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The nerve of Harry Belafonte calling George Bush a terrorist. And then there are organizers around the country calling for The Impeachment of President George Bush. This is definitely a controversial subject. But if Harry is correct, the Curtis Mays/AP image below shows we are all going to go. If the wrong is not corrected.

SOUTH STREET BUSINESS

Chamber Business in Bronzeville

Bronzeville in part has been a reference to the past than to the present. But the "Restoring Bronzeville," theme of 1994, is now leveraging a resurgence in the Bronzeville community that has also prompted the base for the Bronzeville Chamber of Commerce. But from 1928 to 1952, many African Americans made their livelihoods, and business developed in part because of segregation of the city. It became a city within a city. Bronzeville was also known as the South Street Business Suburb.

SOUTH STREET PROSPECTIVE

The Party that killed a Black Panther Chicago should never forget

Not across seas, nor in Nazi Germany, but on the west side of Chicago, one of the most brutal acts of terrorism occurred December 4, 1968, (The year Dr. Martin Luther King was killed in April 1968) is one of the Ground Zeros – 2337 W. Monroe. The U.S. government via the Chicago Police Department enacted one of its most brutal attacks on the Black Power movement of the 60's. 21 year old courageous charismatic Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton and 22 year old Defense Captain Mark Clark, of the Black Panther Party, were assassinated.

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Uproar in Bronzeville

Salvation Army's $130m project rejected by Tillman

Organizations question as well objecting the project

During December, people normally notice the Salvation Army with their hands out in front of department stores asking for donations. However for the residents of Bronzeville, the Salvation Army committed to contributing over $130 million to build a State of the Art Community Center on 48th and State Street that was rejected by Alderman Dorothy Tillman. The Salvation Army reviewed all documents, reports and studies concerning the socio-economic and demographic characteristics of the 3rd Ward, and evaluated recent development trends in the area. Dr. Grindle said the Salvation Army also met frequently with community and city leaders involved in the Center, which consisted of specifying that part of the gift be spent exclusively on building and running community centers in low-income neighborhoods.

"The Thunder of Angels" the book on the Montgomery Bus Boycott

The Movement that produced Kings

From the cover of the book, "The Thunder of Angels," On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on bus #2857 to a white man. The yearlong struggle to integrate the Montgomery, Alabama, buses sparked by Parks' heroism was the birth of the modern civil rights movement, bringing Martin Luther King Jr. to prominence and promising the end of segregation in America. The basic facts of the Montgomery bus boycott are, of course, familiar, but the book tells far more. Based on extensive interviews conducted over decades and thousands of exclusive documents, readers get a glimpse

The Race for Sheriff

2007 Mayor Search Committee:

As many politicians are generally paying attention to the March 2006 election, many others are looking ahead preparing for the 2007 Mayoral Election. Approximately 350,000 plus people voted in the 2000 Mayor Election, contrary, 700,000 registered voters didn't participate, and possibly 600,000 are not registered voters. Due to issues such as the Truck Program, lack of black contractors on government contracts, dope peddling in the Water Department, and concerns regarding the contracts for the Millennium Park, the 2007 Mayor Search Committee is seeking a Reform Mayor for the City Chicago.

Loses HISTORIES NEW B'GININGS

A History of PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

By Nathan Thompson

With the history, the voice CIS, Pilgrim Baptist Church Pilgrim Baptist Church, 2301 S. Indiana Ave. began as the Union Grove Prayer Meeting Club organized in 1915, in the Bronzeville home of John & Jeanetta Finnic. At the time, John was the Pastor of Ebenezer

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Chicago Defender makes move from the historic site

Since 1953 the Chicago Defender newspaper, (Sengtacke Enterprise) owned and was housed at the historic location of 2400 S. Michigan Ave. After the passing of its owner, Mr. John Sengtacke, the newspaper witnessed many changes internal and external. The one of the biggest is now moving its operations to 200 S. Michigan Ave in the Borg Warner building.

The newspaper is now owned under the flagship publications of Real Times Inc. a media company that bought it which also includes the Michigan Chronicle, the Michigan Front Page, the New Pittsburgh Courier, and the Tri-State Defender.

The new owners of the Defender sold the 40,000 square ft building that was last appraised at $4 million. However, sold it for $3 million to secure operating funds. The new owners of the building were indicted for allegedly producing fake passports and identities for an undercover FBI operative as part of the money laundering scheme and drugs. The building is now up for lease or for sell.

In addition the Chicago Defender Charities that organize the Bud Billinkin Parade and Picnic, has moved to the Inner city Studies at 700 East Oakwood. Reports are the Charities maybe opting to change the name of the parade as it continues as a separated operations from the newspaper.

Claimants activist it will Hurt Workers, Discourage Transit Use

On January 6, Tiffany Chancellor of South Shore took three buses to the morning and in the evening to get her child, before January 1st she paid $4 a day.

Now that Chicago Transportation Authority charge their rate structure cost her $12 a day.

In addition to a citywide coalition opposing the actions, a Class Action law suit has been filed on behalf of Ms. Chancellor.

The Neighborhood Capital Budget Group’s Campaign for Better Transit opposes the cash fare increase and elimination of the cash transfer, calling for the City Council to realize that Chicago’s working poor and immigrant population are being asked to balance CTA’s budget on their backs: If a working person pays cash to get to her job and only transfers once, her daily commute to work will double in cost— from $2.00 each way, to $4.00 each way.

At Holoff attorney for Chancellor, file a class action law suit against CTA, claiming as with Ms. Chancellor, people who work in a largely cash economy generally live in areas of the city that are already under-served by CTA. These same neighborhoods also have more equal access to sales outlets to purchase CTA fare cards in advance of their daily commute.

A possible discrimination suit is also being looked into based on where the passes were placed for the public to buy them. They were in white areas more greater oppose to in black and latino wards.

The Chicago Defender indicating that Melvin Baldwin was a disgruntled employee. Now he is no longer associated with SSI.

Rev. Leon Daniels who is concerned about the lack of African American working for Arab store owners should be aware that one store on 82nd and Halsted replied by saying, “Well do you see drab working for Blacks?” He continued to say its about who you trust to handle your business and who you know.
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The Story of the Year

**WAGIN' TH DAWG TALES FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY**

By Nathan Thompson

*HURRICANE KATRINA RESPONSE UPDATE*

What action has been taken since the Congressional Committee Hearings regarding the Response to Hurricane Katrina? The hearings were held last month and chaired by Republican Tom Davis of Virginia. He got an ear full of bad 'bingle' information but the question now becomes what will be and the committee do with the info.

"Not very much," says Harry Alfred, President of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. Alford testified before the committee that he and the engineering firm F. E. Jordan and Associates want an independent third party investigation into what he calls an "unprecedented catastrophe on the ocean floor below the breach section."

"We'll even pay for the investigation ourselves," he told the committee. What's important here is that there are reports citing "burn marks on chunks of cement broken from the levee wall," with "traces of toxin enhanced fluorosurfactant and polymers," as well as "exploding and exploding." The committee is worried about the possibility of being sued by those who are trying to get their levees under writing.

"What will you do about these leaky levees?" a reporter from the New York Times asked.

"It's a good question," the congressman responded. "We're going to take a hard look at this and see what we can do to prevent another Katrina." The committee then adjourned for the day.

**Gas on the South Side**

smelling that odd smell here in the Chicago communities," Larry added.

Merritt did not confirm if the flames were dangerous, "I don't think so but it would be best if you call Indiana Environmental Service Department and ask them, I really don't know," Merritt added.

Tammy at the Hammond Ind. Environmental Service Department said, "I haven't heard anything about this issue, but that doesn't mean it didn't happen. As soon as I hear something more about this I will call you back and give you more information."

When a mistake of this type happens, I don't think the general public should be notified right away. That night there was a bad odor that was blowing in the windy city that you just couldn't cover up and hide.

Along with letting the general public know what happened the public is entitled to know what type of odors they are, if they're toxic, and when it's safe to re-enter.

"Situations such as this, as well as blackouts that happen in our community can be defined as a state of alarm," Hampton Jr. said.

**Governor directs state regulators to enforce new Payday Loan law**

New Payday Loan Reform law is in effect providing unprecedented protection against predatory short-term loans directed by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich. The law directed the state's Department of Financial and Professional Regulations (DFPR) to aggressively start enforcing the new law of December 3rd, 2006, with particular attention paid to lenders who try to get around the new regulations.

The new law provides protection against prey loans used by lenders to lure borrowers into potentially devasting predatory lending. A "short-term loan should never lead to long-term financial ruin. Unfortunately, that's been happening too often to families all over Illinois. The good news is, strong new legal protections will go into effect that prevent people from ending up in an endless cycle of debt they can't repay," said Gov. Blagojevich. "It will make sure lenders who want to come up with ways to circumvent the law can't. Payday loans are supposed to help working people cover unexpected costs and emergencies. They're not supposed to break their bank accounts."

The Payday Loan Reform Act allows the state to go beyond the new, 120-day time limit on short-term loans, in order to ban lenders from creating "rollover" loans or other predatory instruments. In 2000, Governor Ryan signed a law designed to rein in the rapid increase in short term payday loans. At that time the average length of a payday loan was 14 to 28 days (one or two pay periods). When the law was implemented in 2001, the rules only applied to loans of 30 days or less. Within a year of the rules going into effect, the payday lending industry responded by extending the length of the loan to 31 days or longer to circumvent a law that had tried to protect borrowers. Currently, there are 95 payday or other short-term lenders in Illinois, a 23% increase from last year. According to industry figures, the average annual percentage rate for short-term loans is 595%, and the average amount of a short-term loan is $380. According to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, last year lenders made 1.4 billion payday loans, which generated $1.3 billion in receivables.

Before the Payday Loan Reform Act many consumers would have to take out additional loans to pay the fees on their original payday loan. This extends the cycle of debt further, with no resources for recovery periods or optional repayment plans.

Points of the new law: Limits the interest that can be charged on short-term loans to 225% of the amount borrowed (5% in renters' counties). Provides that payday borrowers who reach the 45-day limit they must have at least a seven-day loan free period. Also creates a new 36-day repayment period with no additional interest charges for borrowers who have trouble repaying their loans; and makes it easier for borrowers to get out of payday loops by allowing attorneys fees and court costs.

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Sheahan. Rush teamed with Ald. Dorothy Tilman in making procedural motions to delay the endorsement of Dailey's candidate, won with support of 53 of the party's 60 committee members.

"Reforms in the state making process are needed across the state," state John Paul Jones, Chairman with the Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force, a community based social and economic justice advocacy organization. "These decisions should not happen behind closed doors; the public expects disclosures and details of exchange of ideas on public policy reforms. In recent years, elected and public officials have wielded with how best to include the public in these decisions."

"Mr. Baker has much more experience in the County Corrections Department than Mr. Dart," said Allen, "win or lose, it's seems important that the Black officials who were disrespected these decisions."

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Sheahan. Rush addressed Dart's record in the Legislature and qualification to become sheriff. Saying Dart had "one of the more abysmal records of any legislator on black issues", the Chicago Sun-Times reported. Dart and Rush have long feuded, as Rush endorsed Republican Black Juta Tepko for Dart for state treasurer in 2002 -- a race Dart lost -- and Dart helped Mayor Daley fend off Rush's mayoral challenge in 1999. Rush called Dart "a throwback to the kind of elected official who will say one thing in one community" and "when the cameras are off and others are not looking, you do something else." all they did was frustrate their party colleagues.

As Baker looks for a base of African American support some Democrats Blacks elected officials are supporting Dart, such as county Board President John Stroger, and U.S. Senator Barack Obama.

"I'm not surprised at the endowment of Senator Obama of Dart over Baker," said Allen. "People like regular Black Democrats who evidently find it easy to endorse a Dart over Baker with no fear of any backlash. Obama just gave a whole number of other Black leaders the chance for an excuse for Dart without any real justificiation."

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Daley and torture cases

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said, "I said but said busy officials can be forcd to testify in civil lawsuits "even if the person is the president of the United States--" (the U.S.) Supreme Court has told that us."

On the final day of Kwanzaa at Afriware in Oak Park Atty. Stan Willis was keynote speaker, and having ongoing announcement in church bulletin on how to support the Campaign.

"Schedule candidate for immediate appearance on Rainbow/PUSH broadcast to help generate broad based visibility."

"Check with Maureen Forte on air time prices for WOJF Radio, where we may be able to set "The Baker Report that will give updates from the candidate on a station that covers all the South Suburban areas of Cook County."

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Search for 2007 Mayor

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The search committee convened by Cliff Kelly is holding a Reform Mayor Candidates Forum on Thursday, January 19th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. It will be sponsored by the African American Students Association at Olive Harvey City College, located at 10001 South Woodlawn. The potential candidates who will be attending include: Carol Mosley-Braun Dorothy Brown, Jessie Jackson, Jr. Terry Peterson and Bill Dock Walls.

As the forum seeks public participation and input in search of a likely candidate to succeed Richard M. Daley, it's been reported that potential candidates and research companies have been conducting their own public opinion polls. Since Daleys' election as Mayor in 1989 his political organization has expanded. In contrast, the voting participation for mayoral elections appears to have decreased. Many contribute the decline to lack of voter concern, and just the fact that some do not comprehend the relevance of voting. There are many politicians in Chicago that can qualify to run for mayor, such as the eight Black candidates that lost their bid for Mayor after the passing of Harold Washington in 1989.

Potential candidates for the mayoral election include: Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Brown and her supporters have developed a website to organize a "Draft Dorothy for Mayor" Campaign. Brown told SSJ that she is honored to be mentioned in the survey. However, her focus is on her position as Clerk of the Circuit Court. Dorothy Brown expressed interests regarding the other candidates who will be included in the S.S.J. Survey. Brown said, "You know what's going to happen." Included as a sought after candidate and a prominent member in the community is State Sen. Rev. James Meeks. Meeks was submitted after his run-in with the law over a traffic stop, consequently, members of the clergy raised accountability. This incident sparked Meeks notoriety to the public.

A member of Rev. Meeks church and a strong political ally, Congressman Jesse L. Jackson Jr., has become the most vocal elected official. Jackson is a potential challenger highlighted by the mainstream media for the 2007 election. Sources say Jackson's running for mayor is not likely, due to his seniority in Congress, and his position to become the first Black Speaker of the House. This would take precedence over his becoming mayor of Chicago.

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Hughes' School

Catholic school, according to Stigler. She believes it may be over a hundred years old. "We've been cited for code violations. There's only one exit from the school building. It is located in a sub basement. We only have two bathrooms for four hundred fifty children. There are loose bricks on the outside of the building. Teachers do not have a teacher lounge. They have no place to go for quiet time.

2005: Chicago African-Amer' Students grew behind

The Racial Academic Achievement Gap is growing in many cities and states with no signs of progress or movement. In the state of Illinois between 2002 and 2005 there is no significant closure of the racial academic achievement gap between White and Black students. The second racial academic achievement gap developing between improving Hispanic students and stagnating Black students.

The failing Black children of today are the government dependent, unemployed and incarcerated Black adults of tomorrow says Phillip Jackson. The Black Star Project. The forum convenes parents, teachers, school administrators, faith-based leaders, elected officials, community leaders and concerned citizens monthly on the issues that affect the positive development of Black youth.

With the Latest Round of Statewide and National Testing, Jackson reported what the Black Star Project knows about the Racial Academic Achievement Gap. In math in Illinois, Black 11th-grade students have dropped more than 10 points in performance from 28.7% meeting or exceeding standards in 2002 to only 18.6% meeting or exceeding standards in 2005. While Hispanic 11th-grade students have improved in math by 11 points from 19.2% in 2002 to 30.7% in 2005.

Nationally, the average 12th-grade Black student has the reading and math scores of the average 8th-grade White student. White students in America would have ranked number one in the world on the test and Black students in America would have ranked number 25.

Asian American students are the top students in the country on the SAT and the top students in Illinois on the ACT. The gap between Asian and White students versus Black students on the SAT and ACT is widening.

Jackson noted the government and the Black community are not working together to fix this problem. However he added there are many examples of persons are providing solutions and actions to address the problem. In a high-poverty school in Chicago, Hellen Bolton DeBerry raised reading scores 41 points from 36% of students reading at national norm to 77%. In math, she raised scores 36 points in that year from 53% of students performing at national norm to 89%

Additionally, she helped increase enrollment of low-income students at the school from 100 to 300. Mrs. DeBerry shared her philosophy, ideas, strategies and tactics that helped her accomplish this incredible feat at The Black Star Project's Barbara Ann Simonmore Forum for Educational Excellence. For additional information call 312/842-3527.

A graphic from the Chicago Urban League reported that the Chicago Public Schools in cited Chicago education system as being Separate, and Unequal. There are loose bricks on the outside of the building. Teachers do not have a teacher lounge. They have no place to go for quiet time.

2005 National Student SAT Scores Show Widening Gaps

Illinois ranked 48th lowest of 50 states in its graduation gap between White college students (63.3%) and Black college students (32.5%) earning degrees in 2002. Source: Journal of Blacks in Higher Education (quoting data from NCAI)

The Lowest High School Graduation Rates for Black Males in 15 School Districts in The United States with Black Male Enrollments of 10,000 or More During 2001-2002 Are as Follows:

![Graph showing graduation rates for Black males in 15 school districts in the United States.](Graph.png)
Friday, January 13th
TRUTH for Literacy Hip Hop Games @ Washington Park 5500 South King Drive Doors open at 6 p.m. - Tip off 7pm. Celebrating the start of a new year and braving regrets for ‘06 as Chicago’s hottest personalities compete to see who got the juice and who cares about the kids. Benefiting TRUTH for Literacy after school mentor program and Harriet Harris Park (62nd & Drexel). Brought to you by: Nike, THE TRUTH magazine, Dominick’s, Harriet Harris Advisory Council, and Coca-Cola (Refreshments served) A MIDWEST GAP Enterprise Event

Sunday, January 15, American Family Insurance, MLK Peace Weekend 2006 Peace Jam Featuring Jazz Gospel Saxophonist “Kirk Whalum” at 7:00pm at the Harold Washington Cultural Center, 4701 S. King Drive. The concert will also feature a special performance by WGCI 2005 Chicago Idol Winner, Stephanie Parker Tickets $40-$45 in advance. ($50 at the door), (773)-373-1900, all TicketMaster outlets (312-599-1212) or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Monday, January 16 The HistoryMakers celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday 2nd Annual Open House and Celebration for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday. This will involve tours of offices, hands-on sessions teaching oral history for adults and kids programs entitled The State of the Nation Since the Death of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As The Civil Rights Era Ended. Panelists: James Montgomery, Judge George Leighton and Timuel Black will be guided through a discussion by WYON host moderator Cliff Kelley. The program will start with commentaries by Roland Martin, Executive Editor of The Chicago Defender and Hermene Hartman, Publisher of The Chicago Defender. The program will begin and end with selections from the Whitney Young Gospel Choir. Second Presbyterian Church, 1936 S. Michigan Ave. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tours start at 9 a.m. Program: 10:00 a.m.-12 noon For more RSVP contact Jocelyn Dek at (312) 674-1900 or info@thistorymakers.org

January 17 The Living Room Cafe Grand Opening Celebration Tuesday, 6:00 -8:00 PM, 806 E. 6th Street. Event sponsors: LaSalle Bank and the University of Chicago, Office of Community Affairs. RSVP (773) 643-6018

Thursday, January 19, Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force monthly meeting 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. 953 W. 63rd St. (Gillis From God Ministries Church Subject: Kennedy King College Update (enrollment and formation of a community panel) Transportation (CTA Fares/Lawsuit - 23rd and Racine Organizing and Corridor Plan - State’s Billon $ Plan) Health Care Strategy and Dr. Mason’s new post as City Health Commissioner.

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Grants and Organizations

Grant fuels hope for Chicago South Side
The American Lung Association received $2 million dollar grant to Englwood. The announcement held at St. Bernard Hospital, The American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago, with Merck Childhood Asthma Network reported Englwood is a community that struggles with issues of poverty, high crime rates, high prevalence of pediatric asthma and poor access to quality healthcare. Asthma in particular, is a serious health issue for Englewood, Asthma-related hospitals in Englewood and West Englewood are among the highest in Chicago.

Scholarship Funds: African American Students are not applying
Though there are a number of companies and organizations that have donated money for scholarship use to African Americans, a great deal of the money is being returned because of a lack of interest. Charles Thomas reported the problem is countless and that Even if one do not have a college-aged child at home to shared the of scholarships funds to anyone and everyone that comes to mind.


For more information and a list contact Mr. Charles Thomas at cbthomas1@mcn.org

Grant writing Not for Profit Workshops #2
The Monroe Foundation is holding registration for 2006 Not for Profit Development and Grantwriting Programs focuses on preparing proposals for submission to federal and state not for profit scholarships. The Monroe Foundation has assisted over 25 organizations obtain over $1 million in grants and resources for their community projects. If interested in registering for any upcoming projects, register in person at Marquette Bank, 6316 South Western Ave., or by phone (773) 643-1900 or contact Beverley, (773) 315-9720.

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Gary, IN Claim For Third Major Airport as Peotone is still in the works

Aero-News Network - For years, Chicago officials have debated the need for a third airport to handle overflown and relieve congestion at O'Hare and Midway airports. With recent issues at Midway and the lack of other relievers such as, say, Megas Field - that debate will likely focus on Gary.

Indiana officials announced the US Department of Transportation is expected to approve $57.8 million in funds to expand and improve Gary/Chicago International Airport - meaning Gary, IN may soon host the third major airport in the Chicagoland region.

"This is a day of celebration there will be no effect on plans to build an airport," said Indiana Senator Evan Bayh, referring to Peotone's bid for the airport. The Daily Southtown reported a spokesman for the Illinois Department of Transportation said the federal commitment for Gary will have no effect on plans to build an airport consisting of one runway and roughly six gates near Peotone.

Illinois State Sen. Debbie Halvorson, D-Crete, said she will go to Peotone's bid for the airport. The Daily Southtown reported a spokesman for the Illinois Department of Transportation said the federal commitment for Gary will have no effect on plans to build an airport consisting of one runway and roughly six gates near Peotone.

Halvorson argued Gary is not a viable alternative to a south suburban airport because it conflicts with the air space reserved for Midway International Airport. Gary, he said, also must deal with costly environmental contamination before expanding the airport.

To help support Gary operations, Chicago has returned more than $16.5 million in ticket surcharges generated at Midway and O'Hare International airports since 1995. The airport, though, has struggled to attract airlines.

A Community Celebrates
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Thorton Township Human Relations Commission
Frank M. Zuccarelli, Supervisor
Thorton Township High School District #205
Dr. Kamala J. Buckner, Superintendent
and
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For those in jail, was in jail and know someone in jail

Dear Editor;

For years now I have heard the word "Waist." It rings in the ear of every Negro with piercing familiarity. This "Waist" has almost always meant Never."  

We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that "justice too long delayed is justice denied." -Dr. Martin Luther King, 1963

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Bush is a terrorist? And should be impeached?

By Ron Parker & Editor

A year in review from Woody

Dear

After much immersion I finally decided that now is the time for us to write this letter. As you know, younghood do not have to be confined to education, teaching, and other formal institutions. The experience of life and the events in the world are the best teachers. So, let us ask ourselves, what is the world like now? And what should we do about it?

I. The Global Context

A. The War on Terror

The war on terror has been ongoing for over a decade, and its impact has been devastating. The number of people killed, injured, and displaced by the war is staggering. According to the United Nations, over 100,000 Afghans have been killed, and over 20,000 Iraqis have been killed. Additionally, over 800,000 Afghans and Iraqis have been injured, and over 1 million Afghans and Iraqis have been displaced.

B. The Economic Impact

The war has had a significant impact on the economies of the affected countries. The costs of the war have been enormous, and the economies of the affected countries have been severely strained. The war has also had a ripple effect, with the global economy suffering as well.

II. The Political Context

A. The Role of the United States

The United States has been the driving force behind the war on terror. The United States has been the most powerful nation on Earth, and it has used its power to shape the world in its own image. The United States has also been accused of using the war on terror as a means of advancing its own interests.

B. The Role of the United Nations

The United Nations has been the forum for international cooperation and conflict resolution. The United Nations has been criticized for its failure to prevent the war on terror and for its role in the ongoing wars.

III. The Social Context

A. The Impact on Society

The war on terror has had a significant impact on society. The war has led to increased polarization, with some people seeing it as a necessary evil and others seeing it as a futile endeavor. The war has also led to increased government surveillance, with many people feeling that their privacy is being violated.

B. The Impact on the Media

The war on terror has also had a significant impact on the media. The media has been accused of playing a role in the war on terror, with some media outlets promoting the war and others criticizing it.

IV. The Cultural Context

A. The Impact on Culture

The war on terror has had a significant impact on culture. The war has led to increased military spending, with many people feeling that their tax dollars are being wasted. The war has also led to increased censorship, with many people feeling that their freedom of speech is being violated.

B. The Impact on the Arts

The war on terror has also had a significant impact on the arts. Many artists have created works that critique the war, while others have created works that support it.

V. The Conclusion

In conclusion, the war on terror has been a disaster. The war has led to increased polarization, government surveillance, and censorship. The war has also had a significant impact on the economy, the society, and the culture. We must work to end the war on terror and to build a more just and peaceful world.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
A glace a South Suburb profiles

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New, mid-priced homes are found in many Chicago Southland communities experiencing rapid growth, among them are Chicago Heights, Manhattan, Matteson, Orland Park, and Tinley Park. Chicago Southland has a home suited to every lifestyle. There are complexes of rental apartments wrapped around recreational amenities, for those who enjoy home ownership without maintenance responsibilities, there are neatly styled condominiums and townhomes. South Holland and other communities offer retirement villages, reserved exclusively for seniors. Without question, Chicago Southland is becoming the place for comfortable living.

CALUMET CITY
Population 1990 37,840 Median Family Income $35,427 Median Home Value $63,500 Median Age 34.6 Total Employed 17,664 Percentage Unemployed 7.7% Municipal Revenues $10,499,028 Percent from Taxes 77.0%

CALUMET PARK
Population 1990 6,416 Median Family Income $35,502 Median Home Value $62,500 Median Age 32.0 Total Employed 3,980 Percentage Unemployed 9.6% Municipal Revenues $2,326,264 Percent from Taxes 78.0%

CHICAGO HEIGHTS
Population 1990 32,072 Median Family Income $31,534 Median Home Value $61,600 Median Age 30.7 Total Employed 13,872 Percentage Unemployed 9.8% Municipal Revenues $10,039,046 Percent from Taxes 69.0%

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Suburban murders escalating

The murder tally across Chicago's suburbs has gone up by nearly 10 percent in 2005 prompting police to emulate tough tactics credited with reducing bloodshed in the city. As reported in the Chicago Tribune there was an increase since 2001 runs counter to Chicago's success story: The flight of criminals from Chicago and creeping poverty, according to law enforcement officials and criminologists.

Gary - Peotone airports

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all of us.

Perhaps most importantly, Gary has geography on its side – as the city is 15 miles closer to downtown Chicago than Peotone.

While GYY does not currently meet federal runway safety guidelines, the funds would help bring Gary up to those standards, as well as allowing improvements to GYY's terminal and other facilities to attract commercial airlines.

GYY has been without scheduled commercial airline service since Hooters Air temporarily halted its flights to the airport last year. City officials say that illustrous carrier is expected to resume service from Gary in March — and they hope that's just a beginning.

In all, city officials have requested as much as $90 million over the next 10 years to make improvements needed to handle an expected threefold increase in passenger loads by 2012, according to the Tribune.

Expansion plans are also expected to bring as many as 300 jobs to Gary, at a time when the industrial city is combating high unemployment rates as high as 16 percent.

Southland burbs

Population 1590 2,217 Median Family Income $25,451 Median Home Value $45,500 Median Age 33.4 Total Employed 760 Percentage Unemployed 15.6% Municipal Revenues NA Percent from Sales Tax

ROBBINS

Population 1590 7,406 Median Family Income $25,451 Median Home Value $39,600 Median Age 28.1 Total Employed 1,050 Percentage Unemployed 20.3% Municipal Revenues NA Percent from Sales Tax

THORNTON

Population 1590 2,778 Median Family Income $44,464 Median Home Value $72,000 Median Age 35.8 Total Employed 1,441 Percentage Unemployed 5.4% Municipal Revenues $1,053,522 Percent from Taxes 71.0%

Seniors Jazz

This Affair Is Come As You Are Every Other Thursday, 1 Present: Jazzie Seniors Thursdays Here At The Store, Which Comprises Of Live Entertainment Free Food For All And Raffle Give Always. All For Free And You Don't Have To Live In This Area, It's Just My Way Of Giving Back To The Senior Community. The Next One Is On January 19th 2006 At 1332 West 183rd Street, Cisco's Music World. And It Starts At 8:00 AM And Ends At 12:30 P.M, Thank You Sir. Cisco

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Expansion plans are also expected to bring as many as 300 jobs to Gary, at a time when the industrial city is combating high unemployment rates as high as 16 percent.
Baptist. A year later, the club moved their meeting place to 4910 S. State Street. Reverend J.E. Jones replaced Luck and a year later in 1920, Reverend S. L. Watson replaced Jones. In that year, Pilgrim Baptist Church moved into the twenty-year-old Synagogue building at 33rd & Indiana where they would remain for the next eight and a half decades. The church's Built as Kehlah Anshe Ma' aiv synagoge, the building has housed the Pilgrim Baptist Church since 1922.

The decorative planning skills of architect Louis H. Sullivan, along with the engineering abilities of Dunham Adler, are embodied in the strong masonry forms of this building, which is embellished with terra-cotta panels of intricate foliage designs. The dramatic interior of the church contains similar ornaments. Most noted clergyman was arguably Reverend Junius C. Austin, a stellar businessman imported from Pittsburgh in 1926. Under Austin's direction, Pilgrim Baptist Church became known as "The Businessman's Men's Gulf House." They held "Race cooperation meetings," bringing together Bronzeville and the Black West Side's leading businessmen and women. Together they organized one of the biggest support movements in Chicago for the victims of the Great Flood of 1926. They also sent cash and supplies to African nations as a matter of course.

At it's height in the first half of last century, the Finnie's Union Grove Prayer Meeting Club turned-Pilgrim Baptist Church had grown to more than 7000 regular members. As a center of African American culture, during the 1930s, this congregation and its longtime music director, Thomas A. Dorsey, were instrumental in the development of gospel music.

Among those who sang here were: Mahalia Jackson, Sailie Martin, James Cleveland, and the Edwin Hawkins Singers. Pilgrim rallied against the Chicago Mob's takeover of the Policy Rackets, and were a vital link in civil rights movements everywhere. The New Pilgrim Baptist Church will rise from today's ashes like an old angie of another kind, and will no doubt be among the nation's biggest, built purposefully, thereby making it the very best yet. Somebody say it!

Nathan Thompson is the Author of the acclaimed Book "Kings: The True Story of Chicago's Policy Kings and Numbers Racketeers" which reached at BronzevillePress@hotmail.com

A Chicago Black Panther

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It had to have been intended to you, just like it happens to us all at one time or another. You know what I mean? (Oh, here’s the scene. You and your family are riding casually along when all of a sudden someone in the car makes the observation, “Man, there are a lot of churches on this block!”)

This is seen followed by another observation, observation number two: “There’s a lot of liquor stores too!” (Observation number two, we’ll deal with at a later date.)

Back to observation number one. Have you ever wondered why there are so many churches in cities and areas? Notice, I said some areas. The same areas idea, to be clarified by the end of this article. The “no many churches” aspect to be dealt with now.

Time to expose one of our little secrets. Now, mind you, I’m giving you the Baptist perspective since I’ve been a practicing Baptist for over half my life.

Ambassadors for Christ (AFC) host many religionist affirmations, where many upstairs ministers and churches rent space in the building in getting started.

Unlike the Methodists, African Methodist, Episcopal or the Church of God in Christ, churches which are organized and operated by “Bishops”, each Baptist church is self governed and operated by each individual body and their respective, “Pastors” with spiritual direction coming from God. I believe also that these other denominations get their direction from God, if they believe in Christ as mediator, savior and son of God. However, in the Baptist community this forms a unique correlation between God and man. Since we believe that God is moving on Pastor to provide spiritual direction, if a preacher believes God is moving on him to establish a church, we don’t question that action. If he says it, at that point he is given the freedom to do just that. However, when you consider that there is in some areas, as many as four or five Baptist churches in one block you must question the validity of the “God led me” to aspect of those establishments. Let’s be real, we’re talking about God here! A God that captivated the entire believing world with only seven churches worldwide? So what else could be leading to the establishment of so many churches more?

Remember, we believe that God provides direction for the minister, but, at the same time we believe that we as ministers are just as fallible when it comes to the attacks of Satan. This means that we get just as jealous, envious, and full of ourselves as anyone else. Holy God, did I just say that? No, that’s right, I said it. We’re just as fallible as anyone else! What do I mean? Here’s another scenario. A pastor gets a brother, possibly younger and more energetic than himself that comes to him and says, “God has called me into the ministry.” He’s given time to study and hone his talents before preaching his “trial sermon” (This is where the one professing is up to his call is given the opportunity to give evidence to the church of his call, by preaching his first sermon at that particular church). Now this brother not only gives evidence of his call, but at the same time demonstrates talents and gifts that may be absent in the Pastor. This is when the flash may step into the driver’s seat.

Let me explain this; we Baptists believe also that the church is the Bride of Christ, in other words a woman. The Pastor sees this young spry preacher encashing in on his territory and exciting his “woman”. The Pastor is then promptly “directed by God” to “sit this brother down” for reasons that have nothing to do with a directive from God. Now understand this, if you have truly been called you want to preach, but now you have been effectively silenced by your pastor. Not being able to preach and not want to take the chance of being silenced by another Pastor you are now led to establish a church. Starting to get the picture? With a limited amount of capital and a sparse number of followers you seek out a store front in the low rent district and set up shop, hence more than one church to a block in the “some areas”, that I spoke about earlier.

I wish my editor would give me license to get a little winded here! I’ll tell you what; just stay tuned for part II.

To get in touch with Minister B. Henry Kenner please contact him via the internet at preach-touched@ameritech.net

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MUSIC HERITAGE MUSEUM
Books on the Movement
"The Thunder of Angels"
the book on the Montgomery Bus Boycott

Anita L. Ramalingam

The Thunder of Angels" is the book on the Montgomery Bus Boycott that explores what happened behind the scenes:

- The history of violence and abuse on the city buses
- What other parties were instrumental in bringing about and organizing the bus boycott
- The stories of civil rights pioneers like E.D. Nixon and Jo Ann Robinson
- What went on at Martin Luther King Jr. trial
- How black and white lawyers worked together to overturn segregation in the courtroom
- And even firsthand accounts from the segregationists who bombed the homes of some of Montgomery's most progressive ministers.

Published to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Rosa Parks's heroic stand, the book at last is the full, untold story of the boycott—and the beginning of a new era in race relations.

"The Thunder of Angels" is a very interestingly written piece of history said Don Samuelson. "This is a good book. The authors, Wayne Greenshaw and Donnie Williams are a very accomplished writers are from Birmingham, who wanted to tell the fully story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Samuelson added, "I got connected to this effort because Lionel Nixon who is the grandson of E.D Nixon, whose full contributions to this effort are one of major themes of the book, and the story. The book is published by the independent publishers Group in Chicago.

Mug shots from "The Thunder of Angels:
In the Summer of 2004, while clearing out a storage area in the basement of the old Montgomery County Courthouse, Chief Deputy Sheriff Derek Cunningham discovered a box of old photos of people who'd been arrested nearly fifty years earlier. Searching through the box, Cunningham soon realized that the bulk of these black and white pictures were actually mug shots taken in February 1956, when nearly one hundred leaders of the black community were arrested and charged withducting an illegal boycott of the buses. Also in the box were several legal-sized pads, on with the names and arrest numbers of those who had been arrested were handwritten.

3rd Volume of King biography
King's Final Years

As the shadows fell, King looked north. It was the beginning of the end.

By Jonathan Alter, Newsweek -
Jan. 9, 2006 issue -excerpt:

...Branch's book, to be shows us King not as a plaster saint but an intuitive, conflicted and harried human being—running late to

everything, refereeing among squabbling lieutenants, straying from his wife to the end, even slipping out to catch what one of his traveling aides said was his favorite movie, "The Sound of Music." But we also see that even after he became world-famous, King had reason to call his movement a civil-rights struggle. Branch conveys in powerful detail the dramatic, chaotic, inspiring and incendiary era, from the triumphant Selma-to-Montgomery march to the passage in 1965 of the landmark Voting Rights Act and little-noticed end to discrimination against the Third World in immigration (which reshaped the face of America); from the pathos of Lyndon Johnson—caught between his breathtaking commitment to fighting injustice and the worsening Vietnam War—to the backlash against liberalism represented by Ronald Reagan's election as governor of California, and finally to King's eerie "I might not get there with you" premonition at the Mason Temple in Memphis on the night before his assassination.

For me, though, the central story of the last act of King's life takes place in Chicago. He lived there on and off for much of 1966, trying to take his movement of nonviolent civil disobedience to the next level. He failed. "It is in Chicago that the grapes of wrath are stored," King said as he launched what he called the "action phase" of his agenda. But the wrath at loose in American society derailed the civil-rights movement and left a generation politically adrift. Branch's research suggests that 1966 was the year the liberal dream began to disintegrate.
Entertainment

Jazz Unites leads off Black History Month

Return of THE MARIAN ANDERSON & MAHALIA JACKSON TRIBUTE CONCERT

Lena McLin To Receive Legacy Award At Concert

Of all Chicago's treasures, none is more priceless than the Rev. Dr. Lena J. McLin. If you love music of any kind she has probably touched you in some way. Considered one of the leading writers and arrangers in music today, Quincy Jones calls her "an astounding educator and musician."

Dr. McLin is recognized as one of America's premier composers, with more than 400 works to her credit—symphonies, operas, cantatas, anthems, liturgical settings for Roman Catholic and Anglican masses, art songs, electronic music, "rock" and "soul" songs—as well as solo, choral and piano arrangements of spirituals. Some of her most famous are Gwendolyn Brooks: A Musical Portrait, Free At Last, Psalm 117 and The Little Baby. On Sunday, January 29, 2006, Jazz Unites Inc. will recognize Lena McLin as part of its 21st Annual Historical/Musical Tribute to Marian Anderson & Mahalia Jackson at the Harris Theater in Millennium Park, starting at 3:00 p.m. This event was created by Jazz Unites Founder and President Geraldine de Haas and narrated by WGN-TV personality Merri Dee. This is a return performance for the tribute concert, which honors the legacies of two outstanding black women artists. Dr. McLin will be the first recipient of the Jazz Unites Legacy Award for her contributions to both opera and gospel music.

In the 1950s, she created accessible opportunities for African American musicians during the 15-
Emajina is breaking the myth with CD

Coming out with her first CD "Emajina" is carrying on the style, flair and grace of the great performers before her.

The main myth told to people interested in pursuing a career in the music industry is it is too hard or impossible to be a success in Chicago, you can only be successful in New York, California, or Atlanta. But with the likes of many from Lou Rawls, Curtis Mayfield and Jerry Butler, to R. Kelly and Kanye West, there are a lot of talented people here in Chicago and many of them have altered that myth by striving to be recognized in the industry as a reputable talent.

Emajina new CD evolve and evaluate styles

Jazz Unites TRIBUTE CONCERT

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The Social Affair begins at 6:00 PM with Mark Allen and other activists; special events; and opportunities to network with others interested in political and community empowerment.

Other Candidates and Campaigns interested in being guests at future forums or more information contact Mark Allen at The Black Leadership Development Institute at 773-776-8355.

African American Actors Needed

Executive Producer Shaywane L. Mannen, writer of the novel Apology From One Sista To Another, and Director Lawrence Lee, creator of the film Urban Sphere are looking for African American men and women between the ages of 23 and 46. Also looking for poets of any ethnic background, ages 18 and up (poets with headshot, resume and be prepared for a cold reading and to sing a song of your choice). Actors and actresses will be paid. For more information go to shyfoxbooks.com. NOTE: Please note that chicago.about.com has no connection to any of these companies and we do not know how legitimate these companies are. We only put up their ads because Chicago is trying very hard to bring movie business to our city.

Chicago Hip Hop activists: special events: and showcase of the five elements of Hip Hop. There will be many special appearances by notables such as Hip Hop pioneer, Lord Cashus D of Zulu Nation, and Sam Greenlee among others.

January 11-15, 2006 at Kennedy King College, 6800 S. Westwood Avenue. The event is hosted by the Chicago Host Committee for the 2006 Hip Hop Political Convention.

The Chicago Host Committee for the 2006 National Hip Hop Political Convention aims to explore and encourage the use of the arts to express, empower and educate the community at large. The Film Festival will be a catalyst in preserving and promoting Hip Hop Culture as a means to instill and reinforce community values, principles and behavior.

As part of the organizing efforts around the 2006 National Hip Hop Political Convention, the Chicago Host Committee will actively work to plan, coordinate and manage the 2006 National Hip Hop Political Convention. This will involve fundraising, promotions and the hosting of special events leading up to the July Convention. The Conference is the third in a series of events designed to garner local awareness and support from the public and private sector, as well as elected officials for the city's benefit.

There is a requested donation of $3/students and $5/general admission.

Contact LaKeisha Gray-Sewell at 773-577-4600 or fgwritng1@yahoo.com. This event is supported by Aqua Moon, Kennedy King College, the National Hip Hop Political Convention.
Those who lived in kitchenettes and small living quarters to satisfy an unjust and restrictive housing market are those who yesterday, spent sweat and tears of many folks, who are now engaged in the options for life, we experience.

Q. As there is an aggressive process to ready Black groups to develop projects in the Bronzeville as well? Blair: Allow me to introduce our Board Member, Tracey Taylor, who was recently appointed to chair the Real Estate/Commercial Development Committee for the Chamber. Running his own Firm, TL Taylor Realty and mentoring Children is standard fare for Tracey, who is one of Chicago's Most Successful Realtors.

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Q. In Bronzeville seen as community operating at full strength, such as Hyde Park or even Chatham? Again, each community has an aura of its own, and such, strength is noted by the distance one must travel to make their way. Bronzeville with a near century of guarded movements, has the opportunity to go forward today and become the essence of beauty like Bronzeville for instance, rides the sunset of a historic past and as such, beams in the heart of the area.

Q. Where do you see Bronzeville tomorrow? Blair: Historical Bronzeville is on the rise again, however this time, the occupants not only have unbridled physical movement beyond the adverse boundaries of South Street Journal. This area, but own the property, own a business in the Bronzeville "Own This Moment" and as alliances and agreements are employed to support area businesses, a new history book will be written! Thank you Mr. Blair.
**Turn the Ghetto into Gold, 20/40 Plan**

**Chicago Economic forecast for Black**

**THE BUYING POWER OF BLACK AMERICA**

**A reflection of Chicago's African American spending**

**Source: 2004 Target Market News, "The Buying Power of Black America - 2004" This total does not include automotive related expenditures listed in the report.**

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**State -Strategic Energy Workshop to help manufacturers reduce energy bills.**

Utilivate Technologies, LLC (Utilivate) announced that its second Strategic Energy Planning Workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, at the State of Illinois Building, rm. 160 N. LaSalle, 9 am - 3 pm following the success of its November workshop. Utilivate is working in partnership with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCEO) to provide Illinois manufacturers energy cost optimization planning and implementation services. Marlon McClintick, President & CEO of Utilivate Technologies, stated, "We are committed to help identify, prioritize, target, and implement high-impact energy conservation opportunities. The workshop will allow additional companies to reap the many benefits of this unique state of Illinois sponsored program."

**The Idea Exchange Business Seminar**

is a scaled down spin-off event of Andrew Morrison's its founder and coach successful Small Business Campaign series, an intensive 2-day business training and marketing boot camp service for entrepreneurs. The program primarily targets new and established minority entrepreneurs looking to jumpstart their business or established business owners who want to refine their skillset and increase their profit. The Idea Exchange Business Seminar will be held on January 13, 2005, at 9:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm. There is no charge for attending this workshop. Attendees wishing to apply for the loan (loan amounts are $5,000, $10,000, $15,000, $20,000 and $25,000) will need to bring a prepared business plan (if it is a temporary business you must have a letter from the bank indicating that it is a business check account), financial statements, profit and loss statement for last 2 quarters and EIN number. No business plan or tax returns are required for this loan product. To register: contact Ms. Rogers at 312/353-4385.
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