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Six Honored at Claire Christian United Methodist Church 58th Annual Fundraising Banquet



Donald Dew Humanitarian Honoree, Mrs. Gladys Shelton receiving award



Claire Christian United Methodist Church Ed Lanier Bickham Laura Jones with honoree BBQ Tips and dThings Corp Co-owner Russell Murdock.



Donald Dew Humanitarian Honoree, Mrs. Mrs. Eloise McCoy receiving award



Donald Dew Humanitarian Honoree, Mrs. Hattie Evans receiving award



Donald Dew Humanitarian Honoree, Mrs. Portia Ball receiving award

Six people were recognized for making a difference in our community at Claire Christian United Methodist Church 58th Annual Fundraising Banquet. Also Congressman Danny K. Davis, even though he was out of state campaigning for President Barak Obama, was given a special award that night which was received by his representative Dr. Cora

Johnson, who spoke wonderfully on his behalf, encouraging people on the importance to vote in the upcoming election.

"We, the congregation of Clair Christian have assembled here today on the day the Lord has made, October 20, 2012 to

thank God for those saints who have walked this path before us, to thank God for those on the battlefield now and to recognize people in our community making a difference," said Rev. Dale Kelly, Pastor of Claire Christian Methodist Church.

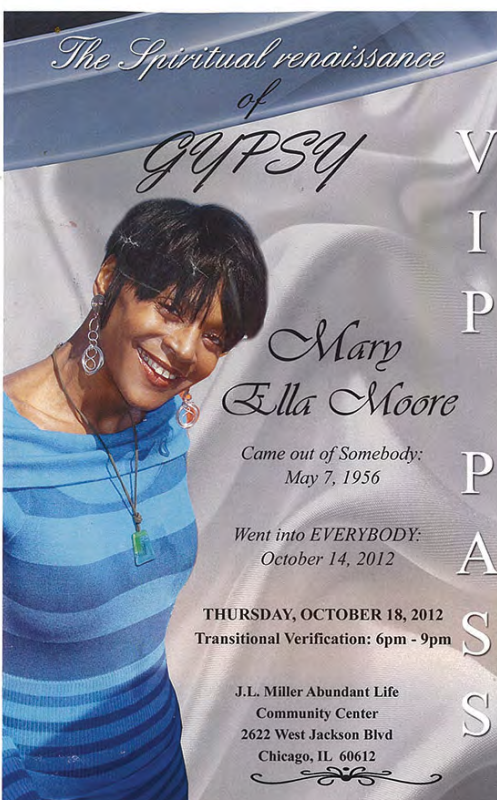
The honorees were Russell Murdock, Portia M. Ball, Hattie M. Evans, Elois Celeste McCoy, Gladys Evelyn Shelton, and Mrs. Kahinde Longmire. Danny K. Davis Community Service Award Recipient, Mr. Murdock, owns BBQ Tips and Things Corp located at 3654 W16Th ST.

Donald Dew Humanitarian

Award Recipient, Ms. Portia M. Ball currently is a member of the Chancel Choir, the finance committee, the United Methodist Women and is a regular worker in Clair's Soup Kitchen. She was honored for faithful attendance and service in the church.

Donald Dew Humanitarian

CELEBRATION OF LIFE HELD FOR MARY ELLA MOORE, AKA "GYPSY"

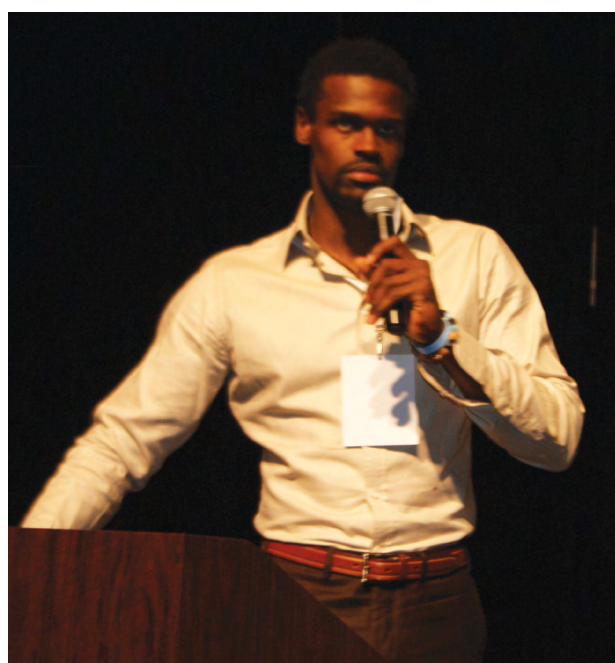


Mary Ella Moore, known by most as "Gypsy," was remembered by many whom her life had touched in the 56 years she was blessed to live. In what was labeled as a Spiritual Renaissance of Gypsy, family, friends, community VIPs, and others came to remember a

vibrant women who lived by philosophy, quotes, action, and a spirit of love that covered everyone.

Gypsy, whose life was impacted by cancer, was most recently known for her creativity with making leather goods and social entrepreneurship

teaching youth her leather craft making leather belts and other leather products. Mary Moore also established her retail shop at 3333 W. Arthington Ave for many years making and selling belts, jewelry, and clothing. In 2004, she started an organization, Third Gear Youth Leadership Organization aligning herself as a pillar in



(Left) Mary "Gypsy" Moore (Top) Gypsy's son Linton Johnson III

the community.

Among many highlights in life was the birth of her son Linton Johnson III, who became a Chicago Bull and won the NBA Championship with the San Antonio Spurs in the 2004-2005 season. Linton who gave opening remarks and was the master of ceremony now plays in the Italian League for Avellino, Italy.

Video chronicling a visit by Mary Moore to Italy with her son was shot by Wanda Carter from Chicago and shown at the celebration of life.

A heartfelt and enjoyable video showed Gypsy having a great time during a boat ride and other places in Italy.

The Celebration of Life event was held at the J.L. Miller Abundant Life Community Center located 2622 W. Jackson Blvd. It was held in the evening from 6pm - 9pm.

The North Lawndale Community News salutes Mary "Gypsy" Ella Moore and her zeal for God and life.

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2012 Focus

Health and Education

Twelve years have past since the New Millenium scare of the year 2000, a time of uncertainty. In 1999, NLCN began by thanking God for making this 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/ NLCN 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. In 2011 Health and Education.

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 that includes all of the sub-objectives that help to reach that 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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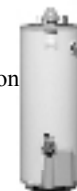


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The program is being sponsored by the Illinois Manufacturing

Foundation as an initiative to expand training opportunities in the Machinist trade. Upon completion of training, a graduate will be certified to become an entry level Machinist. **Median wage salary for machinist is \$19.57 per hour.**

To qualify, an individual must be: 1) Cook County resident; 2) Unemployed or Low-Income; 3) Mechanically Inclined; and 4) 9th Grade reading and math level proficiency. Those seeking to apply for the program should have the following: 1) Birth Certificate; 2) Proof of Income Status; 3) Expressed interest in a skill trades career; 4) Proof of residence; 5) Social

Security Card; 5) Copy of Resume; and 6) State ID or Driver's License.

Applicants can apply at the Illinois Manufacturing Foundation offices located at 2102 S. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The IMF contact number is 773-277-2343. Training can be offered **free of charge if you qualify.** Classes will be conducted at the Illinois Manufacturing Foundation Offices at 9:30am every Tuesday morning.

"This is a great opportunity for

individuals seeking to enter the skill trades to acquire a valuable skill that is needed in today's economy, stated Chandler. I strongly encourage anyone interested in this training to contact the Illinois Manufacturing Foundation and enroll in this valuable skill trades program."

Information on this training program is also available on Alderman Michael D. Chandler's website: www.aldermanchandler.com and at www.imfjobtraining.org.

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Isaac Lewis, Executive Director

Dear Reader:

It has been 12 years, since the first issue of the *North Lawndale Community News* was published in October of 1999. Thanks to the hard work of our staff and the generosity of donors like you, it appears at your home and at drop sites every week with good news about the community, advice you can use to improve your life, and columns that allow neighbors to voice their concerns. But the newspaper and the organization behind it, Strategic Human Services, are about more than getting out the news. Strategic Human Services is about people who are helping to transform the community, one life and one business at a time.

The efforts of SHS have been possible because of supporters like you. You are valuable to us. Your support not only helps us pay the expenses we incur to help the people who need it most, but it also inspires us. Your support lets us know you care about our struggle, people with little resources who struggle to improve their lives in spite of poverty and/or other barriers.

The work we do is measured by success of the youth and adults we serve. Assisting them on their way to high school, college, employment, and achieving or maintaining independent productive lives is our chief goal. SHS is a place where community youth learn, while being safe,

and adults also get the help they need whether its job training, energy assistance or other resources.

Just as the organization provides opportunities for expression and accomplishment for these individuals, it offers hope and power to the many in the underserved communities on the West side of Chicago. Here people can share their ideas, find out about services and businesses in their area, and participate in the revitalization of our community.

Please consider what this newspaper means to the community and to you and make a donation of at least \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 or more today! If you would like to support us with less than these amounts, please do so also. We know that many small amounts add up to larger amounts. We would greatly appreciate any amount that you can contribute for the betterment of our communities and keeping alive a vital community resource, community news. We are a 501C3 Tax Exempt organization and your donations are tax deductible. May God Bless Your Blessing!

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Clair Christian Education Award Honoree, Mrs. Kahinde Longmire and Rev. Dale Kelley at Claire Christian United Methodist Church 58th Annual Banquet



Rev. Dale Kelley Claire Christian holding award for Cong. Davis at United Methodist Church 58th Annual Fundraising Banquet

Award Recipient, Hattie M. Evans, also a member of Clair Christian Church is a member of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer and member of the Chancel Choir, and the United Methodist women.

Donald Dew Humanitarian Award Recipient, Elois Celeste McCoy was honored for her service the United Methodist Women Board of Directors, the Building Committee, the Pastor Parish Relations, the Membership Committee, Chancel Choir, and the Children & Youth Ministry. She also has been affiliated with the North Lawndale Men's Organization, the Marcy Newberry Center, Board of Directors of the Habilitative Systems and the Alderman and Mayor's Daley's office.

Donald Dew Humanitarian Award Recipient, Gladys Evelyn Shelton is the Chair of the Building Committee at Clair Christian Church whose vision helped with Clair House Senior Housing that was completed in August 2003. She has also been the Vice President of the United Methodist Women, served on the Marcy Newberry Board of Directors as Southern district, and taught Adult Sunday School.

Clair Christian Education Award Recipient, Mrs. Kahinde Longmire was honored for being a **NATIONALLY** Board Certified Teacher with a 14 year tenure at Matthew A. Henson Elementary



Dr. Cora Johnson representing Cong. Danny Davis at Claire Christian United Methodist Church 58th Annual Fundraising Banquet.

School. With a Masters Degree in School Supervision in 2006, she brings her students to Clair Christian Senior building to interact with senior. She was referred for this honor by Henson Principal, Mr. Demetrius Hobson.

This event was held at El Palais Bu-She' Banquet Hall located at 4628 W. Washington Blvd., a place that creates a wow factor to the eyes and located on Westside of Chicago. Many have hungered for a really nice place to hold events in the community, this is the



Members enjoying Claire Christian United Methodist Church 58th Annual Banquet at El Palais Bu-she' Banquet Hall.



New Life Mime Ministry

place. It competes with downtown banquet halls as for as space, beautiful Chandeliers and service.

Entertainment was provided by Ravinia Lawndale and New Life Mime Ministry. Laura Jones, chairperson of the Fundraising Committee introduced the Master of Ceremony Ed Lanier Bickham.

The invocation was lead by Rev. Dale Kelly. During dinner, "Designs by Chee Chee" conducted a Hat Fashion Extravaganza. Clair Christian United Methodist Church is located at 3956 W. 14th Street, Chicago, IL. For more information, they can be contacted at 773-762-7774.

“ PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!! ”

Commentary By: MS. CHEVETTE M. CONLEY



On Tuesday November 6th 2012 we are going to the POLLS again to elect a President, Alderman, Judge, Congressman or Woman etc. Please make sure that you know your Candidate and what they stand for. Know what their plans are for you and this Country. If they are Alderman, Congressman or Congress Woman make sure they are doing whatever they promise they will do, for you, and your neighborhoods.

There are many statements on the B. E.T. or (Black Entertainment Television Channel), reminding us why it is imperative

for us to get out and vote. They are telling us that our kid's lives depend on it! (Meaning their Future). Our jobs depend on it, our health or (health Insurance depends on it.) Basically, our lives depend on it!

If we make the Wrong choice and sit at home thinking Oh! My Vote doesn't count, that could be the biggest

mistake we all make!

What if 2000 people say that & don't Vote and the person you want to WIN loses by 2000 that would be sad!

This race is so close.

There are so many tricks to keep people from voting. But, we can't fall for them. Have your I.D.'s updated and ready. Vote early, if you can.

Some people may not make it on Election day or the weather may be bad. So, voting early has its advantages.

Mayou Angelou reminds us of the man who fought hard for our right

to Vote: Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. as he stated: "ALL PROGRESS IS PRECARIOUS!"

I worked on the Campaign in 2008" for President Barack Obama

and I know what it is like to be out there talking to people about voting & Exercising their right, making calls and setting up Events for the Candidates and even attending the Primary Party and other Events.

But there are many reasons that I participated in the Political Process.

I studied the Candidates and what they were going to do for the people and the Country. Why wouldn't I vote? I wanted to be a part of the process. He was The First Black President going to be elected, I felt strongly about him as a Candidate.

I can see that he is working hard for all people, not just some, even with Opposition from some in Congress.

Congress and many Republicans have vowed to make him a One Term President.

Those of you who want The President to continue

the Fight for the Dreams he has for everyone in this Country, Please Vote for Barack Obama!!

Do you think Governor Romney is going to work for you? Do you think he cares for you? If so, then Vote for him!

If you think President Barack Obama is the man who will continue to work Hard to bring this Country to where we need it to be in terms of Foreign Policies, Health care Reform, Education, Women's rights : (like Abortion and their right to choose) Employment, and other Issues plaguing our Country, within the Next 4 years, Please Don't Forget to Vote! Vote for him! Vote early and tell others how important this Election is!!

We really need to Wake Up!! As they say on B. E. T. "DON'T SLEEP!!

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I am, MS. CHEVETTE M. CONLEY and this is my Opinion!

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NORTH LAWDALE NEWS OP-ED

Dr. Joseph F. West

North Lawndale is heavily burdened by type 2 diabetes. North Lawndale has more than three times the national rate and twice the City rate for type 2 diabetes. When you eat food, the body breaks down all of the sugars and starches and turns it into fuel the body can use. Type 2 diabetes is when the fuel (sugar) cannot be properly used by the body and instead it builds up in the blood. The major risk for developing type 2 diabetes include: having family members with the disease, being obese/overweight, not being physically active, having unhealthy eating habits, and being over age 45. If poorly treated or managed, a person with type 2 diabetes can lose their sight, have kidney failure, increase risk for heart attack or even lose a limb like a foot.

Community factors can also play a role. For example, North Lawndale is considered a "food desert" community. This means that there is a big imbalance or "food security" gap between grocery stores that provide quality food and the number of fast food outlets that provide foods high in fat, calories and sugar. Other issues like community violence, vagrancy, unfriendly neighbors and litter can make residents feel unsafe and disconnected to the community. When this happens people are more likely to stay indoors, feel stressed and continue poor health habits.

Today there is a collaborative effort between Mount Sinai Hospital and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois to help lower the impact of type 2 diabetes in the community. It's called the Lawndale Diabetes Project.

The Lawndale Diabetes Project has expert community health workers that go door-to-door talking with community residents about their diabetes. The community health workers work with persons with diabetes to understand their diabetes status. They also help residents with seeing a doctor and receiving proper testing. The program emphasizes simple changes to feel better. Making changes in diet, increasing physical activity, routine blood sugar testing, taking medicine as directed and seeing a doctor regularly are important first steps.

The fight against type 2 diabetes in the community starts with everyone moving to live better.

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The Lawndale Diabetes Project

A Cooperative Effort Towards Improving
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Facts about Diabetes and the Lawndale Communities

- The prevalence of Type 2 diabetes in North Lawndale is **29.1%**.
- The diabetes mortality rate in North Lawndale is **62% higher** than for the U.S. and 37% than Chicago's.
- Two out of three people with diabetes will die from a heart attack or stroke.
- Diabetes now **kills more Americans** than breast cancer and HIV/AIDS combined.
- Lawndale is considered a **"food desert" community**, meaning there is a big imbalance between grocery stores providing quality food and the number of fast food outlets selling food high in fat, calories and sugar.
- **One third** of Chicago's "food desert" residents are children.
- The childhood overweight and obesity rate in Lawndale is 67% vs. 26% in all of the U.S.

What is The Lawndale Diabetes Project?

- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) is providing a \$1.2 million grant to fund this important community health project with the Sinai Urban Health Institute (SUHI) at Mount Sinai.
- This high-priority project continues previous anti-diabetes efforts by SUHI in North Lawndale, and enables the project to expand to now include the South Lawndale community and residents.
- Two-year effort aims to reach 10,000 adults and 2,500 children in North and South Lawndale.
- The Lawndale Diabetes Project is committed to working with the community to: (1) increase knowledge, (2) offer resources to support change, (3) foster individual and community action.
- Community health workers will conduct household screenings for diabetes and childhood obesity, and will help promote diabetes self-management to their neighbors.
- For residents willing to participate, the Lawndale Diabetes Project team may provide follow-up home visits and phone calls, offer medical and doctor referrals, free diabetes testing, and invite residents to attend health fairs, healthy cooking schools and diabetes self-management classes.

What the community and residents can expect

- As fellow Lawndale residents, SUHI community health workers understand your challenges and respect you and your privacy. Most of all, they care about the health of you and your family.
- Community health workers will visit homes. If residents are willing to participate, they will be asked a brief survey, measure height, weight and blood sugar levels with a minor finger stick, and gather information about medical care they receive, doctors they have visited, medications they take and their diet. Children can be checked for body mass index (BMI) to measure how healthy their weight is, and how physically active they are.
- The Lawndale Diabetes Project will share information about its progress during the two-year program.

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AT THE FLICKS

David Schultz, film critic



THE SESSIONS (***/2) This inspirational poignant true story begins from the actual news report footage about a paralyzed college student who survived being contracted with polio as a child; determined to live a normal life on his self propelled, motorized hospital bed.

Residing in Berkeley circa 1988, a talented poet and journalist, Mark O'Brien is a physically immobile grown man, living

in an iron lung tank who puts his thoughts, humor and experiences into the 1990 article, "On Seeing a Sex Surrogate" that is the basis of this film. In which O'Brien's one and only functional body part ignites the one natural impulse – to find and be loved and have sex with a woman that he wanted to fulfill at age 38.

"The Sessions" chronicles O'Brien's brief life and goal that was fulfilled through

three women. The film begins with Mark feeling frustrated by the insensitive handling of his current, porky female attendant, Joan (Rusty Schwimmer).

Wanting to express himself to someone about his concern and personal desire, Mark visits a nearby Catholic Church seeking consultation from his elder clergy. Instead, he meets the newly appointed priest; Father Brendan (William H. Macy) who's initially is confounded by Mark's humor-laced confession on what do about his current attendant and to get familiar with a woman in the "Biblical sense".

Then Mark enlists the services of a new attendant, Amanda (Annika Marks) with a jealous boyfriend. Initially, Amanda seems to be the one that accepts and appreciates Mark's plight, humor and intellect. Enough to spend more time with Mark at a picnic in the park versus her on-looking boyfriend nearby, This is enough to trigger Mark's sexual impulses that leaves to him rushes in to tell Amanda he loves and wants to marry her that drives her away. The experience nearly shatters Mark that lightly gives a crescendo to his misery and sadness.

But the next young, attendant, Vern (Moon Bloodgood) proves to be the right choice that properly works with him when he receives an interview assignment. While introducing him to the importance of being friends first.

Then Mark returns to Father Brendan for another consultation, leaving the clergy more that perplex to how best to handle the situation Until Brendan compromises his religious teachings to talk to a sex therapist, Cheryl Cohen-Greene (Helen Hunt in her most daring screen role) who turns out to be sex surrogate who prepares for his sexual encounter through touching his body part and vice versa and later serving him intercourse.

When Mark has to be rushed to the University hospital for respiratory problems. He recovers to meet volunteer, Susan Fernbach (Robin Weigert) that becomes his soul mate that, without being

shown obviously put what he learned from the therapist to practice on Susan before his death at the age of 49.

To his credit, John Hawkes delivers the most complex performance from a vertical confined position that could be worthy of Oscar consideration. O'Brien is defined as a hard person to grasp through Hawkes' performance that like most men isn't complete until a woman (three times to encompass the different stages required) steps into their lives.

The character and film isn't as deep as the 2007 Oscar nominated French film, "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" about a paralyzed magazine editor who could only communicate using his left eye. Or even sermonized as done by Richard Dreyfuss as a quadriplegic car accident victim who was paralyzed from the neck down who wanted to die by his terms not the doctors in 1981's "Whose Life Is It Anyway?"

Between these two films, "The Sessions" is this "little big film" well balanced by director Ben Lewin's pragmatic script that also shows the disabled wanting to live normal; have come a long way without being sentimental or cliché.

And, while Mark O'Brien's life and article brought attention to the concerns of normalcy toward the disabled. "The Sessions" is a unique love story set off by the everyday desire many able people feel. And in some case, don't achieve to the degree Mark O'Brien obtained in his brief but fulfilled life.

R; 95min. A Fox Searchlight Picture Release – Presented at selected theaters

CHASING MAVERICKS (***) Along the Santa Cruz California shore line, an eight year old boy's fascination with timing the waves at the seashore that is being observed by a neighbor's girl whose dog runs out onto the rocks near the ocean that the boy has to rescue, that leads to the boy being also rescued by chance by a local surfer-construction worker, Frosty Hesson

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A Distraught Father Is Searching for Answers, In the Unexpected Death of His Son

Latricia Polk

Committeeman Larry G. Nelson Sr., for Chicago's 24th ward, is searching for answers in the unexpected death of his son.

"I just want answers for my son's death. That's why I'm requesting for an autopsy," Nelson Sr. said.

Larry G. Nelson Jr., a beloved son, and a pious man of the North Lawndale Community, has died at the age of 29.



Larry Nelson Jr.

Harvey, when a witness claimed he was struck by an unknown vehicle.

"He got hit, but they don't know what kind of vehicle hit him," says Nelson Sr. He added "I think it's some foul play in it."

The reason behind his suspicion is because of the way the crime scene was handled. He believes that due to his son's body being prematurely

removed from the crash scene that vital clues were compromised.

"The medical examiner told me he didn't know if he got hit by a car, truck, motorcycle, or a bicycle he didn't know, he waited for the police to tell him what he died of. I never heard of it like this a day in my life, that was what the medical examiner told me," stated Nelson Sr.

Nelson Jr., was pronounced dead at Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey. His father is distressed due to the non-existence of an autopsy that would reveal why his son's body was so bruised and a defiant cause of death.

"They claimed he was trying to commit suicide, they say allegedly he called in saying he was going to kill his self," Nelson Sr. concluded.

Even with all of the uncertainties with his death one would still asked why would a proud father, recently engaged, an Outreach Minister, and a graduate of Harold Washington College would want to commit suicide?

No further information has been made public, but calls were made to Harvey's Police Department with no avail.

ON VIDEO

Compiled and reviewed by David Schultz

Disney's SECRET OF THE WINGS

(**) The first new Disney "fairies" entry in two years; the ever curious Tinker Bell venturing into the forbidden winter woods. Where she meets Periwinkle, a frost fairy that happens to be her sister that begins their quest to be together defying their seasonal differences. While an ice making machine happens to throw the seasons out of balance and threatened the warm fairy world. A good treat for the young ones.

Coming Soon to Home Video: Colin Farrell, Kate Beckinsale, Jessica Biel in this futuristic remake "Total Recall" due out Dec. 18....Joseph Gordon –Levitt and Michael Shannon star in the thriller, "Premium Rush" due out Dec. 18...Making its Blu-Ray debut: Leonard Di Caprio in Steven Spielberg's "Catch Me If You Can" due out Dec.4...Gabriel Iglesias presents Stand-Up Revolution: Season 2 due out Dec. 21.

PETE'S DRAGON (*1/2) A rather heavy handled Disney attempt to recapture some "Mary Poppins" magic that only manages to endear itself only through its animated dragon (voiced by the late comic Charlie Callas) in this mixture of live action/animated fantasy musical about an orphanage boy who lives near a lighthouse (with Helen Reddy and Mickey Rooney as surrogate mom and her father) whose only friend – a protective dragon in this 35th anniversary edition that has been trimmed to 88min. from its original 134min. to quicken the muddled moments.

G; 88min. Walt Disney Home Video

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(Gerard Butler) who happens to be nearby neighbor with a loving and concern wife, Brenda (Abigail Spencer) who makes him promise later on that his obsession doesn't get in the way of raising their children..

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Meanwhile with his own father missing; leaving him a note that the child never opened and an unemployed mother, Kristy (Elisabeth Shue) who goes in and out of a drinking habit.

In 1987, young Jay Moriarty (Jonny Weston) considered a social outcast with a troubled home life has more than a healthy obsession for surfing that has made him one of the local best surfer first taught by his childhood friend and latter day drug user, Sonny (Taylor Handley) who work together after school at a local pizza parlor.

Jay's only other childhood friend is Kim (Leven Rambin), the little girl whom he rescued her dog whose now the popular girl considered the property to the jock leader of the Magnificent trio who doesn't like Jay and provides drugs for payment to Sonny that Jay observes in the back of the parlor.

But Jay also develops a father figure interest in Frosty who with his surfing comrades make early morning pilgrimage to surf the mythical waves known as "mavericks" that do exist, that Jay observes them and wants to do himself.

In order to keep their secret about the waves that travels the length of Monterey to Santa Cruz, California that are only available

for the next 12 weeks, Frosty agrees to train, build up Jay's stamina, strength and knowledge to hopefully survive the Mavericks.

At the beginning, Frosty's teaching methods seems a little familiar to the way Martial arts was taught in "The Karate Kid".

But the difference here, Frosty doesn't view his methods as reflective life lessons that his wife notices and gently coaches her husband against being so rough and insensitive toward the kid who sees in Frosty what is missing at home.

The relationship lingers through essays Frosty gives to Jay to write to personal thoughts, poetry and drawings in a notebook that he accidentally drops at the parlor that a jealous Sonny uses against Jay by the leader in the Magnificent that leads to a riff between Jay and Kim

While Jay has to get his mother up for work, prepare her breakfast and give her part of his pizza earnings that he's saving to buy a weather radio cube like Frosty has

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in his car that gives read-outs on the waves.

However, when Frosty's wife suffers a stroke and dies suddenly. The local surfer legend stops living. And this is where the student becomes the teacher to show the lessons taught were not only learned but passed on between them to help bring back the meaning and focus to their life.

So when its time to confront the Maverick waves before surfing season ends, the town is aware of Jay's personal quest and come out to watch him defy the elements along with Frosty and Kim watching from the shoreline

Not unlike to a certain degree, 2011's "Soul Surfer", another fact based surfer life story about overcoming adversity from a freak accident. Jay Moriarty learns to overcome fears that

weren't in the water. But instead, on dry land and within himself, trying to find himself through his obsession while coming of age in a life too brief but far from being meaningless. .

Beautiful photography and camera work on the surfing sequences. Reportedly, Michael Apted step in to salvage the last three weeks of filming when original director Curtis Hanson had to leave for health reason. The end result is almost a seamless transition that doesn't disrupts the flow of the story and characters. While maintaining a level that doesn't become a sentimental downer but a re-affirmation to living life in whatever time life gives one.

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