Brookins to run for State's Attorney

Reflections of
other state wide elections

Surrounded by his family, Chicago alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr. (21) officially stepped into the race for the Cook County State’s Attorney’s office.

In making his announcement at the Allegro Hotel, Brookins vowed to be tough not only on gang members and drug dealers, but also tough on crooked elected officials and dirty cops. Said Brookins, “When I’m elected state’s attorney, we will no longer rely on Patrick Fitzgerald or other state’s attorneys to clean up our dirty system; I intend to do it myself.”

As a crowd of cheering supporters looked on, Brookins went on to describe what he believes was a series of highly publicized failures under outgoing state’s attorney Dick Devine. Failures that he claims

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Grooming the Next Generation

Black History Month is usually the only time of year when people read about African American contributions to the health and wealth of American society at large.

Butkus has posed the question: “what will be the legacy of Black organizations and institutions?” within the Black community. BUTFI finds it is of utmost importance that we highlight those activist, hard-working individuals who are actively passing the contributions of their life’s work forward by grooming those who will carry these skills and ideas forward through the generations into the future.

BUTFI has been in existence since 1985, has been trying to help people consider these questions and relate them to modern existence. According to Henry English, BUTFI President and CEO.

In 2001, BUTFI inaugurated the “Living Legends/Passing the Torch ©” Award benefit and ceremony to pay homage to those who are actively grooming the next generation and ensuring that their legacies are promulgated and preserved for the future. “The Passing the Torch © Awards were created to counter the all too pervasive stories about the social, economic and spiritual problems of the African-American community, because we at the Black United Fund of Illinois (BUTFI) also know that there is a brighter, more positive story to tell, but the problem was—no one was telling it.”

This year, another stellar group of eight Chicagoans, including Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Senior Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, as he prepares to pass his legacy to the Rev. Otis Moss, III, Pastor – Trinity United Church of Christ.

The 7th Annual “Living Legen ds/Passing the Torch ©” Awards ceremony, will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at the Harold Washington Cultural Center, 4701 S. King Dr. Entertainers such as Samuel L. Jackson, Tony Cox and others will receive the “Curtis Kelley Show” and the Grammy award winner and jazz virtuoso Ramsey Lewis Trio and a special guest, Marcus Brocks, WMAQ-NBC’s reporter and anchor and Cliff Kelley, WJPN-1069 personality and host of the provocative “Curtis Kelley Show” are the co-emcees of this year’s event.

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Weekly Round Up of......
Mark Allen

A Look at Politics, since the beginning of The South Street Journal 13 years ago until today

The examination of the past 13 years of politics could probably be summed up with the phrase "the more things change, the more they remain the same," and that would be the beginning and end of the report. 13 years ago, the first issue of The South Street Journal had a front page story dealing with a major political issue of the lack of affordable housing for residents of Chicago poorer communities, including the neighborhoods that have been the subject of most major political issues as to whether Chicago's political community would exercise its power to significantly increase affordable housing and the jobs created from the new developments.

Our political community used information from a well researched document called "The Chicago Affordable Housing Fact Book," then laid out in great detail, exactly where new affordable housing could be created in Chicago's poorer communities. A few hundred community groups found common ground and successfully lobbied the Chicago City Council and ultimately Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley signed The Chicago Affordable Housing and Community Ordinance, which provided $380 million new dollars for affordable housing and $4 million dollars to the Low Income housing trust fund for the homeless.

One of the ironic things about the housing and Jobs campaign was that the majority of the grassroots people who successfully lobbied for the ordinance, found out very painstakingly that they could not afford to build more housing that the ordinance called for, and this was due to the fact that the City had developed a definition for what was affordable housing that was very different from what the grassroots supports of the ordinance could actually afford. This was complicated even further in terms of the letting of the contracts to build the new housing in that a majority of the contractors building housing in predominately Black areas were non Black. So major legislation was passed designed to empower the Black community but ended up empowering everyone but Black people.

13 years later, the major news media is focusing on, guess what? The lack of new housing creation that's truly "affordable" for the grassroots residents of Chicago's poorer communities. And the focus is on what Black elected officials are responsible for the areas where the land is available. Added to that scenario is the subject of another expose that The Chicago Affordable Housing and Community Ordinance, books and fees — once federal, state and other available awards have been applied. Tuition alone, without any aid, is approximately $33,000 annually.

Mayor Richard M. Daley and leaders of the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) announced that IIT will offer scholarships to all qualifying Chicago Public Schools graduates who meet admission requirements and who have a household family income of less than $40,000. IIT is the third local institution to earmark scholarships specifically for CPS graduates.

The University of Chicago's Collegiate Scholars program supports five students each year, and Roosevelt University in October announced plans to offer scholarships to qualifying students. Little Village's School of Social Justice: "This program is going to make a big difference in the lives of some of our best students," Daley said at a news conference at IIT's newly renovated Technology Business Center, 3440 S. DuSable St. "The Chicago Public Schools have made tremendous progress in improving classroom learning and raising the aspirations of their students. This scholarship program is another big step in the right direction."

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In the past 13 years, Black political leaders were challenged and accepted the burden of taking the public arena, that Black people were not getting their fair share.

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Paratransit Riders Face 32-576% Increase in Fares; Declare A State of Emergency That Governor Must Meet

Paratransit riders converged on the governor’s office Mon., Sept. 10 at 8 a.m. with mass transit riders and drivers. IMPRUE (Independent Movement of Paratransit Riders for Unity, Vehicles, Equality), and RDA (Rider-Drive Alliance) sought a meeting with Governor Rod Blagojevich to address the life-threatening conditions paratransit riders face when their fares increase by as much as 32%-576% due to the elimination of the monthly ADA pass, and they are forced to stop riding. This represented their third attempt to meet with the governor. IMPRUE has written and verbal requests for a meeting.

“We declare a state of emergency in Illinois on Tuesday September 11, and everyday until the service cuts longer. We hereby place the governor on notice,” declared Dr. Ayo Maat.

“This is our 9-11,” said Dr. Maat. “We will witness the fall of transit justice in Illinois for the people with disabilities who ride the federally mandated paratransit if the Governor does not intervene. Our Ground Zero will spread from the Governor’s to the mayor’s office to the provocation of Caucasian students who taunted them with racial slurs.

Paratransit riders have been ignored as the mass media fail to cover their plight, the governor fails to address their needs, and the legislature fails to provide the funding for mass transit and paratransit. Bus, rail and paratransit riders and workers already list hard by this legislative Karma. Illinois’ perfect storm of legislative apathy and procrastination that will cost people with disabilities their lives, livelihood and health, are fighting back not just Monday September 10, but Tuesday, the anniversary of 9-11.

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The charges sparked outrage in the black community and drew attention from the American Civil Liberties Union, which is monitoring the cases. The Rev. Al Sharpton has also voiced his concern, saying the charges indicate a different standard of justice for blacks and whites.

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Jena 6 is the term coined to describe the six black high-school students in Jena, La., in late-June who was charged last December with attempted second-degree murder for allegedly attacking a white student who taunted him with racial slurs. Civil rights leaders, radio personali- ties, and organizations like the Na-
We stand here as products of our communities
With roots as deep as the oldest tree
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To the place where we should be
The seeds of a new day are always blossoming
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Bronzeville Summit — A Showcase of Development and Information about Bronzeville Today

This photo on the magnificent Black political history that happened in the 2nd Headquarters of the Democratic party. Congressman William L. Dawson was the political boss of this great political organization who in 1955 helped to elect Richard J. Daley Mayor of Chicago in 1955. The most powerful political organization of that period was located at 3433 South Indiana ave and the building is one of the historic structures that makes up the Black Metropolis Historic District. This 15,500 square feet building is currently up for sale and questions are raised if the Black community does not establish a recourse to preserve its history and provide an appropriate adaptive reuse, it will be sold to developers and the community may lose its political and civic cultural heritage associated with the landmark forever.

Photo provide by Bronzeville Tourism and Convention Center

The Bronzeville Community Development Partnership is hosting today's 2007 Summit Bronzeville International. The summit showcases current projects in the Bronzeville Community Development Planning Studio and launches its formal bid to establish a Black Metropolis National Heritage Area. The event has the distinction of being the first community event in the newly opened McCormick Place West and celebrates the installation of the Bronzeville Portal on 22nd & Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, marking the civic gate of the world's largest convention center.

Bronzeville is Chicago's Black Metropolis, a historic "city-within-a-city" destination where more than a half million southern migrant families in search of a northern "promised land" came out and played!, the next C/CURE gathering call Naomi Davis and Martha Boyd, Chicago/Cabinet Underground Railroad Effort, 773 369 4464 773 344 7198

In honoring our ancestors we honor ourselves and so may our efforts be worthy of our mission, and may the balled ground we create a cultural and eco-tourism destination centered at the site of the old Ton Family Farm (see our Dutch games, many performers and other activities were rained away, we look forward to a sunnier day.

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To explore the Underground Railroad is to explore our birth as a nation and our ancestors we honor and challenge the perceived limits of our compassion, courage, and capacity to share.

We are strengthened and humbled when we honor the price paid for freedom to which we still aspire.

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Chicago: Group of Housing Experts and Activists

A man must stand for evil to triumph."

His Imperial Majesty Marcus Mosiah Garvey

"...a finding refute of the soldier's family. In an article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, LaVena's father pointed to indications that his daughter had endured a physical struggle before she died - two large front teeth, a "busted lip" that had to be reconstructed by the funeral home - suggesting that "someone might have punched her in the mouth."

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Honor, but justice can sometimes be wingate told James that while the crimes occurred 43 years ago, but I guess us black folks should be mighty happy that justice is served. He should be put to death with 18 monkeys and 72 straight razors.

Imagine the scenario. First, get the aggressive type monkeys with big teeth that hate to be looked at in the eyes. Then don't feed the monkeys for one month. Heavily apply the straight razors to the monkey's feet and hands. Make sure the blades are exposed. Then tie the monkeys to a tree right near the Mississippi River where those two precious teens were found. Finally, strip him butt naked, put him in a ripened Chiquita banana skirt, and spread even more monkey food on his body. Then paint a bunch of eyeballs on his chest, his neck and back and let the monkeys feast. Now that is the video I would love to see back and let the monkeys feast. Now that is the video I would love to see uploaded to YouTube.

Finally, take that video, a parrot, and an aggressive, do-not-look-in-the-eyes-big-toothed monkey to every nursing home in "The Heartland." Play the video for every old white man while the parrot sits on the monkey's shoulder repeating the words: "Brawck, the FBI has more than 100 unverified sources of prosecution from the civil rights era to crack, Brawck, Polly wants a cracker! Brawck, Polly wants a cracker! Brawck, Polly wants a cracker!

Meanwhile, the monkey sits quietly picking his teeth with a razor blade. (Toure Muhammad publishes Bean Soup Times, a native and entertainment newsletter. He can be reached at toure@beansoupetimes.com)

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This file photo of white youth displaying the confederate flag, a sign of the old south still in place, in Jena, La. 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Klansman convicted of '64 slayings

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and a banana skirt, and transient, not jail time

"you mean these aren't his pets?"

James should be put to death, but not with lethal injection, electricity, or even a firing squad. He should be put to death with 18 monkeys and 72 straight razors.

The panel agreed that similar incidents occur nationwide, but don't receive the attention the Jena 6 has had. Banks said the National Bar Association is organizing a task force to establish a uniform approach to cases where racial injustice may be a factor.

The current presidential candidates have not spoken out on the case, Scott charged, because "it's not popular to stand up for small interest groups or minorities.

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School officials had the tree demolished last month, according to the Shreveport Times.

A delegation from the Hip Hop activist community will serve as ambassadors for Common Peace at the September 20th, 2007 protest rally of the Jena 6 trial in Jena. Mr. J. Michael Carr Jr., of the Fathers for the Future Foundation (FFF) and Troy Nkrumah of the National Hip Hop Political Convention (NHHPC) will lead a delegation of young people to Jena to monitor, mediate, and document the situation for the justice of the six young youth who are on trial and until justice is served could spend the decades in prison.

This delegation will also include over 10 young lawyers from around the country who will work as legal observers to ensure that the constitutional rights of the demonstrators are not violated by law enforcement.

The "Friends of Justice," the actual organization to first break the Jena 6 story to the Chicago Tribune and BBC in December 2006, the Ambassadors For Common Peace will work to promote civility and goodwill at the mobilization in Jena.

Unfortunately, the case is another incident that points to the entrenched racial and socio-economic disparities in the South, which this country has yet to fully address," says political scientist Dr. Sekou Franklin of Middle Tennessee State University. As the Congressional Black Caucus has noted, "...we must speak out against injustice and inequality. This tale of two standards depicts a pattern of gross violations."

It is the belief of the Hip Hop community that this is one of the most salient racial cases since the Rodney King verdict in 1992 and has the potential to repeat the disastrous outcomes if justice is not served for the defendants. This case has the potential to set back race relations and delegitimize the current struggles made in the fight for racial justice.

Concerned about the educational and economic interrup­tion in the lives of these six black young men, the Fathers for the Future Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, has created a separate scholarship fund to help these young men continue their education after this ordeal has ended. It is the mission of the Fathers for the Future Foundation to help the young men between the ages of 16 - 20 in financial literacy, parenting, life skills, and job training.

"The lives of these six young men are very important to our delegation: and creating opportunities for all men is our ultimate goal," said Carr Jr. "The trial in Jena, LA is only a small aspect of a larger problem that is plaguing the nation. The question is not how do we prosecute warehouses of our youth, but rather how to nurture them and secure a future of liberty with the pursuit of happiness that is a right of all Americans" The lives of these six young men are very important to our delegation: and creating opportunities for all men is our ultimate goal," said Carr Jr.

For more information about the Ambassadors For Common Peace, please visit www.fathersforfuture.org.

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Mo’Nique will host “Fight 4 Life,”

Demonstrating her passion to help end the HIV/AIDS crisis in the Black community, television and film star Mo’Nique will host “Fight 4 Life,” a town hall meeting Sunday September 16 at 3 p.m. at Chicago State University.

Lloyd Kelly, executive director of the Let’s Test Foundation and Dr. William Johnson, executive director of the Lack Care Center, will join Mo’Nique at CSU’s Douglas Library Auditorium for this open and honest discussion on HIV/AIDS.

Mo’Nique is the host of “Showtime at the Apollo,” the “BET Awards” and “Mo’Nique’s Fat Chance.”

“Mo’Nique is well known and well respected in the Black community and she should be commended for her commitment to ending HIV/AIDS in our community,” said Kelly.

“She keeps it real. Our hope is that this discussion will get people to understand that this disease is killing our community.”

The Let’s Talk, Let’s Test Foundation and the Chicago Department of Public Health are sponsoring the free event, which is open to the public.

The Let’s Talk, Let’s Test Foundation is dedicated to increasing awareness about the HIV/AIDS crisis in the Black community and was signed on to the National Call and Community to end the disease by 2012.

The call charges Black America: To develop a national commitment to reduce HIV rates by 50 percent during the next five years. To double the number of people who know their HIV status.

To ensure that HIV-positive people are in appropriate treatment.

To inform HIV-free people and that a diagnosis, not a disgrace.

The stigma of HIV/AIDS is holding the African-American community back. We have turned this into a disease of sexuality instead of a sexually transmitted disease.6

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Screening for prostate cancer — checking for signs of the disease when there are no symptoms — is done with the digital rectal exam and the PSA test. In the United States, about 75% of men who are 50 or older have had a PSA test.

Some doctors are not sure that prostate cancer should be found and treated early. That may seem odd, but it is because most prostate cancer grows so slowly, and the side effects of treatment — mainly impotence (not being able to have an erection) and incontinence (not being able to control urination) — can be severe. Some doctors fear that some men are put through those side effects needlessly because their cancers are very small and unlikely to cause problems.

The number of deaths caused by prostate cancer has dropped since the PSA test became common, but there is no proof that early detection is the reason. The drop in the death rate could also be due to better treatment, for example. Studies are underway to prove that early detection prevents deaths caused by prostate cancer, but the results will not be available for several years.

This means that the decision to have a PSA test for prostate cancer depends on your doctor’s opinion and your own preferences. Some men will not want to live with the side effects of treatment; other men are more concerned about survival. It is important to learn all you can and talk to your doctor before making a decision.

Should I have a PSA test to screen for prostate cancer?

It is expected that prostate cancer will account for 33% (232,090) of new cancer cases in men in the United States during 2005. About 90% of those will be discovered in the early stages, where the 5-year survival rate is almost 100%.

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Mayor Daley, House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) and Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias were among political leaders and the Chicago Police Board, to press lawmakers and Gov. Pat Quinn to support the CTA and Mayor Daley to press lawmak­ers and Gov. Quinn to support the funding increase.

The funding will offset the CTA, Metra and Pace combined operating budget shortfall of $200 million. A lack of additional money will force fare hikes and service cuts.

The CTA has said it will increase fares as soon as Sept. 16, while cut­ting about 700 workers and nearly 40 bus routes, if State Officials fail to pass a bill fails to pass a bill fails to pass a bill.

Jefferson said adequate funding will serve as a safeguard — allowing the CTA and its sister agencies con­tinuous infrastructure maintenance and development throughout the next five years.

Jefferson added that employees of ATU, the largest transit union in North America, also need protection.

“ATU reached an agreement with the CTA and Mayor Daley more than two months ago that would protect workers’ pensions and health benefits and provide wage increases,” Jefferson said. “We did our part to negotiate and to work out an agreement.

If the House transit panel passes the bill, the full House could vote on it next Tuesday.

Tatum pro­posed enforced Ban on Cell Phones could generate $4

Ranoule Tatum, the People United Mobilizing People and a Candidate for State Representative in the 26th District will ask the Mayor and City Council members to revisit the ban on cell phones. The ban became an ordinance two years ago. “This is a public safety issues said Tatum,” a recent study by

Harvard University stated that over 2,600 deaths and over 330,000 inju­ries were caused a few years ago in the United States by drivers on their cell phones.

“We have citizens’ legs being crushed, people driving into Metra trains, hitting cyclist and pedestr­ians, Tatum says. “Critics have made many valid points about distraction derived from women who drive and put on makeup, or those who drink coffee or read newspapers when they should be paying atten­tion to the traffic.”

Tatum says the fact that 80 per­cent of cell phone users have crashed at some point and another 45 percent have nearly crashed be­cause of distractions is a powerful statistic.

Mr. Tatum would like to see the Secretary of State Jessie White, the Illinois Department of Transporta­tions Public Safety Department and General Assembly members recon­sider this as a public safety issue on a state level.

Tatum would like to offer the Mayor and the City Council a proactive plan, which he has entitled as “(Chicago Cell Phone Safety En­forcement and Diversion Program).” Mr. Tatum believes that the city should enforce this ordinance as a mean of generating revenue as an alternative to Mayor Daley’s post-election tax increase. A portion of the new revenues could be set a side for public awareness and cell phone safety education.

Three Harvey of­ficials indicted in $144,000 credit card

The elected president of the Har­vey Park District and its top two administrators were arrested by FBI agents on federal charges for alleg­edly misusing approximately $144,000 in park funds for non­public purposes by using district credit cards to pay for personal expenses. In addition to the credit card misuse, the defendants alleg­edly illegally obtained personal services and cash payments from park district vendors. All three defendants were charged in an 11­count indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Tuesday and unsealed following the arrests this morning, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent­in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mo’Nique will host “Fight 4 Life,”

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Top Hollywood Publicist to the Stars Receives Honor from Hyde Park Group

Hollywood publicists Toni Shelton grew up in the Hyde Park area of Chicago, and began her career there. Now she is returning to accept a special honor for her contribution to the success of others.

Through many ups and downs she paid her dues, learned the ropes, and found success for herself and is now helping others achieve their dreams. It is no wonder that many rising stars are coming to her for help. Toni has not forgotten her roots in Hyde Park and Kenwood High School, and she returned to accept an award that acknowledges her contribution to the success of so many others.

Shelton was being honored for the help she has given to many aspiring actors and models, and for her many years of service to the organization of this annual event. She is the only female promoter to give house music parties, and is known for her hard work and effort to hire all the DJs who have made the parties possible. Shelton received the Award at a Private Dinner in July of this year. Rapper Dave Dylan performed his newest single at the event, and other Hyde Park celebrities will be in attendance, including, Charles Parnell and Dr. Sherrice Wallace.

The parties organized by Shelton are well-known because they attract so many celebrities, NFL and NBA players. Dylan, also an alumnus of Kenwood, will appear at five of the party locations to perform live. Parnell will travel from New York where he is regular in the longest running soap "All My Children." Shelton owned two hip hop clothing stores and a modeling agency in Hyde Park before she made the move to Hollywood. Her stores were always popular with celebrities such as Bemie Mac, T.I.C. DRS One, R. Kelly, and others. R. Kelly is another alumni of Kenwood, and Shelton said he is a close friend and she hopes he will attend the event as he has in the past.

Shelton is an industry expert who has worked as a model, photographer, agent, manager, and now helps others achieve their dreams. All four of her children are working models and actors. Her book "Rising Stars, An Inside Guide to Breaking into the Entertainment Industry" breaks down every aspect of the business and offers a realistic method needed to succeed.

She provides information and photos on a web site at http://www.Myspace.com/ToniShelton.

Contact
Toni Shelton
310-734-6579

Business: Actor, Model
How long in this business: 9 years
Education: High school Kenwood College, Kennedy-King, Loop Academy of Business.
Special training: Fundamentals of Acting, Advanced Theater
Birth date: 3/10
Birth place: Chicago
Experiences:
- Production Role
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- Barbershop 3, Calvin's Customer
- Return to Sender, Mailman
- Ronny R. Kelly, Leading Henchman
- Ice Harvest, Security Guard
- Roll Bouncer, Extra

Family/Marital status:
- Spouse

Training and Education
- Personal hero Jesus. Why? There's a note like him. How did you get interested in acting?
- All started in the third grade through junior high school, talent shows etc.
- Who inspired you to succeed in this field?
- My family
- If you weren't in this business, what business would it be?
- Ministry
- What do you feel about this neighborhood and/or the people?
- I think that this community is a history land mark, four people, the power that he could care less. So therefore we need to come more spiritually, societally and political awakened, and stop being a sleeping giant.
- What are your special features and/or benefits to the community?
- To inspire and encourage any man or woman to go for your dreams, nobody controls your destiny but you.
- What advice would you give to entrepreneurs just starting?
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**New Loan Fund for Chicago’s Small Businesses**

The City of Chicago, LaSalle Bank and Chicago Community Ventures announced the launch of a new loan program for Chicago’s small business owners. The program is targeted to businesses with less than $5 million in revenues and who are expected to grow their business. Term loans and purchase order financing between $25,000 and $250,000 with extremely favorable interest rates and low origination fees will be available to qualified businesses. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply at www.ChicagoCFED.org/financial-issues.

Mayor Daley Names 21st Century Commission

Mayor Richard M. Daley announced the creation of the "America's High Tech Invisible Man" composed of leading Chicagoans who will evaluate the current scope and structure of city government and make recommendations that will help the city to meet the future needs of citizens.

Daley said, "The reality is that the role of government must continue to evolve as the world changes and people have new expectations. Every now and then it's important to step back and ask fundamental questions about the role government should play," he said. The 21st Century Commission will be co-chaired by Sara Price, President, Corporate Communications, CNA, and Bennett Fox, Senior Vice President, Corporate Communications.

**The Monroe Foundation to Chicago Urban League**

President Cheryl Jackson requesting that the League take a leadership role with grassroots community leaders and organizations in organizing a town hall meeting at the CUL with representatives of Bank Of America to discuss the bank's community reinvestment and community benefits strategies for low-income, specifically African-American, as part of its purchase of LaSalle Bank.

Ons Chandler Maurice, III, CEO of The Monroe Foundation reported at recent press conference the potential economic impact and job loss, held by the Woodstock Institute where the press conference was held.

"We must mobilize to change the culture of LaSalle Bank's management, officials, including elected treasurers, to engage, not behind the scenes, but with community involvement on the community level," Maurice said.

Additionally, C.O.P. has sent similar letters to the City of Chicago, State and Cook County Treasurer's office. These letters have been used to negotiate a dialogue between BIA and community leaders.

BOA has a current and expanded market presence; branch expansion and closure plans of current BIA branches have been accelerated, supplier diversity contracting opportunities for African-American and Women-Business Enterprises.

The Community Reinvestment Organizing Project (C.O.P.) is funded by a grant from the Woods Fund of Chicago. For info call (773) 315-9722.
Mr. Buy Black Dr. Webb Evans Speaks on the Economic Agenda

Congratulations to Ron Carter, Rev. M. Earle Sardon and the National Urban League. I remember years ago before Rev. Jesse Jackson came to Chi­cago, it was Rev. M. Earle Sardon and the Urban League trying to get other race to hire African Amer­i­cans. Their methods were different but their objectives were the same.

There were many business owners who would not hire a black on certain jobs. They would use the same excuse they can’t find a black qualified for the job. They would tell us to find one. That was their way to keep hiring blacks. The Urban League used public relations method. Rev. M. Earle Sardon used boycotting and picketing. When Rev. Jesse Jackson came to the city he had a different approach to help black businesses and get whites to hire black help. If white business owners refused to stock black produced products or hire black help in all positions, he would boycott and picket them. He did not accept their statement that they could not find a qualified black for certain jobs. He told them to find one or train one. We discovered that was the way they were getting their white help. In 1960, I called together such religious leaders as the late Rev. J. C. Austin Sr., Pastor of the Pilgrims' Baptist Church, Rev. Hermit Crainford, Pastor of the Israel Methodist Community Church, and Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Pastor of the Chicago Baptist Church and told them if we put forth as much effort try­ing to get people to spend their money with Black Owned Businesses as we are trying to make whites hire us in a job. I believe we will create more jobs that whites are going to give us.

I had another meeting with Rev. J. C. Austin Sr. and told him that would be one of the greatest things I could do in life, start an organiza­tion to get more blacks to prepare and go into business and get as many people as possible to spend their money where it will circulate in the black community to create jobs and improve our economic condition. I have attended 3 meetings sponsored by Ron Carter dealing with Economics. Each meeting the numbers have increased. In 2006 the Urban League decided to change their agenda from public relations and social work to Economic Development. Rev. M. Earle Sardon is now working with the United American Progress Association. Economic Development is the way we must go in the future. There is much we must do to change our economic condition. But we can start by Buying Black.

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The next BWSES Summit is scheduled for Saturday, November 17th at the League Head­quarters, 4th & Michigan. Those interested in participation, spon­sorship or agenda items can call the event coordinator Wanda Lee at 773-737-7000. The com­mittee meets on a monthly basis at the office SSJ.
Bronzeville Summit

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