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## From Reputed Gang Leader To Respected Coach

Former gang leader turns life around, uses boxing to help youth

La Risa Lynch



Derek Brown watches over youth spar. Brown, a former gang chief with the Vice Lords street gang, started showing kids the fundamentals of boxing to keep kids out of trouble. It eventually morphed into the North Lawndale Boxing League.



Derek Brown goes through drills with another youth. Brown started his boxing program so neighborhood kids wouldn't end up on the same self-destructive path that led him to join a gang.

It's Tuesday afternoon and Coach Derek Brown watches with a critical eye. He stands just outside of the boxing ring, but within ear shot of two young men sparring in a Maywood gym.

Brown shouts "Keep your head down," "Keep your feet moving." The normal banter expected from a man imparting boxing knowledge to young thirsty teens hungry to find a way to vent pinned up energy.

"My daddy was tired of me getting into fights at school so he wanted me to stay out of trouble so he put me in here," said 10-year-old

Thaddeus Carter, of why he joined Brown's boxing program. "I fight here (so) that will keep me occupied enough so I won't fight or nothing in school."

It is kids like Carter that Brown wants to reach. He wants to find a way to keep kids off the streets, away from trouble and out of the gangs. He uses boxing as the hook. Kids, Brown explained, want attention, but often seek the negative kind that gets them involved in gangs.

Brown formed the North Lawndale Boxing League (NLBL) in 2009 to keep kids off the streets. He

wanted to give something positive back to the same streets he once ruled as a chief for the Vice Lords street gang. He called it his penance. "Gang leaders ... can change a whole lot of things within the community if they just stepped outside of their negative realm of what they are doing," said Brown, a former gang member known as "Shotgun" on the streets of North Lawndale. He also works with CeaseFire, a citywide violence prevention group.

"The only thing that is going to come behind doing wrong is wrong," he added. "But if you do something

good, only thing that can happen is great." Brown started the program after seeing kids throw rocks at passing cars near an elementary school. It was a childhood mischief Brown did as a youngster that ultimately led him to join a gang, get shot and cycle in and out of jail by age 13. "It was like me happening all over again," Brown said.

He knew just telling the kids to stop wasn't enough. So he used boxing to show them an alternative. The few boxing moves he showed a group of boys eventually turned into

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# NLCN 2011 Focus Health and Education

Ten Years has past since the New Millenium scare of the year 2000, a time of uncertainty. In 1999, we began by thanking God for making the newsletter possible. Much has happened since October of 1999 when we first published the North Lawndale Community News more than eleven years ago. Many have contributed, supported, volunteered, written, taken photos, done research, and/or completed our workshops. We have helped many and many have helped us. Health is essential to a good life. Education is necessary for the pursuit of happiness in an economy driven society.

In 2001, our focus targeted the "Revival of the Family". In 2002, we targeted "Wholistic Wellness". In 2003, we targeted "Education and Training". In 2004, the North Lawndale Community News focused on helping our community acquire a better quality of life through higher levels of reading and responsible wealth creation. In 2005, it was Technology, Business Development, and Employment. In 2006, the primary focus for SHS/ NCLN was Health, Education, and Welfare. In 2007, the primary focus for SHS/ NCLN was People and Education. In 2008, the primary focus for was the Church, Financial Literacy, and Technology. In 2009, the primary focus for SHS/NLCN was HEALTH & THE ECONOMY. In 2010, our primary focus was to live and reflect on our previous years of focus, as we progress to a better quality of life.

So many things remain a high priority in our life. As we struggle to enjoy life, many have neglected the necessary choices that preserve and extend a healthy and abundant, spirit, mind, and body. So along with health, there is education (knowing) and the need to have the resources to act upon the knowledge for a better quality of life.

The North Lawndale newspaper was and is created to help fulfill the mission of Strategic Human Services. That mission is to provide information on resources and events that improved the lifestyle of individuals and families. This is our primary objective under that are all of the sub-objectives that help to reach the primary objective. There is a saying that if your're not sure where your're going, your're liable to end up someplace else- and not even know it.

Even though tough times are among us setting positive objectives and staying committed to them will be the focus of our news for this 2011 year.

## The North Lawndale 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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## Boxing from front page



Youth spar off at a Maywood gym where North Lawndale native Derek Brown hosts a boxing program to keep kids off the streets and out of reach of gangs.

regular boxing lessons outside the school. His group quickly mushroomed from six to 84 kids, a mixture of boys and girls.

"What I was doing was trying to give them something to do," Brown said.

The goal, he explained, was to show kids the art of boxing as a way to "channel negative energy into positive energy." It's a concept he called "boxing out negativity" or BON for short. And the affects were soon evident. "For one, they weren't on the corner any more hanging out," Brown said. "That was the main part. They were a lot calmer; a lot more structured."

Brown didn't know that the sparring exercise would evolve into the North Lawndale Boxing League. He operates boxing programs in Maywood and North Lawndale. Brown was filling in at the Maywood facility after one of his coaches fell ill when the North Lawndale Community News spoke to him.

"I already started something not knowing it was a boxing league," said the father of six, who is also a licensed boxing coach, judge, referee and trainer.

NLBL is sanctioned by U.S.A. Boxing and 21 of the league's members are registered with

the association. NLBL had its first bouts last month in Springfield with an impressive debut. Only three members lost fights out of the 14 who competed — many fighting for the first time.

Martez McGregor was one of the winners. For his first fight, the 20-year-old said it was a good practice run, but wished the matches lasted longer. They were abbreviated from three-minute rounds to one-minute.

"It was a nice little event to get the butterflies out," said the North Lawndale resident, who passed up college to focus on

boxing. He aspires to be a professional boxer, like his grandfather, Willie Ross.

"That's all you need is some good guidance and you can go anywhere," he added. "I felt the love." Brown said he is not trying to create the next Floyd Mayweather, a five-division world champion boxer, but one less gang member. "I see it as one leader we gained," he said. "One role model we gained. It is definitely one less child headed down the path of destruction. That road is the jail or the graveyard."

He wants the youth to know they have options. "They can be whatever they want to be as long as they put their minds to it," Brown said. "I can say you're great all the long, but you got to know it in your heart."

Derek mentioned some of those that helped him get this far such as Rev. Hood who is the Executive Director of NLBL and program mgr for the area with CeaseFire which Derek is also a violence interruptor. He is also supported by three adults that help with program and he gave high mention to Father Larry Dowling and also the group M.O.V.E., Mothers Against Violence Everywhere.

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**WHERE FUTURES BEGIN**

# Walking Challenge at Orr Academy Track Caps WHA Fitness Program

Travles R. Lane



Stepping Off for Fitness: Walking Challenge participants begin taking their laps.



Energy to burn: A pair of young hula hoopsters get their own brand of fitness exercise.

While most of the adults who arrived outfitted in a sea of red T-shirts at the Orr Academy High School football field last Saturday (June 11) may have been interested in health and fitness, the children in the crowd just wanted to have fun.

So, with huge loudspeakers blasting a contemporary, active music rhythm across the area, the several little boys and girls present tossed balls, ran races and played hula hoops on the green-turfed field with energy and glee in the brisk morning air. In the meantime, nearly 100 adults lined up for a few laps around the track enclosing the Orr Academy High School football field in

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Westside Health Authority (WHA) Healthy Living Walking Challenge.

Celebrating the culmination of a 10-week program aimed at promoting health and fitness in the Austin community and throughout Chicago's Westside neighborhoods, more than 100 people participated in the two-three-mile challenge, completing up to 12 laps around the red artificial turf track. After a stirring rendition of the Black National Anthem by 2010 Manly Career Academy graduate Cecil Jones followed their warm-up exercises, the crowd hit the track and got to stepping.

Wearing red T-shirts donated by the

local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the group consisted mostly of middle-aged men and women—some more fit than others—seeking to further their commitments to a healthy, active lifestyle. Many were accompanied by spouse and family. Whole Foods, which furnished snacks and beverages for the event, joined AARP as a sponsor, according to WHA Director of Health Promotions Cody McSellers-McCray, who oversaw the activities.

"This is the end of our spring walking challenge, which began April 6," McSellers-McCray said. "It's our way of celebrating

the completion of the 10 weeks of the walking part of our fitness program."

Organized with the help of WHA Lifestyles Coordinator Tige Hill, the challenge included the distribution of literature promoting health and wellness activities toward a goal of encouraging participants to continue to take advantage of the warmer weather with more walking and other outdoor physical endeavors.

Walking is free, it's cheap and it's easy to do," said McSellers-McCray.

She added the next WHA fitness program

begins in August.

Founded in 1990, the WHA is a comprehensive nonprofit social services provider that has become a landmark organization in the effort to tackle improve the health and welfare of communities in the Austin and other Westside neighborhoods. According to its Website at <http://healthauthority.org>, the authority's seven community services programs include the areas of youth development, health promotions, community development, prisoner re-entry, employment, technology, violence prevention, and economic development.

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# CLEVER STRATEGIES TO SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP

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For those of us that are blessed with an opportunity to lead and manage others, there are several disciplines and tactics that we must learn and use to be successful in this role. But much of our success can often come in ways of an "Uncommon" approach to creating that environment of "WOW," which is something most employees don't experience much, which is why it is so effective. Of the five types of powers leaders use such as *legitimate, coercive, reference, reward and expert*; reward power takes that extra effort that your employees will recognize about you and appreciate for a long time. I'd like to share a few strategies that have been very rewarding to me and that if done well, will provide that same for you.

1. If your company has an intranet system that posts the birthdays and work anniversaries of each employee, check this at the beginning of your shift and at the appropriate time throughout the day, casually walk over to those employees and wish them a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary. Since most shop employees don't have access to the intranet, they will be stunted in amazement that you knew that about them and that you would take the time to recognize them for that. This gives you an opportunity, as a leader, to make

that person feel like the most special person in the world, and it won't cost you a thing to do it.

2. A great way to build morale and distribute the wealth of ownership within your department is from time to time, select one of your members to attend the production meeting either with you are alone to give your departments production status. This elevates people to a higher level of involvement and pride for what they do and respect towards you that will resonate throughout the entire plant.

3. Not all companies have this but like the intranet; company newsletters are another great way to recognize your team. By writing small articles featuring one or two of your people at a time for something above and beyond the call of duty gives them something that they can take home and show to their families. Now when you touch the family side of your people, you're establishing a deeper sense of loyalty and

respect which any good leader understands and that must be earned.

4. For those in positions of a supervisor or manager, we sometimes get an opportunity to attend a tradeshow of some sort. One thing you will see is almost every vendor has some kind of give-away item whether it is a pen, tape measure, flashlight, can opener, or a squeezable stress ball. Bringing back a bunch of these items and passing them out to your employees is like G.I.s passing out candy or C-rations to newly liberated townspeople. This will really make a difference because your employees will know you made an extra effort to remember them.

5. After transitioning to my first leadership role, I knew I had to find a way to recognize the efforts of my team that no one else would even consider, and the best way to do that, is with food. Shortly after starting and once I gained a comfortable sense of trust and acceptance and as long as our

production goals were met, at the end of each month I would buy lunch for my department whether it was Chicken, Chinese, or Italian, it didn't matter they loved it all. I would also buy extra and invite people from other departments that I depended on from time to time, which is a very important component of successful leadership, and that is taking care of those with the resources.

What people in leadership positions have to understand, especially those with a staff, is the people that report to you are the ones that will make you a success or a failure, and how well you recognize their efforts will compensate you 10 fold what it costs for those monthly lunches. When an employee knows that their supervisor or manager values what they do to make them and the company successful, you've just given them one of the greatest reasons to come to work that day and do what they do, now that's leadership.

## LANE CHANGE: TWIN BLOWS TO CPS TEACHERS LIKE DE JA VU IN EDUCATION FIGHT A Commentary by Travles R. Lane [the1tlane@yahoo.com](mailto:the1tlane@yahoo.com)

Man, I am glad I am not a Chicago Public Schools teacher these days. And I am willing to bet a lot of them are feeling a sense of "here we go again" after finishing up a punishing 2010-11 school year last week.

Because thanks to a two-piece sucker punch combination from Springfield and downtown, teaching in CPS next fall promises to be an even more arduous fight than ever.

First, Gov. Pat Quinn signed the much heralded Senate Bill 7 into law June 13, authorizing a longer school day for CPS schools, making it easier to fire teachers and harder for their unions to strike. Then, Mayor Rahm Emanuel's hand-picked Chicago Board of Education followed that haymaker two days later by unanimously rescinding the 4 percent raise due those same teachers by their previous last contract with the city.

According to a report in the online edition of the Chicago Tribune, the board said the decision would save about \$100 million for a system more than \$700 million in the red.

Still, the essentially pay cut understandably has the teachers and other affected unions seeing red. "We are very shocked that the board would take an action that could possibly lead to a strike," Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis is quoted as saying in the Tribune report. "This is going to be a very, very challenging summer."

Emanuel, meanwhile, praised the decision and the board, saying it is realistically facing the reality of CPS' crippling financial woes by its "vigilance in minimizing cuts to our children's classrooms and their commitment to ensuring the public schools are accountable to Chicago's taxpayers."

Thus, have the long knives been drawn in the in the opening dance of what promises to be a contentious tango between the city and the teachers tasked with improving education results in the nation's third largest school district. And, unfortunately, the cutting of those sharp blades don't figure to be limited to just budgets and raises.

In the immortal words of Yogi Berra, "It's like de ja vu all over again."

Because does anyone really think trust can find its way back into the education conversation in the wake of this overt display of naked power and aggression by the city's newest czar—I mean, mayor?

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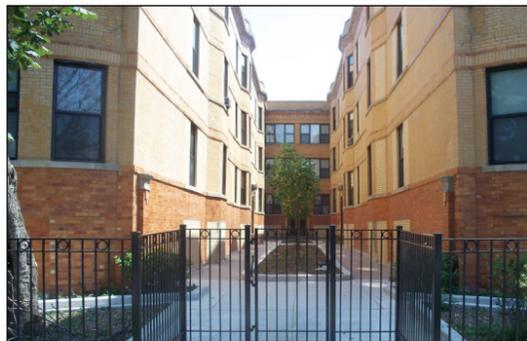
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## AT THE FLICKS

David Schultz, film critic



### THE ART OF GETTING BY (\*\*1/2)

Once a lonely self proclaimed "Teflon slacker" teenager learns to "apply himself" to the tasks at hand; miraculously things begin to "come together". At least, this seems to underscore the philosophy behind this lighthearted comedy drama.

Maybe not neatly as depicted here. But this movie shows how a lonely and fatalist, but gifted and perceptive teen, George Zinavoy (Freddie Highmore) finally steps out from being fearful of life.

Through paying little attention to his classroom teacher while doing intricate sketch art drawings on his school books that lands him before Principal Bill Martinson's (Blair Underwood) office/

Where the principal knows the charade the teen has put upon himself that is coupled with his lack of motivation while wallowing in his immortality at Morgan Preparatory School. Yet, we can observe the potential in this teenager who also frustrates his art class teacher.

After the principal serves George with "academic probation", George mulls over his fate on the school's rooftop. Where he encounters a lovely young girl, Sally Howe (Emma Roberts) whom George suddenly takes the rap for, when she's almost expelled for smoking on school grounds.

Sally sees pass George's deadpan demeanor to invite her to her apartment. Where they encounter and Sally becomes embarrassed by her free spirited mother (Rita Wilson). While George seems to enjoy the uninhibited nature of the mother that makes him befriends Sally and things begin

to open up his world.

When Sally introduces George to a small group of school friends, that includes a back student (Marcus Carl Franklin) who appreciates George's art work, to invite George to do a mural for his brother's house party. Where Sally meets Dustin (Michael Angarano) an aspiring musician with a garage band who becomes George's potential rival for her affection.

While George is finally given an ultimatum by his principal to cram down on his school studies or flunk out. At the same time, George meets with Sally at her request whose life is being altered by her mother remarrying and relocating to Texas. So she intends to go off with Dustin and his band to Europe.

George suddenly discovers through friendship and responsibility the purpose to his life that removes the fears and doubts to finally live in his life by moving forward. Once George "applied himself" to his studies and to confess his love to Sally. And naturally things began to move in his favor.

It's optimistic view of a life lesson without the bumps in the road of life that were not of our doing and changed too quickly in the film. But that is the secret of success for George who needed to get out his way to see the potential and possibilities for himself.

**PG; 88min. A Fox Searchlight Pictures Release**

—Presented at the **Landmark Century Centre (2828 North Clark Street)** and other selected theaters.

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### Batting Fundamentals

#### Grip:

When gripping the bat, the small knuckles (door knocking knuckles) should line up on handle, not the large knuckles. For Tee-ball, the ball should be set at the belt line or slightly below. This encourages hitting down on the ball. Also, the front foot should be even with the tee to encourage proper contact point for bat.

### Batting Stance:

Feet should be shoulder width apart with a slight athletic bend of the legs. The bat should be positioned "in the slot", a straight line from the chin through the back of the helmet. The bat should not rest on the shoulder or point to the sky.

Hand position upon contact with the ball should be with the left hand facing down and the right hand should be facing up (right-handed hitters). The position of the bat upon completion or "finish" of the swing should be high. Keep the head still during the swing (do not move forward or up). The front foot stride should be straight toward the pitcher. Avoid bailing out or moving the back foot. The head should be over the back knee after the swing.

Next week: Fielding Fundamentals

Have a question for the coaching staff? Email us at [firstroundbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:firstroundbaseball@gmail.com).

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## ON VIDEO

Compiled and Reviewed by David Schultz



**BATTLE: LOS ANGELES (\*\*1/2)** A spectacular combat fest and survivalist sci-fi action flick. Sort of like "Saving Private Ryan" meets "Independence 3 Day" with only a hint of interest in the characters' personal conflicts in which a military squadron led by combat fatigue Sgt. Nantz (Aaron Eckhart) who just resigned over the guilt of several soldiers killed under his command during his last mission.

When an alien invasion hits South California; Nantz is given a new

squadron that includes Capt. Kevin Harris (Ne-Yo) whose bound for marriage and is a relative to one of the men that died under Nantz's command who along with their squadron get pitch down in a warehouse with civilians against this intergalactic adversary that they've yet to figure out how to destroy before the aliens can re-colonize the planet. **PG-13; 116min. Sony Pictures Home Video**

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Claude Brizard and the mayor's other education minions say, longer schooldays and easier fired teachers will do microscopically little to improve the educational performance and student outcomes at Chicago Public Schools. Especially if these nationally praised "reforms" fail to address the underlying adverse classroom environments in which the hoped for improvements they are touted to facilitate are to occur.

And demanding even greater commitment in those embattled classrooms from already overstressed teachers who have just been denied a contractually obligated pay raise strikes me as a slap in the face—not only to their pocketbooks, but to their very dignity itself.

In other words, teachers are being told: "If you want a job, do more with less. And if you can accomplish that task, don't even expect to get what you are owed."

Do you turn around and embrace the guy who just stabbed you in the back? The anticipated sacrifice of trust created by the board's decision could be taken to mean the new regime is more interested in projecting power than empowering progress at CPS.

But while Emanuel sits comfortably behind regal airs and the ever-present sly smile that betrays his smugness in having things his way on this issue, I find little in his tactics to suggest real education reform in this city. All I see is de ja vu.

After all, getting his way was also one of the most prominent features of Richard M. Daley's decades-long education stewardship in Chicago.

And, unfortunately, we and the poor, failing schools left in his wake are still struggling with and lamenting the results that his own hand-picked successor now seems to be using the same formula to fix.

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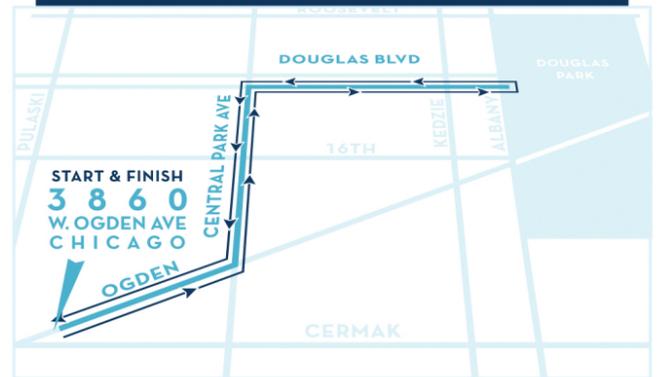


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## Students in North Lawndale College and Career Readiness Program offered over 1.1 Million in College Tuition

CHICAGO, IL-- The Chicago Youth Centers' (CYC) ABC Polk Bros. Youth Center in North Lawndale proudly announced today that all 17 of the high school seniors participating in its College and Career Readiness (CCR) Program will be graduating this month and starting college in the fall.

Students have been accepted to schools like Ithaca College, Alabama A&M, Marquette, Tuskegee, Fisk, the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, and over a dozen others. These exemplary students were offered, collectively, over \$1,036,528 in institutional aid based on community service and academic merit and an additional \$69,700 in scholarships. The center is hoping to reach over \$100,000 in scholarships.

This is quite a feat in a community where 40% of residents haven't finished high school, only 28% have a high school diploma; 12% will go to college; and 5% will graduate with a B.A.\*

"The negative statistics you hear about North Lawndale do not represent the kids I work with, and at ABC Polk Bros., we refuse to define youth in those terms. Each student is a college-bound, educational success story," said Kimberly George, CCR Specialist. "They serve as inspiration to everyone in the community."

Among CYC's five core programs, the CCR Program serves as a hub for college preparation for students and parents. Participants attend college tours, meet college representatives, and receive one-on-one college counseling so that they can clarify their options and set goals for post-secondary success. This program is an Illinois Steps Ahead GEAR Up program and is generously supported by the Hearst Foundations. ABC Polk Bros.' CCR program helps kids think about their future, plan out their goals, and provide them with the resources to achieve them. Center Director, Roberta Douglas, adds,

"Once they start college we continue to provide them with support, encouragement, and resources they need to graduate."

A bulletin board in the center showcases the students' college acceptance letters, scholarship letters, and National Honors Society certificates. Marquise Smith is one of 17 whose success is posted, "To receive a scholarship is a kind of reward... it let's me know I am on the right path." Marquise will study electrical engineering at Northern Illinois University in the fall. According to Senior Japone Johnson, "This program has allowed me to demonstrate my abilities as a scholar, a leader, and a role model to my community. I am now ready to face the challenges of college." Japone will attend Southern Illinois University in the fall.

There will be a "Trunk Party" for all of the college-bound students in July at which each will receive a trunk full of supplies for college.

About Chicago Youth Centers

Chicago Youth Centers (CYC) invests in kids in underserved communities in Chicago to help them discover and realize their potential. Founded in 1956, it is Chicago's largest independent, locally based, multi-site youth services organization, with eight neighborhood centers on the south and west sides of Chicago and Camp Rosenthal, a summer residential camp in southwest Michigan. Programs such as Head Start, Early Childhood Education, Teen Leadership Development, College and Career Readiness, Mentoring, Crisis Intervention and Camp Rosenthal follow a continuum of care from youth to young adult.

\*North Lawndale City Data. Retrieved June 8, 2011, from <http://www.city-data.com/neighborhood/North-Lawndale-Chicago-IL.html>