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PROVIDING INFORMATION ON RESOURCES AND EVENTS THAT IMPROVE THE LIFESTYLE OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

24th Ward Incumbent Chandler faces Dixon in Runoff

Sophia karalexis

The aldermanic race in the 24th Ward ended with 94 percent of precincts reporting. Incumbent Michael Chandler will face Sharon Dixon in a run-off election on April 17. Chandler received 36 percent of the vote while Dixon received 20 percent.

In order for Chandler to have avoided a run-off he needed 50 percent of the vote plus one. Taking away from the amount of supporters he may have had in previous elections were six other candidates all with very important agendas ranging from education to housing. Other factors could have included his nonattendance at several aldermanic forums that went on in the community.

Chandler became alderman in

1995 after he helped the community to solve problems. Before he ran for alderman he founded an organization that was called Community in Action.

"We're looking forward to working with folks. We want to be there to see the new high school being built on Homan and Arthington, the Henry Ford Power House High School, a multi-million dollar project. Also new housing, Dr. Martin Luther King moved to Chicago because of the lack of housing that was in the 24th ward in North Lawndale. We have a faith based initiative where we are working with churches to build new housing all over the ward....We're going to work hard to get people to be involved in the process," said



24th Alderman Michael Chandler



Sharon Dixon, 24th Ward Candidate

Chandler when asked about his campaign strategy for the runoff.

Sharon Dixon may have a chance

at winning the run-off because of the fact that 64 percent of the voters did

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DALEY WINS SIXTH TERM IN LANDSLIDE

Ben Prottess (Aricka Flowers, Anita Bryant and James Glover contributed to this report)

Richard M. Daley cruised to his sixth mayoral term Tuesday, putting him in a position to surpass his late father's record of almost 22 years in office.

Despite an ongoing federal investigation into City Hall contracting and hiring fraud, Daley swept to a landslide victory over African-American challengers Dorothy Brown and William "Dock" Walls.

With more than 98 percent of the ballots tallied, Daley had received about 71 percent of the vote.

Brown, clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court, finished a distant second with 20 percent. Walls, a one-time aide to the late Mayor Harold Washington, didn't break into double digits.

Daley proclaimed victory about 9 p.m. Tuesday night,

surrounded by his wife Maggie, and their family.

"I want to thank the people from every community of Chicago who continued to believe in our work to make [this] a better city," the mayor told over 300 supporters at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. "We must continue to work together and put aside any personal or political differences to keep Chicago moving forward on behalf of all the people of our city."

But most Chicagoans didn't vote in the election, with only about a third of the city's 1.4 million registered voters turning out to cast their ballots. Despite the mayor's overwhelming victory, it represented his lowest vote total to date, a fact that did not bother Daley.

"I'm very happy. You get 71 percent of the vote. When the election is over with, you're still the



Mayor Richard M. Daley speaks with the media following his election victory.

winner," the mayor told reporters Tuesday night.

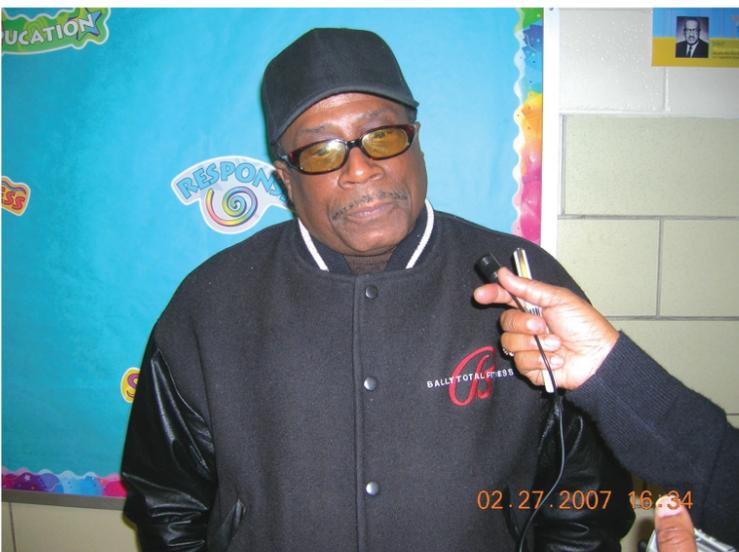
Daley's victory margin also was

down from 2003, when he won more than 78 percent of the vote.

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28TH WARD RETAINS ED SMITH, RESIDENTS LOOK FOR CHANGE

Priscilla Lucas



Milton Johnson, 28th Ward Resident

On Tuesday, Incumbent Ed H. Smith retained his seat in the 28th Ward. Smith received 4,498 for 59.9 percent, while Walker received 1,798 for 23.9 percent. Overall, 25 percent (7,714) of the 30, 698 registered voters in the 28th Ward cast their ballots.

Voters cast their votes with hopes that their voices will be heard – loud and clear at Mary Bethune School located at 3200 W. Arthington St.

With a total of 175 men and women casting their names in for the 50 aldermanic seats the incumbents are now listening.

On a scale of one to ten voters felt that this election was extremely important and the steady stream of voters indicated that the residents

are ready for new changes and for elected officials to acknowledge the needs of the community.

Ron Martin, a lifelong resident of the 28th Ward welcomes change and hopes that his candidate is triumphant. He along with others want their ward to be free of the negative influences that have plagued them in past years, and for overall improvements.

"I expect the streets to be taken care of better; I expect to see the schools being improved," Martin said. "I can only cast my vote – you know and I'm only one person and I just can only hope that things get better."

His opinions reflected many

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The primary focus for SHS/ NLCN during 2007 will be People and Education. Our history of people is great. People have strived to create progress in our community, raised their families, created businesses, triumphed over adversaries, and worked in the community. All year long NLCN will focus on articles related to people and education throughout our newspaper, weblog, and website that serves the Westside of Chicago.

Acquiring a greater knowledge of each other through wisdom and a genuine feeling of caring for each other in our micro-local community areas and homes will improve the connection we should have between each other. Using our God given resources which are himself and each other will create an environment that will provide a climate of positive growth. Confidence in each other and assuming this responsibility will overcome our fear in valuing this vulnerable process because loving and caring about others does open us up to dissapointment. But the strong overcome fear and the dissapointments that may happen. We just have to be wise as change agents of the people divide. We must really care about each other.

Education with wisdom 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, we have to make it in favor of everyone, equitably.

Throughout the year, we will connect you with resources and residents working in these areas. NLCN will continue to provide news and information on issues and events that are relevant to our readers, as well as touch on the focus of our previous years. By becoming an educated wise people, knowing, loving and caring about each other more, we can more participate and benefit in making our communities model neighborhoods. We hope by reading this community newspaper, you will become or remain inspired to keep moving foward to a better life.

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To Your Health

# Detoxify for Spring

Angelic Jones

During the winter, most people overeat and under use their bodies, shunning exercise. While spring is a wonderful time to get the heart pumping and make moves toward toning your body, detoxification is actually a better method to begin improving your health and image. There are a number of ways that our bodies become toxic including breathing smog in, drinking water that contains chemicals, eating food with chemicals, solvents and estrogens and the environmental pollutants.

Detoxification is the body's natural process of eliminating or neutralizing toxins via the liver, kidneys, urine, feces, exhaling or perspiration. Those of you who have exercise on the brain have the right idea. Sweating helps to detoxify the body. Another method, one rarely employed, is to fast. But I know I'm not missing a meal. Are you? Vitamins and minerals help detoxify a body just as well and you aren't required to miss a meal. Most stores carry a wide variety of multivitamins specified to men, women and children. There is also a break down of formulas based on age and nutritional needs.

It is important to recognize specific reasons to detoxify the body and act on the need to cleanse your inner system. Typical symptoms that indicate a need to detoxify are:

- persistent headaches
- joint pain
- respiratory problems
- back pain
- allergies
- insomnia
- mood swings
- constipation
- acne

-hair problems. Many of these issues may occur as an individual issue and may not seem connected to internal issues but largely are part of the body's indication that it needs to be refreshed.

A failure to address these issues will lead to diseases in the long run that may be preventable. Some diseases that may result from toxins are cancers that result from an accumulation of toxic exposure to lead, asbestos, etc.; cardiovascular diseases from clogged arteries; arthritis from toxins in the joints; diabetes from an overload of sugar or poor food choices; and obesity from eating dead foods that remain in your system for years.

Detoxification is therapy for your inner and outer body. A process of exercise and cleaning can remove toxins from your system making your internal organs work better and also helping your skin to appear healthier and your hair to grow. Physical and mental develops are a key result of cleansing your inner body.

I do not recommend fasting and diets as methods of detoxifying by denying. Instead moderate your food intake and choose proper foods based on the food pyramid as well as drink your daily water requirement of 8-10 glasses.

**Simple Methods of Detoxifying**  
There are some simple and cost effective and luxurious methods of detoxifying your body. Try:

- massage and lymphatic drainage
- aromatherapy
- breathing, relaxation and meditation
- aerobic exercise including dancing, jogging, walking, jumping rope daily for a

fast period in bursts

-And, my favorite, skin brushing to assist the skin with daily eliminations. This can be done at home with a brush you buy in any store. You purchase the brush and scrub in lymph areas in the direction of your heart to stimulate blood flow and cleansing. This is a treat in the shower.

Another keen trick for detoxifying is taking an Epsom Salt bath. Think Turkish baths and a lot of steam—just kidding. Epsom Salts stimulate circulation and circulation stimulates the inner organs to remove toxins.

A final and distinct and not quite painful method of detoxifying is colon therapy. Many people think of getting a colonic because they hear it has great results for weight loss. A warning on colonics is that they are a shock to the system and not as effective to helping the internal system as a gradual detoxification system. It is actually not good to shock your internal system because you scare your organs and may make them work improperly and cause failure where you thought you'd be causing a successful removal of toxins.

No matter how healthy you are or are not, your body can always use refreshing in the form of detoxification. Try to find a combination of methods that work for your and get started on renewing your body so you can bloom with the flowers.

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## Polls from front page

others that came to re-elect, or newly elect those that will represent their wards for four years.

Many of the challengers are being embraced and some residents believe that the incumbents deserved a wake-up. While others believe strongly in those who are currently in office; they noted that the election would cause them (incumbents) to become more observant to what their constituents needs are and meet them.

"Knowing that there is opposition and challengers out there will make him extremely sensitive to the needs of the community," said Milton Johnson, a poll-watcher for this election.

Johnson admits that he would like to see "a progressive African-American in the (Mayor's) office." He points out the long process of finding the right individuals to fill political offices could cause the election to go either way.

"Most politicians take office and their intentions are good; we all want our elective officials to take the office and make it good," Johnson said.

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## NO DECISION YET IN 24<sup>TH</sup> WARD ALDERMANIC RACE!



**Tuesday 64% of 24<sup>th</sup> Ward voters did not vote for the current Alderman.**

**On Tuesday, April 17, 2007, there will be a run-off election between the top two finishers – Sharon Denise Dixon and the incumbent Alderman.**

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# Victory from front page

Brown, an elected official with a political base, proved a stronger challenge this time.

But about a half hour after Daley declared victory, Brown conceded at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. Brown congratulated Mayor Daley, but quickly called on Chicagoans – and the media – to challenge his rule.

“Take a stand that cannot be bent ... Injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere ... hold this mayor accountable,” she said.

Brown described the campaign as a “long, hard six months” but added that she “felt good and proud about the race.”

“You haven’t seen the last of Dorothy Brown,” she added. “I will be back.”

Walls maintained throughout the campaign that he would win in a landslide. He offered a slightly more humble message Tuesday night.

“Nobody promised us a rose garden, and we are cool with that,” Walls told supporters gathered at a South Side banquet hall. “There is nothing about this campaign we shouldn’t

be proud of. “One thing we do know by the results is that Chicago is not ready for reform. We look forward to the day when people in the city of Chicago should expect more from their elected representatives than just building parks, putting in flower beds ... and discriminating against people,” Walls said.

Still, black voters did not rally around Brown and Walls, and the challengers failed to attract support from other racial groups. Daley won the vote in every city ward, including those where African-Americans represent more than 95 percent of the population, according to the *Chicago Tribune*.

“I work very hard in the African American community, Daley told NLCN. “In terms of education, crime, and all the other issues. I’ve stood there, shoulder to shoulder with them, and worked very well with the faith based organization. They understand what I’m trying to do here.”

Brown and Walls waged aggressive campaigns against Daley, while struggling to raise money and awareness. In recent months, the challengers canvassed neighborhoods, issued position papers and participated in

forums and debates, which Daley declined to attend. The mayor hardly acknowledged his opponents during the campaign.

Conversely, both challengers attacked Daley for beautifying certain neighborhoods, while ignoring crime and a lack of affordable housing in others, especially on the West and South Sides.

Daley insisted he is committed to economic development and affordable housing in low-income communities. The mayor recently introduced a city ordinance that would turn private buildings into affordable apartments for North Lawndale residents. Brown and Walls also hit Daley hard on the three-year corruption scandal that has surrounded his administration.

“He has the most corrupt administration in the history of this country. He does not deserve re-election,” Walls said.

Daley referred to the scandal in his victory speech, saying that “our city hiring and contracting systems have been reformed. And we’ll keep working to make them stronger, to prevent wrongdoing and corruption.”

Former city Clerk James Laski pleaded guilty last year to taking bribes in return for

business from the city’s Hired Truck Program.

Three months ago, Daley’s former patronage chief, Robert Sorich, was sentenced to 46 months in prison for his role in a long-running scheme to rig city hiring.

Patronage workers historically have campaigned hard for Daley. With these groups crippled or killed by the federal probe, the mayor filed only 24,000 nominating signatures, far fewer than his opponents.

But Daley showed Tuesday that signatures aren’t necessarily an indication of electoral support.

Daley, 64, also has served as a state senator and Cook County State Attorney. He first was elected mayor in 1989 after losing to Harold Washington, the city’s first African-American mayor, in the 1983 primary.

If Daley serves a full term, he will break his father’s record as the longest serving mayor in Chicago history.

The current mayor has insisted he is focused on his platform, not the record.

“I’ll keep working as hard as I can for the next four years to justify your faith in me,” Daley declared. “We will rededicate ourselves to making this great city even greater.”

## FRAZIER TO BECOME INTERNATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOL IN FALL 2007

James Glover

Opening up for the 2007-2008 school year will be the new Frazier Magnet Academy located at 4027 W. Grenshaw. Frazier will provide a new alternative for parents who want their children to have a unique learning experience beyond just text books. Frazier hopes to change the educational landscape of North Lawndale.

“We don’t want the students sitting there with worksheets and the teachers sitting behind the desk reading out of textbooks,” said Collette Unger Tesley, principal of Frazier. Students will be using an investigative style of learning that allows them to go deep into the education process while still having fun with learning.”

A product of the North Lawndale environment herself, Ms. Tesley wants the students leave school not with just a quality education, but a sense of what it means to be a pillar

of the communities.

“By having students to look in the community and see how they can help through various community services programs. Whether they are helping a neighbor with babysitting, or assisting the elderly with various tasks, we want to make sure that these children are aware that they can be a vital part of the community by giving back,” said Ms. Tesley.

Programs like the Music and Science will play a major role at Frazier, bringing to light subjects that are often very under-appreciated. “Kids will have a hands-on experience in learning about plants, nature and animals in the science program. It’s really meant to be as interactive and investigative as possible,” said Ms. Tesley.



Collette Unger Tesley, Principal and Ebanah Hassanat, Kindergarten teacher at Frazier International Magnet School

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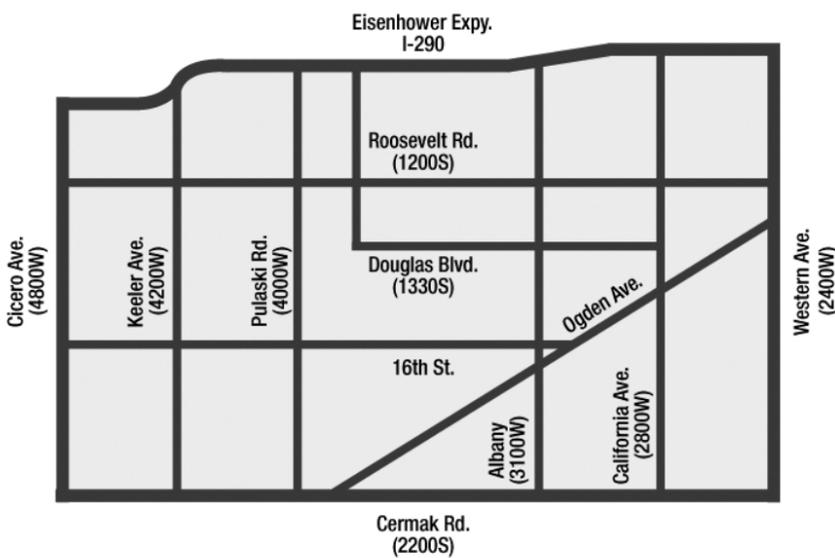


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All projects **must** be resident sponsored (collaboration with community-based organizations are permissible). Grant award amounts will range from \$250-\$2,500. Awards will be made directly to the resident-led project(s). Participation in the Neighborhood Grants Program does not require a 501(c)3 tax status. All proposals will be reviewed by a panel of community residents and stakeholders.

Projects must be located within the Steans Family Foundation North Lawndale boundary area (mapped below).



Applications may be picked up at our North Lawndale office location or downloaded at [www.steansfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.steansfamilyfoundation.org). Please contact the Neighborhood Hotline at 773-533-2350 ext. 11 for further questions.

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Interested applicants **must** attend an informational session pertaining to the program area(s) of interest.

**General Program:** Projects for resident involvement which can include: Block Clubs, Community Gardens, Cultural Arts, Festivals, Youth Health and Fitness, and Neighborhood Service Projects.

- ✎ Information Sessions will be held on Wednesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 15 from 6-7 p.m.
- ✎ Completed applications must be received by Thursday, March 22 by 5 p.m.
- ✎ Awards will be announced by Monday, April 16

*Meetings and deadlines for Public Safety and Juvenile Justice Programs will be held at the same time:*

**Public Safety:** (New category for 2007) Projects will be awarded in two target areas: (Area 1) Kedzie to the East; Homan to the West; 16th Street to the North; and Ogden Avenue to the South; and (Area 2) Pulaski to the East; Kostner to the West; Roosevelt to the North; and Cermak to the South. Projects should focus on improving the safety and security of these areas which can include: Neighborhood Watch groups, community area clean-up projects, etc.

**Juvenile Justice:** (New category for 2007) Projects for young people in the juvenile justice system that which include: tutoring, group activities for young men and women such as book clubs, mentoring teams, or other activities that provide positive outlets.

- ✎ Informational Sessions will be held on Monday, April 30 from 6-7 p.m.
- ✎ Completed applications must be received by Wednesday, May 30 by 5 p.m.
- ✎ Awards will be announced by Friday, June 29

Informational sessions will be held at our North Lawndale office located in the Homan Square Administration Building at 3333 West Arthington; Chicago, IL 60624

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Women Evolving

**Thursday, March 8, 2007**  
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presenter: Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center

*Part II: Beyond the Rhetoric:  
Where's the Cure?*  
presenter: The Gift House & TACTS

**Thursday, March 15, 2007**  
Love Doesn't Have to Hurt  
*(Building Healthy Intimate Relationships)*  
presenter: Wellspring Center of Hope  
Domestic Violence Shelter

**Thursday, March 22, 2007**  
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•Substance Abuse  
presenter: Men & Women in Prison  
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**Thursday, March 29, 2007**  
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Healthy, Have Healthy Families &  
Live in Healthy Communities  
presenter: The Institute for Black Women

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Awards to our corporate sponsors, partners, faculty students and staff were presented in red carpet style. The audience seemed to be in awe of the overall professional production skills on display then the scintillating stylized performances of Terisa Griffin cast a magic spell over the entire auditorium sweeping all away on a magic red carpet of beautiful sounds. The gentlemen of leisure put on a stellar performance of music and showmanship that had couples on the dance floor late into the night.

The menu was excellent and well worth the ticket price commented one excited gala attendee. There were 18 scholarships awarded in 2006, in addition to academic student scholarships, awards were also given to a variety of the many supporters of Malcolm X College.

The student empowerment award went to John Wozniak president of Harold Washington College, Dr. Charles Guengerich president of Wilbur Wright College Chicago daily defender columnist Theresa Fambro Hooks, Kennedy King College vice president Sandra Banyard, Barbara Black and Sandra Morrow. Gala Champion Awards went to Anthony Taylor communications manager Coca Cola bottling company of Chicago, Winona Redmond director of public affairs Dominick's finer foods, Lauri Saunders, director

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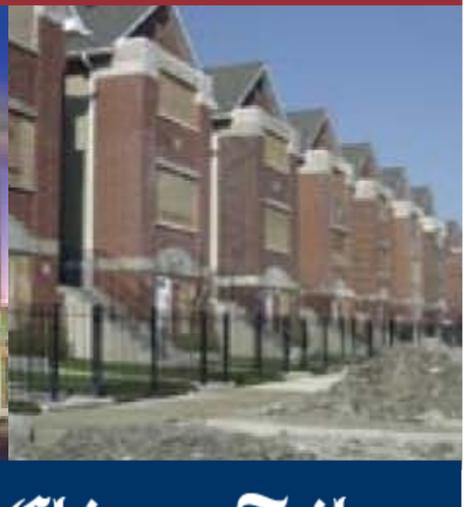
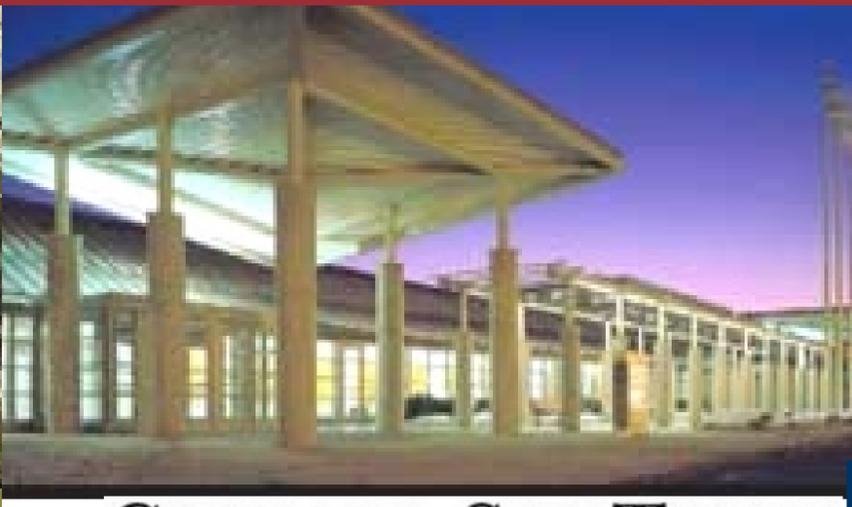
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Sports & Entertainment

# High School Basketball

Todd Thomas

North Lawndale opened up their postseason play with a 65-35 victory over Latin at the Holy Trinity sectional. Several Phoenix players had nice all-around games and they will be hard to beat at the Lisle sectional in their next contest against Walther Lutheran.

Senior Cordero Smith (14 points) had a good game and he and Rashaad Wilson (11 points) played well both offensively and defensively. The Phoenix (21-9, 11-1 Chicago Prep) led 12-6 after the first quarter but Latin was tough and made NLCP work hard for every bucket they made. Forward Isaiah Evans was challenged inside and he had several shots blocked before he was able to put the ball in the hoop. He ended up with (8 points)



NLCP players Rashaad Wilson, Cordero Smith and Isaiah Evans battle against Latin.

and they came on three resounding dunks he had in the second half.

Things got pretty heated on the court at the beginning of the second quarter and Evans was called for a technical foul after a scuffle for the basketball with Latin. Things cooled down a bit after Smith drained a three-pointer and the Phoenix began to exert more defensive pressure on Latin as well. Smith also had two acrobatic layups that brought the crowd to its feet and they pulled out to a 32-16 halftime lead.

DeAntwone Jackson (20 points) also contributed to the win with several key three-point shots. "Coach told me it was time to step up and that's what I tried to do," said the junior, who will play a big part in the Phoenix's fortunes

for the rest of the postseason and into next year. Behind his scoring and aggressive team defense they started to pull away from Latin and led 50-28 after three quarters.

Evans opened up the fourth quarter with an earthshaking dunk and it was mop-up time after that. Latin didn't stop fighting, but North Lawndale simply had too much firepower for them. The Phoenix kept pouring it on and won in impressive fashion by thirty points.

The Simeon Wolverines won the Chicago Public League title over the Washington Minutemen 89-57 at the UIC Pavilion to retain their city championship. The outcome of the contest was never really in doubt as they put on a veritable basketball clinic. Derrick Rose continued his superb play at guard and Kevin Johnson and Tim Flowers carried the scoring load. They are strong at every position and will be hard to beat on the road to the state title. They have defeated all of the top city schools as well as teams ranked on the national scene. Locally, Farragut and Marshall have a chance to redeem themselves in regional and sectional play and Washington should be able to regroup and show that they can play better than they did in the championship game against Simeon.

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## What It Iz In The Biz

Marquita Ware

Tuesday at around 10:30 pm Paris Hilton was stopped by police for speeding down Sunset Blvd. with her headlights off. When the deputies pulled her over, they impounded her car because they discovered she was driving on a suspended license. On September 7, 2006 Hilton pleaded no contest for a DUI in Hollywood. She was placed on thirty-six months probation, suspension of her license and ordered to obey all the laws. If this is the case, she could face up to 90 days in jail. Maybe she thinks going to jail will be "HOT".

A judge decided that troubled singer Bobby Brown will remain in police custody while his attorneys determine whether he can fork over the \$19,100 that he owes in back pay for child support payments. Brown was arrested in Massachusetts on Sunday night while attending his oldest daughter's cheerleading competition.

The 38-year-old was arrested on a warrant for failing to appear at a child support hearing last October. However Brown's attorney, Phaedra Parks, told the Norfolk County House of Corrections that she wasn't sure that her client could make

the payments. "Obviously, Bobby hasn't been working as steady as he'd desire to. As a result, Bobby's had some financial difficulties paying these fees. He's definitely going to try to bring it current." In addition to the \$19,100 Brown owes, he also owes his children's mother, Kim Ward, an additional \$8,000 in medical bills and other expenses. "He's upset, but he's going to be fine. Bobby's a big boy. No one wants to be locked up," Parks told *The Boston Globe*.

Sean "P. Diddy" Combs is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department for allegedly attacking a man at a Hollywood Oscar party. Gerard Rechnitzer was at a post-Oscar bash Sunday night with his fiancée at Teddy's at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood.

At around 2 AM Monday morning, the 27-year-old Rechnitzer was on his way to the parking lot when he made a pit stop in the bathroom. When he walked out, he noticed his fiancée was surrounded by six men, including Combs. We're told the 5'7", 140 lb. Rechnitzer watched as Combs chatted up his girl for about five minutes, and then asked

his fiancée to leave with him. At that point, Combs allegedly told the woman he was having a party and invited her to come. Rechnitzer persisted and asked his fiancée again to leave with him.

Combs then allegedly socked Rechnitzer in the jaw. Rechnitzer, a real estate broker, called 911. The LAPD came out and took a report, but Combs had left before the cops arrived. An ambulance came but Rechnitzer declined treatment. We're told the LAPD contacted Rechnitzer yesterday, and as many as five witnesses who observed the incident.

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Also, according to Ms. Tesley, children will be using the music programs to broaden not just their sense of music appreciation, but to become well versed in multi-ethnic backgrounds. For example, during the Christmas season songs will not only be learned in the American form, but versions from foreign counties such as Mexico, Africa, France and other places.

"Through doing this we can really give kids a sense global music and global forms of expression, especially during music programs where we'll be presenting the program in many different forms, from the perspective on many different cultures," said Ms. Tesley.

Spanish will be taught at Frazier and will allow children to better communicate as the communities, especially Lawndale, become more diverse. "We chose Spanish because Spanish is the second most prominent second language in America and we need to make sure that we know how to establish conversation in more than one language. As the years go on its import that we have a sense of diversity in everything we do," said Ms. Tesley.

Through staff development training, parents can be assured that their children will be receiving the best possible education. Kindergarten teacher Ebanah Hassanat, who has been through training, is excited about Frazier and the possibilities it offers.

"I really love the way this school is going to be run. The programs are going to show children a whole new side of education where they just don't have to sit around, but instead will be treated to the most engaging, yet fun tactics learning has to offer. It's something we hope the kids will look back on and be proud of," said Hassanat.

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## ON VIDEO

Compiled and Reveiwed by David Schultz



**PETER PAN (\*\*\*/2)** The delightful Disney cartoon feature classic of the James M Barrie story keeps the wonder of magic alive when Peter takes the darling children past the second star to the right, straight to the enchanted world of Never Land. This is an impressive 2 disc platinum edition that celebrates the film's 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an extensive digital restoration of the movie that includes bonus features as an alternative opening scene, a recently discovered deleted song, and a multi level "Never Land" game. G; 77min. Walt Disney Home Video; Available: March 6

**BORAT (\*\*\*/2)** This outrageous mockumentary is a comic phenon like no other. British comic Sasha Baron Cohen unleashes his dimwitted Kazakhstani TV correspondent who travels to New York to interview real people about American lifestyle and customs, which leads a cross country obsession to meet Pamela Anderson on the west coast. This is the most daring and hilarious offensive mockumentary that is a clever assault on our beliefs, traditions and sensibilities through this fictional characters reactions to real-life confrontations. Since its theatrical release, there is no comedy that can touch its hilarity. R; 82min. Fox Home Video; Available: March 6

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# A WOMAN'S HEART: Stop! ...The Buffoonery of the Black Matriarch

Wanda Muhammad, Freelance Columnist

Brothers need to ease up off the Black woman playing these characters in these movies. It's for comedy and we all laugh. However, being outside of the Black female experience, some don't seem to understand that visual media has a very powerful effect on our children's minds, as it was designed to. Characters like Madea, Big Momma, and Momma Klump could be the very reason a grandson was recently heard calling his grandmother the "B" word. When there is no respect for momma and grandmomma and when daddy and granddaddy are gone, who's going to have a positive influence on the children?

In many cases we are the last adult standing for our families and these images are damaging our respect from and effectiveness with the children we are then left to raise alone. Just like Al Jolson putting on black face, any time one from outside an experience performs a character for comedy; don't be bamboozled just because it's us doing it, it is still buffoonery. Just what is

sacred to us? Where will we draw the line? industry prospers and since we're divided as The Black grandmother today is amen and women today; we loose our future. younger, active career woman, secondaryThe joke is on all of us because the long term parent, foster parent, legal guardian, and ofteneffects fall on all of us.

a single parent herself. She is often standing Now it's key to look at Willie Lynch. "Use alone, and fair game for Hollywood, Newthe man against the woman and the woman York and other visual media capitals. against the man..." Because of this reality, I

The image of the Black matriarch is can understand our male actors playing these constantly under attack from without androles and even their unintentional disregard within. Let's look at it clearly so we can dealfor our respect. Maybe it was the money, with it with balance. The momma who fellperhaps they were enticed by the lifestyle it under the pressure of her circumstances, hasaffords them or even entrapped out of simple a mother who tries to pick up the support andneed. It is time to take a step back and access help her daughter so the grandchildren won'tthe cost to our community when we neglect be lost, this last vestige, this last port in thewho controls visual media. When we storm for the children is now played as a jokeconsider the Willie Lynch principle being constantly in full effect and Post Traumatic

The child, being a child, watching mightSlavery Disorder, a close second, and we wonder if she's a joke for movies and TV,realize the time has gone when Black men and daddy and granddaddy are not paying herupheld his women and protected her any attention, why should they listen to her,reputation; a time when her honor was or honor and respect her. Make no mistakeimportant for the family and for the rearing about it and this is critical, if we loose controlof the children. Mainstream media serves WL of our children, the new prison (slavery)& PTSD by producing and awarding negative

visual images with acclaim and prosperity. Someone outside "us" has been setting the tone for our families. Someone other than us is shaping our children's minds and future.

The community came together to stop the performance of a gay white comedian degrading the Black welfare mother in LA, we can do that nationally and bring pressure to bare on those who would continue to dishonor the womb that bore all people.

Mothers and women are conferencing for Women's History month in Chicago, March 31, to address the issue of improving the media portrayals of Black women and Black youth in the main steam media. Women who stand for themselves and mothers who stand for their children should come. Men, who uphold momma and baby momma, send her. Peace.

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## WEST SIDE EX-OFFENDER PROGRAM GETS FINANCIAL BOOST

Wendell Hutson

Fresh off the heels of being re-elected to another four-year term, Mayor Richard M. Daley is wasting no time in introducing new programs aimed at helping the less fortunate.

Recently he announced a new city program for ex-offenders looking for a second chance in life. The city has increased its funding of programs for ex-offenders from \$400,000 in 2004 to \$2.6 million this year.

Among the things the program will do is provide financial support for non-profit organizations to make it convenient for ex-offenders to receive services from one place. Additionally, the program will partner with the Chicago Bar Foundation and the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Future goals of the program include creating an information package for all

offenders released from prison so they are aware of the various ex-offender programs available. Currently, prisoners are given practically no information upon their release.

Additionally, Mayor Daley hopes to secure legal services from the Chicago Bar for eligible ex-offenders who want to expunge or seal their criminal records, which is sometimes necessary to obtain a job.

"Every year, some 20,000 ex-offenders are released to the streets of Chicago. Most of them have few, if any, job skills and many of them lack even a high school diploma or GED," Mayor Daley said at a news conference at the West Side Health Authority, 5814 W. Division St. "These men and women represent a major challenge to

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## My Biggest Inspiration

Jasmine Stuart

As we all know it, February is one of the most important months of the year (especially for all African-Americans). Recently I enter a contest concerning my biggest inspiration. My biggest inspiration has always been Maya Angelou, a strong and determined, African-American woman. Growing up as a young African-American woman, Angelou inspired me and I knew that when I grew up I wanted to be just like her.

My elementary school years were the worst in my life. I did not like any of my classmates. They always bullied me and called me names. "Jasmine, you are fat." The bullying and the name-calling had gotten so bad that I had started believing them. No matter how many times they called me fat, I never argued with them because I was fat and there was nothing that I could do about it. One thing that my classmates could not tell me was that I was ugly, because I was one of the most attractive girls in school. I did not have too many friends because not too many of my classmates liked me, especially the girls. They thought I was obnoxious. I was not obnoxious; I was anti-social. I stayed to myself because I felt more comfortable. Throughout my years of elementary school, the bullying and the name-calling caused me to have low self-esteem. It was not until I heard about Maya Angelou that I became inspired. Then I finally found out who I was. "I'm a woman phenomenally.

Phenomenal woman, that's me." Maya Angelou's poem "Phenomenal Woman" had a major impact on my life. Her words boosted my confidence. Maya Angelou is a powerful poet. For most of my childhood life, I thought very low of myself. My classmates showed no respect towards me. It was not until I got older that I realized that people only respect one if one demands respect. I'm a senior in high school and I'm not the girl that I used to be. I still have problems with my classmates. They still talk about my weight, but all that matters is that I am happy with who I am and the size that I am. I am who I am and no one can ever change that because I will always be me. I don't care about trying to fit in with the crowd. I am more of a leader. I'm beautiful and I am a phenomenal woman and I should not let anyone tell me anything different. God made me the way that he wanted me and he makes no mistakes.

I am inspired and motivated by Maya Angelou because she is a strong woman. Angelou lived a rough life and, if I had to, I do not think I could live the life she did. Despite the age difference, I feel so connected to her. One sad experience that we have in common is being sexually abused. I've just recently found out that she had been molested. Knowing that she went through the experience at such a young age, but was able to get over it, has inspired me to finally share my story. At the tender age of fifteen I was sexually

abused. A friend of the family did it and only by the grace of God have I survived the situation. I was able to recover from the terrifying experience. I dealt with my emotions through poetry. When I can't talk to anyone about an issue that I am having, poetry is a way that I express my feelings. Although I did not ask to be placed in that situation, it happened and now I have to move on with my life. Besides, everything that happens happens for a reason. My trials and tribulations only made me stronger. I'm a survivor whom God has allowed to live another day to share my experience and help others like myself out.

"You may shoot me with your words. You may cut me with your eyes. You may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, like air, I'll rise." While reading her poem, "Still I rise," I felt as if she was speaking directly to me. She's basically saying that no matter what I do, not everyone will like me. I refuse to allow people to ruin my life. Being an African-American, full-figured young woman is a privilege that I was blessed to have. I am going to continue to do all that I have to do to fulfill my purpose in life until it is time for me to go take my place in heaven.

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government and public affairs Jewel-Osco/Albertsons and Terrence Young lead director, Illinois community businesses center The Fannie Mae Corporation.

The Perennial Sponsor Award went to chancellor of the city colleges of Chicago Dr. Wayne D. Watson, Chairman of the board of trustees James Tyree, Executive Vice Chancellor Deidre Lewis, Eli, s Cheesecake's president Marc Schuman, C & W Bookstore Owner William Raft, Malcolm X College retired Professor Zetta Cowsen, United Parcel Service community services Manager Larue Martin and Chart wells Dining Services director Maribel "Mimi" Morris. This year marks the establishment of the first Michelle Thibodeaux scholarship award in Honor of scholarship gala chairperson Michelle Thibodeaux who received high accolades from Malcolm X College president Zerrie D. Campbell for outstanding services to the gala. The Dr. Randall M. Johnson scholarship was awarded by vice president Ghingo Brooks to MXC honors student Bruce Wade.

The Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was popular WVON news Director / talk show host and author/playwright Sharon McGee who's hit play "The Pocket book Monologues" will be performed at MXC on march 28<sup>th</sup> during women's history month. For more info on this an upcoming events at MXC for women's history month call 312-850-7000. Register now for summer classes. Success starts here.

# Reflections on an Alternative History

Jaira J. Harrington

As an African-American female and Chicago native, I know that, in spite of the strides toward equality that we have made in the United States, this country is not colorblind. From academic research and myriad instances of racial and gender exclusion, I can identify with different minority communities on many levels. So when a hometown hero, namely Tim Hardaway, berated the gay community, a population struggling to gain its voice socially and politically, I was taken aback.

I reflected on the struggles of African Americans as a people. This being Black History Month, I had done it often. But this time, I thought about some African Americans that I admire whose contributions continue to shape the way that the Black community is

viewed. And—gasp!—they are openly bisexual, lesbian or gay. Black feminist and lesbian Audre Lorde, prominent gay writer (and my personal favorite) James Baldwin and contemporary gay author E. Lynn Harris have taught broad audiences through their wise and thoughtful commentary about life.

When asked about being Black and lesbian, Audre Lorde had a simple reply. She said, "It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences."

James Baldwin, addressing inequality said, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

In remarks on honesty and lessons that he has learned from being open about his sexuality, author E. Lynn Harris stated,

"What's truth is truth and you really can't change that."

Who would not learn from these profound individuals?

Responding to retired NBA Center John Amaechi's acknowledgement of his homosexuality, Mr. Hardaway railed on a Miami sports radio show by saying, "You know, I hate gay people, so I let it be known...It shouldn't be in our world or in the United States." I think that he forgot (and dually encouraged the listening audience to do the same) that the African-American community is so much more diverse than most people think.

We represent a variety of ethnic backgrounds, religious beliefs and sexual orientations. Homophobic views have no

place in our realities and our dialogue. We know what bigotry is from historical and tangible experiences. Furthermore, although we do not always want to address homosexuality in our neighborhoods, schools, churches and families, it is here. I bristle at the fact that Hardaway evokes the idea that pioneers such as Ruth Ellis, Beauford Delaney, Alice Walker and Keith Boykin, greats from the African-American community, who also are lesbian, gay or bisexual, do not belong in this world. To that I ask: Where would our world be without them?

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## AT THE FLICKS

David Schultz. Film critic

**WILD HOGS (\*\*)** "Wild Hogs" is a familiar yet strained comedy about a group of middle aged guys trying to rekindle some excitement into their mundane lives. "Did you ever wonder what happened to your life?" is a line spoken in this film that seems to help disguise the real reason behind a road trip odyssey for a financially ruined, unemployed lawyer, Woody Stevens (John Travolta), who has also been dumped by his swimsuit model wife.

It is this misfortune in Woody's life that led to his desire to escape his misery that he hides from his buddies who are "weekend warrior" riding together as a fake motorcycle gang; a henpecked plumber Bobby (Martin Lawrence), a stress induced dentist, Doug (Tim Allen) and the accident prone computer programmer, Dudley (William H. Macy); who are convinced by Woody to embark on a cross country road trip on their bikes in search of adventure and freedom.

Through the low humor points and the hilarious moments, they are few and far between. Comic situations are created that are either poorly executed or allows too much freedom to ad lib that becomes too strained and apparent. Or there are situations the guys encountered that we've seen done better with more amusing results

than here

For instance, to help develop sense of fun and risk, the guys try a dare at bull slapping that was funnier when Billy Crystal, Bruno Kirby and Daniel Stern has their bull encounter in "City Slickers" Maybe that is part of this film's problem that it offers comedic situations that reminds of better movies.

Still, only Macy finds comedic consistency that makes him have the best role out of the bunch. It's also the one that aggravate us a little. Because this film seem want to give the impression that Macy's geek character is a



Martin Lawrence, Tim Allen, John Travolta and William H. Macy in Wild Hogs

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our city, and especially to the communities on the South and West Sides of Chicago where most of them return."

For its part, the city will provide \$100,000 to the West Side Health Authority and to the Teamwork Englewood at 815 W. 63rd St. on the South Side to expand their services to ex-offenders.

Critics argue that the mayor is only coming forward with such a program because of the recent election.

"He knew had there been another viable candidate, voters would have voted him out of office," said Ozzie Perkins, a North Lawndale resident. "The next time he might not be so lucky, so rather than wait until the next election, he is getting an early start on helping the poor and people of color with new city programs such as this."

However, Mayor Daley insists the motive for increasing funding to ex-offender programs is not based on elections, but the desire to help them get back on their feet after society has written them off.

"I understand that people don't have much sympathy for former criminals, but as I've said many times, if we don't help them become productive members of society, they'll return to crime and create more problems for the law-abiding residents of our neighborhoods."

Congressman Danny K. Davis sponsors an expunge workshop each year in June for ex-offenders and has also sponsored several bills to urge Congress to increase federal funding to help ex-offenders find housing and employment as well as to help children whose parents are incarcerated.

According to Jacquelyn Heard, mayoral press secretary, the money, which includes proceeds from the lease of the Chicago Skyway, helps finance job-training programs for several blue-collar careers.

Marty Stokes, 48, served 15 years at Menard Correctional Facility after being convicted of armed violence. He was released in 2006 and completed a job-training program at the Chicago Urban League on the South Side, geared toward ex-offenders. Stokes now works full-time as a carpenter for a Chicago construction company and said he owes his life to the program.

"I don't know what I would be doing if I did not have a career to wake up to every morning. The Urban League saved my life and I know it is making a difference in the lives of ex-offenders. So if money is what it takes to keep programs like this going, the government should be all for it if they don't want to see ex-offenders returning to a life of crime," said Stokes.

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## Feb 28 Black Facts



\* On this date in 1990, Computer scientist Philip Emeagwali (left) received the Gordon Bell Prize, computer science's equivalent to the Nobel Peace

Prize. Emeagwali, a native of western Nigeria, won the award for solving one of the 20 most difficult problems in computer science.

\* On this date in 1704, Frenchman Elias Neau established a school for Blacks in New York City.

\* On this date in 1859, the Arkansas legislature passed legislation requiring free Blacks to choose between exile and enslavement.

\* On this date in 1879, the "Exodus of 1879" began in Mississippi and Texas. During the "Exodus," more than 20 thousand African-Americans migrated west to Kansas and other western states to escape political and economic exploitation in the South.

\* On this date in 1932, inventor Richard Spikes patented the automatic gear shift.

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not vote for Chandler, but for one of the other six candidates.

If she gathers enough supporters from those that supported other candidates to take her side she may have a chance in defeating Chandler despite her lack of experience compared to Chandler's 12 years.

"I believe that it's definitely doable, I think I have a very solid chance of winning this race. The majority, 64 percent of the community voted for someone other than the current alderman, so with that in mind I would have to say my chances are very good, excellent," said Dixon. "My background as an activist and my skill set as a social worker has defiantly given me an edge. I bring a human touch to the world of politics."

The recent decline in voter turnouts in past elections made it possible for individuals interested in running to obtain a spot on the ballot more easily. The low voter turnouts in turn also lowered the amount of signatures needed to get on a ballot, making it easier for people without any political experience to run. The trend was not only seen in North Lawndale, which had altogether seven candidates, but throughout the city as well.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> ward race two political dynasty families, the Beavers and the Jacksons, went head to head. The Beavers had been confident in a

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secured win because of William Beaver's position as alderman since 1983. As the evening progressed the Darcel Beavers soon realized her hopes of continuing the alderman dynasty in the 7<sup>th</sup> ward would come to an end. Sandi Jackson, Jesse Jackson Jr.'s wife, won 57 percent of the vote vs. Darcel Beavers' 32 percent.

"I know very well that public service is a very special calling and to the dedicated few who heed the call we owe many, many thanks. The election is over and we are one community unified and we are ready to move forward," said Sandi Jackson, newly elected alderman off the 7<sup>th</sup> ward. "This was a night when machine powered politics gave way to progressive people powered politics."

In the 22<sup>nd</sup> ward Ricardo Munoz won by 56.8 percent. Ed H. Smith of the 28<sup>th</sup> ward won by 59.9 percent and Isaac Sims Carothers of the 29<sup>th</sup> ward went uncontested. Overall 11 incumbent aldermen will take part in run-off elections in April and three will not be returning. These include Arenda Troutman, who was recently indicted and Bert Natarus who served for 36 years in the 42<sup>nd</sup> ward. *Sophia Karalexis is a graduate in English from DePaul University. Sophia also earned a minor in Journalism. Sophia is a general assignment reporter for NLCN. To comment on this article visit our weblog at: [www.nlcn.org](http://www.nlcn.org).*

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homosexual when he's really not. The first clue is the cycle he rides is meant for a female.

Macy's character performance shows us a nerd who's knowledgeable yet out of touch. He's unable to speak to women, not because of a sexual preference. But it's the acceptance for who he is as an accident prone geek who been fearful of rejection that prevents from trying to communicate with women. But while on the road trip, as Dudley stumbles throughout the film; He ultimately finds love and companionship with a diner waitress (Marisa Tomei).

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Doug, Bobby and Dudley refuse to back down against Liotta and his gang.

This naturally inspires the townspeople to find the courage to rally around them and stand up for themselves against the Del Fuegos that previously terrorized their town.

But this finale becomes more ridiculous than funny with the sudden cameo by Peter Fonda mocking his "Easy Rider" persona as Jack's father and bar owner who happened to have his establishment insured, anyway. If Fonda would have shown up sooner in the movie; this could have saved us a lot of time and pain.

PG-13; 125min. A Touchstone Pictures Release - Presented at selected theaters

David Schultz is a film critic for NLCN and other publications. To comment on this article visit our weblog at: [www.nlcn.org](http://www.nlcn.org).

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Frazier will be accepting applications for entrance until March 9, 2007. The application can be downloaded at [www.cps.k12.il.us](http://www.cps.k12.il.us).

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