Why are there 200,000 black and Latino men in jail? Many say it's commonly known at least 40% are there due to unfair treatment.

POlITEs IN THE PROSECUTION OF THE Law

As Richard M. Daley is surrounded by a myriad of scandals in city government, there is one scandal that has so far remained under wraps. In April, the Chicago Police Torture Victims organized by the Enough is Enough Campaign (EEC) and the Campaign to End the Death Penalty filed petitions to U.S. Attorney General Patrick Fitzgerald to inquire into Mayor Daley's involvement in the Chicago Police torture cases.

Supporters of victims say it involves the Mayor's role as State's Attorney from 1983 - 1987, the time that over 97 inmates are identified as wrongfully convicted and tortured by the Chicago police, and sentenced to death row or life in prison.

At the core of the torture "ring" is retired Area 2 Chicago Police Lt. Jon Burge, former CPD Supt. John Byrne and several other officers. The torture included electrocution, suffocation, burns and severe beatings by police detectives and then, as Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Mayor Richard M. Daley, are tides to retire Area 2 Chicago Police Lt. Jon Burge, prosecution.

The 1983 Shakman Decrees were overturned in 1999 by the 7th U.S. Circuit Court. In the civil suit filed by the Enough is Enough Campaign (EEC) and the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, theZX judges ruled that the 1983 Shakman Decrees were unconstitutional and that the Mayor of Chicago was to be held personally liable for the denial of equal protection of the law by employee officers.

State Pledges to Improve Job/Contracting on Dan Ryan and Kingery Expressway

The State of Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has heard the cries of the Black community regarding the lack of Black workers on State road projects, in which the State has set a goal to 34%, that was 2% a year ago of the $600 million Dan Ryan and Kingery Expressway reconstruction projects.

"I'll believe it when I see it," said Omar Sharer, 4, president of the African-American Contractors Association, noting that state officials locked out contractors who wanted to attend a meeting on May 26, 2005 at IDOT facility at 35th and Normal as over 200 contractors, labor and press were kept outside the meeting that was called by IDOT. In the meeting IDOT addressed setting aside a portion of this June for summer's contracts of $34 - 39 million for small businesses, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal and creating a pre-apprentice, on-the-job training program for women and minorities. Whom most were not able to get into the meeting.

IDOT said it has broken apart seven larger contracts to include smaller firms, worth approximately $4.4 million. These contracts will be set aside and may only be bid on by firms with $10 million or less in annual revenues.

The issue goes back to community activists lead by the Bronzeville area who challenged the State in 2003 for economic incentives for the surrounding communities, that reach to 95th Street and which they formed the Committee to Save the Dan Ryan (CSDR).

CSDR put pressure on IDOT to recognize or support Transportation and Community Development objectives in the historic Bronzeville community and that the reconstruction is consistent with the community infrastructure plans with regard to "public space planning (Continued on page 8)
The Millions More Movement, (MMM) declared the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan—who stood with a cane that he used to gesture as much as to support-compared his own pain which he’s suffered since mid-April caused by an inflamed sciatic nerve, with the national pain of Black people as slaves and descendants of slaves.

The goal, Mosley Farrakhan said is so that the least of our people live in a decent home, have health care, a good education, free from police brutality and mob attacks.

Signing on to the three day event includes Rev. Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, Dr. Maulana Karenga, Conrad Worrill, and a host of other national leaders has joined MMM.

However, others see that the march/movement would be best served in their prospective communities simultaneously to send a real message said talk show host Michael Jones of Trick City.

"All these ideas, are good, but what is the point that the communities do not benefit from the economies of a million people generating over $100 million for three days, and no economies coming back to the community," Said Jones. "We are feeding the enemy.

The Nation of Islam nor partners did not return SSJ calls in response to how much the event will cost, and its return to the economy of the communities.

"I want to see unity, but not at all cost coming from our community going to someone else," Expresses Jones.

The MMM meetings are being held at Park Manor Christian Church 773 483-2115, 773 483-2431, Rally Hotline: 773.469.7866 http://www.officialmillionmanmarchreunion.com

U.S. wanted and used Slaves to build the Nation’s Capitol

who cut the logs, laid the stones and baked the bricks.

Shuyler, since the first election of a national capital along the Potomac surrounded by the two slave-owning states of Maryland and Virginia. farmers rented out their slaves for an average of $55 a year to help build the Capitol, the White House, the Treasury Department and the streets laid out by city planner Pierre L’Enfant.

They also were involved in the expansion of the Capitol in the late 1850s there apparently were more than 400 slaves hired out.

The Task Force for Black Political Empowerment that has been meeting in the basement of Inner city

The millions were coming to a meeting with this ad

for the task force to study the history of slave labor in the construction of the Capitol. Historians say slaves were the largest labor pool when Congress in 1796 decided to create a new national capital along the

"I don't eat meat. " I don't eat meat anymore. Dyson told Playahata.

Eric Dyson went on being the N word anymore. Dyson told Playahata.com because To paraphrase The Apostle Paul said in the Bible that “it would not offend my brother. I don't eat meat!"” Finally, Rev. Jesse Jackson, asked me to refrain from publicly using the "N" word because it obscured what he termed the effectiveness of my intellectual witty ness. I'm still riding for those whole black and white are against the wall.

The weatherman

Former 3rd Ward candidate, Pat Dowd should know that there is a Citizen’s elected Sheriff Tillman? Well, that’s what it says on Alderman Dorothy Tillman, financial disclosure forms.

And from the 3rd ward to the 4th ward L.C. the owner of the Checker Board Lounge is preparing to reopen the historical lounge in the Harper Court on 33rd Street of Hyde Park.

The Dearborn REALTIST® Board held its 6th Installation and Awards Luncheon installed. Diane Oeltz, Broker and Attorney-at-Law as President of the oldest and largest minority real estate trade organization in the nation. The Dearborn Board is the local chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Inc. (NAREB) whose members are known as “REALTISTS®”

Award time. Michele Brock have been confirmed as one of the award recipients of the Alpha Kappa Al phi’s “Pearls of Excellence Award!” Eddie Read is getting an award from the Chicago Defender Charlie.
“Blacks aint so dumb after all. We just-us finally got some justice.”

City up to settlement $80 m law suit of 6,000 black fire applicants

The City of Chicago has about 5,000 firefighters and paramedics, roughly 400 are of African Americans. Technically the reason for the low Black enrollment is due to they score lower on the test.

However, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) won a ruling in the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in favor of Black Applicants for Firefighter Positions that the entrance exam discriminated against African Americans. It resulted in the city taxpayers paying $80 million that could be awarded to 6,000 Black applicants part of the law suit who took the exam 1995 firefighters entrance exam, based on it discriminated against African Americans, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

The award also includes the city hiring 132 African Americans, for roughly 400 vacancies and replacing retired firefighters.

"It feels good. Its been a long fight, it is consistent with our on-going complaint. Said Pam Adams, who told the exam in 1995 and passed, but was not excepted in the ranks of the Chicago Fire Department. "We know it, and the city has a long history of discriminating. The jingle rules in our favor," said reports are the $80 million tab could be even higher called the city's "statistically meaningless" test.

"But the city continues to appeal the decision. Mayor Richard Daley said the issue now is saving the tax payers money. But as the city stalls, its costing the tax payers more. The $500,000 a year is four times what the black applicants were willing to accept a year ago.

"If the city keeps stonewalling it'll proceed to adjudicate damages. It will end up being incredibly expensive," said Matt Piers, the former deputy corporation counsel representing black firefighters. Since the summer 1995, blacks lined around corner to take the exam.

The lawsuit, Lewis v. City of Chicago, argued that the 89-point cutoff used by the City for well-qualified applicants was arbitrary, and not valid. Plaintiffs also argued that the City had alternatives that equally served its interests and at the same time would have permitted the hiring of greater numbers of African-American applicants for the firefighter jobs during the period 1995-2001.

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Dan Ryan involvement and minority contractors on the $600 million reconstruction projects. With ongoing negotiation from many sectors of the community, to one community tension. Governor Rod Blagojevich appointed a task force with the task of making recommendations to IDOT.

When the task force was disbanded charges and questions were raised by members that there was a deliberately exclusion of black workers on the development. And that IDOT enacted a "divide and conquer" premise with $2.6 million community outreach campaign to replace the Task Force to include black elected officials and boarder community outreach.

Further this year, the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Government Reform Special Investigations Division responded to a request by Congressman Bobby Rush (D-Ill) to research construction contracts on the Dan Ryan Expressway Reconstruction Project. The study concluded that local firms and minorities were being shut out of jobs and opportunities.

Governor Rod Blagojevich acknowledged the report saying that the Reconstructing should hold a list of opportunities for the people of the neighborhoods. Adding that his administration had made substantial improvements on the project, and that the case with less than 10% of the jobs are going to local residents and only 4% of the contracts to Black businesses, in a community that is 97% "That's unacceptable and it will change," said the Governor. However there was no indication if black businesses included a breakdown of contractors, laborers, service providers or vendors.

This past May Blagojevich requested a waiver from federal rules in order to implement a local hiring preference for contractors to employ residents that live along the Dan Ryan. Attempting to stay in federal rules by avoiding using terms as contracts for Blacks. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has designated 22 African-American communities that surround the Dan Ryan as "distressed" because of poverty and high unemployment rates in order to benefit the communities they most impact.

The Governor will boost community participation by seeking a waiver for a local hiring preference from IDOT. In the meantime we marched through Daley's neighborhood and forced the city to release its explosive contents. Their protesting eventually led to the firing of Burge and the torture of detainees. Mr. Devine was a lawyer during the time of Mr. Paternoster's incorporation for the law office of Phelan, Pope, and John, which defended Burge during the Chicago Office of Professional Standards investigation. He was subsequently elected state's attorney.

Devine's conflict of interest was addressed when a judge ruled to remove him and the State's Attorney's office from handling cases, handing it over to Attorney General Lisa Madigan. It is in the hope to expose the silence about the injustices. EEC supporters say the problem goes all the way to the top. Pointing to Daley, and his political ally Devine, supporters insist, "There is no doubt that these officials knew what was going on. Both had complaints on file of abuse on the registration." Neither Daley nor Madigan's political opponents corresponded to SSJ to address the allegations against the mayor.

EEC is challenging the courts to explain why U.S. Attorney General Fitzgerald never uncovered any of this corruption of the Mayor. The Attorney's office informed SSJ that they are not aware of the petitions submitted to their office and cannot comment on any case that is just under investigation. They went on to say that if there are any grounds to pursue the allegations of the petitions, no comments could be made until formal charges have been filed.

Judge Allows Hearing vs. Madigan Disapproval

The state of torture will again be brought to the courts as newly discovered evidence was found in March of this year, Cook County Judge Nicholas ready to give police torture victim Robert Orozco as evidentiary hearing could possibly lead to the first new trial for a non-death row police torture victim. Orozco was prosecuted by then State's Attorney Dan Patrick.

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Dan Ryan

...only 4% of the contracts to Black businesses, in a community that is 97% "That's unacceptable and it will change." Gov. Rod Blagojevich

IDOT is working with union halls to voluntarily remove members from the zip codes within the Dan Ryan and Kingery projects. Thus far the Carpenters and Teamsters Unions have agreed to do this voluntary program.

Members of the CSOR says it sounds like the Medicare Grant money of 1994 where status benefits reached people the it was intended for which may say a peak topic for next year Governor elections, Mr. Shareef says they are no more than empty promises as Blacks continue to be locked out of the progress coming questions to the Gover­ nor's office.

Supporting the Governor initiative, Sen. James Meeks (Calumet City) and Rep. Mar­ lowe Colvin (D-Chicago) and Blagojevich is doing the right thing in moving forward, as some state representatives made telephone calls to activists to be present at the meeting for accountability.

Clayflary could not say if the 34% and per­ centage goal included the 100 miles to be harvested this summer.

Shares the experience of Peoria con­ tractor Fred Dunag, who despite 30 years in business has been unable to secure work on the $470 million I-74 project.

"Politicians don't keep their word; they keep falling back into the same situations," said Dunag, who president of the Peoria chapter of AACA.

"We will therefore keep up the pressure," With no measure and monitoring program to meet the 34% goal for black contractors "one of us said, "We expect real progress, and we need to see it soon. We will not lose interest in the issue. It's our livelihood".

Prosecution of the law

"The decision was monumental in the fight to seek justice for the Chicago police torture victims and all of those who are wrongly convicted, cited a spokesperson for the victims." She went on to say that Attorney General now has 118 Burge police torture cases. Attorney Madigan has discovered that nine torture claims of former death row inmate and death row 10 member, Victor "Corky" Brown, even though there has been sufficient evidence that the torture occurred. "We ask that Lisa Madigan do the right thing and allow Omelas in at least have a hearing."Reports are Omelas was tortured by deceased Detective Yucitis, resulting in a signed false confes­ sion" in the Chicago police torture scandal associated with 9 other torture cases.

Omelas was arrested on No­ vember 15, 1996 in Frankfurt, Illinois along with others suspects. Omelas told his mother, Mary Omelas, "If the cops had been your anyone else that the way they beat me, you'd could told you." Judge Nicolai Ford is ruling over the procedure that Omelas was beaten out of a confession to the Atta and 2 & 3 under Burge. The Goldston report acknowledges Yucitis as one of the major "players" responsible for the torture victims.

For every seven exonerations, there have been since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976, one death row inmate has been set free. In Illinois, there have been more as just as many exonerations as executions. Ronald Jones be­ came the 12th man to walk off the state's death row (and the 7th nationally) when DNA evi­ dence proved he could not have committed the rape and murder that led to his conviction.

The EEC says it is representing all of the Chi­ cago police torture victims, and other wrong­ fully convicted citizens, including the former death row in­ mated - Madison Hobley, Stanley Howard, Aaron Patterson and Lomita Orange

"The next step is Attorney's office to investigate po­ licemen torture in Chicago will be the first," said Ron Kone, in an article "Deaf to the Screams", in the Chicago Reader.

"It is now common knowledge that in the early 1980s, Chicago Police Commander Jon Goldston's unit was responsible for the torture of prisoners to extract confessions. Both internal police accounts and matters law suits and appeals brought bank with abuse substance that those beatings and other means of torture occurred as published practice, not just on an isolated basis," said Senior U.S. District Court Judge of Northern
The Overton Hygienic Building is initially to be restored by Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, a local community-based organization. Early April this year it was bought by The Davidson Group, and the company plans are to move from its River North office to the building on 36th and State Street in the Southside Bronzeville Community.

Once owned and to be developed by the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission in honor of Mr. Anthony Overton's legacy and advancing Mr. Overton's business direction into the new millennium. The building is stated for a state-of-the-art smart building technology, to attract young Black professionals and entrepreneurs, particularly of those professions descendant of the early Overton tenants.

In taking the building over the Davidson Group spend $1.5 million on the building that included back liens to continue the project. In 1920 Mr. Overton, a former slave, founded the Chicago Bee—a African-American newspaper, Victory Life Insurance—predecessor to Supreme Life Insurance; Overton Hygienic Manufacturing—one of the nation's foremost producer of Black cosmetics; and Douglas Bank—the country's first Black owned bank. In the early 1920's Mr. Overton built the Chicago Bee Building and the Overton Hygienic Building.

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

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The late Oscar Brown, Jr added; "Before the Sutherland was a temple, it was a place to work. Musicians need employment!" Timmel Black agreed. The Sutherland was but of many places on 47th Street to hear live music. Now it is one of the last of our historic sites. Geri Oliver talked of the importance of having a place in the community to "nerve and discuss things."

An attendee commented that "there seems to be a pattern of raising funds to repair and rehabilitate the Sutherland, but no actual work begins."

There is concern about the future of affordable housing at the Sutherland, as well as increased drug activities in the area due to scaffolding that blocks security cameras.

Community residents are requesting meetings Heartland Alliance to work together to determine the future of this historical site.

Future of the Sutherland Forum

Forum: Jazz and Arts Education Programs at the Sutherland

In a community forum on the future of the historic Sutherland on 47th and Drexel, the question was raised. "Does Heartland Alliance truly appreciate and understand the historic importance of the Sutherland?" The city council ordinance stated that the "Sutherland Ballroom Rehabilitation" and "Sutherland Arts Incubator" see "joint projects" designed to "build community spirit and generate economic benefits."

Questions raised if the Heartland Alliance to live up to their commitments in the delay of the rehabilitation project. Heartland Alliance's proposed usage agreement to Sutherland Community Alliance Initiative (SCAI) in which a spokesperson says Heartland has not address arts education and youth programs on site. Heartland Alliance also SCAI also question Heartland commitment to provide 33% of the usage time to SCAI, or about 157 days.

After Empowerment Zone (EZ) funding was approved and loans secured, Heartland Alliance now proposes to allow 36 days a year for jazz, or around 10% and no allowance for arts education programming on site.

Heartland Alliance is a 501c3 that receives federal, state and municipal funds to provide affordable housing in economically oppressed communities. Heartland Alliance has received $412,000 in EZ funds and a $250,000 loan from LaSalle Bank and an $80,000 loan from the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.

At community forum on the Sutherland future, one attendee commented; "this seems to be a matter of the EZ and Heartland Alliance's corporate integrity, raising the question is there a dual policy here; for the Heartland Alliance downtown and another for SCAI here in the community?"

SCAI's new Board President Rev. C.S. Webber explained; "The arts are important in the spiritual renewal of our community."

At the historic Sutherland on 47th and Drexel...
Emmett's Body
Exhumed against
Family Decision

Key Family Member Backs the Emmett Till Foundation

As authorities are still working on the autopsy results of the cause of death of Emmett Till 14-year-old 50 years ago, Rev. Wheeler Parker, a relative of Till, who was brutally murdered in Mississippi during the summer of 1955 for allegedly whistling at a white woman, said that he agrees with the Emmett Till Foundation's position that Till's body should not have been exhumed from his grave. However, Parker commented, "We met with Bertha and the attorney because of differences of opinions, and, at the time, we agreed collectively that the exhumation should not be done," said Rev. Parker, noting that he supports the foundation. Thomas said Till Mobley never shared with her that she wanted Emmett's body exhumed. (Continued on page 14)

Charges continue on Advocate Hospitals
West Side clerks are continuing to seek justice in the ongoing charges of disinvestment at Advocate HealthCare's Bethany Hospital, Chair of the City Council Health Committee, Ald. Gery Chico has agreed to fact-finding on the charges at Chicago's largest provider of health care and the impact it has on West Side residents. They have held community forums and took freedom bus rides from Bethany Hospital to Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in the affluent suburb of Barrington. "We are concerned that Advocate, while upholding the mantle of Jesus Christ as a compassionate health care provider with a faith-based mission, is turning a blind eye to the poor by diverting resources from urban hospitals," said Rev. Clarence R. Kelley, president of MAC West. The disparities in spending referred to by the pastors appeared in a report titled "Separate and Unequal: Racial Redlining in Investments at Advocate Hospitals," which showed that the state's largest health care provider invested nine times more in hospitals serving economically affluent, white communities than it invested in hospitals serving predominately minority and low-income neighborhoods. The report, produced by the Hospital Accountability Project of the Service Employees International Union, is available at www.hospitalmonitor.org.

Signatures reduced for 2007 Mayoral Election

For years activist Bruce Crosby and others have been organizing to lower the mayoral election requirement from 25,000 signatures to get their candidate on the ballot. That candidate was one of two family members who disagreed with the foundation. Rev. Parker said those reports misquoted him.

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14-year-old, Emmett Till 50 years ago, the FBI went ahead digging the body up located at the Burr Oak Cemetery in south suburban Alsip. The FBI agents came shortly after some news organizations reported that the family was upset over already done by the FBI to exhume.

During a press conference at the Rainbow PUSH, before the body was exhumed, Bertha Thomas, the president of the Emmett Till Foundation, said the family does not want the body exhumed. Till's body was established in 1969 by Till's mother, Mamie Till Mobley. Thomas said Till Mobley asked her to lead the foundation.

News reporter earlier reported that Rev. Wheeler was one of two family members who disagreed with the foundation. Rev. Parker said those reports misquoted him.

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Campaign for South Side Dump
Community Expose Deceptive Waste Management 'Trash to Park'

"We won't swap five years of dumping for company's promise of park," say residents, who charge Waste Management with circulating misleading petition to expand enormous dump.

On Tuesday, June 7 at the Chicago City Council Environmental Protection Committee, 16th Ward Alderman John Pope's proposed amendment to extend the City's Landfill permutation for an additional five years. His actions were supported by community groups opposed to Waste Management Inc.'s "Garvey Park" proposal to expand the giant CID Landfill in southeast Chicago in exchange for the company's promise to build a park on the site.

After the City Council hearing, community groups outlined the reasons for their support for Alderman Pope's proposal, and to expose what they call Waste Management's deceptive campaign to build a park at the dumpsite.

Waste Management has proposed expanding its 300-acre landfill at 130th and the Bishop Ford Freeway, adjacent to the communities of Hegewisch, Riverdale and Englewood Gar­ dens. Chicago's landfill moratorium establishes no further development or expansion of landfills beyond their originally permitted capacity 20 years ago, and CID's permit required it to close in June of 2005.

Waste Management has promised to provide jobs and funds to develop a park on the site in exchange for expanding and operating the dump for an additional five years.

Community and environmental groups are charging Waste Manage­ ment with running a dishonest public relations campaign to gather support for the "trash to park" proposal. A spokesperson said the company has been circulating a petition among businesses asking for support in turning the landfill into a park.

The resolution also calls for the city to abandon its attempts to override the Landfill Alternatives or People for Community Recovery, which opposes expanding the dump. "A new park in our community would be wonderful — but not in the way it is proposed to benefit our health and environment with new dumping," said Alderman Chico.

Community groups say the promised jobs already exist at WM's cur­ rent site. The resolution calls for the provider to invest nine times more in hospitals serving economically affluent, white communities than it invested in hospitals serving predominately minority and low-income neighborhoods.

The report was produced by the Hospital Accountability Project of the Service Employees International Union, is available at www.hospitalmonitor.org.

Aldermen address scandals

With Daley's $13 million war on political corruption and hiring scandals, contract cronies, and misleading petition to expand enormous CID Landfill in southeast Chicago, and CID's permit requires an additional five years. Community and environmental groups opposed to Waste Management's proposal to expand the CID Landfill, and to expose what they call Waste Management's deceptive campaign to build a park on the site.

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Kool; as an example, as anti tobacco group stage how to fight teen use of cigarettes

Chicago became known as "ground zero" in the battle against Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co.'s Kool M1XX campaign that targeted teens with flavored cigarettes, hip hop giveaways and images. Activists here led the way for the country with a coalition that included politicians, grassroots activism and anti tobacco groups, organizers said. "Chicago was the heart of the fight against the Kool movement and that energy fed into other cities," said Sherri Watson-Hyde, executive director of the Florida-based National African American Tobacco Prevention Network (NAATPN). "They changed the face of how tobacco is marketed to minorities."

Chicago discriminated against Black Fire applicants

District Judge James Holderman ruled Wednesday that the Chicago Fire Department violated the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution when it hired less than five percent of the African-American candidates, even though they represented about 35 percent of the candidate pool. Scientifically, the city's hiring practices were found to be discriminatory, based on statistical analysis of past exams. The judge said the department could also award pay for promotions eight of the firefighters would have received if they'd been promoted at the time of the 1986 test.

Former Chicago police officer Thomas S. Johnson, speaking on behalf of the firefighters in court, said the city had hired only 40 African-American firefighters since 1980, when the department had 1,345 members. "In the time that we have been fighting, we have not seen a single black firefighter promoted to a captain's position," he said. "Each of the African-American firefighters were denied promotions in an atmosphere of confusion and miscommunication about affirmative action's goals and modes of implementation."

Concerning existing affirmative-action policies among Whites, Blacks, and members of other racial and ethnic groups has triggered behavior acts as well as 28 Chicago firefighters attended a party at a firehouse in 1996. Unfortunately for them a videotape was made of portions of the party which video showed inebriated firefighters using racial slurs and exposing themselves.

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Letter
Code of Silence forum on July 7
Media Politics and the Promise of the Future

In light of the Chicago Sun-Times article "HDO grows into powerful powerhouse" the Hispanic Democratic Organization has been silent with their political might, but seen overtly with the contractors laboring jobs in the city, very noted compared to Blacks hanging out on the corner of 47th and Prairie.

As the article stated the HDO power came into play that Richard Daley became mayor.

It is in no comparisons to what can and could happen in Chicago with the two most noted Black men on earth: Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and Min. Louis Farrakhan. With Farrakhan at Rainbow PUSH convention this year, and Jackson actively at the Millen More March in Chicago one could believe that the political powerhouse of Black Chicago is about to happen in Chicago.

"The chickens are coming home to roost." was Malcolm on bands on those words regarding the ascension of President John F. Kennedy. Not as much as he called out the March on Washington in 1963. Cardwell was written out, on the original march was to be on the New York Airport runway. Instead Kennedy gave them $600,000 to march between a dead man name Lincoln and another one name George Washington, singing "We shall over come.

But yet, these leaders did get Kennedy to address Black issues that lead over to the Johnson administration.

So what is the code of silence that the Chicago Sun-Times is not addressing the power of Blacks in Chicago with a political machine? Or even about John Stenger head of the Cook County Board political machine of the 8 ward with less than 2% of contractor going to Blacks with all the time he been in office. Mayor Richard M. Daley is doing better than him with the contracts.

It took Congressmen Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL) to get any action.

Monica and Jimmy Carter (D-CA) wanted to raise the interest on Mayor Daley which led the media on scandal hunts making its way into Daley's campaign funds (1/3/2005). But none of the scandals has touched the Teflon Mayor or his political might that national leaders are silent about with action.

In the news paper business, "it's not about telling the truth, its getting the truth." Most politicians also live by the rules of not telling all, in that it may hurt not only political friends and their funding, but the compromising they must do for the benefit of small and large advancements.

For one that is known for calling it like it is Malcolm X would say: "If you have a family squabble, take it behind close doors." But raising the bar on accountability, for the life of me it took a while to understand why the late John Sengstacke publisher of the Chicago Defender would deep throttled himself as he headed a staff wide meeting and often spoke on how former Mayor Richard J. Daley directed the editorial direction of his newspaper.

Another threat swallowing crude was his betters for Black civil organizations such as Rainbow PUSH and the Chicago Urban League. Last year at a Rainbow PUSH press conference for the passing of Vernon Jarrett Mr. Sengstacke concerns were directed to address. Rev. Jesse Jackson, he responded, "How can we back them then from their editorial policies." Jackson's position was a reflection of many when the Chicago Defender did not have the insight to support progressive candidates including Harold Washington. It was as if the late Daley still had a grip on the Defender. Reasons that the late Lu Palmer spearhead the nickname, the "Offender." Words that Alderman Dorothy Tillman could say of South Street Journal. Of course as with Malcolm X, you'll be hated for a while (maybe forever to some unforgiving folks).

Given her position and well as Jackson, Farrakhan, and others as insiders on the political organization of Blacks leading to what Can. Jack­son Jr. will do for the mayor election of 2007, they along with every newspaper page per reading that figured a potential mayoral candidate none has exploited newsmen Doc' Walls is indeed a candidate.

The Code of Silence: Media Politics and the Promise of the Future: South Street Journal Advisory Board Associate (SSJABA) takes a look at Chi­ cago, known for plantation politics and the remarks of Frederick Douglas sums it up "I feel especially bound to devote my energies to the freedom and elevation of the races, and the preservation of the rights of the colored people as an object." The forum will help us expand and address issues that are toughly, marking the 100-year of the Chicago De­ fender, how should the Black media stand objectively as symbols for the promise of accountability? Thursday, July 7, 5:30 registration, time: 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Ra­ mada Inn, 4800 S. Lake Shore Drive. Although the forum is free, it will serve as a subscription drive for SSJABA. Tickets range from $10 to $20 to help begin to break the silence. And we hope that you and others will be supportive. Please RSVP: by July 5, 2005, by calling Mr. Dunn at 312-543-8888.

In addition there will be a Silent Art Auction by the work of yours truly of Farrakhan and Jackson.
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June 15 & 22
Speakers, Trainers, Educators, Entrepreneurs... Ready to brush up on your presentation or public speaking skills? Two nights to help you do just that. From 6-8pm An interactive, fast paced Career Day Bronzeville Community Clubhouse 3814 S. Giles Ave 773-541-7724, $70 covers both evenings.

Friday, June 17
4th Annual Nia Enterprises Leadership Summit highlighting many of Chicago's own including Chi-Town's Preeminent Women - Tracey Ashton-Founder and President, Danielle Ashley Communications - Denise D. Campbell-President and CEO, The Preferred Brand, Monique "Mo" Cardano- TV and Radio Personality, President, Mo*mentum Communications, - Merr Dee-Director of Community Relations, Chicago's WGN-TV (Channel Nine), Hermon Thompson-Publisher and CEO, N'DIGO and Savvy magazines. - and a host of others. 312-222-0043

June 18
Calumet, Glen, Prairie Historic Festival & House Walk. 3100 S. Calumet Ave. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 18-19
Beverly Art Fair, 2407 W. 111th Street, June 18: 11 a.m. -10 p.m., June 19: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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The major reunion has been rescheduled for 2006. However, the yearly picnic in Washington Park and step-pers set will continue as (L) Craig Sanderson cousin of brothers Gary and Glen. Cowboy Sandersons former tenants of Taylor "Hole" 5326 S. State Street building. For info call SSJ at 773-375-0100.

A Women's Conference for Social Change held at the University of Chicago and the "New Voices, Old Souls" neo soul concert at the Harold Washington Cultural Center. Singer Ayanna Gregory, daughter of comedian and social activist Dick Gregory, will deliver the keynote address at the 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the School for Social Service Administration.

Malvin King, members of the Visual Artists Association and other community artists will be available. And, Nathan Thompson will discuss his book "Kings the True Story of Chicago's Policy Kings and Numbers Racketeers an Informal History", web site WWW. GBHoa.com

Sunday, June 19
TEMPLE OF MERCY SACRIFICE 7778 S. Halsted St. 2nd &
Presenter: The Power of One (Unity) a powerful lecture by Bro. Minister Rahim Chesed Alon 6-8 PM

Monday, June 20
South Street Journal Advisory Board Associates meeting. For information and location Open to the public call 773-375-0100.

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Bronzeville Art Fair

June 25-26th

Bronzeville's Historic Art Fair Scheduled for June 25-26, at Lake Meadows Shopping Center 'Art Renaissance - Rebirth of the Lake Meadows Art Fair' at 35th Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive.

Nelsh Artistic Expressions will present "Art Renaissance - Rebirth of the Lake Meadows Art Fair". The fair will operate from 11am - 7pm on Saturday and 11am - 6pm on Sunday. The invitational show will feature a wide array of multimedia works by professionals and students; crafts, including jewelry, quilts, dolls and books. There will be a student art contest, live entertainment and activities for children. Local, regional and national artists will be represented.

The original Lake Meadows Art fair has a long history, beginning in 1956, when Dr. Margaret Burrroughs, founder of the DuSable Museum of African American History, organized the premiere fair. Over the years, it was instrumental in launching the careers of many now prominent African-American artists. This historic tradition will honor Chicago's art legends with a special tribute to Dr. Margaret Burrroughs, Sylvester Britton and Melvin King. All are artists who emerged from the Bronzeville community to achieve national fame.

According to Helen West, proprietor of Nelsh Artistic Expressions, which spearheads the fair, "Bronzeville has always been the cultural heart of Chicago's African-American community. We want the fair to emerge once again as THE destination for fine ethnic art and we want to attract a multicultural audience that appreciates what Bronzeville means to Chicago."

"Now is the time," says Helen West, "to top off development with a cultural renaissance."
Ald. Howard Brookins march with "We want Jobs"

By Ms. Beauty Turner

In front of the Lowden Homes located at 200 West 95th street, by a heavily gated fence that leads into a construction site, over a hundred protesters up like a chorus line chanting "We want Jobs!". Their voices echo out amidst the rain drops that formed puddles in the broken side walk cracks.

Leading the protest was Alderman Howard Brookins (21 ward) who said that he was there in support of his constituents.

"The people are out here because they want jobs and they have every right to work!" Willie Cooper an Activist and long time resident of Lilydale Outreach organization said.

All types of umbrellas raised and formed a rainbow coalition as each one of the protestors marched around the construction site in the rain, each one holding signs that read: We want Jobs, Terry Peterson let us work, Black participate, and we want to work now!

Brookins went onto say, "I believe that people who want a job should be given that opportunity; the section 3 policy states that people in the community from those projects should work on those sites, they don’t have to be union labor, there is no excuse that they could not find qualified people to work on these sites, and as elected officials we should make sure that this happen and not only in public housings but on the Dan Ryan and other public work projects," Brookins continues.

“Where do we want?” A loud demanding voice echo out of the crowd and the crowd replied "Jobs," "When do we want them?" "Now!" The crowd chanted back. In an African drum beat rhythm that seem to pick up pace as the protest went on.

"You see young men and young women who want to work who live in this community they want an opportunity to take care of their families too, every body come into our communities and work but us," Ulysses (U.S.) Floyd, Activist and another one of the co-founder of the Lilydale Outreach Organization said.

"We put in some applications a long time ago (Continued on page 14) .

College Fund from Chase Bank offering a full scholarship

The United Negro College Fund/JP Morgan Chase Bank is offering a full scholarship known as the John F. McGillicuddy Scholarship. This scholarship pays full tuition and provides a computer loaded with the latest software. This scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors entering as a college freshman full time at a UNCF college/university. Applicants must be residents of one of the below participating states. Participating States: Missouri, California, Indiana, Arizona, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Delaware, Michigan, Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, Colorado, Louisiana, Utah, West Virginia. Should you have any scholarship only related questions you can contact Leroy Clarke at Leroy.Clarke@jpmorgan.com. All Scholarship Information Can Be Found: http://www.uncf.org/scholarships/scholarships.aspx?sid=10-173 Application Deadline: Tuesday, May 31, 2005.
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sengers of truth. Using poetry, rhythm and music, his upcoming film, A Hip Hop Journey With The Ancestors, chronicles the history of African people from the ancient empires in Egypt and America, to the empires of West Africa, to the slave trade, to the present day fight for self-determination. The Earth Works organization assisted in launching the production of this film, which will include popular Hip Hop Artists from around the country. For more information contact Latifmediagroup@yahoo.com.

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Till body

"All she wanted was an apology," said Thomas, noting that she never received it during the more than 40 years she sought justice in the case.

Rev. Jesse Jackson said the FBI should have honored the family's wishes. He has called on the FBI to meet with the family to provide them with additional information. The family learned about the exhumation through the media.

Reports from the Chicago Sun-Times were the examiners have recovered what they believe to be fragments of a bullet, a cause close to the investigation said.

Till body was never examined, his cause of death was never identified except through a ring he was wearing.

Reports were the Till was beat with a .45 Colt automatic pistol and later shot. The all white jury acquitted except through a ring he was wearing. The family learned about the exhumation in the media.

"There are those who fear this action by the FBI is grandstanding," said Rev. Jackson, who has been meeting with the family and seeking the family's wishes. He has called on the FBI to meet with the family to provide them with additional information. The family learned about the exhumation through the media.

"The FBI is not searching for the murderers or conspirators," Rev. Jackson said. "They know the killers.

We want Jobs and we have not received a call back" Phylis Rodgins a young single mother of two said. Another young woman who stood by her side, Laila Binwalee said "I have four children plus three grand­children that lives with me and all I'm receiving is food stamps, I'm out here because I really do want to work!"

"CHL has a legally binding section 3 policy that suppose to employ people from the community when new work comes into a low income community and we are here today to make our voices heard and to demand jobs," Paul McKinley a member of VOTE Voices of the Ex-offenders said.

Sitting in a black mark police car baring the official call letters not to be added, "The FBI has not done its job. This is the same FBI that failed to pursue justice in the murders of Schwerner, Goodman and Cheney. This is the same FBI that threatened to "expose' Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who complained that justice was moving too slowly," far from the protesters was CHA spoke person Derek Hill. Hill commenting on the protest said, "I don't blame them. They want to take this issue to the floor and we have not received a call from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services."

"We also support the efforts of Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL)," said Thomas, noting that she never wanted to know, but can this effort be trusted."

"Since yesterdays protest when we were over 200 protestors we have already hire 6 Blacks, 5 Caucasian and 1 Hispanic," Hill added. "But CHA promise that we will hire more people that live in this community, Hill went on to say. "We want to know how many people from the community when new work comes into a low income community and we are here today to make our voices heard and to demand jobs".

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