Lake Meadows store.

The store in addition to delivering top flight service and quality products, spawned many persons of note working for Hillmann's. The first reunion-was held on

And another one is in the making.

Carol Andrews, a candidate for U. Senator.

The support of the Joyce Foundation sponsored the test project conducted with black and white applicants. They know which corporate giants are discriminating against black, but for some reason are not informing the public.

Min. Darrel "Sax" Preacher Wilson is concerned with the need in the area for GARE Save The Children, which are organizing for a July 4th membership drive, the Mardi Gras Birthday Fest, and the Million Youth March: Day Of Atonement. Leading groups 'part of the coals' has sponsored the Newmark Panther annual course they will be marching in the Bud Billiken Parade on August 9th.

Darrel "Sax" Preacher Wilson

Frankie Nelison for commitment, 9th ward. And Mary

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Ice Cube, a tug? That's what the police said, as the say because the police force is reportedly, 85% white, 22%

Pat Hill

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Area Partnership

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Aid Ed Smith

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Rey Leon Finney

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cides Benzes. Seems like McDonald's has got its Ribs business as

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County Sheriff Sheahan sued

Sherriff Michael Sheahan

Judge R. Eugene Pincham

Eddie Read

Former Judge R. Eugene Pincham filed a suit in behalf of Eddie Read against Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan saying that he violated the selection process in the appointment of a new director of the Cook County Department of Corrections.

Read said Sheriff Sheahan must follow the law on the appoint-

ment. Where he is to appoint a person chosen from the board's three finalists. Sheahan appointed Calle Baird, former head of the Chicago police Office of Professional Standards and former as-

sistant public defender who was not part of the recommendations by the board.

Read said the State statutes requires Sheahan to pick the recom-

mendations of the board. Representatives of Sheahan says the recommendations are advisor and filed a motion to dismiss the suit.

Read further questioned the Baird appointment who oversee the case of Robert Russ and Latayia Hartigan killing by Chicago police.

Mt. Glenwood Memory Gardens South and West Cemetery goes to court

Sonjo T. Washington is leading a petition drive of families and friends who have been buried in the Mt. Glenwood Memorial Gardens South and West. The Petitioners have filed court pro-

ceedings in federal court before Magistrate Judge Arlander. They charge that their loved ones deserve a final resting place that is efficiently managed and beautifully maintained in a setting that is befitting dignity, serenity and order afforded to all of the de-

ceased who are buried there. For information call 708.730.1836.

Dr. Adams new head of Illinois Human Services address Healthcare Consortium
Lawsuit, seeks $30 million in damages as death row inmate

CHICAGO (FinalCall.com) — "This lawsuit is an action in direct response to being terrorized in our own city," former death row inmate Aaron Patterson told a room full of reporters explaining that his unjust imprisonment had cost him 17 years of his life.

Mr. Patterson's federal lawsuit, filed by the People's Law Office, among others. The suit claims that the officers looking on. He alleges that they conspired him in a wrongful conviction and false imprisonment that cost him 17 years of his life.

"This lawsuit is an action in diversity and a political strategy to uplift the Black community," Mr. Patterson told reporters at the Southside headquarters at the QBG Bldg. Community Hall on Sat. July 26, 2003, At 11:00 am (U.S. Post Office annex/formerly Jewel Food Store 800 E. 78th St., Chicago, IL 60602 Phone: (312) 603-6391 Fax: (312) 603-4676)

Jerry "Iceman" Butler (D) 3rd District Cook County Commissioner

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Grab-barreling or diversity or strategy, BLACKS Seeking higher elected office

Congressman Bobby Rush may have pulled the plug on any new Black political leadership in Illinois with his recent endorsement of millionaire investor M. Blair Hull for U.S. Senate. His action was questioned by Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., that can reflect a flurry of pre-election activity for Black unity, and may be concern for Rush decision, Jackson said on Cliff Kelly WYVN radio talk show.

Even more, based on a line of questions conducted by a research firm for the 2004 election, most voters would believe this election year is bad timing for a new president of the U.S. States. Even with the president approval rating slipping to 54%. The questions centered on President Bush with no mentioned of a contestant (republican or democrat), and his approval rating as president with the overall focus on the war.

With the states high for Republicans and Democrats, the Democratic has eight (8) candidates running, two are African Americans, former Ambassador and U.S. Sen. Carol Mosley-Braun from Chicago and Alfred Charles "Al" Sharpton Jr., President of Nat'l Action Network from New York. Their candidacy could in effect give diversity and a political strategy to up lift the Black turn out, while others see it as just grab-barreling to the status of an Apollo Theater crowd on amateur night, as one commentary points out.

The poll conducted in mid-April, ask leading questions on the U.S. Senate race, to fill the seat being vacated by GOP Senator Peter Fitzgerald focusing on (no longer candidates) John Daley, Mayor Daley's brother and former governor Edgar. The pollsters only compared the name of Edgar as a winner against democratic opponents. State Senator Barack Obama who first announced his intentions to run, political would not pronounce his name correctly and did not include Joyce Washington former Lt. Governor candidate in the line up for the second highest office in Illinois.

But all ready giving the presidential race emotions; black issues have raised noise in the media by candidates not appearing at the NAACP convention.

With two Black candidates in both races, the question raised will they merely divided the Black vote for impact or a sign of diversity in the section among candidates.

Washington responded by saying, Blacks running for office should not be questioned when running for the same race, and the question other nationality running for the office of the same ethnicity. Washington told members of the Black Political Convention of Illinois that she is a candidate.

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Political Insights

The minority 952,089 Voters of Chicago

In reflecting back on the April 1, 2003 Aldermanic run-off election for the few participating wards, the abysmal voter turnout of approximately 33 percent does not bode well for African Americans and minorities that promote and support political empowerment: The percentage was very similar to the February 25, Chicago Municipal election. Let’s briefly examine the possible fall-out from such a low voter turnout.

Firstly, it sets the stage for “minority rule. For example, in the 21st ward where there are well over 43,000 registered voters, more than 31,000 voters in said ward elected to stay home April 1st and thus not vote for anyone: Each of the four wards involved in the Aldermanic run-off had similar percentages in regards to no-shows. Taking this analysis a step further and looking back to the Mayoral race the numbers tell a somewhat startling story, quite the contrary to what some media sources would have one to believe. The Chicago Board of Elections systematically disqualified thousands of eligible voters from participating in the petition nominating process for William ‘Doc’ Walls for Clerk of Chicago? The Board of Elections ruled that these eligible voters inactive file because they had not voted within the past two years and their signatures were therefore ruled ineligible and removed from the petitions. This is about the most political madness I have ever witnessed in recent years.

As We as African Americans and disadvantaged people of color must find a way to move progressively forward or get left behind in this new millennium. If you have an idea or suggestion, let me hear from you.

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A vision that many elected and activist will share, and acknowledge.

The next 2004 Convention planning meeting was held on August 2nd, 9 to 12 pm at the Swift Mansion, 4500 S. Michigan Ave.

At this meeting the objectives will address issues as they relate to the convention; the nomination process of Candidates— and State and Federal Platforms. It will also address

Word Platforms in building a community network to maximize voter participation in 2004.

The delegates are ready signing up, said Ron Carter, chair of the convention, and publisher of City Journal. “And committee Chairs of committees are just about in place.

The convention will be held in February where a process of networking with Black and other

ment says, “We have a record of advocacy and accomplishment on behalf of the people and families of Illinois who desperately need a strong voice on their behalf in the U. S. Senate.”

The initial challenge of Braun and Sharpton is their lacking behind in federal funds and must raise $1 million by September to receive matching federal funds. They must raise a minimum of $5,000 in individual contribution in 20 states according to Bruce Crosby a supporter of Braun.

However, among democratic insiders, Braun, Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) and Rev. Sharpton are sought to pull out of the race based on an unfavorable poll that indicated their last place status.

Braun and Sharpton supporters do not see the likely hood of dividing the vote among Blacks. Knowing that there is no mistake assuming that Blacks will “stay” loyalty to Democratic Party in a blink of an eye with an average of 93%, simply because they have nowhere else to “go,” not with Trent Lott and the White Man s Party.

Crosby insists in the face of the attacks on Affirmative Action as well as in Chicago systematically looking to divide the existing funds and “The candidates will design their messages to empower discriminated communities. Carrol would address these issues in this election. At the same time Lu Meyers says Sharpton, who has no personal stake in the Democratic Party s structure or accountability of the Democratic Party to address the straight forward issues.

The question remains with no noble black leadership such as Jackson or Louis Farrakhan making an endorsement in the presidential race and Rush endorsing Hul can give a mix message for the Black community to talk up the vote.

The race for higher office

Political activist split on their choice for president, but encourage diversity with Blacks running for the same higher office

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The candidates still are building their campaign from the ground up and must distinguish themselves from each other as well as pull up the black vote in lieu of denouncing the Bush administration.

It becomes then a battle of getting their message out on the Senate race, the campaign chest of both Obama ($1,4 million) and Washington ($over $160,000) has raised more money than Braun ($250,000) and Sharp ton ($44,000).

Obama insist his campaign is built not on millions of dollars, but on millions of Illinois working families and poor people whose struggles are being ignored by the Bush administration.

“What is clear from our financial report that we will have the resources to take that message to every corner of this state,” said Obama, who is in the circle of those political power centers and State and Federal Services Committee.

Braun campaign supporter of Obama suggest that if his opponent Hull, comes up with the money that is where he will lend his support.

Which is the sign of Cong. Rush backing M. Blair Hull in the US Senate race.

A sign that could hamper Obama black base. Obama not commenting on Rush endorsement.

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U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Preet Bharara, has ruled on May 7 that the evidence "barely" established an Iraqi connection to the Sept. 11 attacks. With that, he dismissed the suit and ordered Iraq to pay $57.2 million to families of those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks. The Bush administration is imposing additional economic losses and official investigations would continue to cast Saddam Hussein's Iraq as having been allied with al-Qaeda, a claim the White House made while trying to justify the war with Baghdad.

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The complaint claims that Mr. Patterson was suffocated with a plastic typewriter officer Raymond Madigan during interrogation with a gun. It also claims that Mr. Patterson accuses Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine, former City of Chicago to represent officers claims he was retained, over the years, by individuals. Mr. Devine was a lawyer during the time he further sues the City of Chicago and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for upholding de facto policies that foster such alleged victimization of countless incarcerated individuals.

Mr. Devine was a lawyer during the time of Mr. Patterson's incarceration. The suit claims he was retained, over the years, by the City of Chicago to represent officers Burge and Byrne in other torture cases and accuses him of withholding evidence in those cases that could have exonerated Mr. Patterson. Becoming the State's Attorney in 1996, the suit further reads that Mr. Devine "used his influence and decision-making power to continue the wrongful conviction and imprisonment" of Mr. Patterson.

John Gorman, a spokesman for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, said in a June 27 statement, "After Mr. Devine became State's Attorney in late 1996, the office took the position that the three-year statute of limitations on any events at Area 2 had long since run. We will vigorously defend our prosecutors against these allegations."

The City of Chicago and CPD refused to make comments on the pending litigation. In support of Mr. Patterson, was Rev. Oscar Walden Jr., who contends he was unlawfully imprisoned in 1952 and served 14 years for the rape of a White woman. He said that police bent his fingers back while beating him, forcing him to confess to the crime he didn't commit. Gov. George Ryan also pardoned Rev. Walden in January based on his innocence, exonerating him of the conviction.

Nationfield, a fellow inmate with Mr. Patterson during his confinement, was also at attendance in the press conference. Re-leased May 9 on a $100,000 bail posted by Mr. Patterson, Mr. Fields argues that he was unlawfully arrested by CPD, wrongly convicted and served 18 years—11 on death row—for a double murder.

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Some 9/11 families reject federal fund and sue

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Mr. Thompson is a Chicago native and freelance writer who has written for the Chicago Defender, City Journal (South Street Journal) newspapers, Source magazine, presently writes a monthly column for the Lakefront Outlook Newspaper, and is a Technical Services Librarian with Baker & McKenzie.

He has been featured on NBC5 News, MSNBC.com, FOX52 News in Walter Jacobson's Perspective, and is featured in the documentary Oasis on 47th Street. The Story of the Palm Tavern, produced for Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. Additionally, he is consulted by historic preservation and civic groups, he's a consultant to film director Spike Lee on the Joe Louis Story, and is often quoted in local newspapers regarding issues associated with historic Bronzeville. As an activist Mr. Thompson has been a driving force in the saving of many Bronzeville landmarks including the Rosenwald Building, Metropolitan Community Church, and most notably the Palm Tavern, all recently saved from the wrecking ball.

Mr. Thompson said, what Kings portrays is the potential of the Black dollars and the indirect. "We have proven what we can do."
A Process of Protest

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white semi-high-rise tenement building looking across at the crew working at the construction site, and farther down two young men sitting on a concrete slab staring, while a mature looking janitor water the grass in front of the Judge Slate Senior Building. A brand new community sprouting up right in front of their eyes.

Another young man said, "I know they need roofs over their heads, and food in these babies mouths, and if this is going to bring a brighter picture to the issue, then I see nothing wrong with it. Do it!"

From the background a thunderous echoing sound of voices came from around the corner. Men, women, children and babies in strollers marched as they chatted. "What do we want? VAT.E spoke-person McKinley asked.

"Jobs!" The crowd of 100 people chanted back.

"When do we want them?" McKinley continued. "Now!" the protesters reply.

As the protest moved around to 41 St. and Ellis now with a caravan of police they continued to the next site at 51st Greenwood. There again they cited a lack of black workers on the job.

Another construction site, posted a sign, "No hiring on site. Go to 4th ward alderman's Office to apply for jobs.

"We hired two of their men who didn't even know how to read a ruler, or use a hammer or hold a ladder," Lenroy Square a contractor in the community with over 10 years experience said.

McKinley confronted her and asked her, What do you have against Black men?"

"Aid. Toni Preckwinkle gets the people paid for Obama Illinois. Our report is on file with the Board of Elections.

Mary Steward, an owner of a construction company, and director of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commissioners said, "We hired two of their men who didn't come to work until only on payday, plus they didn't even know how to read a ruler, or use a hammer or hold a ladder.

Lenroy Square a contractor in the community at the present sit is be known that he agree with Steward concerning the other workers out of VOTE, pointing out he hired John Hill, a third year apprentice from Stateway Garden and Ricky Moore, apprentice from IDA B Wells both Square and Steward praise these two young men work.

One of the protestor said after hearing the remarks responded. "Isn't that what the $35 million dollars Hope VI grant is for to help train the residents?"

As Preckwinkle made an attempt to leave in her gold van, a gathered around her vehicle where it could not move.

Ahlerman Preckwinkle refused to have a meeting at that time with them.

"All they want to do is embarrass Black politicians, we had a meeting with this group before. They are thugs, two of them are drug dealers," Ald Preckwinkle revealed to the press.

Preckwinkle went on to explain the process of securing Hope VI jobs with pepper spray as well and allegedly hit with police patrons.

Gwendolyn Gibbes suffer from stomach pain, vomiting profusely after inhaling a full blast of the pepper spray, she also suffer from black and blue bruise on her left shoulder.

"But I am going to keep on fighting for the other basic necessities, We want to be able to have homes, food and a town hall meeting and very organized, so profanity, just a simply chat was lead by McKinley.

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This editorial is dedicated to the best movie of this decade, Bravehearts! And VOTE (Voice Of The Ex-offenders). As William Wallace (played by Mel Gibson) a man who turned down the throne to defend his faith that Scotland would be free. VOTE is sitting no compromising in the injustice as Bravehearts.

The Lord says he can get me out of this mess, but he’s pretty sure you’re f@#$—up—Stephn

As Malcolm X points out, doing peacefully, with No-vocain running down their mouths. With the worst times of Black people in America, from the non-present of ownership of gas stations to the War in Iraq and in between the mass imprisonment of Black men, or the mass elimination of them. A national tragedy Stevie Wonder sings about.

The 1460’s in Scotland, leaders were called Nobles. The legacy of the movie “Braveheart” and Sir William Wallace struggle was not the “fear of failure”, but rather the truth of noble leaders with their disordor selfish gain.

Unfortunately there are noble men today, compromising behind close doors. Grass root organizers that has turned into “Weeds.” It’s not that leadership deserves to be criticized or honored, but in the black community where Richard M. Daley is the best organizer of Black leadership, there needs to be some deserved criticism around the play to keep the voters from voting.

VOTE with all of it is protesting and strong-arm tactics has a guiding principle for leadership. — Especially when leadership such as Dorothy Tillman claims, after her last election victory claiming, “We have a machine.”

The “machinery” that leadership is is like competing brands of soda drinks made by the same Corporation, there is usually little difference, especially when it comes out of the same company.

This suggest that we must change our habits and politicians frequently act to protect the machine at the expense of the public.

History proves that new leadership is going to happen regardless if it’s Nelson Mandela, Adolph Hitler, Martin Luther King Jr., George W. Bush, Jesse Jackson, Richard Daley, VOTE, or even Jesus Christ himself.

The promise of Chicago’s Black and White leadership labeling VOTE as gang bangers (or any black youth that is of ill character) is like a racist white prison guard, pull- ing the switch for an execution. Elected officials have called on the FBI, the State’s Attorney Office, and the Chicago Police to do what they can to stop the aggressive nature of VOTE.

Confirming scenes in the Braveheart movie, that old timers longed-for days of unrestricted accountability, with exception of one of the oldest political organization in Chicago, the Task Force for Black Political leadership led by Bob Starks. Many nobles have meet with members of VOTE, Black Contractors United, Congressman Danny Davis and Jesse Jackson Jr. Elzie Higginbottom, State Rep. Lu Jones and others. And many report to the powers they have the youth under control, but will not embrace them publicly trying to derail them.

In spite of VOTE’s aggressive tactics, they do not have much of a choice. — Their argument is that the present leadership has failed them. Paul Watkins a member of VOTE changed his remarks to Rev. Jackson from “There is a new sheriff in town,” to “we are the only sheriff in town.”

“We did not create the crumbling community we are forced to grow up in.” Watkins says, “We did not choose the economics, nor the drugs to be the economic engine, nor the sports and rap music to be our role models to succeed.”

Mark Carter, another leader of VOTE, noted that current leadership has not got serious about providing jobs, education, and basic services for all our people. “Especially in part to the resources others have, from cutting lawes to owning the gas stations and the storefronts in the community.”

Carter said, “We’ve been beating our drums, asking for police review boards, more jobs, better housing and being accepted. We are not shutting up. VOTE was formed in 2002. The group model is no different than those before them, questioning injustice “by any means necessary.”

They continued to attend and intimate meetings, the white majority, as well as the Blacks that sat at the door. VOTE stormed and demonstrated on Gov. Blagojevich, Rev. Jackson, Rev. Meeks, Chicago Defender and construction sites.

In the movie Braveheart it was Bruce the next King of Scotland actions double-crossed Wallace, which turned him in to England that led to his death. The last time a group of youth took action was the 21st Century Vote, based out of the Englewood community, formed and present street organizations. Before them it was the Black Panther Party. The attack on VOTE is unfortunatly tarry VOTE around City The Chin with 21st Century Vote As in the more travel elected officials and organization grass in a hedge

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PUBLISHER’S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Editor

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Sincerely

John E. Woodson

Dear Editor;

A flashback on the past. There is no radio station that I listen to as much as I do WVON because I don’t believe there is any station doing as much for the advancement of Blacks as WVON. When I am at home, the radio station I listen to most is WVON. When I am driving I listen most to WVON. I recall listening during the time of the celebration of the 40th Anniversary. To have had a person as outstanding as Lu Palmer to be a part of the history of WVON.

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LETTERS

Uncle Toms and......

Dear Editor;

So time ago the Chicago Defender, Columnist Vernon Jarrett was writing a very interesting article regarding black people’s ancestors and what they had to do for survival. Thanks to Jarrett for bringing this issue down front—irregardless of the fact that what everything is “in the book”, as the late Harold Washington.

Ingenious does not aptly describe most of the black ancestors during their times of enslavement. As Jarrett pointed out in his column, we should never refer to all those who did not choose to become mar- tyr during that time in history as “Uncle Tom”. Of course it’s true some did in fact run; to the white slave master all the going-on amongst the slaves such as those who reported on John Brown at Harper’s Ferry eventually causing his death and his determined fol- lowers.

Now, either directly or indirectly, most all native born Negroes owe their existence to what they call “Uncle Tom” and the others. Were it not for them today, such persons of color, i.e., the wider known, would not be around. I’m talking about the likes of Vernon Jarrett, Ophra Winfrey, Michael Jordan, the late Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Duke Ellington. The noted scientist, Dr. George W. Carver,Langston Hughes, Lena Horne, Jackie Robinson, John H. Johnson, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Nate Clay, Charles, “Chuck” Bowlen, Charles Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, the late Billie Holiday Ford and John E. Woodson, to name a few.

All those latter day so-called degraded Black Revolutionar- ies on the scene today, should be ashamed of themselves for committing such a dastardly (I think) sacrilegious act in changing their names from a perceived white slave masters to something African or Islamic. Oh yes, it’s in the book.

A documented fact that Black West African Chieftains were the ones mainly responsible for slavery in both North and South America to the Spanish—not the so-called White Europeans who came on the scene much later. Today in the Sudan Black Muslims are still dealing with as- pects of slavery.

The official U.S. census reports of 1860 declared only a small minority of white owned slaves. The same report in 1830 cited 3,775 free blacks owned 12,740 black slaves.

In June 1835, the Fifth National Negro Convention recommended that blacks remove the word “African” from the titles of their organiza- tions and discontinue referring to themselves as “colored”.

The Carter C. Washington, book “Free Negro Owners of Slaves in the United States 1830” listed names and addresses or free blacks who owned slaves. Among those listed was George C. Washington of Washington, D.C. Other surnames

A stunning painting of William Wallace (played by Mel Gibson). Congressman Danny Davis center with members of the Noble VOTE & The Noble

A Tribute to the Talking Drum

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To: Blagojevich

their license for not complying with any of these laws, even though no one has been hurt nor no property damaged. Shouldn’t it be up to the individual to determine their risk and decide whether to have insurance? States have literally mandated that the public have to give some of their money to insurance companies should they wish to drive a car.

Since when does government have the right to tell the public how to spend their money? Do we have the public allow the risk of self-insurance? The whole concept behind the insurance industry is “you lose, I play.” The voluntary customers are minimizing their personal risk of damage. Not to protect the agendas of insurance companies. Insurance companies encourage the behaviors through discounts as they do with driving习惯: not wearing seat belts for just as long as you can, driving drunk, or owning a car that is not well maintained. The public is encouraged to avoid the simple risks of life.

When the United States was started, it was all about risk. Knight points out the founding fathers gambled their lives and fortunes to ensure that people could take risks and follow their heart's dream. Taking risks is what made this country great.

Freedom is risk. Insurance is in the business of risk. Illinois will receive $31 million by the federal government for traffic related projects, but since the government took out some of the risk by passing the seat belt legislation, the insurance companies who would benefit the most financially in the savings of lives, should pay the government instead of the candidates.

P. B. Knight, Curmudgeon-in-Residence at the Attila the Hun School of Management. He can be reached for questions at f6k@akawordsmith.com
Evans address the National Baptist Congress

Webb Evans, president of the United American Progress Association, is speaking at the National Baptist Congress convention held in Detroit, Michigan, to talk about the role of the Black Church using most of the out of the issue of what happened to the children of Israel, should devote more time to dealing with what is happening to God’s children of today.

The UAPA is working with churches and other organizations to get them more involved in improving the economic condition of blacks. Evans advised them to support the Matihku Network by purchasing over 2 hundred products produced and distributed by blacks.

He told them regarding how many churches we can never get into the American’s Business. Mr. Evans stated that the church can play a major role in giving leadership in getting Blacks for being just consumers to producers. He warned that we all stick with the church but put more teaching about economics in it. If we don’t we won’t have enough money to take care of a program teaching about spirituality. He asked them how many were holding meetings on what is happening to us today. Only three for the past 27 years. Few of these hundred held up their hands.

But after the meeting several came up to him asking the question and said they were going to start holding some meetings on what is happening to us at present.

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“Abortion: Black genocide”

Coalition of Black Ministers Condemn 13 Million Deaths of Black Children as Genocide

A sensitivity to persons from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds. But to a group of Black ministers a commitment to all women accessing safe, affordable abortions and the right to the full range of reproductive health care is one side of abortion, the other side is “Should babies be terrorized in the womb than the total number of people killed in the 9-11 tragedy. Babies should be terrorized that way.”

Rev. Cesar L. Leflore, Life Education and Resource Network (LEARN) Midwest Director, says, “Every day in America 1,452 Black children are killed in the womb. This is nothing less than Black genocide. What a shame that in three days, more Black will be killed in the womb than the total number of people killed in the 9-11 tragedy. Babies should be terrorized that way.”

The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe vs. Wade made it legal for women to abort their babies up to and including the moment of birth. The same day, a second decision, Doe vs. Bolton, defined the “health of the mother” as including physical, psychological, familial or any other reason for abortion. However, states kept the authority to regulate the abortion decision, Doe vs. Bolton, declared that position does not protect abortion.

Mr. Evans declared the First Annual Midwest Regional Pro-Life / Pro-Family conference entitled “Family Essentials for Black Family Survival” earlier this year.

According to Natrice Johnson a leader at LEARN, took the position that abortion kills more Blacks than every other cause of death combined.

1,452 Black women abort their children everyday, many young enough to be considered as children themselves.

“Many of these women are still blurring and sitting in the pews of our churches,” said Rev. Leflore. LEARN hosted the First Annual Midwest Regional Pro-Life / Pro-Family conference entitled “Family Essentials for Black Family Survival” earlier this year.

On the flip side of this story there are organizations such as the Chicago Abortion Fund (CAF), who supports abortion.

According to Natrice Johnson a representative of CAF, the not-for-profit organization that provides low-income women with information, referrals assistance for safe abortions, and education and advocacy responsibility for the provision of direct services to their clients with referrals, financial counseling, and the allocation and authorization of loans and grants for abortion procedures. CAF activities involve in education/advocacy in support of abortion.

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Amistad

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Freedom Schooner Amistad is a re-creation of the historic vessel La Amistad. In 1839, a group of slaves lead by Sengbe Pieh mutinied against their Spanish captors while sailing off the coast of the Spanish Colony of Cuba. After the slaves were taken back to America by the United States Navy, news of the incident sparked an outpouring of abolitionist support. While two of the surviving members of the crew died for the return of the slaves as their property, Black and White anti-slave forces joined ranks, leading to the his- toric freeing of the African captives, the first court ordered freeing of slaves in the U.S.

"The historical significance of Amistad has traditionally been overlooked, leaving a gap in an important era of American history," said Frank Clark, ComEd President. "Amistad's arrival is a shining example of the need to look at the past in order to focus on the future. ComEd is proud to help bring to Chicago this exhibit, which provides an oppor-
tunity for adults and students alike to learn more about their country."

Under Police Custody

beaten. Grady's his son, Frederick B. Moore requested a copy of his father's autopsy report which he still has not received. A Cook County Medical examiner representative confirmed Grady's in-
juries based on aut-
topsy photographs and that he had had heart problems. Diane McGhee, sister of Mr. Grady disputed the claim of any heart problems of her brother. "My brother was murdered" after the family secured a private autopsy, which led to questioning his bodily injuries to the head, neck, eye, and ribs. The pri-
vate examiner asked. "What really happened in the cell?" McGhee said.

Dr. Choi, of the Cook County medical examiner was not available for com-
ments to City Journal, nor returned telephone calls. Bart Beale, the attorney for the Grady family, said at a news conference the death was questionable and "a lie." It's hard to believe that Mr. Grady would call the Chicago blues circuit, Chicago, 111 60637. You may send it by email to: MIsamisal@com

THE WHITE MAN CELL

November 30, 2002

I will live through this, yes I will sur-
vive. I will tell how they beat my head on the prison cot as my brain burned like fire.

The punishment cells are small brain burned like fire.

The punishment cells are small and very cold when I get out I will be fifty.

But I will survive anyhow. I will tell them how I nearly froze dur-
ing the nights. But Jehovah God kept me for it was his fight.

I am his child and the courts just did not treat me right. I did not commit the crime, so I should not have to serve the time.

There are mice in the cells.

I will tell them how I got my first wisps of gray hair.

I will smile and say some jokes, and tell them how I had always had hope. And they will ask, doesn't it hurt to re-
member? And I will look at them and shake my head because these people talk like I am dead.

I am in jail in hell. I am serving time that is not mine. And they ask me like they are God.

They wonder why I am not crying and begging on my knees. You see I am not guilty so I do not have any need.

In here ones got to have some faith. Especially when sentenced for someone else's mistake.

They torture us by holding letters from those we love and mamu can't afford no telephone.

The snake was Satan and his crew and now they want us to do as they do. Fif-
teen minutes to wash for hygiene. A meal of salt water and a piece of bread.

The last thing I want is to live in a place where they beat me.

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**Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**

This genesis leads to secrets, adventure, and a forbidden romance. This stylish yet robust high seas adventure, "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" is another Disney theme park ride attraction that has been transformed into a movie. This is a movie that is never without a moment of adventure, imagination and an often unexpected and delightful wry sense of humor. Well crafted under the direction of Gore Verbinski who provided the chilling atmosphere in last fall's surprise horror thriller, "The Ring". And there's the smart and sophisticated script from screenwriters Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio who co-wrote the first Oscar winner for Best Animated Feature, "Shrek".

However, amidst a fine supporting cast, Johnny Depp is the film's catalyst as Captain Jack Sparrow, a charming yet outrageous scalawag who survived mutiny on his boat and marooned to die on an uncharted island. Sparrow happens to rescue the Governor's daughter, Elizabeth Swan (Keira Knightley) while intending to steal a ship and crew.

This robust fantasy film represents the kind of Hollywood filmmaking that celebrates the glory and flair of a movie genre that will seem fresh and new. This movie is more like "Captain Blood" than "The Mark of Zoro" with Johnny Depp paying homage to the screen greats like Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Erroll Flynn and Robert Newton through his delightfully scandalous performance that adds chicanery and excitement to the story. Even the special effects sequences are complimentary to the storytelling.

"Pirates of the Caribbean" scores as a broadside hit, full of vivid combination of exciting sea battles, sword-fencing duels, a tempestuous romance with light tongue-in-cheek humor. Shiver me timbers! All this from a movie based on a theme park ride.

**Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle**

This sequel goes into high gear that makes for a slick, sexy, and glossy action-packed thrill ride through its visually stunning larger-than-life special effects action sequences. The private detective trio is back and is more like special agents on their latest assignment. A skimpy plot line enhanced by all the aerial, explosive pyrotechnics, computer generated action sequences done to a rock video pace. The bad people want two brass rings that have secretly information on undercover agents. The bad people want those rings to sell to the highest bidding country. After a long screen absence, Demi Moore returns as the fallen ex-Angel, Madison working with the bad guys that somehow Natalie, Dylan, Alex (Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu) must foil.

The addition of Bernie Mac playing the illegitimate brother to ousted Bill Murray is a welcome treat whose comedic comments are better than Murray's wry humor. However, like all the men in this movie, it is these "PowerPuff Girls" that grab all the attention and action, kicking all the men to the curb in this way-out action movie satire on "Charlie's Angels".

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**Something Wicked This Way Comes**

Midwikid (Arista) (**••**/2) This debut CD from this Michigan City, Indiana-based group intends to represent Midwest gangster rap through the usual explicit lyrical excursion street life, love making, running with their homies and some occasional humorous moments such as their rap tribute to the Ice Cube movie, "Friday". Producing and Lisning this rap duo lay down a formable but not overly distinctive instrumental base, to build from in future recordings.

Choice Selections: "A Ballad for My Niggaz", "We Live", "Like We Spaced Ta", "Deebo", "Get It Gone", "Joss Cuervo", "Just Ride", "Art of War".

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**I Wanna Go There**

-TYRESE (J Records) (**••**/2) In his third release that marks his label debut on Clive Davis' J Records, there is a funkier synergy which underscores a fresh scent to Tyrese's latest soul entry here. Right from the opening track, his current hit single, "How You Gonna Act Like That?" demonstrates a fresher step to Tyrese's pep. Thanks to a creative array of songwriters and the instrumentation in this production. This also makes Tyrese's neo-soul approach have a better magnetic appeal for what is his strongest entry so far.

Choice Selections: "How You Gonna Act Like That?", "How Do You Want It (Situations)?", "I Must Be Crazy", "She Let Me Be Something I Wasn't", "I Wanna Go There", "Taking Forever".

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**GO WITH THE FLOW**

-Walter Beasley (N-Coded Music) (**••**/2) As this CD title indicates, jazz saxophonist/vocalist Walter Beasley engages a familiar neo-soul approach that has secretly information on undercover agents. The bad people want those rings to sell to the highest bidding country. After a long screen absence, Demi Moore returns as the fallen ex-Angel, Madison working with the bad guys that somehow Natalie, Dylan, Alex (Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu) must foil.

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and massive earnings are simply accepted as a fact of life.

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tion from a panel of financial experts and community leaders that addressed the ideas of self empowerment and taking control of your financial future.

As part of these recruitment efforts, A.G. Edwards, along with the Chicago chapters of the National Black MBA Association and the National Society of His-

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Revenues were up for 15 of the 25 largest minority-owned firms in 2002, according to new data compiled by Crain's Chicago Business. Chicago-based professional services and technology consulting firm Synchrony 

As an example, type of minority group own-

Employees and business service.

The complete ranking appeared in the June 30 issue of Crain's.

Why Buy New When Used Will Do

With 2,500 employees nationwide, Veluchamy Cos., a direct mail, bank-

ing and real estate company based in Downers Grove, was the largest em-

ployer on the list. Johnson Publishing, a publisher and television and film producer, follows with 2,076 employees.

Crain's list includes companies that are at least 51% owned and operated by a minority. In addition to 2002 revenues, each entry includes complete contact information, top execu-
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Michigan Blvd Apt. Saved 47th St. slated as America's 11 Most

The Bronzeville Community Development Partnership reports the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartment building is not only going to be saved but it was also chosen as one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Properties in the United States for 2003.

The Bronzeville Community Development Partnership, in conjunction with Bobby Johnson of Race To Knowledge, Inc., the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments Residents Council, Bronzeville Historic Preservation Society and the Coalition To Save The Rosenwald, submitted a nomination to this years list back in January.

Since 1988, the 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list has been one of the most effective tools in the fight to save America's irreplaceable architectural, cultural, and natural heritage.

Bobbie Johnson has been played a major role in stopping the demolition of the Rosenwald biding which was closed for two years ago.

She announced to the Task Force for Black Political Employment that the Rosenwald is saved and has its team of investors, and architect with Phillip Kuperitz who was present at the meeting.

In four months first construction will start and units can be bought for just under $100 thousands.

It was reported that the alderman Tillman is supportive of the project.

Models are expected to open in about six months after construction. It is not clear who the owners are of the building.

Childcare Providers and housing

The Monroe Foundation, Hemblock Federal Bank and Chicago Dept. of Housing collaborate to Launch Homeownership Program for Childcare Providers

Designed to encourage childcare providers in the communities of Back of the Yards, New City, and Englewood to expand their self-economic and childcare entrepreneurship growth by moving from renting to homeownership.

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Childcare Providers and housing

The Monroe Foundation, Hemblock Federal Bank and Chicago Dept. of Housing collaborate to Launch Homeownership Program for Childcare Providers

Designed to encourage childcare providers in the communities of Back of the Yards, New City, and Englewood to expand their self-economic and childcare entrepreneurship growth by moving from renting to homeownership.

Pictured are two of the providers and children with a $5,000 check by Hemblock bank towards the program.

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