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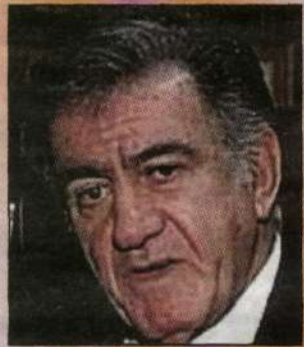
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Fashion Designer Duvall's World Chicago Fashion Week Show in Millennium Park. Photo Credits: Ernest Collins - Paris

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Niles Mayor Nicholas Blasé And Two Insurance Agents Indicted In Fraud

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Early Voting Begins Mail-Absentee Voting Underway

There are qualifications for voting absentee. Persons eligible to vote by mail-absentee include those who intend to be out of the county on election day; the physically disabled; students away at college; and persons observing religious holidays.

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A Showdown At City Hall Poor Protest For Affordable Housing

By Ms. Beauty Turner

The Poor People Millennium Movement and STOP, a student tenant organization staged a news conference as well as a rally at city hall on October 4th.

Poor people packed the 5th floor darning with posters that read "we the people have no fear, the people got the power in an election year". Attached to the posters was a picture of a voter registration card with big

bold black letters that read at the base of it "power in the prang out with poetic chants such as "Let eople".

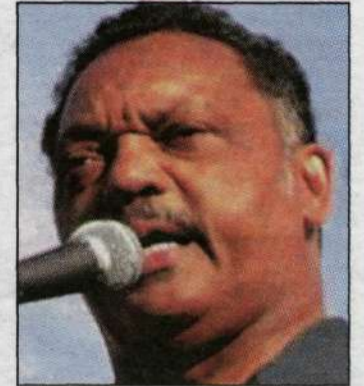
The halls the people shout, we the people got the clout, we can vote you in and we can vote you out!" The participants marched around the nicely shellacked floors while holding their 8X10 picture posters.

"The Section 8 Chicago Housing Authority's new Neighborhoods Site rule is making it impossible for peo-

ple to live anywhere in Chicago," one of the young women said as we made a second turn headed toward the mayor office.

Beauty Turner wrote a letter to Mayor Daley saying, "We are here to say to you today that when you look out of a window and see a homeless man harboring in an emerald green park and you pull the shade that you didn't stop that man from being

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March and Rally to Demand Education Funding

A major march and rally in support of education was held on Oct. 14, at the Federal Plaza, Dearborn and Adams streets, announced by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, founder and president of Rainbow PUSH Coalition and PUSH for Excellence (PUSH Excel).

The march brought together community leaders, college students, organizations, and individual supporters, to call for reform in Illinois educational funding, which ranks among the worst in funding disparity between rich and poor students, according to the Center for Tax Budget and Accountability.

Along with equal education funding, the march and rally also focused on demands for repairs to damaged schools and redress of the disparity in educational opportunities for students in lower-income and middle-income communities.

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The Big Black Split



Walls: 'Jackson Sr., Jr. & Daley on Same Team'

While the November 7, 2006 election is just a few weeks away, the February 2007 election is in full motion. September 19 marked the first day that candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and Alderman could circulate petitions to get on the ballot for the election of 2007.

A typical conversation on the election would be; "Who are you going to vote for Mayor?" It would continue with no bearing on African American unity as it once was centered on in past mayoral elections, regardless of the outcome. Furthermore, the subject matter embraces which African American candidate is a spoiler on behalf of Mayor Richard M. Daley. In addition as one political analyst points out, "The spoiler may not even know they are one."

With the potential split in the black vote, one candidate that has concern is William "Dock" Walls the first to announce his mayoral bid. He was followed by Dorothy Brown, the Clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court, with expected an-

William "Dock" Walls candidate



Jesse Jackson Jr. potential candidate

Dorothy Brown candidate



nouncements' by Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., and possibly Congressman Luis Gutierrez, whose office continues to inform SSJ no decision has been made. However, for the most part other groups such as Hispanics maybe clearly supporting the mayor due to the City Clerk appointee of State Senator Miguel del Valle.

Walls sounded off on the crowded fill of candidates questioning the role of Jesse Jackson Sr. and Congressman Jackson as RainbowPUSH led a press conference joined by Daley on the fundamental change in the way education is funded in Illinois.

"I am forced to question why Jesse Jackson, Jr. would participate in a joint press conference with Daley, and Arne Duncan?" said Walls. "If he is really running for mayor, what's he doing sharing a podium with Mayor Daley?"

"Over the past several years, on numerous occasions, I have stood at press conferences with parents and educational community activists frustrated by Daley's school clo-

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Fact & Commentary

Bi-Weekly Round Up of..... Mark Allen

Keep Wal-Mart Lay Away

I know you may have heard that Wal-mart is planning to get rid of the Lay-A-Way program...

Therefore we must all take the time to click on the link (http://www.petitiononline.com/tex3218/petition.html) and sign the petition to keep the lay-away program going in all the Wal-Mart stores.

Even if you may not feel the need to petition because you may not have taken advantage of "Lay-A-Way" remember how hard it was for our parents to provide us with nice clothing and toys without such "Lay-A-way, Just do it because someone may really need to have the availability or option.

Claypool's Secret Endorsement of Stroger

So Claypool says that while he cannot publicly endorse Stroger in the upcoming election, he does endorse another Democratic candidate who is? endorsing Stroger? How many more Democrats will Claypool endorse who happen to be in areas where Stroger needs the voter turnout?

Well Claypool did put his foot in his mouth and cannot go back and say he will vote for Stroger, nor will he support Peraica's efforts to dismantle the Democratic machine that Claypool has benefitted from throughout his public career.

So as far as Stroger Campaign is concerned, let Claypool keep publicly endorsing other Democratic candidates, as long as those Democratic candidates are telling their supporters to vote Stroger. As long as Claypool is encouraging Democratic turnout, then that's good news for Stroger. Good plan, so Claypool can help generate Democratic votes without having to say he's helping Stroger.

Media Continues To Ignore Cook County Sheriff's Race

Why is the media CONTINUING to give the people a blow by blow update of the Governor's and Cook County Board President Race, and even the Mayor's Race when that one comes after November 7th?

With all the talk about these candidates and their qualifications, why are we not asking how the Democratic Nominee for Sheriff has no Law Enforcement experience, and why don't we know more about the Republican Nominee Peter Garza who has extensive Law Enforcement credentials. The Republican Nominee was publicly endorsed by a former Democratic candidate for Sheriff. Why does major media keep ignoring all these developments and not report on them as if they did not occur or have an impact on a serious constituency as well.

Major media seems to be contributing to the ignorance of the electorate when we provide more coverage to the candidates in the Mayors race and wont provide coverage to the Sheriff's race that is RIGHT IN FRONT OF US!!



News Briefs

Mayor Daley Releases his 2007 Budget:

Key findings; The city continues its tradition of not reporting tax increment financing (TIF) funds proceeds as part of its budget. Over 340 million was collect in TIF district funds for 2005-06, yet report of this revenue is recognized as a budgetary item.

The Mayor's "Modern School Across Chicago" program to build new and renovate 27 schools totalling \$1 billion is backed by TIF revenue from many parts of Chicago.

Alderman voiced their concerns along with organization regarding the decision-making of transporting TIF dollars from blighted commercial and residential districts.

On the jobs front, The City has not placed any significant dollars to address training and unemployment. TIFWORKS dollars, monies dedicated to train workers have been targeted in the Mayor's budget. TIF district exist in Chicago, 40 districts are recognized as TIFWORKS eligible areas.

No Money For CTA Security

No money have been targeted to shore up the operations at the CTA. Homeland Security grants and/or private dollars via the Skyway was again not targeted by this administration to head off system failures associated with emergency management between the City and CTA. The 3 recent derailments at the CTA should have been on the mind of the administration to address this growing safety problem, while demonstrating a new commitment of supporting mass transit in Chicago. Currently, a resolution before the City's Transportation Committee is calling for more dollars toward CTA operations and for the restoration of conductors.

More Money For Community Programs

The City has met the demands by the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group to maintain Menu Program and other neighborhood related capital programs. A \$190 million bond issuance is attached to the operating budget. Similar to last year when nearly \$162 million (neighborhoods) and \$27 million toward community facilities. As we understand, the city will stay on this spending route.

The 2005-06 ADA lawsuit by the disability communities will continue to have an impact on the neighborhood projects as crews are redirected to install corner ramps and realign all streets and road construction projects to include this lawsuit requirement.

No Junk Food For School Kids

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) today approved rules that officially ban junk food and soda in Illinois elementary and middle schools. In November of last year, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich asked the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to ban junk food and soda in Illinois elementary and middle schools. Research shows that healthier students have higher attendance rates, better behavior, and superior test scores

Existing State Board of Education rules already prohibit the sale of junk food in elementary schools during breakfast and lunch, but if students snack too much between mealtimes, they may not have appetites for healthy foods at lunch.

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UnZip

It's official! John Paul Jones from Englewood is now a write-in candidate for the State Representative 32nd District of Chicago. Supporters can now enter John Paul Jones as part of the Early Voting casting a various locations throughout the city. Jones, is expecting twins in April, making it 12 children. In a Laura S. Washington, November 2004 - Chicago Sun-times article, John Paul Jones was compared to Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., State Senator Jacqueline Collins and U.S. Senator Obama for his public policy and local government savvy. Stay tune!



And you better believe it Obama is going to be running for U.S. President. And its not about a Black thang. Based on After Benjamin L. Cardin, a White Congressman, defeated Kweisi Mfume, the former president of the NAACP and ex-chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Sen. Barack Obama iis everyone's flavor of the month, even parachuted in to endorse Cardin. African-American politicians in Maryland almost stumbled over one another in a mad rush to endorse Cardin.



In Bronzeville Maurice Perkins a Toni Peraica supporter is going to have a cable show..... And he may know about the Rosenwald building on 47th street and Michigan Ave. take over for a local developer.

Are you aware by May of 2008 the law will require you to carry a national identification card? Are you aware the Supreme Court has ruled that the government has no authority to impose a direct un-apportioned tax on the labor of the American people, and the 16th Amendment does not give the government that power? Are you aware that computer voting machines can be rigged and there is no way to ensure that your vote is counted? ..its in Aaron Russo opening of "America: Freedom to Fascism" in theaters around the country and see page 5. IS VERY SCARY and ... A new database is available to the general public free of charge that displays your personal information (names, addresses, phone numbers, birth dates). (Soc. Sec. is available for a price.) The database is found at http://www.zabasearch.com type in your name and check

Check to see if your name and information is in their database. If so and you want it removed, send them an e-mail at info@zabasearch.com to request it be removed. I do not know how our names are appearing there, After opting out by email, check back after a few days to make certain your information has been removed. If it has not been removed then file a complaint with your State's Attorney General Lisa Madigan. As most rap music rap about crime and getting over, a report also noted that about 10 percent of all black men between 26 and 29 were incarnate last year, compared with 1.2 percent of white men and 2.4 percent of Hispanic men. Overall, the 486,700 black men in prison outnumbered both the 436,800 white males and 235,000 Hispanic males.

Should he run for president?

Table with 2 columns: Response and Percentage. Yes, but not in 2008: 36%; Yes, in 2008: 35%; No, never: 29%

National AOL Total Votes: 127,504

Who would have a better shot at the White House?

Table with 2 columns: Candidate and Percentage. Barack Obama: 60%; Hillary Clinton: 40%

Total Votes: 87,699



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9 Ward Stand Against Crime, Poor Education and Poverty

Hundreds of 9th ward residents, business and community leaders participated in the "Move to INTERCEPT Now! Move-A-Thon" fund raiser on Oct. 14, to speak out against "systematically" oppressed conditions of neighborhoods troubling the 9th ward. The Move-A-Thon was created by INTERCEPT Now!, a community-based advocacy organization located in the 9th ward's Roseland community.

The Move-A-Thon, which began at 10 a.m. started at Altgeld Gardens, located at 13400 S. Indiana Ave on Chicago's far South Side and ended at Chicago State University, 9700 S. King Drive. The event covered five miles throughout parts of the 9th ward where participants either choose to walk, run, bike, roller-blade or skateboard to the finish line. Proceeds from this event helped fund INTERCEPT programs that include professional and social skills training for youth and adults.

"This is really an exciting and unique event that allows the community to get involved," said Stephany Spaulding, president and CEO of

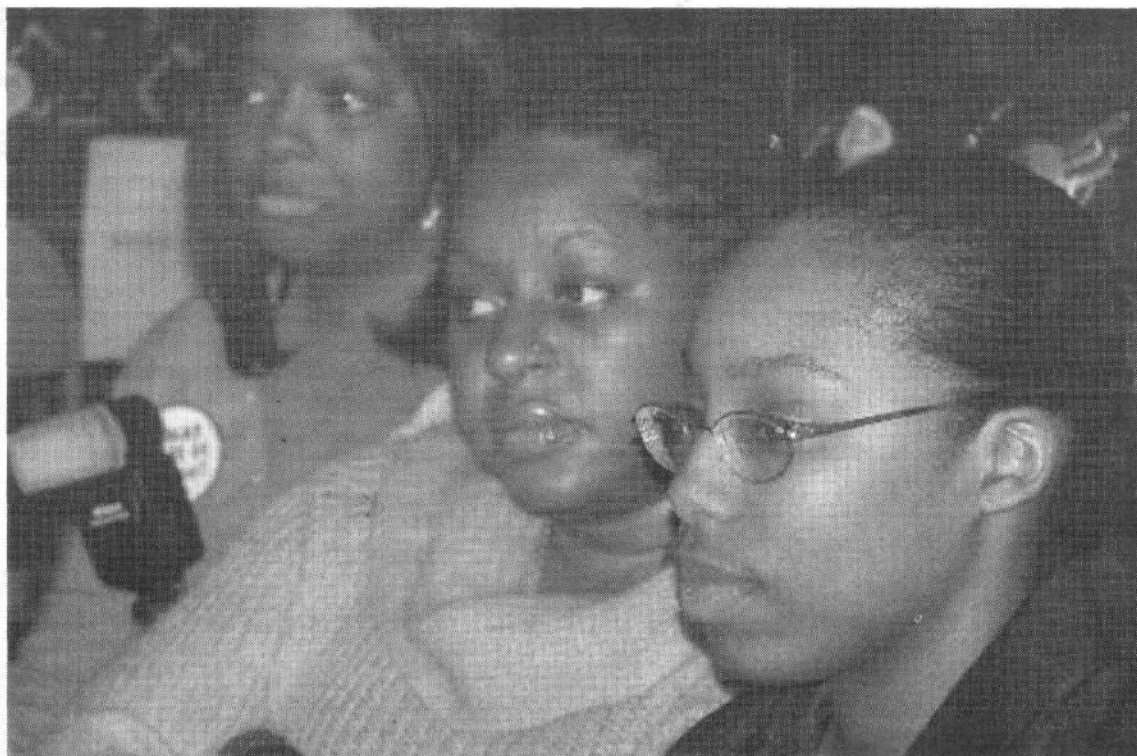
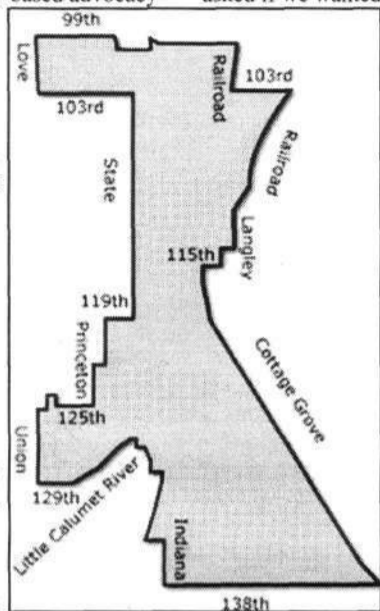
INTERCEPT Now! "But, this is also a call to action because the needs of this ward have been ignored for far too long. We have to hold the powers that be, accountable for the continuing plight of the communities. We're still waiting on a grocery store that was promised to us years ago. Residents of the community weren't asked if we wanted to have Wal Mart

and we're tired of not having our voices heard." The 9th ward, also part of the 5th congressional district, is one of the poorest and major high-crime areas of the 50 wards in the City of Chicago.

While the City of Chicago recently reported a one percent decrease in overall crime, the 9th ward's crime rate has increased by one percent since 2005. There have been more than 150 sex offender parolees placed in the 60628 zip code, which includes Roseland, Pullman, West Pullman, Fernwood and other smaller communities—more than any other community in Chicago.

In addition, the school system suffers tragically as only two ele-

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Audience listens during panel discussion of sexual violence against Black women. Photo: Richard Muhammad

"S.O.S.: Saving Our Sisters, Saving Our Selves"

Sending out an SOS against sexual assault

By Richard Muhammad
StraightWords E-Zine

Misty De Berry has a presence, a voice, a smile, a confidence that can light up a room. But when she spoke to a room full of Black women and a few Black men on a recent Friday night, the performer turned on a different light. She shared her experience as a survivor of sexual assault.

The young woman struggles with

what she often calls the night of the bad date, or the date that didn't go right. "I don't know what to say about it," she said. "I was raped. I'm intentionally using that word."

De Berry's struggle and resilience were echoed by a panel of Black women Oct. 6 who spoke during a weekend devoted to starting a conversation about sexual assault in Chicago's Black community and

what can be done about.

The "S.O.S.: Saving Our Sisters, Saving Our Selves" weekend included the panel discussion, workshops, victim counseling and trainings about sexual assault, a film festival, media training and frank conversations about the victimization of Black women and girls.

According to the Red Eye, a tab-

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A Show Down At City Hall

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didn't stop that man from being homeless; but hid the dirt that your CHA plan has helped created.

Just like in the days of old when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. marched in Montgomery Alabama in 1965 at that time the politician Governor George Wallace watched from behind drawn blinds but that didn't stop the protest but only intensified it.

We are here to tell you today stop sending your shameful dirt to the outskirts of Chicago but face your problem by looking at this CHA Plan for Transformation and the devastation it has created for the poor.

This new unjust rule CHA administrated, Neighborhoods Site HUD approved rule is rendering people to homelessness".

Protesters went down to the second floor where the City Council was in session and chanted in the hall, "what do we want? Affordable housing. When do we want it? Now"! They also chanted as the aldermen came out of the chambers. "Let the people shout, the people got the clout, we can vote you in to win, and we can vote you out without a doubt"! Ms. Turner spoke with Mayor Daley told him the groups concerns and he reassured her that, the rule is being closely looked into as he gave

me a look as if he didn't like that unjust rule either.

She also met up with Alderman Dorothy Tillman 3 ward, Alderman Arenda Troutman 20 ward; they both said they disagreed with the CHA NEW Neighborhood Site rule. "That's a stupid rule, I disagree with it also," Alderman Tillman said while standing near the chamber in a jazzy gray pants outfit dawning a jazzy gray hat.

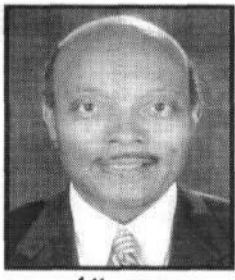
Getting rid of this rule is a work in progress but so far we have Alderman Toni Preckwinkle 4 ward, Alderman Tillman 3 ward. And Alderman Arenda Troutman who has showed that they are willing to stand by the poor when it comes to this rule.

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sure and his failure to adequately address most basic educational concerns. Congressman Jackson has never stood with us." Walls continued saying, "I have sat through Federal Court proceedings alongside parents and educational community activists demanding a fair Desegregation plan. Jesse Jr. was never there."

"I marched with Rev. Meeks for Education Reform. Jesse Jackson Sr. and Jr. were noticeably absent."

Congressman Jackson running for reelection on the November 7th ballot is circulating petitions as a potential mayoral candidate and is having "Community Listening" meetings around the city. He most likely will not say until after the November 7, election of his intentions for mayor.

Viewing the Black vote as not being "Monolithic", as being one big voting block, Congressman Jackson and Brown are both content that it is important to have multiple voices in the campaign speaking out against the culture of corruption and issues in Chicago.

Brown, moving forward with her campaign announced the appointment of veteran public relations expert and journalist, Paul W. Davis to head her bid for mayor as campaign manager.

Davis an associate of Walls and once part of his interim planning committee preparing Walls to run for mayor, praised Walls integrity, but questions his financial ability to win.

"Brown is imminently qualified, but more than that" says Davis, "She has the passion and desire to uplift and enhance all communities of Chicago. Davis added that he's confident that as mayor, Brown will restore the voter's faith and trust in city government.

Brown also secured Elaine Hierholzer an organizational expert with a background in finance on her campaign known for her ability to organ-

ize, analyze and interpret complex information. In addition, joining the campaign is Neal Patel, a software and logistics expert. And as assistant campaign manager Attorney Carlos Claudio, a former Assistant Cook County State's Attorney.

Pleased with the new appointments, Brown noted that, "We've put together a diverse and quality campaign leadership team that mirrors the diversity of Chicago itself. I believe that it also reflects my campaign's commitment to representing all the people of this city."

But Karen C. Karen a supporter of Walls reports, "In this mayoral election, I ask that you support the "One Candidate" campaign. If more than one African American runs against Daley, it is for certain that Daley will win, you know the divide and conquer routine, the Willie Lynch mentality, that only the white man can lead us.... this is nonsense."

Seven Black candidates that lost their bid for mayor since the passing of Harold Washington all ran one on one against Daley.

Still to close to call if Daley will run for re-election, elected officials are privately walking on the thin ice of their code of silence on what can happen over the next five months, based on if U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald continues headlines of indictments to follow Daley to the 2007 election. "Mayor Daley, if the feds don't get you, we'll get you at the ballot box," Walls said "But he also has the advisors surrounding him from the White House, to corporate

Dorothy Brown interviewed by SSJ publisher and Editor Ron Carter on her announcement for mayor. Carter reminded Brown a question in 1998, When do you thing Blacks could united. Brown replied that it would only happen in ten years. Two years for that time SSJ attempted follow up on the statement with no official response from Brown nor her office.

Photo by Frank



campaign backers, telling him what to do as well.

Walls said of Daley's political successes. "He is not any dummy. I wouldn't count him out at all. A good example of him was maneuvering the Chicago elections from a party election to a non-partisan one. Surly he can see the blue print of Chicago's political landscape with a plan to benefit himself." Candidates before had to turn in 25,000 signatures. Now from a recent law change candidates seeking the office of Mayor of Chicago must submit a minimum of 12,500 signatures of persons registered to vote within the city of Chicago.

"But we have been working in a three year build out of organization and will be ready.

Over the years a lot of resentment and antagonism between Black political groups have developed on political directions. And there are reasons for that. There's a sense that those who are really advancing, because of access to Government and clout distance themselves from those who aren't. There's political tension

that makes it difficult to build political unity and even more among the candidates themselves. And then there is the issue of distrust, between not only the candidates, but middle class, especially educated Blacks, and working class or even members of the poor. And then there's one organizer who indicates that if the check is right the issue is right.

But before Harold Washington there is no question that the only reason he became mayor was that black people created a crusade that swept him in. Lou Palmer's left the most significant legacy with his role in the 1983 election of Washington as mayor. Since then there are Black leaders - many - whom have developed legacies of community empowerment shifted for economic empowerment, as Bishop Arthur Brazier who once the chair of The Woodlawn Organization, redirected his attention to housing development explained to SSJ, community organizing is not his priority.

After that we must select the most qualified person.... not the most popular or most recognized.... Mickey Mouse has name recognition, but that does not qualify him to run our city! "Yes, I have a candidate of my choice as I hope everyone does, but all parties feel they qualify, let them all

come together, debate and allow the community to select one leader. Upon the community's decision, the candidates that are not selected, fall in line and support the candidate of the community's choice. This is the plan that put the late Honorable Harold Washington in office, it worked then, there is no need to reinvent the wheel, let us do it again." said Hill.

"As a candidate for Mayor, I offer Chicago independent leadership." Walls said. "That includes that I am open to the suggestion, but I doubt if the other candidates would adhere to a process that was done last year that they failed to support."

On the notion for a community forum Brown did not opt to be removed from the survey in 2006. In her announcement she said "So many people have approached her about running "and it really escalated in the last year-and-a-half," She continued to say a committee was formed to explore her chances of waging a successful mayoral campaign after she was repeatedly urged to seek higher office.

She now profess she is "the best person to run this city".

Walls said his organization is laying the groundwork for whomever the community decides.

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The governors' action changes the rules to prohibit junk food during the entire school day in elementary and middle schools. The new rules, approved by ISBE in March before being submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rule, a study from Project Lean found that one quarter of everything adolescents eat is considered junk food. And, children nationwide are consuming on average 150 to 200 more calories per day than they did just ten years ago. In addition, 15 percent of all children ages 5 to 19 are overweight, triple that of 20 years ago.

Tatum Goes to Springfield



Ranoule Tatum will be participating at the Illinois Center for Violence Prevention's 11th annual conference, which will be held October 17th-18th at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, Illinois.

Mr. Tatum will be facilitating his highly sought after workshop "Who created that Bully?" Understanding the Frankenstein Syndrome. His Avant-garde approach will offer participants a new perspective to this challenge, which our society is facing. Tatum has been known for taking his audiences far beyond the old, over-used, burned-out techniques of the past. Many past participants have discovered and obtained a new level of understanding about how the children are affected by outside/inside agents and hosts that facilitate the creation of Bully's and how the law of Cause & Effect and the Cycle of Violence are major contributors in the development of what our Society considers MONSTER.

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Neleh Artistic Expressions Celebrates Chicago Artists Month. An Exhibition Illustrating "The Spirit of Sankofa" Reaching Beyond Boundaries. In October, 250 exhibitions of emerging and established artists, openings, demonstrations, tours, open studios and neighborhood art walks take place at galleries, cultural centers and arts buildings throughout the city. Neleh Artistic Expressions Lake Meadows Shopping Center 3467 S. King Drive

Wed, 18th,

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Luncheon, James R.

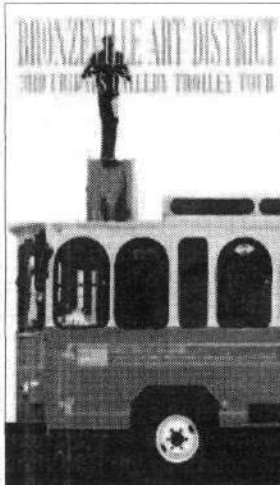
Reilly Chairman, Regional Transportation Authority, Maggiano's Banquets 111 W. Grand Avenue Moving Beyond Congestion, 11:30 a.m. Reception 12:00 p.m. RTA's Strategic Vision for Transit, The City Club of Chicago welcomes James R. Reilly, Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 for a Public Policy Luncheon.

Friday 20

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America Freedom to Fascism. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Movie Screening Starts at 6:30 PM, - Produced by Aaron Russo. Walls For Mayor Campaign Headquarters, 661 West Lake Street Chicago, IL (Lake and Union) Donation \$10.00, Contact Bea Jasper 312.735.1867 **Bronzeville Art District Third Friday Trolley Tour.** Two continuously



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TRICK CITY featuring discussions about topics of interest to the Black community of Chicago (TRICK CITY) With host Michael Jones and regular panelists: Columnist Arlene Jones, of the Austin Weekly News, and Publisher Ron Carter, of the South Street Journal. Guests include: Mayoral candidate Bill Dock Walls, Attorney Angela Lockett, and Researcher & Activist Randy Evans.

October airings: #37, Fri. 10/20th, 10pm, ch.21 #38, Sat. 10/21st, 10am, ch.19 & on Sun. 10/29th, 11:30am, ch.19 November airings: #39, Sat. 11/11th, 12:00pm, ch.19 Sat. 11/18th, 6:30pm, ch.19 Tue. 11/21st, 12:30am, ch.19 . Discussions include John "The Torturer" Burge, Richard "Tricky Dick" Daley, Cook County Board Election Comedy Show, Mayoral Race (Everybody in! Let's all run!), and anything else we can squeeze in.

Sat. 21

National Sarcoidosis Society, Inc presents **Sarcoidosis Women a Heart Benefit Concert** featuring gospel recording artist and psalmist Sharon Pulliam, special appearances by **The Apostolic Church of**

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Tue. 24

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Wed. 25,

HB 4050 Town Hall meeting, On the HB 4050 LAW - A discriminatory, unfair, deed restriction and the value of ones homes, AFC World Outreach Center, 7859 S Ashland Ave, 6PM SHARP -

Sat. 28

Brooks Writers Conference, Chicago State University's Gwendolyn Brooks Center for Black Literature and Creative Writing hosts its 16th Annual Writers' Conference

Thur. Nov. 2



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SOS against sexual assault

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loid edition of the Chicago Tribune, there were 1,200 rapes in the city last year, said La Vida Davis, of the Asha Group, a principal organizer of the weekend with the All-Hail Project and the Blackgirls Anti-Violence Project. The neighborhoods with the highest numbers of assaults were Black, she noted. The exception was one Latino community that ranked among the highest in the city.

"The abuse that we perpetuate is the self hatred we have for ourselves," said Davis. "The same thing that allows a brother to think it's OK to sexually assault and rape a sister, or batter her because she's being 'smart,' or he thinks she's cheating, is the same thing that informs that brother that it's OK to shoot another brother because of the way he looked at him," said Davis.

"Often when we talk about violence, it's either the hyper 'youth predator' thing, which is incorrect, or it's about like gang violence couched in just male contexts and totally ignores all other forms of violence that goes on, specifically against Black

girls and Black women, it's all the same thing, it's all connected," she continued.

"By confronting the issue of violence against women, we can begin to create a space for sisters to heal. We also hope to use the arts as a tool to stimulate dialogue and community action," said Sharon Powell, of the All Hail Project.

The discussion offered basic facts about sexual violence along with stories told through the eyes of researchers, writers, survivors, advocates, activists and eyewitnesses.

"You need a partner in order to have intimate partner violence. And the more ownership a person thinks that they have, the more likely there is to be violence," said Esther Jenkins, Ph.D., a psychology professor at Chicago State University, who shared the results of a survey of middle school students.

Ninety percent of the 12- to 14-year-olds polled perceived themselves as being in a committed relationship. Surveys found about 10 percent of teens, girls and boys, admitted that they had been made to do

something sexually they didn't want to do, she said.

"So it (research) suggests something bigger than just, 'I'm going to show you how to be a good boyfriend or a good girlfriend.' It suggests we need to talk about how do you get kids, particularly those who are raised in violent communities and see a lot of violence, to understand that you don't use violence in your relationships period," Dr. Jenkins said.

Dealing with sexual violence will take more than just focusing on individual cases, Dr. Jenkins said. Having more widespread education in schools, for example, may be needed, she added.

"It's very important that people understand what sexual violence is. Most people think it's what happened to me was a stranger with a weapon, but the majority of people who are raped are raped by someone they know," commented Lori S. Robinson, a former writer for Emerge magazine. She was also one of the evening's panelists.

"Consequently there are lots of people walking around suffering the

consequences of rape, without even understanding why, and understanding what happened to them," said Robinson, who is the author of "I Will Survive," a book specifically written to help Blacks heal from sexual assault and abuse.

De Berry, a date rape victim, didn't fully realize what had happened to her until she wandered into an on-line chat room for survivors of sexual assault. She was raped four-years-ago.

According to the evening's presenters, rape and sexual violence is connected with overall Black on Black violence, complicated by ambivalent feelings about turning Black men over to an oppressive criminal justice system, and a continued community refusal to confront the problem head-on.

Tennille Power runs a YWCA full service rape crisis program. It provides medical and legal advocacy, counseling, public education and community outreach. It is the only rape crisis center on the south side of Chicago and has seven counselors.

She and others believe Black women need a safe space to talk about sexual violence within their own community and a space independent of white organizations engaged in similar work. Black advocates usually live in the same communities where the violence take place and know what's going on, she said. Power called the night wonderful and wants to see the dialogue continue.

She also warned that increasing numbers of teenage girls are victims of gang rapes by four or five males. The girls don't know how to respond and some see it as a kind of rite of passage because their mothers or other female relatives endured rape, Power said.

"If we don't do something, we will see an annihilation of our Black women," said Powell.

"Our young ladies are getting abused. No one knows, who even cares to find out about it?" asked Natasha Pittman, a Blackgirls Anti-Violence youth coordinator. S.O.S. organizers believe it will take a multi-pronged approach that ranges from community organizing and public education to expansion of existing women's shelters and services to using the arts in this struggle. It hopes to provide space where people can come together to seek solutions and plans post-weekend follow-up sessions.

There is also a place in the struggle for men and the larger community.

Sabrina Hampton, of the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, talked about how some men come to court-ordered batterers programs wanting to change. But, she said, they go back into communities where violence against women is tolerated.

Others echoed her sentiment. Author Lori Robinson, who often tours college campuses talking about sexual violence, said she was gratified to see men around the country engaged in activism and educating youth about sexual violence.

"This is a women's issue, but it's a men's issue. We won't end sexual violence until men become engaged in this issue," said Robinson said.

Richard Muhammad is the editor of Straight Words E-Zine (<http://straightwords.typepad.com>) and did media work for the SOS weekend.

Open Book Program Teaching Teens Skills



Thirty teens, ages 14-18 participated in a summer internship program sponsored by T.K. Lawless Garden managed by Eastlake Management Group and facilitated by the staff of the Institute for Positive Living's Open Book Program. Each group of 15 youngsters worked for four weeks doing a variety of jobs including landscaping and clerical. Educational features of the experience included historic Bronzeville and a trip to Navy Pier. Each youth received a stipend from T.K. Lawless Garden managed by Eastlake Management Group. Pictured here are interns Diamond Russell and Meshia Narcisse.

9 Ward

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mentary schools within the 9th Ward are performing at or above State Reading and Math levels and the combined average graduation rate of the ward's three high schools is only 60 percent, according to School Score Card reports.

"We've had more sex offenders and ex-prisoners placed in our communities than any other in Chicago," says Spaulding. "Our children are being put at risk; schools are underfunded and we can't even feel safe on our own blocks because crime is so rampant. These are systematically created issues, it's not accidental."

"There's going to be a shift in power in the 9th ward!"

Intercept Now!, is a nonprofit community-based organization located in the 9th ward's Roseland community. The mission of the organization is to improve depressed neighborhoods through economic revitalization, community empowerment, professional and social skills training programs for both youth and adults.

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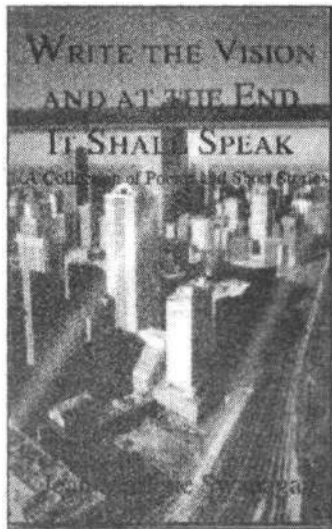
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**Jean Swanagan
Releases Book of Poems**

Write the Vision...brilliantly illuminates some of the darker interconnections along life's journey, revealing hidden secrets. This phenomenal author and writer uses poetry to explore the connections between communities, life experiences and everyday social realities. As a strong Black woman raised in Chicago, Swanagan has faced challenges most women can relate to, like sexism and a lack of self-identity. Swanagan wrote an article in Clamor Magazine describing the changes in Bronzeville; that formed the foundation for a poem that anchors her newly published book.

**Denise
Nicholas**

Denise Nicholas, beautiful actress who starred in the TV series Room 222 and In the Heat of the Night, as well as many other TV, film and theatrical productions will be signing cop-

**Super Mom & Disabled Child
Fight Against Hospital**

By Okema McLoyd

Tynisa Davis won a mother of the year award from her church, Messiah Temple in Chicago. Tynisa isn't just a good mother; she goes above and beyond the already tough duties of a single mom. Taking care of her seven-year-old son Terrior is a task because he's chronically blind from brain damage and cannot walk.

Tynisa is strong, mentally, spiritually and physically. Even now, she sometimes carries Terrior and trust me when I tell you he is BIG and BEAUTIFUL.

Terrior was born at Little Company of Mary Hospital. After birth, Terrior was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. There were no indications of birth defects, not even in the last ultrasound taken in the eighth month of Tynisa's pregnancy. Everything was normal. Doctor's told Tynisa that hard labor and complications during delivery caused the problems.

Tynisa was devastated but thanks God that her son is alive. Doctor's didn't think he would make it. Currently, Tynisa has an ongoing case



against the hospital but didn't comment for legal reasons.

No matter what the outcome of the lawsuit is, Tynisa will go on loving and caring for her son. She is his

mother, his nurse and his best friend. She doesn't mind putting her dreams on hold but is praying for a medical breakthrough and hopes she has the proper funding needed. Some of Tynisa's prayers are being answered. Recently doctor's discovered Terrior may be able to see light and even color in one of his eyes.

Right now, Terrior is covered by the state and Tynisa is thankful for that. She is also grateful to the Department of Special Children's Care provided her with a wheelchair lifter so that she wouldn't have to take Terrior out of his wheelchair and carry him into the house. DSCC is a division of the University of Illinois Hospital.

Tynisa is looking for other resourceful programs. For instance, affordable handicap accessible housing would benefit the family. A new wheelchair is needed as Terrior is outgrowing the one state gave him four years ago. Terrior won't qualify

for another state funded wheelchair for two more years.

Despite his physical limitations, Terrior seems happy. He laughs and smiles, responding to voices and sounds. Even at seven, Terrior can't really talk. Remarkably, he graduated a kindergarten program at J.A. Neil in Chicago, IL. He now attends Benjamin O. Davis lighthouse for the blind.

Tynisa said, "There isn't much he doesn't like to eat." As an infant, Terrior was fed from a machine and tube that Tynisa carried like a purse. Terrior couldn't suck a bottle like most babies. Mom worked with a therapist and after a while Terrior was eating pureed food because it was also hard for him to chew. Now his favorite foods are pudding and ravioli.

Tynisa says her "faith in God and strong support system is what helps most." It's hard for her to keep a steady job because of Terrior's condition and his doctor's appointments. Sometime Tynisa is off work a month at a time. She would like to take some college courses but like many single moms has to choose between school and supporting her family.

The most remarkable thing is that for a living, Tynisa takes care of ill and elderly patients before going home to an even bigger job. Tynisa still hopes to go to college. She said, "One day I really want to be somebody." Tynisa, has prove she is.



ies of her poignant novel, Freshwater Road. This novel is among the best works of fiction ever done about the civil rights movement and has received numerous accolades.

Nicholas was at a reading and signing of her book at the eta Square 7558 S. South Chicago.

Freshwater Road is a bold new novel that explores the fault lines of class and race in 1964 Mississippi.

When University of Michigan sophomore Celeste Tyree travels to

Mississippi to volunteer her efforts in Freedom Summer, she's assigned to help register voters in the small town of Pineville, a place best known for a notorious lynching that occurred only a few years earlier. As the long, hot summer unfolds, Celeste befriends several members of the community, but there are also those who are threatened by her and the change that her presence in the South represents.

Finding inner strength as she helps lift the veil of oppression and learns

valuable lessons about race, social change, and violence, Celeste prepares her adult students for their showdown with the racist county registrar. All the while, she struggles with loneliness, a worried father in Detroit, and her burgeoning feelings for Ed Jolivet, a young man also in Mississippi for the summer.

This is Ms. Nicholas' first novel and it is filled with wonderfully developed characters that jump off the page and draws you into this story

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Burris Nephew seeks Mayors' office in Country Club Hills

Steven Burris an Alderman from Country Club Hills 4th ward is vying to become the first new mayor for the city in 20 years, Seeking to unseat Mayor Dwight Welch who has been the Mayor of Country Club Hills for over 15 years.

"I want to be mayor because Country Club Hills needs an innovative, imaginative and visionary leader who cares about its future and the future of its children. Country Club Hills needs ethical leadership; a leader who can unite the town and who will make decisions with integrity," says Burris.

Burris says his decision to run for mayor was easy. Indicating he has disheartened by the negativity in city hall, the fracturing of citizen groups and the political nepotism throughout our local government. "Our community is battling high property taxes, a failing school district and a failing park district, and now is not the time for petty fights and weak leadership."

Burris said, if and when he become mayor, he promise to identify wasteful spending in the local government and turn the dream of economic growth into a reality.

"I believe it is possible to balance our needs with our ability to pay for them. I will work hard to help fund all our schools so our children will be able to compete at all levels of education, from kindergarten through graduate school.

Focusing on voters must reconcile political differences in order to do what is best for all the people of Country Club Hills, Burris have worked along side his uncle, former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris adding he had the privilege to interact with many elected officials throughout the south suburbs and the state of Illinois.

"I am no stranger to these important political allies and I plan to seek their assistance and advice to help me deal with the important, complex



Mayor Dwight Welch who has been the Mayor of Country



former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris with his nephew Steven Burris seeking to become mayor of Country Club Hills

issues that currently face our town," said Burris.

"Those who me know will attest that I am an optimistic person who treats all people with dignity and respect. They will also tell you not to mistake my "kindness" for weakness. When the situation requires, I make tough calls and take swift action. I have no hidden agenda and no lust for power. While I am not affluent, I



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am wealthy in the reality that I have a wonderful family, loyal friends and great life experiences. I want to share my fortune with the people of this town.

I will manage with my intellect and lead with my heart, because that is what will ultimately change our culture and transform our community. If you believe in a better Country Club Hills, I invite you to visit my web site at www.voteburris2007.com. Get more information about me, my platform and the campaign that can and will make a difference in our community in 2007.

The citizens of Country Club Hills adopted the Mayor/Aldermanic Council form of government in 1958. Registered voters of the city, in non-partisan elections, elect the Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer and two Aldermen from each of the five wards to represent them in the city government.

Homewood Flossmoor Toastmaster wins area international speech

Melody M. McDowell, president of the award-winning Homewood Flossmoor Toastmasters Club 1451 and a resident of Markham, recently won Toastmasters' S55 Area International Speech Evaluation Contest. S55 embraces four clubs in the South Suburbs. Melody beat out competitors from Park Forest Toastmasters and South Suburban Toastmasters.

In the Evaluation contest, an individual delivers a speech and competitors are ushered to an isolated area where they have five minutes to prepare an evaluation. Contestants are returned to the main contest area where each person evaluates the speech. In this pressure-filled situation, the contestant must draw from extemporaneous speaking skills and analytical talents to come up with a compelling evaluation. The Evaluation Contest is considered one of the most challenging of all the competitions Toastmasters hosts internationally.



By her first-place finish, Ms. McDowell delivered a winning performance.

McDowell joined Homewood-Flossmoor Toastmasters in 2005 and gained notoriety for her leadership

and communications skills. Within six months of joining, she was elected president. Under her leadership, membership of the Club quadrupled and Homewood-Flossmoor quickly emerged as one of the most vibrant Clubs in the area. During the organization's Spring Conference, Homewood-Flossmoor received acclaim for its growth and McDowell was singled out for her leadership triumphs. After serving a one-year term, she was re-elected president in 2006.

Professionally, she is president of Melody's service, a firm that specializes in writing and in public relations consulting. In business for 25 years, McDowell has amassed a complement of clients from the non-profit, government and corporate sectors. Her entrepreneurial triumphs have also earned her numerous awards including the Media Cornerstone from the U.S. Department of Commerce - Minority Business Development Agency. Her feats have been chronicled in a number of publications including Es-

sence Magazine.

Homewood Flossmoor Toastmasters is one of the Clubs under the Toastmasters International network of Clubs. Since its founding in 1924, Toastmasters International has helped more than four million men and women develop their communication and leadership skills. A growing number of people have realized the importance of communication skills in achieving success; consequently, Toastmasters International has doubled its membership in the last 10 years. The organization now has approximately 211,000 members with 10,500 clubs in 90 countries.

The Club holds its meetings every first and third Tuesday at the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Center at 4200 W. 183rd Street, beginning at 7:15. Those interested in joining Homewood-Flossmoor Toastmasters Club 1451 or for general information on the Club, contact McDowell at 708-596-3456. For more information on Toastmasters International, log on to www.toastmasters.org.

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Dunbar Mighty Men Kick Off Football Season

Sassy stepping Drum Majorettes and the Mighty Men of Dunbar high school's marching band brought excitement and exhilarating music the famed intersection of 35th & Martin Luther King Drive at the Gateway to the Black Metropolis Historic District, on a sunny afternoon October 6, 2006 in the historic Bronzeville community. (photo credit): www.bronzevilleonline.com

Important Mailing For Chicago Voters

Every Chicago voter registration household will soon be receiving important information in the mail regarding the November 7, 2006 General Election. The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners is mailing an instructional brochure to more than one million households providing information on how to use the city's new voting equipment; the address of their polling place for the upcoming election; and whether their polling place is accessible to people in wheelchairs.

Chicago Election Board Chairman Langdon D. Neal reminded voters that punch card voting, in

use here for more than two decades, has been replaced with a dual voting system of optical scan ballots and touch screen voting units. With optical scan voting, voters are given a printed ballot that contains the names of all candidates and offices. To the right of each candidate name is an arrow that the voter fills in to make a selection. This is different from the March 21st Primary when voters were told to make an "X" within a target circle.

The second voting system is an electronic touch screen unit. Although this device is designed primarily to meet the needs of the disabled, any voter

may utilize it when not in use. The touch screen voting unit is similar to an ATM machine, whereby voters touch the screen to make candidate selections.

Chairman Neal said that the mailer will incorporate the location of polling places for the November 7 Election, and whether the buildings are wheelchair accessible.

The mailing, to all households with registered voters, will be completed on October 23, Neal said. The informational brochure is printed in English, Spanish, and Chinese, as required by federal law.

Education Rally

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income communities. The noontime march began at Federal Plaza at Dearborn and Adams and culminated at the Thompson Center, Randolph and Clark streets, where Rev. Jackson was joined by Judge Greg Mathis and representatives from the Chicago Teachers Union, Chicago Urban League, the NAACP, and others.

According to data from the Center for Tax Budget and Accountability, a bi-partisan nonprofit organization, equal school funding for all 96 school districts would translate into a \$1,300 increase per child. Additionally, an equitable education funding system would greatly reduce the property tax burden by \$2.5 billion statewide.

Early Voting

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Applications for absentee ballots must be received by Thursday, November 2.

The 26 early voting sites are scattered throughout the city, including a downtown location at 69 West Washington Street. Other early voting sites include the Chicago Public Library facilities, Park District buildings, City College facilities, and district police buildings. For a complete list of early voting sites go to www.chicagoelections.com/EarlyVoting.htm.

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04. 3rd District Police 7040 S. Cottage Grove Ave., 05. Olive Harvey College 10001 S. Woodlawn Ave., 06. South Chgo Learning Ctr 3055 E. 92 St 07. McKinley Park 2210 W. Pershing Rd, 08. West Lawn Park 4233 W. 65 St., 09. Archer Heights Library 5055 S. Archer Ave., 10. 6th District Police 7808 S. Halsted St., 11. 22nd District Police 1900 W. Monterey Ave., 12. Piotrowski Park 4247 W. 31 St., 13. West Side Learning Ctr 4624 W. Madison St., 14. Amundsen Park 6200 W. Blooming-

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Only candidates running for a county office - county board president, clerk, sheriff, assessor, treasurer, county board commissioner (all 17 district seats), Board of Review commissioner (Districts 1 and 2), Metropolitan Water Reclamation District commissioner (three seats), as well as Democratic and Republican committeeman in every suburban township - will submit their petitions to the Clerk's office.

Candidates seeking federal or state offices or judgeships file to run with the Illinois State Board of Elections. <http://www.elections.state.il.us/>

Check the Electoral Board to learn more detailed information about challenges, hearing dates and electoral board rulings.

Objections to a candidate's nominating petitions can be filed until 5 p.m. on Dec. 27 for county candidates and until 5 p.m. on Dec. 30 for township committeeman candidates.

The Chicago Board of Elections Commissioners rules on objections lodged against candidates running for the Illinois General Assembly whose districts are located entirely within the boundaries of the City of Chicago. For more information on those proceedings, call (312) 269-7900.




CITIZENS TO ELECT

OSCAR WORRILL

ALDERMAN FOR THE 5TH WARD IN 2007

WHO IS OSCAR WORRILL & WHAT IS HE ALL ABOUT?



Oscar Worrill, a native Chicagoan, spent his early childhood years in West Hyde Park. During his adolescent years, his family moved to Chat-

ham. Oscar acquired his desire for community organizing while spending time with his father, Walter Worrill, who was Executive Director for the Wabash / Washington Park YMCA from 1950-1971. He received his education in the Chicago Public School system, earning his diploma from Calumet High School in 1969. From 1969-1971, Oscar was enrolled in George Williams College. Between 1972-1975, Oscar traveled extensively through urban areas such as New York, Washington, DC, and Atlanta as a magazine salesman. From 1975-1983, Oscar was employed through the CETA Program as a community outreach worker for Firman Community Services, a not-for-profit organization in the Grand Boulevard community. During his time at Firman, he was promoted to youth employment trainer specialist. Also in 1975, Oscar moved to South Shore and became actively involved in commu-

nity and economic development. He volunteered with the Coalition to Save the South Shore Country Club, which is now known as the South Shore Cultural Center for the Chicago Park District. In 1976, Oscar registered at Northeastern Illinois University to complete his undergraduate degree in Inner City Studies. In 1977 he was a participant in their research tour to Africa, which traveled through Senegal, Sudan, and Egypt. In 1978, Oscar received his undergraduate degree in Inner City Studies. He has also taken extensive graduate courses in Inner City Studies as well. With Oscar's background in community organizing and inner city studies, his passion for Chicago's politics started in 1977 as in 1979, Oscar was Youth Coordinator in the Harold Washington Campaign for United States Congressman in the First Congressional District. In 1982, he was a founding member of the Task Force

For Black Political Empowerment and Coordinator of the "People's Movement - Voter's Registration," which led to the election of Harold Washington as the first African-American Mayor in Chicago. During 1981, he was a 1984, Oscar was selected as Jessie Jackson's Illinois Youth Coordinator, for his Campaign for the Presidency of the United States. From 1983-1987, he worked as an organizer at various community-based organizations. In 1987, Oscar began his career with the City of Chicago/Department of Sewers as a House Drain Inspector. In 1988, Oscar received a Certificate from Robert Morris College Computerized Business Systems Program. Between 1998-1999, Oscar was a working member of the Illinois Minority Business Development Task Force, which was sponsored by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. In Spring 1999, Oscar's desire for improved community organizing led him to run in the 5th Ward Aldermanic elections. In September 1999, he was a participant in the "We Mean Business" Workshop, sponsored by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and South

Side Business Development Association. In December 1999, Oscar completed Chicago State University - Small Business Development Center Entrepreneurial Training Program. In January 2000, he attended the Governor's Small Business Summit in Springfield, Illinois.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS
Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Illinois, Inc. ST. PAUL LODGE NO. 40, Rotary Club of Chicago Southeast, Sergeant At Arms, Committee For A Better Chicago, Committee To Defend The Bill of Rights, Board of Director, Concerned Citizens Coalition of Chicago, Founder 2002, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Teamsters National Black Caucus, Chicago Chapter, Plumbers Union, Local 130, National Black United Front, Chicago Chapter, Meritorious Awards

Oscar Worrill is a well-trained and dedicated organizer in the African-American community for educational, economic and political empowerment from the grassroots level.

OSCAR WORRILL, THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE!
Website: <http://www.worrill2007.com>

"BLACK'S IN THE BIBLE" Their True Identity

by B. Flowers Sr.

According to the Bible, who are African-American's? To find out, you must read only two verse's in the Bible. No, this is not another story about Race, it is only to identify Black People in the Bible. And to do this, you must "finish" the mystery that is "unfinished". What mystery am I talking about? I am talking about the mystery we watch every day, the only real mystery we have, the "African-American"!!

The "African-American" is a "walking mystery" we watch each day. If you disagree, just ask an African-American what his, or her name is. The name you will be given, is a name that was given to them in 1619. But as we know, the so-called African-American, was the first Human Being's on earth. So what were they called, prior to 1619?

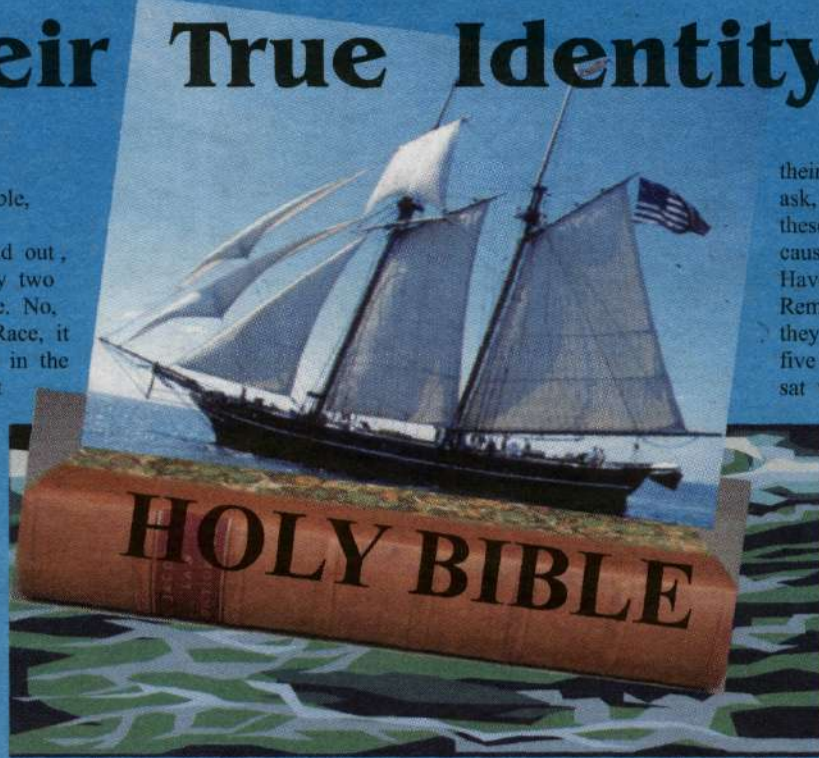
If you look throughout the Bible, you will not find one word about a Nation of people called "African-American's". So if you call yourself an "African-American", guess what, you do not exist! You see, the "African-American" is a nation of people who were "created" in 1619, by the European's!!!!

Now do you see what this "mystery" is about? It is the only "Mystery" you find in the Bible!!

Yes there is a "Mystery" in the Bible, and I have found it. To those who say there is no mystery in the Bible, read Rev., 10th. chapter, 7th. verse. You will see that this mystery is unfinished, but is to be finished. In 1983, I became aware of this mystery. And for the next 23 year's, I have been reading about a certain group of people, and what is going to happen to them. I am going to tell you what the Bible say's will happen to them, and I want to see if you can identify them today.

In Genesis, 15th. Chapter, read verse's 13, & 14. You will see where the Creator is telling Abraham what is going to happen to his "seed". "Your seed will be a stranger in a land that is not their's. And they will serve other people, for four hundred year's. Afterward, they will come out with great substance, and I will judge their enslaver's!!"

The third verse of this five verse mystery, is found in Deuteronomy, 28th. Chapter, 68th. verse. In this verse, the method of transportation to be used, is identified. "With ship's, I will take



you to Egypt again, and there you will be sold to your enemy"!!

The fourth verse is found in St. Matthews, it is the 1st. verse of the 1st. Chapter. Here we see that Jesus Christ is a direct descendant of Abraham.

And what do you think we find in the fifth, and final verse of this mystery?, we find a complete physical description of the man the Bible says is the Seed of Abraham, Jesus Christ.

This verse is the 14th. verse of the 1st. Chapter of Revelation. There we find that the Bible say's the Seed of Abraham, has Hair like Wool!!

Now let us examine what these five verse's are telling us. This is what they are telling us, "One day ship's will go to Africa, and take people with hair like wool, to a land and sell them to other people. And for four hundred year's, they will be punished for disobeying their Creator!!!!"

And if you still do not know who these people are, just read the entire 28th. Chapter of Deuteronomy. There you will find more clue's to the identity of these people!

This is what you will read, "They will be last in all thing's, and not first. they will be the tail, and not the head. They will fail in everything they do. If they have store's, they will fail. If they work in the field's, that to will fail!!"

Their very live's will be in danger, at all time's. They will be oppressed, in all they do. Their children will be taken from them, and enslaved. They will have no power in their hand's. They will be a laughing stock, they will be used as pawn's, and people will laugh at

their struggle's, and ask, "Why has the Creator done this to these people? And the answer is, it is because they disobeyed their Creator!!!! Have you figured out who these people are? Remember what Revelation, 1, 14, say's they look like, today, in 2006. What these five verse's tell us is so plain, in 1999, I sat with a child, and that child's Mother. I told them what I saw in these verse's, and I was shocked. This child, who is my Granddaughter, had absolutely no problem explaining what these verse's are telling us.

In a book I recently wrote, and hope to make into a movie, the world will see what this "Mystery" is about. You will read the word's of this child, who was only ten year's years old in 1999. The reason I wrote the Book, is because I am sick and tired of listening to people make joke's about the Bible. I know there are those who say the Bible is not real, I disagree. I disagree because these five verse's prove, beyond doubt, that this book is indeed real. You see, you cannot read a true story from a book of fiction. If it is true, it cannot be fiction!!

And we all know the "Transatlantic Slave Trade" is a true story. Now, I ask you, what story are these five verse's telling us? Just go to the Library and read about what happened to people with hair like wool, in 1619. You will see that, just as these five verse's tell us, ship's went to Africa, and did exactly as the Bible said they would do. Ship's went to Africa, and carried people with Hair like Wool, to America and other place's, and Sold them into slavery!!!!

If the Bible is not real, those "Ship's we read about in Deuteronomy, could not be real either, could they? No, they could not. But the proof that those Ship's were real, is this, I am a descendant of the people aboard those ship's, you see, I have Hair like Wool!!!!

I am human, and human's do make mistake's. If I am incorrect about what I am saying, just show me, and I will shut up. But I do not think I am wrong, there is to much evidence!

If I am correct, these five verse's are telling us the Creator will return, at the end of the four hundred year's of slavery, imposed upon the Seed of Abraham. This story is not about race, it show's "Black People" that, it is not "White People", who enslaved us, it is the Creator himself who did this thing!!

The 28th. Chapter of Deuteronomy tell's us that "Black People" are "Cursed", read and see!!!!



Sweetest How Sweet

This Saturday October 21st is Sweetest Day and

people nationwide are preparing for a romantic celebration of love. Though you don't have to be in love to celebrate Sweetest Day, couples are preparing as they do on Valentine's Day. Cupid may not be anywhere around, but love is in the air.

Chicago and suburban restaurants are preparing for the weekend rush, some preparing special Sweetest Day menus. Many couple's will head down to The Fondue Place where you can enjoy dinner for two behind closed curtains for privacy. The Signature Room inside the John Hancock building is always day or night to enjoy food, drink lar view, if the skies are clear.

Sales rep's for the Sybaris are preparing romantic getaways and sweetest day weekend actually v higher than usual but do include ket for guests.

I conducted a Sweetest Day found out some hilarious things called hallmark holiday. Men best Day is their day to receive gi like a king. That's probably why don't know sweetest day is com what sort of gifts they were exp said they would like their signifi them cologne, jewelry or clothir the ladies what gifts they were b their response was "nothing." St did say if they were going to buy



Enough Is Enough

Dear Editor;

One by one, Bronzeville's architectural and cultural landmarks are vanishing, victims of Dorothy Tillman's deliberate practice of "anti-preservationism." The strange disappearance of Gerri's Palm Tavern is the latest and most extreme example. So extreme, in fact, it may be criminal. Certainly the building's demolition without building permits was an illegal act. Consider the facts. The alderman did stand at club owner Gerri Oliver's side and promised publicly to save the faded club. Soon after that the City seized the property using its powers of eminent domain, which would not have happened without Tillman's permission, if not her specific request. Then the Alderman steered a haphazard proposal through a city hearing that shifted ownership of the club to her personal bodyguard and long-time political supporter Sammie Parr. I protested her actions at that hearing in 2002 and warned that Tillman was mocking our community and the integrity of the Community Development Commission to claim the property for herself. The Alderman dismissed my pro-

tests, but then did exactly what I said she would.

Let's be clear, less than a year after promising to rescue a valuable cultural landmark and restore it to similar use, the Alderman allowed the property to be seized by the city and personally steered its ownership into the hands of a personal friend who had no prior experience as a developer or club or restaurant operator. Then they had the building illegally demolished without building permits or any of the notices deserving of property regulated by the city's planning and landmark protection practices. An inglorious demise to one of the last links to Bronzeville's glory days of jazz, where the great ones... Louie, Ella, Duke, the Count, Miles, Nat and others hung out after their gigs down the street at the Savoy, the Met and the Regal.

At what point does enough become too much? That's the question that voters, elected officials and prosecutors must ask as the city is systematically scammed out of gem after gem of history-rich real estate in the 3rd Ward under Dorothy Tillman's dictatorial rule. Strong accusations? Not strong enough perhaps, and hard to avoid if common sense is ever to prevail over the benefit of doubt. After almost a quarter century with Tillman as Alderman, the 3rd Ward - once home to more history than any neighborhood in Chicago - now boasts several thousand vacant lots and abandoned buildings, fully one-third of the entire inventory of city-owned vacant land. It is testament to Tillman's legacy of choking the growth and development of real estate she manages as if it's her own.

While communities similar to ours in the 4th and 5th Wards are invigorating their tax bases with mixed income housing and commercial development, the 3rd Ward remains a wasteland of opportunity. It's way past time for our community to say enough is enough. Time to elect a leader with the experience and planning vision needed to lead redevelopment of this community and link it to the growth occurring all around us.

Letters to

Pat Dowell
Candidate, Third Ward Alderman

Blasts Salvation Army's Omission of Black Press From Open House in Englewood

Dear Editor:

I am writing this missive to express my personal indignation over the total omission of African American media's invitation, participation or involvement in the Red Shield Center's Open House in the Englewood community on Saturday, October 7th.

Over the last year, I have spoken directly to Captain Charles Williams about The Resource Network, Inc., and The Chicago Communicator, both outside and inside the confines of this large development, and while on a personal tour guided by him. Not only are we, the only Black owned/female headed full multi media group in Englewood, our offices/studio are merely 3 blocks away on 65th and

Sweetest Day

Let It Is

By: Okema J. McLoyd



would be a new outfit or guess what, some cologne.

Retailers experience a boost in sales that kicks off the holiday season. Hallmark alone has 151 Sweetest Day cards for sale. Victoria's Secret is already seeing the holiday rush and Lovers Lane has renamed itself the "Sweetest Day Superstore."

Let's not forget the man who brought us all this love. A man named Herbert B. Kingston founded Sweetest Day in 1922 and the holiday has gained popularity ever since.

You can actually celebrate Sweetest Day with any loved one. Originally, the holiday was established to bring happiness to those who

were often forgotten such as orphans and elderly. As with all holidays, it's important to remember the true significance of the day.

Instead of running around buying gifts and dining out just show a little love to your family and loved ones and remember those we usually forget, even ourselves. Taking time out to do something special for someone who is special to us really can make this the sweetest day.

I came up with a list of complimentary gift ideas. Tell someone you love them. Give someone a kiss or a hug. Hug yourself. Read a poem. Write a love note. Bake some cookies together. Brush their hair. Tell someone you rarely talk to how very special they are to you. Run a warm bubble bath for your mate, hey take it with them! Toast to this very special occasion, even if it's a glass of juice. For the celebration of love is always a special event and it really is the thought that counts!



Editorial White Privilege



Ron Carter, Publisher and Editor

Let us pretend that Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. is the Speaker of the House of Representatives. And that Jackson has held the job for over a decade. And that Jackson enjoys a Democratic majority in the House.

Now let us pretend that Speaker Jackson had been informed of the inappropriate sexual exploits of a fellow Democrat with an underage congressional page several years ago and failed to investigate or report that behavior. And, that he further did so in order to maintain a numeric advantage of Democrats in the US House of Representatives.

Have you got the picture in your head? Now the question is, what do you think the reaction of the American people would be had all of the above come to light? What would be the reaction of the national press? How long would Speaker Jackson be able to retain the position of Speaker? Of congressman? Or even his freedom?

What Ex-Congressman Mark Foley did with numerous congressional pages is as wrong as it is morally repugnant. And fortunately, the GOP leadership fairly quickly came forward to condemn any and all such behavior. However, according to statements made by Kirk Fordham, former chief of staff to Rep. Thomas Reynolds (R-NY), and there is no reason to believe him to have lied, he informed Speaker Hastert's office of Foley's inappropriate conduct in 2004.

So, why is House Speaker Dennis Hastert getting a pass from the majority of the mainstream media? You would of course expect a man who concealed the peccadilloes of a pedophile to be supported by a president who bullied the House and Senate into passing a back-dated law sponsoring state-supported torture. But what is the excuse of the media, lead by Faux News, for not holding Hastert's feet to the fire for being an accessory after the fact to sexually predatory acts by Foley? The answer is, White privilege.

Teachers who suspect students to have been exposed to the same kind of abuse are required to report such abuse to authorities immediately. Social workers who have similar suspicions are also required to im-

mediately report their concerns. So why is Speaker Hastert exempt from the most rudimentary ethical behavior merely because the offender is a member of his political party? The answer is, white privilege.

Why are any of the GOP leadership, Speaker Hastert (R-IL), Rep. Thomas Reynolds (R-NY), and Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL), who concealed Foley's transgressions against teenage congressional pages still in positions of leadership when they have so definitively demonstrated their lack of ethics?

The answer is, white privilege.

And finally, why are the voters of the two Illinois districts these morally and ethically-challenged men represent not calling for their immediate resignation? Again, the answer is, white privilege.

With all apologies to Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. for using his good name to illustrate a point, I hope he never faces the challenges of the two representatives from Illinois and the other members of the GOP leadership are having to endure. The

reason no one wants to ever see an African American member of the House or Senate to be found to have protected a sexual predator like Mark Foley is because they will never have the benefit of white privilege. Can you imagine the hue and cry for blood that would ensue had Rep. Danny Davis knowingly protected a Democrat who propositioned congressional pages over a span of a decade?

No, anyone darker than Harry Belafonte had best keep their nose clean when they head off to Washington lest they fall prey to a deprivation of white privilege.

And, given the president's newfound permission to torture anyone he so desires under the guise of "fighting terror," can the return of lynching African Americans for real and imagined criminal behavior really be far behind?

The South Street Journal Editorial Board and Staff



The Editor



Morgan Street.

We have repeatedly expressed the fact that we have clients who eagerly make use of our personal and professional development classes, media filming, and radio production from as far away as Seattle, Washington; Silicon, Valley California; Northbrook, Illinois; and 180North LaSalle.

Even the South Street Journal Newspaper, which has developed a special Englewood section of the newspaper, received no invitation, nor any previous contact as well. In fact, South Street Journal Associate Editor, and Co-founder of The New Black Independent Media Coalition, Mark S. Allen wasn't even aware that the Center was even being built!

I was personally elated that Chicago Mayor Richard Daley was supportive of the project, but it would now appear that he and he alone was the only priority to invite and to welcome; not the Black press, not the stakeholders, not the residents, not even the very own neighbors like me.

Morgan D. Carter.

Radio and Hip-Hopes

Unifying Them :very critical analysis of today's news via a urban music stations.

The most power force in today's Black community is urban music radio.

Radio stations are modern day snake charmers. They seem to have this magical ability to shake booty's in every African American neighborhood. The music is so good, and so tantalizing, and so sexy. It effects different people in many different ways. It can provoke laziness, aggression, or sexual promiscuity.

It seems to make millions of African Americans brain dead. I go back to the days where there was only AM radio. The beats of the 1970's where a little different than today's hip-hop and R&B but they have the same effect.

However there was a Black man name Lu Palmer. The music would stop and the booty's would stop shaking and Mr. Palmer provided the news commentary. When I was very young I would come out of my hypnotic trance and quickly turn to another music radio station. As I got older I would listen to Mr. Palmer's commentaries. He seemed to be speaking a strange language. He talked about Chicago politics, national and international affairs.

Many years went by before I understood and appreciated his commentaries.

I don't know what goes on in your town but assuming there is no one giving a very hard and very critical analysis of today's news via a urban music station.

The hip hop era is totally different than the civil rights/Black power era. The modern day snake charmers care nothing about the crime and dysfunction that is prevalent in many neighborhoods. We should not expect the advertisers of urban music radio stations to care about the crime and dysfunction that prevalent in

many of our neighborhoods.

Here in Chicago one urban music radio station "stops the hits" but the Black nationalist type views are rarely heard. They stop the hip-hop when there is a tragedy. Some child has to be murder or some other serious crimes have to be committed before they stop the hip hop. There is no vision! The vast majority of African American politicians, journalist, and religious "leaders" are not proactive people. Most of our "leaders" are reactionaries!

They don't demand a hard hitting critical analysis of today's news via urban music stations.

Can you imagine being a teen in the "hood"? Can you imagine not knowing, and not wanting to know? Will someone tell me where the young hip hoppers get there news analyst? Do the young hip hoppers understand today's national and international affairs? Do the parents understand today's national and international affairs?

The benefits of knowing who's, who, and what's, what are enormous. Music radio would provide an intellectual analysis of current events if there were a demand. There are times when booty shaking is appropriate. However, our children and grandchildren. Why! Why there are millions Brothers in prison. Why there are millions of Sistas who are not married and who will never married. Why there millions of African Americans who are successful and also millions who are at or below the poverty line. The best way to inform the younger generations is via urban music radio.

Marc Sims



By David Daryl Fashions Empire

World Fashion Chicago

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Windy City Home Boy Duvall proved to be the International Hot Ticket Designer as Chicago stepped onto the world stage and made history recently at Millennium Park for the inaugural Chicago World Fashion Show held recently during Chicago Fashion Weeks "Fashion Focus".

The Chicago Sister Cities International Program (CSCIP) brought some of the world's hottest international designers under one roof for an extraordinary fashion runway show, where designer Duvall proved that he is a true Fashionist.

South side born fashion Designer Glenn Duvall Pettway A.K.A. Duvall represented Sister Cities, Durban-(South Africa) and Chicago-(USA) at the first World Chicago Runway Show as Mayor Daley has positioned our city onto the International fashion stage when he hosted the worlds fashion industry through the Chicago Sister Cities International Program at Millennium Park.

Designs from such as fashion micas Paris, Milan, Prague and others took to the stage under the Great White Tent at Millennium Park. Fashion Focus Chicago a 12-day celebration for the city's ever-growing fashion industry.

In 1991 local African American Designer Duvall found himself in Johannesburg -South Africa and became celebrated and internationally known out of Johannesburg in 1992..

After 10 years abroad Duvall returned home to Chicago in late December 2001 to take a break and



spend time with his family, he resurfaced into the fashion industry at the top in March 2006 as the feature designer at the Apparel Industry Inc. (AIBI) Chicago Is Red Hot! Show and he represented Chicago at the International Beauty Trade Show, since that time he has been turning up the heat in the cities fashion industry as one of the leading featured celebrity designers in the forefront of the fashion community. Not only is he a

fashion designer he's a Fashion Party Promoter and he has a Promotional Show Company FASHION'S EMPIRE which will present it's 3rd annual Fashion Party the largest one of its kind on November 22, 2006 -- Thanksgiving Eve at the Chicago Congress Hotel and Convention Center on South Michigan Avenue with a midnight show featuring top designers and more than 70 local national and international models boasting the

ultimate in fashion show-time. Duvall designs Men's & Women's finer suits on his Signature Label, he produces a limited line of Women's and Men's day into evening Ethnic Couture, under The House of Duvall label and his Custom Nightwear Collection At Night by Duvall for men & women.

The Chicago Sister Cities International Program, under the auspices of the Chicago Department of Cultural

Affairs, provides leadership to develop, manage, and coordinate comprehensive programs and projects with Chicago's sister cities. It aims to increase international trade, promote economic development and support exchanges in the fields of culture, education, medicine, social services, environment, and technology with its sister cities for the benefit of the City of Chicago, its residents and businesses. For more information about the Chicago Sister Cities International Program, please call (312) 744-2172 or visit www.chicagosistercities.com.

Chicago's Sister Cities include: Accra, Ghana (1989); Amman, Jordan (2004); Athens Greece (1997); Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro (2005); Birmingham, England (1993); Casablanca, Morocco (1982); Delhi, India (2001); Durban, South Africa (1997); Galway, Ireland (1997); Gothenburg, Sweden (1987); Hamburg, Germany (1994); Kyiv, Ukraine (1991); Lucerne, Switzerland (1998); Mexico City, Mexico (1991); Milan, Italy (1973); Moscow, Russia (1997); Osaka, Japan (1973); Paris, France (1996); Petach Tikva, Israel (1994); Prague, Czech Republic (1990); Shanghai, China (1985); Shenyang, China (1985); Toronto, Canada (1991); Vilnius, Lithuania (1993); and Warsaw, Poland (1960). In Closing, If Its Special make it a Duvall... Or nothing at all

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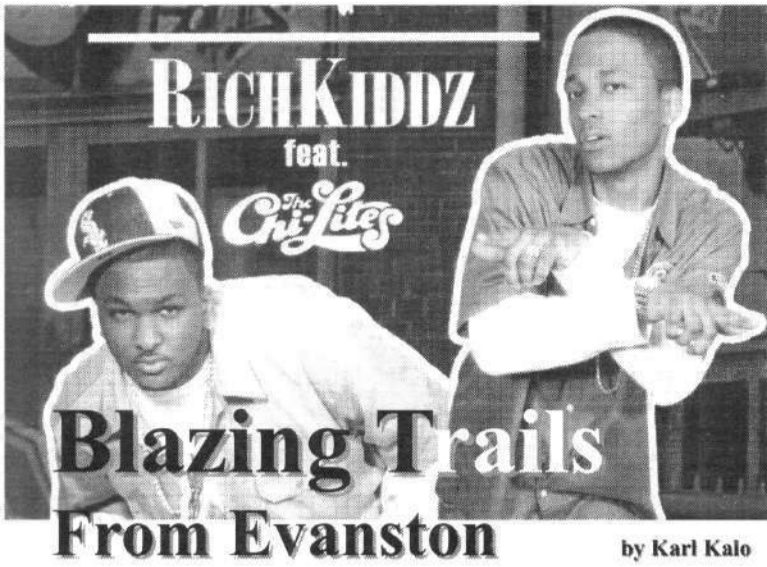
Anaia's 3rd annual Breast Cancer Awareness Gala & Tribute

hosted by Ken Bedford the founder of ABCAP, Inc., a non profit organization named for his late wife Anaia stopped at nothing short of being a night for Chicago's Hollywood to shine. Everyone from Vivica Fox, Angela Winbush, Ray Silkman, the Illinois Lottery Ambassadors, Dorothy Brown along side the Who's Who of the Windy Cities A-list were on hand to support this worthy cause. For more information about ABCAP, INC. contact Ken Bedford by E-mail: kennethanaia@aol.com



Comming Soon Fashion & Society by Duvall

South Street Entertainment



by Karl Kalo

A little over two decades ago Lavish Mikell and Will Hitt were merely talented kids, however, the duo rappers are now swiftly skyrocketing into the horizon of the superstars as a result of their single entitled "Peace" from their current CD entitled "The Intro II" released on Copia Records based in Evanston.

According to national distribution records from various locations and media reports "Peace" starring the duo rap brothers Lavish Mikell and Will Hitt, featuring the Chi-Lites, the product in a few weeks will top the charts and turn Gold. The talented rap duo after listening to The Chi-Lites super hit of the '70s decade appreciated what they heard and decided that the hit "There Will Never be any Peace until God is at the Conference Table" would be effective the music to underscore their rap. "Peace" then is the collaboration of contemporary youth and the musical genius of legends who were active approximately three decades ago.

The brilliant young stars released the literary product as "Peace" consisting of Lavish Mikell, Will Hitt, the late talents of Eugene Record and Barbara Acklin. The three generations include the songwriters, the rap duo, and their parents Brenda and Butch Stewart and the two rappers were born Leslie and Brandon Stewart but changed their names to fit their profession.

Lavish Mikell and Will Hitt as they are now known were influenced by hundreds of musicians associated with their parents recording and production studio on Columbus Drive before relocating a new facility Joy Art Music in Evanston. In addition to writing, performing, arranging and producing, their parents are famous for producing commercials and jingles that included for such giant companies as McDonald and Oprah.

After listening to Notorious B.I.G.'s hit "Mo Money Mo Problems", the brothers were impressed and decided to devote their capabilities to rap using rhyming from a po-

etic point of view. The young rappers decided to use Lavish Mikell and Will Hitt as personal names along with RichKiddz for stage names.

Quickly the rap duo earned popularity as the RichKiddz in Evanston and throughout the North shore. Their debut on Copia Records became a favorite with youth and adults because of their fluid rhythms and articulate clean rhetoric. They made their debut with the title "The Intro". Ultimately RichKiddz teamed with Gus Redmond, who is president of MusicQuest who is one of America's most significant radio promoters, consultant, and manager. Many of the top superstars have been managed by Redmond and at the present time RichKiddz are reaping benefit from his more than forty years of experience.

Recently when the Chi-Lites featured the When Herb Kent, the legendary radio icon heard them at one of their appearances, he immediately informed the President and faculty at Chicago State University that it would be worthwhile to shoot a video of the RichKiddz because it would serve as an example for other aspiring rappers to utilize their talents in a classy manner.

RichKiddz' formidable single "Peace" from the new CD "The Intro II" released on the Copia Label is under scored with the Chi-Lites' hit from the group's album "Have You Seen Her" Gold release of the mid-seventies. Beneath the rap poetical lyrics flows the romantic sustaining music of the Chi-Lites along with innovative rhythm.

When listening to RichKiddz monumental interpretations of "Peace" there is evident of overflowing inspiration coupled with conviction and enthusiasm the concern of humanity and reverence for God. There is also present the continuous dignified language dramatically loaded with sweep that will obviously send the brothers skyrocketing into the awesome realm of superstars.

Daley on Diddy Day

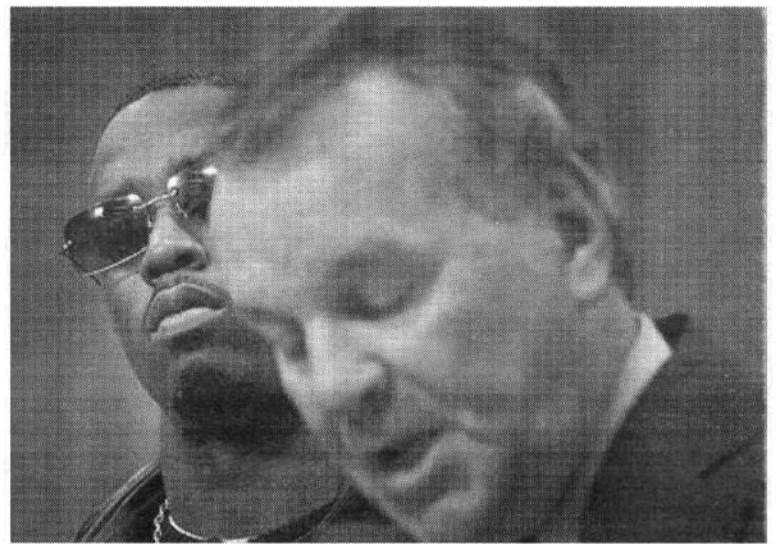
Mayor Daley honored Sean "Diddy" Combs, rapper, actor, businessman, who has worked for children.

Diddy appeared genuinely moved as he accepted the official proclamation and a pair of cuff links with the Chicago seal for his work on behalf of AIDS research and awareness and breast cancer among others.

"I truly appreciate it. I don't take it for granted. It's not every day that somebody young and African American gets to have their own day in the great city of Chicago. This is definitely an honor, especially coming from New York, for y'all to, show me such hospitality and recognize that, what I do, I do to inspire and to motivate. I'm not motivated by money," Combs said.

"What I do, I do to entertain people and to show kids that if you close your eyes and dream, and you open your eyes and see the realities it's going to take you to achieve your dreams, that anything is possible. I come from the same communities as most of the kids in the inner-city communities. And if I did it, they can do it."

In Mayor Daley's announcement he singled out the work of Daddy's



Mayor Daley addresses reporters as hip-hop artist Sean Combs stands next to Daley at City Hall.

Photo by John J. Kim/Sun-Times

House Social Programs Inc. The program provides summer camps, tutoring, mentoring, stock market skills, college visits and travel opportunities for underprivileged kids.

"He's very talented. He's using his fame to help others, and he is a role model," Daley said. "The city of Chicago and Sean share a common goal: He's investing in our children. In his

way of life, he's improving the quality of life so they can realize all of those dreams."

"For you all to call this day Diddy Day, I will assure you that today's going to be a great day. Y'all are going to have a good time today. I don't know what's going to happen to you, but you're going to have a good time today," Combs said.

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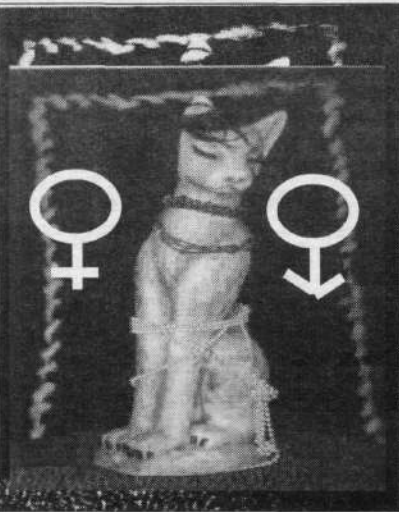
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"Dialogue on Dickerson: Dedicated, Democrat & Dean of Black Lawyers" hosted by the Earl B. Dickerson, BLSA chapter at the University of Chicago.
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Dickerson was the driving force in the pivotal *Hansberry v. Lee* case for which the play is based, this famous "son" will be discussed as the former U of C law student, member of the Supreme Life "circle of influence", Democratic alderman, FDR committee member, progressive attorney, civil rights activist and family man.

This evening's notable panel will include Joshua Cohen, Earl B. Dickerson grandson, Marcus Shepard, co-author of *Earl B. Dickerson: A Voice for Freedom and Equality*, Retired Federal District Judge of the Northern District of Illinois, and the first person of color to be assigned to sit as a Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, First Judicial District in 1969, litigator in the prominent Cicero restrictive covenant case, colleague and friend of Dickerson, Retired Judge George N. Leighton and moderating this evening's panel Ret. Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, Fifth Division and fellow U of C Law School Alumni, Ellis. E. Reid.

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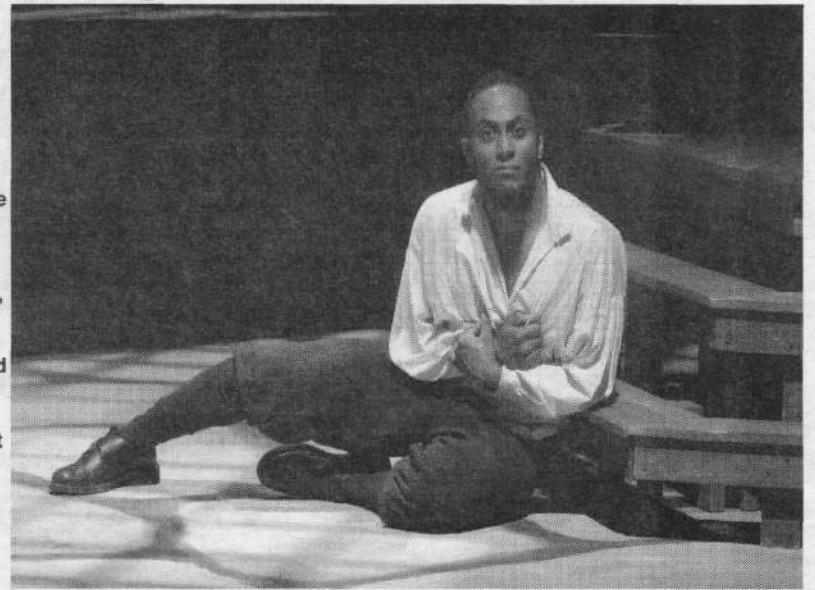
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\$50.00 includes post performance discussion and ticket to this evening's performance. **\$100.00** includes post performance discussion, ticket to this evening's performance and an autographed copy of the book *Earl B. Dickerson: A Voice for Freedom and Equality*. A portion of this evening's proceeds will be donated to endowment for the Earl B. Dickerson Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School as established by BLSA.

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"Denmark" is Victory Gardens at The Biograph's Inaugural Production

Anthony Fleming III plays the title character in *Denmark*, a provocative world premiere drama by ensemble member Charles Smith, based on the controversial life of the freed slave and accused insurrectionist Denmark Vesey. Photo credit: Liz Lauren



Victory Gardens Theater, Chicago's #1 presenter of new plays for more than 30 years, is proud to inaugurate its new, \$11.3 million mainstage in Chicago's historic Biograph Theater with *Denmark*, a provocative world premiere drama by ensemble member Charles Smith, based on the controversial life of freed slave Denmark Vesey. Artistic Director Dennis Zacek will direct the first production in Victory Gardens' new 299-seat theater of dreams. The stellar cast includes Velma Austin, Anthony Fleming III, Kenn E. Head, Raoul Johnson, Gregory Lush, A.C. Smith and Joe Van Slyke. Designers taking advantage of the Biograph's new wing space, traps and added stage height include Mary Griswold (set), Judith Lundberg (costumes), Robert Shook (lights), and Andre Pluess (sound). Tina Jach is production stage manager.

"Denmark requires a cast of seven, the technical capacity to portray multiple locations, and scenic elements that inspire audiences to travel seamlessly, for example, from a church setting to a jail cell," said Dennis Zacek, Artistic Director at Victory Gardens Theater. "We are thrilled that,

finally, Charles is able to work at his home theater, and be granted the autonomy to tell a complex and thought-provoking story, resulting in a more potent message to the community."

What is our commitment to fulfill our personal hopes and dreams, versus our obligation to foster a greater public good, when the need for that greater public good is dire? With his distinctive flair, Smith explores these questions in *Denmark*, a searing dramatization of the true story of freed slave Denmark Vesey. His freedom paid for by a lottery ticket, Vesey went on to become a sought-after carpenter in Charleston, South Carolina. However, Vesey used his earnings not to purchase freedom for the woman he loved, but to build a church for Charleston's slave community, and in 1822, plan an uprising intended to liberate all of Charleston's African slaves.

Opening is Sunday, October 15 at 3 p.m. Performances run through November 12 at the new Victory Gardens Theater at the Biograph, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. Call (773) 871-3000 or online at <http://www.victorygardens.org>

Entertainment Briefs

Janet Jackson 20 Years Since Control

It's hard to believe that it's been 20 years since a young Ms. Jackson took "Control" of the music industry. Working closely with her "soul mate," producer Jermaine Dupri on the tracks, in addition to production from her long-time collaborators Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis, Janet is out to show the world that, like a fine wine, she only gets better with age.

"I'm proud that for 20 years, people have responded to my work," Janet says in her bio. "I'm proud to have stayed in the game and survived."

Last month, Janet visited the set of BET's "106 & Park" while promoting her video for "Call On Me." Any plans for the Jackson family to do an album together or for you and Michael to do another song? "No plans, even though Michael owes me, that was our deal. I would do a song on his album, and he would do one on mine, so he owes me one".

50 Cent Disses Oprah
50 Cent has decided to go after Oprah again. In an exclusive interview while backstage at 106 & Park last Thursday, 50 said, "Oprah's great. I just think the only misconception is that she's a

Black woman. They say Oprah Winfrey's a Black woman, but she's [been] catering to a demographic of a middle-aged White woman for so long that I believe she's a middle-aged White woman." These comments stem from a beef that 50 Cent had with Oprah earlier this year after rumors began to circulate that the talk show host refused to have certain rappers on her show.

"Oprah will have a rapist on her show and have a discussion about why they do it, but won't have a rags to riches story on her show," 50 said. He went on to even throw rapper/producer Kanye West in the fire. "She'll have Kanye West on her show. I think middle America would rather have they kids be gay, than have them aggressive." Want to see this interview and more of what 50 Cent had to say?



What's a '710'?

Yesterday I was having some work done at the car dealer. A blonde woman came in and asked for a seven-hundred-ten. All of the mechanics looked at each other, and one of them finally asked: "What is a seven-hundred-ten?"

She replied, "You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine. I lost it and need a new



one. It had always been there." The mechanic gave the woman a piece of paper and a pen and asked her to draw what the piece looked like. She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710. He then took her over to another car which had the hood up and asked, "Is there a 710 on this car?" She pointed and said, "Of course, it's right there."

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The offering is being led by two African-American owned firms, Chicago-based Loop Capital Markets, LLC and New York-based The sale closed on October 2, 2006.

This illustrates what a competent minority business can do when given the opportunity and that it is crucial to have Black corporate executive in place willing to step to the plate and provide those opportunities with their companies.

Niles Mayor Indicted In Insurance Fraud

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Village of Niles Mayor Nicholas B. Blase was indicted today on federal corruption charges for allegedly using his public office for more than three decades to steer local

business owners to purchase insurance through an insurance agency that paid him bribes and kickbacks from the revenue it collected from insurance clients in Niles. Since 1997, these bribes and kickbacks totaled more than \$420,000.

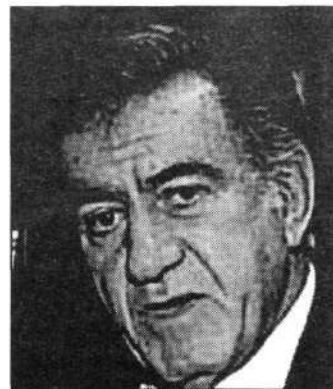
Also indicted were Steven Weiner, president of the Ralph Weiner & Associates insurance agency, and Paul Zdon, who was a state licensed insurance producer at the agency. All three were charged in a five count indictment returned today by a federal grand jury, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. Weiner, 53, of Glenview, who was charged previously with Blase, was also indicted on five counts of mail fraud. From approximately 1974 to April 2005, Weiner worked for the Weiner agency in various capacities, including insurance producer. He became president and chief operating officer of the firm in April 2005, following the death of his father, Ralph Weiner, who founded the agency in 1955.

Three counts of mail fraud were brought against Paul Zdon, 61, of Lisle, a Weiner agency insurance producer from 1996 to 2004 who was charged for the first time in today's indictment.

Both Steven Weiner and Zdon have authorized the government, through their attorneys, to disclose that they are cooperating and expect to plead guilty. All three defendants will be arraigned at later dates in U.S. District Court. Mr. Fitzgerald announced the charges with Robert D. Grant,



U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois Patrick J. Fitzgerald (L) announced a five count indictment of Nicholas Blase (R). Also indicted were Steven Weiner and Paul Zdon



Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Byram Tichenor, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division in Chicago. The investigation is continuing, they said.

The indictment alleges that beginning about 1974 through June 2006, the defendants, together with Ralph Weiner and others, engaged in a scheme to deprive Niles and its citizens of

Blase's honest services as mayor and to fraudulently obtain money. According to the indictment, Blase used his mayoral post to promote the Weiner agency and directly and indirectly steer village businesses to purchase insurance from the firm in exchange for Ralph Weiner, and later Steven Weiner, paying approximately 25 percent of the agency's commissions from Niles clients to a purported insurance agency, S.M.P. Insurance Service Inc., a shell corporation controlled by Blase. As part of the scheme, from 1997 to 2006, Ralph and Steven Weiner made payments, and caused payments to be made, to SMP totaling approximately \$421,450.

As part of the fraud scheme, Blase allegedly took, and failed to take,

actions in his capacity as mayor to benefit the interests of Niles businesses that purchased their insurance through the Weiner agency. Blase allegedly provided material information to Ralph and Steven Weiner and Zdon concerning the village's regulation of Niles businesses, and they, in turn, touted their ability to provide access to and receive favors from Blase to potential and existing insurance clients to advance their solicitation and sale of insurance. Blase also allegedly concealed his payment relationship with the Weiner agency, and failed to disclose the payments on his Statements of Economic Interest. While failing to disclose the payments, he continued to participate in Niles' regulation of village businesses, including presiding over liquor commission hearings involving alleged violations of local ordinances. As an example, Blase allegedly directed Ralph Weiner to disguise the source of insurance payments from the Niles Public Library that were funneled to Blase. Weiner caused the payments to be mis-identified as coming from "Four Doves," a commercial establishment, according to the indictment.

Blase caused SMP to be incorporated in 1974 to act as a conduit to secretly transfer money from Ralph and Steven Weiner to two employees of Blase's law firm for the benefit of Blase, and to disguise the payments by making it appear that they were receiving shared commissions on insurance-related work when, in fact, the two Blase law firm employees were not licensed to perform such

insurance work, could not receive such payments under state law, and did not perform such work. Blase then used the SMP funds to pay all or part of the salaries that the two employees earned for work they performed for Blase's law practice, including negotiating the settlements of personal injury claims, the indictment alleges. It further alleges that in late 2005, when one of Blase's law firm employees reduced his work schedule, Blase instructed him to share funds from the SMP checks with Blase's relative who worked as an attorney in conjunction with Blase's law firm. To disguise these payments, Blase devised a cover story such that, if questioned by authorities, the Blase employee was to falsely state that the attorney performed investigative work for SMP.

The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Daniel Collins and Laurie Barsella. If convicted, each count of mail fraud carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The Court, however, would determine the appropriate sentence to be imposed.

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Agency, and an entrepreneur committed to a future where our business is creating a steady supply of high-quality jobs and making a difference around the world. Belyaev has been actively convergence of science, technology and learning for nearly 20 years, having gotten her start at the National Center Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) in the group that produced Mosaic (Netscape). Anna graduated from Lawrence University with a BA in Slavic Languages and Literature, and went on to earn an MA in Russian from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Recognized by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office as an Entrepreneurship Trailblazer, Anna is frequently consulted regarding trends by parties as diverse as the Italian Trade Commission and the Canadian Department of Economic Development.

Other speakers will include Peter Creticos, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for Work and the Economy, Sharnell Jackson, Chief eLearning

Officer, Chicago Public Schools, Bruce Montgomery, President, Montgomery & Company, Karolus Smejda - President, PowerSuasion Inc. and Will Thalheimer, Ph.D., President, Work-Learning Research, Inc.

MIT Enterprise Forum of Chicago: Off the Soapbox, Onto the Court will be held at Gardner Carton & Douglas LLP, 191 N. Wacker Dr, Suite 3700,

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The The Human Side of Technology, conference is scheduled for October 18 and 19, 2006 at the University Center in Chicago. Space is limited. For more information and online registration, visit http://www.ccastd.org/annual_event.html

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