"CHA: They don't care about us"

Ms. Beatrix Turner
Associate Editor

As federal funding for public housing has significantly decreased, just like Hip Hop Artiste Kanye West once said during a Music Award Show: "President Bush doesn't care about us." And R&B artist Michael Jackson once said in a song: "They don't care about us," meaning Black folks.—Community activist Barbara Moore, 63, a former resident of Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and her daughter, Keolette Moore, a young mother of three are beginning to feel the same way about CHA and this city as well as private landlords.

When tenants refused to just move out and let public housing buildings be closed, as what occurred in 1999, to residents The residents were led by Barbara, the president at the Robert Taylor Homes projects, they began to resist the CHA Transformation Plan, which required them to be moved from public housing.

In an effort to save the building, they wrote

Community Activist Barbara Moore (now an invalid who is ill and unable to walk) "I need my daughter to look after me," Moore said while barely able too look up from her bed.

The $310,000 Police Chief

In the mist of issue going into the Olympics

Ron Carter's Rev. Dr. King
U & A Lock

This is the week we are celebrating your life. Early this year we celebrate the life in the passing of James Brown. One of the many songs he is noted for is "Say it loud! I am Black and Proud!" a reinforcement of Black Power. Should it be reinforced today?

King: All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. ...In the final analysis the weakness of Black Power is its failure to see that the black man needs the white man and the white man needs the black man. However much we may try to romanticize the slogan, there is no separate black power and fulfillment that does not intersect white paths.

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Reedus' belief that Walls isn't ready to fill Rush's shoes went against many leaders' wishes for Congressman Bobby Rush. As I reflect on history, I feel uniquely qualified to offer some balance to Mr. Rush, an esteemed activist, resident and voter in the First Congressional District. Rush's public service through Operation PUSH and had no critics who said that his only credentials was his name. When he put himself to the voters to make the final decision and they did. His new Chicago Chapter of National Action Network has some more work to do. Meanwhile, 15 Million Christians don't go to Church in the US, and it seems today's Christians can't go to Church. When David Vahey (former South State Journal) and Mayor Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. was in Chicago and received major press coverage with his demands that the new Chicago Police Chief be vigorous. His legislation has been hardly noticed major protests against the nomination, and the final vote for the new Police Chief's approval was 44 votes in favor and only one against. Mayor Richard Daley talked but didn't anybody hear. Meanwhile, the Daley's since Carter's time can't be able to do that. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, 15 Million Christians don't go to Church in the US. It seems to today's Christians can't go to Church. At the same time, the Bill “Dock” Walls has every right to offer himself and his years of public service to the voters of the First Congressional District. As I reflect on history, it's the same right that Bobby Rush had as an activist when he ran against the legendary 2nd Ward Alderman William Barnett. Rush called Barnett "one of a kind" and, while Rush respected the political accomplishments of Barnett, that did not stop him from offering himself as a candidate for 2nd Ward Alderman.

There were a number of long time political activists who said that then activists didn't do have the right to run on the political banner. But it was Rush's right and then he had the make the final decision and they did. This was true when legendary labor leader Charlie Hayes and Mayor Washington went against many leaders who wish for the same thing. It was Rush's right and then the voters to cast the majority in local Chicago Legendary Congressional Charlie Hayes. It was finally put to the voters to decide and they did.

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr is doing well in developing his congressional career, but he has his critics who said that his only credentials was his public service through Operation PUSH and had no选他 as the candidate. Rush made the point that Walls' only credentials is his public service as a community activist and aide to the late Mayor Har.
Black Wall Street 3rd Summit Challenges itself for more focus

By Ron Jenkins
Staff Writer

The campaign to sustain and increase Black businesses and create partnerships in preparing for the creation and development of a Black owned business districts was the focus of the third Black Wall Street Economic Summit (BWSES) that took place at the Chicago Urban League on Saturday, December 1, 2007. Simultaneously, the Chicago Urban League announcement its ProjectNext program in early-March of this year, Black Wall Street-Chicago Economic Summit was officially launched May 19 of 2007.

The objectives of the summit were to create a business dialogue among the 200 participants to create a platform to sustain and increase black businesses in Chicago; and to create a business relationship for those sectors who attended the summits. The summit is basing its activities from a template of the Black Wall Street District of Oakland, California, as other cities around the country are developing Black Wall Streets as well.

Business leader and small business owner, Leonard Harris of Chatham Food Center addressed the body on how he got started in the grocery business, and its relationship to family. Saying how he was able to provide for his family as well as his children's college education. He also indicated that he realized that he and his family were just making it. He publicly thanked Mark Allen for convincing him to become involved with the Summit and become a member of the Chicago Urban League ProjectNext program that now has Chatham Foods in line for business expansion. He also pledged a $500 contribution for the Black Wall Street-Chicago project to further its organizing efforts.

Following that, local business owner Kenny Johnson was publicly recognized for being the financial sponsor or the Black Wall Street-Chicago project to host the summit.

Commitment from Alderman Fioretti

He agreed to come back to the next Summit after having talked to Otis Montre and Billy Payne about Black vs. Minority and how to get Blacks more City Contracts.

Bobbie Johnson wanted to get a legal team together to go after developers who have not implemented Section 3 of the Black Wall Streets as well.

The $310,000 Chief

By Ron Carter
Publisher and Editor of SSJ and chair of the Black Wall Street Economic Summit, present information to participants about the creation and development of Black owned business districts in Chicago.

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To address these concerns and restore confidence in the department, we've taken many steps. They include creating a new Office of Professional Standards to conduct investigations.

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fly Ministry Behind Prison Walls

From INNOCENCE
To DEATH ROW
To PARDO N OF INNOCENCE N!

Mistaken Identity: Novel
Coo Da To A Prison Yard Bird: Poetry
Walden Klan: History of Walden Family
Death Row: An Insider’s Perspective
Sermon Idioms: For Preachers
Prisoners Of God: Music CD
Stackin’ It: Music CD
Final Justice: Music CD

Saturday, 8;30 to 5:00
To DEATH ROW
January 17th
Illinois-Greater Englewood Anti-Violence Coalition session will be: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Kelly Branch Library (6151 South Nor-
Alderman Pat Dowel Town Hall Meeting

Alderman Pat Dowel town hall at the Charles A. Hayes Center at 4855 S. Woodlawn Ave. from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Sat. Feb. 9th
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Saturday, January 26

Sistahs in the Arts Series! Janu-
ary 10th Exclusive! Featuring Sistahs from the STL (St. Louis) Emcees and Poets Akosiku Saadik &Cheeraz and Ms. Ne-

Saturday, January 19

To PARDON OF INNOCENCE

The 9th Ward will host a Service Dim 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Gwendolyn Brooks High School, 250 E. 111St., featuring representatives from the Chicago
Police Department and Depart-
ment of Housing as well as NDCOA Dr. Sandy Goldberg, Park National and Seaway Banks, and mobile units for il-

Sun., Jan 20th
Faster CL Barrett of the Life
Center Church will be the guest speaker for the Gift from God Ministries Church Anniversary, on 3:30 p.m. Service at 953West
63rd Street (the SE Corner of
63rd and Morgan). At 1:00 p.m.
Rev. Lewis flower, Chairman of the Westside Ministers Coalition will be the guest speaker at Gifts from God Ministries Church. All
are welcomed.

Mon., Jan 21st
At noon. Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Remembrance Day
Featuring Speaker: Loretta Ross Rockelfe-
ller Memorial Chapel 5850 S. Woodlawn Ave.

Mack D. McIhee, a nationally-

known speaker renown for his high-energy style, is expected to deliver a dynamic speech when he serves as the in-

"Beneath a Dark Sky" Written by Shupoo Aashu - Directed by Kim-
berly Cuthbert 3:30 pm Victory
Gardens Greenhouse 2257 N. Lincoln
"CHA: They don't care about us"

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letters to the mayor and Congress. They marched on City Hall and the CHA Headquarters. They also held prayer vigils and strategy sessions.

Ms. Moore used the social room at 5266 as the headquarters of the struggle and as a place where people gathered to strategize and organize. This involved a hard fought 3-day occupation to save the building.

Ms. Moore, now seven years later, is cutting the sometimes bad after math of fighting for uthers.

Barbara and her daughter Kolette moved about a year ago from the last building of the Robert Taylor Homes, at 5135 S. Federal.

"CHA moved me and my daugh­ter into this building together (presently at 4752 South Wabash) because they knew that I could no longer walk and I’m suffering from a lot of different illnesses," Barbara said during an interview and with over 25 students on the GHPTO tour from Highland Park High School in. They all crowd in her bedroom as she talked her story. Her daughter lives across the hall from her.

I haven’t even been to court and this landlord is forcing CHA to move me to the Trumbull Lowden Homes," said Kolette.

Barbara added "Now a year later, they are forcing my daughter to come away from me and they haven’t even been to court."

"I’m not even a tenant and my daughter is living in a tearful voice.

"How can they just come to your house one day and say you have to move, and they told me that they don’t have to have an explanation.

"My mother need me here. She doesn’t have anyone to help her get dressed, eat or wash up; this is not going to work," Kolette went on to explain.

"This is still America." Barbara continued.

"Beauty, CHA is sending a truck here tomorrow to force me and my daughter to move to a place that I know nothing about!" Kolette said in a tearful voice.

"I have sons and they will not be safe here! Kolette added.

"How could they just come to your house one day and say you have to move, and they told me that they don’t have to have an explanation."

"Why can’t she take her mother with her?" Hill asked doing a late night telephone inter­view.

I asked Barbara Moore why she can’t move with her daughter.

"My hospital is not too far away from here." Barbara Moore said.

"Trumbull Lowden Homes are too far away from all of the things that I need like my hospital and medication." Moore added:

"How can they just come to our home and move us without due process of the law?"

"This is still America." Barbara added.

The next day, bright and early, before the sun begins to shine, a big CHA moving truck pulled up to 4752 South Wabash and moved Kolette and her family to the Trumbull Lowden Homes, leaving her invalid mother behind to care for herself.

Her voice was cracking as she tried to explain to me on the tele­phone about her dilemma: Who will go and pay my bills, pick up my medication, and take me to the hospital?

There were numerous calls to CHA Relocation Department, Rep­resentative Sonya Franklin, and the Senior Manager for Relocation for the Chicago Housing Authority. By press time, she could not be con­cted.

Next CEO of CHA. Mayor Richard M. Daley names Lewis A. Jordan, currently executive director of the Housing Authority of Cook County, to be the next chief executive of the Chicago Housing Authority during a press conference at City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle, on Tues­day, December 11, 2007. A former Rockwell Gardens resident who rose to run the Rockford and Cook County housing authorities was chosen by Mayor Daley today for "one of the hardest jobs on the planet" — CEO of the Chicago Housing Authority.

I believe Lewis Jordan brings with him the personal background, the professional credentials and the sense of commitment required to complete the objectives of the Plan for Transformation, which is what I have asked him to do," Daley said. Lewis A. Jordan, currently executive director of the Housing Authority of Cook County will be the next chief executive officer of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA). He was born when his parents were residents of the Rockwell Gardens public housing project on the West Side. He served as executive director of the Rockford (IL) Housing Authority and managing agent of the Rockford Housing Development Corporation from 2002 to 2006.

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"He told me yes, she is a tenant at 4752 South Wabash," Hill added.

I called Cast Property Man­ager for the 4752 South Wabash building, Mr. On­derwal Langworthy and asked him "Did he know Kolette Moore?"

"He told me yes, she is a tenant at 4752 South Wabash," Hill added.

"I called Attorney Nicky Bazer of The Legal Foundation and asked her about the Moore’s situation.

"What CHA has done to Kolette Moore needs further looking into" Bazer said.

The Chicago Housing Au­thority’s Five-Year Plan for Transformation is a $1.5 billion plan, which would result in thou­sands of poor families being driven out of public housing. The plan calls for the demolition of 18,832 units of family public housing. The city of Chicago will build 24,000 units of new or re­habilitated units in the future, but the great majority of poor families will not qualify for the new housing.

There are 29,296 units of family public housing that was part of the plan. In the city plan, 40% of the new housing would be for senior citizens—no chil­dren allowed. The city claims that there will be 14,864 units of family housing, but the plan mandates that all the new housing will be for mixed income families. In reality, this means that only 2,294 homes would be priced for the 16,464 low income families who now have leases in CHA housing.
Paul Chardiett's Comments "We absolutely support Sena­tor Barack Obama’s Presidential Campaign because we represent real if he wins you instantly have change. He already represents change sends a good positive mes­sage to millions of our kids. Imagine the confidence that will surge in a young man of color when asked Do you think you can be a president. For Barack has given us hope. Hope and Dreams are the real ingredients.

This is not a campaign. It’s a people’s movement," Jackson says, "The people of the 26th district want change. The people in the state want change. And the people are using me to deliver this message to Springfield!"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It’s hard to believe that on January 15, 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will have turned 79 years old, but the stark reality today is socially, racially, economically and educationally the civil rights gains of the 1960’s are fast eroding.

As the world celebrates this national holiday, Dr. King’s unfinished agenda continues to unravel. Affirmative action is under attack, a resurgence of hate crimes raises its ugly head, fewer dollars are dedicated to bringing together business, labor, civil rights leaders who were not for sale or sacrifice so that today African Americans can enjoy basic human rights. Dr. King was not just a dreamer. You were a human sacrifice so that today African Americans can enjoy basic human rights.

"It’s really a shame what honest candidates have to go through sometimes," said Judge Furmin D. Sessoms after surviving "frivolous" challenges to his nominating petitions from both opponents in the race for 57th Subcircuit of the Court of Cook County.

"I wasn’t worried," said Sessoms, who has held the position since his appointment by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created when Judge Bennett Bush retired. "I needed 500 signatures to get on the ballot. We filed over two thousand, and 492 were not even challenged. It should have ended there.

Instead, one opponent challenged addresses with abbreviations for Chi­cago, such as "Chgo" or "Chi." The other opponent raised questions that required consulting voter registration binders as the Cook County Clerk’s office to authenticate signatures and other information provided on Sessoms’ petitions.

Although both challenges were dis­missed, Sessoms acknowledged, "It tied up 5-0 of my volunteer staff for nearly three weeks, during a peak period for planning and fund raising. It was also an incredible waste of our public servants’ time and taxpayer money, in terms of several Board of Elections workers who had to do the verifi­cations.”

Sessoms says he is putting the peti­tion challenges behind him and con­centrating on the next few weeks lead­ing up to the February 5 election. "It gives you a chance to campaign and prevail," he expressed confidence in his name recognition as a former deputy public defender and executive director of the Southside Branch of the NAACP. The 57th Subcircuit is to continue serving my community — especially those who need it most."
The new Chief issues
tions into the allegations of misconduct and disbasing the Special Operations Unit. But we must do more. "I will be serving two groups of people," he said. "I will be serving the Chicago Police Department with a great deal of enthusiasm and pride, but I also will be serving the community, and it's a balancing act."

The Mayor identified numerous challenges the City and the new superintendent must ad-

tress. These include: Using all the tools to go after the drug kingpins and gang figures and new technology - especially the use of neighborhood safety cameras - to help prevent crime. Continu-
ing efforts to install cameras in police cars to record traffic stops and other interac-
tions with the community.

Again Chicago is imposing to hiring more police officers with the issue of the lack of black police officers.

In addition Daley is calling for the new system to replace OOPS, which is called the In-
dependent Police Review Authority (IPRA). Some critics question the independence because all members are appointed by Mayor. He forwards all complain files against police officers to the department's internal division.

The City reports IPRA final summary re-
ports must be open to public inspection, except to the extent that information contained therein is exempted from disclosure by the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, collective bargaining agreement, or any other applicable law.

According to Fritter Pfuger, "We've experi-
cenced a lot of negativity about the pan but if the structure works well, the police will be very happy. If police are falsely accused the matter will be handled properly under a fair and just system to everybody, the citizens of Chicago as well as the Chicago Police Department."

Sharpton to peti-
tion Olympic

Reverend Al Sharpton, president of the Na-
tional Action Network, announce the elevation of a campaign to remedy the pattern and prac-
tice of police misconduct and abuse against citizens. Rev. Sharpton announced that he will petition the International Olympic Committee to reject Chicago's bid to host the 2016 Olym-
pics in wake of a pattern and practice of police brutality and misconduct by the mayor and city officials do to take concrete steps to deal with the rampant police brutality.

Citing international human rights law, the civil rights leaders said "I will meet with the International Olympic Committee to request that it reject the city's bid to host the 2016 Olympics unless it immediately institutes police re-
form."

While speaking to reporters on the fifth-
floor of the Chicago Police Headquarters Mayor Richard M. Daley holds office. Rev. Sharpton was flanked by a group of legal experts, religious and com-

munity leaders who have been in the forefront of fighting police misconduct, which expands more than two decades.

Participants included Atty. Lewis Myers, Jr., who is spearheading a legal team, and Marc A. Wiley, who is a lawyer and Marshall Hatch, who is leading efforts to or-
gize the commercial and lay community.

"We are standing here to serve notice on Mayor Richard M. Daley that until there is a remedy for the pattern and practice of police misconduct in Chicago, we are prepared to recommend to the International Olympic Com-
mittee to refuse the city's bid to serve as the site of the 2016 Olympics," Rev. Sharpton said.

Rev. Sharpton also said "we are targeting the Olympics-because Chicago has become an international embarrassment and this un-
acceptable behavior must end."

Documents will be released to the U.S. Jus-
tice Department and to the world community in Sharpton's efforts to draw interna-
tional support for the U.S. campaign against police torture, brutality and official misconduct.

"We intend to release our findings to the Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro and Madrid who are competing against Chicago, which lost 2016 Olympics, and it is our con-
tention that the United States should be prohibi-
ted from candidating for violat-
ing the human rights of its citizens," Rev. Sharpton said. The International Olympic Committee will select the host city in 2009.

Based on a manifesta presented by Rev. Sharpton and his group, the Chicago Police Department continues to violate the human and civil rights of its citizens under 42 U.S.C. 14141. Violent Crime Control and Redi-
rection-Force and State and Local Law Enforcement-
Police Pattern or Practice which of a pat-
tent or pattern of practice of law enforcement officers that cause a violation of in appropriate pattern or practice.

Rev. Sharpton also released a list of recom-
mendations including: disciplinary complaints against officers and their disposition be main-
tained during and for seven years following an officer's employment; call for an immediate

independent investigation of fighting police misconduct, which expands more than two decades. Patterson has been convicted of murder.

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International Torture Settlement

The Chicago City Colleges de-

termined the sentences of every death row

inmate in the state.

Wallace "Gator" Bradley, now known as The Urban Translator, will be speaking on s

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Ald. Sandi Jackson named to Democratic National Committee

Given her years of service, dedication and expertise in Democratic politics, Chicago Alderman Sandi Jackson (7th Ward) was named by Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean to serve on the Rules Committee of the upcoming 2008 Democratic National Convention. Jackson is one of 25 elected officials personally selected by Dean to assist in the coronation of the Democratic Party's nominee for President of the United States.

Park Dist 2008 Capital Improvement

A new report on the domestic HIV/AIDS epidemic will soon be released by the Department of Health and Human Services and is expected to convey that the new HIV/AIDS case estimates are 50 percent higher than previously believed by federal health officials. This new information demands greater national attention and action. Unlike the United States, other countries - such as many in the Caribbean and in sub-Saharan Africa - have national plans to address HIV/AIDS and are starting to see results. In fact, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) recently reported lower HIV/AIDS numbers in the global community, changes that are due to better reporting and surveillance. And while they do not suggest that $3 billion - instead of 30 million - global HIV/AIDS cases is acceptable, they do indicate that attention to the global pandemic - though still flawed - has yielded positive results.

U.S. Falters in Terror Case Against 7 in Miami

One of seven indictment cases charged with plotting to blow up the Sears Tower in Chicago as part of an Islamic jihad was acquitted on Thursday, and a material was declared to the prosecution of the six others after the jury said it was hopelessly deadlocked.

The outcome was a significant defeat for the Bush administration, which had described the case as a major crackdown on homegrown terrorists.

A 114-year-old woman registered to vote in U.S. election on Thursday, Virginia Cali was visited by the chairman of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners to solicit in the official book of voters, thus enabling her to participate in the presidential poll next month. She registered on her birthday and the family who is unable to prevent her birth certificate, showed a family Bible as evidence of her birth date. Cali was an active voter until around the 80s. She has since moved in with her grandson, 11-year-old John H. Taylor, who failed to update the voter registration record of the family. The registrar was in a wheelchair wearing a blue sweater and white cap on her head when she enlisted.

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William 'Dock' Walls
For Congressman
1st Congressional District
Pastors pledged their support and resources to getting Brookins elected for Cook County State's Attorney. "The church is a vital component of our campaign," says Brookins. "Brookins held at the Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church on the South Side. Brookins, visibly humbled by the outpouring of support from such a high level group of African American clergy, proclaimed it "a great day for our campaign." Added Brookins, "I am ecstatic and I know that this endorsement will provide the lift and momentum we need to carry us to victory on February 5th."

Reverend Turner, who is President of the Baptist Minister's Conference of Chicago and Vicinity, proclaimed in the group that, "Howard Brookins is the most qualified candidate in the race and he is the only candidate who can bring about the kind of change necessary to restore the faith in the criminal justice system that so many of our people have lost."

Reverend Turner went on to urge the pastors to stress the importance of their parishioners. "This race" said Turner, "is about change. Not only in the criminal justice system that so many of our people lack faith, but also throughout the city of Chicago. The faith community is a very important part of this city. "

By Ron Jenkins
Staff Writer

A group of some of the most influential members of the Chicago area clergy have endorsed Howard B. Brookins, Jr. for Cook County State's Attorney. "The church is a vital component of our campaign," says Brookins. "We have picked up a tremendous amount of support from the clergy throughout Cook County and we will continue to seek their endorsement by speaking "truth to power."

At a minister's breakfast for Brookins held at the Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church of Reverend Joseph Felker, located at 2976 South Wabash on, preacher's came together to announce their support for Brookins as well as to offer strategies to galvanize their respective faith communities. With a sign posted on the wall that said, Howard B. Brookins, Jr. for Cook County States Attorney "Justice For All"

Calling the primary elections "a historic time for African-Americans", Reverend Walter Turner urged his fellow pastors to support Howard B. Brookins, Jr. for Cook County State's Attorney. Following Reverend Turner's lead, more than three-dozen prominent pastors pledged their support and resources to getting Brookins elected during a ceremony at Providence Missionary Baptist Church on the South Side.

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Endorsements of Judge Hyman

By Judge Eugene Pincham (retired),

Chicagof's Next Great Senator??

By: Okema J. Mcloyd

Chicago really in store for another Super-Senator! That's the question that comes to mind about Jonathan Bedi, a very promising 27th Ward candidate. His outstanding resume and educational background is outstanding only by his genuine and evolving love for Chicago. If nothing else, Bedi is sure to win the popularity of the people.

Bedi has been a longtime community supporter going back to college. While attending law school in the Washington College of Law, Bedi taught a government class to students at an underprivileged high school in Washington D.C.

While in college, Bedi also focused on helping underprivileged citizens by volunteering legal services to needy residents in the area. Even then, Bedi says he "wanted to remain in Chicago to live, raise his family and work to make a positive difference in the community."

Jonathan Bedi hopes to bring economic prosperity to the west side's 5th District by utilizing all resources including private partnerships and maintaining a working relationship with other city and community leaders. "It's not all about passing legislation," Bedi says. He will continuously support a close relationship with the community to ensure that their needs are met.

Reaching out to the community, Jonathan Bedi is working to provide single parent homes increased access to children and after school programs. Bedi will provide incentives to attract more economic professionals to the underserved community. He is also seeking innovative ideas and resources to create living wage jobs for citizens.

Bedi seems to have thought long and hard about his future plans in Illinois State Senator, not to downplay his already impressive history as a community activist in Chicago and abroad.

Bedi has already begun to utilize several different resources to help prepare children for the future. He plans to provide schools with the funding needed to ensure the area's kids receive a quality education. Bedi also worked with the Urban Synergy program whose mission is to improve the quality of life for young people and create opportunities to increase educational and vocational experiences.

As Senator, Bedi plans to make the community safer and less vulnerable to crime and drugs by working with law enforcement, he also plans to develop and expand ex-offender programs.

Bedi values equal rights and opportunities for all. He hopes to provide rehabilitated non-violent offenders with more opportunities for job training and placement by working with local businesses.

Chicago's west side 5th District is very unique. This is because the 5th District is the most economically, racially and socially diverse area in the state of Illinois. Bedi says life experiences have prepared him to deal with such a multicultural area. He was raised in a multi-cultural family. His father was a first generation immigrant and his mother American. Bedi also attended school in Brazil where he experienced life as a minority first hand.

Bedi's wife is also Chinese-American. He appreciates the value of diversity and respects the many cultures that populate this place we call "home."

Jonathan Bedi says he felt encouraged to join community organizations such as P.E.A.K. Partnership to Educate and Advance Kids, where he is a youth mentor on Chicago's west side. The National Organization of Women was especially impressive to Bedi because he values and is concerned about women's rights. Bedi joined the NOW organization and says he has benefited from his strong, independent mother, sister who is a lawyer in Michigan and his loving wife who are all supportive of him.

Bedi is confident that he has what it takes to bring about a positive change in the 5th District and he feels the area is long over due for help.

Bedi feels Mayor Daley is doing a great job with the city but admits that the west side has been neglected while the rest of Chicago is growing. Bedi hopes to be a voice for the 5th District and address the people's issues and concerns as Senator. Bedi reminds me of the same driving passion for the people that continues to elevate Senator Obama.

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Reaching out to the community, Jonathan Bedi is working to provide single parent homes increased access to children and after school programs. Bedi will provide incentives to attract more economic professionals to the underserved community. He is also seeking innovative ideas and resources to create living wage jobs for citizens.

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Inter-National

Italian Says 9-11 Solved

It's common knowledge, he reveals, CIA, Mossad behind terror attacks

American Free Press - Former Italian President Casini, who revealed the existence of Operation Gladio, has told Italy's oldest and most widely read newspaper that the 9-11 terror attacks were run by the CIA and Mossad, and that this was common knowledge among global intelligence agencies.

In what translates awkwardly into English, Casini told the newspaper Corriere della Sera: "All the intelligence services of America and Europe... know well that the dissemination attack has been planned and realized from the Mossad, with the aid of the Zambian world in order to put under accusation the Arabic countries and in order to isolate the western powers to take part... in Iraq [and] Afghanistan."

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First introduced in *Freakonomics*, here is the full story of 

Sudhir Venkatesh, 
the sociology grad student who infiltrated one of Chicago's most notorious gangs

The story of the young sociologist who studied a Chicago crack-selling gang from the inside captured the world's attention when it was first described in *Freakonomics. Gang Leader for a Day* is the fascinating full story of how Sudhir Venkatesh managed to gain entry into the gang, what he learned, and how his method revolutionized the academic establishment.

When Venkatesh walked into an abandoned building in one of Chicago's most notorious housing projects, he was looking for people to take a multiple-choice survey on urban poverty. A first-year grad student hoping to impress his professors with his boldness, he never imagined that as a result of the assignment he would befriend a gang leader named JT and spend the better part of a decade inside the projects under JT's protection, documenting his crack-selling business, conducted PR within their community, and rose up or fell within the ranks of the gang's complex organizational structure.

In Hollywood-speak, *Gang Leader for a Day* is *The Wire* meets Harvard University. It's a brainstorming piece, a truly honest, and fundamentally relevant view into the morally ambiguous, highly intricate, often corrupt struggle to survive in what is tantamount to an urban war zone. It is also the story of a complicated friendship between Sudhir and JT, two young and ambitious men a universe apart.

"Gang Leader for a Day is not another juvenile novel, it's a heavily organized community, held together by friendship and compassion as well as force. I couldn't stop reading, and ended up loving this brave, reckless young scholar, as well as the gang leader JT, who has to be one of the greatest characters ever to emerge from something that could be called sociological research."

— Barbara Ehrenreich

"Gang Leader for a Day is an absolutely incredible book. Sudhir Venkatesh's memoir of his years observing life in Chicago's inner city is a book unlike any other I have read, equal parts comedy and tragedy. How is it that a nerd suburban kid ends up running a crack gang (if only for a day)? On his way to becoming one of the world's leading scholars? You have to read it to find out, but heed this warning: don't pick up the book unless you have a few hours to spare because I promise you will not be able to put it down once you start."

— Steven D. Levitt, co-author, *Freakonomics*

"This extraordinary book features the fascinating research of a brilliant young sociologist. Sudhir Venkatesh spent several years closely interacting with crack-selling gang members and struggling poor residents in a large and very dangerous public housing project in Chicago. His riveting portrait of day-to-day life in this poor community, including the challenges confronting parents in a drug-infested and violent social environment, is disturbing. But, Gang Leader for a Day is rich with original information and insights on poor families, drug dealers and even the police. It will leave an indelible impression on readers."

— Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. (D-IL)

"Whether you enjoy fiction, history, or biography you'll be drawn to Venkatesh's gripping retelling of his experiences in the Robert Taylor Homes. Gang Leader for a Day poignantly reminds us that there continue to be separate and unequal Americas that ultimately impact us all."

— William Julius Wilson, Harvard University Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser Professor

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love can do that."

As we approach the 50th anniversary

of the March on Washington, we

should reflect on Dr. King's legacy

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inspired millions with his vision

of a world where people of all

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harmony.

In memory of Dr. King, let us

remember his words and act on

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Reverend

John Carter, publisher and editor

January 17, 2008

South Street Journal
By the grace of God, I try to love and serve humanity. Yes, if you have the love of God, you have everything that you need to love and serve humanity. God is love. He who does not know God, but he who has love has the key that unlocks the door to the meaning of ultimate reality.

Sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Luther King, Jr., 1968.
Fact & Commentary
Round Up of Mark Allen
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old Washington. The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. attracted over 7 million voters for President Ronald Reagan. The way through this national voter registration and voter education drives that created new progressive public policies and new elected officials, and this from a man who never held an elected office.

Who would have thought then State Senator Barack Obama, after suffering a sound defeat after presenting himself as a candidate against Rush for First District Congressman, would become U.S. Senator and now our historic national political leader, breaking fundraising records in his run for the U.S. Presidency. Despite the many critics of Mayor Daley, he continues to defy any Black candidate. Voters decided. Despite many national critics that say Obama has no credentials to be President, he is currently before the voters and they are deciding. decide. And this is what the process needs to be now as voters in the First Congressional District have to decide if they want to continue under the leadership of Congressman Bobby Rush.

We are now in a situation where their votes are not voting then voting and who knows what they will think about various candidates at different times. And based upon the history of how Congressman Rush has gone against critics who said that he should not run for Alderman of Chicago, he surely would not oppose Bill "Dock" Walls offering himself as a candidate for First District Congressman in the same manner in which Rush presented himself to the voters over the years. Bill "Dock" Walls has the right to present himself and his public service credentials as a candidate against Rush for Congress. And with all the dynamics of political races including Walls versus Rush, it is for the registered voters of the First Congressional District like myself to decide.

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"This is the most important election of our lives," Rep. Conyers said.

At critical crossroads in our nation's history, leaders of bold strength and compassion have arisen to lead us all to a higher destiny. 1984 is that crossroads and Jesse Jackson is that leader. Not since Abraham Lincoln has a candidate for President of the most powerful nation on earth felt more deeply and acted more decisively to meet the cry of the American people for social justice worldwide.

Fresh from the victory by U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) in Iowa's caucuses, Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and a diverse panel situated Obama's campaign in the context of Rev. Jackson's Presidential campaigns in 1984 and '88 during today's taping of the "Upfront with Jesse Jackson" radio program.

Butch Wing, national political coordinator for Rainbow PUSH Coalition, noted Rev. Jackson's ability to participate in Asian American and Latino communities, as well as the peace movement in El Salvador, during the 1980s. "Those movements became a part of the Jesse Jackson '84 and '88 campaigns," he said. "They became our issue as we were organizing around the country. Being able to bring all of those groups together became the agenda for the presidential campaign."


"The fact that you were inclusive is what everyone is following up with now. The issues that affected the poor then -- labor, housing, racism -- are coming up now, and we need to address them." They laid this whole roadmap of hope," Rep. Jackson Lee said, praising Rev. Jackson as a "visionary of hope." Rev. Jackson said America is "ready" for what he outlined 20 years ago, with a leading male candidate in U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) and a leading female candidate in Obama.

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"This is the most important election of our lives," Rep. Conyers said. "We are all globalists now. You cannot become successful globally if we cannot solve problems at home. This is the groundwork that makes what you did in '88 so important." Rev. Jackson noted the excitement and optimism of Harold Washington's first mayoral campaign in 1983.

"We believed that Harold Washington's election was a 'moral imperative' for African people. "The apathy," Wing recalled, highlighting Rev. Jackson's foresight in tying South African political ideas." While it sounds common today, these were revolutionary ideas.

"Progressives were birthed by the '84 and '88 campaigns," said Vanden Heuvel, whose magazine endorsed Rev. Jackson in his campaigns. "Now we need to energize this next generation of voters who have grown up with Reagan and now Bush administrations." Rev. Jackson was in New York City for the Wall Street Project Conference in Manhattan. The "Upfront" program was taped at the historic Trinity Church, America's oldest horticultural ground for African people. "Upfront with Jesse Jackson" airs Sundays at 10 p.m. EST on the WORD Network.

Senator Obama's Bronzeville Connection

By Beverly Reed

-called it a premonition, call it a lucky guess, but I called it like I saw it at the 1st annual Bron­ zeville School of Film Awards Ceremony promoted by Ziff Sistrunk nearly ten years ago. All right, by now, nearly all the organizers in Chicago have told their when I met Obama story. So I guess it all right to tell mine.

I first met Senator Obama as a student at then lagging Lugenia Burns Hope Center, a leadership developing and organizing institute located in the Bronzeville community.

The Center was founded in 1994 by Senator Obama and Centers for New Horizon CEO Dr. Sekoni Karanja. "We recognized that without an organized community whatever we established could be lost," said Karanja.

The Hope Center provides ongoing training to teach organizing skills and techniques to the low-income and working class residents of Bronzeville and other communities in an effort to foster civic engagement and empowerment among the disenfranchised.

Senator Obama not only founded the center he also taught organizing techniques. Before you can serve an individual or group you must determine their self-interest. In order to determine an individuals or group's self-interest you must determine where that individual spends their time, energy and money. I have never forgotten that dictum, what I refer to as the organizers golden rule. That knowledge continues to assist me in all aspects of my life.

Several years later after apprenticing at the South Side Community News, I was fortunate enough to become a reporter/columnist at the Chicago Defender Newpaper where I became re-introduced to State Senator Obama.

It was through editorial board meetings, attending press conferences and interviews that cemented my belief that the broker war who he said he was for was his and his com­ mitment was being served by a just and honorable man whose pedigree enhanced rather than separated his relationship with the people.

You just knew he was a man on the rise. And so it was with the decision that I accepted the opportunity to present the Senator with the Bronzeville Community Service Award.

As Mistress of Ceremony I felt truly honored to have the opportunity to introduce the cultural and po­ litical icons of that time and those who continue to soar.

Negro Langston, Daubie Rudy Radeke, Bron­ zeville Don, Harold Lucas, Former Police Superinten­ dent Terry Hilliard, the legendary William Barnett and then State Senator Barack Obama.

It was a stellar group of outstanding Black men and I am still with the graduate student's eyes when they looked at their history and saw their future.
Award-Winning Author Jacqueline Woodson Meets with 150 Open Book Students on December 15th

Students Perform Skits Based on the books Miracle's Boys and Locomotion.

Unique Open Book Program Stimulates the Love of Reading

More than 150 African American inner-city students, aged 9-14, got a chance to meet award-winning children's book author Jacqueline Woodson as part of Chicago's unique Open Book Program during an in-the-show style Student/Author Event on Saturday, December 15, at Williams Multiplex, 2710 S. Dearborn in Chicago. The Open Book Program features excerpts and asked interview questions based on Woodson's books Miracle's Boys and Locomotion. The young people also got a chance to have their books signed by Woodson.

Open Book participants were from Lawless Gardens and several elementary schools including Bethel, Gregory, Johns Academy, Mary McDowell, Ryder, White Career Academy, Williams Multiplex, and University of Chicago-Donoghue.

Woodson reacted to their performances by stating that she had never before sat in an audience and watched scenes from her books performed.

Another highlight of the event was an Appreciation Award presented to Open Book Founder and Executive Director Marrice Coverson by Williams Multiplex.

Miracle's Boys and Locomotion are the latest books experienced by students in the Institute for Positive Living's Open Book Program, a youth development program that stimulates love of reading through an exciting exploration of literature. During each 10-week after-school program module, Open Book incorporates dramatic arts and media to broaden horizons.

For what Dr. King has done for the world and in remembrance of his legacy

For information on the Student/Author event or the Open Book Program, contact Marrice Coverson at 773-548-3400. Information about Open Book including examples of student work can be obtained on the World Wide Web at www.openbookprogram.org <http://www.openbookprogram.org>.
GLIGE, 40 CNT., PERRY, WY- CLED IN STERIL PROBE: New report says singers and rappers usando steroids, which was either used or received illegal substance. "Mary J. Blige, 50 Cent, Rafael Jossa, Timbaland and Tyrese have been named in a steroid traf- ficking investigation that the fed has expanded just how far its use has trav-ersed beyond the world of sports.

VIVICA A. FOX CLAIMS THERE IS NO SEX TAPE: Actress says if she ever existed, she'd be trying to profit from it herself. "If film and TV star Viva Cover A. Fox is de- saying that she is the woman named in a sex tape that has been circulating on the Inter- net.

WESLEY SNIPES PREYS BEFORE TAX FRAUD TRIAL: Actor attends ser- vice at nearby church before heading in his home. He made sure he was stayed up before announcing the first day of his tax fraud trial Monday in Orlando, Florida.

DR. BRIAN EVANS HEARS HIT ON PLAS- TIC SURGERY: Board- certified surgeon talks talk. "With the recent stories and shows about the dangers of and 'addictions' to cosmetic and plastic surgery, people are aware of the risks." Dr. Brian Evans took time out to talk with EU's Lisa Bailey and does plastic surgery in general and clear up some questions about mopping and tucking.

SEVERA WILLIAMS REVEALS BROKEN HEART: Defending, Australia Open champ Serena Wil- liams took the first step in recovering from a win over unseeded Australian Jarinji Gajdosova. He is 6-3, 6- 5 to advance to the second round.


LONGORJA, T.O. IN DALLAS QB DRAMA: Eva ambitious Jessica on girlfriend challenges: Owens is accused of using doctored foto to frame up girlfriend challenges. "Eva Longoria has some words of advice for Jennifer Simpson. Both ladies have mates who are professional athletes, and both have at one time or another been blamed for a bad performance by their famous sweetheart.

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DAVID TALBERT BRINGS 'BAGGAGE' TO FOX SEARCH- LIGHT: Playwright-turned- filmmaker to adapt music based on his 2005 novel. *With his inaugu- ral film Fkoy "First Sunday" current- ly sitting at No. 2 at the box office, playwright-turned-filmmaker David Talyer has secured a house for his follow-up op film "Baggage Claim."

Actor lands female lead in comedy opposite Samuel L. Jackson and Bernie Mac. "The cast of di- mension Films comedy "Candy Men" just got a big dose of estrogen. Ac- cess "Sharon Lel will join Samuel L. Jackson and Bernie Mac in the Di- mensions Films road trip comedy about two bickering former singers.


Byron Allen salutes selmas bring King's dream. TV One, Starz InBlack offer specials. "A two-hour Martin Luther King Jr. Day special from Byron Allen's Entertainment Studio that has been cleared in 90 percent of the country, while cable networks TV One and Starz InBlack plan to com- mark the holiday with the K.C. special "J-Pain Cool and Dre among producers for new CD. "Jermaine Dupri was inked recently by Billboard to explain the holdup regarding Usher's follow-up album in 2004. "Confessions," which set the bar high with 9.4 million copies sold in the U.S., according to Nielsen SoundScan.

MARIO VAN PEEBLES HEADS TO PINE VALLEY: Mario Van Peebles is set to topline the upcoming Spike Lee film "All My Children" later this month. "This is a great role for me," says the actor. "It's a character that I've never played before."

MICHAEL CLARKE DUNCAN CATCHES 'SLALOM': troupe Broken Lizard, "Hasty" actor Mi- chael Clarke Duncan is set to topline comedy troupe Broken Lizard's fifth film, "The Slumlords." reports Variety.

CASSIE PREPARES NEW AL- BUM FOR SPRING: attempt to move past her notorious "T-Pain" controversy, Cassie has been working on a new album. "She's a very talented singer and songwriter who has accompanied the 2006 release of her self-titled album with more and more "grows" material for a sophomore

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To draw attention to the plight of thousands of musical artists who are without health care and literally left out in the cold after providing years of musical entertainment, the Chicago Music Awards has this year dedicated its entire event to "Health Awareness." The 27th event on January 27, 2008 is sure to be a star-studded celebration of nominees, performers, honorary and lifet ime achievement who have each contributed their magnificent share to Chicago's ever growing music industry. There will be special performances by current and previous nominees. Please RSVP to ChicagoMusicAwards@japd.com or please call 312-437-0266

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Rapper Nas Plans to Title Next Album N-Word

As reported in the Source Magazine both Nas and Def Jam are denying reports for Fox News that the label balked at his decision to title his upcoming album, "N*ggar."

Last week, FoxNews.com quoted a "source close to" Def Jam chairman Antonio "L.A." Reid as saying that a Nas album is not on the release schedule and it most certainly would not be called "N*ggar." But Reid said "don't believe everything you read." "We support every artist we do, everything!" Reid told MTV News during the New York premiere of the film American Gangster. "We stand firmly behind and beside our artists with pride and with pleasure. Anything Nas wants to do, I completely stand beside him. Nas is a prolific, he's prophetic, he's a completely stand beside him. Nas is the one. He's got something new, bringing something for us to think about. If Cornell West was making an album called 'N*gger,' they might not know about yet."

"I respect all of them ... I just want them to know: never fall victim to the idea of what your title is, the context, it is noted in most Black history professional circles and literature that the origin of the term 'nic' being the white acronym for nigger."

"If Cornell West was making an album called 'N*gger,' they would know he's got something intellectual to say," he continued. "To think I'm gonna say something that's not intellectual is ridiculous, I love Medgar Evers, I'm a street disciple." Nas explained. "I'm talking to the streets. Stay out of our business. You ain't got no business worrying about what the word 'nic' is or acting like you know what my album is about without talking to me."

"Again, I'm opposed to anybody using the term," Sharpton said. "We're in an age where they're hanging nooses; they're locking our kids up in Jena and Florida. We do not need to be degrading ourselves. We get degraded enough. I think we need artists to lift us up, not lock us down."

"Nas told MTV: "Whether you in the NAACP or you Jesse Jackson, I respect all of them ... I just want them to know: never fall victim to the idea of what your title is. Never fall victim to the idea of what your title is," he stressed. "What they do is try to hurry up and get you on the phone and try to get you to talk about something you might not know about yet."

"We're taking power from the word," Nas added. "No disrespect to some of them who were part of the civil-rights movement, but some of my n*ggas in the streets don't know who [civil-rights activist] Medgar Evers was. I love Medgar Evers, but some of the n*ggas in the streets don't know Medgar Evers, they know who Nas is."

"And to my older people who don't know who Nas is and who don't know what a street disciple is, stay outta this mother f*cking conversation," he continued. "We'll talk to you when we're ready. Right now, we've got a whole new innovation. We're taking power from that word."

"Davis, William C," wrote something to think about. A Little Known Black History Fact. This information can also be found in the African American Archives at the Smithsonian Institute. "Upon entering the place, a man thumped his chest proudly and said "P-Diddy New York.""

"What David Sylvester found while in Africa, the man thumped his chest proudly and said "P-Diddy New York City! we are the niggers!"

"I found was a store selling what the owner called 'hip hop' style clothing, it was manned by two gentlemen -- one of them named ..." Dixon told the Chicago Sun-Times reporter. "I asked the guys what was up with the store name. After hearing my obvious protest, they laughed and said "P-Diddy New York City! we are the niggers!"

"We're in an age where they are using the term," Sharpton said. "Again, I'm opposed to anybody using the term, but some of my n*ggas in the streets don't know who [civil-rights activist] Medgar Evers was. I love Medgar Evers, but some of the n*ggas in the streets don't know Medgar Evers, they know who Nas is."

What David Sylvester found while in Africa,
Papa John's Pizza charged with Fraud

**Scheme**

businessmen, Abdalmohab Chaib, was added as a co-defendant to a pending indictment against Chicago area businessman and political fund-raiser Antoin Rezko and Ali D. Aza, a former executive director of the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA), in connection with a newly-expanded scheme to fraudulently obtain an additional loan for approximately $2.6 million to finance the sale of approximately 17 pizza restaurants in the Chicago and Detroit areas and also defrauding investors in businesses that operated the franchises.

The new indictment is part of Operation Board Games, an ongoing federal public corruption investigation of insider-dealing, influence-peddling and kickbacks involving private interests and public duties related to various state boards and non-profit organizations, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

Chaib, 53, of La Grange Park, also known as "Al Chaib," was charged with two counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud. He will be arraigned at a later date in U.S. District Court.

According to the indictment, Chaib was an officer of several restaurant businesses operated by Rezko, including Rezko-Citadel, doing business as Al Chaib LLC and Chaib Investments LLC, which had offices in Chicago. Beginning in approximately December 2002, Chaib, doing business as Al Chaib LLC and Chaib Investments LLC, purportedly owned and operated Papa John's Pizza stores in and around Chicago and Detroit.

**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 seeking capital 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.chicomm.com/financial loans. Or call 773.822.0320.

**Businesses in the 3rd Ward**

By Alderman Pat Dowell

Starbucks: In partnership with Envisio Magic Johnson, a new Starbucks Coffee store was opened at 1300 S. Halsted St. It is a partnership that is aimed at investing in neighborhood stores that are typically overlooked by other major retailers.

National City Bank: Banking facilities are now available to residents at the new National City Bank location at 35th and State. In addition to creating new jobs for our residents, our office has worked with National City Bank to organize a contribution from National City Bank to the Metropolitan Youth Development Academy—a youth-oriented not-for-profit organization.

Subway: There are two new Subways in the ward that are locally owned by two young entrepreneurs. One is located at 31st and Indiana and the other is at 55th and Wentworth.

Record Breakers/Reggies Record Breakers is a cutting edge music store and coffee shop recently re-located from 21st and Indiana to 21st and State. They specialize in buying and selling CDs, LPs, 45s, DVDs, and other music related merchandise. Reggie's Music store is quickly becoming one of Chicago's favorite music venues. For more information, visit their website at www.reggieslive.com.

Opening Fan State Farm Insurance and Roseco's Chicken and Waffles, Bronzeville Cleaners, Maxima Barber Shop, Real Estate News

Vacant Lots

The ward have over 300 vacant lots that are either privately owned or owned by the City of Chicago or the Chicago Housing Authority. My office is working hard to bring responsible economic development to these lots that will benefit the community while reducing the crime and garbage associated with vacant lots. If you have any concerns about lots in a vacant lot in your neighborhood, please call Glenn Davis at the Department of Streets and Sanitation 3rd Ward Yard Office at (312) 747-6138.

47th and Calumet/52nd and Union

I have been in discussion with the Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Housing to assist me in developing a Paradise of Homes which will include affordable and market rate housing for sale on three blocks that have been neglected for over 15 years. Deese Townhomes—South and State Phase 1 of the renovation is under completion. Phase II is scheduled to begin in 2009.

Harold Jones-22nd and State

My office is working with the CHA to secure money from the Federal Government for the renovation of these homes.

47th and King Drive

SW Corner Request for Proposal (RFP)

I am pleased to announce that plans for achieving comprehensive development through the RFP process is underway. My office is working in conjunction with the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development to ensure that this process includes diverse, responsible, and forward-thinking proposals from all parts of Chicago, particularly the Third Ward communities.

Click here to visit the Department of Planning and Development's page on the City of Chicago's website and learn more about the 47th and Calumet RFP.

43rd and Calumet RFP

The Department of Planning and Development, Chicago Transit Authority, and my office are discussing ways in which 43rd and Calumet can be a transit oriented development (TOD) location. This would make the location more accessible with pedestrian walkways and bicycle facilities.

Additionally, we want to integrate existing homes and businesses while attracting new developers.

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**Vacant Lots**

In partnership with Earnest Hardy, the Chicago Housing Authority is working with the City of Chicago and the Community Urban Planning Workshop to secure money from the Federal Government for the renovation of these homes.

47th and Calumet—South and State

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**Business Brief**

The Bronzeville Merchants Association invites you to join us as a sponsor for the Bronzeville Obelisk Project.

The Bronzeville Obelisk Project celebrates over 100 years of Black Heritage. Place your corporate, business, or family name on one of the six obelisks on 35th Street between Calumet and Wabash Avenue to commemorate the multitude of African American success stories generated before, during, and after the great migration to Chicago Illinois.

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Salutes Black Wall Street Economic Summit
Morgan Carter, moderator of the Black Wall Street Economic Summit along with Mark Allen seating front, as attendees look on. (photo right). Bobby Johnson of Bronzeville proposed a legal team to go after developers who have not implemented Section 3 of the Street Economic Summit along with, Mark Allen proposed a designation of specific geographic Hope VI Grant, as BWS committee member. 

Continued from page 3. Hope VI Grant Jonathan Johnson proposed to create a Network for Youth. Otis Monroe of The Monroe Foundation proposed to see some concrete outcomes and one Alderman Howard Brooks plan for Walmart in his ward as a model for the Walmart at 119th.

"We need to be at the table during meetings with legislators regarding access to capital to change the laws and enact policy that represents change in the Black Community.

Harold Lucas of Black Metropolitan Tourists proposed a designation of specific geographic areas of Bronzeville as a National Heritage Area. He's asked the BWSES to partner with people with them to these Summits to help it to do this. "We need people to commit to bring five people to the next Summit. Collette Arnette wanted answers to why banks are under capitalizing Black businesses at the start up level when that is when we need the most financial sustainability.

"Other commitments: Wanda White, Professional in Economic Development, volunteered to help the BWSES create an Economic Guide; Bob Fioretti, 2nd Ward Alderman committing that he will request the land to be green. He wants job training with the top priority being the training of people in the City of Chicago for jobs from the City of Chicago."

Harold Lucas proposed the acquisition the old Defender News Paper Building at 3433 S. Indiana. The 2nd Ward Alderman also agreed to talk to Otis Monroe and Billy Payne about Black vs. Minority and how to get Blacks more contracts from the City of Chicago. The BWSC will conduct a full and complete assessment of the facts and circumstances surrounding Black business. BWSC will enter into an investigation of targeted areas to determine whether or not black economical benefits are guaranteed to the immediate community. 

"Because business organizations are involved with the responsibility to commerce and economic remedies and practice of racially deprived communities of their past future." Lucas explained. BWSES will convene a special task force to determine whether or not municipal, state and local departments that have accumulated an excessive number of projects continue to engage in patterns and practices of Black vs. Minority.

Another major announcement was that the group is working with The State Treasurer's Office on plans to create Black Business Development Banks within the Black community. BWSES conjunction with community business organizations and associations will prepare, draft and present proposals and legislation that calls for the enactment of responsible reporting of "Black" versus "minority" empowerment.

Mark Allen announced that he would be working closely with Real Estate Development Elise Huggins from creating a new generation of Black developers and contractors prepared to build and rebuild Black owned and operated development projects in the Black community.

The next summit will be held on March 1, 2008, 8:00 am to 3 pm at the Chicago Urban League, participants are encouraged to RSVP and to received the planning proposals call SGI at 773 373-7000. The committee meetings are held on Thursday mornings RSVP to attend. In August 2007, during a political rally, Cook County State's Attorney Dick Devine's top deputy, Bob Milan, declared that the office of Cook County State's Attorney should be the "largest political organization in the state.

Quite the contrary.

The office of Cook County State's Attorney is the top law enforcement in the county - it should be operating to champion public safety ... not politics.

Paying tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Mr. Buy Black Speaks on the Economic Agenda

Concerning Sen. Barack Obama

WHAT is his plan for helping businesses in order to create jobs for some of the many unemployed workers due to the many rights, more companies moving a broad and others going out of business. I do believe with Obama being president of the United States he will be the same to the country as Mayor Harold Washington was to Chicago. Washington tried his best to make it possible for everybody to receive justice regardless to race, creed, or color. I believe Obama will do the same being president of the United States.

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How to Obtain a Mortgage

By: Teresa D. McKelvy

With everything that's going on with the economy and the recent increase in foreclosures, people are still buying and selling houses. Obtaining a mortgage is still very easy as long as you have the credit and income, ignore what you hear on the streets. Just because your neighbor was denied for a loan doesn't mean you'll be denied.

The first thing you want to do is pull your own credit report from any of the free websites, www.freecreditreport.com. It's harder being taken advantage of if you already know what's on your credit report. Under no circumstances do you tell the real estate professional that you have bad credit. Why open the door to that negative situation?

The easiest way to understand and correct your credit report is to schedule an appointment with a loan officer. They will go through your credit, debt, and income. They'll calculate what's known as your debt to income ratio. This is your debt versus the amount of money you make. The rule of thumb is all of your debts should come out to less than 50% of your income. The lower the better, this will factor into your interest rate. This will allow them to calculate how much of a loan you qualify for. Make sure the lenders provide you with a pre-approval letter. A pre-approval letter legitimizes you as a serious borrower. It also gives you additional negotiating leverage to negotiate a sales price.

Just because you qualify for a $200,000 loan doesn't mean you purchase a house worth $200,000. You must know your limitations. Managing a mortgage is not an easy task and can be quite stressful at times, especially if you fall behind. If the most money you've ever managed is your $30,000 Nissan Maxima you shouldn't jump in the ring with a $200,000 mortgage. Use your intuition, when it comes to choosing a loan officer and realtor. Remember the larger the loan amount or the more the house cost, the more money they make. So it's in their best interest to buy at a higher sales price.

Don't allow them to convince you to exceed your limitations. While you're looking for your house, use this time to tie up those loose ends on your credit. Pay all credit card and utility bills from college and you'll see an increase in your overall credit score. Once you receive the satisfactory letter fax it to all three credit bureaus.

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Even if you're not a first home buyer have a real estate attorney review your sales contract. I know your cousin is a lawyer that does not qualify them to review your real estate contract. Just like you don't want a cardiologist to deliver your baby, please believe me when I tell you that you don't want a lawyer that practice family law to review your real estate contract. I've seen it too many times before and it's not a good outcome. Only a real estate attorney knows what to look for.
County Approves President Stroger's Re-entry Employment/Bid Incentive Program

Committee chaired by Commissioner毛孔 Collins Eaton to Approve Bid Incentives for Prospective construction contractors who volunteered to work on jobs of $100,000 or more.

Cook County Board President Todd H. Stroger announced that construction contractors who volunteered to work on jobs of $100,000 or more will be approved by the County Board's Workforce Development and Job Opportunity Committee today. The ordinance allows bidders seeking County construction work valued at $100,000 or more a chance to have their bids reduced up to one percent in the competitive bidding process in exchange for agreeing to use ex-offenders to perform between five and fifteen percent of the hours contracted.

"Any legislative efforts to reduce the jail population must include real opportunities for ex-offenders to work and make a living," said President Stroger. "This ordinance provides positive reinforcement for businesses to join us in a real effort to provide job opportunities for people who are serious about improving their lives. I'm proud that any administration has been able to work with Commissioner Collins and other members of her Committee to advance this program. The ordinance calls for the creation of a Re-entry Employment Committee to work with non-profits to identify former offenders who might become candidates to work with private companies on County contracts. If approved, the Re-entry Employment Committee will consist of seven members including a representative from the Cook County Board of Commissioners, one of whom shall be a representative of organized labor and one of whom shall be a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

The ordinance also provides that the County shall work with non-profit organizations approved by the Board of Commissioners, whose missions are to help former incarcerated individuals re-enter their communities and reduce recidivism. These nonprofits will work with the President's Office of Employment and Training to create pools of former offenders who can enroll in programs in State certified programs to learn trades, thereby enabling the Cook County Re-entry Employment Committee to recommend former offenders to vendors.

True Star Magazine THE NEXT CHECK: How are you gonna spend it?
Youth Financial Literacy Symposium
True Star Magazine's event planning team has planned and executed its first youth financial literacy symposium. This team of teenagers from Harbin Community Academy have planned and executed this event beginning and ending True Star Symposium with a business acumen partner with leading Chicago non-profit After School Matters. True Star Magazine will hold its first youth financial literacy symposium. In this seminar True Star will address how to avoid financial pitfalls that are deliberately introduced to young people during early adulthood, before they receive any training in the proper handling of funds. The goal of this event is to give urban youth the money management skills they need to become responsible consumers.

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