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Local McDonald's Improves its Image with New Look



McDonalds owners, Ron Lofton holding microphone standing with wife Lillian and son Ron, Jr. during 1st night of Grand Re-opening

The McDonalds located at 3200 W. Roosevelt, and owned by Ron and Lillian Lofton, unveiled their new millennium look by hosting a 3-day grand re-

opening. Entering the place Friday night, October 10th, there was a different feel listening to live jazz by a band that also featured a female singer. In attendance, were

McDonald VIP's as well as staff, vendors, community leaders, business people, and community residents.

The restaurant was closed for

about eight weeks, while \$600,000 dollars worth of remodeling was done. The planning began with a partnership in conjunction with McDonald's Corporation that started over a year ago before the physical remodeling actually began. "What we tried to do was to modify the restaurant and bring it into a young and active style. One that will be conducive for our young folks, but also conducive for the older clients that we have", said Ron Lofton.

Gone now is the McDonald's play place and in its place are tables set up for laptops, room for conference meetings. Lounge chairs, TV's, WIFI for wireless internet access. It's a big change from the old image of McDonalds. Ron and Lily are also grooming their son Ron, Jr., who has a degree in Marketing. He started working at the restaurant when he was fifteen, doing every job that entry level employees did and worked his way up. He is now head of marketing and

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SUMNER ELEMENTARY AND KIPP ASCEND CHARTER SCHOOL HAVING ISSUES

Marquita Ware



Sumner Math and Science Academy located on Kostner and Fifth Avenue

Located about several blocks from 24th Ward Alderman Michael Chandler's office is the highest ranked elementary school (in area 7) in Reading, Math and Science: Sumner Mathematics and Science Community Academy.

You may be unfamiliar with

Sumner because recently attention has been focused on Kipp Ascend Charter School, which is being housed inside Sumner School.

Sumner's Principal, W.D. Robinson, who has been with Sumner for 35 years, about 15 as principal, believes her students are

being treated unfairly. The Sumner community says they did not receive notice of Kipp coming into their school, and they are furious.

Tracy Treadwell, Sumner Alumni and LSC Chairman, organized and chaired a meeting for the Chicago Board of Education to answer parents' and faculty members' questions on October 30.

David Pickens, from CPS Superintendent Arne Duncan's office, tried to address the questions, most of which he was unable to answer. When asked why Kipp was being housed inside Sumner's Kildare Ave. building Pickens said, "I don't think it was area or region specifically, but there aren't that many buildings available in the city period." He stated that Kipp came to Sumner because they had the extra space.

Treadwell says the space should

be used for Sumner programs, including all-day preschool. Since Kipp relocated, some of Sumner's programs have been cancelled.

"We want Kipp removed from Sumner and given space in another location where they will not be detrimental to the host. We should not be punished, reduced or penalized for the sake of the advancement or success of Kipp, or any other Charter School," wrote Treadwell in an agenda for the meeting.

Sumner parents also questioned why Kipp could not locate inside the now closed Frazier School, located on Grenshaw and Pulaski.

Principal Robinson said she never wanted Kipp to come into Sumner and since they did there has been nothing but chaos.

Originally, Kipp asked to receive 9 classrooms and were given 16. Last month Sumner's fourth grade classes had to move into the other building because Kipp needed 7 more classrooms. Sumner teachers complained about the move after many of their classroom items were

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The primary focus for SHS/ NLCN during 2006 is Health, Education, and Welfare. Health is essential to a good life. Education is necessary for the pursuit of happiness, especially in an economic driven society. Welfare is unavoidable in showing man's humanity (love) toward man.

There is a great disparity in the health statistics in a majority of our community areas. This announcement of newsprint is too small to go into great detail, but some resources that can help improve our health can be found in The Sinai Health System's Improving Community Health Survey: "The State of Black Health Care" published as a supplement in a special edition of the Philadelphia Tribune and the Chicago Tribune in November 2005.

Education can reduce and minimize high rates of unemployment and underemployment, produce healthier citizens, and reduce the dependency on traditional welfare. The West Side is changing, but not always in favor of the less fortunate who have lived here for years.

Throughout the year, we will connect North Lawndale residents with resources in their areas. NLCN will continue to provide news and information on people, issues, and events that are relevant to our readers, as well as touch on the focus of our previous years. Becoming an intelligent people we can also participate and benefit in making our community a model neighborhood.

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To Your Health

My Life with SLE Lupus

Chanelle N. Luckett

My struggle began on December 9, 2000 when I was a freshman at Westinghouse High School. I was the only female student at Westinghouse that came from Walt Disney Magnet Middle School, so I felt like I was all alone. Making friends was hard for me, because everyone had a cousin or a friend from their old school.

As soon as I made friends I wanted to try new things, like getting my hair done at the shop for the first time. On December 8, 2000 I went to my family's shop to get my hair pressed and washed. As the woman was washing my hair she told me that it was falling out. I didn't pay it any attention at first, but when I looked into the sink I started panicking, crying and wondering what went wrong with my hair.

For about 7 years before that incident both of my eye lids were puffy. The doctors performed biopsies as well as blood and urine tests to figure out what the problem was; but they never did.

So I ended up getting my hair done, just not the way I wanted it done. All that night, I was tossing, turning and having hot flashes. Then at one point I would even get cold. When I got up the next morning to get ready for school I looked into the mirror. I saw that my face was half way gone. It was what they called a "butterfly rash." It looked like I had been in a fire. My mother rushed me to the hospital.

I was in Cook County Hospital for 2 weeks in the Intensive Care Unit because my fever kept rising and I had an irregular heart beat. My mother was right by my side the whole

time. Seeing the fear in her eyes made me wonder if I was going to die.

The doctors diagnosed me with Lupus and gave me 12 different types of medicine, mostly to tame the side effects of the main medicine I was taking.

Lupus (SLE) is an autoimmune disease that can affect virtually any system in the body. Think of it as a 'self-allergy' where the body attacks its own cells and tissues, causing inflammation, pain, and possible organ damage.

I eventually was well enough to go home, but I was afraid what the world might think of me, so I tried home schooling for a couple of months until I felt comfortable going back to Westinghouse.

When I returned to school I had to wear a wig because I had become bald. Also, I still had the butterfly rash on my face and I couldn't be exposed to sunlight. For the first couple of weeks people would look at me and whisper.

And then I started hearing rumors. The rumors were that I had been beaten up, I was on drugs, and even worse, I had AIDS. These rumors made me wish I was dead. Explaining my condition to all those judging me was a hard thing to do. Instead, I decided to transfer schools.

Eventually everything returned to normal. My hair grew back after two years, my face cleared up, and I was taking only four pills a day. I graduated early from Austin Career Educational Center and received my diploma.

When I had my baby girl Asia C. Smith in

2004, the Lupus was still under control.

Everything was great until May 2006. The Rheumatologist I was seeing lowered the dosage of my medicine, and I was in the sun a lot waiting for the bus. Consequently, my joints started locking up, I was having chest pains so bad I couldn't breathe at times, my hair started falling out again and of course the butterfly rash appeared once more. This time it was worse than before, so I checked myself into the hospital until I got better.

For months I was very sick. Finally, with the motivation of my family and the little self confidence I had about my appearance I was

able to face that I had this illness. I decided to once again go out into the world and look for employment.

I've been to a few interviews and filled out at least 50 applications. Unfortunately, the interviewers are looking at my face instead of listening to my abilities. However, this Thanksgiving I'm just thankful that I am alive. So be thankful this Thanksgiving for whatever you have because many of us don't have much.

Chanelle N. Luckett is writer for NLCN. To comment on this article visit our weblog at: www.nlcn.org.

McDonalds from front page

community relations for the five stores that his family now owns. The Loftons have been wise owners starting with one McDonald's and now looking to the future for more stability and growth.

The menu has not changed except for the gourmet coffee that recently, has been given heavy marketing by the McDonalds corporation. Most of the major fast food

operations, like McDonalds and Duncan Donuts are targeting the Starbucks gourmet coffee market as you can tell by recent advertisements. McDonald's also has free coffee Mondays. So its well worth the trip to stop by the McDonalds on Roosevelt and Kedzie and enjoy the 21st Century makeover.

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HIV/AIDS in Chicago

Jasmine Dowden

Chicago has the sixth highest HIV/AIDS rate in the nation. As of August 2006 30,408 Illinois residents have HIV/AIDS. North Lawndale has the eleventh highest HIV/AIDS rates in the city with 155 cases. The West Side Austin community has the highest with 405 cases.

By the year 2008 it is very likely that you will have known someone who is infected or has died from this disease.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois Public Health Association recently sponsored a three-day conference in Springfield, Illinois an attempt to combat this deadly storm. Healthcare professionals, counselors, public health officials, and social workers were all on hand to discuss and exchange ideas on prevention, transmission, and treatments of the disease.

"Numerous gains have been made in HIV/AIDS treatments, but there are still advancements we need to work toward. This year's conference will review all of these issues to help prevent further spread of the HIV/AIDS and STD's," stated Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director.

"This conference brings together the state's top public health professionals and frontline staff fighting HIV/AIDS everyday in communities across our state," said Mark Ishaug, AIDS Foundation of Chicago's executive director.

The ramifications this disease has had on African Americans and the gay community has been devastating.

At the beginning of the epidemic 66 percent of Illinois HIV/AIDS cases were Caucasian and 27 percent were African Americans. Today blacks account for 51 percent of AIDS cases and 65 percent of the state prison population state health and census figures show.

The HIV rate among Illinois prisoners is estimated to be 5 times higher than the general population, according to the Aids Foundation of Chicago. "We felt there is a correlation between people coming out of corrections and the infection rate in the African American community," said Lloyd Kelly, director of the Let's talk, Lets test foundation.

African American women account for 46 percent of all new HIV/AIDS cases, while HIV/AIDS continues to have the greatest impact on men who have sex with men.

Thus, reinforcing taboos and stereotypes One reason HIV/AIDS has run rampant in the black community is AIDS tends to be a taboo subject.

There is a certain stigmatism that surrounds having HIV, people automatically assume that the victim has led a very promiscuous life, are homosexual, or are a drug addict.

Not enough people feel comfortable expressing their HIV/AIDS status due to the instant ostrization that goes along with the admission of the disease.

"We have to stay consistent with education on HIV/AIDS awareness and sexual health, especially in schools and churches. We have to remove the fear of dealing with sexual topics because sex is everywhere. We need to realistically introduce safer sex products and practices," stated Patrice Cockerham, AIDS/HIV advocate.

Accessible Healthcare

The lacks of affordable, accessible, healthcare in black and impoverished communities make these residents more vulnerable to contracting STD's and the HIV/AIDS virus. People are unaware of their HIV status therefore allowing the disease to silently manifest.

These residents aren't getting regular HIV test, check-ups, or exams exposing them to a greater risk of getting infected and unknowingly transmitting the disease. One solution to this problem is Mobile healthcare programs.

These mobile services are provided through the state, which provides the wellness on wheels vans. These mobile healthcare units provide a variety of free health screenings including HIV rapid testing, blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol.

The HIV rapid testing provides accurate HIV results within a half hour as opposed to the two-week waiting period if tested at the doctor's office. The IDPH works with health agencies and hospitals to provide staff and services for the wellness vans.

The need for more Funding Research and Programs

The states delegates millions of dollars annually for research and education of HIV/AIDS. Programs targeting communities of color are a top priority of the state's HIV/AIDS prevention efforts. For fiscal year 2007, governor Blagojevich has budgeted 3.2 million dollars for AIDS prevention through IDPH's Centers for Minority Health Services.

The governor boosted funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program by 2.5 million in fiscal year 2007 to total 41 million in order to allow more people with HIV/AIDS who

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Education and Training

WE WANT TO KNOW ASKS:

Should Barack Obama run for President?

Leroy Burton Jr



E. Brown
Nurse
Chicago

"I first met Barack Obama at the Bud Biliken Parade. He was shaking people's hands. I think he'll make a good president because he does

what he says he's going to do. I'll vote for him if he runs. He's a nice looking young man. I do believe that this country is ready for a black president. Hillary Clinton would be cool as a running mate."

Harris
Nurse Assistant
Chicago

"I believe Obama should run for President as a Democrat as well as for the Black community to see

what he is capable of. Maybe the country isn't ready for a Black President but what the heck -

give it a try. I don't think Hillary Clinton should be his running mate, however."

Princess
Nurse Assistant
Chicago

"I feel that Bush is crazy, because he's got all these men going over to

Iraq fighting for a war that we are not profiting from, as in oil. We are not profiting from the oil because gas is still too high - \$2.58! Come on, please! People say that they'll go to Indiana. You go all the way to Indiana. You are going to ride your gas out coming back to the city, That's crazy! Bush needs to leave the war alone. How would Bush feel if someone was to take him and lock him up?"

Monique
Nurse



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"My outlook on Obama being President is that I think that he would be a good President. However, I prefer that Hillary Clinton be President do to the fact

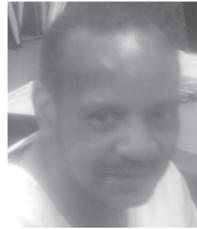
that she's a woman and I think we need the type of sensitivity a woman can bring to office, because I believe that a woman is smarter than a man. That's just my outlook on things. I think that having a woman in power would make it better for everyone else, because we (women) have good outreach for family, children, single mothers - mothers periods. I don't think women are more sensitive than men [in general]. But we can be more sensitive to the needs of the people."

Kina
Nurse Assistant



Chicago

"He or Hillary can run, it doesn't make a difference. They're both good candidates. What are they going to do differently that Bush hasn't already tried? First he said he was going to pull the troops out then he said he'll let them stay... What Bush needs to do is mind his own business and take care of things going on over here. He has money for the war but not for the poor and the rich are steadily getting richer."



Haney

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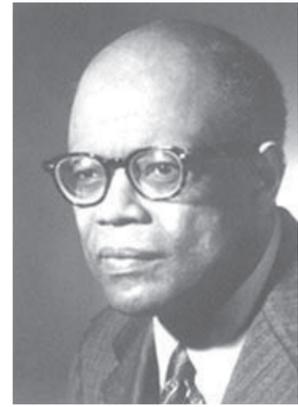
"I don't think that he'll make it. It's too early. Maybe he can make it in the next election (2012). He's the best black candidate.

If he ran I would vote for him. I don't know if Hillary Clinton would make a good running mate, however."

If you have any ideas on subjects for future articles please send me an e-mail at: ww2kn@yahoo.com.

Leroy Burton is writer for the North Lawndale Community News. To comment on this article visit our weblog at: www.nlc.org.

Nov15 Black Facts



Arthur Lewis

* On this date in 1979, Princeton professor Arthur Lewis from won the Nobel Prize in economics. Lewis was the

first African-American to receive the award in a category other than peace.

* On this date in 1950, Arthur Dorrington became the first African-American to play organized hockey. He played for the Atlantic City Seagulls of the Eastern Amateur League.

* On this date in 1990, the U.S. Golf Association bans racial and gender discrimination on the tour.

* On this date in 1898, Lyda A. Newman patented an easy cleaning hair brush, which had a detachable bristles.

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IT'S OFFICIAL: STROGER WINS

Aricka T. Flowers



Cook County Board President Todd Stroger

After a long election night that included a march to the Cook County Administration Building, the arrest of a Peraica supporter and a great deal of confusion, Todd Stroger has officially been named Cook County Board President.

Chicago voters won the election for Stroger. According to the city's Board of Election Commissioners, Todd Stroger won 429,141 votes; close to 69 percent. Peraica won 196,644 votes; about 31 percent. But in the suburbs, the Cook County Election Department reports that Peraica won close to 61 percent of the vote while Stroger received a little more than 39 percent of votes. These unofficial results do not include early or absentee ballots.

Stroger is taking the place of his father John Stroger, who was in office for 12 years before having a stroke just one week before the primary election last March. Democratic Party bosses nominated Todd to take his father's place in the election after the elder Stroger resigned in June. Stroger officially begins work as Cook County Board President on December 4.

Aricka Flowers is NLCN's health reporter and is a graduate of the Northwestern University Medill Graduate School of Journalism.

The Bridge Project Helps to Close Digital Divide Among Youth

Glenn Ragans and Calvin Crayton



Parents of the students in the Digital Divide Program with Julius Anderson, director and Mason principal Dr. Vivian Davis (center)

While people were voting and all of the politicians were making their last second promises, Men For a Better Lawndale were taking action to improve the lives of young black men.

On November 7, Men For a Better Lawndale and its Director Julius Anderson launched North Lawndale's first computer building and entrepreneurial program for grade school aged black males. The program is called the Bridge Project. The goal of the Bridge Project is to offer a computer-based learning experience to students and inspire interest in IT (Information Technology) careers.

"We are here to bring Information

Technology to the youth in our community, to teach them to build computers and learn something about E-commerce, so they will become effective leaders within our community." He emphasized the importance of these young men learning about computers and the internet so that they would have the knowledge to pursue the (IT) field, if they chose to do so," Anderson said.

Project Manager Milton Wimberley went into detail about the specifics of the program. He said that the program will teach effective writing and communication skills, they will learn how to identify parts, learn how to use software applications such as Microsoft Word and Power Point, and give Power Point

presentations. He also states that the young men will be tested on their knowledge of the Personal Computer and given a chance to meet professionals in the industry that they can identify with.

The program begins November 14 at Mason Elementary. It is a 20 week ongoing learning experience that will also provide an opportunity to start in other schools if this initial project does well. The money from the E-commerce part of the project in which they will learn to sell items on E-bay and ship and package them will be divided into 25 percent portions that will go to proceeds for equipment, 25 percent for Mason Elementary, 25 percent for the North Lawndale scholarship Fund, and 25 percent will go to the youth, so that they will have the opportunity to earn themselves a little something.

Dr. Vivian Hudson Davis made a comment to the audience of how the selection process not only looked at academics but also needs and desires.

Chicago Public Schools is providing funding for the project.

"When I found out about this project, I felt it was necessary to financially support it," said Phillip R. Hampton, director of community relations for the office of the CEO. "If these young men are diligent and focused that they can become outstanding citizens within their community and also have a chance to give back. If you don't make the right decisions you might have to struggle to make it through life."

"It is so nice to have someone who is already doing more for the community than the ones who are already there. One thing for certain he does realize if we don't take

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ELECTION INVOLVEMENT UP IN PILSEN AND LITTLE VILLAGE

Celeste Kennel-Shank

Adam Barbosa, 35, is not able to vote, but he was out until just before the polls closed on Election Day, knocking on his neighbors' doors in Pilsen to encourage them to vote.

"I want there to be good people in Congress who will work for the good of immigrants," Barbosa said. "I want the Latino vote to make that change possible."

Barbosa, an undocumented immigrant, was among 55 volunteers in the Tu Voto, Nuestra Esperanza! (Your Vote, Our Hope) campaign, which registered 30,000 Hispanic voters in time for Tuesday's elections.

The volunteers went out from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day in Pilsen and Little Village, knocking on doors and leaving fliers identifying the resident's polling place.

Their efforts were successful, according to election judge Jamie Sandoval. Sandoval, 24, a Republican election judge who has worked in the 24th precinct of the 25th ward for five years, said there were more Hispanic voters this year than he had ever seen before.

"They knew how powerful their vote is and how important it is to us," he said.

Though voting has sometimes been "seen as a taboo," in the Hispanic community, that began to change after the immigration reform marches this past spring, said Esmeralda Guerrero, an organizer for the Your Vote, Our

Hope campaign.

Guerrero said the campaign had been successful in increasing Hispanic participation in the election. "It's something that takes time, but it changes," he said.

The Resurrection Project, a community leadership and affordable housing organization in Pilsen, Little Village and

Back of the Yards, worked with 12 Catholic churches to register nearly 1,000 new voters as part of the Your Vote, Our Hope campaign. Project organizers looked at the 2003 aldermanic election and found that 37 percent of registered Hispanic voters in Pilsen cast ballots. For the 2006 mid-term election, they aimed to raise the number by 5 percentage points to 42 percent.

Election night estimates indicate they met their goal. The organizers looked at the number of registered Hispanic voters in three precincts in Pilsen - about 610 each. Vote totals from election judges were about 330 for each precinct - about 54 percent turnout in the key precincts. In 10 other precincts deemed to have low turnout, organizers set targets of people they hoped would go to the polls - about 270 each. The total number of voters met or exceeded those targets in most of the precincts.

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Spiritual Life

SINGLED OUT FROM THE REST MINISTRY

Zaki A. Muhammad

National Evangelist Sister Candy Johnson recently formed Singled Out From the Rest Ministry on Chicago's West Side as a mechanism to deliver the "good news of Christ" to West Side residents. She hopes the project will grow into a full-service ministry that will offer a myriad of social services.

Her personal story is one of redemption and transformation through the power of Almighty God and His Christ. She grew up in the K-Town section of the West Side and attended Westinghouse High School. There she was bright, but got sidetracked like a lot of teens do in their hurry to mature and become adults. Instead of focusing on school, she turned her attention to shoplifting.

"I sort of got the same rush that a person gets when they do drugs" she said. "That rush you feel when you take something and get away with it." She remembered an incident where her friend hid some stolen merchandise at school and the police came to recover it.

After this incident she was expelled, but entered Austin High School where her interest in school waned until it basically disappeared. "I was good in math and reading, but eventually got bored with school" she said.

Before very long, she dropped out.

She moved five doors from her mother's home, where she set up shop as an illicit entrepreneur, selling marijuana and a chemical substance called TAC which could be smoked, ingested or done intravenously.

Along with selling drugs, her desire to steal caused her to become a "booster." "I was so good I had regular customers. I used to operate in about thirty states," she said.

Her criminal activity eventually led to an arrest and a three year sentence at the Dwight Correctional Facility. After serving nineteen months, she was paroled, but she violated her probation and had to return to serve out the remainder of her sentence.

Surprisingly, it was not incarceration which led to her conversion but an "out of body" experience on Jan 23, 1990 she had after being shot in the back on the corner of Central Park and Ohio. She was traveling with a male friend who had violated the street's code of conduct and was the intended victim of the attack.

"Three times a voice said in my ears and mind, the simple word 'Leave,' and I heard it clearly but did not leave," she said "I was in

a tunnel where I saw a bright light. I kept saying, I'm not ready for you yet. I'm too dirty, I've got to get cleaned up".

Sister Candy spent forty days in recovery. Her friend tried to get her back into the "life" but she declared on her hospital bed that she was going to church when she left the hospital. She said that she was meant to be an Evangelist and a Minister because "God allowed me to go through this and he called me Himself. What you see, you have to teach. I've passed the class of life and it never ends. This is real life."

She completed her GED and attended Malcolm X College to become a phlebotomist, or someone who is trained to draw blood for donations or lab work. Sister Candy has lectured tirelessly in shelters throughout the city and conducts a street mission ministry when the weather permits. She presently operates on faith alone and is in need of support.

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R E S T

Danita P. Bowie

Come unto me.....and I shall give you rest.... Matthew 11:28

I want to focus on only one of the above words. It is "Rest." It seems simple, yet some of us still don't understand the concept of this decent four letter word.

In today's society we tend to forget or ignore the fact that we need rest to survive.

The art of rest is a great one. Our body is profoundly made. There are certain things that are required of us and rest is one of them.

Not only do we need rest for our bodies, but our spirit, soul and mind needs rest as well.

I, for my part, don't get the rest I need. I want to fix everything today. I feel like I have to do what needs to be done as if there were no tomorrow. We've always been told, "Tomorrow will take care of itself." This is true. However, so will today if you really think about it.

You are probably familiar with the term "R & R". It is known as "Rest and Revelation". Do we do that? There comes a time in all our lives when we must rest. The choice is yours—it can be naturally or eternally.

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I-H Syndrome Cont....Thoughts in the Community



Julius Goodman

I went into the North Lawndale Community looking for reactions regarding the I-H Syndrome. The I-H Syndrome is Intellectual Helotry, a hidden social problem in America. The I-H Syndrome theory suggests that some African Americans live in a state of mental slavery and because of that we display what appears to be uncontrollable negative behavior toward ourselves and toward each other. Here in Lawndale that type of negative behavior seems to be prevalent among the some of the residents in the community. So I decided to ask the church for opinions and solutions.

I attend Jesus Word Center Church. My pastors are Apostle/Pastor Mattie J Phillips and Pastor/Teacher Bobbie J Perry. Apostle Phillips grew up in Lawndale at 1532 S. Keller. She graduated from Mason Grammar School and attended Farragut High School for one day and then transferred to Austin High School and graduated in 1971 ranked 84 out of 369 students. Jesus Word Center Church has been in the North Lawndale Community for over 15 years.

"We, Pastor Bobbie and I, established Jesus Word Center Church in 1990; because we are always concerned about people in general and especially the people of the Lawndale Community where I grew up. Our Mission Statement is Changing Lives through the Power and Word of God," Pastor Phillips said.

People should be informed, the word should go out, and people should be made aware that Intellectual Helotry is a generational disease based upon the history of black folk here in America.

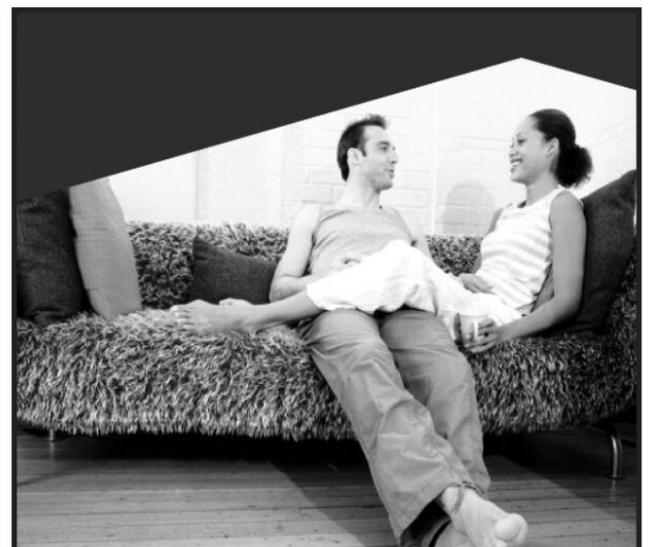
"I don't think it is a disease as defined in terms of a

sickness but rather a perpetual process of the wrong teaching. For Example if you keep telling me (and it does not matter if I am a child or an adult) that I am dumb, stupid, violent and uncontrollable; when, in reality I am displaying my impatience or displeasure about something; pretty soon I am going to believe what you are saying to me because that's all I heard, that's all I know. Any person is going to eventually act like what they believe and what they have been told," said Pastor Phillips.

In any community there are going to be behavioral problems what makes Lawndale stand out is what, if anything is being done to correct existing problems.

"In my experience in the community, I have been in contact with all types of behavioral problems. The main problem I have seen is anger in young kids, children not really knowing how to act toward each other. Pushing, shoving, name calling, laughing at each other when one is not dressed properly. That type of behavior makes a child feel bad and he reacts with profanity and/or a physical defense and you have a fight on your hands". "When some adults see this type of behavior, they are not addressing it properly. When I see this type of behavior I step in and say; why are you acting like that or why are you speaking that type of language. Some of these kids I have been involved with other a period of time and they will stop the behavior immediately and some even come into the church and say Pastor I need you to pray for me. I was bad in school today, or I said bad words to the teacher or the teacher made me angry today," said Pastor Phillips.

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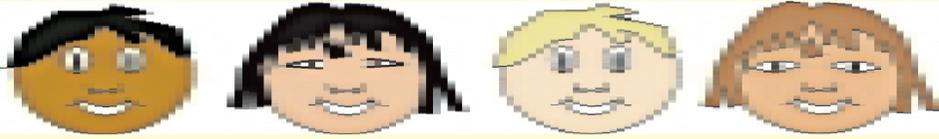
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Garfield Major and his employee Johnny Washington (left)

pest control and let all the rest go," Major said. "I wanted to be my own boss."

As the sole owner and President of A-1 Garfield, Major employs three part-time secretaries and five exterminators that he personally trained. Although his business is now lucrative, in the beginning, he had to prove to others that he was capable of doing this line of work.

He once secured a contract with the Board of Education and a rival informed them that he was only "a field man and never went to school for pest control." Questions surfaced about his ability to perform large projects accurately.

Eager to prove to those who complained of his lack of knowledge in this business, he enrolled at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN, taking classes in Entomology the study of insects. Successfully completing many courses in the study of insects, and quieting those who spoke against him he went on to secure many new contracts from major companies throughout the city.

The North Lawndale Community News and Harris Bank was proud to honor A-1 Garfield Exterminating & Janitorial Service as North Lawndale's Small Business of the Month for November. A-1 is located at 3827 West Harrison St. Their business hours are flexible Mondays through Saturday and closed on Sundays. The telephone number is: 773-638-8462.

A-1 was founded by Garfield Major. At the age of 22, Major worked as an exterminator, repairman of laundry machines, a barber and a butcher. Tired of working several jobs and encouraged by his former wife he made a decision to start this line of service.

"I decided that I couldn't be a jack of all trades and I didn't want that, so I stopped at

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Some of the 6th and 7th graders in the Digital Divide Project with Julius Anderson(center)

responsibilities for our young men now the gangs and prisons will," said Camille Larees mothers of one of the 24 6th and 7th graders selected.

Anderson, former principal at Hughes Elementary in North Lawndale announced

that he will run for alderman in the 24th Ward.

Calvin Crayton and Glenn Ragans are community residents and writers for NLCN. To comment on this article visit our weblog at: www.nlcn.org.

VOUCHER HOLDERS LEAVING CHA

Wendell Hutson



CHA graduates

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SOUL SINGER GERALD LEVERT DIES OF HEART ATTACK AT AGE 40

Priscilla Lucas

Taken aback. Those two words described the reactions of rhythm and blues fans when the news surfaced announcing the death of Gerald Levert, 40 of an apparent heart attack.

Gerald Levert, a consummate performer with a steamy gutsy voice that delivered searing ballads of love from a man's man point of view. Levert, the son of legendary vocalist Eddie Levert of the O'Jays polished his style in 1986 as a member of the R&B trio LeVert, along with his brother Sean and childhood friend Marc Gordon.

Fans loved his romantic songs that were "powerful and soulful," his concerts were sold out in every city he performed with many fans left holding tickets for his upcoming performance which was scheduled on the 24th and 25th of November.

After the news about the death of Levert, fans hit the Internet and the message boards were filled with condolences and memories of their favorite Levert concert. Most of the messages were from men who were thankful

of the songs he wrote that helped them with their relationships.

"Gerald Levert was my man," said David Thompson, 38. "I got a lot of game from Gerald Levert, especially with his single, 'Ain't it funny' and my favorite 'What is a dream without love.' He was my man and I will definitely miss his sound," he said.

Similar sentiments flooded the local radio stations as listeners reached out to express their sorrow peppered with joy in remembrance of him.

Jacque Reid, anchor of BET Nightly News spoke about how he became a staple at the Walk of Fame Award Shows. "When he was on the stage he just came to life - he own the 'Walk of Fame' because he gave such a great performance," she said.

His close friends from V103 morning show radio host, Tom Joyner and Jay Anthony Brown opened their lines to not only his fans, but, also to entertainers he performed with over the years. Joyner played tapes of

Levert's calls into the studio and share memories of the good times they shared with "Big G - the teddy bear," as they affectionately called him and laughter flowed as listeners heard his jovial way of prodding Joyner and Brown with - your mama jokes. While laughter dominated the program the conversations at times turned grim when the subject of Black Americans and health issues surfaced.

"Gerald weight problem was ongoing and we often joked about it and all of the comments we done in the past it absolutely got me," said Tom Joyner. "We joked about it so much that it was almost like we were saying it's all right to be overweight and in the end it's the weight problem that took Gerald, that took Luther (Vandross) and other family members. The overweight problem in our country is probably the hardest of all of our problems - if we can just get the weight

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Gerald Levert

A CANDID CONVERSATION WITH A 2007 ALDERMANIC CANDIDATE: JOE ANN BRADLEY

Fred Mitchell

As a resident, homeowner, single parent, community activist, and 24th Ward Aldermanic candidate, Ms. Joe Ann Bradley is well known throughout the North Lawndale Community. Ms. Bradley has many ideas about the direction the community should be headed based on the lessons learned from her community activity and political experience. In spite of gentrification, the educational institutions, and job opportunities, Joe Ann visualizes a great future for the North Lawndale Community.

During the interview, Ms. Bradley talked about gaining a better understanding of the electoral process, lessons learned and her chances of winning the election.

"I certainly do have a better understanding of the electoral process and I plan to work smarter, not harder. I have enlisted the assistance of a number of individuals in the community who believe in me and what I stand for and we are doing what's necessary to make sure I am elected. I've learned that I need to work more closely with the residents in a one on one capacity. I need to be in their faces letting them know what the issues are and how we can

work together to resolve them," Ms. Bradley said.

Since the enforcement of the Shakman Decree, I asked Ms. Bradley if it gave her campaign an advantage.

"One problem is that our political leaders are not pushing for Blacks to get the jobs that are finally being released. The Daley administration has been taking advantage of the Shakman Decree to hire their cronies for years, keeping qualified Blacks from making a decent wage. This has to change and thanks to the enforcement of the Shakman Decree, it will," Ms. Bradley said.

On the education of our youth in North Lawndale Ms. Bradley expressed her displeasure with Chicago Public Schools and her concern for the children affected by school closings in North Lawndale.

"I was very upset with Michael Scott, another long time North Lawndale resident, when he decided to close several schools in our ward. Studies have shown that no one really is keeping track of what is happening to the students that leave low performing schools. Studies also show

that students who change schools are having a difficult time adjusting to new schools and in many cases develop behavioral problems. Closing schools, in my opinion, should never be an option," said Ms. Bradley.

"Assessing schools with the assistance of the principal, teachers, Local School Councils and concerned residents to determine what is needed and then providing the schools with those needs would be a more valid course to take. The money for any items whether its equipment, books, computers or the like can come from Tax Increment Funding (TIF) dollars. I am presently working with Mosaica as a Founding Board member for Frazier Academy an organization looking to make Frazier a Contract School. I plan to work with the principal, teachers, students, and the community to make it, once an agreement has been reached by the Chicago Board of Education and Mosaica, to make Frazier Academy an outstanding place for young people to be educated."

Since gentrification is happening in North Lawndale Ms. Bradley, what are your thoughts?

"Now is the time to continue to remind people to hold on to their property. The next thing is to force these developers to begin hiring from the community. Just imagine if each developer working on these houses would hire just one person from the 24th Ward, just imagine the impact that would have on the community. Especially when you consider the jobs would be paying from at least \$15.00 dollars an hour an up. If they try to suggest that they can not do that, just look at what Dorothy Tillman did for her ward in making developers hire people from her community."

Joe Ann Bradley said that she wants to bring community and political leadership into an era in which our youth are educated and our people are gainfully employed. With those two items in tow, she feels people can then send their children to schools of their choice, buy homes, get affordable health care and do other things they so choose. Working together with the community, she feels we can make it happen!

Fred Mitchell is a North Lawndale resident. To comment on this article visit our weblog at: www.nlcn.org.

MIKE TROUT AND THE YMEN

Sophia Karalexis



Mike Trout poses with the kids of Ymen

A group of young men filled the main hallway of an old school building anxiously awaiting direction from their role model Mike Trout. They clutched their sleeping and duffel bags and were preparing to leave for their spiritual weekend getaway. The young men are a part of Ymen, a youth organization that was started by Mike Trout ten years ago in an effort to serve the underprivileged youth of

North Lawndale, on Chicago's west side.

Mike Trout came to North Lawndale thirteen years ago with his wife after they graduated from Wheaton College. "Core to my faith was this commitment to going and serving the underserved and at the time I didn't know what that meant or that it meant North Lawndale. The last place you want to end up is a place that's got all the goods because you

want your life to count for something. You want to be active and not watching on the side," said Trout.

Ymen's success is owed in part to the fact that it is a men only organization and Trout truly feels that reaching young men is important for growth in the community. "I came in not realizing my heart was going to be for the kids, I thought I was going to work with adults, but the kids were the ones that were accessible, always at our apartment and always on our front steps," said Trout.

Since Ymen was started back in 1996 they ran out of the Trout family's apartment. Two years ago they moved into an old school building which has allowed for growth and has created a safe haven for the youth of Ymen. "Coming here made me not get into gangs. I learned what I was doing was wrong and would eventually get me into trouble. I have a cousin that got stabbed. I could have gotten hurt, coming here keeps us safe," said Christopher Jones.

Other men enjoy the learning experiences at Ymen more than those at school. "Usually in school you do not have any leadership or role models, you have to find your own path and go your own way, it's different from being here because you have role models and leaders within Ymen. It's a whole different environment with more respect and responsibility," said Dwayne Hurley.

Trout's staff is not hired from the outside.

He teaches the members within Ymen to step up and help others. Trout recognizes these dedicated young men. "The leadership award is for those who improve not only academically, but as an overall person, as a friend, they look out for other people before they look out for themselves. You have to do a 360 turn around from what you used to be and what you are now, spiritually, academically and socially, it is change for the better, said Hurley, who received the award last year.

"The three pillars of our mission are leadership, academic excellence and service," said Trout. There are several different things that Ymen do in order to fulfill their mission.

In terms of academic excellence the Ymen commit to having a 2.5 or higher GPA. Their performance in school is monitored very closely and many of the Ymen have gone on to college. "I got tutored for three weeks and it helped bring up my GPA at Lane Tech. Mike and my mom talked to the admissions counselors at Lane Tech and I think if it wasn't for Mike I wouldn't have gotten in. I've gotten help in all subjects and I'm grateful to know if I ever need help I can get it," said De'vonne Rice.

Ymen do a minimum of two hours of service per month. Over the summer they go on special service trips to Native American reservations in either North Dakota or Montana to do fifty hours of service. "Last year we took a church that was a hundred years old, we

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Economic Development

A Better Neighborhood

Joy Redmond

We may think of a neighbor as someone who lives next door, on the next block, in next community or even the next country. We also know our neighbors as being anyone in need. To begin improving a neighborhood, we need to look inside our hearts and search for ways to help someone else as well as ourselves.

Your neighbor eats, sits, sleeps, laughs, cries and stands within reach of you. Whether in secret or in the open, they are always near. You need to make it a priority to become familiar with your neighbor. Even if you don't think you have what that person needs, there are all sorts of resources to help them and you as well.

We do applaud our communities, neighbors, family members, friends and all others that have stepped up to the plate and are making a difference in all neighborhoods. Your neighborhood needs you and you need your neighborhood. The man that committed suicide and the woman that got an abortion, teen mothers and parents with their children on the streets all need you.

We still have homeless people, people with abuses and addictions. The elderly woman and man at home alone with no one to assist them need help. The grocery store clerk, your co-workers, elementary school students, high school students, college students, the deeply depressed and people

with bereaved families all need your help as well.

The list goes on and on. All of these people, whether it's someone we look down on or look up to, are your neighbors and mine. Together we can make a better neighborhood.

Please decide today to be a good neighbor and help in building a good neighborhood by not using judgment. Seek out ways to meet the needs of one another. Allow your heart to be your home and your home to be your heart. Always have a place for comfort and peace knowing you helped somebody else today.

Parents teach your children how to become a good neighbor at a young age. Whether it's just cleaning up or just choosing not to pollute the streets with their garbage and belongings.

Everyone has to participate in making their neighborhood a better one. Someone has to start somewhere and you can decide where you want to begin, so at least there will be a start on the road to improvement. Once you set an example for others they will begin to follow and become leaders of their community.

*Remember: Love thy neighbor as thyself
Joy Redmond is a West Side resident.
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New Housing For Homeless Youth

Wendell Hutson



Groundbreaking for homeless youth housing complex in Humboldt Park with Mayor Daley

Recognizing that society often overlooks the needs of youth, Mayor Richard M. Daley officially opened Solid Ground, a new housing complex for homeless young men between the ages of 16 and 21, in the Humboldt Park community last week.

The development, which houses 16 residents, is in a three-flat building at 3507 W. North Ave. It was rehabilitated at a cost of \$1.2 million, \$383,917 of which came from the proceeds of the lease of the Chicago Skyway. It is operated by LaCasa Norte, a non-profit organization that provides services to homeless individuals and families.

Mayor Daley said that unlike past years, more city services will now focus more closely on the needs of Chicago youth.

"My administration is committed to helping those who need our support the most," Daley said. "And I think everyone would agree that homeless young people deserve to be at the top of that list."

But homeless advocates question why the mayor waited so long to reach out to homeless youth when they've been here all along.

"It's good to see the city finally doing something for our homeless youth because they are the forgotten ones," said Ben Hardy, executive director for Young Minds, a non-profit organization for economically disadvantaged youth. Hopefully, the city will build more Solid Ground complexes throughout the city and not just on the North Side."

While there are no immediate plans for additional housing for homeless youth, Mayor Daley insisted he is committed to ending all homelessness in Chicagoans, especially among the young.

"They have ended up on the street because their parents are unable to care for them. Many of them have been abused mentally or physically. Others have aged out of DCFS care."

Nathan Taylor, a 16-year-old runaway from Milwaukee, is among the 16 youth staying at Solid Ground. He said he ran away because his step-father was sexually molesting him and he feared for his life.

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Signaling a change from 30 years ago, when the average Section 8 voucher recipient took 15 years or more before becoming self sufficient, a longtime but relatively unknown program at the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) has cut that time by more than half.

Just three weeks ago, twelve CHA voucher holders celebrated a milestone on their road to economic independence when they 'graduated' from the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. They now join more than 390 CHA residents and Housing Choice Voucher holders who have completed the five-year program.

FSS is a new initiative developed by the CHA to help voucher program participants obtain good jobs and build assets to purchase a home or eliminate the need for public assistance.

The most recent graduates have found stable jobs, most with health benefits, as security officers, traffic management aides, legal assistants, customer service representatives and certified nursing assistants. Along with job placement and home ownership, they have also received computer training, driver's license training and clearer financial literacy. Despite obstacles like poor credit, a lack of job skills, and even personal hardship, these individuals

have achieved success.

CHA executives are thrilled at the success rate, and plan to keep the program going for years to come.

"Today's graduates have succeeded in their financial goals and now have the tools to secure a stable life for their families," said Sharon Gist Gilliam, chief executive officer for the CHA. "The efforts of these residents should be applauded for taking advantage of the opportunities created under the Plan for Transformation."

When former and current CHA residents and voucher holders enroll in the FSS program, they create five-year economic self-sufficiency goals catered to their personal needs. The program gives participants the support needed to obtain those goals by providing further education as needed, financial management counseling, child care or transportation assistance. As participants reach their goals and their earned income and rent payments increase, savings accounts are established for them. The savings the CHA obtains from its income-based rent increases is placed into the savings account for each resident. At the end of the program, the savings can be used for down payments on a home or for other purposes.

During the graduation ceremony, which was held October 25 at the CHA headquarters on W. Jackson Blvd., residents were also

presented with a check for money they had saved throughout the five-year program.

However, not all Section 8 holders are eager to enter the program.

"I can't make it without Section 8. I may be able to buy my own food and pay my own babysitter but I cannot afford rent in Chicago," said Melissa Donovan, 45, a single mother of four. "I have held my voucher for 12 years now and I have no plan on giving it up. I no longer receive a Link or medical card because I have a full-time job (making minimum wage)." This mentality is one of things that scare social welfare advocates like Judy Parker, executive director of Independent Living in Aurora.

"While I know everyone may not be able to complete the program in five years, the desire to someday become independent needs to be there," she said. "And I'm afraid recipients like Melissa will give people the wrong impression about Section 8 holders because most do want to someday become self-sufficient."

Since the program began in 1996, over 390 graduates have earned more than \$3.7 million in savings. While the average return to each family is \$9,367, some graduates have received nearly \$20,000 in savings, all of which is tax-free.

Welfare advocates said the program just proves what can be done if a person puts their mind to it and receives the proper support.

"It is my pleasure to have congratulated [them] on behalf of everyone at CHAC on [their] success and wish [them] the best in the future," said William Riley, executive director of CHAC Inc., the private Chicago agency that administers the Chicago Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly called Section 8) for the CHA.

For more information about enrolling in the FSS program, please contact the CHAC at 312-986-9400 or visit their office at 1000 S. Wabash Ave.

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LUNCH SPECIAL ON FRIDAYS

Holiday Shopping on a Budget: There's Still Time

Angelic Jones

If you do the math on family spending, you'll find that bills and food are costly items that exhaust the average monthly budget leaving no room for outside spending. The last two months of the year demand spending outside the parameters of the average budget. The holidays stretch most pockets thin.

The best time to start saving for those turkey dinners and gift extravaganzas is January 2, right after the holidays end. Banks offer a stellar savings plan where you can save for the holidays. You can ask about accounts designated for holiday spending at your local branch.

For those who haven't thought that far ahead about savings options for the 2006 holiday season, there are still ways to budget your last few checks to make a splash with your family during the holidays.

Most people get paid the 1st and the 15th, or every other Friday. Some people are fortunate enough to get paid weekly. Following those who received pay on November 10, there is at least one full check brining you directly into Thanksgiving on the 23rd (inquire as to whether you will receive your November 24th check early).

On a Budget:

1. Buy your meats with your next paycheck and shove them into the back of your freezer.

2. Utilize your local Dollar Tree to pick up products like seasonings, garbage bags and utensils for only \$1.00.

3. Pick up vegetables and other perishables the day before the holiday at markets like Pete's Produce and Moo and Oink.

4. Use coupons during your spending spree. A stack of coupons gathered from online sources and gleaned from stacks of local newspapers can reduce a \$200 purchase to less than \$50. Believe it!

5. Ask everyone to pitch in. Times are hard for everyone. Ask family members who are over to collaborate on the meal.

Tell them to bring a dish.

For a party of ten to twenty relatives, it's easy to bring in the month of December for under \$200. Just make sure to put ten percent of those checks away for Christmas. If you are asking where I expect you to find the money to buy for Thanksgiving and save for Christmas take a look at this.

Your daily soft drink:

\$1 x 7 days=\$7

Your cigarettes and other habits:

\$20 x 7=\$140

Your weekend expenses on movies, drinks or dates: \$50

Do the math and you'll discover an easy \$197 plus, that you managed to save by drinking water, playing Uno and watching reruns on cable.

According to your pay schedule, your next two pay checks will fall on the 8th and 22nd of December. We've mastered food purchases, so follow the same method for Christmas dinner.

GIFT GIVING: Adults, master the art of gift card giving in increments of \$20-\$100 dollars according to what you can afford not to what is on Oprah's Favorite Things list. It's the thought that counts.

Children, raid Wal-Mart, Toys R Us, and other stores for your own children. For family and friends' children, purchase savings bonds. Toys only last until the next fad but savings bonds can last a life time.

A gift for your special loved one is one that I can't budget out for you because you should have been saving for that special gift. Some options can be buying furniture, a car, a trip or something that you can make a payment plan for and still present at Christmas time. This will keep you from ending up in the dog house.

BUDGETING IS A SKILL. I've offered some options that may work for one person and not for the next person. My current budgeting method is stuffing \$20 from each check into envelopes marked for specific purposes. That helps me forget about the

money instead of knowing it's in the bank to spend. I've got a plan to enjoy my family and the holidays with last minute spending. Sit down today and figure out your own plan.

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Entertainment & Sports

Trooper Tru Performs at Showcase

Clemolyn (Pennie) Brinson



Trooper Tru entertains an audience at the Gunde Mansion

Rap musician Trulawn McCray was one of several performers in a variety show presented Friday October 27, 2006 at The Gunde Mansion North Lakeside Cultural Center, 6219 N. Sheridan Rd. Trulawn, known as Trooper Tru in the poetry scene, had the audience singing and dancing to his songs, Happy Together (Tru and Grace) and Babies of the World.

The show was called Mansion After Hours—A Showcase of Visual and Performing Arts, produced by Jeff Helgeson of Collage Productions, an organization that

promotes grassroots level Chicago arts. The event was in celebration of Collage Productions' 20th anniversary.

Trooper Tru grew up in the Cabrini Green housing projects where he lived for 20 years. In the last 15 years he has performed in various Chicago venues such as the Chopin Theater on Division where he first performed Babies of the World in 1997. That is where he met Helgeson.

"I get all different types of audiences," said Tru. "Jeff Helgeson happened to notice me, and he liked my style of rap." He said Helgeson gave him his number and said he

would like to have Tru perform in one of his productions.

But Tru said he lost touch with Helgeson. He is married and has one child, and said working keeps him busy. One day a couple of months ago, Tru said he looked up and Helgeson just happened to be in Dominick's where he works, and asked Tru to be in his next production.

Helgeson told NLCN that he had made a special trip to Dominick's because when deciding on putting on the show, Tru immediately came to mind as a perfect addition for the showcase. One who would provide a different kind of "originality and play to a different audience demographic than some of the other performance styles" in the show.

"I wanted to do a demonstration of the whole range of things that Collage Productions has been involved in since its inception 20 years ago," Helgeson said, "Tru was in the spoken word showcase, which was called Urban Voices at the Chopin Theater. Since I had poets involved already, and I had the musical component, I thought adding the rapper was a nice balance."

Tru's performances did bring that diversity to the show that included skits by actors, music by a three-man band, a songstress, a comedy act, a poet, and a magician. Tru said he sold seven CDs after his performances. He

makes his own CDs using music computer software. He tries to make as many open mic performances as he can fit into his life's schedule.

"There's not much else I can do to get my music out there," he said. "I'm looking for the perfect promoter to discover me. The problem is, I don't know how to go about seeking a promoter."

Presently Helgeson is putting together a project to take a cast to New York City next fall for a musical theater festival called And Then Again. He plans to have a showcase of local talents to help promote the New York City project sometime in the spring of next year.

To contact Trooper Tru call 773-304-6324. For information about Collage Productions visit www.collageproductions.info.

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Bears Bounce Back to Defeat New York Giants

Todd Thomas

The Chicago Bears defeated the New York Giants 38-20 to improve their record to 8-1 on the season. Many thought this game would be the Bears toughest contest of the season up to this point and it was in the first half. But they broke it open in the second stanza, scoring 28 points. The victory against the Giants (6-3) solidifies the Bears' position as the best team in the NFC and gives them the confidence they need to truly believe that they're capable of defeating any team on any given Sunday.

The beginning of the contest looked bleak for Chicago as they gave up big chunks of yardage to the Giants in the rainy, chilly confines of Giants Stadium. Wide receiver Plaxico Burress was burning the Bear secondary for medium-range yardage, seemingly at his leisure, and running back Tiki Barber, the league leader in rushing, ran through the Bears' defense with relative ease. The saving grace for the Bears was that the Giants didn't score more touchdowns when they had the chance, and they missed two field goals in the game. Otherwise things might have been a little dicier for Chicago.

But the second quarter was a little different and the defense started to figure out how to slow down Eli Manning and the Giants offensive attack. The Bears offense

started to figure things out as well, and toward the end of half running back Thomas Jones busted out for a nice 26-yard gain on a draw play to set up a Bears touchdown. This provided the momentum, and even more importantly, the confidence for them to come out swinging in the second half like they did.

The third quarter was all Bears as they scored on touchdown passes from Grossman to Muhsin Muhammad and Desmond Clark. The pass to Muhammad was especially sweet because it gave him a chance to redeem himself for an earlier lost fumble. They took a 24-20 lead into the final quarter, which was to prove to be record-setting.

Bears' kick returner Devin Hester has been criticized all year for his inconsistency fielding kicks, but his 'risky behavior' paid off in a big way when he ran back a missed Giants' field goal attempt for an NFL record tying 108-yard touchdown return. On the play Hester hesitated as if he was not going to bring the return out of the end zone and when the New York defense relaxed he raced past them the full length of the field to put the Bears ahead 31-20. Thomas Jones went on to score another TD to make the final score 38-20.

This was almost a must-win game for the Chicago. It was the first game of a three-game road trip and it gave them a chance to bounce back from the loss to the Miami Dolphins the

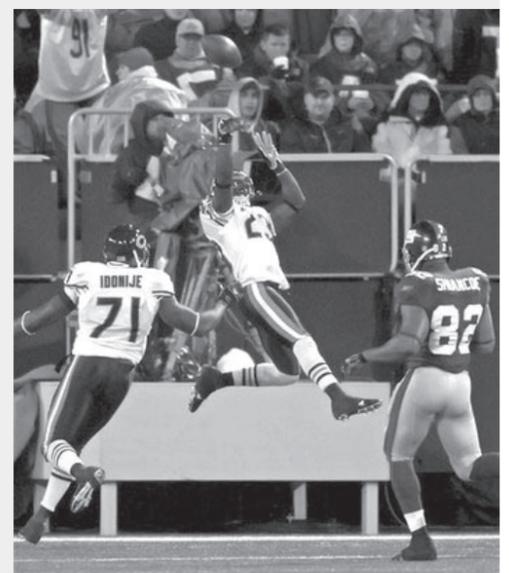
previous week. They also proved that they can weather difficult circumstances as they overcame the injuries and inconsistency that have dogged them recently.

The game ball this week goes to wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad. He caught seven passes for 123 yards and a TD. As usual, he caught very difficult passes over the middle, and in thick traffic. He is not only physically gifted but he also knows the nuances of the game well and delivers big plays when they're needed most. Muhammad's great at knowing how to get just enough yardage for the first down – something that is crucial to the team when the running game sputters.

Other highlights were defensive end Alex Brown's play (two sacks and two forced fumbles.); quarterback Rex Grossman, who threw for 246 yards and three TD's, and running back Thomas Jones, who eventually broke through the Giants' stingy defense to establish the running game. He finished with 113 rushing yards.

Next up for the Bears are the New York Jets (5-4) back at Giants Stadium on Nov.19. The Jets are on the upswing and defeated the New England Patriots 17-14 in their last game.

Locally high school basketball is set to open up and both Collins and NLCP begin their seasons in thanksgiving tournament play.



Bears Devin Hester celebrates 108 yard touchdown

NLCP Boys Basketball plays at the Lisle Tournament Nov 20-22.

Collins plays at the Kennedy-King Tournament Nov 20-22.

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problem solved," Joyner said.

Reminding listeners the importance of being vigilant about their health and maintaining a healthier lifestyle. Many Black Americans, especially men have ignored their bodies and later suffer with heart disease, diabetes, strokes and prostate cancer.

Levert's death has alerted many to step back and take a look at their body weight and the types of food that they are consuming.

"I would like to stop smoking and exercise

more and eat a little healthier, because in my family heart problems exists – so I need to start looking at those things," said Flonard Wrencher, 43. "His death makes you want to be aware of what's going on with your own body."

Rick Jackson, 31, says that Levert's passing affected him a great deal. "His death makes me want to go to the doctor and get checked out because I know that if it can happen to him and he look healthy – looks can be deceiving," Jackson said. Although Jackson visits his physician twice a year, he

has decided that he will be now going in four times a year to insure that he stays healthy.

Levert's sensuous and sultry style attracted a wide range of fans of all ages and Jon Murray, news anchor stated it best when he said, "Old school loved him, because he was young and he could perform like any of the veterans out there, but like the hip-hop community loved him too...because he always had rappers on his records," said Murray.

His fans are already missing him and have taken his demise seriously by vowing to change

their unhealthy practices to healthy ones.

George's Music Room will host a tribute to Gerald Levert on Wednesday November 15. V-103 will broadcast the tribute live from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Visitors are asked to bring a signed condolence card that will be sent to his family.

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AT THE FLICKS

David Schultz, film critic



Daniel Craig as James Bond in MGM Columbia Pictures' Casino Royale

CASINO ROYALE (***/1/2) "Casino Royale" returns the James Bond character and its movie franchise back to its true form. The movie is sort of "back-to-the-basics" within a rejuvenated and re-imaged approach that proves to be the formula that the filmmakers got right. Because this is the Bond character and movie that seem to re-connect and identify closer to the intended vision of the late author, Ian Fleming, along with some reflective yet redesign nuisances that were characteristic in the early Bond movies.

From its initial grainy black and white introduction, the tone of the movie is set by the newest Bond, Daniel Craig who wisely makes the role his own with exhibiting a more darker side that can go to brutally ruthless to sadistic as he plummets a young assassin in a public washroom. And yet still mustards enough humanity in his defiant pursuit of the bad guys and interest to love and sex that could have adverse effect on his life here.

"Casino Royale" brings back the mystery and intensity to the Bond character with more arrogance and tighter dramatic implications that aren't over produced as many Bond generally have been. These kinds of restrictions make more out of less for bond to do without use of special

gadgets which are clearly absence in this edition.

At the same time, there is a resiliency and attitude within this character and film that seem to reflect the real-life mental position needed in today's post-9/11 society. Even though there are some minor shortcomings from this script written by veteran Bond writers Neal Purvis and Robert Wade with "Crash" writer-director and Chi-born Paul Haggis from the last Fleming book actually filmed as a real Bond movie.

PG-13; 144min. A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture Distributed by Columbia Pictures Presented at selected theaters

HAPPY FEET (****) If you've grown a little weary and numb of the all the animated movie that seems employ animals of their elements adventures with fast paced humor, pop culture reference and sight gags done to entertain adults and children on different level. At last, there is an animated feature that breaks out of this mold; "Happy Feet" is infectious entertainment that moves to its own rhythm. This also happens to be this underlining theme of tolerance that this movie is all about.

The film's storyline is drawn from the actual fact shown early in the film. In the bitterly cold and icy world of the emperor penguins; after the mother gives birth, she transfers responsibility of keeping the egg safe and warm to the father.

While she travels for months in search of food to store within her body and bring back in time to her family. But in order to find each other as soul-mates and as an infant, each penguin must create their own sound to be recognized.

In this film, they communicate singing "Top 40" hits like when two penguins go through their matching ritual, Norma Jean (Nicole Kidman) kicks it off with Prince's "Kiss" and her mate, Memphis (Hugh Jackman) naturally tags her with an Elvis Presley song.



Mumble (voiced by Elijah Wood), Ramon (voiced by Robin Williams) and the Amigos meet the Elephant Seals in Warner Bros. Pictures' Happy Feet

Director George Miller who is best known for such futuristic action flicks like "Mad Max" seems an unlikely source that surprises us by delivering an animated feature that not only entertains but amazes us by achieving a massive visual spectacle out of the panoramic scope of this mountainous icy glacier world that is an awesome counterpart to what Pixar Animation achieved in the undersea environment of "Finding Nemo".

And like that film, you can't help but feel drawn into and wrap you up in their world and characters. "Happy Feet" is an absolute delight from start to finish that is probably one of the best animated films of the year that adults and kids will enjoy more than once.

PG; 108min. A Warner Bros, Pictures Release - Presented at selected theaters

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (***) Unless you read the entertainment industry trade publications during the award season leading up to the Academy awards nominations. This particular film's title represents a catch phrase that is used in all the studio-funded print advertisements supporting a particular star or movie, intended to gain the attention of industry voters.

"For Your Consideration" is a satirical look at the Hollywood movie industry before and during the Oscar campaign from co-writer-co-star/director Christopher Guest who has previously done more than his fair share of these

mockumentaries that lampoon other show biz entities: British and U.S. rock musicians in "This Is Spinal Tap", folk musicians in "A Mighty Wind", even national dog show competitions in "Best In Show" with his usual comedic ensemble bringing the authenticity of these industry characters with the humor and irony.

This time, Guest and his co-star/co-writer Eugene Levy abandon their usual mockumentary approach for a more narrative tone and a larger ensemble cast. Instead, they turn their cynical eye and satirical barbs onto the crazed paranoia leading up to the Academy Award telecast.

The comedy is set around the cast and crew making a small independent film entitled "Home for Purim", a Jewish-infected family period drama that suddenly becomes a prestige product from word-of-mouth praise.

Even though some viewers might view "For Your Consideration" as being "too inside" to get all the nuisances Levy and Guest show the love through their script that indicates; you only satirize the ones in an industry you love.

By summing up this movie's theme through this statement of irony, "Oscar is the backbone of this industry, an industry not known for having a backbone". Even though Hollywood is one lifestyle and job area, there are many in their own life and profession that are made to feel under appreciated.

PG-13; 86min. A Warner Independent Pictures Release- presented at selected theaters

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WVON MEN'S RETREAT AT MALCOLM X

Todd Thomas



Dr. Carl Bell lectures at Mens Retreat

Radio station WVON held its first-ever Men's Retreat at Malcolm X College on Saturday Nov 11. The roughly two hundred men who attended were treated to an afternoon of empowering lectures and information from some of the nation's brightest speakers including, educator and scholar Dr. Dennis Kimbro and local psychiatrist Dr. Carl Bell, president and CEO of the Community Mental Health Council.

Both individuals gave speeches geared to motivate and educate black men, but from different perspectives. Dr. Kimbro's speech was about analyzing power and success, and Dr. Bell's was about analyzing the mind and the environment.

Kimbro, who has interviewed more than 100 successful and influential African Americans for his book "What Makes the Great Great" melded information he garnered from them with his own life experiences to form

the crux of his message.

These are some of his key comments.

Success comes with hard work: "Twenty years ago if you were excellent you were excellent. But if you want to be excellent today and you're just excellent – well you're good. So today if you want to be excellent you've got to be extraordinary."

"On time is late, and early is on time, and I don't care what you do in life, you're a role model to somebody."

On being resilient in life: "I don't care what circumstances you have gone through,

all I care about is where you're going to be in the future."

Time is of the essence: "Time is not running out, but your life is. The critical question is what are you going to do with the rest of life that you have left? This is the time to be a man – this is the time to make a difference."

Defining success: "Sometimes success wears a UPS uniform; sometimes success wears a post office uniform. ...it's all about what's inside."

African American business icon Earl Graves' view on obtaining success: "There is no such thing as the impossible. The impossible may not be possible overnight, but over time the impossible certainly becomes possible."

Kimbro listed ten points that are key to obtaining success: 1.Knowledge 2.Work Habit 3. Money 4. Skill 5. Networking 6. Persistence 7. Confidence 8. Charisma 9. Passion 10. Spirituality.

Dr. Carl Bell's remarks:

About placing the blame on slavery for our psychological issues: "As a psychiatrist I see people all the time who cannot fulfill their destiny. I see trifling black folks all the time and it bothers me because I'm not one of them. I hear black people walking around

talking about 'post-traumatic slavery syndrome.' I don't have it! Maybe the ones' who go around inventing this stuff got it. I don't know."

Confusion about whether an act was racially motivated or not: "Was it because I was unprepared (when denied a position) and wasn't as good as I thought I was, or is this a racist institution? Because as black people you can't really tell. You don't know if you didn't get the job because you were unprepared or because it was a racist decision."

Stop wasting time: "I don't have time to play. I don't have cable TV ... to hell with cable, it's some crap – it makes you go to sleep."

As the retreat came to a close, moderator Curtis Monday pointed out to the participants that it was up to them to take on the personal responsibility to actually utilize the information and encouragement they had received at the event.

"It doesn't take an elaborate system to make changes. We can do it if we implement the strategies on our own," Monday said.

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Ana Padilla, 20, Your Vote, Our Hope volunteer said young people showed older adults their commitment to political change in this election. "We need to show them we're not only voting we're going outside [to knock on doors], we're joining campaigns," she said.

Padilla, who has been registering voters outside of churches and at train stations since July 1, said she has been involved in elections since high school and aspires to run for local office.

Luis Chavez, who helped register about 100 voters in the St. Pius V parish in Pilsen as part of the Resurrection Project's effort, said he was pleased to see young people who had recently turned 18 and older new citizens in the community working together to increase voting.

Many immigrants come to the U.S. having had bad experiences with so-called democracy, Chavez said. "They don't know if their votes matter," he said.

"The youth here are doing the work of changing that, so that people believe and people know that their vote counts," Chavez said.

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raised it up, dug out the old foundation that was crumbling beneath it, poured a whole new foundation and put the church back down," said Trout.

Some special trips that have some of the older members of Ymen have gone on have been trips to Africa. "I was chosen along with three other people to go to Africa in 2002 and it was a tremendous experience because we visited the slave council where they had the slaves before they brought them to America," said Antonio Gross. He came back with a sense of appreciation for what he had here in the United States.

Trout has also started a business within the Ymen that has proved to be an asset to the organization. With a \$17,000 loan from the Steans Family Foundation they bought an embroidery machine that has allowed them to

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damaged and they had to come in on Saturday to move into the other building.

There also is tension between the Sumner and Kipp students. According to the Sumner security office, a fight broke out last month between Kipp and Sumner students. When the fight was over, the police told the Sumner students they could not go home the way they normally do, which was through the two buildings. Consequently, some of the students were late getting home and that caused their parents to worry.

Another problem is that when Kipp came into the school, Sumner had to stop their busing services. Many of the parents now have to bring their children to school or the students have to take public transportation.

The Sumner community also was disappointed that their school sign was changed. They used to have a sign with pencil and crayons on it that read Sumner Math and Science Academy. Now it says Sumner Campus in large letters and beneath that it says Sumner Math and Science Academy and Kipp Ascend.

Kipp is housed in the annex building of Sumner where Preschoolers through 3rd graders are housed. Kipp has students in 5th-8th grade. Since Sumner has two buildings, it was only necessary to change the sign to the building that Kipp is using, according to

run a professional grade embroidery business. "Youth entrepreneurship is important because I wanted to prevent them from learning how to make money the wrong way. We want to teach them how to do it legally and how to do it well," said Trout

Ymen brings in \$1,500 dollars from the machine per month and allows for a member to make anywhere from \$100 to \$500 per sale. "I'm a salesman and an embroiderer, so I am certified on the machine. Mike showed me how to take care of any problem on the machine. We get paid so it pushes us to make sales and it's nice to have your own money so you don't have to ask your parents," said Bradley Johnson.

Most importantly Ymen has provided many young men with a sense of family that is healthy and a positive influence in many young men's lives. "Mike is a father and a role model to me because I grew up without a father, so coming here made me more disciplined and he also helped me with my academics because I was

Sumner officials.

When two schools are housed together a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) is created. This is a contract negotiated and agreed upon by both schools that details the rules they must follow. Once the M.O.U. is signed by both principals it is in effect.

According to the M.O.U., a Campus manager to oversee the school grounds is needed. Both schools are currently working with CPS on this situation. Last year, Robinson was the campus manager and the parents and faculty asked that she remain in this position.

Kipp's Principal Jim O'Connor believes both schools need to resolve this problem and come to a conclusion that benefits the students of both schools.

Not only are the parents and faculty noticing the difference in the school, but the students are as well. Nine-year-old Tavares Johnson, one of the fourth graders that had to move to the other building, did not like the idea of switching classes. When I asked him why he had to move he said "because of the Kipp kids."

It seems everyone is focusing their attention on Kipp and not Sumner, even though Kipp is not a community school. Kipp Ascend currently serves 320 5th through 8th grade students from the Austin, West Garfield, and North Lawndale neighborhoods.

Students must apply for admission to

really bad in school. Mike teaches you things you never knew and he treats you like you are his own. When my mother past away three years ago he was comforting me and helped me overcome my mothers death. I can go to him with any of my problems," said Jones.

On their last service trip a Native American gave them a special painting of seed growth on the side of a mountain. Mounted on the wall is the framed picture to inspire the youth of Ymen. "Even out of rough terrain and rocky places, if there is seed and soil growth will take place. That is a challenge to my students. North Lawndale can be a rough neighborhood from time to time, but they are like the seed and if we give them a little soil and water they will be able to flourish and grow," said Trout.

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Kipp. Some are concerned that Kipp is screening the applicants to make sure they are academically fit. Conversely, Sumner takes any and every child from the community regardless of their academic status then builds them up to a high academic standard.

"We don't not want Kipp to be a school, just be a school somewhere else," Robinson said.

For more information on Sumner Math and Science Academy visit www.cps.sumner.kiz.il.us and for more information on Kipp Ascend Charter School visit www.kippascend.org.

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meet eligibility requirements to be served and to increase access to life sustaining medicines.

Solutions to combat epidemic

One sure way to combat this disease is to always engage in protected sex. Another is to have open lines of communication with your partner; it is essential to know your HIV/AIDS status as well as theirs. Don't be afraid to talk about sex with your family and friends. Don't mix alcohol or drugs in your sexual experience, its very likely that you would make a better decision on top of remembering everything that took place.

Get tested annually, and if you engage in high-risk sex get tested twice annually. Become more educated about the disease, find out the AIDS rates for your community and know the transmission modes that most affects your lifestyle.

The Gift House is a North Lawndale center for HIV/AIDS testing located at 1300 S. Kedzie. For more information on the Illinois HIV/AIDS and STD hotline call 1-800-243-2437 or visit the web at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/>

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"When I first came to Chicago last year, I had nowhere to go, but I knew there were opportunities here," he said. "Luckily I found stable housing through referrals from social service agencies, and now I have a permanent place to call home until I am old enough to make it on my own."

LaCasa Norte operates programs at Solid Ground specifically for homeless and at-risk youth. Its staff develops a specialized plan suited to each individual's strengths, needs and challenges. They provide crisis services, both emergency and permanent housing, substance abuse services and educational and job opportunities.

At the grand opening of Solid Ground on Nov. 9, Mayor Daley presented the city's first "Ruby Slipper Award" to Sol Flores, the executive director of LaCasa Norte.

The award, which recognizes the exemplary commitment of an individual or organization to Chicago's Plan to End Homelessness, is named after the slippers worn by Dorothy in "The

Wizard of Oz." The motto of the Plan to End Homelessness, "There's no place like a home," is based on what Dorothy exclaimed as she returned to Kansas.

The Plan to End Homelessness, which seeks to move from a shelter-based to a housing-based system, has made dramatic changes in less than four years, Daley noted. The City has phased out 1,900 emergency shelter beds and replaced them with more than 1,500 permanent housing units and more than 1,400 interim housing units.

In January, the first homeless individuals and families are expected to begin moving into permanent housing units as a result of the Statewide Rental Support Program.

This program will generate an additional \$13 million for the Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund and provide rental assistance to more than 2,000 households. Half of the households are expected to come from homeless shelters.

Daley has committed \$15 million of Skyway funds over five

years to housing initiatives. They include the Street to Home Initiative, which moves people from the streets into permanent housing. Since January, the initiative has provided services to 122 unsheltered homeless, and has moved 62 of them into permanent housing.

Skyway funds also are going into the Chicago Homeless Prevention Fund and the Housing Locator Program, which matches families with landlords who manage affordable properties. The program has developed an inventory of landlords and has moved 138 families into private housing.

"Through public and private funds, we have assisted more than 5,700 at-risk households through prevention activities," Daley added. "We're making great progress in our Plan to End Homelessness - thanks to organizations like La Casa Norte, which think outside the box and refuse to accept the notion that homelessness is here to stay."

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Journalistic Giant Ed Bradley Of '60 Minutes' Fame Dies

Mikal-Ace Ngubani

Emmy award winning journalist Ed Bradley of '60 minutes' fame succumbed to a long battle with leukemia Thursday Nov. 9 at the age of 65.

The highly touted journalist and first African-American CBS White House Correspondent struggled with sporadic bouts of the illness and heart disease in recent years, while managing to maintain a pivotal role on the widely acclaimed '60 minutes' television news program.

Colleagues such as Walter Cronkite, Morley Safer and Mike Wallace warmly referred to Bradley as the "Reporter's Reporter," and have expressed enormous sentiment over the demise of such an accomplished figure and friend.

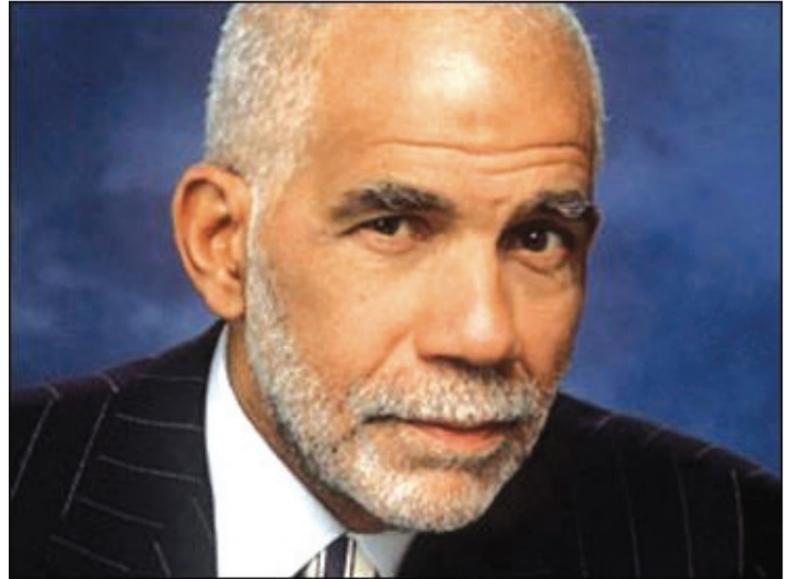
A native Philadelphian, Mr. Bradley attended Cheney State College in the early sixties then began his illustrious career as a teacher and jazz radio host in 1963 before moving in 1967 to local news reporting at WCBS, a Pennsylvania affiliate of CBS.

Prior to developing his suave demeanor, signature beard and ear-ring persona Bradley freelanced for CBS in 1971.

In time he accepted assignments as a foreign correspondent in Paris and Saigon during the Vietnam conflict, where he was subsequently wounded while on assignment in Cambodia. Soon after he became a full fledged CBS news correspondent and was transferred to its core office in Washington DC.

In the span of a forty year career in journalism, 26 of which were spent with '60 minutes,' Bradley gradually became one of America's most credible news correspondents. His success was due in large part to his casual ease and tactful interviewing style.

His skills were reflected in interviews with Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and accused child molester and mega pop star, Michael Jackson. Bradley, the former shy kid from Philadelphia who had been told early on by his working class parents that along with hard work and dedication, he



60 Minutes Anchor Ed Bradley

could accomplish whatever he willed, had not lost his journalistic touch.

Among his many accomplishments, which include winning 19 Emmy's and receiving the 'Life Time Achievement' award from the prestigious Association of Black Journalists, Bradley said his first '60 minutes' interview with music icon Lena Horne, was his quintessential best story.

Along with being a fervent jazz enthusiast, he also served as the radio host of Wynton Marsalis's Jazz at Lincoln Center program, which throughout the years has honored the stellar newsman with four 'Peabody Awards' for outstanding excellence.

Bradley serves as an inspiration to many, particularly African-American journalists.

Bradley is survived by his wife Patricia Blanchet.

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