"CHA: They don’t care about us"

Ms. Roslyn Turner
Associate Editor

As federal funding for public housing has significantly decreased, just like Hip Hop Artist Kanye West 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, Kolette 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 5266 So. State St. building, at the Robert Taylor Homes projects, they began to resist the CHA Transformation Plan, which required them to be moved from public housing. He joined with the Coalition to Protect Public Housing in hopes of saving the building from being demolished.

In an effort to save the building, they wrote

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Community Activist Barbara Moore (now an invalid who is ill 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

J.P. "Jody" Weis, 49, replace Superintendent Phil Cline. As the new Superintendent of Chicago Police Department was Special agent in charge of the FBI's Philadelphia field office.

By Rosce Strahan
Staff Writer

After a string of scandals involving police officers, the City Council voted on the recent appointment of J.P. (Jody) Weis as the Chicago Police Department new superintendent, formerly with the FBI. For most of Chicagoans it was not a surprise that Mayor Richard Daley would not appoint interim Police Chief Donna Starks, who has served since August, and that the new chief would be white. Daley also announced that Starks, will become chairman of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

However, at $310,000, clouds remain why? The CPD faces numerous abuse allegations, including two highly publicized bar beatings caught on tape. In an attempt to restore public trust, the mayor's office takes control of the agency that investigates police misconduct complaints.

In response to the appointment Pat Hill, and former police officer and head of the African-American Police League, said that "Mayor Daley is just playing politics with the sentiment of the people."

Weis has never been a police officer, but he arrives in January to lead Chicago's police force of over 13,000 sworn officers. Both cops and community leaders who've worked with him as chief of the FBI's Philadelphia office acknowledge the challenges ahead, but they believe he's up to the task as he received high marks. Hill addressing checks and balances saying the system is pointless when two departments work so closely. Hill reported that "FBI agent Weis was station in the Chicago office at the height of the Trucking Scandal from 2000-2003." She also stated that "it may be a conflict with the mayor and unethical for Weis to be hired." adding the question is whether the mayor can hire and determine the salary of the person he hires?"

A call was also made to the mayor's press office, no calls were returned.

Rev. Jesse Jackson of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, in response to the new police superintendent who is not a member of a minority group questioned the appointment. But reports are the CPD are doing bad in the community. Jackson said "African Americans are the largest ethnic population in Chicago. We are the most arrested population, and the most abused and victimized by police misconduct. The greatest example of this has been the torture forced confessions obtained under Jon Burge at a time when our current mayor, Richard M. Daley, was the state's attorney."

One highly noted case is that of Aaron Patterson who is one of a $20 million law suit in which then Daley was States Attty. as a defendant in the law suit.

The Traffic Stops or "Driving While Black", The CPD may call it conducting DUI Strike Force Patrols in a pre-designated area with roving police officers that continually monitor vehicular traffic for signs of impaired driving. Patrols also place emphasis on speed, alcohol-related and safety belt violations. Police vehicles equipped for speed detection are deployed to apprehend speeding violators.

But in the result the court rooms, are of mostly black males.

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GANG LEADER FOR A DAY

Pat Hill, President of the African American Police League

Vote early from January 14, to 31,
I am writing this commentary in response to the November 1, 2007 Commentary by The Chicago Defender's Glenn Reed that Bill "Dock" Walls wasn't ready to fill Congressman Bobby Rush's shoes. I am also writing this as a veteran political activist, resident and voter in the First Congressional District, and one who knows Bill "Dock" Walls as well as Congressman Bobby Rush well. I feel uniquely qualified to offer some balance to Mr. Reed's belief that Walls isn't ready to fill Rush's shoes.

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In a build up of repeat cases, persons get entrapped in the legal system. Jackson further stated, "Just recently there is the case of a young African American woman who was sodomized by two police officers during a traffic stop. Those police officers should be charged as sex offenders and taken off the force. The new superintendent must make a decision of police brutality. In some cases, like that of Freddie Wilson, who was shot by police 20 times last week during a traffic stop, we see a tragic loss of life. This is excessive force and unnecessary."

Hill said, "no one is looking for our (African Americans) interest. We have a government in place; and we don’t participate in this government because it becomes fascist." "We have a few people in the government (Alderman) who do not know what they are doing."

Hill continued to say that Ald. Ed Smith (28th) said he would ask Ald. Isaac Corderos (29th), chairman of the Police and Fire Commission to hold a public hearing to discuss the police shootings but on the public’s hearing on the appointment of the new police chief their were less than 50 people at the hearing. From OPS to Independent Police Review Authority. Many believe that corruption plays a major part in investigations being handled improperly and are glad to see Mayor Daley finally implementing a plan to strengthen the OPS and restore confidence back to investigations. The OPS was created in 1974 to investigate excessive force, shootings by the police, and deaths of citizens while in custody of the police department as well as domestic disputes involving officers.

In recent years, the OPS have appeared to be weak as a result of the department not handling Mayor Daley has taken a first step in the right direction, the police department cannot and will not be tolerated in the City of Chicago. Daley said. However, reports are there are 600 police on the re­peated list of the former OPS. Of those, one complaint resulted in a 15-day suspension and two prompted reprimands. The officer with the greatest number of complaints, 55, receive any discipline. The police and fire department cannot and will not be tolerated in the City of Chicago."

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Patterson: the million inmate Chicago reach Police Torture Settlement

The city finally approved a $20 million police torture led to a re­examination of capital punish­ment. Final paper­work has been approved, and the City Council voted on the settlement, city law­department spokeswoman Jennifer Hoyle said. The council was supposed to vote last month, but paperwork problems post­poned the action. The four inmates — Aaron Patterson, Leroy Orange, Stanley Howard and Madison Hobley — claim they were tortured by police and wrongly convicted. George Ryan, governor at the time, pardoned them in 2003 and January IT, 2008

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Black Wall Street 3rd Summit Challenges itself for more focus

By Ron Jenkins

The campaign to sustain and increase Black businesses and create partnerships in the creation and development of a Black owned business districts was the focused 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, the Black Wall Street-Chicago Economic Summit was officially launched May 19 of 2007.

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Mark Allen, Associated Editor of SSJ, Alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr. (candidate for States Attorney), Morgan Carter and 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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Xpressions of You is a time for young lesbian, bisexual, trans­gender, queer, and allies/supporters of these women of African descent to enjoy a safe space and address issues they may be facing at school, at home, in church, and in the community.

Age: 18+; Every 1st Friday - Drop-in. 6-8pm @ Affinity 5650 S. Woodlawn. Garden Level. Affinity provides a safe space for game night, movie night, networking and community involvement. Food provided. Every 3rd Friday - Doors open @ 7. Showtime 8-10pm @ Affinity. 5650 S. Woodlawn. Garden Level. Music Discussion, Art-n-Discussion, Words-n-Discussion. Performances and post discussion.

March 17-21, Volunteers Needed for Annual Daffodil Days in Chicago; event celebrates the hope cancer will be eliminated. The Chicago office of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its annual Daffodil Days, which celebrates that cancer treatment is making progress, and the hope cancer will be eliminated. Among the volunteer tasks needed to be filled in addition to deliveries are daffodil sales contracts in individual Chicago businesses, and to take requests, pack and deliver and plant daffodils.

Innocence Foundation's 18th Annual Black History Month Event: "How Does Change Happen?" at the Charles A. Hayes Center. 11:30a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 3 Erie St. Chicago. Tickets: $10 Cover, Room A&B Lower Lever, Navy Pier, Festival Hall A, 600 E. Grand Ave. Chicago. BlackStar Project at 7:30pm. Venue: Mercury Cafe 1505 W. Chicago Ave. $10 Cover.

Friday, January 18
9th Annual MLK Historically Black College Fair Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Navy Pier, Festival Hall A, 600 E. Grand Ave, Chicago. Workshops and financial aid sessions for students and parents. Contact Elena M. Thomas, 773-298-1590 www.free4success.org

Sat. Jan 19, 2013
BlackStar Project at 7:30pm. Venue: Mercury Cafe 1505 W. Chicago Ave. $10 Cover.

Sun. Jan 20th
Pastor CL Barrett of the Life Temple of Mercy Church will be the guest speaker for the Gift from God Ministries Church Anniversary on; 3:30 p.m. Service at 95th/West 63rd Street (the SE Corner of 63rd and Morgan). At 1000, Rev. Lewis, father, Chairman of the Westside Ministers Coalition will be the guest speaker at Gifts from God Ministries Church. All are welcome.

Moili, Jan 21 at noon. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance. Featured Speaker: Loretta Ross Rockefeller Memorial Chapel 5850 S. Woodlawn Ave.

Mack D. McGhee, a nationally-known speaker renown for his high-energy style, is expected to deliver a dynamic speech when he serves as the keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday Program. The event takes place at the Library at 8017 S. School Street in Matteson from 3-5PM on nationally-recognized as the official King Holiday. The event is free to the public.

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Ms. Moore used the social room at $286 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 catching the sometimes bad after math of fighting for others.

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The 26th District, Endorsement Kicking in, Polls Turning

With little more than two weeks left in the campaign, candidate Kenyri Johnson has moved into a lead in the in the 26th District state representative race, according to the latest poll.

Johnson, reportedly, is leading the field of five with 20 percent of the vote, having gained 13 points since a similar poll in September which Philip Jackson, the former public executive lead. The initial head-to-head running showed Jack­son with a wide-margin lead at 26 percent of the vote compared to incumbent Elga Jefferies at 7 per­cent, followed by Johnson and Will Burns with six and two percent re­spectively. However, regardless of the poll Paul Chadah repeated he has a commanding base of support that represents 30% of the vote.

Nearly 400 voters were surveyed in its margin of error with a margin of less than 5 percentage points. Pollster Lester & Associates was accurately predictive of Chicago aldermanic races last spring.

The district have many heavy weight politicians with their hands in the race such as Congresswoman Jesse Jackson Jr. supporting Johnson, who is president and founder of Rich­mond Group Inc. and owner of The Little Gym of South Loop and Na­perville; Attorney General Kwame Raoul; and Mayor Richard Daley supporting Will Jones. Jefferies was joined by SEIU Chicago alderman to endorse Burns.

Paul Chadah’s Comments “We absolutely support Sena­tor Barack Obama’s Presidential Campaign. He actually represents real if he wins you instantly 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 president. For Barack has given us hope. Hope and Dreams are the real ingredients.”

“Someone didn’t know 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 us to deliver this message to Springfield.”

Burns now has the support of aldermen representing more than half of the expectations in the Tuesday, February 5 Democratic primary in the district.

Also State Rep. Ken Dunkin became the first member of the Illinois House to support Burns when he announced his endorsement. Cochran and Dunkin join 4th Ward Alderman Toni Preckwinkle and 5th Ward Leslie Hairston, State Senate Raeoul, former federal judge and Con­gressman Abner Mikva, and others in supporting Burns campaign.

“As a community leader and activist, Will Burns has shown he has the know­ledge and the experience and the energy to bring together business, labor, civil rights and civic groups to solve prob­lems,” Cochran said. “He has the back­ground in Springfield to get the job done to help improve our neighborhoods,” Burns was Senior Advisor and Dep­uty Chief of Staff to Senate Presi­dent Emil Jones, Jr. Jackson, with a more known name, and Chadha with a solid base of support of the north part of the district, stated he is sure the district would vote for him upon his name getting out over the entire area in­cluding the south side.

Johnson said, “My posi­tive message about new leadership and changing the status quo in Spring­field is resonating with the voters.

Bums came because of his strong recent working on gun legis­lation in the State Senate.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ifs hard to believe that January 15, 2008, Martin Luther King, Jr. He/She has turned 78 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 a world celebrates this national holiday, Dr. King’s unfinished agenda continues; a unravel Affirmative action is under attack, a resurgence of hate crimes raises its ugly head, fewer dollars granted for federally subsidized: healthcare, hospitals and schools closing, a growing foreclosure crises, a sense of entitlement, talk of a recession, police brutality on the rise, more than 2 million prison inmates, shooting, and violence increasing, high school dropouts on the rise, drugs and a sense of hopelessness on tie upsing.

We thank you- Or, King for going against the grain and putting your life and reputation on the line by raising the issue of peace rather than bombs. We praise your display of non-violence in your quest for a human sacrifice so that today African Americans can enjoy basic human rights.

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Sessoms weathers ballot Challenges in 5th Subcircuit Race

“Permanently shame that 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 5th Subcircuit of the Court of Cook County.

“Sometimes was not worried,” said Sessoms, who was holding the position since his appointment by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created when Judge Bernetta Bush retired. “I needed 500 signatures to get on the ballot. We filed over two thousand, and 992 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 in 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 5-10 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 Election 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. “I prove you can run an 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. “My 5th Subcircuit is to continue serving my community - especially those who need it most.”

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President, Cook County Board of Commissioners
The new Chief issues

Six months after the appointment of Commissioner John E. O'Keefe, the Chicago Police Department has made a great deal of enthusiasm and pride, but it also will be serving the community, and the citizens of Chicago.

Rev. Al Sharpton and I have been in the forefront of fighting police misconduct, which expands more than two decades.

“We are standing here to serve notice on Mayor Richard M. Daley that until there is a remedy for the pattern and practice of false misconduct in Chicago, we are prepared to recommend to the International Olympic Committee 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 unchecked behavior must end.”

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

“Let us send our findings to the Rio, Tokyo, and Japan. Madrid is working with us,” Sharpton said.

Based on a manifesto presented by Rev. Sharpton and his group, the Chicago Police Department continues to violate the human and civil rights of its citizens, Rev. Sharpton said. The International Olympic Committee will select the host city in 2019.

Before the Olympic charter, the Chicago Police Department continues to violate the human and civil rights of its citizens under 14 US. code 1441 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement-State and Local Law Enforcement-Police Pattern or Practice which address a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers that cause a violation of a police department's policy or pattern.

Rev. Sharpton also released a list of recommendations included: disciplinary complaints against officers and their disposition be maintained during and for seven years following an employee's employment; call for the federal investigation under the Omnibus Act.

Weis acknowledged the hurdle.

Weis also established credibility with the community by prosecuting criminals and city officials to do just about anything to keep the city of Chicago safe.

Of interest to the community is the fact that one of my favorites, a fourth grade teacher in Washington, played the key character, Washington, the third-grade class of Michael Tison, a free-thinking literary professor in the late 30s and 40s who renamed Texas Wiley College debate team to unprecedented victory. Everyone loves the story of a self-sacrificing teacher or coach whose students are challenged to achieve beyond their wildest dreams. "The Great Debaters" is one of those stories.

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News Briefs Cont'

Aid. 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 convention of the Democratic Party’s nomination for President of the United States.

Part Dlst 2008 Capital Improvement

Three times during his nearly 27 years in prison, Charles Chatman went before a parole board and refused to admit he was a rapist. His steadfastness was vindicated Thursday, when a judge released him because of new DNA ev­idence showing he indeed wasn’t. The release of Chatman, 47, added to Dallas County’s na­tionally un­matched number of wrongly convicted in­mates.

Every time I’d go to parole, they’d want a description of the crime or my version of the crime,” Chatman said. “I never will admit to doing this crime that I know I didn’t do.”

HIV/AIDS Numbers Worse Than Previ­ously Thought

A new report on the domestic HIV/AIDS epi­demics 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 nations—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 33 million—instead of 39 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 defendants charged with plotting to blow up the Sears Tower in Chicago as part of an Islamic jihad was acquitted on Thursday, and a mistrial was declared in 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. Officials had acknowledged that the defen­dants, known as the Liberty City Seven for their suppression of Miami where they fre­quently gathered in a rundown warehouse, had never acquired weapons or equipment and had posed no immediate threat. But, the officials said, the case underscored a need for pre­emptive terrorism prosecutions.

In acquitting Lyglenson Lemorin, 32, a Hai­tian immigrant who was cast by the prosecution as a junior foot soldier in the group, the jurors were compelled by evidence that suggested he had tried “to distance himself from others.” Jeffrey Agron, the jury foreman, said outside the courthouse.

Mr. Lemorin had split with the group’s leader, Narseal Batiste, 33, and moved to At­lanta months before the seven were arrested last year, according to The Associated Press.

As for the six defendants on whom the jury deadlocked, the United States attorney’s office here said Thursday that it would retry them. The judge, Joan A. Lenard, ordered jury selec­tion for the retrial to begin Jan. 7 and barred prosecution and defense lawyers from discuss­ing Thursday’s outcome with reporters.

The defendants—all Americans and two Haitians—worked in a small construction business owned by Mr. Batiste and were mem­bers of the Moonlit Science Temple, a sect that blends Islam, Christianity and Judaism and does not recognize the authority of the United States government.

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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. Brookins adds, “We have picked up a tremendous amount of resources to getting Brookins elected 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 announced 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 election “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.

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 to 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 the State’s Attorney’s race to all of their parishioners. “This race”, said Turner, “is about change. Not only for this generation, but change necessary to restore the faith in the criminal justice system that so many of our people have lost.”

Chuck Bowen said the meeting was “to ignite support for the next Democratic Primary February 5, 2008

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Democratic Primary
February 5, 2008
Chicago's Next Great Senator??

By: Okema J. McLoyd

It's Chicago really in store for another Super-Senator? That's the question that comes to mind about Jonathan Bedi, a working 5th Ward candidate. His outstanding resume and educational background is outstanding only by his genuine and undying love for Chicago. If nothing else, Bedi is sure to win the popularity of the people.

Bedi has been a long time community supporter going back to college. While attending law school at 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 move back to 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 well 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 childcare and after school programs. Bedi will provide incentives to attract more medical 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 as 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 our 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 the district's 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 multi-cultural area. He was raised in a multicultural family. His father was a first generation immigrant and his mother African 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 his subway ride home is always more enjoyable with 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 overdue for help. Bedi filed 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.

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

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

In what translates awkwardly into English, Cossiga told the newspaper Corriere della Sera: "All the [intelligence services] of America and Europe... Know well that the disastrous attacks were planned and realized from the Mossad, with the aid of the Zionist world in order to put under accusation the Arabic countries and in order to induce the western powers to take part ... in Iraq [and] Afghanistan."

Cossiga was elected president of the Italian Senate in July 1983 before winning a landslide election to become president of the country in 1985, and he remained until 1992. Cossiga's tendency to be outspoken upset the Italian political establishment, and he was forced to resign after revealing the existence of, and his part in setting up, Operation Gladio. This was a rogue intelligence network under NATO auspices that carried out bombings across Europe in the 1960s, 1970s and '80s. Gladio's specialty was to carry out what they termed "false flag" operations—terror attacks that were blamed on their domestic and geopolitical opposition. In March 2001, Gladio agent Vincenzo Vinciguerra stated, in sworn testimony, "You had to attack civilians, the people, women, children, innocent people, unknown people far removed from any political game. The reason was quite simple: to force ... the public to turn to the state for greater security."

Cossiga first expressed his doubts about 9-11 in 2001, and is quoted by 9-11 researcher- Webster Tarpley saying "The mainstream of the attack must have been a sophisticated mind, provided with ample means not only to recruit fanatic kamikazes, but also highly specialized personnel. "I add one thing: it could not be accomplished without infiltrations in the radar and flight security personnel." Coming from a widely respected former head of state, Cossiga's assertion that the 9-11 attacks were an inside job and that this is common knowledge among global intelligence agencies is illuminating. It is one more eye-opening confirmation that has not been mentioned by America's propaganda machine in print or on TV. Nevertheless, because of his experience and status in the world, Cossiga cannot be discounted as a crackpot.

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Leader for a Day is *Freakonomics*. Gang who studied a Chicago crack-dealing gang from the inside captured the world’s attention when it was first described in *Freakonomics*. *Gang Leader for a Day* is the fascinating true 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 graduate 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 what he saw there.

Over the next seven years, Venkatesh got to know the neighborhood dealers, crackheads, squatters, prostitutes, pimps, activists, cops, organizers, and officials. From his privileged position of unprecedented access, he observed JT and the rest of the gang as they operated their 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 brazen, page-turning, and fundamentally honest 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 voyeuristic look into the supposedly tawdry, disorganized life of the black poor. Venkatesh entered the Chicago gang world at the height of the crack epidemic and what he found was a tightly 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 J.T., 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 naïve 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."

—William Julius Wilson, Harvard University

Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser Professor

"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."

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

In honor of the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Let us carry on his work

Treasurer, City of Chicago
January 17, 2008

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., famous for his “I Have a Dream” speech, even now it is still one of the most inspirational speeches ever. It serves as a timely reminder and inspiration to how insignificant his words are today.

As there are many questions to ask him, on the tracts and tributaries of the movement he lead, this Q & A is just a reminder of how the past still have influence on the future.

The mock participation in providing a positive impact with a message that can carry his words in on-going issues of SJS.

This newspaper will remain an affluent readership and relevant to the progressive moves in our neighborhoods and to greater the good of Chicago and the world.

And there is no separate white path to power and fulfillment, short of social disaster, that does not share that power with black aspirations for freedom and human dignity. We are bound together in a single garment of destiny. We must stand together, or fall alone.

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Your Religious Development has been a very substantive part of your life, how was this?

It is quite easy for me to think of a love madeny because I grew up in a family where love was central and where lovely relations were ever present. My parents would always tell me that I should not hate the white man, but that it was my duty as a Christian to love him.

Even though I have never had an abrupt conversion experience, religion has been real to me and closely knitted to life. In fact the two cannot be separated; religion for me is life.

Here in Chicago we have more churches than businesses, and more churches that go opposite of the will of the people. It is putting a negative taste in the minds of many with the church leadership.

We must stand together, or fall alone. We are bound together in a single garment of destiny. We must stand together, or fall alone.

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Another concert with this election is that many of your associates here in Chicago do not support Obama, and the others take the position of being silent. How do we address issues such as this in this leadership?

Speech in Memphis, April 3, 1968, the day before King was assassinated.

In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter, . . .

"Conscience asks the question - is it right? Expediency asks the question - is it political? Vanity asks the question - is it popular? But conscience asks the question - is it right! And there comes a time when one must take a position that is indefeasible, safe, not political, nor popular but one must take it because it is right."

Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

The honest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of great moral conflict. We may have all come on different paths, but we’re in the same boat now.

Martin Luther King the great civil rights leader was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later decided to change his name to Martin. His grandfather began the family’s long tradition as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta when he served from 1914 to 1931. Martin’s father also served there, and from 1931 until his death Martin Luther acted as assistant pastor.

King attended segregated public schools in Georgia. He graduated from high school at the age of fifteen. Later he received his B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College. He then studied in theology at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was eventually elected president of a mostly white class. Dr King was awarded the B.D. in 1951. He enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, finally completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953. He received his degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott. As a result of their union two sons and two daughters were born into the family.

In 1954, King decided to accept the pastoral of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Dr King was, by this time, a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). King and several others organized the SCLC in 1957 to mobilize the strengths of Southern African American churches to support nonviolent direct action. In 1961, he led the Freedom Rides, an attempt by black volunteers to test interstate segregation laws and to expose and challenge the separatist society that was emerging with the emergence of the Civil Rights Movement.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in April 1968. He was 39 years old. His death shocked a nation and inspired the world. In the years following his death, King’s legacy continued to grow. His message of nonviolence and equality resonated with people around the world, and his commitment to social justice remained a guiding principle for generations to come.
Three years later, [Malcolm X] was assassinated. To this day, many people are still divided on the cause of his death. Some believe it was because of his outspoken criticism of the Nation of Islam and the way it treated its followers. Others believe it was due to his refusal to support the Black Nationalist movement and his support for integration. Still others believe it was because he had become too popular and was seen as a threat to the stability of the organization.

Malcolm X's death was a tragic event that left a lasting impact on the civil rights movement. His legacy continues to be debated and studied, and his ideas and actions continue to influence the struggle for equality and justice today.
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Round Up of Mark Allen

(Continued from page 2)

old Washington. The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., attracted over 7 million voters for President and paved the way for through his national voter registra-

tion and voter education drives that created new progressive 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 Congressional seat, would become a soundly defeated 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 defeat any Black candidate. Voters decided despite many national critics that Obama has no credentials to be President, he is currently before the voters, and they are deciding. And this is what the process needs to be now as voters in the First Congressional Dis-

tric have to decide if they want to continue under the leadership of Cong-

gressman Bobby Rush.

We are now in a situation where there will be votes not voting than voting and who knows what they will think about various candidates at different times. And based upon the history of how Congress-

man Rush has won against critics who said that he should not run for Alder-

man or Congress, he surely would not oppose Bill "Dock" Walls offering himself as a candidate for First District Congress-

man 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, its for the registered voters of the First Congressional District like myself to decide.

"When Barack wins," Rev. Jackson said, it sends another message to the world of what the United States is about.

"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 com-
massion have a call to lead us to more profound 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 Ameri-
can people for social justice worldwide.

Fresh from the victory by U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-I11) 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 pro-
gram.

Budh Wing, national political coordinator for Rainbow PUSH Coalition, noted Rev. Jackson's ability to activate Asian and La-
tino communities, as well as the peace movement in El Salvador, during the 1980's. "Those move-
ments became a part of the Jesse Jackson '84 and '88 campaigns," he said. "They became our is-

eues as we were organizing around the country. Being able to bring all of those groups together be-

came the agenda for the presidential cam-

paign."

Along with Wing, Rev. Jackson was joined on "Upfront" by U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), who chairs the House Judiciary Commit-

"The fact that you were inclu-
sive is what everyone is fol-

dowing up with now. The issues that affected the poor — housing, racism — are coming up now, and we need to address them," You said 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 female candidate in U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-

N.Y.) and a leading Black candidate in Obama. "When Barack wins," Rev. Jackson said, "it sends an-

other message to the world of what the United States is about." "This is the most important election of our lives," Rep. Conyers said.

"We are all globalists now. You cannot become success-


globally if we cannot solve the 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 C. Washington could win in Chicago," he said, and the victory energized all who witnessed it. "Rev. Jackson was saying 'free Nelson Mandela' and 'stop apartheid.'" Wing recalled, highlighting Rev. Jackson's foresight in tying South African poli-
tics to U.S. campaigns. "At the Democratic con-

vention," Wing said, "Rev. Jackson 'called these [issues] a moral disgrace.' While it sounds com-

mon now, back then, these were revolutionary ideas."

"Progressives were birthed by the '84 and '88 campaigns," said Vanden Heuvel, whose maga-

zine 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 burial ground for African people. "Upfront with Rev. Jesse Jackson" airs Saturdays at 10 p.m. EST on the WORD Network.

Senator Obama's Bronzeville Connection

Be Beverly Reed

Featured Writer

U ntil a presumptive, call a lucky guess, but I called it like I saw it at the 1st annual Bronz-

eville School of Film Awards Ceremony presented by Ziff Sustick nearly ten years ago. All right, by now, nearly all the organizers in Chicago have told their when I meet Obama story. So I guess its al-

ght to tell mine.

I first met Senator Obama as a student at then fledging Laguna Buna Hope Center, a leadership development and organizing institute located in the Bronzeville community.

The Center was founded in 1994 by Senator Obama and Centers for New Horizons CEO Dr. Sokoni Karanja. We recognized that without a 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 engage-

ment and empowerment among the disenfranchised. Senator Obama not only founded the class he also taught organizing techniques. Before you can serve an individual or a 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 or-

ganizers golden rule.

That knowledge continues to assist me in all aspects of my life.

Several years later after apprenticing at the South Street Journal, I was fortunate enough to become a reporter/columnist at the Chicago Defender Newspaper 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 brother was who he said he was and his con-

stancy was being served by a just and honorable man whose pedigree enhanced rather separated his relationship with the people.

You just knew he was a man on the rise. And so it was with great delight 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 League, Double Duty Radcliffe, Bronz-

eville Don, Harold Lucas, Former Police Superinten-
dant Tony Hilliard, the legendary William Barnett and then State Senator Obama.

It was a stellar group of outstanding Black men and I can still see the pride in the Ziff's young man student's eyes when they looked at their history and saw their future.

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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, ages 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 talk-show style Student/Author Event on Saturday, December 15, at Williams Multiplex, 2710 S. Dearborn in Chicago. The Open Book Participants performed 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 Brethren, Gregory, Johns Academy, Mayo, McCorkle, Ryker, 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 spark imagination, build skills and broaden horizons.

In Miracle’s Boys, three brothers who are orphaned by the death of their mother, are trying to get by. Twelve-year-old Lafayette tells the story of what happens to him and his older brothers, fifteen year old Charlie and twenty-one year old Tyree, after Charlie comes home from a juvenile detention center where he has spent time for armed robbery. Miracle’s Boys is the winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and the Coretta Scott King Award.

Locomotion is about Lonnie C. Mattingly, a boy who has had some tough breaks in his life. But, Lonnie’s fifth grade class is learning to write poetry and suddenly, Lonnie is finding the words to tell the world about his family, the fire that took his parents away, his little sister, his world. Locomotion is National Book Award Finalist and a Coretta Scott King Honor book.

Woodson spoke to the young people from Open Book about her journey from a child who always loved to tell stories to a professional author with over 20 published books. In her biography, Woodson stated that she told a lot of stories as a child and that she had never told a story that was a lie. "Once upon a time" stories but basically, outright lies. This all changed in fifth grade when a teacher told her that a story she wrote was "really, really good." Woodson told the students that this is how she found out that when you put a lie in a story on paper, it’s not a lie any more. These are the type of lies that win you prizes.

"Author interaction is a key ingredient in the success of the Open Book Program," states founder Marrice Coverson, president of the Institute for Positive Living and executive director of Open Book. "The talk-show format gives students the opportunity to interact with one another and to experience the books through the dramatic productions that each school has prepared."

The Open Book Program focuses on stimulating interest in reading quality, culturally relevant children’s literature through a variety of activities including literary circles, drama, and Internet experiences. During each program segment, participants do an in-depth study of one or two books. Authors and authors/illustrators have included Sandra Cisneros, Ashley Bryan, Dubi Chochlate, Sharon Flake, Jan Spivey Gilchrist, Nikki Grimes, Hartlett Gillmen, Robinet, Charles R. Smith, Jr., Glennette Tilley Turner, Dawin MacBeth Wilson, Walter Dean Myers, and Camille Yarbrough.

For information on the Student/Author event or the Open Book Program, contact Marrice Coverson at 312-444-0902. 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>.

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Entertainment Brief

Talk show host expands empire with her OWN cable channel. She can not be stopped. Oprah Winfrey has announced that she will launch her own television network through a 50-50 partnership with Discovery Communications to be titled Oprah Winfrey Network, or OWN.

BLIGE, 50 CENT, PERRY, WYCLEF IN STEREO PROBE: New report says singers and rappers among those who have either used or received illegal substance. "Mary J. Blige, 50 Cent, Irv Gotti, Jean. Timbaland and Taylor Perry have been named in a new, and shocking investigation that has expressly just how far its use has traveled beyond the world of sports.

VIVICA A. FOX CLAIMS THERE IS NO SEX TAPE: Actress says if one existed, she’ll be trying to profit from it herself. "Film and TV star Vivica A. Fox is denying that she is the woman featured in a sex tape that has been circulating on the Inter-net.

WESLEY SNIPES PRAYS BEFORE TAX FRAUD TRIAL: Actor attends service at nearby church before attending the first day of his tax fraud trial Monday in Orlando, Florida.

DR. BRIAN EVANS SHEDS LIGHT ON PLASTIC SURGERY: Board-certified Surgeon talks talk. "With the recent stories and reports about the dangers of "addictions" to cosmetic and plastic surgery, plastic surgeon Dr. Brian Evans took time out to talk with EUR's Lee Bailey and discuss plastic surgery in general and clear up some questions about nippering and tucking.

SERENA WILLIAMS REVEALS BROKEN HEART: "Serena Williams took the first step in retaining her title with a win over unseeded Armenian Jirina Gajdosova 6-7, 6-5 to advance to the second round.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEBRON - HERE'S A SPEEDING TICKET: NBA star clocked driving 101 mph in 65 mph zone. LeBron James kicked off his 23rd birthday December 30 with an early morning speeding ticket in his home state of Ohio.

LONGORIA, T.O. IN DALLAS QB DRAMA: Eva advises Jessica on girlfriend challenges; Owens while defending Romo after playoff upset. "Eva Longoria has some words of advice for Jessica 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.

Stevie, Alicia, Gladys among stars at inaugural event as coalition pickets against negative images. "Black Entertainment Television threw their inaugural BET Honors ceremony Saturday night in Washington, but it wasn’t without controversy.

DAVID TALBERT BRINGS BAGGAGE TO FOX SEARCH-LIGHT: Playwright-turned-filmmaker to adapt movie based on his 2005 novel. "With his inaugural film story "Forrest Sunday" now launched sitting at No.2 at the box office, playwright-turned-filmmaker David Talbert has secured a home for his follow-up film "Baggage Claim."

Actress lands female lead in comedy opposite Samuel L. Jackson and Bernie Mac. "The cast of dimension Films comedy "Soul Men" just got a big dose of estrogen. Actress Sharon Leal will join Samuel L. Jackson and Bernie Mac in the Dimension Films road trip comedy about two bickering former singers.

Kerry Washington has replaced model Naomi Campbell in the upcoming Spike Lee film "Miracle at St. Anna," reports Ballim.com.

Byron Allen salutes celeb living King's dream: TV One, Starz inkfall offer specials. "A two-hour Martin Luther King Jr. Day special from Byron Allen's Entertainment Studios has been cleared in 90 percent of the country, while cable networks TV One and Starz inkFall plan to commemorate the holiday with two MLK-related specials.

T-Pain, Cool and Dre among producers for new CD. "Jermaree Dimp was asked recently by Billboard to explain the holdup regarding Usher's follow-up album to 2003's "Confessions," which set the bar high with 9.4 million copies sold in the U.S., according to Nielsen SoundScan.

MARIO VAN PEERLES HEADS TO PINE VALLEY: Mario Van Peebles will join the cast of ABC soap "All My Children" later this month as a prosecutor running for Senate, the network has announced.

MICHAEL CLARKE DUNCAN CATCHES 'SALMON': troupe Broken Lizard is set to topline comedy troupe Broken Lizard’s fifth film, "The Slumaur Salmon," re­ports Variety.

CASSIE PREPARES NEW ALBUM FOR SPRING: attempt to mask her admirably sub-par live performances that accompanied the 2006 release of her self-titled debut album with new and more "grown" material for a sophomore

Chicago Music Awards:

An affiliate of Martin's International Culture Nominees & Special Award Recipients for 27th Annual Chicago Music Awards Chicago Music Awards presented by Martin's International Culture, a non-profit organization The Chicago Music Awards (CMA) is celebrating 27 years of demonstrated commitment to recognizing the thousands of outstanding Chicago entertainers. The 2007 Nominees for the 27th Chicago Music Awards will be announced along with the 2007 special honorees. The Chicago Music Awards recognize outstanding home-grown talent. Each year, the highly anticipated event pays tribute to Chicago's rich and diverse musical culture and heritage. From Jazz and Blues to Rock, Country & Western, Classical, Gospel and Polka, the CMA is the only annual event that honors entertainers in all musical genres in the Chicago­land area.

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 enjoyment, this year's cere­mony is dedicated to "Health Awareness." The 27 event on January 27, 2007 is the star-studded celebration of nominees, performers, honorees and lifetime achievers who have each contributed their significant share to Chicago's ever-growing music industry.

There will be special performances by current and previous nominees. Please RSVP to chitownmusicbest@aol.com or please call 312-427-0266.

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Cultural Connection

Whipping Up Community in the Kitchen

Bronzeville/Black Chicagoan Historical Society and the Chicago Music Awards will be announcing the first annual event on January 27, 2007 at The Field Museum. People can enjoy food, music, dance and much more. The Chicago Music Awards (CMA) is celebrating 27 years of demonstrated commitment to recognizing the thousands of outstanding Chicago entertainers. The 2007 Nominees for the 27th Chicago Music Awards will be announced along with the 2007 special honorees. The Chicago Music Awards recognize outstanding home-grown talent. Each year, the highly anticipated event pays tribute to Chicago’s rich and diverse musical culture and heritage. From Jazz and Blues to Rock, Country & Western, Classical, Gospel and Polka, the CMA is the only annual event that honors entertainers in all musical genres in the Chicago­land area.

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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 from Fox News that the label balked at his decision to title his upcoming album, "N*gger." Last week, Fox News 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*gger." But Reid said "don't believe everything you read."

"We support everything our artists 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 prolific, he's prophetic, he's a completely stand beside him. Nas is a genius, an amazing artist of respect. So, while I'm not sure ex­actly all that [the title] entails, I know it's smart, so I stand be­hind him. That's real."

Common, who co-stars in "American Gangster," was also supportive of Nas and respects his artistic decisions. "I love Nas," he told MTV with a grin. "Nas is always bringing something new, bringing something for us to think about. He's one of the best ever. If it wasn't for Nas, a lot of cats, in­cluding myself, wouldn't be rhyming the way they do. So I mean, I know [the title] is something behind what he's doing, he's making statements. That's something we need in hip-hop. Last Poets did it. Gil Scott-Heron did it. Marvin Gaye did it. We gotta keep making statements." Nas first announced the title of his album and its scheduled Dec. 11th release date during a concert last week in New York. The news was met with outrage from the NAACP, Rev. Al Sharpton and Rev. Jesse Jackson, who said the title "makes a mockery" of the race issue.

"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 taking power from that word." Nas added. "We're taking power from the word," Nas added. "No disre­pect to none of them who were part of the civil-rights move­ment, but some of the 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're gonna keep making statements. 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.

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"Nic" being the white acronym for nigger.

Nas Performing at Madison Square Gardens

Nas tells MTV: "Whether you in New York City or in Atlanta, we are the niggers!"
Papa John's Pizza charged with Fraud Scheme

businessman, Abdallahim Chaib, was added as a co-defendant to a pending indictment against Chicago area businessman and political fund-raiser Antoin Rezko and Ali D. Ata, 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 three 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 Panda Express, which was partially owned by Rezko Enterprises LLC. Chaib also owned and purportedly operated 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 to www.chicnunes.org/financial/loans. or call 773.822.0320.

Businesses in the 3rd Ward By Alderman Pat Dowell

Starbucks in partnership with Earvin "Magic" Johnson, a new Starbucks Coffee store was opened at 35th and State. It is a partnership that is aimed at investing in neighborhood- hoods 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 Subway in the ward that are locally owned by two young entrepreneurs. One is located at 51st and Indiana and the other is at 59th and Wentworth. Record Breakers/Reggios Record Breakers is a cutting edge music store and coffee shop recently relocated to the 3300 block of Halsted Estates to 21st and State. They specialize in buying and selling CDs, LPs, 45's, DVDs, and other music related merchandise. Reggios Music, Joint is quickly becoming one of Chicago's top live music venues. For more information, visit their website at http://www.reggioslive.com/

Real Estate News

Vacant Lots The ward have over 3000 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 are site for crime and garbage and vacant lot management. If you have any concerns about litter in a vacant lot in your neighborhood, please call 311 and leave a message at the Department of Streets and Sanitation 3rd Ward Yard Office at (312) 747-4560.

4th and Calumet RFP The Department of Planning and Development, Chicago Transit Authority, and my office are discussing ways in which 4th and Calumet can be a transit oriented development (TOD) location. This would make the location more accessible with pedestrian walkways and cycling facilities. Additionally, we want to integrate existing homes and businesses while attracting new development.

The Bronzeville Merchants Association invites you to join us as a sponsor for ***THE 35TH STREET OBELISK PROJECT*** Celebrating over 100 years of Black Heritage Place your corporate, business, or family name on one of the six obelisk on 35th Street between Calumet and Wabash Avenue to commemorate the multitudes of African American success stories generated before, during, and after the great migration to Chicago Illinois.

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The Rosenwald Building Not long after the election, the Rosenwald was finally boarded-up and secured. The property is privately owned and I have met with the owner who is wanting to sell. At this point, I will continue to monitor the progress of this property and encourage the owner to continue keeping it secure and free of debris and litter. I will be hosting a Community Urban Planning Workshop that will consist of urban planning experts and residents to explore ideas about the use of this building and identifying resources for funding. Please contact my office for more details.

3rd Ward Townhall Meet ing January 24,2008 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the Charles Hayes Cen ter (4859 S. Wabash).

Turner's Dry Cleaners 9352 S. Halsted St (773) 238-7272

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 proposed a designation of specific geographic Area. He's asked the BWSES to partner with legislatures regarding access to capital to create a Network for Youth. The next summit will be held on March 1, 2008. 8:00 am to 3 pm at the Chicago Urban League, participates are encouraged to RSVP and to received the planning proposals call 312 at 773 373-700. The committee meetings are held on Thursday mornings RSVP to attend.

The South Street Journal thanks the following businesses for the support for the Black Wall Street Summit:

Chatham Foods (327 E. 79th St.),
Calumet Foods (315 E. 43rd St.),
One Stop 4301 S. Lake Park),
Dunkin Foods 8753 S. Stony
Island, 3481 S. King Drive,
Saleh's Dollars Plus 238 E. 35th
Churches Chicken 101 E. 35th St.,
J and J Chicken 8649 S. Cottage Grove,
Pappy's Liquor 4700 S. Cottage Grove.

Hope VI Grant Jonathan Johnson - proposed to create a Network for Youth. Ons Monroe-The Monroe Foundation proposed to see some concrete outcomes and use Alderman Howard Brookins plan for Wal-Mart in his ward as a model for the Wal-Mart at 119.

"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 Metropolis Tourism proposed a designation of specific geographic areas of Bronzeville as a National Heritage Area. He's asked the BWSES to partner with him in that effort.

Liz O'Gillvie proposed creating a definition of economic development and a committee to do this. "We need people to commit to bring people with them to these Summits to help it to continue to grow," she said. She suggested participants commit to bring five people to the next Summit. Collette Amstead 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, volunteer to help the BWSES create an Economic Guide; Bob Fioretti, 2 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 in 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 Ons 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 invested with the responsibility to commence and economic remedies and practice of racially de­prived communities of their just 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 Elite Higginbottom on creating a new genera­tion of Black developers and contractors pre­pared to build and rebuild Black owned and operated development projects in the Black community.

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Concerning Dr. Martin Luther King
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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 homes. 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 that 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 legitimates 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 rate. Don’t allow them to convince you to exceed your limitations.

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 but that doesn’t 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.

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County Approves President Stroger's Re-entry Employment/Bid Incentive Program

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Cook County Board President Todd H. Stroger applauded Commissioner Erwin Collins and other County Board members who voted to approve his much-anticipated Re-entry Employment/Bid Incentive program in an ordinance before the 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 work contracted.

The “pay as you go” efforts to reduce the jail population must include real opportunities for ex-offenders to work and live in a better way, said President Stroger. “This ordinance provides positive reinforcement for businesses to join us in a realistic effort to provide job opportunities for people who have serious about improving their lives. I’m proud that my 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/Bid Incentive 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 Bureau of Contract Compliance, a representative from the Department of Capital Planning and Construction, a representative from the President’s Office of Employment and Training, and a representative of a nonprofit organization whose mission is to reintegrate ex-offenders into society; and two representatives appointed by the President of 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 is 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, the Re-entry Employment/Bid Incentive Committee to identify former offenders who can enroll in courses in State certified programs to learn trades, thereby enabling the Cook County Re-entry Employment Committee to recommend these former offenders to vendors.

Plan a reality to put people to work

Dear Editor: A new report this week from North- Illinois University and the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability found that while Illinois has been adding new jobs at a record pace, it is experiencing a troubling trend being seen across the country: the competitive rate of new, good-paying jobs is going down. In response to this disturbing trend, economics and Mark Zandi of Moody’s advice: “The only way out is investment in your infrastructure and education of your workforce.”

This is yet another important reason why the legislature needs to approve a capital infrastructure plan. In September, the Illinois Senate passed a bipartisan infrastructure investment plan, but the bill has been stalled in the Illinois House of Representatives. Since then, Governor Blagojevich, Senate President Emil Jones, Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson and House Minority Leader Tom Cross have worked with non-profit organizations such as the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Association of School Boards, and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce to put together a comprehensive plan to help local schools and communities keep up with the state’s transportation needs - including a more than $25 billion plan to build roads, bridges and schools and a plan to keep trains and buses running in Chicago. This capital plan will support more jobs in the construction and transportation sectors. This is a win-win for everyone!

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Sincerely, Jack Lavin, Director, James P. Sledge, Director, Illinois Department of Commerce and Regulation.

The True Star Magazine 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 155 teenagers from Harlan Community Academy have planned and executed this event from beginning to end in support of True Star's after school programs. True Star is a 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 have any training in the proper handling of finances. The goal of this event is to give young people the money management skills they need to become responsible consumers as a youth operated publishing company, True Star educates and trains minority high school students in the fields of writing, editing, designing, marketing, advertisement, sales, and event planning. Through True Star and the True Star Foundation, Chicagoland teens can safely take part in activities that build positive relationships, skills that translate to the workplace, and provide exposure to career and educational opportunities. The financial literacy gap among youth versus black youth contin- unes to widen. Studies show young African-Americans also place more emphasis on spending than on saving. Fewer African-American students than white students report learning money management from their parents and a higher proportion report receiving a regular (no chores required) allowance from their parents.

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Seniors organizing on 40th street

Ms. Beauty Turner

The age of America, together with extended life expectancy, is resulting in an unprecedented demand for all kinds of long-term care services. Among these services are assisted living residences. However, according to the residents of Paul G. Stewart Apartments, Seniors House in the 5000 East 40 building, Habitat Management Company has been doing an awful job keeping up their buildings. Many of the residents believe they are just as bad as Regent Management company that was reported on television, that manage 45 Condos and run out on the residents after the media broke the story they put a closed sign on their management door.

Many of the residents feel as if Habitat is not keeping clear records about their rent either.

For the last 18 months since Habitat Management Company took over managing the Paul G. Stewart buildings, every thing was messed up. Residents in the building complained on January 28 in a community meeting.

“We formed a Paul G. Stewart Residents and Tenants Association trying to bring attention to our dilemmas,” Antoinette Ross a long time resident said. “Since December 2006 we have been trying to get Habitat to do their jobs as a management company.”

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Under Obama's win "Black Leadership slept in Chicago"

Winners and Losers

William Beavers lost his seat as 7th Ward Democratic Committeeman to Sandi Jackson, and may now lose his seat as City Chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party.

Wallace "Gator" Bradley Winner for his field operation for historic election of Judge Michael Hyman

Bobby Rush Lost for not seeking reelection for the historic 2nd Ward Committeeman

Barack Obama wins more momentum as he wins in Illinois

Mayor Daley winner for his early endorsement of Barack Obama and safe in his political posture again.

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Chicago Public Schools officials citing a series of urgency, unveiling a series of proposals to address under-enrollment in 11 elementary schools, while addressing low performance in eight other schools that would undergo a “turnaround” if the plan is approved.

A turning point reports the CPS and schools, while addressing low per­formance issues, but will not address the demolition of public housing which contributed to the dismantling of the public education system with schools closing served public hous­ ing and low income residents.

Back in January, 2006 CPS said it took steps on Chicago struggling schools with a proposal for closings, principal replacement, and new curriculum among options as they viewed then as “restructuring a crisis.”

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Chicago Schools and regenterification

Att’y takes (HCPA/Police, Wins sort)

By Ms. Beauty Turner

For numerous of years the Chicago Police Department have been arresting young men and young women for trespass­ ing when they came to visit a relative or simply if they lived in public housing developments and couldn’t show the officers a State ID.

Recently Attorney Tamara Holder stood up in support of some of the residents in the court of law and this is the result.

Headline: “Defendants Ac­ quited In Ickes Trespass Case”,”Tamara Holder’s Fight For Public Housing Residents”.

Community Activist Barbara Moore alerted me to this issue in 2005 when her grandson were constantly being detained and arrested after visiting her in the (Continued on page 9)

O n June 1, 1921 the Greenwood district known as Black Wall Street was reduced to rubble after a large-scale civil unrest known as the Tulsa Race Riot. Those who were there explains it was a massacre.

b Black History and the The Black Community and the Chicago overall:

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"Watergate Type Conspiracy Unveiled Involving HUD" 

The Bronzeville Community Development Partnership (BCDP) hosted a legislative reception and dinner celebration in the lower lounge level of Sebastian's Hideout in downtown Springfield Illinois. The invitation was extended to all BCDP members to participate in the event. The BCDP provides advocacy services and education to 1800 members. The BCDP is an advocate for affordable housing, which is a critical need in the community.

Barack Obama was described by the BCDP as a very smart politician who understands the needs of the people. Obama has demonstrated that he can win, and his calculating nature has been a hallmark of his political career.

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management company. We have issues such as deteriorating conditions of the parking lots as well as the buildings grounds. Other concerns sighted was: the Weatherizing of doors and windows, Insufficient lights in building court­ yards, Plumbing and the Tenant use of the community room.

The Steward apartments monthly Rent is from $650 - $850. Many of the residents said, “We have worked with the Metropolitan Tenant Association plenty of meetings and workshops but nothing else, we need help.”

“We have told all types of things when it comes to our housings,” Revered Jeffries added. “Our concerns are that we are afraid if being moved out up here and we have no where to go to!” Revered Jefferson a 24-year resident said.

“Since Habitat came to our buildings things have gotten worse,” Mrs. Ross who is also a long time resident added.

“Fees is backing up in my sink, the grease traps haven’t been clean out, the smell of sewer water reeks throughout our building,” Revered Jefferson went on to say.

Since December 2006 the residents have send out letters to the Governor, Congressmen, Habitat management company, HUD, MTO as well as numerous of others representative.

A spoke person for Congressmen Bobby Rush “Toomer Muhammad said when asked about the letter from Paul G. Steward “Congressman Rush informed me that he will be looking into this matter!” Muhammad said.

Mark Segal, Chief Operating Officer for The Habitat Management company in addressing the resi­ dents concerns responded by e-mail with a statement saying, “The Habitat Company shares residents’ many concerns about the condition of the apartments owned by Paul G. Stewart Apartment Association. Phase IV. As the management company engaged by the Illinois Housing Developing Authority to take over the management of this property, we have been working diligently with building owner­ ship to help secure funding to make the neces­ sary improvements to this building.

Habitat Company LLC has over 23,000 units under management, and are one of the largest private residential property managers in Chicago and the Midwest.

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rates were decreasing at almost 50%. The truancy rate increased at 42 high schools, some quite markedly - Austin doubled from 5% to 6%. Robeson had 533 truants in 2006 up from 56 in 2005, Bogans 447 truants in 06 up from 14 truants. But dropout rates declined at many schools — referring to eliminating a few schools with a lot more truants.

Over the last five years Chicago has been experi­encing a drastic economic transforma­tion: a wave of new development and a reversal of white flight, a wave of gentrification, and the displacement of entire neighborhoods. To­ day again CPS proposed a variety of measures afflicting nearby 200 schools that fall short of federal standards under No Child Left Behind. Repeating its proposal of 2006, roughly 1500 kids are going to be affected. Already there are students who will never be counted in the mid­ south “Bronzeville” and west area schools that closed. They have become the disappearing children—not displaced, vanished with the neighborhoods school they once called home.

The Habitat Chicago an independent newsmag­ a­zine reports, this is a much more complex prob­lem than is described in the media and firing everyone in a school won’t necessarily change the outcomes for kids living in high poverty neighborhoods, or in communities where learn­ing and education is not valued by a large per­ centage of the population.

For the teachers it will be hundreds of them, according to CPS [Sun Times] says nearly 500 Kids stay put at turnaround schools, while principals and teachers go back into the pool. Everyone leaves at schools that are being out­ right closed — perhaps the most drastic move of the various options, even more so than turning a school around since it involves kids as well as teachers and administrators. Principals lose jobs at schools that are going to be consoli­ dated, but teachers get to move along with the kids.

For the teachers it contributed to the rapid replacement with privatized schools and to the recent firing of unionized teachers and increase of non-union charter schools.

CPS, CEO Arne Duncan is defending his proposal to close failing schools and fire hundreds of teachers from those facilities. But Marilyn Steward, President of the Chi­ cago Teachers Union countered that Duncan’s plan would destroy the collective efforts of diligent teachers trying to make a difference.

“As a 30-year teaching veteran, I’m con­ cerned about the students, teachers and com­ munities who will be adversely affected by these changes.” Said Stewart in response to the proposed plans for turning around underperform­ ing schools and consolidating underutili­ zed buildings.

In her statement she said, “Every student has the right to be educated in a safe, healthy learning environment. Many parents tell us they prefer that be a school within their own neighborhood.” The Chicago Teachers Union has consistently opposed the idea of shifting students and closing schools as a means to improving them. We believe closing schools and displacing students and staff is not the answer."

One school advocate enthals that what’s really going on here, if you look at all the choices for closings and merging around is an assertion by Duncan and Daley that they can do anything they want, since there is a “policy” reason for doing anything and a way of manipulating “data” to get the results they want. They cur­ rently have about 50 people (possibly as many as a hundred) “running the numbers” and pre­ paring the lies for each school they are attack­ ing. Demographics and Accountability are just the major departments that will be promoting the Big Lie over the next three weeks. The Law Department is working overtime to bring this prize (unlimited ability to terminate schools) to the Daley administration.

Steward said “As professional educators we know, and industry research has shown, that smaller classes lead to improved student achievement. Combining schools and students may lead to overcrowding, thus lessen a stu­ dent’s chance for success. The solution to un­ denitization is not to create overcrowding.

CPS must consult with the educators and other stakeholders affected in order to mini­ mize or eliminate the adverse affects of these proposed changes. After all, teachers know what students need.”

The CPS has held hearings around the city on the proposed turnarounds, consolidations and relocations. The hearing are ending with a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at the Central Office, 125 S. Clark St., 5th Floor Board Chambers to vote on CPS changes. The make comments at the meeting citizens must sign in for public partici­ pation in the lobby, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Meeting begins 9:30 a.m.

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American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its annual Daffodil Days, which celebrates the fight against cancer; treat­ment is making, and the hope cancer will be elimi­nated through: thirds less energy than a stan­dard bulb. They will be distributed through: 

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Teachers off tomorrow rally for funding

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To celebrate progress and foster growth of their community-enriching program, teacher candidates of Grow Your Own Teachers Illinois will rally in the Capitol rotunda in Springfield on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Legislators and teacher candidates have launched their message: Grow Your Own Teachers Illinois will rally for funding to increase from $3 million a year in 2007 and 2008 to $4.5 million in 2009.

The law that funds GYO sets a minimum of 5 years in neighborhood schools. Candidates expect more than 100 candidates from GYO’s 16 partnerships around the state to attend the rally.

“We have grown considerably in the two years of the initiative,” Hal­lett said. “GYO wants funding for the program to increase from $3 million a year in 2007 and 2008 to $4.5 million for 2009. This program has expanded from 12 partnerships to 16 and from 395 teacher candidates to 545. Increased funding is badly needed to support this growth.”

The law that funds GYO sets a goal of 1,000 new teachers in schools by 2016.

Hallett says that 87 percent of GYO candidates are non-white. “They are people who live in the neighborhoods,” he said. “They know the culture of the kids and the neighborhoods,” he said. “They bring major assets into the class­room. We want them to be successful.”

When I got out of high school, I really didn’t have a desire to go to college. I didn’t see the importance of it,” Camphor says. “I was going to marry my high school sweetheart.”

But her love for her child and for reading joined with her love for music to put her on another path, one that would lead her to a husband, two more children, a church, community activism and then to Grow Your Own.

Camphor recalled that in high school “all my friends were students, and my close friends went to college. My best friend went to St. Xavier in nursing.”

Camphor was visiting that friend who brought her to a life­changing moment. Camphor was introduced to a young man playing the piano in the lobby of her friend’s dorm.

It turned out that the young man was a pastor involved in St. Xavier’s campus ministry. He invited her to join his gospel choir. Now, Corey Camphor is his husband and the...
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father of her two younger children. Her husband also helped her connect to the Ambassadors for Christ Church, near 79th Street and Ashland Avenue in Chicago, and through the church, the singer found another voice. She became an activist with TARGET Area DevCorp., a community organizing and development organization that helped form GYO Illinois and is a GYO partner with Chicago State University and the Chicago Public Schools.

With a home life, a church and a community anchoring her, Camphor reverted to an old love. “My husband had the book at our house,” she said, referring to “Inside Mrs. B’s Classroom: Courage, Hope and Learning on Chicago’s South Side,” written by a Chicago journalist, Leslie Baldacci, who left the craft to become a teacher.

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South Street Journal

Black History "There are still a few seats available!" Ghetto Tours

Ms. Beauty Turner has a unique bus tour of the inner city. It was featured in the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, as well as numerous of other prominent papers in early July 07.

Next tour is on March 17 from 10-1 pm. (Visiting Cabrini Green Development)

There are still a few seats available for "Beauty's Ghetto Bus Tour."

Every tour is conducted by national-award-winning Assistant Editor, South Street Journal Beauty Turner and cohosted by the newspaper Publisher Ron Carter.

Turner will take you to historic sites, provide you with data and details about low-income families, and introduce you to people who have been relocated from Robert Taylor Homes, State Garden, Malden Park Homes and the city's other, now-demolished high rise public housing developments. She has provided similar tours for Northwestern University's Freshman Urban Program, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, Cardinal Francis George and others.

The last tour was almost at capacity, so people are strongly recommended contacting Beauty at 773-924-9580 or 1-773-297-5819 cell, beautyturner@gmail.com Tickets are $25 each.

Google search "Beauty's Ghetto Bus Tours" for more information.

Some of the people, groups who have graced the Beauty's Ghetto Bus Tours with their presents include: LA California Professor/Student 10988 Highland Park High school students 1/6/08 Chicago Center Culture INC. 1/23/08 (75) Ninth grade students and 3 teachers from Young Women Leadership Charter school 1/6/08 Lewis University- Chicago Center Culture INC 2/9/08 Harvard School of Excellence 2/13/08

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Gun Control in Chicago

Propelled by daily reports of shooting deaths across the nation, Rev. Gregory Livingston, national field secretary for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, assembled leaders from the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence, Purpose Over Pain, Save Another Life and others to plan concerted action in pursuit of stricter gun laws.

"We did not call this meeting because we knew that six people were going to be shot in a Missouri courthouse yesterday," Rev. Livingston said. "Nor did we know that three women would die because of gun violence in Louisiana this morning."

Mayor Richard M. Daley unveiled a package of "common sense" gun legislation proposals the City will support in Springfield and Washington, D.C., that balances the need to protect the rights of gun owners with the necessity of reducing the threat of gun violence in Chicago and all across America.

Rev. Livingston told the group that 30,000 people die from gun violence in the United States every year, with gun violence now the leading cause of death among African American males ages 15-24.

Initial crime data from last year shows that the vast majority of homicides in Chicago 75 per cent — involved firearms, Daley said.

Further, the data show that 89 per cent of offenders had a prior record and that more than 73 per cent of murder victims had a prior record as well, he said.

"Every year, I've presented an aggressive package of gun reform legislation in Springfield and Washington, D.C. In the last few years, we've made some, but not enough progress against the odds in Springfield," Rev. Jesse Jackson, of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, called for a summit of anti-gun organizations after five women were fatally shot at a Lane Bryant department store in Tinley Park, Illinois. Throughout 2007, Rev. Jackson led a campaign in support of common sense gun laws and a ban on assault weapons. In July, he and Fr. Michael Pfleger, pastor at the Faith Community, were arrested during a protest at Chuck's Gun Shop in Riverdale, Illinois.

"Rev. Jackson was there when Dr. King was killed with a gun," Rev. Livingston reminded participants in today's meeting.

Many of those participants have been involved in tragic incidents of gun violence, including Jennifer Bishop of the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence. Since the shooting deaths of her pregnant sister and brother-in-law, Bishop has spearheaded numerous anti-gun violence marches and rallies promoting awareness to the issue.

Daley said the legislative package includes five proposals - four of which will be pursued at the state level and one at the federal level.

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She Built Bridges Over Troubled Waters And Heard Trumpet Sound

I knew about a woman who was born September 18, 1915 in Waterford, Mississippi. She was the 9th of 15 siblings. She received her education in the public school system in Marshall County, Mississippi. Mrs. Nadie Smith did not have an opportunity to complete her education but she used what she had learned to help others. While a 7th & 8th grade student, she was an able instructor who taught the lower grade students. She volunteered and taught reading education at District 169 in Ford Heights to low - achieving students in the community. She did not have a diploma or a degree from any school or university, but she had a Ph.D. in life and yet another, in love.

Mrs. Smith career was being a wife to her husband and mother to her 13 children. She was a social worker to many in the community. She provided respite care to many, cleaning their homes and preparing their meals. She was a great worker with the PTA. She also volunteered for the American Red Cross who was responsible for making sure the children were vaccinated with their early childhood shots.

I remember eating many meals at her home. Nadie Smith cooking was one of her passions. She would cook a feast fit for a King. Breakfast consisted of bacon, eggs, grits, sausage, oatmeal, salmon and rice, and homemade biscuits on a daily basis. Her dinners were served with Roast, Turkey and Dressing, Beef Stew, Fried Chicken, peach cobbler, pound cake and her homemade dinner rolls. Nadie Smith was very big on family and community coming together.

I often speak about it takes a whole village to raise a child. Mrs. Nadie Smith was that type of woman who not only said it but lived it. If you did not have anywhere to sleep, you had it at her home. If you were hungry than you showed up and had breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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did not make the same case for Brooks as they did for Tatum. Even though political leaders like Congressmen Jesse Jackson Jr. and others did not support Brooks, there were still enough voters who did not vote at all that could have made the difference for Brooks. Rev. Al Sharpton’s radio commercials talked about making history. The black political base of leadership has not been reversed. The people of the 3rd Ward elected Alderman Howard Brookins. The victory also provides more fuel to the class action lawsuit filed by Attorney Holder on behalf of Harold Ickes Home residents. The victories also provide more fuel to the class action lawsuit filed by Attorney Holder on behalf of Harold Ickes Home residents against the City of Chicago Police Department in October of 2007. Attorney Holder has received hundreds of complaints regarding abuse of police power, including but not limited to trespass. Attorney Holder, who represented the men pro bono, commented, “The most important thing is that public housing residents realize that we are going to assert their lesser rights just because the live in public housing. She continued, “These victories prove that if you fight for what is right, you stand up and say the truth, you listen to the voices of many of these arrests and prosecutions are limited to trespass. Attorney Holder, who represented the men pro bono, commented, “The most important thing is that public housing residents realize that we are going to assert their lesser rights just because the live in public housing. She continued, “These victories prove that if you fight for what is right, you stand up and say the truth, you listen to the voices of

...these arrests and prosecutions are flat-out wrong... young people have been arrested in public housing from the year of 05 until now. Many of them now have a felony on their records concerning these trespassing charges.” Attorney Holder still talks about how the elections were stolen proving that a majority vote does not always count. Rick Bryant District Director for Jesse Jackson Jr. said “that’s sad, many of you correspond to conclusion, we need to listen to what Obama is speaking of, we need to realize this is a democracy, you get who you vote in.” “They say that after all the work people did in the last election, Bush won by a few votes. President even after Gore won a majority vote,” Crawford said. And now the candidate is Obama, you already have super delegates saying that even if Obama win the popular vote they will keep their community and tell him to run so that kind of talk proves once again that the majority vote will not count.

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Atty. takes on CHA/Police harassment of residents

(Daniel Moore age 18 at that time was alleg-edly threatened by CPD not to visit his bed ridden grandmother while she lived in the projects. He would be constantly arrested for trespassing. “One time was too much to be ar-rested for visiting my Grandmother,” according to Daniel Moore. “My grandmother was afraid to come over and visit me,” Moore said in a tele-phone interview on February 17, 2008. “It felt wrong as if it were illegal but know Moore added. It’s unconstitutional for residents in public housing to be treated any less than by American citizens. Being poor shouldn’t make you any less than one any one else in America, and another time he was totally unchal-lenge in the court of law. Recently that same issue was raised in 2007 during my Ghetto Bus Tours. Residents from the Dearborn homes, and Harold Ickes Homes told me what their taking place in their homes. Residents from ICKES sued Chicago Police and CPD about this trespass-charging issue. And this year they are finding out that fucking back pays off as Attorney Holder stood up in support of some of the residents. On February 8, 2008, Arty. Holder won two cases of trespass on the Ickes property by way of acquittal. The State of Illinois failed to meet its burden that Ickes residents could not have visitors on the property and such visitors would be arrested for trespassing. The defendants, Larry Smith and LaCharles Washington, was called to the stand by Attorney Holder and his State Supported Land and Trespass to Real Prop-erty. Attorney Holder subpoenaed the Chicago Housing Authority and the Woodlawn Organization (the Ickes property) to testify as to alleged rules and regulations that residents could not have visitors. CHA as a whole pays the CPD $18 million annually to police public housing, in which Derrick Hill reports he has no know of what the CHA gets for their money. LaCharles Washington was visiting his infant child prior to going to school at 10 am, when he was arrested outside the steps of an Ickes building and detained for ten days. He was “the poster child,” Attorney Holder said in court that day and convicted his plea of guilt and of his innocence. Mr. Washington also settle a previous belief of the Judicial Sub-circuit No. 9 Judge. Judge Frystak said “I do not like to open court, previously told defendant Larry Smith, “Unless you are on the Ickes property, you can’t be on the Ickes property.” Mr. Smith is also the father of an infant child who was in his arms when he was arrested with the child’s mother, Marie Battle, last July.

Attorney Holder tried Ms. Battle’s case last Oc-tober, which resulted in a not guilty verdict by Judge Luckman. These acquittals now set a precedent for the many pending and potential future trespass cases against residents in the Ickes homes. The victories also provide more fuel to the class action lawsuit filed by Attorney Holder on behalf of Harold Ickes Home residents against the City of Chicago Police Department in October of 2007. Attorney Holder has received hundreds of complaints regarding abuse of police power, including but not limited to trespass. Attorney Holder, who represented the men pro bono, commented, “The most important thing is that public housing residents realize that they are going to assert their lesser rights just because the live in public housing.

Holder is one of Chicago’s rising legal ana-lytical stars. She gained national attention for fighting for the rights of railroad workers who were fired in the name of “homeland security” which led to a Congressional hearing. Her law firm specializes in criminal defense, expunge-ments, Governor’s pardons, police brutality and personal injury lawsuits.

Mr. Holder sits on the Women of Power Alumni Advisory Board, and is also the founder of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson’s Rainbow PUSH Episcopacy Clinic. Get in touch with Attorney Tamera Holder (http://www.tamaholder.com).

For the last election, Bush was reelected. Many of the people who voted for Bush clearly did not realize that the United States is a democracy, you get who you vote in. They say that after all the work people did in the last election, Bush won by a few votes. President even after Gore won a majority vote,” Crawford said. And now the candidate is Obama, you already have super delegates saying that even if Obama win the popular vote they will keep their community and tell him to run so that kind of talk proves once again that the majority vote will not count.

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Letters From

Obama reply to Mr. Tavis Smiley

President and CEO, The Smiley Group
3870 Crenshaw Boulevard, Suite 391
Los Angeles, CA 90008

Dear Tavis,

Thank you for the invitation to participate in the 2008 State of the Black Union forum in New Orleans, Louisiana February 21-23. The exchange of ideas raised at this annual symposium are invaluable as our nation strives to address the critical issues facing not just African Americans, but Americans of every race, background and political party.

I really appreciate you for hosting this dialogue in New Orleans. On the eve of the Louisiana primary, I visited this great city for the fifth time since declaring my candidacy to share policy proposals for rebuilding the Gulf Coast so that we never have to face another Hurricane Katrina. On February 9, I was deeply humbly to win the Louisiana primary with 86 percent of the African American vote and a 14 point lead among all voters.

Mr. President, this is our movement and our time. I look forward to working closely with you throughout this election. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Barack Obama

Rev. Jackson Responds to Lynching Party Reference by Bill O'Reilly

The following is a statement from Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., founder and president of Rainbow PUSH Coalition regarding Bill O'Reilly's comments about Michelle Obama.

Dear Editor,

On his radio program, talk show host Bill O'Reilly commented on Michelle Obama's recent statement regarding the plight of the poor in her home country. O'Reilly said, "I don't want to go on a lynching party against Michelle Obama unless there's evidence, hard facts to say this is how the woman really feels."

This statement is hurtful and dangerous. These words from a man with a media platform like O'Reilly's can unwittingly send suggestions to sick people at a time when we have escalating mass violence. Jesse is still a recent memory, and the noose continues to surface as a symbol of intolerance in communities across the country.

The statement also calls up images of some of America's darkest moments. The lynching party—a horrific event that brutalized black Americans and terrorized communities. There is no acceptable context for the use of the term "lynching party" in our national political dialog and media.

President Bush recently stated that "lynching is not a word to be mentioned in jest. As a civil society, we should understand that noose displays and lynching jokes are deeply offensive. They are wrong. And they have no place in America today.

The President is right. While free speech is our right and privilege, there are standards of decency and dignity that all participants in the political dialog should observe as we energetically debate the issues.

We should all be sensitive to the historical journey Barack and Michelle Obama are on, and we owe it to ourselves to assume our best behavior and maintain maximum dignity.

Bill O'Reilly uses Michelle Obama and all of America an apology. Fox News must also react to this insensitive comment that is a reference to the very worst of America's racist past. We are asking both Fox News and the FCC to pass judgment on this.

A Presidential Request

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We waited 7 years to contact you making sure we were successful in developing a road map intended to earn their vote and aspirations of the youth in the community where we live. We have the aspirations of the youth in America's heart.

We have spent the last 7 years saving a historical apartment building named the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments which I was illegally evicted from in 1999 where I served as the H.U.D. Drug Elimination Coordinator of a seeding program which I was illegally evicted from in 1999 where I served as the H.U.D. Drug Elimination Coordinator of a seeding program
In the police stations of northern big cities like New York, Chicago, Illinois in 1922 years after The Scottsboro incident, and by that time the practice was to arrest Black men in these big cities and bring them to the back of these police stations, the by the alleys where they could not be heard in the front of the police stations where the Desk Sergeant sits, and if some­one comes through the alley and hears the screams of a Black man being tortured, they would think some man was beat­ting his wife.

This kind of police behavior was going on 30 years later when Police Commissioner John Burge and his cohorts tortured almost 150 Black men, and the people of Cook County Chicago paid over $5.5 million for an investi­gation that admitted some Black had been tortured but that the statute of limi­tation had run out. The only difference between what happened to me and what happened to their son was that Commander Burge had been a soldier in Vietnam when he learned to use the Black Box, and when he joined the practice, he brought one with him, and the rest is history. Well, I write about what the NAACP did after they were tried, and he will have to wait until next March 1, we will come into the Black Wall Street Summit thanking those of Tulsa Oklahoma and even those in Bronzeville as they have lived the Black Economic agenda that we strive for today.

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The "Save The Rosenwald Coalition" needs technical assistance from the White House to ensure a successful redevelop­ment of our property. Provide a potential framework for improv­ing our community’s understanding of the structures and processes involved in suc­cessful heritage-led regeneration. The building is protected by U.S. Legis­lature. We need your staff to research other re­sources available to us. Coalition members will be visiting Capital Hill in early 2008 to meet with your staff for assistance. I have elicit­ed the support of Digger Phelps who worked with me on a previous pro­ject. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Johnson RN
Conventor - Save The Rosenwald Coalition as a Proud Black person and forward this to every Black Person you know!

Arizona, Southern Style

Editor Dear Editor,

My name is LaMar McGowan and today was the first day of my life where I felt like less of a Black Man! When did Slavery become marketable? I'm Calling for a national wide Boycott on a drink company named "Arizona" which has a variety of flavors, I myself have bought a number of their drinks, but on 11/30/04 bought my last one. There is someone in the marketing dept. who told someone on the board that "We can degrade Black people and make money at the same time." I am calling on the Arizona Company to step forward and have some respect and consider the feelings of a Black person.

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MAXINE DANIELS FIRES BACK AGAINST R. KELLY
Daughter of George and Regina says singer is trying to defame her parents.
*Maxine Daniels, the 21-year-old woman at the center of R. Kelly's latest sex scandal, has taken her story to the Chicago Sun-Times in an attempt to defend herself and her parents against accusations leveled in a press release issued Monday by Kelly's camp.

"MADAM...THE CARTOON: Yes, Tyler Perry is animating his famous gangsta grandma for a new TV series. *Now that Madama has left her rather large mark on the stage and big screen, the next step for creator Tyler Perry is to bring the gun-toting grandma to life in her own cartoon series.

MARIO, JASON TAYLOR GODANCING: New crop of "Stars" announced for ABC reality show; cast comes together for 'Oprah' taping.

* Singer Mario and Miami Dolphins star Jason Taylor are among the dozen celebritites who will compete on the next season of "Dancing With the Stars," which returns to ABC on March 17.

NICOLE MURPHY LOVES HER SOME STRAHAN: *Nicole Murphy, the ex-wife of actor Eddie Murphy, recently spoke to People magazine about falling in love with her current squeeze, Michael Strahan of the Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

DIDDY SAYS HIS ACTING GAME HAS IMPROVED: Mogul set to show and prove in Monday premiere of 'Raisin in the Sun.'

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Entertainment Brief

*Entertainment mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs says there's a huge difference in his acting performance in Broadway's "A Raisin in the Sun" and his performance in the made-for-TV adaptation scheduled to air Monday (Feb. 25) at 8 p.m. on ABC.

SPIKE LEE BACKS OBAMA: * Spike Lee told an audience at the University of Dayton to "do the right thing" and support Sen. Barack Obama's run for the White House.

*DEBATERS' SCREENED AT BAFT A/LA EVENT: Film's "The Great Debaters" got the royal treatment in Los Angeles Sunday at a special screening hosted by for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts/Los Angeles' Inner City Cinema.

TANK ARRESTED DURING NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND: Singer alleges police brutality in New Orleans. *One minute, Tank is singing with Jordan Sparks in the Grammy swag suite. The next minute, he's tasered and handcuffed near the House of Blues in New Orleans.

MAGAZINES LINE UP FOR LL.O BABY PHOTO: People magazine reportedly pays millions for exclusive shots. *So what's the going rate for first dibs on pictures of J.Lo's twins? MSNBC is reporting that People magazine is prepared to pay Jennifer Lopez and her husband Marc Anthony $6 million for exclusive pictures of the babies.

MORE MJAC GRAMMY RUMORS: Singer allegedly demanded a special award and other accommodations in exchange for appearance. *Cindy Adams of the NY Post claims to have more details about the drama between Michael Jackson and Grammy producers that resulted in a planned segment saluting the 25th anniversary of "Thriller" being cut from the Feb. 10 telecast.

*OPRAH' TELL-ALL WRITTEN BY WOULD-BE EXTORTIONIST: *The man who tried to extort Oprah Winfrey is releasing what he's calling "the most explosive book ever written about the talk show queen."

ITY BITY BITS: Michelle Obama in Newsweek: Dog Chapman returns; Michael Clarke Duncan in the "Street;* The latest issue of Newsweek has an extensive cover feature on Michelle Obama, the wife of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

SHOOTING CANCELS LIL WAYNE-HOT BOYS REUNION: Gigi in New Orleans scrawled after three people were shot outside N.O. venue.
Black History in Film

Columbia College Chicago's Film & Video Department, in conjunction with the African American Studies Program, presents a screening and debate of Gordon Parks' "Shaft," directed by Richard Pryor. The event is part of the college's annual Film Festival! The three selected films represent three distinct depictions of the African-American experience in the 20th Century. Saturday, February 23, 11:30-12:30 at 47th Street Cinema. 312-424-2401. www.annehawkins.org

February 28th, 6:30 pm
Equal Pay Act to ensure women and men paid equal wages for equal work

The State announced that Illinois has won its first Equal Pay Act case in court recently. Illinois Equal Pay Director James Sledge announced the victory in Chicago by paying a male clerk a higher wage for performing the same work as a female clerk previously employed at the store. On Jan. 17, 2007, a Cook County Circuit Court judge ruled in favor of the State and ordered the employer to pay $4,061 in backwages and $8,122 in owed wages for a female

Black male crisis

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DCEO Announces Expanded Access to Workforce Services for Individuals and Businesses

City and state community, civic and business leaders to attend the Chicago launch of Illinois workNet

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Jack Lavin, Mayor’s Office of Business Development Commissioner David Hanson and Illinois Department of Employment Security Director James Sledge announce a comprehensive effort to transform and expand access to the state’s workforce development system.

Illinois workNet is a free resource that integrates physical locations (Illinois workNet Centers) with online resources and a broad range of community-based organizations to connect individuals and businesses with high-quality career planning, training, job placement and support services.

Tuesday, February 19, 10:00 a.m. news conference. Jack Lavin, director, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), David Hanson, commissioner, City of Chicago, Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development (MOWD), James Sledge, director, Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), Local elected officials, Local business, community and civic leaders, and Prologis, an Illinois workNet Center, 2570 South Blue Island Avenue,

Dr. Amanda Jackson, president and CEO of the Chicago Urban League, announced its strategic response to the crisis of African American men and boys with a new program designed to promote social, educational, familial, and economic success at its Annual Report Luncheon.

The initiative for African American Males, 2 AM, will tackle the negative trends and outcomes that disproportionately impact Black males. The initiative is integrated with new programs to expand job and career opportunities for African American, to develop stronger connections to the Black church, and to establish a multi-media platform for African Americans in Chicago. The programs represent Phase II of the League’s groundbreaking project NEXT economic empowerment agenda.

DCEO, a business and New Yorker magazine columnist, was the feature speaker at the event, which drew more than 1,000 of Chicago’s business, civic, political and academic leaders to the Stage Hilton and Towers.

One of the largest business networking events of the year, the keynote address was delivered by Cheryl R. Jackson, now in her second year as president and CEO of the Chicago Urban League with the 2 AM program, Jackson said the League is taking a leadership role in helping to address the Black male crisis. "African American men and boys are becoming lost in a cycle of hopelessness and underachievement. We must restore their hope and give them tools for economic and social success," Jackson said.

There are 10 offices available ranging from 68-square-feet to 172-square-feet. Tenants can choose from one to three-year leases at $17 per square foot. On-site parking is available to tenants and mailboxes rentals without an office is another service the incubator offers. "We will have 20 to 30 mailboxes available for rent. A lot of times small businesses, especially home-based businesses, will not have a business address that they can receive mail and packages. So this is an option for them," adds Power.

"They could even rent out one of our conference rooms for a day or a few hours if they need to meet with clients or simply need a place to come do some work for a few hours." The entire building will be Internet connected so those wishing to bring laptops can do so. "This location offers excellent street parking right in front of the building," Power added. "And because of its proximity to Interstate 90, 94 and 57, it is a perfect location for today's mobile workforce. "I grew up not too far from here so I have a personal investment in this project and I want it to work," she said. "While my goal is to help develop Black businesses, especially women, I am open to doing business with anyone. Embarking on her first commercial project, Power said if this project proves successful, she hopes to develop more commercial properties. There will be an open house at the building for prospective tenants from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday. For more information, or to RSVP call (773) 721-9200.
works. And it works without thinking about it and could not be more content.

quarters sit six trophies the spoils from his table in one of four suites at his corporate head­quarters have approached Kenny Lewis to open up and I don’t want them to try to think about it. I take your money, you are going to hold me accountable for your success. I don’t want that responsibility. I don’t want it.

I feel [YTB] is the greatest business opportunity I have ever seen. The huge plus is that it can’t cost you more than 500 dollars so you can’t get hurt. How many black entrepreneurs have been slaughtered out there, their lives wrecked because of getting involved in a venture [that costs way more] than what they anticipated? In most cases they take that leap of faith with less than 30 percent of the money they need. “Even if it’s the [worst] decision you’ve ever made, at least you have gotten that entrepreneur [quest] out of your system and it didn’t hurt you.”

I love it (YTB) because I feel it’s my calling. I want to help people, and I know that if a person makes money it can change his circumstances. It can change their family circumstances for generations to come.

Lewis admits that YTB is not for everyone but encourages people anticipating operating a business to try YTB first. Lewis’ advice to first time business owners is “rather than go and lease a space or trying to put some type of store up, or go into any type of business, whatever it might be, I would rather see them try this and see if it works before they go jump into something else. Even if they get into something else, they don’t have a mentor, they don’t have a track to run on, they don’t have somebody to help get them out of their jam when they get in a jam. And the money that they need is going to be way more than they ever thought of.”

Asked what would he say to those who are wary of what appear to be pyramids Lewis informs that ‘YTB is publicly traded, we are regulated by the FCC, were regulated by the same people who regulate Google, Microsoft, ATT, IBM etc. Our books are open and we make a profit.”

When asked if people can be confident in the future of YTB, Lewis defends, “I am not going to get involved in anything that is not right. I’ve got too much to lose. I’ve done my due diligence and if the United States government says it’s okay, I say it’s okay.”

YTB is a 120,000 member strong international travel agency, a partner of Travelocity and is set on a path to rival the largest agency in existence. The ideal behind YTB is not simply selling travel but a lifestyle. A lifestyle that capitalizes off of the tax breaks generated from owning a home based business that allows its entrepreneurs to get paid for how they live.

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Travelocity came to YTB approximately two years ago offering to partner with them. Lewis explains that although Expedia is the largest travel agency in the world, “we feel that we will overcome Expedia in two to three years.” He further explains how Expedia has felt the pressure of YTB’s rapid growth so much so that they began multilevel marketing two weeks ago. “We will be in every country in the world in a matter of time.”

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Hats off to the Black Press. I hate to think of what would have happened to blacks in America if we were not for the Black Press or what would happen in the future. The Black Press has always published our side of the story. Dr. Martin Luther King never could have been as successful with the Civil Rights Movement as he was. T was the Black Press that exposed White Americans. Some whites in America were not aware of the injustice that blacks were receiving.

The Black Press exposed police officer Jon Burge of Chicago who was putting an electric instrument to blacks and making them lie that they were guilty of when they were not. Some sentenced for execution. Due to Jon Burge’s action, the city has to pay twenty million dollars. Due to the Jon Burge case and other mistreatments of blacks in Chicago exposed by the Black Press, the city has to pay thirty-eight million dollars. The Black Press is helping us in our movement (economics). I read in the black press that Dr. Martin Luther King said that we must change the Civil Rights struggle to a struggle for economic and political improvement.

I read in the Black Press in 2006 that the National Urban League changed their agenda from Public Relations and Social Work to improving the economic conditions of the black communities.

The Black Press is now publishing about the many economic summits held in various parts of the country. I know it is the Black Press that is causing recognition for me and the United American Progress Association. In 1961, I organized the U.A.P.A to get more blacks involved in Business Ownership. I feel Education, Votes and Proper Use of our Dollars can get blacks off the bottom.

Due to my appreciation of the Black Press that enables me to stay informed. I read at least nine (publications) a week. The Bulletin News, South Street Journal, Standard Newspaper, Jackson Advocate, Wake Up News, Chicago Crusaders, Citizen News, Chicago Defender, N’Digo, and when I can get Austin Weekly. I wish all blacks could see the value of the Black Press to our struggle as I do.

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"Borrower Outreach Days" Caught in Foreclosure Crisis

According to preliminary figures from the National Training and Information Center, about 14,000 foreclosures started in 2007 in Chicago, up from 10,339 in 2006. Mayor Daley outlined City’s Foreclosure Initiatives with HUD Secretary Jackson, encouraging residents to attend workshops.

Since 2003, well before the crisis of the last year, the City and its partners began to combat foreclosures through the Home Ownership Preservation Initiative, or HOPI (HO-PEE). Through the initiative, any Chicago resident who is having trouble paying their mortgage can be connected to a financial counselor simply by calling 311, the City’s non-emergency number.

Last year, the City also substantially increased its efforts to inform residents about the availability of its 311 foreclosure assistance campaign with a widespread marketing campaign.

On January 1, the City launched its new “early warning” process to give homeowners more time to get help before a foreclosure action is initiated.

CHI’s Plan for Transformation Moving Forward in the 3rd Ward

Alderman Pat Dowell (3) is encouraging residents to learn more about the ongoing plans to improve the commercial and residential environment of the 3rd Ward.

Dowell said “I am hopeful that as the 3rd Ward continues to grow and re-develop we will remain a place that is welcoming to people of all income levels. The re-development of Robert Taylor Homes as Legends South will provide not only market rate housing, but also mixed-income rental and affordable housing units.”

“As residents see change going up and construction beginning, not only for this project but many others, I want them to know what is going on in the ward. Building can bring not only homes and stores, but jobs and opportunity. I want all of the residents to be informed about their neighborhood,” continued Alderman Dowell.

In the coming weeks, the master plan for the re-development of Robert Taylor Homes (now known as Legends South) will be moving forward to transform and revitalize the current site and surrounding neighborhood and reintegrate Robert Taylor Homes into the larger community.

According to the developer, Brinshore Michaels, the plan calls for the construction of up to 2,388 new rental units at 39th and Indiana, 41st and Prairie, 42nd and Washington, and on Prairie, between 42nd and 43rd. Fifty-two (52) units will be set aside for public housing residents, forty-three (43) are affordable, and twenty-three (23) are market rate apartments. Powers Construction, an African American firm is the general contractor. More information on the Plan for Transformation is available at www.th3ch3.org. (See the Plan for Transformation).

Seven community facilities, and the development of new retail space. The entire site was addressed in a master planning process because of the critical link between the development on-site and the surrounding community, and the need to comprehensively address its impact on the future of the area.

In the current phase which began the week of December 17th, Brinshore Michaels will be constructing a total of 118 rental units at 39th and Indiana, 41st and Prairie, 42nd and Washington and on Prairie, between 42nd and 43rd.

Rainbow Push National Field Secretary, Mr. Gregory Livingston, Tommy Bennett, National Director of Community Affairs stands with James Brown get through the home foreclosure process. Rainbow Push Coalition has been helping homeowners like Mr. James Brown get through the home foreclosure process.

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The State of Illinois is involved in a lawsuit with the Construction Unions due to their lack of hiring & employing minorities. In an effort to provide some damage control, the unions are working with a non-profit organization to provide testing, training, and job placement within several unions for minorities, mostly African-Americans, Hispanics, women, and other minorities.

Davis praises cooperative efforts of City Colleges, Construction Industry, Labor, and the State. A voluntary program created by the City Council and aimed at increasing the employment of minorities in the construction building trades has placed more than 150 City Colleges students in union apprenticeships in its first two years of operation, Mayor Richard M. Daley said.

In two short years, the Dawson Technical Training Center has become itself as the top apprenticeship trainer in the city, and that is a tribute to the spirit of cooperation and partnership that so many different groups have brought to this effort," the Mayor said in remarks delivered at Kennedy-King College, 3901 S. State St., where the apprenticeship training program is located.

The program was created in November, 2005, when the City Council passed an ordinance to provide financial assistance to those who agree to sponsor graduates of Dawson Consortium Program for union apprenticeships. The credit would be applied toward the company’s next bid on a City project.

“The ordinance doesn’t force any company to hire,” the Mayor said. “It merely tells contractors: If you are willing to hire union graduates you gain a foothold in your industry. City Colleges have done a great job and we want to make sure the city is worth your while,” Daley said.

Two years later, we can probably be sure that the voluntary approach has been a successful one and that the Dawson apprenticeship program is helping us make sure that the people who build our city are representative of the people who live in our city,” he said.

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Man enough to make a Negro turn Black

Pat Hill, Pres. Of the African-American Police League

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Sista’ takes on Coca Cola’

By Yohance Lacour
In 1997, Calvita Frederick Sowell, launched Magnolia Spice Teas, Inc. introducing

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Kenwood Music Teacher Charged With Sexual Abuse

By Yohance Lacour
Kenwood Academy High School music teacher and choir director Kenneth Lenon, was charged with two counts of aggravated crim­ inal sexual abuse and barred from school grounds. According to the Assistant State’s office, Lenon inappropriately touched a 16-year old boy’s genitals over his clothes on multiple occasions between November 2005 and January 2006. A sec­ ond boy, 17, was the victim of similar abuse just two weeks ago. All of the activity allegedly took place on the 7900 block of South Win­ chester, at Lenon’s home. Parents of Ken­ wood students received letters informing them of actions taken during spring breaks, Kenwood Principal, Liz Kirby prioritized the concerns of parents whose children were in classes in­structed by Mr. Lenon by meeting with them first. She then enacted a long division schedule on the Monday students returned from break to facilitate counseling for anyone interested.

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Detroit Mayor Vows to Fight on, Despite
“Hate Driven, Bigoted Assault”

(Taylor Media Services) The embattled Black mayor of Detroit Kwame Kilpatrick last week vowed to fight for sweeping investment plans for his poverty-ridden city despite a series of scandals which threaten to end his second term in office. Kilpatrick charged that his critics in the local media and political establishment were part of a, “hate-driven, bigoted assault.” And in an emotional address, he called for, “this unethical, illegal, Lynch mob mentality to stop.”

Nevertheless, some of Kilpatrick’s problems may be of his own doing. The scandals began when a local newspaper published a series of racy text messages which suggested he was having an affair with his chief administrator. Then he denied the existence of the affair while under oath. Now he faces possible perjury charges which could send him to prison.

Another scandal was revived last week involving Kilpatrick’s wife, Carlita, who allegedly beat a stripper during a 2002 party at the mayor’s mansion. The stripper, Tammara Greer, was killed in 2003 and the murder remains unsolved. Meanwhile, Kilpatrick has hered up his legal team as he awaits a decision from Wayne County Prosecutors as to whether he will face criminal charges for his alleged perjury.

Thorton Township Celebrates National Women’s History Month
With Women of Honor Brunch

Thorton Township Supervisor Frank M Zuccarelli and the Human Relations Commission are hosting a Women of Honor Brunch on Saturday, March 29, 2008. The brunch will be held at Thornton Township 333 East 162nd Street, South Holland, IL. This community event is open to the community and will start at 10:30 a.m. and is free of charge. The brunch will consist of food and beverages, an awards ceremony as well as a keynote address to women. Several Women of Honor will be awarded for their contributions, which benefited the community’s encompassing Thornton Township.

Agita Alvarez will be awarded for her civil service. The first Latino to win a primary election for Cook County States Attorney. Elected official Deborah Sims was the first African-American woman to hold office in the 3rd District, which includes areas on the south side of Chicago as well as the south suburbs. Gloria Morningstar has been City Treasurer of Harvey for more than a decade. She is the first Native American to hold that office. 89-year-old Lola Toler will also be awarded for her life-long commitment to the community.

The public is invited to attend this event. For more information, call 708-560-4006 ext. #128 or 708-906-1319.

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Arthur Miller (1913-2005)
author of ‘Death of A Salesman’
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Rush introduces 'Families Beyond Bars' bill

Girl Scouts of the USA, the community group sought to provide federally resourced child-parent visitation program

Congressman Bobby L. Rush and the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) have united to reduce the self-destructive childhood behavior associated with having an incarcerated parent.


"About 15 million children in the U.S. have at least one incarcerated parent, and an estimated 10 million more have at least one parent who was incarcerated at some point during that child's developmental years," according to the Bureau of Justice. Also, in 2006, an estimated 75% of incarcerated women were mothers of children under the age of 18.

"It is horrible to witness a new generation of children that are all too familiar with the criminal justice system," said Rep. Rush. "Congress and the community must come together to provide a comprehensive solution to this social ill that threatens to sentence too many of our children to a life of pain and suffering.

The Families Beyond Bars Act found that "Children of incarcerated parents often battle attention deficit disorder resulting in poor school attendance and grades, depression, aggression, low self-esteem, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder." Furthermore, "children with imprisoned parents may be twice as likely to be incarcerated.

"Girl Scouts Beyond Bars helps strengthen the fragile parent-daughter bond by giving girls and moms a chance to connect with each other in powerful ways during a very difficult period," said Kathy Cloninger, CEO, Girl Scouts of the USA. "The Beyond Bars experience gives girls a stable and shared peer experience, while also helping them to grow up with the security and confidence needed to succeed in the future. As the nation's voice of girls, it is imperative for Girl Scouts to partner with government to help girls who are most at risk to develop the courage and confidence they will need to thrive.

The Bill would authorize the U. S. Attorney General to award grants between $200,000 and $310,000 to qualified organizations to carry out structured child-parent visitation programs that foster and develop familial ties between eligible children and their incarcerated parents.
Commentary
By Pat Hill

"A Discussion of Race Worth Having"

(The title and excerpts of this article are taken from statements by Presidential candidate Cynthia A. McKinney-allthingsoutlawmckinney.com)

"I am deeply offended that in the middle of a Presidential campaign remarks - be they from a pastor or a communications mogul, or a former Vice Presidential nominee -- are the cause of a focus on race, and not the deep racial disparities communities are forced to endure on a daily basis in this country." Cynthia A. McKinney

I too am offended that after decades of experiencing the monolithic thinking and behavior of white America when it comes to Black America that we continue to allow ourselves to be taken off course in our protracted struggle to achieve self-determination. Black people cannot afford to become spectators; we must set the tone and the agenda for the Presidential elections, always. We must move forward in the tradition of our ancestors and that is to serve as the conscious of human kind and not wallow in the cesspool of ignorance.

Two issues on which we must stand firm are race and economy. With the current mortgage and inflation crisis in America are experiencing, how can we not demand that all Presidential candidates talk about offering their constituents relief? As long as America is America, race is always going to be an issue. So, we the people must demand candidates present positions that are responsible for the 70% foreclosure rate in America. At their whim, when money is low, they dictate, not the U.S. Treasury, when to print more money. The more money circulating without backing (gold, etc.) reduces the value of the money. That explains why J.P. Morgan-CHASE Bank with money from The Federal Reserve Bank recently hauled out Bear Steams Cos. for $236 million. Virtually, all of the seven or so banks that control the Federal Reserve Bank were responsible for predatory lending because they financed subprime lending institutions while refusing to lend money to many who attempted to get loans from the banks themselves. Now in the midst of the crisis in home lending, you see, Bank of America, CHASE and others that were never before seen our community, opening up branches for our convenience, we think. Bear Steams Co., the fifth largest investment bank in the world was bought by the third largest bank with a $28 day loan from the “Fed.” Have we heard any mention of those facing foreclosure being offered any relief to save their homes? Instead, U.S. taxpayers are being issued some token gesture from the IRS beginning in May, 2008. According to law, it’s our own money being re-taxed on us and we are still due more.

Although the Iraqi conflict is important, it is just another component of a few large corporations attempting to control the worlds’ financial power. Our Presidential candidates have been silent on exposing a position on what the President and U.S. Congress are going to do about the Federal Reserve Bank. We should demand that they have one and we need to know what that position is. The 2008 report, United for a Fair Economy explores the sub-prime mortgage crisis and notes that Black and Latino communities are experiencing the largest loss of wealth in U.S. history, with an estimated $92 billion lost by Blacks and an estimated $88 billion lost by Latinos. I along with former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney and I’m certain, countless other Americans, welcome a “real discussion of race in this country and the long standing disparities that continue to spoil the greatness of our country.” Just as important, those who are dying to become leader of this country must take the lead in doing the agenda on behalf of its people, Americans.

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The combination of Obama and Clinton best represents a ticket that is not the black ticket or the white ticket, but the right ticket. As a former staff member on Rev. Jesse L. Jackson’s 1988 presidential staff, I watched how many of our supporters did not support the Democratic nominee Mike Dukakis after Rev. Jackson lost the Democratic nomination. Rev. Jackson finished second in total support, garnering 7 million votes, but he was not on the ticket. We can’t let that happen again.

I was one of the first community organizers Barack Obama met in Chicago over 20 years ago, and I have worked directly with him throughout his political career. In 1986, Barank was Project Director for Project Vote, a city-wide voter registration campaign that put more than 100,000 new voters on the books. It set the stage for the historic election of Illinois U.S. Senator Carol Mosely Braun, the re-election of Chicago’s 1st Black Mayor Harold Washington in 1987, and a new Chicago City Council.

That brings us to the 2008 election. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton compliment each other and often used the word “we” in their discussions of the party, leading some to wonder if there could be an Obama-Clinton or Clinton-Obama ticket. That question received a lot of reaction from the audience recently, and is worthy of consideration.

The Democratic Party cannot afford for the excitement and new generation of voters that Obama and Clinton have brought to the process to be turned off by the non inclusion of the other candidate on the ticket. Will Obama supporters have the same passion to elect Clinton if she becomes the nominee without him as vice president? Would Clinton supporters have the same enthusiasm for Obama if he is the nominee without her as vice president?

A lot of new voters may not understand why the two top vote getters are not automatically on the ticket. Based upon my experience of 1988, let me be one of the first to say that I would surely support the Obama/Clinton ticket, or the Clinton/Obama ticket.

I agree with what Barack Obama stated so clearly—he certainly is not a candidate for vice president. If he stays on course he will go into the Convention with a majority of the popular vote and a majority of the delegates and will be the Democratic nominee. But the burden will be on him to make real his public statements of how he respects the leadership of Senator Clinton, and the respect he has for the American people who have made their votes clear in making Obama and Clinton their top two vote getters.

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The Federal Reserve Bank, a private company, controlled by a handful of private banks is responsible for the 70% foreclosure rate in America. On their whim, when money is low, they dictate, not the U.S. Treasury, when to print more money. The more money circulating without backing (gold, etc.) reduces the value of the money. That explains why J.P. Morgan-CHASE Bank with money from The Federal Reserve Bank recently hauled out Bear Steams Cos. for $236 million. Virtually, all of the seven or so banks that control the Federal Reserve Bank were responsible for predatory lending because they financed subprime lending institutions while refusing to lend money to many who attempted to get loans from the banks themselves. Now in the midst of the crisis in home lending, you see, Bank of America, CHASE and others that were never before seen our community, opening up branches for our convenience, we think. Bear Steams Co., the fifth largest investment bank in the world was bought by the third largest bank with a $28 day loan from the “Fed.” Have we heard any mention of those facing foreclosure being offered any relief to save their homes? Instead, U.S. taxpayers are being issued some token gesture from the IRS beginning in May, 2008. According to law, it’s our own money being re-taxed on us and we are still due more.

Although the Iraqi conflict is important, it is just another component of a few large corporations attempting to control the worlds’ financial power. Our Presidential candidates have been silent on exposing a position on what the President and U.S. Congress are going to do about the Federal Reserve Bank. We should demand that they have one and we need to know what that position is. The 2008 report, United for a Fair Economy explores the sub-prime mortgage crisis and notes that Black and Latino communities are experiencing the largest loss of wealth in U.S. history, with an estimated $92 billion lost by Blacks and an estimated $88 billion lost by Latinos.

I along with former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney and I’m certain, countless other Americans, welcome a “real discussion of race in this country and the long standing disparities that continue to spoil the greatness of our country.” Just as important, those who are dying to become leader of this country must take the lead in doing the agenda on behalf of its people, Americans.
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of the former commanders received promotions while it was reassigned or kept in place. The 2nd district is still without a commander. These details have become the source of concern for citizens and officials alike. "Housecleaning implies getting rid of staff, out with the old and in with the new," said Sonja Moore, 72, of South Side. "I don't know exactly who one of the boys were because they were kept aware."

"They are cosmetic and designed to mask a hidden agenda," Bond said. Though Ms. Weis is not of Irish descent, the dictates of the police department are to make them look like a shake-up of the control of the department," she said. Referring to the Irish descent shared by Mayor Daley and a large number of longtime police officers.

The mother of a senior, who wished to remain anonymous, admitted to suspecting Mr. Lenon's sexual misconduct, giving parents an opportunity to voice their concerns at length. "I mentioned to the guidance counselor assisting Kirby through the meeting. "Basically you need to tell your child that you need them to be street-savvy so they are clear as to when a boundary has been crossed," Harper finished.

Principal Kirby received several words of praise from parents appreciative of her response to the ordeal. An unnamed mother in attendance-told the principal, "I have a tremendous amount of respect for you. Not every principal would take the time to personally inform parents. We could have found out through the news, I applaud you for reaching out to us and making sure we were kept aware."

The charges against Lenon are under investigation by the Chicago Police Department, Chicago Public School's Legal Department and Department of Children and Family Services.

Kenyon Music Teacher

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That evening she invited all parents and community stakeholders to meet and further discuss the allegations in detail.

Weis, roughly 50 parents in attendance, Kirby took on some tough questions, giving parents an opportunity to voice their concerns at length. "You need to tell your child that you need them to be street-savvy so they are clear as to when a boundary has been crossed," Harper finished.

Several parents sought advice as to how to look for signs of trouble and discuss appropriate behavior on the part of teachers with their children. Kirby suggested that parents either employ scenarios in which they ask students how they would respond to particular situations or just confront them matter-of-factly. "Just be blunt, once a teacher has a student's trust, the sky's generally the limit. We're all familiar with 'stranger danger' but when people in positions of authority, who are close to them behave inappropriately it can really throw children off, being that they're young and developing," expressed Mr. Harper.

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War. What is it good for? Absolutely nothing! Those song lyrics rolled around in my head as I prepared to speak at the Anti-War Movement protest at the Federal Plaza. Over 3000 people from many different nationalities descended on the peaceful anti-war rally and marched. Signs, t-shirts and colorful banners denouncing the war sparked throughout the crowd. The echoes of protesters chanting, "No more war!" echoed loudly from the crowd. A yellow and black banner that read, "Bring our soldiers home!" adorned the main stage. Youth of every color sung out in harmony, "Stop the war," while young boys and girls tapped on drums and marched around the Plaza.

My speech follows... This morning I woke up to a speech that made me shake and shiver, a speech that President Bush had written, marking the fifth anniversary of the War in Iraq. His speech's central theme was, "Because we acted." There was no reference to the absence of American soldiers lost their lives. Because he acted, there are over 30,000 wounded American soldiers: men and women. Many who joined the army because they were impoverished and couldn't afford a quality education. There are over 2 million Iraq people who have lost their lives. And many more are dying right now.

Because he acted, the American people are in an economic downturn, a Katrina that winds down in heavy debt. We are losing our homes to demolitions and foreclosures. We are losing our jobs — 2-year olds lose baby teeth, one at a time. In my community, we are still picking cotton. I list out of our pockets, with no real opportunity to fuel our economic engine. Due to recession, trillions of American dollars are being dumped into an open pit, never to be retrieved. Yet America is no better off than the first day war started.

Babies in my country are scared with terror out of their minds, while walking and being shot down like rabbi dogs, right here on American soil while going to American schools because the lack of resources. There is no healthcare, funding for schools, funding for housing... because he acted. Stop this war and bring our troops home!

"Change" is a word that is often used in the political arena. The word "change" is being thrown around like loose copper pennies in every direction. But in order to change this trend of an unjust war, change will come and it will come, "because we acted." All power to the people!

Afterward, we all marched in unity down the middle of pot-holed streets in the Gold Coast area of downtown Chicago. The line curved many times as I looked back from marching in the front of the line while helping to carry the main banner. Many people were telling me they were sick and tired of the crying and unnecessary dying in a five year unjust war. In Chicago, the protestors called for an end to this war started. In Chicago, the protestors called for an end to this war.

In Chicago, the protestors called for an end to this war. Many police officers stood on the side line with their new special high power technical black weapons. They are so powerful in front of the march. There was no cursing, spitting or fusing. It was a very well organized and peaceful protest. Many other anti-war protests were taking place all around the globe. Chicago represented. They were in these streets.
Jeanette Bradshaw, Shaka Barack of Chicago, Descendant Laurel Stradford of the Black Wall Street of Tulsa, Oklahoma

By Shaka Barack

In the early 1900’s, the African American community in North Tulsa, Oklahoma amassed extreme wealth by adhering to Black Nationalist buy black and self-reliance concepts. The community produced so many African American millionaires that it was dubbed “Black Wall Street.” On May 31, 1921, a race riot left an estimated 1000 men, women and children massacred at the hands of angry whites. For 75 years it’s remained a dirty, virtually undocumented secret.

98-year-old Jeanette Bradshaw, one of the few living survivors says, “supposedly a Black shoeshine boy raped a white girl, but they found out later it was untrue, they were boyfriend and girlfriend, this is what the riot started over.” In the midst of the devastation and burning buildings, Bradshaw lost her brother. “We don’t know where our brother was, but he ran, a bunch of boys because they knew that they (white mobs) were after all the young boys and they didn’t stop for one minute to find out the truth, they just started killing and burning. It was dreadful, dreadful, and dreadful,” recalls Bradshaw.

Of all the Black millionaires in Tulsa, J.B. Stradford (1850-d. 1935) is said to have been one of the wealthiest. He is survived by his 76-year-old granddaughter, Ann Marie Usher, who described him as a great man with bad fortune, an entrepreneur. “He built the Stradford Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which was destroyed during that massacre. It was the largest Black owned hotel in the country. He built it from the ground up, brick by brick,” reports the millionaire’s granddaughter. What she most wants people to remember from the massacre is, “how fast things can be taken away, that can happen to anyone of us at anytime. They actually bombed that area which is the first time in the history of our country that our government bombed (citizens). The Gap Band was from Tulsa, when they wrote the song, You Dropped a Bomb On Me, that’s what they were talking about.”

Stradford was an adamant supporter of Black business. Excerpts of his memoirs read, “If I don’t use a Black man who will? White people are not going to come into your community and seek out Black people to do work. How are they going to learn to do good work if I don’t use them? And if they don’t do good work and I tell them that they need to make different changes or improve, the only way they are going to improve is to get the work. The more work they get, the better they will do.”

Laurel Stradford, J.B. Stradford’s great-granddaughter speaks of her ancestors’ community with great pride, “because they had to keep the money in the community Black Business grew, their kids went to medical school and came back as surgeons and bankers, ministers and builders. There was somebody in all the trades including newspapers. So the money wasn’t being scattered about. The Tulsa race riot came about because of Indian land Blacks were buying up, once oil was discovered on that land whites wanted it back, it was the side effect of success at a time when white people wanted everything and were jealous of Blacks who managed to get a lot more than they were able to accumulate.” Laurel Stradford is the owner of the Descendants Ann Marie Usher and Laurel Stradford

From left to right: Descendant Cassandra Bradshaw, Survivor Jeanette Bradshaw, Shaka Barack of Chicago, Descendant Laurel Stradford of the Black Wall Street of Tulsa, Oklahoma

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My name is Martín E. Lewis. I was a first-year student at Rush Medical College in Chicago and completed the courses of the first year program over a two-year period at the school from September, 1983 to June 1985. In my stay at Rush, I was required to repeat the first year, including courses already passed. I was dismissed from the program on October 31, 1985, because I accumulated outstanding failures in three courses from the repeat of the first year which I was denied the right to make-up. Two of those courses I had already passed the previous year as allowed by the school’s own rules, although my transcript actually shows all passing grades for all courses. Discrimination arose from the school’s administration, in my very first quarter, throughout my very first quarter until I was dismissed in September, 1985. The university allowed the iniquitous application of the make-up policy, in which white students, in my same, exact class were treated differently. In the most egregious case where fellow student, Susan Crifase (Now Dr. Susan Crifase-Lin) was allowed to have 5 additional make-up examinations in her Freshman and Sophomore years. That is more than the make-up policy set to, even and expire all failures of all courses on her records. In my case, the make-up policy was strictly & fully enforced; even though the courses were not actually failed in the first place as proven by the course professors' own grade records. Through my legal case, via discovery, I possess all of these facts, from Rush's own documents, which are true and accurate. Although I am now pursuing reinstatement with Rush, I want to go to another medical school with a different environment to complete my medical education as a Clinical Neurorosurgeon.

For these reasons, a protest march on Rush is absolutely necessary! I cannot attend another medical school twenty-one years later. Because of my absolutely unjust dismissal from Rush Medical College, I have been placed in a highly extenuating and extraordinary circumstance. This is an understatement to say the least.

There clearly is no other way to complete my medical education without being accepted for transfer. Attempts to secure my reinstatement and re-admissibility for transfer to another United States medical school, and the clearing, reform and resolution of my records from the first year curriculum have consumed the intervening 21 years since my dismissal in 1985. (NOTE: The Dean of Rush Medical College has refused to supply a letter of reinstatement or a recommendation letter for transferring my dismissal. As stated earlier, I seek transfer and advance standing to the second year class starting in the Fall. I have pursued reinstatement with Rush Medical College through a lawsuit address-
ing this case before Federal Courts in Chi-cago. In my lawsuit, defendants Henry P. Reuss, M.D., Rush Medical College, and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center have refused to settle in or out of court despite the revelations of clear and continuous disparate treatment between white and black medical students that I have introduced in my documents and records during my time there as a pro-se plaintiff by court order. I am seeking relief including reinstatement, admission and re-admissibility for transfer to a other United States medical school and I am still trapped under the 1989 U.S. Supreme Court Rulings even though I was protected under the language of the 1991 Act and the rulings narrowed the scope of coverage. My case was pending on the date of enactment of the 1991 Act, and I have pursued these decisions. I need your help now! No human being should have to endure the shame and frustration of proving wrongdoing but the Congress hadn’t done that. I need the necessary language in the 1991 Act for it to apply to my case and restore my stolen career.

I just want justice, to have Rush Medical College stung me and I want the U.S. government sanctions lifted. I can be made whole via the courts.

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RAE'S HUSBAND: Cops arrest man on suspicion of sup­plying him with drugs.
* Authorities are still waiting on toxicology reports to determine what exactly caused the death of Jason Rae, the 31-year-old hus­band of British R&B singer Corinne Bailey Rae.

FORMER MJJAC MANAGER IN NY POST STORY BY MISTAKE: Frank DiLeo wrongly quoted in article about Jackson family's financial issues.
* A scathing story about the Jackson family in Sun­day's New York Post claims most of the famous brothers are financially strapped and waiting on the next handout from Janet, but EUR has learned that a source quoted in the article claims to have never spoken with either of the two Post writers.

WILSONS WIDOW BLOCKS OpraH-LED FENCES?: Talk show host was reportedly trying to star in revival, but widow shut those plans down cold.
* The New York Post is reporting that Oprah Winfrey is in "serious discussions" last year to star in the upcoming Broadway revival of August Wilson's "Fences" - that is until Wilson's widow Constanza Romero decided to go in a different direction.

SINBAD VS. HILLARY CLINTON II: Senator responds to comic's recollection of Bosnia trip, which prompts a final from Sinbad - so he says.
* Sinbad. Hillary Clinton is brushing aside comments made earlier this month by comedian Sinbad, who claimed that their 1996 trip to Bosnia was not as violent as she described in two separate occasions on the campaign trail.

WILL SMITH BE VIOLENT AS SHE DESCRIBED? Rapper's exposure on MTV series reportedly developing on the campaign trail.
* Rapper DMX and actor Tracy Morgan made the Hollywood trades yesterday after joining separate film projects shot in both North and South Carolina.

B.B. KING BUYS A JUKE JOINT: Blues legend becomes club owner in his hometown.
* B.B. King is the proud new owner of a juke joint in his Mississippi Delta hometown.

LIL MAMA'S ALBUM FINALLY HAS A STREET DATE: Jive takes advantage of teen rapper's exposure on MTV series.
* Lil Mama's new live album, "VYP - Voice of the Young People," has been assigned a release date of April 29, Billboard reports.

TYLER PERRY WRITING OBAMA-INSPIRED SCRIPT: Blogsite reports of filmmaker being inspired by the couple.
* The blog site Sonya's Spotlight (www.sonyasspotlight.com) is reporting that Tyler Perry is currently writing a screenplay inspired by the life of Michelle Obama, the wife of Democratic presidential nominee, Barack Obama.

ALICIA KEYS PLUGS DOVE SOAP: Singer stars in new "micro-series" about women in their 20s.
* Alicia Keys is starring as a public relations executive in a new micro-series created by Dove go fresh, aimed at giving women a "fresh take" on life in their twenties.

TIGER WOODS PLUGS GATORADE IN SPACE SUIT: Plus, golf star's six-month winning streak ended Monday at Doral.
* Tiger Woods sports an astronaut suit for a series of advertising spots supporting his new signature sports drink, Gatorade.

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The Sankofa Cultural Arts and Business Center held its first Get Loose Jam Session last Thursday. Musicians brought their instruments and came together on one accord. Drummers, keyboard players, and guitarists all jamming to the same beat. Musicians who had never before met one another, all grooved in harmony. This is symbolic of our African culture. There were church musicians, African drummers, music students, recording artists, and even a few people who had had no professional training, all sharing the same stage. It was an evening of inspiration, fellowship, networking, and fun. Even the children made new friends, playing ping pong and other games. This is to be the first of many monthly jam sessions.

If you missed this one, mark your calendar next month. Even the children made new friends, playing ping pong and other games. This is to be the first of many monthly jam sessions.

April 13 at ICE Theater 210 W. 87th St.-Doors open at 5pm.-Showtime 6pm $15 for TWO-ADD. tickets $5, Mothers, Sons, Fathers & Daughters, mentors are also encouraged to bring young people! The film that will teach your child how not to lose their soul in the world of entertainment. A question and answer discussion with cast and crew directly after screening. We only have 150 tickets and seating is limited, please reserve your tickets ASAP. Email markharris-films@sbcglobal.net to reserve tickets THIS FILM HAS NO SUBTITLE, BUT DOES CONTAIN SOME PROFANITY.

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From left to right: BUI Brown, Direc. of Economic Development, For State Treasurer Axi Giannoulias, John Clark (CEO and Founder of Reggio’s Pizza, Inc.) and Morgan Carter (Direc. of CACE’s Business Network). During the Black Wall Street Summit on March 1, John Clark was presented with a letter of commendation for the grand opening of his 5th Reggio’s pizza restaurant located 1339 S. Halsted St. in University Village.

BET Takes Its Programming Model to Britain with Channel Launch
(Taylor Media Services) America’s Black Entertainment Television (BET) may have just launched Thursday by launching a British version of BET. Initially, British Blacks and other viewers will simply receive the same Hip Hop and reality shows currently being watched by many American Blacks. But BET Networks issued a statement saying the American content will be given a “regionalized look and feel” which means more Black British content.

BET founder Bob Johnson along with current CEO Debra Lee
BET was founded 27 years ago by Black billionaire Bob Johnson and then sold to media giant Viacom. It is still programmed by Blacks headed by chairman and chief executive Debra Lee. She said the launch of the British channel was a big step in BET’s commitment to expand the BET brand internationally.

settle Medicaid prescription drug fraud
Allegations: 23 states, and the District of Columbia will receive $36.7 million from CVS Caremark Corp., of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, to settle Medicaid prescription-drug-fraud claims initiated by a whistleblower, federal and state officials announced today. CVS Caremark, which operates over 6,000 retail pharmacies throughout the United States, allegedly substituted capsules of Ranitidine (generic Zantac) for tablets solely to significantly increase the cost and profit rather than for any legitimate medical reason. The settlement covers CVS Caremark’s submission of reimbursement claims to Medicaid programs from April 2000 through December 2006.

SB A Names 11 Cities to Launch Emerging 200, an Intensive Jobs and Growth Initiative for 200 Inner City Businesses

The SBA initiative will focus on small, poised-for-growth inner-city companies with potential for job creation. Research shows small firms with fewer than 20 employees created 80 percent of the net new jobs in the economy from 1990 to 2003 and added nearly three times the number of new jobs than larger companies between 1995 and 2002.

“This innovative initiative is designed to accelerate the growth of companies that are posed for sustained expansion,” said SBA Administrator Steve Preston. “With the selection of these eleven cities, the Emerging 200 initiative will begin to prepare 200 high potential companies for their next phase of growth. It will attract and tap the power of these local entrepreneurs to transform their communities, grow wealth and increase the tax base in a real and lasting way.”

The Emerging 200 initiative will have its official unveiling in each of the pilot cities at a series of local launch events in late March and early April.

The SBA Emerging 200 initiative will enable entrepreneurs from the 200 companies to participate in an intensive and comprehensive curriculum focused on developing winning, local strategies and attracting capital to fuel growth. Engaging the local network of business resources that is already in place in each city is a critical component of Emerging 200. Consequently, the local SBA District Offices will be deeply involved in assembling community partners, including state or local government, technical assistance partners, and capital providers.

“Clearly, in inner-city communities throughout our country, it is the small businesses that are creating employment opportunities,” added Preston. “The Small Business Administration, through the Emerging 200 initiative, is now focusing further support on these job-producing engines.”

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At the Chicago Defender: African American newspapers have a new President

by Pachina Fletcher

As SSJ reported some weeks ago Roderick Martin’s contract was not renewed. The Chicago Defender is going in a new direction for the new year. Media Executive Michael A. House has been hired as the new president starting March 31st.

House has over 40 years of experience in various media genres: radio, newspapers, marketing, and sales. He has done it all.

Before his position at the Defender, Mr. House was president of the Call & Post Newspaper Group, where he supervised over 50 full and part-time employees. The black newspaper group publishes weekly papers in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati as well as a weekly statewide edition. Prior to the Call & Post, House served as President of the Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. (API) in New York, N.Y. His responsibilities included the placement of national advertising in more than 200 black newspapers across the country. In addition to newspapers, he was general manager of Cleveland’s cable television public access channel. And was the spokesperson for Mayor Frank Jackson of Cleveland.

As President, Mr. House will be charged with overseeing the entire operations of the historic newspaper. The mission is to create an integrated platform that includes web, events marketing, and traditional print advertising.

“Mr. House’s passion, knowledge and expertise in the newspaper industry is unrivaled,” said Hiram E. Jackson, Chief Executive Officer of Real Times, Inc. (parent company of The Chicago Defender).

His commitment to excellence helped him garner the National Newspaper Publishers Associations’ (NNPA) 2003-2004 Publisher of the Year Award.

House’s additional print media responsibilities include his work with Ebony Magazine. As the publication’s New York-based Advertising Manager, his duties included developing and implementing advertising positioning and strategies.

He also has prior sales and marketing assignments with Ford Motor Company, Mobil Oil Corporation, and Rockwell International.

Prior to joining the Chicago Defender, House served as Press Secretary and spokesperson for Mayor Frank G. Jackson and the City of Cleveland, and was responsible for media relations and public records requests.

House sits on the Board of The Urban League of Greater Cleveland, The Hunger Network, Minority Organ Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP), and the National Alliance of Market Developers, of which he is National Past President. He is also a member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2003, and President of the Call & Post Foundation, which annually hosts the W.O. Walker Salute to Community Excellence Awards, an event that funds scholarships for students attending historical black colleges and universities.

A native of Cleveland, House grew up in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood and graduated from John Adams High School. He earned an MBA from Ranch College - City University of New York and has a bachelor’s degree from Howard University.

Once recognized as the only daily African American newspaper, the Chicago Defender returned to its roots and transitioned to a weekly publication the week of February 13th. Like other publications, the Chicago Defender has had to change with the times; however, they remain committed to sharpening its focus and offering readers more pertinent content. House is ready to take on the challenge of revitalizing one of the oldest black newspapers in the country.

“I am humbled by this opportunity to be associated with such a historic publication,” House said. “As we continue to embrace this new transition, I look forward to working with the Chicago Defender family as we give readers more concrete and comprehensive news that not only will inform, but will educate and impact lives.”

Founded in 1905 by Robert Sengstacke Abbott, the Chicago Defender, for 100 years has been the voice of the African-American Community in Chicago and across the United States. The Chicago Defender spoke out against lynching, racism, and segregation, and led the movement known as the Great Migration, promoting the activities of pioneer aviator Bessie Coleman, led the charge to integrate the United States Armed Services, and promoted the careers of Post Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks and renowned author Langston Hughes.

The Chicago Defender along with the Chicago Defender Charities, is the producer and organizer of the world famous Bud Billiken® Day Parade and Picnic. The parade originated in 1929 as a vehicle to showcase children. Today, the Bud Billiken® Parade is the largest event of its kind in the world.

In recent years, the Chicago Defender has changed its look, motto, and location. But, it’s circulation is still down from where it once was.

Hiram Jackson, CEO of Real Time Inc., parent company of the Defender says, “The Defender’s vision is to create an integrated platform that includes the web, event marketing, and traditional print advertising. “Mr. House’s passion, knowledge and expertise in the newspaper industry is unrivaled.”

We welcome his vision and leadership as the Chicago Defender intensifies its goal of being the finest African American newspaper in the country, by providing relevant stories to the African American community,” says Jackson. “We in the African American community, as well as Real Time Inc. are hoping House will give The Chicago Defender with experience and expertise to make the 101 year old paper the “Voice” it once was.
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The Hispanic children will have Hispanic Town.

Many blacks are waiting for God to make a way and God is waiting for us to use the way he has made. Until we do that we will remain in poverty as a people. Let us get busy and use the way that God has made. Education, votes and dollars can get us off the bottom. With education we can get into production, selling and distribution and most of our problems can be solved.

There are some of the leaders I have worked with in the past and some who worked with him to accomplish what he is doing. A. Phillip Randolph, Labor Leader; Dr. Vernon John, Educator; Civil Rights and Economic Leader, Dr. Martin Luther King; Civil Rights Leader, Lila Palmer; Political Leader, S. B. Fuller; Economic Leader.

United American Progress Association meets every 4th Monday of the month at its office located at 7416 South Cottage Grove Avenue Chicago, IL 60619, (773) 268-1873.

The marketplace to her all natural gourmet tea.

In 1997, Calvita Frederick Sowell, launched Magnolia Spice Teas, Inc., introducing the marketplace to her all natural gourmet tea. Magnolia has distribution that includes Jewel/Albertsons/Steri-Vale, Dominick's/Safeway, Food4Less/Kroger, Wal-Mart, Costco and other retailers.

According to Sowell, Magnolia has been unable to participate in several local and regional events for purposes of sales and marketing. She maintains this is a result of Exclusivity Agreements required by Coca Cola and/or conditions imposed by Coke in exchange for their sponsorship dollars.

In 2000, Sowell says she signed a Confidentiality, Non-Disclosure Agreement with Coca Cola, North America, Beverage Partners Worldwide, and Coca Cola Enterprises for purposes of fashioning a joint venture, distribution and marketing agreement between the companies. After disclosing her product line and the 'un-tapped niche market' it targeted, Coca Cola North American, Coca Cola Enterprises, and Beverage Partners Worldwide decided against entering into an agreement with Magnolia.

In March 2005, Magnolia's Southern Style Sweet Tea won 1st Place, Best Ready-to Drink Sweet Tea at the World Tea Expo. In 2006, BEVNET gave Magnolia's Southern Style Sweet Tea a top rating of 4.5 out of 5 stars.

According to Sowell, in the summer of 2006 Coca launched Gold Peak, a ready to drink tea targeting the upscale gourmet niche tea market that she discussed with the company several years prior. Sowell charges, Gold Peak's Sweetened Tea looks, smells and tastes remarkably similar to Magnolia's Southern Style Sweet Tea.” An August 2006 BEVNET review rated most of Coke’s flavors 2 out of a possible 5 stars, commenting, “the bottle is a line, pineapple, mango or guava juices/concentrates.

“Coca Cola’s launch of Gold Peak violates the spirit and the letter of the agreement signed with Magnolia,” asserts Sowell. Her representatives charge that, “Gold Peak is a wrongful knock off of the Magnolia’s teas, reducing Magnolia’s sales, and neutralizing the Distinctive Beverage Exception within the Coke Exclusivity Agreement.”

“Coca Cola throws pennies at our causes and uses that as license to overload our community’s shelves with artificial beverages made of unhealthy chemicals,” claim Magnolia representatives. “In addition they steal our best and brightest creations, block healthy beverages from the market place and prevent the growth of successful minority businesses that create local jobs.”

SSJ, “we have reached out to Ms. Sowell so that we can better understand her concerns and try to reach an amicable resolution.”

“The Coca Cola Company is guided by high ethical standards and a set of values that includes integrity and accountability. We hope to have an amicable resolution within the next few weeks,” Billingsley concluded.
According to Chicago Tribune, no foreclosure news would be the best news. But some recent items do provide a glimmer of assistance for homeowners in distress: Postcards to the edge: The Chicago Housing Department is mailing post cards listing resources for owners who’ve had a foreclosure filing that week.

Typically, it’s easier to get a lender to ease payment terms before a foreclosure is filled. But because of the number of foreclosures, lenders may be more likely to make a loan adjustment after the fact, notes Dan Lindsey of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Moreover, last month major lenders announced a 30-day “pause” right after a foreclosure filing, with the idea that homeowners might work something out.

State life raft: Illinois homeowners who are struggling to make mortgage payments might be able to refinance through a new $200 million state fund announced last month.

To find out whether they qualify for a fixed-rate loan, borrowers can call the national Homeowner’s HOPE hotline: 888-999-HOPE.

Chicago-area callers should ask to be transferred to a counselor affiliated with the Illinois network set up by Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, one of the groups administering the $200 million pool.

Pay mortgage first: Corporate employee-assistance programs are getting more call for help with mortgage-related troubles, says John Jones, a financial specialist with Chicago-based ComPsych, a firm that runs EAPs.

Jones reports that counselors find “people are more worried about defaulting on their credit cards than on their mortgages They think that if they miss a credit card payment, all their cards will get hit with a much higher, punitive rate.”

... But, Jones points out, that the mortgage should be the priority. “You need two things — a place to live and enough to eat. The negative consequences of missing a credit card payment aren’t as bad as having a foreclosure started,” he says.

The inclination to pay credit cards first is a recent development, says Celia Chen, housing economist at Econcom. “During this cycle, it does seem that credit quality is holding up better for cards than for mortgages. Households don’t want to lose their ability to consume. Likely in some cases they need their cards to continue purchasing necessities.”

However, Chen notes that delinquencies rise for all types of debt — mortgages, autos and credit cards — by the end of last year.

Pro bono squad: Bad economic times are making postcards listing resources for assistance for homeowners struggling to make mortgage payments.

To find out whether they qualify for a fixed-rate loan, borrowers can call 773-731-1762 for an appointment, or call 773-731-1762 for an appointment, or can call the general line at 312-341-1070 and be referred to on-site counselors and lenders.

The Chicago Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of Chicago Bar Association, is expanding its efforts to recruit “pro bono” lawyers to help the 1 million homeowners facing foreclosure.

The surge of foreclosures is adding to the demand for such assistance. The foundation is recruiting volunteers for the following: “Chicago Legal Clinic. Most pro bono clients are referred by housing agencies. However, anyone can call 733-731-1762 for an appointment, and they may be able to arrange a sliding-scale fee.”

“Chicago Volunteer Legal Services. Taking new cases “slowly and selectively” Call 312-332-1624.”

“The Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago. It’s at capacity, but callers to the general line at 312-341-1070 may be referred elsewhere.”

“Bankruptcy Assistance Desk. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on weekdays, except federal holidays, the desk is staffed by lawyers versed in bankruptcy matters. The desk is on the 6th floor of the Dirksen Federal Building, in room 622, 219 S. Dearborn St.”

The Chicago Department of Housing announced the 2008 schedule for its Affordable Neighborhoods Expo, a series of five housing fairs designed to promote homeownership and public awareness of affordable housing programs and services citywide.

The expo will provide an opportunity for area residents to learn about the home buying process, including down payment and closing cost assistance programs, renting and home renovation.

“We want to reach out to as many first-time homebuyers and renters as possible so that they know of the opportunities that are available to them,” Housing Commissioner Ellen Safiti said.

In addition to City agencies, the expo includes lenders, real-estate professionals and housing counseling agencies, as well as private vendors who provide services for people looking for affordable housing. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in workshops and meet a variety of industry professionals and service providers.

Homeowners facing foreclosure and those who want to make sure that it doesn’t happen to them will be able to take advantage of financial counseling services and loan work-out sessions with on-site counselors and lenders.

The expo will be held on Saturdays through April at the following times and locations:

• April 12, 2008 - Creative Chicago Expo, Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• April 19, 2008 - Camino A Su Casa, West Side Technical Institute, 2800 S. Western Ave., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• April 26, 2008 - Southwest Region Expo, Maria Seraucado Academy, 2850 W. 24th Blvd., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information dial 311 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/housing.
B. Smith, owner of three mega restaurants in Chicago, recently offered Washbume Culinary Institute (WCI) student's industry insights. Ms. Smith, accompanied by her husband/ business partner Dan Gasby continued, "It's a lifetime business that never closes, and it's a 22 year career in the restaurant business. The former Ebony Fashion Fair model, shared the challenges and victories of her group of industry leaders, including Chicago's own Charlie Trotter, who are invited to address WCI students, who benefit from their personal inside perspectives. Culinary classes are available for individuals pursuing a professional degree or certificate in the culinary arts. Continuing Education options are available for the "cook" in each of us at both the WCI South Shore Cultural Center location, and on the main campus at 63rd and Halsted Streets. Please call 773-602-5100 for additional information or visit: www.washbume.edu."

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State Computer hiring
The new eRecruiting website is designed to expand access to jobs within state government and significantly increase the pool of applicants. All Illinois state agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor are using the new program, giving job seekers one-stop for finding, applying for and tracking the status of their state job application.

Job application.
Job seekers can log on to www.work.illinois.gov, a website created with the user in mind. The web-based system run by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) was created with the user in mind. The website, www.work.illinois.gov, lets job seekers register a previously-entered profile information will automatically be included.

The system also makes it easier for applicants to track their progress. The job seeker can log on to www.work.illinois.gov any time to check the status of their application.

Add a job to prairie state college.

PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE is located at 700 East Oakwood Blvd. Chicago, IL 60655. For more information on the Annual Open House, please call (773) 268-7500 and ask for Sheikah Kuli at ext. 126 or Nekena Walker at ext. 127.

Career Employment

Restaurateur Inspires Washbume Culinary students at KKC

B. Smith, owner of three mega restaurants along the east coast, DC and recently offered Washbume Culinary Institute (WCI) student's industry insights. Ms. Smith offered a captivated audience of over 100 students, cooking tips, and success lessons, during a celebrity Q&A session at Washbume's state-of-the-art facilities, at the new Kennedy-King College (KKC) in Englewood.

The former Ebony Fashion Fair model, shared the challenges and victories of her 22 year career in the restaurant business. "It's a lifetime business that never closes, because people always need to eat," B. Smith, accompanied by her husband/business partner Dan Gasby continued. "Spending time with students is the right thing to do, because a little inspiration can go a long way with emerging entrepreneurs and chefs, who desire to succeed in the highly competitive restaurant business."

ANNUAL OPEN

Union Construction: Job Training

The State of Illinois is involved in a lawsuit with the construction unions due to their lack of hiring and employing minorities. In an effort to provide some damage control, the unions are working with a non-profit organization to provide testing, training and job placement with several unions for minorities, mostly African-Americans as: drywallers, electricians, heavy equipment operators, carpenters, plumbers, and other construction trades.

The name of the organization is Project P.R.I.D.E. and it is run by a church on the Southside, St. Paul on 45th & Waash. The classes are going to be at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights. As it was explained to me, you choose a field in which you'd like to work, and they will basically walk you through the entire process to get you hired into a union. If you Do Not have any experience in that particular field, the Starting pay rate is $29.00 per hour. More if you have a background in that field. Registration begins at 9 a.m. this coming Saturday at Prairie State. Must have a valid driver's license and a high school diploma or GED equivalent. For more information contact Tonya Cody-Robinson, at P.R.I.D.E. (773) 538-5120, The class is M-F, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and it runs for 12 weeks.

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CARRUTHERS CENTER HOSTS

The Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies (CICS) of Northeas tern Illinois University (NEIU) will host its Annual Open House for current and prospective students on Wednesday April 2, 2008 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m., at 700 East Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. The event is FREE and open-to-the-public.

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Software development careers involve creating and maintaining software programs. These programs are used to perform specific tasks on computers or other electronic devices. Software developers work on a wide variety of projects, from developing video games to creating software for medical applications. These careers offer a great deal of creativity and flexibility, as developers are often able to work on projects that interest them. In addition, software development careers offer competitive salaries and opportunities for advancement.

Technology sales careers involve selling technology products and services to businesses and organizations. These careers require strong communication and interpersonal skills, as well as knowledge of the technology industry. Technology sales careers offer competitive salaries, opportunities for advancement, and a chance to work with a variety of interesting and challenging clients.

If you are interested in a career in the technology industry, there are many resources available to help you get started. Many colleges and universities offer programs in software development and technology sales, and there are many online courses and certificates available as well. In addition, many technology companies offer internships and apprenticeships, which are great ways to gain hands-on experience in the industry.

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