Far South calls on City to stop removal Philip A. Randolph monument
City says “its up to the alderman”

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Daley still the boss
Black Aldermen disappoints public on contracts voting for city budget

Moving into 2005, politics or pile-of-sticks, Mayor Richard M. Daley called this the most challenging financial time since he first took office in 1989, and said that the 2006 budget, will be worst.” His statement positions Springfield elected officials to approve a Chicago Caucus.

Confronted by many issues and endemic corruption in Chicago Daley’s 2005 budget passed the city council with a 47 to 3 vote, securing his grip on the affairs of the city or as others say he is restablishing himself as the “boss.” One WLS Talk radio host said, “He displayed his hand indicating he still has his grip on the aldermen.”

Daley’s balanced $5.08 billion budget held the line on property taxes, as other government agencies he controls are raising taxes; this includes the Chicago Park District - $13 million, and the Board of Education projecting a $40 million property tax hike.

Lisa Sjoberg of the city’s budget office told SSJ those taxes have no bearing on the city operating budget. Whether, questionable on the style, Daley’s management has kept government agencies working together as the boss of the greater Chicago land area and Springfield.

Frank Coconate, chairman of the Northwest Democratic Party and initial organizer of the City workers rally, brought out 2,000 the day before the council vote asked, “How can the aldermen, keep supporting a mayor who admits that under his leadership things are getting worse. In the private sector, you would fire him.

“Once again, the city council rubber stamped Mayor Daley’s tax filled budget. Their job is to question and police the Mayor and his management. They have failed. It’s time to shake things up.” Coconate’s website (www.frankcoconate.com) lists all aldermen who deserve to be fired. All except the three Lakefront Ladies”, (As named by veteran activities Bob Lucas) voted against the budget: Dorothy Tillmen (3) Toni Preckwinkle (4) and Arenda Troutman (20).

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Complaint filed against Advocate Hospitals

Westside—In the tradition of the Civil Rights era Freedom Riders that desegregated the South, a grassroot coalition hit the road for housing development as it has stood on city owned property since 1995.

Congressman Danny Davis (D-7) attended a community rally with the organizations filing the complaint against Advocate Health Care with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that prohibit institutions receiving federal funds from discriminating against individuals on the basis of race.

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The Recount in Ohio

"The election is not over"

Close to two months has passed since the November 3rd election, and people throughout Ohio and the nation continue to identify and expose patterns of voter disenfranchisements.

"The election is not over. Let the winner win, and the loser lose, but make sure all votes are counted in a free and fair election."

Jackson joined other leaders and organizations in speaking out about this issue during the House Judiciary Hearings December 8 in Washington, D.C.

The lawsuit was filed by the Alliance for Democracy, and the legal action brought by the Green Party and Libertarian Party seeking a recount.

In his statement Rev. Jackson said people of conscience demand an open, free and fair election. "The Republican Party systematically sought to suppress the vote in Ohio in their efforts to win this critical swing state."

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Jackson went on to say, Secretary of State Blackwell changed the long-standing provisions for election fraud, and exposed patterns of voter disenfranchisements.

Jackson out that Blackwell nullified provisional ballots in November unless they were cast in the voter's precinct: 1/3 of these ballots in Cuyahoga County nullified: 1/3 in

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The Village Voice NYC, reported Rev. Al Sharpton was part of exposing Rev. Jesse Jackson's extra marital affair has one of his own. Besides his flummoxing lifestyle heilkte his organization and was an FBI informant. No wonder he bolted out of the presidential race. Paul McKinley, V.O.T.E. says there is going to be another minister in the limelight at Sharpton and the good Rev. Dennis Mosley.

President Bush said a manditory draft for boys and girls (ages 18-26), is untrue, That's one way to ensure another historic Muhammad Ali demonstration will not occur in the history while he is still president. In the mean time in Philadelphia, a black GI had himself shot in the leg to avoid returning to Iraq. Wanting to make sure he was One Child Left Behind, opposing to the Bush's "No Child Left Behind!" And on that not the One Child concept did not include moving the children up to better schools. At a time when Chicago administrators say many schools are too crowded at least 1,000 seats are available in substantially white neighborhood schools that all were vacant for this year.

Corrections: It wasn't The Men in Black that protested Rothschild's liquor on 63rd street (as reported in last Unzip), it was the New Black Panther Party, not in Black will be targeting Rothschilds store.

The Weatherman

TV Minister M.G. "Pat" Robinson says, "We (?) need to forget this nonsense about Kwanzaa. He says he has been to Africa over 20 times, visiting people of Christianity, and no one there knows anything about Kwanzaa. Robinson said if the holiday of Kwanzaa is based on the Swahili language, the deaths slave traders developed, So what is Kwanzaa all about? Minister Darrel "Sax" Wilson says Kwanzaa was founded by Dr. Maulana Karenga of the United States in 1966. The word Kwanzaa comes from a Kiswahili phrase "Matunda Ya Kwanzaa", meaning "First Fruit." What was Robinson real reason in Africa?

Hal Baskin of Englewood, protesting at a construction site, was jailed, now he is demanding a jury of his peers for an offense demanding jobs. Demonstrations are really costing the taxpayers. More from Englewood.

Wearing unimpeached the State Rep. Patricia Bailey (6) still faces charges for election fraud, arrested by her opponents for the death Row inmate Aaron Patterson and Jerry Washington with complaints to the Chicago Board of Elections, the Election Commissioners forward the case to Cook County State's Atty. Richard Daunin. He then referred it to Illinois Atty. Gen. Lisa Madigan because Bailey's mother worked for Devine. Then Madigan referred it to her father House Speaker Michael Madigan. Madigan referred it to the State Democratic Chairman, himself. He then referred it to Mike Kasper, an election lawyer for the state's Democratic Party. Kasper got the Illinois Appellate Court in September to uphold a Cook County Judge's ruling that refused to disqualify Bailey from seeking election. Then the one Child concept did not include moving the children up to better schools.

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Jackson also said presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry called it quits too soon over Ohio and the nation continue to identify and expose patterns of voter disenfranchisements. Both men has stress to mount a steady and continuous effort for police accountability for those that do not have the public notoriety for support, suggesting race has a major role in many harassment claims from the public.

Gator 'Bradley petitioned U.S. Atty. for protection

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald received a formal inquiry regarding Walter 'Gator' Bradley for his personal safety as well as that of his family and community of the Morgan Park on the far south side of Chicago.

Bradley said former drug dealer and drug conpirator Vincent "Peanut" Martin was convicted in the highly publicized Larry Hoover trial as a co-conspirator where he testified against his former co-conspirator as a witness for the prosecution. (In 1996) Bradley testified as a witness for the defendants. It has been alleged that Martin was sentenced for a total of one hundred and twenty (120) months. Martin was released by the Federal Bureau of Prisons under supervised probation for a period of 4 years.

On November 11, Bradley said Martin appeared at Whiter School Elementary School gymnasium 116th and Ada, as a former gang enforcer and ex-felon with a panzone from former Governor James Thompson, Bradley said he is perplexed by the ease in which Martin is allowed to frequent areas known to be within his bounderies. Bradley said he is unaware of Martin's intentions or purpose and because he is still the property of the Federal government he is formally requested the U.S. Attorney to enter a restraining order against Martin, prohibiting him from harassing or harming him, his family and community in any manner.

Both incidents spark the question of normal black men subject to similarly insults by the Chicago police.

Baker running for County Sheriff

Sylvester Baker, a retired County police sergeant in an unusual move, announced his campaign to run for County Sheriff in March 2006, said he has seen many changes over the years, Sheriff's Office, and for the most part is it sad.

"The cover-ups, Sylvester Bakor racism, brutality against dekines, and the patronage are worse than it's ever been."

Baker accused Sheriff Michael Shean- has done little to impact Public Safety.

"He believes raising hooligans for role in slot machine are of high priority."

"He's hired many of his cronies and retired law enforcement offi- cers. This alone has caused a serious morale problem in the Sheriff's Office. The sheriff has placed cronies and retired law enforcement officers into com-

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Black officials look to ABLE to improved contracts for Blacks

Top to Bottom

2004 Government report of:

% of work to Contractors Vendors Population

City of Chicago 9% 36.77% 2%
Cook County 15% 11% 2%
State of Illinois 2% 15% 6%
United States 6% 12%

"If we don't work, no body work" (SSJ Aug. 2004), a cry of many black construction workers, may have to be patient as 60 Black elected officials in partnership with Able, a black business organization has taken on the task to develop goals in getting a fair share of construction contracts. Alderman Ed Smith (28) reported to SSJ a meeting of 60 black elected officials or representatives identified to lead Able in developing steps to ensure minority contractors.

One focus is the top to bottom concept. Independently of the government agencies, Smith says black businesses and elected officials are addressing the issue. In addition black aldermen are doing meeting with the City’s Procurement office to address the percentage concerns. Smith said the major problem is that black contractors can no obtain the bonding to get the work.

Responding to dismal reports of county percentage of merely 1.5%, Cook County Board President John Stenger has fired Colette Holt, an expert on affirmative action and contract compliance to develop a program to ensure minority contractors.

In a letter to commissioners Stenger said it is "unacceptable and untenable" that minority participation has fallen without a set-aside requirement in place. The concern for more black contractors for government jobs has been a reverse results over the years to get such a plan developed, in light of minority-owned firms got only 1 percent of the construction contracts handed out last year.

The City of Chicago reported their problem comes with white contractors filing reverse discrimination complaints, and with the county, a federal judge in 2001, said the county’s set-aside ordinance was unconstitutional as written. Holt was reported helped the City bounce back from a similar ruling, and it now has a minority set-aside program that has stood up. However, black contractors have slipped from 10% in 2003 to 9% in 2004.

"There are trails and effort to come up with improved numbers." Ad. Smith said pushing ahead.

We decide to part take together a monitory process as a way to deal with this problem." "Able is the group delegated to steer the private effort in all government contracts. They are better able to get the contracts, because they have the financial resources to do so.

Holt is to develop an inter- term program while the county plans to improve transit in minority communities.

"We want to talk the elected officials that have spoken out," said Joe Ann Bradley, Neighborhood Capital Budget Group, Board member and Executive Director of the Community Action Group of Chicago.

Activist commends state elected officials efforts to avert transit crisis

The Campaign for Better Transit sent letter of appreciation to the Illinois General Assembly Black Caucus, Illinois State Senate President Emil Jones, and Governor Rod Blagojevich, commending them for efforts to avert threatened Chicago Transit Authority to double fares on the disabled, cut bus and rail services by 20%, and eliminate over 1,000 union jobs for at least 6 months.

The transit advocates also called for an audit of CTA, and develop plans to improve transit in minority communities.

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SHORTAGE OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Mentoring the doctors and nurses of tomorrow.

PHOTO BY: Morike Carolyns
Margo Crawford, an education consultant and co-founder of the Future Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare Professionals Clubs, their goal is to help nurture and identify the next Dr. Daniel Hale Williams because the health.

The government announced plans to block a shortcut that has allowed thousands of foreign nurses to get fast-track U.S. work permits. The plan, which is expected to take effect next year, has healthcare workers and patients alike heavily concerned. "The change is bound to hurt hospitals already operating with too few nurses," said Len Nichols, a health economist.

Enter the Provident Foundation. For the past 10 years the organization has focused most of its efforts on preserving and maintaining the legacy of Dr. Daniel Hale Williams. But recently, the organization turned its attention to the future of medicine by founding the Future Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare Professionals Clubs. Their aim is to inspire enough young people to consider careers in healthcare so that the U.S. won't have to rely so heavily on foreign doctors and nurses.

"If we are serious about preparing our young people for the future, we have to connect them with professionals who can tell them that they can be more than athletes and entertainers," said Jim Myles, the president of the Provident Foundation. "The way they begin to visualize themselves as doctors and nurses is to have opportunities to come face to face with real medical professionals," he added.

Myles cited an in-depth analysis issued in 1998 by the Chicago Reporter, which brought to light the severe shortage of African American physicians in the Chicago land area. The study revealed that blacks make up the large majority of Chicago's population, while only 7% of the city's physicians are black. More recently, the U.S. Bureau of Health Professionals found that as a nation, it suffer from a shortage of about 110,000 nurses. If current trends continue, by the 2020 year that shortage will reach 800,000. The numbers still suggests that more Blacks need to be recruited into the medical field.

So far, Future Doctors, Future Nurses Clubs have been established in four inner-city schools, including DuSable High School, Carver High and Hyde Park Career Academy with several other schools strongly considering adding the program to their list of extracurricular activities. "The students have been very enthusiastic about joining," said Margo Crawford, an education consultant and co-founder of the clubs.

"Once they get the exposure and the access to different professions, they can't help but get excited," she added. Crawford also touted Hyde Park Career Academy's club membership of more than fifty students. "Our goal is to help nurture and identify the next Dr. Daniel Hale Williams because the health of our community depends on it," said Myles. Membership to Future Doctors, Future Nurses is free of charge but students must be enrolled in a high school that hosts the club. For more information, contact the Provident Foundation at 773-363-4272 or log on to www.providentfoundation.org.

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STROKE OR HEART ATTACK?

Read this...It could save your life! It might be a lifesaver if we can remember the three questions?

Is It A Stroke?

Small brain stem stroke, a heard attack of the brain is what political activist Bruce Crosby suffered early December. "It caught me by surprise," said Crosby. "But I am fine. I have to take it a little easy but I am grateful it was a mild one.

Sometimes, the symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify according to Dr. Crosby. "Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster for the stroke victim. A stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Crosby said he was lucky that no effect of his was to his brain. "Doctors explain say any bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. To smile. 2. To raise both arms. 3. To speak a simple sentence.

If a person has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms.

Researchers urged the general public widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

Is It A Heart Attack?

A cardiologist says if 10 people pass this information on, at least one life will be saved.

If someone suddenly start experiencing severe pain in their chest that starts to radiate out into the arm and up into the jaw. People are have been trained in CPR, but not how to perform it on themselves.

HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously.

A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

Thanks to the research done by this group, more people have been trained in CPR, and the number of people who can perform it on themselves.

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Advocare Hospitals

The group members said the differences in facilities and services offered at two Advocate hospitals are financial disparities. At Advocate Bethany, which serves a patient population that is 97% black, zero dollars were invested for significant capital expenditures compared to the $72 million invested in Advocate Good Shepherd in affluent Barrington, which serves a patient population that is 96% white.

It was in response to a report "Separate and Unequal: Racial Disparities in Investment at Advocate Hospitals" released by the Hospital Accountability Project. Joining him outside Advocate Bethany Hospital are (L-R) Rev. Marshall Hatch of New Mt. Pilgrim Church and Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Bethany worker Jose-lyn Oliver, SEIU Local 20 president Byron Hobbs, Father Michael Pfleger of St. Sabina Catholic Church, Rev. Clarence Brooks, who serve in affluent hospitals better served predominantly white patients than on hospitals serving Blacks and Latinos.

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"We are putting a lot of work in our jobs, the budget process is very complex and the public just does not see all the ramifications of putting it together." But the historic Bronzeville community aldermen did see reasons not to vote for the budget. As addressed on WYON Tillman re­ferred to her colleagues as demons. Said

Mayor Daley denying the city council is rubber stamp; still has the label of being "The Boss."

Denouncing that perception, Ald Ed Smith (27), and chairman of the City Council Black Caucus said: "We are putting a lot of work in our jobs, the budget process is very complex and the public just does not see all the ramifications of putting it together."

The mayor continued his record of receiving overwhelming city council support, giving the perception that the aldermen are nothing more than rubber stamps.

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Beliefnet: Why celebrate Kwanzaa in December among the religious holidays that are celebrated in the same month? Do you feel it might add to the misconception that Kwanzaa should be celebrated in place of Christmas or other December holidays?

Maulana Karenga: The first reason for the choice of date of Kwanzaa was for cultural authenticity. A central model for Kwanzaa is Umlahlo or the Zulu first-fruits celebration which is seven days and is celebrated about this time. Other first-fruits celebrations were celebrated at the end of the old year and the beginning of the New Year such as Perem-Min of ancient Egypt. So Kwanzaa's model is older than Christmas. It makes little sense to attribute Kwanzaa's date of celebration to misconceptions about its replacing Christmas or Hanukkah when it is simply following a pre-established season for African first-fruits celebrations which precede both Hanukkah and Christmas.

Beliefnet: While many of us know that Kwanzaa is drawn from ancient African culture and tradition, how much of it comes from African religions? Lately it has been connected more closely to religion by many observers.

Maulana Karenga: Kwanzaa does not come from African religions, it comes from African culture. But no serious student of African culture — ancient or modern, continental or diaspora — can deny that African spirituality pervades African life. Religion as an organized body of doctrine, practices and structures differs from spirituality. Spirituality is intense rational and emotional appreciation of and commitment to the Transcendent and the Ultimate. What Kwanzaa does stress is the ethical which brings forth the best of African and human thought and practice and offers a basis of common ground.

Kwanzaa is a time of ingathering of the people to reaffirm the bonds between them; a time of special reverence for the Creator, in thanks and respect for the blessings, bountifulness and beauty of creation.

Beliefnet: Is the Kwanzaa holiday as successful as you set out for it to be? Did you expect it to be more widely accepted by now?

Maulana Karenga: Kwanzaa is extremely successful. It has 28 million celebrants on every continent in the world throughout the world African community. I know of no other holiday that comes from African holies.

Contracts develops studies to show how minorities are hurt by the lack of a pro-gram, which he says will bolster the county's position, if challenged. Nationally, issues raised with the future in competition of trades jor Black or White contractors that future in competition of trades for immigrates to work in the United States working for 3-4 years at less pay, leaving contracts to major Black or White contractors that look for cheaper wages.

Traditional Greeting
“Habari gani?” (One should reply by reciting the Kwanzaa principle of the day)

The Seven Principles

Sunday: Umoja (unity)
1. Monday: Kujichagulia (self-determination)
2. Tuesday: Utujamo (collective work and responsibility)
3. Wednesday: Ujamaa (cooperative economics)
4. Thursday: Nia (purpose)
5. Friday: Kuumba (creativity)
6. Saturday: Imani (faith)

How Much Do You Know About Kwanzaa?

Q1. What is the term for the seven principles of Kwanzaa?
1. Nguzo Saba
2. Nuovo Saba
3. Kwanzaa Saba

Q2. The candleholder that is used during the Kwanzaa celebration is called...
1. An African candelabra
2. A kinara
3. A black menorah

Q3. In creating the holiday, Maulana Karenga added a second "a" to the original Swahili word "Kwanzaa." Why?
1. So that observers would pronounce the word correctly.
2. A child in the first celebration wanted a cardboard box to hold the candle.

Q4. From which other celebration does Kwanzaa adopt much of its structure?
1. Hanukkah in Israel
2. Umlahlo in Zululand
3. Benhle Phezulu in Cape

Q5. What do the ears of corn, called "muhindi," in a Kwanzaa display represent?
1. Feeding one's soul
2. The nourishment that African heritage can give
3. Each child in a family

Q6. Which Kwanzaa principle would be most closely associated with making a purchase at an African-American-owned shop?
1. Kuumba
2. Umoja
3. Ujamaa

Q7. Which is the Swahili word recited at every Kwanzaa celebration that means, "Let's pull together"?
1. "Jambo!"
2. "Harambee!"
3. "Karamu!"

Q8. The colors of the Black National Flag, or "bendera," are red, black, and green. What does each color symbolize?
1. Red: the blood of the people; Black: those who have died; Green: the land of Africa
2. Red: the struggle of the people; Black: for black people; Green: the hope of the future
3. Red: the passion of the people; Black: dark days of the race; Green: the hope of the future

Q9. Fill in the blanks: The pouring of libations is usually performed in honor of our ancestors by...
1. a male child
2. a clergy member
3. an elder

Q19. The Karunu is the major Kwanzaa feast held on December 31. What 1960s song features lyrics about this feast?
1. "Happy Birthday" by Stevie Wonder
2. "All Night Long" by Lionel Ritchie
3. "How Long" by Lady Of The Black Manouza
Monument

Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel Steven J. Holter endorsed a letter threatening that if the museum does not remove the monument by September 29, 2004 the city will. After ongoing negotiations with the museum, Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel Suburban North Neighborhood Community Accountability Council (FSCAC) has been staging press conferences, public meetings and marches protesting the City steadfast position of the monument would be roughly $5,000.00 in which Hughes admitted the museum does not have the financial means.

Alston Beale would not return numerous calls of SSJ. But reports are he wants the monument removed as soon as possible in line with the mid January bidding of the lots.

“Alston Beale through the city is planning to remove and destroy another piece of Black Lobe history.” Said White. Noting that in 2000 the city painted over a mural at 105th and Cottage of the Pullman Porters history. In continuing the 24-hour sleep over FSCAC is comprised of organizations from the Far Southside saying their purpose is on time to serve as a voice through which issues as this makes their role even more important to hold government entities, elected officials and businesses accountable to the community residents of the Far Southside.

Sheriff Race

mand positions overlooking veteran personnel blatantly disobeying a court order.

"What kind of message does that send to the people of Cook County? Cook County needs a new Sheriff I plan to take on the challenge.” Sherahan has been Sheriff of Cook County since 1990 with a wide marg. Sherahan's main goal is to reform an office that for years has been tainted by scandal and political corruption.

Upon taking office, Sherahan press material says he has eliminated “ghost-payroll” and collected more than 2,000 badges that had been handed out as political perks by previous administra. He also established an Inspector General's Office to investigate official misconduct in the Office and implemented the first-ever mandatory drug testing program for all sworn personnel and command staff.

However, no charges or indictments were known in corruption rumors.

Opening a campaign office in the Roseland community, Baker involve. in the community dates back to the mid 1970's, as precinct captain in the 21st and 44th wards and was involved in the late Congressmen Ralph Metcalfe’s race for congress. He ran for State Representative in 1992 and for Alderman in 1990 and he is the current Treasurer of the South Side branch of the NAACP, and a member of the National Black United Front.
Dear Editor;

God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."

The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!" "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don’t exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man!"

"Ah, but barbers do exist! What happens is, people do not come to me."

"Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, does not exist! What happens is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in this world."

Submitted by Joann McGee

Englewood

Hired Truck Program and the Mayors Embarrassment

Dear Editor

During the '70s, I was an Aide to the late, great, Mayor Richard J. Daley, as Southside director of the Mayor’s Office of Inquiry and Information. The Mayor had initially referred as “Little Neighborhood city Halls.” There were 16 of these offices because they provided services in their respective neighborhoods as opposed to traveling downtown to City Hall. They were translated by the Mayor that everyone was ready to be dealt with. We were there to serve all.

Periodically the Mayor would forward memorandums to his aides and cabinet heads—those who represented the Mayor’s office—which of course were ignored.

One such memo received in 1973, if my memory does not fail me, stated, "I, the Mayor of Chicago hold you duly responsible for your misdeeds. In one sentence I cannot and do not know what your staff is doing during working hours."

Needless to say, one did not find it necessary to understand what the Mayor implied, just be able to read!

By Min. Paul Scott

Englewood

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Min. Paul Scott

Wrote this piece for the Pro-Black militant Grinch or the Ebony Ebenezer Scoogie, but I detest this time of year. This is the time of year that the whole world turns white and those that aren’t white, wish they were. White "Jesus," white "Santa," white "elves"! What’s an Afrocentric brotha to do? Pour myself a cup of egg nog and go off singing a dreamtime of a white Christmas? Never! Since childhood, I have felt somewhat alienated during this time of year. The holiday television programs that I watched never reflected my culture. The cartoon children were always lily white, except for maybe that Black kid "Franklin" who was blind, now Charlie Brown (Even he didn’t talk Black).

The shows were either about American white children named "Billy" and "Susie" or English white kids from the 1800’s, but to quote old school rapper Kurtis Blow "this isn’t 1823. It isn’t even 1970. We are the Black kids on "Christmas town" or "Santa land." I guess the climate was just too cold for Black folks or the ones that lived there had enough sense to stay in the house during a blizzard. I could never understand what was so wonderful about a winter wonderland. Why glorify 20 degrees temperatures and frostbite? My melanin enriched skin could never understand what was so wonderful about a winter wonderland. Why glorify 20 degrees temperatures and frostbite? My melanin enriched skin could never understand what was so wonderful about a winter wonderland. Why glorify 20 degrees temperatures and frostbite? My melanin enriched skin could never understand what was so wonderful about a winter wonderland.


### Tis the Season to Be Black in an Christmas attitude

Joe, Tis the Season to Be Black

The Chicago Defender, December 30, 2004

The tradition to buy black, and the glory of being totally committed Ebony magazine to support a one-day buy black campaign. Ebony magazine would have prepared its readers and advertisers last June to avoid suffering a lost for the coming editions of 2005. Accordingly, Eb- ony would have developed a campaign to have an influx of black business ads. It would have targeted corporate advertisers in the same man- ner as Black Enterprise and the Black Pages, not only for corporate America, but also in American, where financial stability would have been in question; and their December issue wouldn’t have been printed. Consequently their 1,600 employees would have been supported financially; therefore it would not have been a good business decision. In light of being totally committed Ebony magazine would have prepared its readers and advertisers last June to avoid suffering a lost for the coming editions of 2005. Accordingly, Ebony would have developed a campaign to have an influx of black business ads. It would have targeted corporate advertisers in the same manner as Black Enterprise and the Black Pages, not only for corporate America, but also in American, where financial stability would have been in question; and their December issue wouldn’t have been printed. Consequently their 1,600 employees would have been supported financially; therefore it would not have been a good business decision.

### Another Buy Black Campaign

#### Realists to be conservative for 2005

Ron Carter, Publisher and Editor


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"Buy Black" campaign was held De­ cember 18, 2004, the core basis was"Buy Black" campaigns in resolution of the Million Man March of 2005 is The glory of unity is great, but the organizers must be greater Conservative in Business Pamela in Alabama did not know anything about a Buy Black campaign. Ebony magazine for the most part wasn’t minded that she as well as others weren’t aware of the campaign. Above all, if Ebony supported such a campaign, their financial stability would have been in question; and their December issue wouldn’t have been printed. Consequently their 1,600 employees would have been supported financially; therefore it would not have been a good business decision.
South Street Events

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State Representative Connie Howard invites a busload of Chicagoans to travel with her to Washington, D.C. January 20, to see the Inauguration ceremonies for Senator-elect Barack Obama. Others that will be swore in are Congressmen Bobby Rush (1), Danny Davis (7) and Jesse Jackson Jr. (2). For information call

The Sullivan House Community Technology Center 3rd ANNUAL COMMUNITY KWANZAA CELEBRATION, Saturday, January 5, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in South Shore Chicago. 12 noon African Drum Circle 2 PM Spoken Word Poetry and Testimony 3 PM Induction Ceremony, Youth in Coles Street Tech Crew 4:30 Music with Ze Innor Uge Jazz Society, Spaghetti for the Community ALL DAY. Come and enjoy and celebrate our Goals for Celebrating the principle Ujamaa Kwanzas 2004, ‘Let’s Pull Together Around the 7 Principles’ Program, 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Olive-Harvey City College 10001 South Woodlawn Ave. Music-Song-Poetry-Dance-Foosball Market, Kwanzas Address Sarudzayi Sevanhu All African Peoples Revolutionary Party All African Women’s Revolutionary Union. The Ujamaa Market Music/Dance, Poetry/Book Signings Exhibitors & Vendors, Watoto Village For more information on the event, becoming a vendor or exhibiting Call Kwesi Ronald Harris at 312-825-7162

The Kemetic Institute presents teaching about Africa TAA 2005, a cooperative multidisciplinary approach to helping teachers teach about African History and culture, the afternoon curriculum sessions will address integrating the Chicago reading initiative into social studies content, eight lecture schedules for $160.00. Starting January 6, with the African literateography, Culture and Geography. For more information call Ms. Yvonne Jones at 773-268-7500 ext. 147. At the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City studies, 780 East Oakwood Boulevard

Beansoup Times: Three years of fake news

In the recent edition, Bean Soup Times reports that “R. Kelly’s idic eyes saw gun men in Garden” and that the number one reason Kerry lost the election was because “Seventy-eight percent of young, Republican voters think it’s hot that Vice President Cheney has a lesbian daughter.” The only Black-owned satirical newspaper in the United States enters its fourth year of production in January 2005. With an over-the-top parody of tabloid sensationalism coupled with a deadpan, loose AP style of writing, the Chicago-based Bean Soup Times spoofed popular culture, the media, entertainment, and cultural stereotypes from a Black American perspective. Besides, “hard news” the publication offers “Ghettoscopes: Horoscopes that keep it real, Simple Recipes”, and horoscopes. To sum it up, the newspaper, the media, entertainment, and cultural commentary. Along with the satire, Bean Soup Times also offers an arts and entertainment section complete with a calendar of events, celebrity interviews and features, and reviews. “I wasn’t sure how people would respond to a ‘Black-themed’ satirical publication, but I’ve been blown away by the love,” said Toure Muhammad, the brainchild and publisher of the publication. “We attract informed, urban professionals who want this unique blend of humor, politics, and culture.”

A writer for other publications including SSJ Muhammad publication began in January of 2002. People first encountered Bean Soup Times as an email sent to about 50 people in March 2002. Now the publication can be picked up at supermarkets, libraries, bookstores, and restaurants, and various other locations throughout the city. Toure Muhammad is a graduate of Morehouse College, a former journalist, and a communications professional. More info can be found at beansoup-times.com
School Reform

The Greater Englewood Community and Task Force meeting on CPS - Schools and Region 6 Focus Reunions, 2005. No one of the plans public schools have been placed on probation within the past 3 years. The State's power to close and or reconstitute schools goes into effect FY 2006.

An update on the 63rd and Halsted Commercial Project Application. The Family Task Force responded to the City's Request for Proposal (RFP) to become a joint venture partner in this $26 million project. The Task Force will expand the committee in order to meet with banks and other institutions to strengthen our equity position for this project.

In addition, the next meeting for the Global "Respect for King Days".

Committee TEAM and PEER Inc. committee will layout plans for "Respect for King Days" and the "Emmett Till Anniversary". The committee is establishing permanent committees for the 5 year campaign that started the December 18th event.

Furthermore, they are establishing a "Blood Stain Banner Committee for the "Till Anniversary", Alderman Troutman will present the Humanities Week Jan. 15 thru 21, 2005.

For information call John Paul Jones at (773) 436-6496.
Chicago steppin originated in the 1950's. Partners face each other while alternately moving side-to-side and spinning to the beat. Steppin as it is affectionately known as the "Offline Dance" which was a form of a slowed down (or half time) jitterbug in the 1940's and later a heavy Bop influence in the 1950's. During the 1950's it became known as the Walk due to its slow walking appearance with the leader and partners walking around the dance floor in time to the music followed by walking backwards and leaders walking forward.

The 1960's brought it all together to form the dance called "Steppin or Stepping." Dancers would dress up wearing Wide Brim Hats, Baggy Slacks, Ties and even long dress coats. Ladies wearing high silletto heels (lmp's), short skirts to long dresses, basically looking very cool. The dance is a very relaxed and smooth form of movement, not the breakneck actions of the jitterbug.

Not all music is good for stepping, but it is a versatile dance when it comes to music, including, R&B, Pop big Band, bop, jazz, Contemporary dance, Hip Hop etc. However, like most music, dancer look for certain rhythms in the these music forms. The main form of the music is R&B. The basic is 8 steps and are counted 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8. There are 6 count patterns to the music as well. The dance is African American in nature but does well outward. It comes cross the racial barriers as many other nationalities' races partake in the dance.

Ms. Helen West of Neleh Artistic Expressions is presenting a Holiday Spirit of Art - Season of Hope
The opening reception and exhibit featured fine art by the Trinity United Church of Christ. Artist in Residence Ministry, represented by Mitch Anderson, Stephanie Coleman, Jesse Howard, Patrick Thompson, Cheryl Tokes, and Dorothy Wormald. The exhibit is open now located at 3467 S. King Dr., and will continue through January, 2005.

The Art of Reginald Gammon
At the Susan Woodson Gallery, 5121 S. Drexel
Born 1942 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Reginald Gammon's work has been exhibited widely both nationally and internationally and is represented in numerous private and public collections. Part of the Harlem Renaissance, he has received too many awards. His subject matter often deals with dramatic moments in history and unlikely heroes. But his images can range from being intensely personal as in his depiction of a triple bypass, to very humorous as in his series of gym images. However, over the last few years, the artist has focused almost exclusively on Jazz figures as shown of the "Duke" Ellington. All of Gammon's images live up to his aim of portraying the depth and spirituality of African American culture.

Maggie Brown announces her first live performances at Bronzeville's new Negro League Cafe, 43rd and Prairie Ave.

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Jazz Unites kicks off Black History with the popular Jazzfest Heritage Weekend at Chicago's South Shore Cultural Center, their 31st year of promoting jazz appreciation. The weekend includes a debut concert at the Harris Theater in Millennium Park. The 20th Annual Historical/Musical Tribute to Marian Anderson & Mahalia Jackson will take place on Sunday, January 16, 2005, the afternoon concert celebrates the artistic legacies of the two divas with a historic narrative and music from spiritual, classical and gospel songbooks performed by 10 internationally known artists: sopranos Raquasia Hale-Wallace and Jonita Lattimore, gospel artists Felicia Coleman-Pears, Roberta Thomas and Tamaria McCoin, pianist Lee Koonce, jazz pianist Earma Thompson, bassist John Whitley, and recently the organizers of the Museum said it will become part of the future expansion of the DuSable Museum of African American History on 57th Street. Auditions for entertainers—Singers, rappers, spoken word performers, bands, etc seeking exposure and to merchandise their CD's, clothing etc, or upcoming performance dates, a television show called "next Up Talent Showcase" will be aired of artists of the Chicago-land and Northern Indiana areas.

Gospel Music Museum for Chicago Update, as reported in SSJ December 1, 2004 the museum would be located in Englewood, recently the organizers of the Museum said it will become part of the future expansion of the DuSable Museum of African American History on 57th Street. Auditions for entertainers—Singers, rappers, spoken word performers, bands, etc seeking exposure and to merchandise their CD's, clothing etc, or upcoming performance dates, a television show called "next Up Talent Showcase" will be aired of artists of the Chicago-land and Northern Indians area.

For info call Enoch "NOC" Muhammad (773) 619-2455

More Auditions
From the play "Skipper" based on the life of FFC Mill on L. Oliver, an American hero. Written by Oscar Walden, Jr. and presented and directed by William Brown. To audition provide a resume and head shots (Black and white, a 5 minute monologue, plus a song and solo. For information call (312) 315-5359.

Black programs on Internet vs. television? NiaVision.com a Black owned television station that broadcasts all original programs on the Internet. Just like watching TV, only from an Internet connected computer. The programs look better with high-speed connection. Visit www.niavision.com to learn more, and their free programs in Black TV Online.
City Budget

were, “The black alderman, are un­armed, a bunch of individuals.”

“It would be hard to understand the entire budget if you were not at the committee hearings. Some modifications from the original budget included shifting some of the proposed alcohol tax increase from beer to wine and liquor, and dropping increases in the motor vehicle license tax, as well as sidewalk cafe fees. Ald. Howard Brooks (21) voted against the funding provision of the budget, rationalizing that Blacks buy wine and liquor more than beer. “The increase hit black people more. In addition, it is easier for people in city boarder wards to enter the suburbs to purchase cheaper priced cigarettes and liquor. Brooks also admitted the budget does not address the towing problem and the contracts.

At a budget hearing at the South Shore Culture Center the overwhelming testimonies addressed city services threatened by the projected deficit budget. Some expressed concern for improved city services, yet others, ignoring obvious budget shortcomings, proclaimed Daley the best mayor ever.

Bill ‘Doc’ Walls, by all indications, a 2007 mayoral candidate, said he called to congratulate the aldermen on their stand. “We must call them out when they vote against our interest and support them when they vote correctly.”

Chicago mayor.

Daley commented, “Everyone likes complex” and hosted a record city of services without cuts. An unnamed city employee confirmed allegations that Daley staged the public hearings.

But Walls contradicts his statement insisting services are being cut. The budget contains almost $50 million in new program cuts, in addition to $23 billion in cuts that Daley has made since 1989. Cuts were also felt in the community where the City is proposing to issue a $186 million bond to fund neighborhood improvement projects (in 2003 the Mayor proposed a $195 million bond, after passage of the 2004 Budget, the bond issue was reduced to $10 million) reported by the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group calling it, “Promises broken.”

Daley said “Revenues are not keeping up with inflation or our needs,” and Springfield’s failure to approve a city owned casino for Chicago, warning that things could get worse, in effect, positions Springfield officials to eventually approve a Chicago casino.

The mayor’s office stated the casino issue had nothing to do with this year’s budget. But looking away the mayor is steering for a casino, alleging it would generate hundreds of millions in new revenue, alleviate raising property taxes and create thousands of new jobs.

Sources say that is the real deal allows legislators to bail out the CTA, pay for it with a casino, thus avoiding a property taxes increase.

City Workers

“I am all i want my job” the city unions chanted, working without a contract the last 18 months. “We are not going to take it.”

But they did. In 1989, there were 38,689 full-time positions in City government. In 2004, there will be approximately 25,000.

As the city continues to negotiate with the unions, the mayor delays raises for exempt personnel six months and will reduce the number of vacancies by another 240 positions. The recent 3,000 fewer budget positions in this year’s budget than last year”.

Privatizing jobs has escalated over the last eight years, and the mayor’s office reports that in the coming months the mayor will present an agenda to increase privatization.

O’Hare airport and the selling of the Chicago Skyway are only examples of city jobs being privatized. Contractor work is the base for privatization with issues surrounding emergency contract work as high as $200,000. Unable to meet privatization cost comparisons, the budget office argued the emphasis is on better quantity and concern services. Added the cost is a minimal.

Disputing the minimal claim, “Privatization will cost more,” said Cononate. “This is a ploy to fatten Daley’s campaign chest and provide him a White pin stripe pow­

trongue army. This mayor is a union buster.” He said “And men in support of the budget turned their backs on the unions and their family members who are city workers.”

Mark Loveless said, “But this is the Mayor these city workers voted for. Daley has many of these city workers house slaves, Black, White, or Latino? Now they need something.”

Looking to the political future, Cononate said, “The northwest voters are really backing up Daley’s pile-of-dicks. We just want a good challenger, Daley’s future is in the air. He is a real question…” 4 million in destroy­­

ing Meggs Fields is an example of poor spending. The Mayor’s “Millennium Park cost of $475 million,”

Cononate, said two thirds of the voters, 600,000 voters stay home and only 8% to 11% of the black voters came out to vote, and the mayor won. “That is no overwhelming majority. For there is an opening crack in the armor”.

Walls and Cononate announced they have joined forces to fight for the rights of average citizens. Furthermore, they both said they would politically oppose the Mayor and will continue to support his scandalous tax and spend administration.

New year city budget, Daley: “The Best Mayor Chicago ever had”

Voice citizens in lieu of $220 million deficit.

Kwanzaa Quiz

Q1. What is the term for the seven principles of Kwanzaa? (2) (Ngunu Saba)

Q2. The candleholder that is used during the Kwanzaa celebration is called. (2) A kinara

Q3. In creating the holiday, Maulana Karenga added a second "a" to the original Swahili word to the first celebration wanted a "Harambee!" (3) "Umoja" in Swahili

Q4. Which Kwanzaa principle would be most closely associated with making a purchase at an African-American-owned shop? (3) Ujamaa

Q5. What do the ears of corn, called “mulimi,” in a Kwanzaa display represent? (3) Each child in a family

Q6. Which Kwanzaa principle would most closely be associated with making a purchase at an African-American-owned shop? (3) Ujamaa

Q7. Which is the Swahili word recited at every Kwanzaa celebration that means, “Let’s pull together”? (2) “Harambee!"

Q8. The colors of the black Na­tional Flag, or “bendera,” are red, black, and green. What does each color symbolize? (2) Red: the struggle of the people; Black: for black people; Green: the hope of the future

Q9. Fill in the blank: The pouring of libations is usually performed in honor of our ancestors by (3) an elder

Q10. The Karamu is the major Kwanzaa feast held on December 31. What 1980s song features lyrics about this feast? (2) “All Night Long” by Lionel Richie

Result of Kwanzaa Quiz

Hamlin.

Citing other problems in Ohio: unequal access to voting ma­chines in the suburbs, to the long lines in the inner cities. Jackson also cited numerous reports of glitches and outright ma­trixes from electronic voting machines (privately owned by a partisan who calls out the ballot he would win Ohio for Bush).

“And why, in Warren County, Republican dominated election officials declare a ‘homeland security emergency,” locked out the press and all independent ob­servers, and conducted with a closed door, secret vote count?” Jackson explained perhaps the most revealing comment came in the comparison of the vote tally for Ennen Connolly, a Democratic Patty State Supreme Court candidate. In several coun­ties, her margin over her opponent far exceeded - by hundreds of thou­sands - the margin between Kerry and Bush.

Exit polls in Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania - key swing states — varied from the Election Day re­sults with irregularities in these states.

Jackson said, Secretary Black will most likely reconvene himself from all proceedings related to Ohio’s election, as a co-chair of the Bush-Cheney campaign in Ohio. This is a clear conflict of interest and undermines the fairness of the process.

“We have an antiquated Elec­tional College system that must be abolished. Cong. Jesse Jackson, Jr. also called for constitutional am­endment on the right to vote for all U.S. citizens — presidential election would be set of rules where the individual right to vote is protected — will go a long way toward achieving this goal.”

(Continued from page 2)
CTA

Lawndale. "We've been pushing hard for months against CTA's so-called 'Gridlock Budget.' We warned the CTA that this is intimidating lawmakers during the Veto Session wouldn't work. We pleaded with them to think outside the box and work with us to find solutions. Now maybe we'll have the breathing space to bring about some real reform."

Other state officials who were commended were Senators Meeks and Trotter, Representatives Arzuante Collins, Ken Dankin, and Colvin, and all the members of the Black Caucus for speaking out. Rev. Cy Fields of the Interfaith Organizing Project Rev. Fields explained, "CTA has huge credibility problems with the public. We have long called on CTA to open up their books. It's no good to throw money at them when we can't be sure it will be for the communities that need the service the most."

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