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Open Streets and the Taste of North Lawndale Plan for Big day Saturday August 1st!



Family at Sunday Parkway



Cynthia of Active Trans at Sunday Parkway



WACA at Sunday Parkway

Imagine streets without any motor vehicles, filled with music, dance, food, basketball and more! Well, imagine NO MORE! On Aug 1, **Open Streets** will give North Lawndale residents the chance to enjoy the streets the way they want. This will be the biggest, most fun filled block party to date.

The **free** event combines last year's two Sunday Parkways event into one huge eight-mile event. Like last year, the Open Streets route ranges from Little Village to Logan Square, passing through North Lawndale, Garfield Park, and

Humboldt Park along the way. The **Taste of North Lawndale** and the **Breast Cancer Awareness Walk** will be two of many events that families can participate in along the route. There are no event fees, and participants can join in at any point along the route.

Activities, include children's games, art activities; dance and aerobics classes. Paint a mural, participate in a basketball tournament, enjoy jazz, a marching band and get information from numerous community organizations that can be found along the route.

Open Streets begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 2:00PM. The Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, sponsored by Mt. Sinai Community Institute, begins at 9:30AM near Independence and 13th Street. Located at Ogden and Sacramento, the Taste of North Lawndale begins at 11AM and ends at 7:00PM.

This is the only venue along the route that will have food vendors, as well as music, information and family oriented activities. All of this makes for an exciting and fun filled day for our community! Be sure to come out

and play! Open Streets has been organized at the grass roots level with five community-based organizations. Lawndale Christian Development Corporation, lead agency for the New

Communities Program in North Lawndale, worked with these agencies, the Active Transportation Alliance and the Chicago Park District to make this event a reality. For more information please contact Tracie Worthy, New Communities Program Manager or Kelly Smith, New Communities Organizer at 773-762-8889.

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Cook County Board President Todd Stroger and Commissioner Robert Steele Help Families Into Brookfield Zoo

Rev. Vivian R.B. Lewis suffered a 3rd stroke in May of this year. She has been hosting activities for youth in North Lawndale for more than a decade. Her dream of community Olympics may some day produce memory, inspiration and drive in some young people to continue on past her three category competitions of track, swimming, and biking.

In recent years, she has been adding on field trips for the youth such as her recent trip to Brookfield, Saturday July 11. She was able to fill two buses and four cars for the trip. Although she has been held back a little by the remaining effects of her stroke which ironically happened during National Stroke Month, she was assisted by her family members and friends to be able to go to the zoo with them. She was even out and about with her youngest son, Phillip Lewis, garnering donations from local businesses for support such J&J's fish located at 19th and Kedzie Ave, who donated a pan of chicken wings for the outing. The trip to the zoo was part of a grant that was awarded by Goodcity. For the past 23 years, Goodcity has worked to empower leaders and build community in underserved neighborhoods

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Commissioner Robert Steele (standing by yellow painted curve) holding the attention of zoo trip families. Briefly Commissioner Steele spoke to youth on how he is a just regular who group right here in the neighborhood mentioning the budget that he is responsible to help manage and the various responsibilities of Cook County



Young males sit together at zoo picnic area table enjoying each other and zoo trip, while Chicago is experiencing high rates of violence and gun violence.



Still overcoming recent stroke, Rev. Vivian Lewis (center with light grey hair) enjoys lunch at Brookfield Zoo with help from Neighborhood grants and local donations was able to feed over 139 youth, seniors, and adults.



Youth on Brookfield zoo trip watch in wonderment as a sea lion swims gracefully in its underwater environment.

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## 2009 FOCUS

### HEALTH & THE ECONOMY

One of the major issues of the recent presidential campaign was health care. Health care costs have become an escalating burden for employers and consumers alike. Research has shown that total health spending is reduced when consumers bear more responsibility for their health and the expenses related to it. One of the best ways to increase life expectancy while reducing disability is to encourage a culture of self-care practices.

Self care is personal health maintenance. It is the care taken by individuals towards their own health and well being. Self care includes the actions individuals take in their role as care givers for their children, their families, and others to stay fit and to maintain good physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Extreme self care means making choices and decisions that honor our soul in everyday living. It means feeding ourselves whole foods, moving our bodies every day, balancing silence with activity, and surrounding ourselves with supportive, like-minded people who are committed to improving or restoring health and uplifting the quality of their lives as well.

More than 75% of people surveyed in the United Kingdom said if they had guidance or support from a professional or peer they would feel far more confident about taking care of their own health. Research shows that supporting self care can improve health outcomes and increase patient satisfaction. Our intention is to support individuals, families, institutions, and communities in their efforts to practice extreme self care. During 2009, the North Lawndale Community News focuses on cost-effective ways you can improve your health by practicing self care.

The Economy has made itself the number one issue with gas prices reaching almost \$5.00 per gallon and having a domino effect on everything else sold, except housing stock which experienced a terrible decline with the high rate of foreclosures. The Chicago metropolitan area reported 5,821 new foreclosure filings in December, a foreclosure rate of one new foreclosure filing for every 499 households — more than twice the national average. That brought the area's fourth quarter foreclosure total to 16,949 and its 2006 foreclosure total to 57,706, according to Realty Trac.

Even transportation on the CTA went on the rise with one day passes increasing by seventy-five cents and monthly passes increased by \$10.00 from \$75.00 to \$85.00. Those are just a few of the increases.

The North Lawndale Community News this year is expanding on last years financial focus to give attention to its broader parent the economy. Saving and making smarter shopping decisions will help stop us losing through wasteful choices. Finding new ways to increase our income is a necessity for many in an area where gentrification is not going to stop.

One of the hardest things to change is behavior. Modifying behavior seems to be easy when it comes to pain. Social pain lack of money has to be extreme for many to change. 2009 should be different for many and of course many will continue toward economic mistakes and financial ruin.

But in today's information society there is no excuse for not making smart choices. Financial literacy alone is not enough. Look what happened to Lehman Brothers and what's happening to many other financial institutions let alone individuals, families, and small businesses.

Solutions come to the internet, books, economic experts, financial counselors and experts, the media and your economical neighbors.

The North Lawndale Community News will tap into resources and share them with you, our reader. So to help you improve your health and your economy keep reading The North Lawndale News. We say yours because some may not modify their behavior, except when the pain comes and still some won't change. Your input is also welcome. If you have some information that is beneficial please submit it. Let's make smarter health and economic moves for life in 2009.

## THE NORTH LAWDALE COMMUNITY NEWS

The North Lawndale Community News is now published weekly by Strategic Human Services. Our purpose is to help inform our community on resources, events, and issues relevant to them and our neighboring communities. Our community includes those who live, work, worship in, and/or care about North Lawndale. Our focus is on positive, productive solutions, that will improve the lifestyle of our community members.

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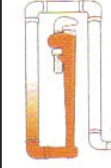
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# West Side to Benefit if City gets Games

Travles R. Lane

If Chicago wins the right to host the 2016 Olympic Games, the West Side stands to inherit a state-of-the-art multi-sports complex in Douglas Park that includes an indoor track. Instead of it's rumored demolition, Collins High School will receive enhanced athletic facilities. And the area will get to share in an economic bonanza that could bring \$7 billion and 172,000 jobs to Chicago over the next decade.

That was the scenario painted in bold strokes last week when officials of the Chicago 2016 Olympic bid committee addressed more than 100 people attending 28<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Ed Smith's monthly constituent meeting in the Marshall High School auditorium. Committee president Lori Healey led a panel of four Chicago 2016 promoters at the July 14 meeting as the organization sprints through the final weeks before the International Olympic Committee decides whether Chicago beats out Tokyo, Madrid or Rio De Janeiro for the prestige of showcasing the Windy City on the cosmopolitan stage that is the allure of the Olympics. The IOC announces the winner from Copenhagen Oct. 2.

The meeting continued a "50 Wards in 50 days" community promotion campaign the committee is conducting to "re-energize" native support for the city's Olympic bid. Sixteen meetings remain in the campaign, which is scheduled to conclude in the 32<sup>nd</sup>

Ward August 19. The 24<sup>th</sup> Ward hosts the committee August 3 at a yet to be determined site.

"We're out to remind everyone of the great opportunity this is for Chicago to introduce itself on the international stage," Healey said, adding a Chicago Olympics would showcase the heart of the American Midwest to an international audience of more than four billion television viewers around the globe. "We also want to make sure everyone understand that no taxpayer money has been or is planned to spent on the Games," said Healey. They will be 100 percent privately financed."

Healey's comments preceded an audience participation session that followed a slick video slideshow highlighting the vision of Mayor Richard Daley to transform his hard, rugged city into a beacon of warm friendship shining around the world. She was accompanied by Chicago 2016 Communications vice president Patrick Sandusky and two other officials of the committee who also addressed the gathering.

Responding to the proposition that most minority opposition to Chicago's Olympic quest lies not against the ideal of hosting the Games, but stems from a perceived lack of real economic benefit to those communities, Healey revealed that a \$600,000 fencing and security contract related to the Michael Reese

Hospital project has already been awarded entirely to minority contractors. "It's the first contract we have awarded," she said.

She also lauded Ald. Smith for working "tirelessly" to get the bid planners to choose Douglas Park for the site of a custom built velodrome that would host BMX cycling competition during the Games. The facility would remain after the Olympics as a valuable community multiple-use resource as a cycling track with indoor football fields, modern tennis and basketball courts and entertainment venues.

Smith, who emphasized to the audience the "vision" represented by Chicago's "out-of-the-box" bid to bring those benefits to the West Side, was also prominent in requiring the committee to agree to a memorandum of understanding with the city that requires it to pursue a goal to award at least 30 percent of contracts related to the Games to minorities and a further 10 percent to women.

Healey said such a goal was "unheard of for a private enterprise" as she stressed that "no Games since 1972 have lost money" and the benefits of bringing the Olympics to Chicago would be "shared throughout the different communities of the city" through jobs and improved infrastructures. The Games are projected to generate more than \$1 billion in tax revenue for city coffers while leaving a \$450 million surplus from a proposed \$3.3

billion budget.

The surplus would further enhance the efforts of World Sport Chicago, a local non-profit organized as a "living legacy" of the city's Olympic effort with a mission to promote youth involvement in sports as an alternative to the negative choices currently plaguing the West and and South side communities. Thus far, the organization claims to have already introduced some 30,000 kids to Olympic and Paralympic sport through programs and elite competitions

The audience was also informed that 50 percent of the tickets, including public transportation, to the Games would be priced at \$50 or less and that 500,000 tickets have been set aside for needy families who wished to attend. And Chicago 2016 has commitments from several foundations of \$10 million for workforce development and community programs to enable local small businesses to get in of the vending action for the Games and beyond.

"Our opponents all understand the impact of the Games," Healey said. "Tokyo has hosted them before; Madrid is aware of how much Barcelona benefited (in 1992) and Rio has a reference in having hosted the Pan Am Games and the World Cup.

"We have a great opportunity to bring those benefits to Chicago. But none of it happens if we don't get the Games."

## A T T H E F L I C K S

David Schultz



Gerard Butler and Katharine Heigl in the Ugly Truth

**THE UGLY TRUTH (\*\*)** Borrowing a cheap "Broadcast News" type setting and set-up for this predictable romantic comedy with a sitcom amusement level starts out pitting stars Gerard Butler and Katharine Heigl as romantic adversaries working at a local TV station. Abby Richter (Heigl) is a skilful and organized TV producer in charge of the station's rating slumping morning newscast who can handle any chaotic situation thrown art her at work.

While Abby meets the demands of her job and her rating concern boss trying to wart off corporate management concerns. Abby is unable to handle her personal, dating life because of her "control freak" nature. Until she takes issue with the sexual ramblings of a cable access TV's blunt talking sex advice host of "The Ugly Truth", Mike Chadway (Gerard Butler) over frank views about men and women in their relationship.

Naturally. Abby's boss hires Mike to boost their ratings against her disapproval. But as outlandish as his viewpoints can be, mike has a knack for cutting through the sophiscated jargon and still has merit toward how men and women see each other. Well, at least in this movie here!

As Mike manages to prove his point through ratings success. Abby has an

outlandish incident at home that trying to get her cat out of a tree that also offers a stud-ily view of a handsome doctor neighbor, doctor, Colin Anderson (Eric Winter). She tells of her chance encounters that Mike decides to help groom her to make the guy fall in love with her. But naturally, in teaching Abby how to land Colin, Mike has yet to admit to his own feelings toward Abby.

Until Abby's boss makes her cancel her Lake Tahoe getaway with Colin, by traveling with Mike who has a guest shot on Craig Ferguson's Late, Late show" that happens to be a test for a possible network gig in San Francisco that she has to prevent by signing him to their station a three year pact deal.

But in the process after the TV taping and inside the elevator where Mike and Abby briefly let their guard down and their passion flow. The honesty of their true feelings toward each other becomes momentarily disrupted. When Colin makes a surprise visit to Abby's hotel suite.

And leaving Mike to misread one of his rules of romantic engagement/ by leaving Abby ad changing his mind to take the network job. Only to eventually lead to an on-air confrontation and reconciliation toward the obvious "harpy ever after" conclusion.

The only thing is amusing to watch because of the energy in some performances. In particular, Gerard Butler in his first less - than buff-up role, shows he's got good comedic chops and timing that resembles a young Mel Gibson in "What Women Want". While Heigl seems to lose her footing in her role fro her initial character set up that by the film's end she doesn't seem to break a sweat in her finale bedroom scene with Butler. Now that's real "ugly truth" in a movie that fakes it more than convince us.

PG-95min. A Columbia Pictures Release – Presented at selected theaters

**ORPHAN ( \*1/2)** A laughable and predictable horror thriller that turns horribly ridiculous through its near finale plot twist on the title character who (without revealing its secret) literally isn't whom she appears to be. But this almost makes it entertaining



Isabelle Fuhrman as Esther in Orphan

enough by its twisted sense of humor and violence. In movies like these, where the adults are tormented by the sudden violent behavior of their kid. I tend to have more concern for how stupid the adults are compared to how smart and ridiculously mature and calculating the kid is. It's bad enough that kids aren't allowed to be kids any more. What does it say for the future? Where the kids are more liker adults than their counterpart.

But "Orphan" is just too smart for its own good, because it doesn't know when to quit. This makes fore the kind of movie that can frustrate an audience into loud outbreaks at the screen. In a weirdly played opening scene, a young pregnant woman, Kate Coleman (Vera Farmiga) is rushed to the hospital by her husband, John (Peter Sarsgaard). After Kate is wheeled into surgery, leaving a wide trail of blood behind her. She later is told somehow that the baby is dead on arrival, wrapped in a bloody cloth..

Feeling guilt ridden toward one of her two other kids, a five yr old deaf daughter, Max (Aryana Engineer) who just wants an older sister. Kate obliges by traveling with her husband to the St. Martina Home for Girls, catholic orphanage. When the couple finds a lone yet articulate 9 yr old Russian born girl, Esther (Isabelle Fuhrman) painting in an empty classroom. Naturally, the couple and child seem to hit it off well, much to the smile of a mother superior-type Sister Abigail, played by a wasted, cliché performance for CCH Pounder in an ultimately doomed role being that she's the lone black face in the

entire film that later becomes curious about Esther..

Esther begins to show her dark side on the family. When she has a meltdown from being teased at school for her clothing Creeps out Daniel, the older brother (Jimmy Bennett) by killing a pigeon with a brick he can't after shooting the bird with a paint gun. And

then there's the estranged relationship with Kate that is never apparent when told or her husband is not around to see for himself. Naturally, Kate begins an inquiry about the child, who begins to do things related to her alcoholic past that puts doubt and stress on the couple's relationship. Then, Sister Abigail makes a visit and you know what going to happen to the only black person in the film!

Esther even makes the deaf girl, Max her accomplice in the nun's murder and threatens her not to tell...or else!. The same goes for older brother, Daniel. Meanwhile, Kate can't get her husband to believe there is something about Esther in her past that needs to be investigated. Naturally, Kate has to undertake this task alone through phone calls and internet discoveries from a Russian institution.

Then Daniel is nearly killed in a burning tree house caused by Esther for finding her stored incriminating evidences. Kate freaks out on Esther in the hospital, Where she becomes sedated for an overnight hospital stay. Leaving her unsuspecting and naive (stupid!) husband to return home with the children. When Esther tries to make herself seductive to John at home and later discovers the true meaning behind paintings from an infrared light. When the secret ultimately revealed to Kate from a long distance phone call in the hospital that makers her rush to try to save her family. The movie loses whatever sick fun there was, to becoming more macabre and twisted. That won't do much for the adoption business while reflecting a new high in parental stupidity.

R; 123min. A Warner Bros, Pictures Release – Presented at selected theaters



## A MESSAGE FROM ROBERT STEELE

I write to you today to share valuable information on the change approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners to the Home Rule County Retailer's Occupation Tax and the Home Rule Service Occupation Tax.

In recent months the Cook County Board has heard various proposals to completely repeal the Cook County Sales Tax increase implemented in 2008 from 0.75% to 1.75%. Each time I voted against the repeal because I believe that it was fiscally irresponsible to support a complete repeal with the risk of creating a budget shortfall. I did however support the gradual roll back of the sales tax to ensure that we do not have to revisit an increase at a later time and to decrease the impact on taxpayers.

I am pleased to inform you that today the Cook County Board has approved an Ordinance of which I am a Sponsor to repeal the sales tax by 0.50% which would decrease the total retail sales tax from 10.25% to 9.75% as of January 1, 2010. This ordinance reflects a \$200M savings to taxpayers.

The following is a breakdown of the retail sales tax distribution as of January 1, 2010:

State of Illinois 6.25%  
City of Chicago 1.25%  
Cook County 1.25%  
Regional Transit Authority 1.00%

The entire nation is experiencing a difficult economic time. The effects of the economic crisis have hit every level of government and especially the taxpayer. This ordinance is an important step to maintain the fiscal stability of Cook County and ease the burden on taxpayers.

Together we can be a part of the solution.

Sincerely,  
Robert Steele

## Brookfield from front page

throughout Chicago. The neighborhood grants program is an initiative funded by the Steans Family Foundation and administered by GoodCity to encourage and support the work of resident-based groups. The program continues to award grants to projects that address neighborhood concerns; demonstrate strong neighborhood support and collaboration among residents whose mission is to improve the quality of life in North Lawndale.

The Brookfield Zoo trip had another surprising donation by Cook County Board President Todd Stroger and Commissioner Robert Steele. They made it possible for two buses and four automobiles full of community youth and family members to receive complimentary passes into the zoo. Commissioner Brookfield Zoo sits on land owned by Cook County and they also help provide other resources to the zoo. Commissioner Robert Steele also made himself available to speak to the families before they embarked on the zoo. On the bus provided by Ebony/Bestway Bus Services, said volunteer coordinator Carolyn Lewis, "the people were really excited and loved the words Commissioner Steele had said to them." They were also going to make sure they attend his back to school event on August 1 in Maywood.

Rev. Vivian R.B. Lewis of Triumph Church is scheduled to impact the community again with a community Olympic sporting event at Douglas Park on Saturday, July 25. All community youth are invited to participate. Even adults can get in on the fun sports competition. There will also be food for all and trophies for the top three winners in each age and gender category. The competition will occur between 10:00am and 3:00pm meeting at 1401 S. Sacramento Blvd. at the cultural center. Arrive early to register and compete.

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Residents of North Lawndale, a mother and her four children stroll through the zoo while stopping for a moment to pose for a photo

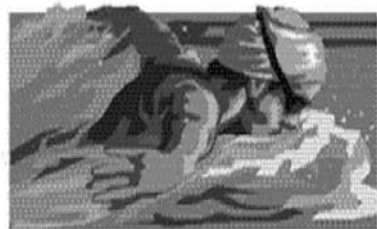


Another family enjoying the benefits of Brookfield zoo

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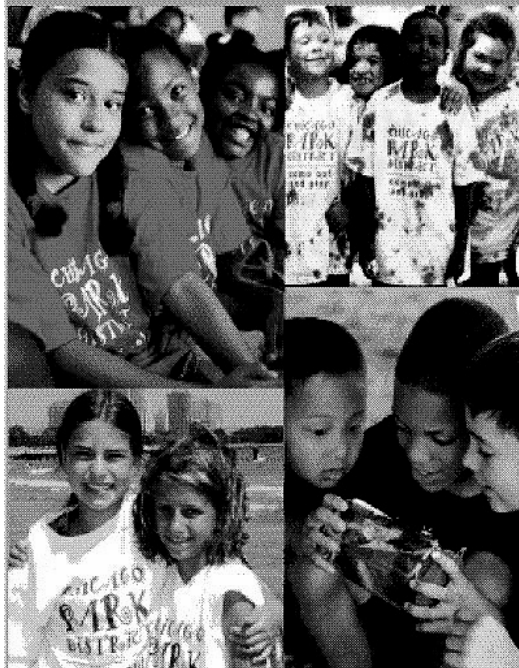
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# A New Chapter in Our 110 Year History

**Dear Community Members,**

I am writing to share exciting news with you. Saint Anthony Hospital, which has been serving the residents of the Southwest Side of Chicago for more than 110 years, is entering a new and exciting chapter in our history. That history, and our success, is directly linked to people like you—those we so proudly serve with medical care, community outreach programs and social services.



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President and Chief Executive Officer  
Saint Anthony Hospital

On July 1 of this year, Saint Anthony Hospital became an independent, faith-based community hospital. (Previously, we were part of one of the nation's largest health care system, with more than 60 hospitals) We made this change in our status after careful thought, planning and consultation with many community and local health care leaders.

By becoming a stand-alone hospital, we are confident that our physicians and staff will be able to serve and respond to your needs even more effectively than we have in the past.

Our identity, our true value, is as a member of *your* community. In fact, over the past two years, we've proved that we can serve the health care needs of our patients even more successfully than we have in the past by strengthening our role as a community hospital that is governed, managed and planned for *on a local basis*.

As we enter this new era, on behalf of the Board of Directors, all of the physicians and staff here at Saint Anthony Hospital, I thank you for the privilege of providing you, your family and your neighbors with high-quality health care services that enhance the well-being of our community. That's great news for all of us.

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## READING/RIGHTING/RHETORIC IN SEARCH OF NORTH LAWDALE TEENS FOR FREE SUMMER PROGRAM

Reading/Righting/Rhetoric, a summer youth education program funded by the Steans Family Foundation, is seeking teen participants in the North Lawndale Community to join this free 10-week program, announced Brenetta Howell Barrett, President and CEO. Sponsored by Pathfinders Prevention Education Fund it is scheduled to start in late June.

Youth involvement will be paramount in monitoring, assessing and evaluating the project. An information technology and media specialist will assist in linking related research to verification and queries concerning HIV infections and AIDS (Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, respectively).

Adults who have been exposed to HIV/AIDS training will assist in pre-planning and special event/trip preparation and execution.

Youth participants will be from ages 13 to 19 years of age. Older youths will be trained to assume assistant leader roles for the project. Selected PPEF volunteers (adults) will assist with room/display set-ups, and break periods.

This project, coordinated by a former journalist, newspaper editor/columnist/ reporter/ feature story writer, and public relations practitioner, addresses a pervasive deficiency among many youths, young adults in the North Lawndale community. They are often unable to correctly express themselves in written and oral communication activities. Very often, people are unwilling, unable, and/or reluctant to suggest corrections.

The coordinator has worked in HIV/AIDS prevention since 1996.

The Pathfinders Prevention Education Fund (PPEF) philosophy is that HIV and AIDS prevention and the myths surrounding these afflictions are linked to the ability to read, write (right the misconceptions, falsehoods, and discriminatory practices) and use rhetoric to set the record straight. By being informed, teens can hear/see sources of truth and verbalize the correct information.

Interested parents, guardians, and teens may contact Brenetta Howell Barrett by phone at (773) 533-5755, by fax at (773) 533-5754, or via email at [bhb@att.net](mailto:bhb@att.net).

## Lawndale Business and Local Development Corporation (LBLDC) Create Business Connections for North Lawndale "After Hours"

Travles R. Lane



Eric Strickland, Executive Director of LBLDC doubling as host and temporarily serving as bartender during LBLDC's business mixer event at the Murphy Hill Gallery.



Wanda Perry (in black & white print dress) standing next to her son Norman Baldwin (grey suit jacket) during LBLDC business mixer.

After facilitating the funding of more than \$50 million in economic activity and the creation of 531 jobs since 2002, Lawndale Business & Local Development Corporation CEO Eric Strickland said the nonprofit organization is nearly halfway to its goal of becoming the leader of economic development services in Chicago.

"We want to be the premier economic development group in the city," Strickland said during LBLDC's inaugural After Hours affair July 15 at the Murphy Hill Gallery in the historic Sears Roebuck Building at 3333 W. Arthington Street. "No disrespect to the Urban League, but that is our goal. And we feel we have people with the financial, technology, marketing and legal talents to realize it."

Established in 1985, according to its Website at [www.lbldc.org](http://www.lbldc.org), the LBLDC was created "to promote the economic health of Lawndale and adjacent areas through retention and expansion of business, and to provide new opportunities for residents through local training."

To that end the group strives to connect its members to the purveyors of power and possessors of capital and expertise in the pursuit of prompting the creation of the interwoven interests that produce and sustain business development and growth. LBLDC's services also include "assistance with loan processing, city services, job training programs... Empowerment and Enterprise Zone incentives, exporting and trade information, and access to technology and modernization resources..."

Catered by Anointed Catering Inc. and executive chef Andrea Alexander, the After Hours mixer last week inside the cavernous yet cozy two-year old art gallery owned by Ralph Murphy, a local tax accountant. Heavy on savoir faire and fine food with soft jazz, lighting and wine flowing, the business-with-pleasure networking forum with art also included officials of the Illinois Finance Authority, the Small Business Administration and St. Anthony Hospital. CTI, a collections services firm was also represented along

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## From Sista To Sister: FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY



*Tali Bakhit*

**Chicago, IL-** In the harsh economic situation that our country is currently facing, many people have resorted to unruly and ill measures. From robbing, killing, stealing, and just plain old ripping people off. Just recently while shopping in a world wide multimillion dollar business here in Chicago, I encountered a situation that had blew me away mentally. While shopping, as usual I looked at my bill and there was a additional fee of \$9.49 on the computer screen. Without hesitation, I said to the cashier "Excuse me mame, but nothing in my bag, at single, should cost \$9.49. Obviously guilty of my skepticism, nervously, the young lady said, "I don't know, it was something that I scanned." Immediately, I became even more curious, because I distinctively saw this young lady manually type this price into the system (very fast.) Now, my detective antlers are on, and I decided to tell the young lady to remove every item from the bag, and re-scan everything. "Surprisingly" not one item in the bag equalled the amount of \$9.49.

What a shame, and how desperate can one be, and how low could one go? My first thought was to immediately talk to this young lady's manager and have her fired, but my heart began to look at the desperate measures that this young lady took to steal my \$9.49. It doesn't sound like much, but just imagine \$9.49 about 20 times that day could easy be an extra \$200.00 in her pocket. I began to sympathize with her situation. I thought to myself, maybe she had a bill to pay, or she had children to feed, or had to pay for college.

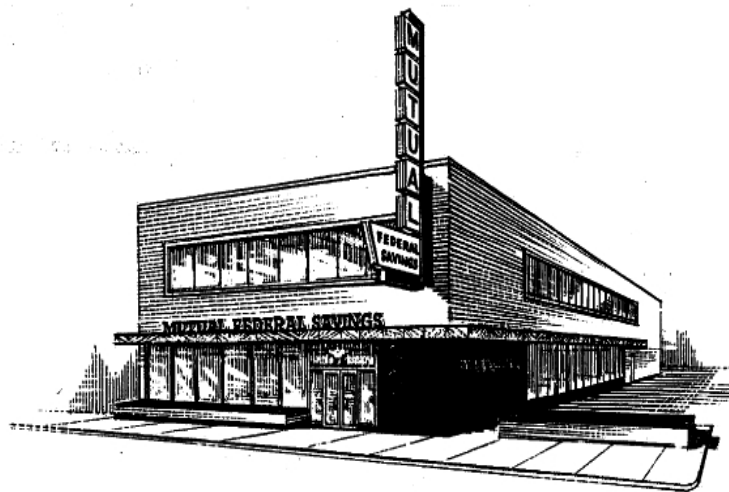
Who knows exactly what this young lady

was thinking about when she pulled such a scheme, but I knew that in order to stabilize the situation in such a way that know one else would be hurt, it was up to me to operate out of love. My sisters, I'm sure that while reading this column a few of you came up with a million ways that you would have resolved the problem, like cursing her out, or getting her fired, or even handling it by way of kicking her a\$\$\$. But we must understand that in these hard economic times we must work together to keep the peace. Also, to add to this column, a recommended movie to watch that will give you some relief from doing what ever, when ever "For The Love of Money" please rent "Jack Squad" from blockbusters this movie goes into full detail about the game and pain of loving money. For we all know that money, is needed for life necessities, and as long as we make it the right way it's ok to love what you have earned. However, on the flip side, if you haven't learned to love one another, don't let money destroy you and your community. Strive for success, and don't settle for less, be what you want to be in life, and earn the money that you want to make in life.

My the light of love fill our communities, peace my Sisters.

*Tali Bakhit is a visionary journalist, writer, entrepreneur, and owner of her own company Bon-chic Productions. Born and raised in the inner city of Philadelphia, she knows the struggles that young African American sisters go through on the everyday basis. As a writer for the the North Lawndale Community Newspaper, Tali has made a loyal commitment to give back to the Sisters and prove yes we can all get along and create a since of loyalty. Peace & Light My sisters.*

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**Brookfield** from page 4

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**LBLDC** from page 8

with dozens of small business owners, entrepreneurs, artists and investors.

The LBLDC, which also hosts a monthly breakfast meeting, plans to have quarterly After Hours get-togethers in the future.

"We have and ongoing agenda to facilitate relationships among small and mid-sized businesses, said Strickland, who became LBLDC's chief executive since 2002 . "We want them to get to know each other, do business with each other. Our ultimate objective is to keep our dollars in our community."

"Everything here, each conversation is a relationship being formed and a possible expansion of business in the future for North Lawndale."

The group is committed to a focus on minority business development, and Strickland cited its role the establishment of Cermak Auto Auction last year, a \$25 million project that produced 10 jobs. "We did their business plans."

Following a raffle drawing for a \$600 software prize claimed by a young lady named Carmela, Strickland returned to his plan for the future of the organization and the communities it serves.

"We're working to get bigger and better. We have been building from the ground up since 2002. We have a growing team and the connectivity to the network of experts and decision makers to get it done.

"I don't know about stuff, but I know who does." He added it would take between "five and 10 years" for LBLDC to achieve it quest to be the best in its field.

"And that will be a reflection of growth in North Lawndale, said Strickland.

For more information about Lawndale Business and Local Development Corporation and its membership and services, call (773) 265-8500 or on the Web at [www.lblcdc.org](http://www.lblcdc.org).

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