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

ACCESS COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK KICKS OFF NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH EARLY WITH RIBBON CEREMONY AT COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WOMEN'S DIVISION

Elected officials, faith leaders and media spokespersons urge women to get tested



Mattie Hunter (3rd District) led women elected officials, health care and religious leaders and approximately 500 women in a ceremony symbolizing the importance of getting annual mammograms. Other prominent women who joined in the ceremony included Illinois State Rep. Karen Yarbrough (7th District), Ald. Toni Foulkes (15th Ward), Rev. Mildred Harris, Founder, President & CEO of God First Ministries, Darlene Garcia, Christian Fellowship Flock Church and Pam Morris, WVON Radio.

"African American's and Latinas die from breast cancer at a rate of 2-1/2 times greater than Caucasian women. It is critical that all women make a commitment to get tested regularly," said Donna Thompson, CEO of Access Community Health Network during her opening remarks. "Our lives are too precious to treat casually. Early detection is crucial in the fight against breast cancer."

This event is a part of the "Pin-A-SisterÔ/Examine ComadreÔ" annual breast cancer awareness campaign sponsored by Access Community Health Network in houses of worship and correctional

centers across the state on Mother's Day, "Pin-A-Sister Sunday." Friday's ceremony marks the second year that women in Cook County Jail have participated in this initiative which targets uninsured and low-income women to heighten awareness of the severe racial disparities in breast cancer mortality. The agenda included a powerful motivational message from Merri Dee and Senator Hunter encouraging the women to leave the past behind them, focus on the future and do the best job possible to take care of themselves. The program ended with the women attaching pink ribbon stickers on one another symbolizing their commitment to breast cancer screening, testing and prevention.

Access Community Health Network launched "Pin-A-SisterÔ/Examine ComadreÔ" in 2007 in cooperation with Stand Against Cancer, a state-funded collaboration between Illinois' faith-based, health care and community organizations. The campaign has grown exponentially since its inception. With an initial reach of 67,000 women across Chicago, "Pin-A-SisterÔ/

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Women elected officials, faith leaders and media celebrities kick off breast cancer awareness month with Access Community Health Network's "Pin-A-SisterÔ/Examine ComadreÔ" campaign ribbon ceremony at Cook County Department of Corrections, Women's Division. L to R: **Pam Morris**, WVON Radio; **Rev. Mildred Harris**, CEO & founder of God First Ministries; **Darlene Garcia**, Christian Fellowship Flock Church; **Sen. Mattie Hunter** (IL-3rd district); **Donna Thompson**, CEO Access Community Health Network; **Merri Dee**, AARP Illinois Executive Council; **Debbie Ryan**, assistant executive director for Cook County Sheriff's Department of Women Justice Services; **Rep. Karen Yarbrough** (IL-7th district); **Ald. Toni Foulkes** (15th Ward) and **Gina Shirley**, clinical supervisor for Cook County Sheriff's Department of Women Justice Services and breast cancer survivor. Photo Credit: Peter Bosy

Access Community Health Network launched an early start to National Breast Cancer Awareness Month today by conducting a pink ribbon ceremony in the women's division of Cook County Jail,

stressing the importance of early detection in the fight against breast cancer.

Merri Dee, broadcast pioneer and member AARP Illinois Executive Council and State Senator

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Historic Sears Power Plant On Homan Ave Opens As New "Green" School



Charles H. Shaw Technology and Learning Center

The building that once powered Sears, Roebuck and Co's former world headquarters has been recreated into a new, state-of-the-art high school and the city's newest showcase for urban redevelopment and adaptive reuse. CPS Chief Executive Officer Ron Huberman, John Nichols, Beverly Shaw, Ford Fund along with students, parents, community members and other local officials celebrated the opening of Henry

Ford Academy: Power House High today with a ribbon cutting and tours of the transformed building.

Listed on the National Register of Historical Places and designed to receive a U.S. Green Building Council LEED Platinum rating, Power House High, located in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood, successfully incorporates elements of the building's past with green construction and sustainable

building technologies.

Power House High is located within the Charles H. Shaw Technology and Learning Center (Shaw TLC), which is named after respected Chicago developer Charlie Shaw. Shaw was the driving force behind the Homan Square project of which the Shaw TLC is part. Homan Square is the award-winning redevelopment of the former Sears headquarters that includes the construction of more than 300 affordable new homes and a community center campus.

"Charlie cared deeply for this community. And though he is not able to celebrate the grand opening in person, I know he is here in spirit," said Bev Shaw, Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign and a long-time educator. "He would be so proud of the students, building and the platform that Power House High is offering them."

Constructed in 1905, the original power plant utilized steam power fueled by coal, which then represented the latest in energy technology and helped usher in the industrial revolution. By 2004, the Power House was vacant and deteriorating. Today, the building's legacy has been restored, yet

instead of relying on fossil fuels, the school features new, "green" technologies such as:

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- Energy recovery ventilation system that transfers heat in the winter, and reverses the process in the summer.
- Retrofitted historic windows with insulated, energy efficient glass.
- Massive fan units that send heated air trapped along the ceiling to floor level.

The building's industrial remnants—turbines, hoppers, coal conveyor belt, and gantry crane and rail system—are just a few of the original building elements that have been retained and will be integrated into Power House High's curriculum. Teachers will use both the old and new features of the building as hands-on learning opportunities to stimulate student exploration of history, science, geography, political science, entrepreneurship and technical knowledge.

In addition, Power House High has been designed to receive a LEED Platinum rating from the US Green

Building Council. LEED certification is expected in the Fall.

"The Power House that once energized the entire Sears complex is finally returning to service," said John Nichols, a lead project fundraiser and Chairman of Henry Ford Academy: Power House High. "But instead of powering a company, it will help generate the dreams and aspirations of Lawndale students in one of the most green and historical spaces in the city."

Power House High is a public charter high school accepting applications from any eligible Chicago student. Incoming ninth graders are chosen by lottery from the pool of all applicants. When fully enrolled, the school will serve 460 students. The majority of incoming 9th graders and returning students, who began last year at space in a nearby school, are from North Lawndale and surrounding neighborhoods.

"Our mission is to prepare students to meet the challenges of the 21st Century," said Kothyn Evans-Alexander, Power House High's principal. "The content-rich Power House provides students

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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.

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Students and faculty cut the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony at Power House High

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Marking an early kick-off to National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, women inmates attach pink ribbons to one another during a ceremony held at Cook County Department of Corrections, Women's Division sponsored by Access Community Health Network's "Pin-A-Sister/Examine Comadre" campaign. Photo Credit: Peter Bosy

Examine Comadre" went statewide in year two, reaching 250,000 women in 300 houses of worship and correctional centers. More than 500,000 women participated in "Pin-A-Sister/Examine Comadre" statewide in May of 2009.

United Effort: Since its inception, Pin-A-Sister has had the united support of several major breast cancer advocates and organizations: The Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University; The Chicago land Area Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®; American Cancer Society; the Illinois Department of Public Health; The Silver Lining Foundation and the effort's sponsor, Access Community Health Network.

CEDA Tells Seniors Not to Wait for Cold Weather to Arrive, Apply Now for Home Energy Utility Bill Payment Assistance

General enrollment for all income-eligible applicants to begin November 1

The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA) is encouraging seniors and persons living with disabilities to get assistance with their home energy bills before the cold weather arrives. CEDA wants to ensure that homes occupied by the elderly and disabled are safe and warm in time for winter.

"It's important that we give priority, careful consideration and focus on serving seniors and people with physical disabilities due to the fragility of their situations," said CEDA President/CEO Robert L. Wharton. "We don't want anyone, particularly our seniors, experiencing difficulties with home energy bills during the winter months."

The priority enrollment period for seniors and the disabled to receive help through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) began September 1. This group is given priority enrollment due to a variety of factors that make them more susceptible to weather-related illnesses.

On October 1, the CEDA LIHEAP Emergency Furnace and Reconnection Assistance Programs will also begin accepting enrollment for applicants with disabilities, persons over the age of 60 and households whose utility service has been disconnected. The LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program performs work on non-operable or unsafe heating systems and the LIHEAP Reconnection Assistance benefit can help disconnected households get their utility service restored.

General enrollment for all income-

eligible applicants begins November 1. Eligible applicants may receive a one-time bill payment toward their gas or propane and electric utility bills. Only one grant per household per program year is awarded.

"We need our seniors and the disabled to take advantage of the priority enrollment period," said Jennifer Smith, Director of CEDA's Home Energy Assistance Programs. "When general enrollment begins November 1, our intake sites will see an influx of applicants who need assistance. We would like to have as many senior and disabled households serviced before then."

Eligibility for LIHEAP is based upon gross income for the 30 days prior to the date of application. The amount of payment is determined by income (150% of the federal poverty level), household size, fuel type and geographic location. In addition, any eligible household that is disconnected from their utility or who is at or below 25 percent on a delivered fuel and cannot get a delivery of their own may qualify for reconnection assistance.

CEDA is the state's largest facilitator of LIHEAP, a federal-and-state-funded program, and regularly works in conjunction with ComEd on other programs to provide energy relief to low-income families.

For more information on LIHEAP eligibility call the North Lawndale Community News at 312/492-9090.

CEDA is one of the nation's largest non-profit organizations that serves more than 375,000 individuals annually and operates over 40 programs throughout Cook County in the areas of education, housing, economic development, family and children services, health and nutrition, and several others.

LANE CHANGE

Blaming Racism Doesn't Work For Baseball Troubles, or Life

A Commentary BY TRAVLES R. LANE - the1lane@yahoo.com

You would think that a person making a multi-million dollar living at playing a game he has played since his childhood has little to be unhappy about and even less reason to complain.

That's what make this whole Milton Bradley sideshow with the Chicago Cubs so silly.

Bradley, as you may recall, came to Chicago last year to play right field for a Cubs team that was expected by most baseball pundits to challenge for a World Series title this year. But instead of being the final piece to puzzle of ending a 100-year championship drought on the North side, the enigmatic slugger has been suspended for the rest of the season as Cubs management works to speed his departure from the clubhouse.

Bradley's transgressions, which include complaining about racist fans at Wrigley Field, have been numerous, but chief among them has been his failure to hit for a team that has failed miserably to live up to rabid expectations. And instead of working on improving his performance he has insisted on sulking, making excuses and generally showing how little he has grown up since his childhood playing days.

And while the travels and travails of small-minded professional athletes have little to do with the cost of butter, Bradley's ordeal is instructive to our community as a whole as a lesson in how easy it is to blame racism for problems that have nothing to do with discrimination.

Here is a man still making a king's ransom (\$30 million) despite what may be the worst season of his career, and he suggests boorish white fans and hostile sports writers are the

cause of his current misery.

Evidently, Mr. Bradley never picked cotton for \$3 per 100 pounds in 90-degree heat if he thinks withering under the inconsequential glare of disappointed fans and nitpicking media can be justified simply by attributing his troubles to being black. Nor has he ever simply tried finding a regular job and making a decent living on the South or West sides of Chicago.

Being black doesn't help you in either case. Nor does it harm you if you have the will to succeed, the ability to learn and the drive to never say "I give."

Overcoming failure requires refusing to remain prostrate when life knocks you down. And refusing to wallow in self-pity and excuse-making while allowing others to define you to yourself or what success is for you.

You don't have to be a million-dollar athlete understand that life pays for performance. And if you do not perform, the blame and the solution for your troubles is staring right at you every time you look in the mirror.

Another Question Mr. President

Read a report yesterday about the president's interview on David Letterman's late night show in which President Obama responded about the whether race plays a role in the heated healthcare debate by saying that it is important that his critics and others realize that "I was actually black before the election."

Letterman then asked, "How long have you been a black man?"

Well, I would like to add this question: "When are you going to start acting like one and bring some real change to that White House?"

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From Sista To Sister: The African American Male Drop Out Rate In Chicago Public Schools



With much to gain but so many distractions young African American males have faced many hardships as it pertains to getting a high school diploma.

As the city is full of intelligent African American males, many find that it is a challenging task to stay committed to a class room especially when they are faced with so many other heavier responsibilities. Where one is forced to take care of the family due to his single mother's drug addiction, another has to provide for his newborn baby girl born out of wedlock in order to provide for her a better life. These are only a few of the situations that young African American males are faced with, which leads to the compromise of dropping out of school.

Many young males feel disconnected to what is being taught and feel without purpose to be in school. With one out of every four black males being suspended over the last year and the expulsion rate on the rise according to the Catalyst Chicago analysis, many black males that have graduated from high school could relate with those who didn't succeed.

In an interview with high school graduate and young African American entrepreneur Lamont Simmons, he articulated the struggles that African American males face on the everyday basis while attending Chicago Public Schools "I almost dropped out of school—as an African American male attending Rich East high school, I felt so disconnected because nothing that I was learning had anything to do with my culture, or historical background which left me bored and searching for many unanswered questions."

Currently Lamont is owner of his own business Visual Logic Media Design and can

appreciate the lessons learned by not dropping out of school. However, unfortunately many continue to drop out of school and never return.

While some young African American males feel disconnected, others may feel motivated and eager to learn but understand the many distractions that young African American males of today face.

African American male Timothy Jackson graduated in 2003 from a Chicago Public school, but claims that he was very motivated and eager to learn in school with some distractions. Timothy says that "I believe that African American males have a high dropout rate because there is so much hatred in the school systems, we need teachers that want to teach the children, and care about their well being, not just a pay check."

It is a fact that African American males fall behind their Caucasian male counterparts according to The Office of Research Evaluation and Accountability in Chicago.

Elaine Allensworth report on Chicago Public Schools indicate 39 percent of African Americans graduate by age 19 compared to 58 percent of Caucasian males. Which leads to the question how is it that so many African American young men fall behind without the assistance of a teacher or someone in a leadership position giving them a hand?

As reported by Catalyst Chicago, teachers are not trained to de-escalate tense situations and are not able to cope in many situations that will help African American males to get back on the right track.

Between the socioeconomic differences, family issues, and lack of support African American males are faced with many difficult issues that need to be solved in order to push them in the right direction. President Barack Obama makes known that only 70% of high

school students graduate with a diploma and promises to recruit an army of new teachers and develop innovative ways to reward teachers who are doing a great job. Mr President, also promises to reform the No Child Left Behind program so that schools that need improvement receive the support that they need, rather than punishing them.

There are also many government and non-profit organizations that partner with CPS in order to help African American males get on the right track like the Saturday Morning Alternative Reach-Out and Teach (SMART) program, America's Promise Alliance, etc.

So, If you are someone who would like to help in this effort please reach out by providing the information needed that could be passed on so that young African American youth, and youth in general understand that society does

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For more information on mentoring programs for young men to exceed academically go to:

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North Lawndale Non-Profit Organizational Capacity Building Initiative

Request for Proposals

Through this initiative, funded by the New Communities Program (NCP), Goodcity and Lawndale Christian Development Corporation (LCDC) seek to build the non-profit infrastructure of North Lawndale.

Learn More at an Information Session:
Wednesday, September 30, 2009 6:00 - 7:00 pm
10th District Police Station
3315 W. Ogden Ave.



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Contact

Tracie Worthy, New Communities Program Manager
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About the Initiative

Goodcity will provide 12-months of organizational capacity support to a cohort of five (5) start-up non-profit organizations based in North Lawndale. Organizations that are selected will receive 25 hours of tailored one-on-one training with Goodcity's technical assistance experts and instruction in a group/workshop setting with their peers covering topics such as strategic planning; board development; becoming a 501(c)(3). On Monday, October 26, 2009 five (5) applicants will be chosen to participate in this initiative.

Proposal Process

Proposal must include the following:

- Completed Application Form
- Annual operating budget
- Business Plan (if applicable)
- Resume (if applicable)
- Board List (if applicable)

Application Deadline: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 5:00 pm

Applications are available at either LCDC's office located at 3843 West Ogden Ave. from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday or online at www.lcdc.net.

AT THE FLICKS

David Schultz, film critic

THE PROVIDENCE EFFECT (*)** “The Providence Effect” is a revealing documentary that details the efforts of Paul J. Adams III who was blacklisted in Alabama for his civil rights beliefs who migrated to Chicago. Where he turned around a troubled West Side high school that that is more than an uplifting story, it’s a blueprint to inspire and be implemented.

Filmmaker Rollin Binzer whose probably best known for the 1975 concert documentary with “Ladies and Gentleman, The Rolling Stones” does a 90 degree turnabout with this well assembled and absorbing documentary that chronicles the ideas, examines the methods through these educators.

A diamond in the rough that has gone against the grain and accomplished more than co-exist; this is Providence St., Mel High School on Chicago’s West Side in Garfield Park that was on the brink of being shut down by the Archdiocese of Chicago that would make the facility fall prey to the increased elements of neighborhood drug trafficking and street gang rivalry and violence.

In as much, this documentary is about the school that rises above its status quo conditions and about the success of one man’s determination and vision – Paul J. Adams III. It’s also about Adams’ “effect” on his staff of administrators and teachers that brought his vision to flourish.

To achieve the level that 100 percent of African American students would graduated; and continues on to attend most of the nation’s prestigious (and mostly White) colleges and universities. And indicate more than hope against the high school’s ghetto environment where statistics show that “babies born today have a 300% chance of living in poverty.” And almost in the same breath, “there is a need to “break this cycle”.

This documentary’s blueprint guide starts

from one of several key words emphasized – In particular “accountability” from the administrators to the teachers to the pupils to their parents.

But it starts with Paul J Adams II and his staff that seems to be interconnected to his philosophy that are basic, sometimes radical, but more often old school common sense. Examples are shown through principal DeBella giving a speech that recall on Adams’ roots in the Civil Rights movement.. Later arriving in Chicago to begin working to break the drug infected areas and rival gang terror. Adams became known as the “principal that took no mess”

The film doesn’t digest over the struggles, or behind the scenes battles, or even details Adams’ school property deal with one of the influential key mother superior sisters in the Catholic Church isn’t divulge beyond being more than a dollar”

Varied teachers and supervisors share their thoughts and procedures by treating the children as equals, but not their positions that lead to a better verbal response, association and demeanor that shows the students and pupils who learn to articulate their thoughts that show the children meeting their teachers half way. While the teachers never talk down to their students because of their age and social status as just being kids. As the geometry teacher states, “You get their attention, then you teach”. While a math teacher from his technique mentions” the work is in the thinking”

Still, its matter of high expectation s” held together by a domino effect with students and teachers being monitor by the principal. And even the parents are part of the process, being brought in discussions with the teachers and principal.

Through the entire film. The Providence Effect” shows us more what is wrong with

our public school systems. While this film show us what’s right with private or charter schools. But what is even more interesting is how this film never attempts to preach its concerns on the audience. The documentary tells its story as a personal crusade through the participants

The examples in Adams’ methods at Providence St Mel are so fundamental and sound that Adams was given the opportunity to expand his program into an elementary K-12 school in the tougher and violent Englewood area, as part of the City of Chicago’s Renaissance 2010” program.

The documentary is not heavy handed in its presentation. What is usually reflected upfront in terms of the dilapidated communities, the street slant attitudes along with the crime and poverty are shown here wisely either briefly mentioned or visually kept in the background or out of sight

These little things help set a more positive tone for many who live enough of , not to pay to see it on the big screen. And yet we are aware of their existence and influence in our communities. But we are also given the glimpse of the bureaucracy that interferes with Allen’s methods such as the Teachers’ Union. It almost clear by watching this movie and comparing the pros and cons between private and public schools. In order to get parents to be actively involved with their kids,. You might need to make the parents pay for the privilege to get the kind of education every child should be entitled to.

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Jennifer Aniston and Aaron Eckhart in Love Happens

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LOVE HAPPENS ()** Sometimes one has to get out of one’s own way. This sounds like the essential message behind “Love Happens”, a misleading romantic ‘dramedy’ (drama with some comedy undertones) that is more about life than love through people in personal crisis who rather lives in their grief than move on with their lives.

But the film does begin from a promising premise for a romantic comedy with Aaron Eckhart as Dr. Burke Ryan, a self-help guru author who doesn’t heed his own advice, whose reluctant return to Seattle that opens up some unresolved issues and personal wounds during his weekend-long, book tour seminar session, arranged by his manager-

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Chicago State University host Chicago Football Classic Step Show WHO: Stomp Out: Official Step Show of the Chicago Football Classic at Chicago State University

WHAT: This event will be hosted by Leon Rogers, radio personality of WGCI, featuring music by DJ Pharris and DJ Kool Ant.

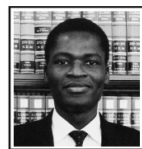
COST: Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. The ticket package includes a ticket to the Chicago Football Classic. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

- Chicago State University Cashier's Office at 9501 S. King Drive,
- Midway Wholesalers, at 41 W. 84th Street, or
- Online at www.chicagofootballclassic.biz.

WHEN: Friday, September 25, 2009, Doors open at 6 p.m. The Step Show starts at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Chicago State University, Jones Convocation Center (JCC) Arena, 9501 S. King Drive, Chicago, IL 60628.

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Tali Bakht 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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best friend, Lane Marshall (Dan Fogler) who also close to having Ryan finalized into a multi-media deal from the success of his book.

When Ryan becomes infatuated by a lovely florist shop owner, Eloise (Jennifer Aniston) who is also quite perceptive herself for seeing the flaws in others. And yet

she doesn't have much luck with her choice in men in life. The latest is a band musician, Tyler (Joe Anderson) who is cheating on her with a groupie fan.

However, the movie quickly becomes burden by its elements of cliché situations and characters that co-writer and director Brandon Camp tries to make personal and genuine.

As Eckhart and Aniston's characters begin their usual awkwardness from their initial meeting in the hotel hallways. And certain difficult words written by the florist behind framed flower paintings.

Naturally, Ryan is interested and Eloise is not because of her recent aforementioned personal pain. Eloise bristles at Ryan's advances by acting like a deaf and mute

woman.

But through the course of the film, Ryan can do more for other person's problems than he does for himself, in concealing certain aspects from his own personal loss of his wife in a car accident.

In particular, Ryan takes personal interest during his group session in an emotionally shattered ex-contractor, Walter (John Carroll Lynch) whose still grief stricken over the freak accidental death of his 12 yr old son.

Then later, Ryan observes Eloise talking to the hotel concierge that Ryan confronts Eloise for her deceive act that leads Eloise with a verbal exchange in the men's restroom. Soon after Eloise begins to take an interest from observing Ryan in his group session seminar.

But still Eloise' fascination is not necessarily romantically inclined, but more like a "science project". Even though they enjoy each other's company. Eloise spends enough time with Ryan for her to tell him that "he's more messed up than the people he treats". This does not sound romantic, but more like pity.

Even though we are being misled to believe that from Eloise's concern that there is love for such a compatible pair to make that overdue love connection'.

When Eloise helps Ryan fulfill his deceased wife's promise of letting their caged obnoxious cockatoo bird be released into the wild that was being kept at the home of his wife's embittered ex-marine father, (Martin Sheen) who seem resentful toward Ryan but really felt neglected from Ryan's pain from his lack of action after the tragedy.

But the turning point eventually and predictably comes near the film's finale. When during his audience session that was attended by the potential sponsors of his purposed multimedia deal; Ryan suddenly break down to reveal the real truth of his wife's tragic car accident.

It's debatable on the good intentions this gentle movie strives to achieve. While the film sometimes gets a bit sentimental. For a film where "Love Happens"; It felt more like Tina Turner's hit song, "What 's Love Got to Do with It"?

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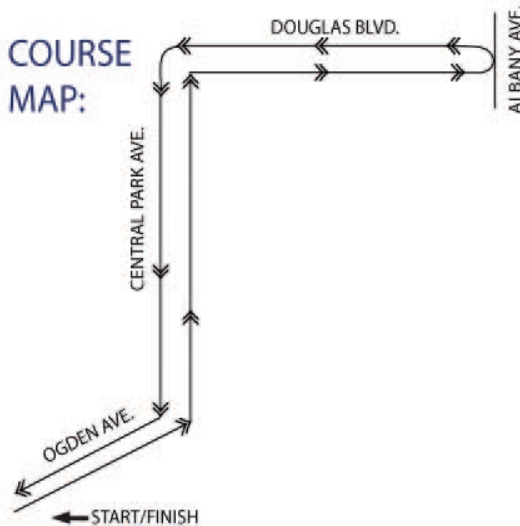
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