The New Shining "Star" of Bronzeville

Revitalizing 47th St. with Culture of the Little Black Pearl Workshop. The Washington Center Culture Center; now on 43rd Street is “The Star” a truly must see venue. It is “the” newest hot spot in town. It’s elegant features, and upscale designs; create the most pleasing palate for social ambiance.

3rd Street was the original Blues district of Chicago. Muddy Waters, Les Rawls and Donnell Jones, just to name a few have dwelled and/or entertained on this side of the city. Bronzeville is and will forever be known as “The Blues District

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Entering its 100th year of publishing Defender newspaper shaken with allegations of sex, money, and drugs scandals

Yoahance Locure

The Chicago Defender, celebrating its 100 years in the nation’s sole African American daily newspaper has been at the center of controversy and swirling accusations since last year’s end. Now it is the center of protest that has triggered other media boycotts. The Concerned Citizens Against the Chicago Defender Newspaper (CCACD) removed the Chicago Defender Newspapers from 40 west side and south side locations in the city over the past weeks in their announcement to include a six month boycott of Citizen Newspapers. And expanded the to protest NBC news.

Harold Davis Jr. President of the CCACD said, “We have received word from Defender executives that the management intends to make significant changes in the near future. The boycott and Operation Revival (taking newspapers off newsstands) has been successful resulting in the Defender reducing its publication from 4 days to 3 days weekly. “The Defender announced that it has eliminated Tuesday newspaper is a direct result of the 11-week boycott. The boycott will continue until official changes are made in the paper’s management,” said Davis.

The Chicago Defender official did not say rather the dropping of Tuesdays paper were due to the protesting.

In 2002, the Chicago Defender was acquired by Real Times Inc., a group of newspaper related investors headed by it Chairman Thomas P. Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3) failed to prove that Paul McKinney of VOTE threaten her in 2004; As Ald. Tony Preckwinkle charges of threat lead the prosecution of Joseph Watkins with a four year sentence United Church of God on his book "America Owes Us" stated “desperate measures need to take place in addressing issues.”

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Slavery ties revealed by 4th wd Housing Investor

In what has become an ongoing effort to show the depths of the roots of slavery in this country, senior executives from the Wisconsin Corporation were asked to appear before the City Council Finance Committee to explain the recent disclosure that two of their predecessor companies were involved in slavery.

Initially, the company had signed the City of Chicago’s Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit saying none of its companies had ties to slavery. Upon further research, the company found its previous statement was untrue.

"Deadly Moves" Chicago's Residents Journal, winner of National Award

(Ascribe Newsweek) — The Society of Professional Journalists has announced the first winners of its new national award. First Place went to Mary C. Johns, editor in chief, and Beauty Turner, assistant editor, of Residents' Journal and Brian J. Pajal, associate editor of the Chicago Reporter, for "Deadly Moves," a collection of investigative stories on Chicago pub.

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The Lost Crusade

Luther Vandross
Thank you

Mary’s Corner

By Mary Patton

To kick Mary’s Corner off, SSJ asked at random, “What would you want to ask in an advise and question column?”

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Activists said the stamp was offensive, but not unexpected

Smoke-Free Ordinance Introduced Into City Council

The American Cancer Society is leading the effort to pass a smoke-free ordinance in Chicago in cooperation with the American Heart Association, American Lung Association, National African American Tobacco Prevention Network, Campaign for Tobacco Tree Kids and other coalition partners, including public health organizations, associations and community organizations.

Alderman Ed Smith (28th Ward), chair of the City Council Health Committee introduced a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance into the City Council at the request of the coalition. The ordinance would make Chicago smoke-free in all indoor public places, including workplaces, restaurants and bars.

"Secondhand smoke is a public health issue and we need to act now," said Dr. Steven Senes, president of the National American Cancer Society Board of Directors.

Added Dr. James Weber, chairman of the Chicago Board of Health, "All Chicagoans have the right to breathe clean, smoke-free air. Ten years from now, people are going to look back and wonder why it took us so long to enact a smoke-free law when we were fully aware of the dangers our residents, workers and visitors were being exposed to."

"It's time for Chicago to change its status as the largest city in the United States that does not protect the health of its citizens, particularly its workers, from secondhand smoke," said Ald.

The series of five stamps released for general use Wednesday depicts a child character from a comic book started in the 1940s that is still published in Mexico. The boy, hapless but lovable, is drawn with exaggerated features, thick lips and wide-open eyes. His appearance, speech and mannerisms are the subject of kidding by white characters in the comic book.

The Mexican government defended the stamps, saying that "Speedy Gonzalez" - a cartoon mouse with a Mexican accent that debuted in the United States in 1935 - the M Emmis Pinguin character shouldn't be interpreted as a racial slur.

"Just as Speedy Gonzalez has never been interpreted as a racist in any way, Mexicans in Mexico, wherever they are born, are not offensive, but not expected."

One would hope the Mexican government would be a little more careful and avoid continually opening wounds," said Sergio Penalosa, an activist in Mexico's small black community on the southern Pacific coast.

"But we've learned to expect anything from this government, just anything," Penalosa said. In May, Fox riled many by saying that Mexican migrants take jobs in the United States that "not even black want."

For expressed regret for any offense the remarks may have caused, but insisted his comments had been misinterpreted.

Carlos Caballero, assistant marketing director for the Mexican Postal Service, said the stamps are not offensive, but not expected.

"This is a traditional character that reflects part of Mexico's culture," Caballero said. "His mischievous nature is part of that character."

However, Penalosa said many Mexicans still assume all blacks are foreigners, despite the fact that at one point during the Spanish colonial era, Africans outnumbered Spanish in Mexico. At this point in time, it was probably pretty insensitive" to issue the stamp, said Elisa Velazquez, an anthropologist who studies Mexico's black communities for the National Institute of Anthropology and History.

"This character is a classic, but it's from another era," Velazquez said.

"It's a stereotype and you don't want to encourage ignorance or prejudice," Layeage, the embassy spokesman, countered that "if you look closely at many of the cartoon characters in U.S. pop culture, those who try will be able to find something offensive."

But, he noted, "the vast majority will see a cartoon character, which is what Minni Pinguin is." The 6.50-peso (60 cent) stamps - depicting the character in five poses - was issued with the
Burge case costing city millions, as Patterson charged with disorder in the court

Disorder in the court

Federal prosecutors asked a judge to impose severe penalties on Aaron Patterson for courtroom disruptions, the freed Death Row inmate delivered a long, shouting tirade in court. U.S. Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer abruptly adjourned and reconvened without Patterson in the room. Patterson, who is set for trial on federal gun and drug charges, shouted explicatives, and at one point compared himself to Gandhi and John F. Kennedy. He also said if he's acquitted of charges he'd return as a superhero to "crush crime" because no one else is doing the job.

Pallmeyer said she'll remove Patterson from the courtroom if he speaks out of turn at trial. She will decide by Wednesday whether he is fit to stand trial. Contributing: AP

News reports are the public price to defend former Chicago Police Cmdr. Jon Burge and those under him against police torture allegations is quickly approaching $4 million, city officials told the Chicago Sun-Times.

To date, the city has paid more than $3.6 million to defend four federal lawsuits filed against Burge and others. That dollar figure, generated since two lawsuits were filed in 2003.

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Supporters of Patterson and others continue to press issues of the cover-up for Burge's role in police torture.

Without Sanctuary exhibit at Chicago Historic Society

The lynching of June 15, 1920 in Duluth, Minn. as photographed by Ralph Greenspun. The victims were nineteen-year-old Elias Clayton, nineteen-year-old Elmer Jackson, and twenty-year-old Isaac McGhie. This view later appeared on at least two postcards printed after the lynching (photo above not necessary part of the exhibit).

Between 1882 and 1968, nearly 5,000 African Americans were murdered, many at the hands of white lynch mobs. Without Sanctuary at The Chicago Historical Society is located on Clark Street at North Avenue begins by uncovering the stories of more than forty of the victims through postcards and photographs from the collection of James Allen and John Littlefield. The graphic images depict the brutal murder of someone's parent, child, brother, sister, or friend. As these images circulated through white communities stories of terror circulated through Black communities.

This haunting collection documents brutal acts of terror from America's past. Drawn from the collections of James Allen and John Littlefield, the images depict lynchings in the United States from the (Continued on page 8)

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Driving while Black Chicago Police releases Race Data Collected from Traffic Stops

Chicago Police officers conducted 244,309 traffic stops in 2004. 87,809 of the drivers stopped were non-minorities (white). 167,500 of the drivers stopped were minorities.

The police department bolstered its use of technology on the west and south side of Chicago. Which lead to a cracked down on open air narcotics markets and it stepped up efforts to take illegal guns off the street. As a result, there have been 352 fewer homicides during the two years compared to the prior time period. There have also been 3,458 fewer shootings during the same period.

Additionally, reports are that crime through the first five months of this year continue a downward trend. Overall index crime is down 7.7 percent in every major category; homicide, criminal sexual assault, robberies, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, theft, motor vehicle theft, and auto theft, with the exception of burglary.

Superintendent Cline, also highlighted the Chicago Police Department's long-term efforts to strengthen relationships between police officers and Chicago's minority communities.

"We know that racial profiling, whether it's real or perceived, threatens to erode the trust we have worked so hard to establish in all of Chicago's communities," said Superintendent Cline.

Going forward, the Department continues to work hard to bolster its efforts to take awareness of the OPR/CAD complaint process to encourage individuals who feel they were wrongly stopped by the police to file a complaint so it can be fully investigated.

The Department has also hired Laura Fadell, a nationally-renowned expert in the field of race law enforcement, to conduct a full review of its policies, training and communications to prevent racially biased policing.

"It's my commitment and the commitment of the Chicago Police Department to send a clear message to our 13,500 police officers and our 3 million residents that crimefighting is based on crime data, not race data," said Superintendent Cline.

The data was submitted to Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, which compared the traffic stop data in Chicago's estimated driving population (residents 15 years and older). The analysis has been handed over to the IDOT, which will submit a statewide report to the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Rod Blagojevich office by the end of this month.

The data show:

Chicago Police conducted 244,309 traffic stops in 2004.

Minority drivers at a rate 15 percent greater than Chicago's minority driving population as estimated by Northwestern University analysis.

O'Connell and Picou also cited the Illinois Department of Transportation law that required all police officers in the state to collect the driver's name, date and location of the stop; and whether a consent search of the vehicle was conducted or not.

"Everyone knows that law enforcement and issues of race have crossed at many intersections throughout the history of our country," said Superintendent Cline.

"We have the power of arrest. We carry weapons. And we are authorized by our laws to use physical force on individuals when necessary. This obligates us all the more to deliver a clear message that bias based policing is ineffective and unacceptable."

In 2003, the Illinois General Assembly passed the Traffic Stop Statistical Study law that required all police officers to fill out a form each time a stop was made.

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The Code of Silence

Power Politics and the Role of the Black Media: Addressing the politics of Chicago
In a roll call discussion

SSJABA takes a closer look at Chicago, known for
Plantation Politics and the two most noted Black men on
earth:
Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and Min. Louis Farrakhan.
Reporting the promise of the future, how should the
Black media stand as symbols for the
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The Role of the Black Media: July 25, 2005
In a roll call discussion

SSJABA takes a closer look at Chicago, known as WCDC Woodlawn
Community Development Corpora-
This organization owns and
manage a large amount of subsi-
dized property in the Woodlawn
area some in which a lot of the resi-
dents are renter of.

Recently many of these residents
received a letter telling them that they would have to move because
their buildings are due to become
condo's.

Five scatter site project base
section 8 buildings so far are being
affected - they are 6201-07 South
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dents were recently told at a TWO
meeting that these buildings would
be converted to condos and the ten-
ants of these buildings should be out
by May.

Many of the residents that reside
in these buildings are living on a
fixed income some are receiving
TANF, SSI, Pension, or working a
minimum wage tax credit job.

Otherwise the median income is
less then $18,000 a year.

"Where are we suppose to live?"
One of the protestor asked the crowd
of protestors that had gather at the
end of the block.

"This doesn't make any sense.
"she continue.

"Why are they trying to push you
all out, I asked.

"They allegedly lied and told us
that there may be lead in our build-
ing," Johnson went on to say.

"I have lived in the area for
twenty seven year resident of
Woodlawn said.

"No More Condo's affordable
living she chanted as she walked
away into the thick mass of protes-
tors.

However, the condos are com-
ing. The city of Chicago put out a
request for development proposals for
37 city owned, non-contiguous
vacant parcels in the Woodlawn
community between 65th and 67th
Street between Dorchester and
Stone Island Avenues in the 5th and
29th wards.

"I have lived in the area for
twenty three years this is not new to
me, I watch TWO put a bunch of
people out on 61" Stony Island a
long time ago," Sharon Payne a long
time resident and member of
Student Tenant Organizing
Project said.

"I'm not leaving without a
fight," Ebonee Stevenson a three
year resident said into the mega
phone as the crowd cheer in accep-
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TALK ABOUT DIRTY LAUNDRY -

Altgeld Residents take laundry list to CHA

By Martha Boyd

Residents of Altgeld Gardens, residents brought their concerns about renovation plans for their development to convince the Chicago Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners to vote in their favor at their monthly meeting where CHA commissioners are expected to vote on the issue of Altgeld's washer and dryer hookups, which were excluded from renovation plans amid residents' objections.

Hundreds of residents of CHA's Altgeld Gardens Murray Homes are demanding that the CHA acknowledge and fix problems with the redevelopment plans that were created without required community input. "People want to feel the resulting plans will decrease residents' quality of life."

The most important impacts for Altgeld Gardens located at 1300 and Langley, of over 1,400 units do not includes hookups for washers and dryers even though the majority of residents own their appliances and have had hookups in their units for decades. CHA is proposing residents to use Laundromats. Residents want to know why their needs were ignored and design problems were not fixed in the plans for decades.

On April 12, CHA sent senior project manager and architect Jacqueline Malone, to address a Town Hall Meeting in Altgeld Gardens sponsored by the Far South Community Accountability Council (FSCAC). She told residents she agreed that it makes more sense from both a design and operational standpoint to keep the washer and dryer hookups in the units. "Frankly, it's easier for me as an architect to design the CHA developments that are get­

ting stated angrily, "I am a taxpayer, I have been offered contracts to operate these businesses, and what CHA expects them to do with their washers and dryers even though the majority of residents own their appliances and have had hookups in their units for decades."

One older resident at the Meeting stated angrily, "I am a taxpayer, I work from 7:30 AM to 5 pm, I come home to my handicapped son, and I have to go to Laundromat three times a week. Now CHA expects me to get my clothes out to a Laundromat?"

Residents have been confronting this issue with CHA since September of 2004 when the plans for renovation were first revealed. Ms. Malone said she had only dealt with the Local Advisory Council (LAC) President and Vice President in the Working Group for Altgeld.

"Installing hookups makes better financial sense over the long term if these units are going to have to des­

ired amenities and stay marketable. The Transformation Plan shouldn't design Altgeld to be a secondary-rate community," says Unique Gibson, lifelong resident and founder of CHA Residents Who Care youth organization.

"For years, people have looked the other way and forgotten about Altgeld and our problems. CHA's Plan will perpetuate this. We want more resident empowerment and participation, and control over our own lives," says Johnson.

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Altgeld Gardens resident Cheryl Johnson, of People for Community Recovery, at a press conference with residents of the far south side opposes expanding the dump at 130th and Bishop Ford Freeway.

Far South - Early June the Chicago City Council Environmental Protection Committee, 10th Ward Alderman John Pope's proposed amendment to extend the City's Landfill moratorium for another twenty years. His actions were supported by community groups opposed to Waste Management Inc.'s "Garage 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.

Alder Municipal Affairs Committee 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 dump.

Waste Management has proposed expanding their 200-acre landfill at 130th and the Bishop Ford Freeway, adjacent to the communities of Hegewisch, Riverdale and Altgeld Gardens. Chicago's landfill moratorium has established no further development or expansion of landfills beyond their originally permitted capacity 20 years ago, and CID's permit requires it to close in June of 2005.

"Waste Management is lying to our communities, and is trying to manipulate us into supporting a park that will only be built if the company is allowed to expand the dump," says Altgeld Gardens resident Cheryl Johnson, of People for Community Recovery, which opposes expanding the CID Landfill, which will instead expand the dumping. "A new park in our community would be wonderful - but not at the cost of endangering our health and environment with new dumping."

Community groups say the promised jobs already exist at WM's current recycling facility and are unrelated to expanding the CID Landfill, which would instead expose residents to the fumes and health hazards posed by dumping an additional six million tons of waste for five years in a region already saturated with environmental hazards.

"Trash to Park" Campaign on South Side Dump
Residents Journal, winner of National Award

"Provoking the movement"

The winners of the journalist awards went to (I) Mary C. Johns, editor in chief, and Destiny Turner, assistant editor, of Residents' Journal, along with Brian J. Ross, associate editor of The Chicago Reporter, for "Deadly Moves," a collection of investigative stories on Chicago public housing.

Residents' Journal is an 8-year-old independently published written by public housing residents and other low-income people across the city, was a product of CHA.

CHA decided to stop the publishing of the newspaper that led its publisher Ethan Michalek, in branch of its own. It is now produced by We The People Media, a not-for-profit organization, and dispensed to 35,000 families living in public housing in Chicago. Its readers are primarily African-American but every issue also contains articles in Korean, Spanish, Chinese and Russian in order to reach the diverse population of public housing in Chicago.

Johnson and Turner, both long-time public housing residents who had been involved with Residents' Journal since its start, were able to use their firsthand knowledge and contacts within the community to trace the cause of the sooner surges in crime back to the turf wars of newly displaced gangs and drug dealers. They were also able to gain the trust of families victimized by the violence in order to show the human impacts.

The Chicago Reporter, a nonprofit magazine founded in 1972 to focus on issues of race and poverty, has a long tradition of award-winning investigative reporting and is read by many of the city's power brokers. Rogal, who has been a full-time reporter for the magazine since 1999 and associate editor since 2002, contributed his experience both as a beat reporter covering the city's public housing bureaucracy and as an investigative reporter, including his expertise in the use of databases.

The winners will receive their awards at the society's annual Sigma Delta Chi Awards banquet to be held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on July 8.

"The Society of Professional Journalists award is part of an effort by SPJ to continue and expand that role..." McKinney said.

At one of the protest for jobs by VOTE, CHA public relation representative Derrick Hill consults with Paul McKinney.

McKinney questions Alderman Tillman's 70/30 plan where any construction in the 3rd ward would have 70% black workers.

CHA study have not meet their goals in meeting Section 3 goals claimed McKinney. However, Derrick Hill of CHA indicated that those goals are still in place thus the process of being met and the numbers will be forthcoming.

Powell and Sons, a black contractor, in Chicago a front company Loin of general construction company headed by Tillman's ex-chief of staff Ken Jackson. McKinney said that Jackson have been given money to Citizen to Elect Tillman, on the day after he was arrest and Powell Construction has done the same.

"It is evident that these aldermen, Tillman, Preckwinkle and even CHA CEO Terry Peterson are trying to cover up their part in receiving money from contrib­utors as they are not following the law to hire community resi­dents." Said McKinney.

Tillman or her office did not return phone calls on the issue. McKinney said from their protesting 12 workers were hired by Powell and Son development.

"We see everyone, every nationality but us working in our community," said McKinney. "All we are doing is bringing attention to issues that has been continually overlooked by the status quo leadership and elected officials."

VOTE members have been bringing aggressive action to all. Even at times when other progres­sive organizers say their ac­tions..." (Continued on page 19)
WOW! I finally I can eat fast food again.

Ms. Uzzell

The Chicago Public Schools have reached an all-time high in reading scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Mayor Richard M. Daley announced.

However, the Chicago Urban League rated the CPS in its report "Still Separate unequal: Race, place, policy and the State of Black Chicago." The report stated that nearly six in 10 African American 9th graders do not graduate with a regular high school degree within four years in Chicago.

However pleased with test scores the CPS reported on the 2005 test, administered earlier this month, 43.7 percent of students tested at or above national norms, an increase of 0.8 percentage point from last year's 42.9, and a slight increase over the previous all-time high of 43.3 percent in 2002.

In 1995, prior to Mayor Daley's taking control of the school system, only 37 percent of CPS students met national norms in reading. The ITBS is given annually to students in grades 3-8 and the national norms are periodically adjusted to better reflect the population as a whole. The 1995 scores were under old norms. All results from 1997 on are under new norms.

"It's a tribute to the entire city of Chicago that, after ten years of hard work, we have lifted this enormous system to a new all-time high," Daley said in a news conference at Mitchell Elementary School, 2233 W. Ohio St.

"But we still haven't reached our goal of becoming the best school system in America, and nothing will stop us until we get there," he said. "We will continue to challenge ourselves each and every day."

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Mexican Stamp

domestic market in mind, but Caballero noted it could be used in international postage as well.

A total of 750,000 of the stamps will be issued.

Ben Vinson, a black professor of Latin American history at Penn State University, said he has been called "Memin Pinguin" by some people in Mexico. He also noted that the character's mother is drawn to look like an old version of the U.S. advertising character Aunt Jemima.

The stamps are part of a series that pays tribute to Mexican comic books. Memin Pinguin, the second in the series, was apparently chosen for this year's release because it is the 50th anniversary of the company that publishes the comic.

Publisher Manelick De la Parra told the government news agency Notimex that the character would be sort of a good-will ambassador on Mexican letters and postcards.

"It seems nice if Memin can travel all over the world, spreading good news," de la Parra said, calling him "so charming, so affectionate, so wonderful, generous and friendly."

Story from the Associated Press
Mary's Corner
By Mary Patton

To kick Mary's Corner off, SSJ asked at random, "What would you want to ask in an advise and question column?"

Q. There was a front page story on the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper about a month ago, with the question, in essence, "Is it expected for women to make more money in the household?"

I did not get a chance to read the story, and wish I did. However, being raised from the old school of a man's role as the bread winner, I have been dealing with the question from many angles. From a man being less of a man, him feeling inferior to the woman, or from a woman should always make sure her mate is her financial equal or greater. I guess this concern is greater among black men. How should one view this new trend of financial relationship between a couple?

A Successful Woman, Jackson State College

Mary: Dear Successful Woman,

Since the beginning of time men were judged by their successes and women by their beauty. Not all men are successful, neither are all women beautiful, vice versa. A man's success is not what he does but what he is. It's not a woman's job to find a mate that's financially compatible but to find one that's secure with himself regardless of her successes or failures. We have all graduated from the same school - they never taught us Dating, we have that in our corner now. If you have concerns, invite him out to various events and gatherings. I have always found if you really want to know someone, watch them under pressure. If he brings up income too frequently continue dating but marriage may not be a smart move.

Q. The term "Down Low", I just recently overheard what it meant a few months ago. Which if I am correct it means many gay or lesbian guys, or undercover gay, it never cross my mind until I, over heard my husband in what I thought he was talking to another woman. Furious as I was I was patient not to say anything, so I could see the whole picture. After his phone call was over, I checked the caller ID and found it was not a woman, but his friend. Shock and appalled because of the tone of the conversation, man or woman on the telephone. How should I approach this situation?

Undercover

Mary: Dear Undercover,

Ask him! Changes are he will deny it. My concern is not that of your husband's but yourself. If your suspicions are correct, how would this affect your marriage? If indeed he is bisexual, he may just be glad the cat's out of the bag or he may have just been happy with this lifestyle. If your instincts are correct in matter of time it may just be another friend, then another. Your husband will survive, but ask yourself, if he favors both sex what would you do?

Q. My son ask the question why did rapper Cassidy, shot someone with a gun. In his concern when asking about it, it wasn't the sympathizing for the victim; it was for Cassidy and his future. What is the message here? Not putting any judgment on Michael Jackson or even actor Russell Crowe public out bursts on persons, are people in general torment with the fate of celebrities than the victims.

Public Opinion

Mary: Dear Public Opinion,

Did you explain to your son that there are consequences for shooting someone? If not, I strongly suggest you do so as soon as possible. If we communicate more with our children that's the only message they will hear. We live in a culture where money doesn't buy the Justice System therefore we have a lot to be grateful for. I don't think people are tormented with the fate of celebrities, I think people ought to be happier with their own lives.

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For question to Mary; Write to South Street Journal at 7915 S. Exchange, Chicago, Illinois 60649 or Email at SouthStreetJournal@aol.com

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH
in the House of Representatives
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1995

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the South Street Journal, a community based newspaper on Chicago's South Side, on the occasion of their second anniversary.

The South Street Journal has always prided itself on social responsibility providing objective and insightful news while keeping in mind the welfare of the residents of the communities it services. It has built a strong foundation of not only disseminating information but also encouraging communities to become involved in the current events and politics that affect them.

The South Street Journal has provided Chicago's South Side with an informative and relevant community newspaper that fosters open dialogue on current events and helps to strengthen community relations. They have helped register voters and have provided a voice to communities that are sometimes overlooked.

South Side communities such as Washington Park, Hyde Park, Douglas, Oakland, Kenwood, Woodlawn, Fuller Park, Armour Square, Grand Boulevard, and the Gap have all seen the benefits the Journal has provided.

Mr. Speaker, today I stand here to formally recognize the South Street Journal for their contribution to the South Side of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and the United States of America.

I am pleased to enter these words of commendation into the Record.

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Congratulations to Conrad Worrill and NBUF
And the new world black order

Mark Allen.

I want to publicly offer my congratulations to Dr. Conrad Worrill and The National Black United Front (NBUF) on their 26th year anniversary as an organization. In my 29 years in public service, I know that a majority of those years, I have known and actively worked with Dr. Worrill and his organization on a number of issues of importance to the African American community. From the campaigns of the late Mayor Harold Washington, to the Million Man March, and other political and grassroots group projects, I have always benefited from Dr. Worrill’s counsel as I tried to establish myself as an activist with my own independent views and leadership style.

I can remember like it was yesterday Dr. Worrill’s advice on how to promote your independence with our other existing groups, and methods that were also going on in the community. In my youth, there was no effort or issue that I would address that at one time or another was not addressed currently or before by other existing groups in the community. And, if you alienate yourself, then you only end up helping others to satisfy your individual self, but not successfully addressing the masses of our people.

That’s why I was extremely moved by the theme of Dr. Worrill and NBUF’s theme of their convention, “Operational Unity and Grassroots Organizing.” History will show that we progressed as a people when we operated as a united front on the major issues that impacted our people across organizational lines. We can all point to our group successes, but when we used “operational unity” we achieved much more for the masses of our people.

For instance, when a nameless, faceless person called in to a talk show where Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr was the guest, the suggestion was made to boycott former Mayor Jane Byrne’s Chicago Sun-Times. Instead of Rev. Jackson immediately saying that pressure would take it on, he decided to wait and bring the idea to a crossection of Chicago’s grassroots leadership. No one group could sustain the ability to generate enough troops to maintain the everyday direct action of dealing with the informational picketing outside the front and continually educate the masses of our people who wanted to be entertained versus standing up to Mayor Byrne or principle on her disrespect of the African American community.

The boycott was successful because the majority of Chicago’s black grassroots leadership all took a role in leading the pickets and informational campaigns to our community. Following this was the first major Mayoral Campaign of Harold Washington. I remember the meetings we used to have at PUSH, when people who ordinarily didn’t like each other and swore not to work with each other again for various issues, actually put aside their differences at the door and focused only on our “operational unity” could do to elect Harold Washington.

The same thing happened when one of Rev. Jackson’s sons was erroneously tied to some drug dealer. We all came together again, despite our past differences and stood strongly behind Rev. Jackson and his son.

In my judgment, the concept of “operational unity” has not been used again to address the State of Emergency that the African American community finds itself in today. We no longer control the economies of our community, leading to our black men and women being forced to choose an illegal and life threatening economy versus legitimate ones, leading to more of our people dying, and others going to jail too.

We no longer control the gas stations, car dealerships, car rentals, meat and produce markets, Ma and Pa grocery stores, sandwich shops, clothing stores, shoe stores, etc. We have now become everybody else’s consumers, rather than producers.

We have lost our financial institutions with the exception of maybe 2 or 3. We spend about 30 billion dollars in the Chicago economy with less than 10% being spent with black owned and operated businesses.

It appears to me, that we must return immediately to the “operational unity” concept when it comes to building and re-building the African American community.

Congratulations again to Dr. Worrill and NBUF on it’s 26th year anniversary as an organization. And it is my sincerest hope that the concept of “operational unity” does not pass us by as just another flake ting up, but not an active and systematic way of addressing our inability to address the lack of legitimate economic opportunities for our people. We must all be concerned about the metallica events and funerals when we’ve got the collective genius to solve this State of Emergency facing our people.

Mark Allen, President of the Monroe Foundation’s Black Leadership Development Institute 773-392-0165

Yahoo Shout Down Black Online Discussion Group.

Dear Editor:

On April 29, Yahoo deleted both my email account and my six-year-old African American science fiction discussion list of 485 members, called SCIFI的力量.

No warning, notification or explanation was provided. Since the deletion of my email account and discussion list, I have discovered many other people having their yahoo email accounts and discussion groups deleted in a similar fashion. My phone inquiry proved fruitless. Customer support refused or was unable to answer my questions. I was informed that I violated Yahoo’s terms of service, but that they were not permitted to explain how I had done so. They also explained that there was no one to whom I could turn to find out more about the violation, getting access to my emails, copy my address book, or retrieve six years of files, images, and hundreds of thousands of messages from the deleted discussion list. Yahoo has responded to member inquiries with a form letter that suggests that I shut down the list.

A review of recent messages on my science fiction discussion forum have revealed that less than 48 hours before the list was deleted, there was an extended message thread regarding an article in the Los Angeles Times covering the Toronto Sex Crimes Unit that focused on pedophile child pornography and how the majority of those arrested are Trekkers. As far as I know, there is nothing in Yahoo’s terms of service that forbids users from discussing current events (even unpopular ones) on discussion groups.

Yahoo is currently in a cutthroat battle with Google. One of their strategies against the Google threat is to offer users more email space and enhanced features on their groups portals. What they don’t let unsuspecting users know is that by using Yahoo services is that they will be censored and that they are running the risk of losing intellectual property.

To read the LA Times article, see the message thread, find out who else yahoo is deleting, or to read the What Happened to SCIFI/Black Noir at Yahoogroups FAQ, go to: http://www.visitfloripa.com/scifi力量/

Tracey De Mersella
Email: tdemersella@multiculturaladvantage.com

Rev. Jackson’s of Michael Jackson

The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., issued the following statement on the acquittal of Michael Jackson:

Dear Editor:

We express our relief at the jury’s decision to exonerate Michael Jackson on all 10 charges. Throughout this trial, Michael maintained his innocence, and he has now been vindicated.

This trial has taken an incredible toll on Michael, and there has been extraordinary pain. This trial swayed from the highest of highs to the deepest
Crusade

borne
deceptive, because we are building 14 permanent military bases in Iraq, which means that we have no plans to leave. Depending on how many troops we plan to keep there, our continued presence could cost American taxpayers over 5 billion dollars a year. While the mainstream media continues to ignore this reality, the Arab world is well aware of what we are doing, and the overwhelming majority of them are militantly opposed to it.

Despite the rosy scenario painted by the Bush Administration, over 80% of the Iraqi people want us to leave now. They’ve been the victims of colonialism before, and they are not going to sit back and watch it happen again without a fight. The military bases we are currently building are going to make it impossible for us to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people—like that was ever part of the strategy to begin with.

Remember, it was the American military bases in Saudi Arabia that caused our former ally, Osama bin Laden, to start working against us over a decade ago. The bases in Iraq will only insure the rise of future bin Ladens in that region, and no matter how much the Bush Administration tries to spin it, that doesn’t make anyone in the world any safer.

American history has its shortcomings for the Black citizens. Indeed the roads extend far beyond the shores of America. The past present and future is important to all descendants and the generations of tomorrow. No one should be left out rather bad or good. As the saying goes: “If you do not know where you come from, you surely won’t know where you are going.”

With that names symbolize culture and past. As the Declarations of Independence was written in 1776, in 1789 George Washington became president of the United States. 100 years later black folks were legally free from chains. Another 100 years later Harold Washington was elected Mayor of the City of Chicago. And now two Hundred years from the presidency of George Washington, the truth of renaming Washington is not just for the future but the shame of the ugly past. The code of silence of the 1st president of the U.S. is he supported slaverly should be the main reasons to rename the park.

However, who really notice the statue of the man on the horse (George) at 51st and King Drive? And for the most part, people under 25 years of age would be surprised to learn the park isn’t named after the 1st Black Mayor of Chicago.

However, with the forth of July upon us we should be reminded of the first president of this country as he represented the solid foundation of the constitution, that is written so prefect that it justify celebrating a president that was a slave owner, while supporting stealing land from native Americans and the torturing Africans as slave.

Consequently, from then to this day grade students are taught to respect our 1st president as a way of life in American. What city council member would support such a movement to rename Washington Park from George to Harold? What elected official would lead the cause to the Chicago Park District.

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Comparing what Daley has done to the people from 51st Street to 61st Street with what Rev. Jackson has done maybe that challenge should be on the agenda as well. Nonetheless, the mission is worthy of the renaming of Washington Park that will poke very hard at the nexus between George of 1789 and Harold of 1983 and the renaming of the Forth of July.

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letters

numbers continue to plummet and support for the “war” evaporates, he is launching a new offensive to sell his brand of neo-colonialism to the American people. In a prime time speech delivered Tuesday evening, Bush gave us the same old rhetoric, and no real plan to get out of Iraq. Instead of specifics, he gave us vagaries like "we will stay in Iraq as long as we are needed — and not a day longer."

But even this non-statement is

The Code of Silence

Rename Washington Park from George to Harold?

Ron Carter, Publisher and Editor

There is a group in Chicago petitioning to rename George Washington Park to Harold Washington Park, lead by Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson.

Could this be as challenging as proposing to rename the Daley center to the Rev. Jackson Center?

Sometimes you just can’t help being what you are and what one should be about. And being an African American in Chicago when it comes to the 4th of July or president’s day, its party time. Fireworks on the 4th of July, Independence Day, and of course Washington Park is the place to be. The park is home of many barbecues and get-togethers worthy of celebration along with the Bud Billikin Parade, and the African Festival of the Arts, the family reunions and the baseball games, and the 53rd street Hole picnics. When you think of Washington Park or even drive through it you think of getting away from the everyday hassle and bussil.

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African Festival of the Arts Meeting with the Washington Park Advisory Council

Dear Editor

The meeting with the Washington Park Advisory Council on Tuesday was attended by a cross section of individuals and my guess is that some were and others were not members of the Advisory Council. The 4th & 5th Wards were represented by their respective Aldermen and Chiefs of staff, Chuck Bowen represented City Hall and representatives from the Park district were present.

It was generally agreed that the festivals will stay in their current locations for this year. The Park District in conjunction with the interested parties will begin looking at alternative sites in Washington for next year. Alderman Preckwinkle and Chuck Bowen are in support of developing a permanent festival site in Washington Park.

The Park District supported by the Ald. Preckwinkle and

Chuck Bowen offered the following, according to the respective issues of concerns:

Parking

The University of Chicago parking facilities on 55th & Ellis and 59th and Cottage are being negotiated for public parking. The space across the Armory (52nd and Cottage) to be negotiated as additional public parking.

Space will be made available for handicapped parking along Cottage. Tow trucks to periodically patrol to tow illegally parked vehicles especially in front of parking garages and blocking alleyways.

Sound

Re-orientation of stage away from residential areas

Debris

City Ward office is looking to bring additional city resources to help clean the neighborhood. Periodic festival cleaning crew patrol to pickup debris in the affected areas before, during and after the festival.

Please thank everyone who asked about the status of the African Festival of the Arts and assure them that the Week-end will proceed this year on Labor Day Weekend, and in its normal location.

Thank you.

Patrick
South Street Events

South Street events. Don't see your event listed? Send your listing to SoStreetJournal@aol.com or to SSJ Events 7915 S. Exchange Ave. Chicago, Ill. 60649

June 24 - July 4
Taste of Chicago, Grant Park
Free Admission

4th Ward Democratic Organiza­tion Presents: A Community Mid­Summer Night Extravaganza: Come Out For Food, Fun, Dance­ing & Music Saturday, July 30, 2005 8:00 PM - 1:00 AM Little Black Pearl Culture Center
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July 2, 9, & 16.
African Hand Drumming class continues with Master Drummer Abiba J. Jali, Saturday @ Afri­Wane 948 Lake St., Oak Park
10:30-11:30am, $15/cost ages 7 and up. Abiba Jali also has a best selling CD "Karibu" $15 available at Afri-Wane. Djembe and log drums are available for purchase. Call to confirm upcoming classes or call Abiba directly for one-on-one sessions at 773-626-6088.

Saturday, July 9th
Solutions for Eliminating the Impact of Plantationism in Relationships with Mates, Fam­ily, Friends and others, a candid, presentation by Frank Cannon, 7 pm, free @ Afri-Wane, 948 Lake St. Oak Park, 708-524-8398. Cannon will discuss: * Selecting Healthy Nontoxic Relationships, Identifying the Danger of False Support Systems, Love is Observ­able and Measurable, Bedroom Revolutionaries vs. Romance on the Battlefield, Selective Commu­nication vs. Dishonesty. Frank Cannon is a community activist, former Black Panther, Chairman of Brothers and Sisters in Consoli­dation and author "Understanding the Power of the Union: Relationships Between Black Men and Black Women"

FREE @ Afri-Wane. CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT 7pm, event taped by Tami Yarborough of Channel 19. This program will be aired each Saturday in July on channel 19 at 9:30pm.

July 9
I Have A Vision Gospel Fest, 7200 S. Dobson St. (Hoard Park), 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

K.I.D.S. Zone Festival, 6900 S. on Halsted Street, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

July 17
Chinatown Summer Fair, Wentworth from Germak to 24th Street, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

July 30
Altgeld Gardens Community Gospel Fest, Carver Park (939 E. 132nd Street) 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ghana Fest, Washington Park, 54th on Payne Dr., 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.

Southside Youth Festival, Foster Park (84th & Loomis), 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

August 14
THE 2005 Summer Poetry Resi­dences at The Poetry Center of Chicago www.poetrycenter.org Submission Deadline: July 17, 2004 - The Poetry Center and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago it will award two poetry residencies in a national applica­tion pool, working independently the selected poets will be invited to give a reading at The Poetry Center as part of the 2005-2006 Reading Series** and to submit several poems, one of which will be published as part of The Poetry Center's Broadside Series. Accom­modations will be provided at The School of the Art Institute's new residency tower, located in the

The above photo by Robert Sengstacke is part of Collecting Photography at Nicole Gallery 2: 4653 S. King Drive, an exhibition Great Trio: Photography by Bryant Johnson Raymond Mays and Sengstacke, thru - July 31, 2005

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Thursday, July 7, 2004, 7:00 pm
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Thursday, August 4, 7:00 pm
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The celebrated songwriting and performing duo Soul legends Ashford & Simpson who scored their first songwriting hit in 1966 with Ray Charles' recording of their “Let’s Go Get Stoned” went on to one of the great songwriting and performing careers.

The African Caribbean International Festival of Life, which kicks off on Friday, July 1 with celebrated Dob poet Mutabaruka, followed on Saturday with the contemporary Reggae group Inner Circle of “Bad Boys” and cops fame, enters its 3rd day with headline performances by Ashford & Simpson and Calypso/Soca queen Calypso Rose on the Main Stage. Gospel great Darius Brooks headlines on the gospel stage. The final day, July 3, will close out on the 4th of July with Reggae dancehall star Bunny Man. Daily admission is $10 adults; $3 children under 12 and seniors 65 and older; free to kids 6 and under. A $25 season pass covers all four days. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com (312-385-1212) and at 312/427-0266 or visit the web site at www.festivaloflife.com or www.martinsinterculture.com

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steppin' out with chocolate city

by vincent walker

if you want to get out and have some fun any night of the week, then i suggest that you do like more and more chicago party people are doing and check out the chicago nite life schedule put together by the man simply known as chocolate city.

maybe a drink, some live music, or do you have enough nerve to grab the microphone and throw down on karaoke night.

how about some live comedy, competitive bid whist, or are you part the popular dance craze that is spreading across the nation known as stepping?

the chicago nite life schedule will tell you how to get that particular groove on. i recently talked to chocolate city to get his take on the so called stepping craze. he is one of the best and i recommend that you don't spend too much time in stepping' class, just get on the floor and do what you do, and don't forget to have fun with it.

you can check out his web site: www.chicagohottestparty.com.

the chocolate girls, and have chocolate city and the chocolate girls, and i hope they don't take our motif. i love the floor and do what you do. we were looking for a good time. now the steppers' culture is high fashion. from head to toe, steppers like look sharp. chocolate prefers the chicagohottestparty.com.

street dedication for "soul foods" actress's 70th birthday irma p. hall, hall's birthday are free of charge.

a native of beaumont, texas, hall was raised in chicago where she completed high school before heading off to briar cliff university in sioux city, iowa. she had carved out a career for herself as a high school language teacher when she was bit by the acting bug in 1973 after landing a small role in a television series. raymond st. james' "book of numbers." she soon formed her own regional theater company in dallas and began working in television features, but would not get her big film break until 1996 when at the age of 60 she was cast as aunt t in "a family thing" with james earl jones and robert davi. major roles in "soul food" and "midnight in the garden of good and evil" would follow. her co-starring role in "the ladykillers" would earn her a special jury award at the 2004 cannes film festival.

in addition to "the ladykillers," two other films featuring hall were released that year while she convalesced from her accident: "a slipping down life" with guy pierce and lili taylor and "collateral" with tom cruise and jamie foxx. october, the indefatigable hall had recovered enough to accept a career achievement award from the 60th chicago international film festival. for more information about irma p. hall's birthday events, contact the woodson regional library at 312-747-4600.

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Why Franchising?

Franchising provides the potential to bring out the best for Small Businesses

By Steve Braxton

Having had the opportunity to be exposed to franchise development and experience the whole realm of the business culture of the franchising industry; during the time of what was known as the “revelation and expansion age”, of the industry in the early 70’s. The performance and exposure encountered was amassed in corporate management.

At this juncture let me prefer the fact; that small businesses are the fastest growing concern in America, and in particularly women-owned small business owners. Small businesses also account for the largest real growth and incremental gains both in the “growth domestic products” (GDP) and employment opportunities.

In addition, small businesses are touted as one of the most dynamic and resilient market segments in the U. S., because of the enormity of the potential, and the vast market appeal. There is a shared risk that small businesses will have to be involved in the franchising industry bode well for a stronger force, larger slice of the pie, and a greater impact in the economy of the business sector.

Why is the concept of franchising unique among small business owners?

In some circles today it may be referred to as “The F Word”, which does not necessarily mean a bad connotation. At first blush when one hears the term; “The F Word”, these are the thoughts, that usually comes to mind:

1. “Frustration”, which is a feeling you may have in your present job
2. “Fear”, don’t be foolish, member; fear is an illusion, its nothing more than false evidence appearing real. But never forget, only true evidence is for real. Do not let old prejudices and negative thoughts discourage you or block your career path. You could be thwarting a new direction for a bright and profitable future. You may sometimes perceive change as a bad thing. However, you must forge ahead to meet the challenges and the conflicts head on, in order to overcome barriers, conflicts and obstacles.
3. “Failure”, also remember, a single attempt may result in failure. But perseverance is a mainstay that must be employed, to get to the desired results you are seeking. Therefore, that single attempt is not ultimate failure; it just happens to be a by-product called “risk”. Moreover, in franchising, that “risk” is a shared one, and it is always minimized.

Because, when you do the research you delve deeper into the process for the concept of franchising; you may learn, discover, or even uncover, some things that may be helpful to you, as you seek the keys for your success in a given business initiative; you may:

> observe some franchise myths being dismantled,
> become better informed about effective trends in franchising,
> learn more about how to explore all your options.

When you are part of a team, you may be in business for yourself, but not by yourself. You simply have a connection to a vehicle that helps you realize your goals. You will have a proven system at your disposal for your utilization. That is: S. T. E. M., when you follow it will give you access to training and support, a consistent brand name and the use of trademarks and logos, that supposedly will save a business owner, time, energy, and money. It will provide you a structure to follow and you will find yourself in a

Con. Rush and SBA bring Business Ownership Training to District

In an ongoing effort to increase business ownership in the First Congressional District, Congressman Bobby L. Rush announced that Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), will kick off their business training workshops at Rush’s office. Designed with the busy entrepreneur in mind, SCORE, which is funded by the Small Business Administration (SBA), will hold 6 monthly workshops at Rush’s city and suburban offices through October.

“Many areas of the First Congressional District are in need of critical business services, which are key to stimulating economic growth and community stabilization,” said Rush. “I’m committed to providing the necessary resources to spurs business growth, and challenge aspiring or established entrepreneurs to come out and take advantage of the SCORE workshops.”

At each of the business workshops, SCORE representatives will provide participants with training and counseling on things to know when starting a business, how to improve or expand existing business as well as business financing resources. To register, please call (708) 385-9550 or email Younus Suleman at younus.suleman@house.gov.

Rush introduce the “Small Business Intermediary Lending Pilot Program Act

In his announcement on the congressional floor Rush said this bill would establish a pilot program to provide low interest loans to nonprofit, community-based lending intermediaries. The bill would also provide microlending services to small businesses.

Small businesses and startups continue to face barriers when accessing microlending loans between $5,515,000 and $25,000,000 with affordable terms and conditions.” Said Rush. “With all of the banking industry consolidation, the method by which banks make small business credit decisions has changed to the disadvantage of small or startup businesses. Nonprofit intermediary lenders, including community development corporations, are in a better position to provide financial support to small businesses.

Rush outlined the program that nonprofit intermediary lenders provide riskier, up-front capital to small businesses, with more flexible terms and underwriting procedures. These lenders also offer technical assistance to reduce the transaction costs and risk exposure of bankers.

Rush continued to say the effectiveness of these types of programs has been demonstrated by several Federal programs, including the Microenterprise Program under the Small Business Act, and the Intermediary Refunding Program in the Department of Agriculture. There are more than 1,000 nonprofit intermediaries around the country that are providing financial and technical assistance, and creating employment opportunities for low income individuals.

The bill would establish a midsize loan pilot program, providing loans averaging $150,000 to eligible intermediaries, particularly for startup, newly established, or growing small businesses.

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**Woodlawn**

I haven't been living in Woodlawn for one year yet, why would TWO move me here now just to move me out, David Malley said..."I just put my daughter in school, now will have to move again that is not fair to us, Malley added looking disappointed while standing near his teenage daughter."

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**Slavery ties revealed by in 4th ward**

On June 1, Wachovia Corporation submitted 110 pages outlining the company's involvement. In the wake of the disclosure, senior level executives were called to Chicago to field questions before the Finance Committee..."...We recognized that we needed to conduct further research to fully comply with the City of Chicago's Slavery Era Disclosure," stated Michael Rizer, senior vice president and director of communications of the North Carolina based company..."We directed the research team to include any predecessor in any way involved in slavery..."

The research company determined that the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company owned at least 162 slaves, and the Bank of Charleston accepted at least 529 slaves as collateral on mortgaged properties or loans, and subsequently acquired an undetermined number of these individuals when customers defaulted on their loans...As a limited partner and syndicator in the 4th Ward's Madden-Well project, Wachovia Affordable Housing Community Development Corporation is slated to build 162 affordable housing units. This recent disclosure threatens the project, since several aldermen are calling for rescission of the bank's involvement..."It's a disclosure ordinance. It's not designed so he punitive," explained 4th Ward Ald. Toni Preckwinkle..."The precedent has already been set with J.P. Morgan Chase, which initially denied having any historical ties to slavery. So, you come forward and basically admit the error of your ways and apologize both for your involvement in slavery and inadvertently misleading the council as to the nature of that involvement and we go forward from there." The Finance Committee has asked Wachovia executives to return for further questioning. Rizer said the company appreciates the opportunity to tell the facts..."We recognize the value of the proposed Oakwood Shores redevelopment project and its strong benefits to the community, and we want to play a role in the process," said Rizer in a statement before the Finance Committee on Wednesday..."I'm still waiting!"
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