Win vindicates Dorothy Brown

By Chinta Strausberg

Veteran Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Brown Tuesday easily won re-election, saying she’s glad that the Cook County Democratic Party “dumped” her. She said the people picked her up as she regained her (independent) voice. Through it all, she said the entire rejection has made her a “warrior.”

Brown ran against Jacob Meister and Alderman Michelle Harris (8th Ward) who was endorsed by the Cook County Democratic Party after a story ran about a FBI agent taking Brown’s cell phone during an investigation into a building she and her husband sold in North Lawndale. The Party had initially endorsed Brown, but withdrew their support and instead backed Harris.

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Alvarez’s defeat alone is reason to celebrate

By Erick Johnson

The cocktails were flowing inside the West Point Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Chicago River North Hotel. It was Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx’s victory party and the place was pumping. Kool and the Gang’s 1980 song “Celebration” was blaring as many revelers danced and sang along. Then came the booms from the bass heavy 1992 Perculator dance hit. Some 600 people waited for the biggest star of the night to appear on stage.

Dunkin shrugged that off saying, “You never lose. I am the people’s attorney. That is the least I can do. I don’t have any regrets. I am going to do what is right for who-ever needs it the most. I am not a puppet. I want puppets.”

In retrospect, Dunkin stated that he would do things the same. “I would do it exactly the same way.”

And for those critics who labeled him a traitor because he sided with Rauner on a labor issue, Dunkin said he has no regrets. “I did not side with the governor. I sided with what I thought was right for the people.”

Despite the loss, Dunkin said he will “keep living, keep serving.” His term ends January 17, 2017. He will keep speaking truth to power and continue serving on his various committees.

When asked if he will go against the governor again, Dunkin said, “I am going to listen to them and listen to my gut instinct of 13-plus years and serve them. People over politics.”

Dunkin said he has no regrets for aiding with the governor. “I did not side with the governor. I sided with what I thought was right for the people: to get the money released. “Had we checked the governor, he would have just cuffed the money until he decided. I made decisions for 13-plus years. I will continue to do what is right for the people. That is the least I can do. I don’t have any regrets. I am not sorry. I beat an incumbent (when he was first elected to office).”

This is life. Today, I’m down. Tomorrow, I’m still in. You may be down today, but that does not mean that I’m out.”

When asked if he thought the governor would hire him, Dunkin said he doesn’t have any expectations of being picked up by anyone “except God.”

John Keeler, a project manager for the Inner City Youth for the Deaf Foundation and a Dunkin supporter, was upset that his candidate did not win saying Dunkin ran a fair campaign. Keeler accused Madigan of “controlling the Democrats in Springfield. He wants puppets.”

“The reason why Stratton is in office is so they can control her; tell her what to do; move her around like a puppet on a string. To me, Madigan is a pure gangster—running Springfield, and it is time for him to be dethroned off his throne.”

Stratton is the director for the Center for Public Safety and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Prior to this position, she was executive director of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council for Children where she worked on juvenile justice reform.

A former administrative law judge, Stratton teaches a Negotiations Skills module for Loyola University’s Executive MBA program.
The Chicago Crusader

Voter turnout rises in the Black Community

By Erick Johnson

Recent issues affecting the Black community increased turnout in Tuesday’s primary elections, where voters decided the outcome on several hot races for local, state, and federal offices.

The day included last minute campaigning in the Black community, where candidates pulled out all the stops, hoping it would make a difference in tight races.

Exit polls show voter turnout was 150 percent higher than 2014. While presidential elections historically generate higher voter turnout, there was concern that participation would be lower in the Black community than when Barack Obama ran for president in 2008 and 2012.

At one precinct at the Chicago Public Library branch in South Shore, one security guard said she was “very impressed” with this year’s turnout the same as in 2014.

“I was very disappointed then, but it’s been a constant flow of people all day.”

Near a precinct at the Liberty Baptist Church in Bronzeville, candidates for several positions held up political placards as drives went by on Martin Luther King Road. Many of the workers were from Juliana Stratton’s campaign office. Throughout the South Side, the candidates worked hard to outnumber those of their opponent, incumbent Ken Dunkan, State Representative for the 5th District.

In the end, voters overwhelmingly picked Stratton. Other winners included Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton, Cook County Clerk Dorothy Brown, and Danny K. Davis won their races.

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“HATER”ATION IN AMERICA

America in the midst of one of the most unusual, and possibly, weirdest election cycles ever. It is, in fact, revolutionary. We have a chance to elect the first woman, the first Jew, the first Latino, and the first wild card, a trump, to the office of president of the United States. This mixture lends itself to exciting theater; but make no mistake; there is a lot at stake!

An interesting side bar to this whole situation is the creation of violently opposing political camps and the exhibition of extreme bigotry largely generated by Donald Trump. He has said things like “He’d like to punch (a protester) in the face,” and reminiscing about a time when a “...guy like this (a protester) would be carried out on a stretcher.” One of his supporters sucker-punched a protester who was leaving the rally, and Donald Trump is considering paying the legal fees for that supporter. He praises people for roughing up protesters, and says that violence is good for his campaign. This is downright scary. Recently, in Chicago, he had to cancel a rally due to the large number of protesters, several skirmishes, and related security fears.

Trump supporters have shouted vulgar epithets at protesters during rallies. Some have been heard to say things like “Go back to Africa” and using the “N” word addressing Black protesters, and others have shouted that protesters should be killed? Trump rallies are, in fact, as close to a rowdy circus as one can get outside of the actual thing with lions, tigers and bears. Basically, Donald Trump is making visible the seething hatred, bigotry and outright xenophobia that has been festering in America since the election of President Barack Obama 8 years ago. Trump followers are actually proud of their actions. It has been shown that emotions have a tendency to dull intelligence. In other words, the more feelings generated by a situation, the less rational people tend to be. This is truly what seems to be happening with the widespread support given to Donald Trump, a clearly divisive element in America.

Actually, what we are witnessing is Republican chickens coming home to roost. The Party is in disarray because of their antics during the past 8 years. They placed roadblocks against everything that President Obama attempted to do, and their mean spirited strategy has generated one of the most un-presidential, presidential candidates in recent history. Trump is a poster boy for misogyny, racism, religious bigotry, and violence. It has been said that he is a pathological liar, and he has demonstrated an incredibly immature petulance during his campaign. He is a demagogue. An adoring public is eating it up! More level-headed Republicans are now placed in the ridiculous position of being saddled with a candidate that they really do not want. The office of president demands a certain type of diplomacy, which the Trumpster has clearly shown to lack. In a nutshell, Trump spreads “hater”ation, not cooperation. Because of this, some Republicans think that Trump may be unbeatable, which will guarantee a win for the Democratic nominee. (Actually, the fate of America will depend upon whether or not Trump supporters outnumber more evolved American citizens. If they do, he may actually win! Hopefully, this does not happen!)

Every situation has its positive and negative aspects, and the current political situation is no different. In this regard, the once slumbering giant in the Black community is continuing to stir, flexing its mighty muscles. The Black vote has made a difference in the outcome of elections in several states, and no doubt the more victories that result from this unified action, the more power the Black community will realize. Now, all that remains is that the disparate elements in the Black community come to a consensus in order to craft a viable Black agenda. If this is done, it will represent a turning point in the destiny of Black America. A luta continua.

Dear Editor:

I suspect like many Black Chicagoans I am still somewhat dazed by the sudden death of Henry English last weekend. If ever there was a selfless individual it was Henry. He also supported dozens of causes with his time, intellect and his organization’s - Black United Fund of Illinois, dollars.

One of the many wonderful things about Henry is that over the years while he grew into his BUNI executive role, he did not change. He could be seen talking with some of the guys down on their luck near his office on 71st Street, or seen rushing to a meeting with a Fortune 500 CEO or a high ranking government official. He never lost touch with the community or what was important to it or what we needed. He continually and successfully addressed those issues.

The big question in my mind is how do we honor such a man. We simply can’t let his legacy get pushed aside. I know one way would be to shore up BUNI and start supporting it financially. At the same time though I wonder if it is insulting to support his cause in death when so many didn’t support it when Henry was alive and running it.

Hopefully whomever leads an initiative to honor Henry will come up with some ideas soon. A fighter, a champion and a friend like Henry needs to be lifted conceptually.

Who wants a Rahm? Nobody

Dear Editor:

I am sure a lot of people remember the talk that Rahm Emanuel wanted to be mayor of Chicago so he could use it as a stepping stone for a run at the U.S. presidency. That kind of talk cracks me up today. Right now, Willie Wilson’s chances of being the POTUS are better than Rahm’s. In case you haven’t noticed Rahm, who was already unpopular with African Americans in Chicago, is getting treated bad by white people too.

The man who might be president, Bernie Sanders, went out of his way to thank the mayor for not endorsing him. Sanders obviously didn’t want the distraction of someone who lied about the timing of a video about a murder being released, how much success our students would have when 50 of their schools are closed permanently, as well as bumbling the city budget every year of his term. As if that wasn’t bad enough, Hillary Clinton, whose husband Bill, appointed Rahm as his chief of staff, wants nothing to do with him. When she campaigns in Chicago, Rahm is nowhere in sight. Maybe we should start calling him Toxic Rahm.

Illinois’ new governor, Bruce Rauner, used to hang with Rahm. It sure looks like that bromance is over. The governor and the mayor talk to each other through the media now-neither man is saying anything pleasant about the other.

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cent of my wife’s white blood 52% is Af-rican and less than 1% is Na-
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centage points. Here is break-
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As I have repeated in these columns on numerous occasions, the African centered consciousness and the African centered Movement is critical to the liberation of African people worldwide. The rise of African centered consciousness in our movement, for the liberation of African people in America, can be partially attributed to the research, teaching, and writing of the African centered scholars over the last forty years.

In this connection, Dr. Kobi Kambon’s book, The African Personality in America. An African Centered Framework, has deeply informed and inspired body of African centered scholarship that is providing African people, African American people, with a more intellectual weaponry needed to continue the fight against white supremacy and European domination. Dr. Kambon is a retired professor of psychology, and former Chairman of the Psychology Department, at Florida A&M University. The Department of Psychology he led is known for developing the only African centered training program in an American college or university.

In developing this stream of African centered scholarship, Dr. Kambon acknowledges two of his very special mentors, the late great Dr. Bobby Wright and the late great Dr. Jacob H. Carruthers. Dr. Kambon explains that “I encountered these two brilliant and dedicated African/Master Warriors early enough in my development that they could exert a powerful nationalist influence on my thinking.” This profound book has three fundamental themes that have been instrumental in the development of Dr. Kambon in an African centered context.

The first theme he asserts is “that the average African in America operates/func- tions in a mentally disordered state.”

The second theme is related to the model presented in this book that “asserts that the average African American in America operates/functions in a mentally disordered state, on a daily basis, engendered by white supremacy domination over our African cultural reality here in America.” The final theme he addresses is “that the principle of the African brothers and sisters to escape and heal our- selves from this virtually unalterable predicament of pervasive mental disorder, we must rebuild our African cultural infrastructure throughout the diasporic African community. Dr. Kambon “sounds the alarm to awaken the African world from its virtually stuporous state of Cultural Misorientation, but also proposed how we might, or rather must, be- come adept in awakening and recovery process.”

In other words, he explains we must prevent and win reparations. The concept of “Menti- cide” developed by Dr. Bobby Wright is “the deliberate and systematic destruc- tion of a person’s or a group’s mind.”

There is no question that at this stage in history we are in battle to reclaim the African mind, spirit, and culture so that our rightful place in the world can be restored.

I would suggest that all students and teachers in the growing African Centered Education Movement, particularly those in the field of psychol- ogy, read this book immediately. It is the kind of book that should be read in study groups that allow for serious discussion and exchange of the many concepts and ideas pre- sented by Dr. Kambon.

Dr. Kambon states that the overall thrust of his book is to attempt to address the argument that in order to restore African Self-Consciousness as a viable force within the African psyche, we have to revitalize the traditional African roots of African self-consciousness / unconsciousness / spirituality through reconstruction tradi- tional African cultural infrastructure.”

Continuing on this point, he fur- ther explains that “Because African self-consciousness was almost completely erased or wiped out by the Maafa (African holocaust of European enslavement-colonialism), we, the contemporary African world community, must reclaim the African mind, spirit, and culture so that our rightful place in the world can be restored.”

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CONDESCENDING OR CLUELESS? CLINTON AND SANDERS ON RACE

By Julianne Malveaux

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Senator Bernie Sanders doesn’t get race! He gets economics, he gets Wall Street, he gets trade, and he gets distribution. He just doesn’t get race. Perhaps one of his lowest mo- ments in this campaign happened about a month ago (February 13) in Minneapolis. A woman asked him to directly address “Black people and reparations.” He replied by pulling some lines from his stump speech, talking about wealth in- equality, someone hollered, “say Black,” he replied: “Hillary Rodham Clinton comes and she be talking about wealth inequality too. She knows race matters, she knows Black people worldwide. The rise of Black joblessness facili- tates the exploitation of working class whites that fear that African Americans (or for immigrants) will “take” their jobs. Senator Sanders gets joblessness, homelessness and hopelessness. He is not only clueless when it comes to race. He is barely hanging on to the rising social tide, the same one both President Obama and Secretary Clinton be- long to. Economic conditions improve, they think, then Black folks will be better off too. Better off, I say, but still behind, and with a huge in- come and wealth gap. And if the economic system changes, as demo- cratic socialist Sanders would advocate, African Americans would be better off. Would that deal with the gap? You can’t deal to this gaping without dealing with race if you hope to address the concerns of African Americans, because the Sanders/Bernie Sanders’ theory shows of impotence when a woman asked him to speak to race in Minneapolis labeled him as clueless.

While Sanders is clueless, Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton comes off as strangely condescending. She knows race matters, she knows Black folks, and she is her friends. Begin-

wishing with her association with Chil- dren’s Defense Fund President Mari- an Wright Edelman, and moving through her more than three decades in public life, she has been an advoca- te for children, for civil rights and for women’s rights. But then there is that prison thing. She regrets, she says, her 1994 support of the Omnibus Crime Bill that fast tracked so many African Americans to long-term in- carceration. She backs away from in- cendiary language when she de- scribes people as “predators.” But she presents with a tone of enticement. She expects the Black vote, and she counted on that vote to get her through Michigan. It didn’t happen. Secretary Clinton enjoys the sup- port of most African Americans over 50, the young/uns aren’t bound by tradition. They don’t owe Hillary, and they want her to work for their vote. Working and condescending isn’t the same thing. Those who are under 30 or 40 don’t want to hear what you did “back in the day.” They want to know what you are do- ing now. They don’t want pandering or “Hispandering,” (a long term joke that Clinton used to an intern an- chor and debate moderator Martha Elena Salinas). They want a candi- date with a real heart.

African Americans need to wake up and smell the coffee, though. We should not expect any candidate to feel our pain or to “get” race. After pandering, (after much resis- tance, you decide that maybe the #BlackLivesMatter actions have a point) can be expected from both “friends of long-standing” (Hillary’s term) and Friends of Isaac accommoda- tion. Vermont Black folks don’t have much to say about Senator Sanders, positive or negative. That, of course, is a nothing. More than twenty years ago, author Kenneth O’Reilly wrote Numinous Pi- pilates, a book based on his conversations with former Vice President and Secretary of the Interior Santorum, the man Nobel Prize winning author Toni Morrison de- scribed as “the first Black president” was only “Black” because he played to the stereotypes – playing the uncom- fortable on both sides of the race conversation, talking about his studies in public (hours or brief – of your busi- ness). While he had great “Black” affect, he was a Black folk under the bus with welfare reform and the crime bill. Bottom line – neither Bernie Sanders nor Hillary Clinton is going to get it right on race, and we would not expect it. Heck, President Barack Obama didn’t get it right, and he could have. Now we are stuck with a know-it-all who is condescending on race, and a mys- tic, Vermont Yorker who is clueless. And then there are these gaggles of Republicans who are positively and pathetically out of touch. Which do we prefer?

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All Alvarez's defeat alone is reason to celebrate

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on Tuesday, her ouster was widely celebrated in Chicago. It was the end of an era where the justice system had scarred and disillusioned many Blacks. Overall, the story on Tuesday became more about her defeat than Fox's victory. The celebrations continue throughout the city because Alvarez is finally gone. Her ouster came at the hands of a smart, ambitious Black woman, who outsued Alvarez during this campaigned season. A big change was needed to restore trust and help Chicago heal. When Alvarez was ousted, voters from all over expressed their pain and celebrated because some degree of justice had been served while hope grew for the future of many in Chicago and cities across the country. Alvarez's ouster is also a warning to Emanuel, who in

THE ELECTION IS OVER!!! Chicago's voters were energized this year and they came out in big numbers. They were MAD!!! Hope day stay mad for a LONG, LONG TIME!! It kinda reminds me of way back when ED HAN-RAHAN was boosted out of the States Attorney's office.

STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Speaking of the States Attorney's office, KIM FOXX lugged BUTT!! Anita Alvarez is probably still trying to get the voters' feet out of her behind!! Alvarez was so arrogant and never repented for her sins of withholding the Laquan video and not putting police officers on trial for their killing of our Black people. SO GOOD RIDDANCE!!!

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Ima was hoping that Andrea Zopp would pull out the Senatolu seat, but it was not to be. Now I know a lot of the votes that Tammy Duckworth got was the other people, and it showed us all that she didn't need the Black vote to win and so not coming to the southside or westside and any other side where Black folks lived really wasn't necessary. As a matter of fact I didn't even see a sign with her name on it!! Her chief supporter was Senator Dick Durbin, who by the way don't come around us much either. I wonder how much time he has left on his six year term!! Minn-munmunmun Andrea Zopp did the best she could, but I guess all that she invested in the Offender didn't pay off, especially when they did her up on the front page and had her running for the wrong office. She had quite a few ads on television too!! I don't recall seeing that many for Duckworth!! Some folks gave her their sympathy vote, cause she be a war casualty herself, but haven't given a whole lot of help to the veterans. It's about truth and justice had been served and celebrated because some degree of justice had been served while hope grew for the future of many in Chicago and cities across the country. Alvarez's ouster is also a warning to Emanuel, who in
CREATING A NEW PROMISE: The Great Migration Centennial Commission and the Black Metropolis National Heritage Area Commission in the year long, citywide celebration of the Great Migration Centennial (1916-2016). The largest and single most important movement of people to ever occur in North America, 7 million African Americans left the rural south for the urban north between 1916 and 1970 where they transformed the landscape and the culture. Chicago was one of the beneficiaries of that rich heritage as over 500,000 came to the city seeking a new promise and emerged by the mid-20th century as a powerful force in the city’s political, economic, and cultural life. On Saturday, March 26, Modern Black Art is Explored, Everyone is welcome to participate. Visit the 2016 Great Migration Centennial Celebration Facebook page, send email to greatmigrationcenntennial@gmail.com or call 773-336-9775 for more information.

SPRING BREAK CAMP AT THE SHEDD: Spring is almost here, and the Shedd Aquarium is celebrating with extended hours until 6 p.m. ONGOING THROUGH APRIL 10: Make the most of your trip to Shedd with their express entry ticket to get out of the line and into the aquarium. Plus, enjoy the season with overnights, camps for the kids and more! A new year means fun new activities at Shedd (plus some old favorites too)! It’s time to explore! Get up close and personal with the sea at Asleep with the Fishes. The weather isn’t the only thing changing! Visit Shedd’s Amphibians special exhibit to see the changing life cycles of 40 species of frogs, salamanders and more. The Shedd Aquarium is located at 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL, 60617. For more information, call 312-939-2438.

UNITED FLIGHT 232: This play, adapted and directed by Vanessa Stalling from the book Flight 232 by Laurence Gonzalez, is a "Haunting True Story of Compassion and Grace." It is ONGOING through May 1 at The Chopin Theatre, uptown, 1543 N. Division Street, Chicago. United Flight 232 was commissioned and developed by The House Theatre of Chicago and the Chicago Performance Lab through the Theatre and Performance Studies Program at the University of Chicago. Performances are Thursdays—Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets: $15 for Prestige, $20 and $35 for Regular. United Flight 232 is recommended for adults and teens. “I love you, hurry home. I love you.” On July 19, 1989, a DC-10 headed for O’Hare with 296 aboard is paralyzed mid-air. For 44 minutes, the aircraft descended towards an emergency landing and crashed at Sioux City Gateway airport. To the announcement of all who witnessed the event, 184 of 296 passengers and crew survived. Drawing on the interviews and research conducted by Evanston author Laurence Gonzalez for his critically-acclaimed book, Right 232: A Story of Despair and Survival this brand new play, United Flight 232 is a reflection on how to comprehend tragedy and celebrate human ingenuity in the face of overwhelming challenges. To learn more about Laurence Gonzalez’ book, visit his website at laurencengonzalez.com/232.html.

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The Chicago Crusader
BLACK PRESS TRIUMPHS!
FBI spies on newspapers for urging thousands of Blacks to move to Chicago and other northern cities during The Great Migration

The U.S. Post Office did not mail them. Grocery stores refused to carry the Pittsburgh Courier, while the FBI monitored the Chicago Defender. Black newspapers fought to spark the largest migration of Blacks in U.S. history. For many migrants in Chicago, the journey did not represent the end of a struggle, but only its beginning. Now, on the 100th Anniversary of the Great Migration, new challenges lie ahead for the Black Press as many Blacks are returning back to the south.

‘THE DEFENDER’ BANNED

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Feb. 24.—Eighteen leaders of the Colored community here, including two ministers, two school principals and professional men, have been named defendants in a suit filed by city officials seeking an injunction to prohibit circulation in the county of a Chicago newspaper on the ground that the paper tended to incite the Colored people. A temporary restraining order was obtained.

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CRUSADER NEWSPAPER GROUP GREAT MIGRATION CENTENNIAL EDITION
By Erick Johnson

There were over six hundred Black families applying for 53 apartment units in Chicago in 1917. In two years, more than 100 storefront churches would dot the South Side. By 1930 the number would climb to 358. During that time Chicago’s Black population would explode as thousands arrived by train almost on a daily basis. In Chicago and other growing metropolises, a Black middle class was established and the largest migration of Blacks in American history swept the nation.

Today, many Blacks in the Midwest and Northeast have parents and grandparents who migrated from the South. Because of direct train routes, Blacks in Chicago are more likely to have parents or relatives from Mississippi. The correlation exists also for other northern states that were accessible by direct routes that served their southern states.

Many left the South during the Great Migration, two periods in American history where the Black population dramatically shifted north and that was uncertain. Their wives and children would stay behind until the men could secure better paying jobs that would support their families.

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MILES AHEAD: In celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the birthday of jazz great, Miles Davis, Columbia/Legacy Records will commemorate this globally renowned music innovator with the release of a very special album project.

MILES AHEAD: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack will be available on April 1. A cinematic exploration of the life and music of Miles Davis, MILES AHEAD explores the breath and depth of Miles Davis’ musical innovations, combining 11 highlights from the legendary trumpeter/composer/bandleader’s Prestige and Columbia Records catalog with original new compositions written and performed by Grammy Award-winning jazz/hip-hop artist Robert Glasper. Select new tracks on the soundtrack album include guest appearances by Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, rapper Pharoahe Monch and more. Both the CD and LP packages for MILES AHEAD: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack feature revelatory new liner notes penned by Don Cheadle. “We called the library for every style Miles touches...looking for cues to bridge key moments, bring others into focus. The stuff a good score is supposed to do. Miles made it easier. His music is multi-faced and score friendly,” wrote Cheadle in his notes.

For new and future fans, MILES AHEAD: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack provides an ideal introduction to the music of Miles Davis. For seasoned aficionados of the influential 20th century musical pioneer, the album and film provide fresh perspectives and new insights into Miles’ transformative musical and cultural genius.

MILES AHEAD: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack features 11 essential tracks spanning 1956 to 1981, select dialogue from tracks spanning 1956 to 2015, and new insights into Miles’ musical and cultural genius.

They have their own ideas about what sort of caretaker they should have, while their parents – in particular Mr. Banks – are insistent on someone strict for the job. When a mysterious young woman named Mary Poppins appears at their doorstep, the family finds that she’s the answer to their prayers, but in the most peculiar way. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren’t the only ones she has a profound effect upon. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that “anything can happen if you let it!”

Director David E. Walters says: “Many folks think of the magic and magnificence of Mary Poppins on the big stage. At NightBlue, we are excited to tell you an intimate story of a family that discovers what is most important in life with the aid of a determined nanny. Oh, and don’t worry, we’ll sprinkle plenty of fairy dust over this tale. Appropriate for any age, our Mary Poppins will help families want to make time for dinner together!”

Mai Dang Lao features SideShow Theater's Mai Dang Lao at Sideshow Theater. Mai Dang Lao is the world premiere of David Jacob’s chilling new drama, which is directed by artistic associate Marti Lyons. It plays through April 10 at Victory Gardens Theatre, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave. Tickets are currently available online, by calling (773) 871-3008 or in person at the Victory Gardens Box Office.

Jeffrey Mumford

There’s a correct order to everything when you work in the fast food industry. That’s why Sophie’s such a problem for her bosses: her attitude and aloofness threaten the food chain. But when a phone call from the local police warns of a crime committed in the restaurant, Sophie’s coworkers are given permission to restore proper balance and set things in their place. A mondant and terrifying world premiere based on true events, Mai Dang Lao examines the ways we all get trapped, and what we’re capable of doing when someone lets us.

Fulcrum Point celebrates African-American artists with Proclamation! The Black Composer Speaks at Promontory, in one performance only, Friday, April 29.

Featuring world premiers from Khalil El’Zabar and Jeffrey Mumford, a minimalist take on Funk, abstract expressionism, and improvisation. Tickets are currently on sale.
ComEd’s CONSTRUCT to increase job opportunities for Minority Candidates

By Charlene Crowell

ComEd’s CONSTRUCT program and nearly 80 percent of northern Illinois, 30 construction companies and six social service agencies.

CONSTRUCT is intended to address the construction industry’s overall need to increase the pool of qualified minority candidates for construction jobs in Illinois. Through the program, participants receive career guidance, life skills training, and practical education about the construction industry, as well as increased knowledge of requirements for entering construction-related fields successfully. Students also have access to special sessions to hear from and meet company representatives. There is the opportunity to job shadow, and to attend career awareness and fair to learn about a range of potential job opportunities in the industry. “As our industry continues to evolve, partnerships like CONSTRUCT will make a real difference in developing a pipeline of talent and cultivating the next generation of our energy workforce,” said Melvin D. Williams, president of Nicor Gas. “We look forward to our continued participation in CONSTRUCT, and working with our partners to help fuel the workforce of the future.”

“CONSTRUCT produces skilled, diverse graduates ready to enter the workforce. Peoples Gas is excited to join our peer utilities and partners to expand the program and create new opportunities in the industry,” said Charles Matthews, president of Peoples Gas.

CONSTRUCT is designed to help ComEd develop its workforce of the future by drawing from the diverse talent in the neighborhoods we serve. This four- to six-week program brings employees, utilities, labor, and community organizations together in an effort to expand access and diversity in the construction trades.”

To date, 150 students have participated in the CONSTRUCT program and nearly 80 percent of them have been offered employment. The success and continued growth of this program is due in large measure to the construction industry companies that are looking for good people to join their growing industry.

Participating with Intren and the labor unions, ComEd launched the CONSTRUCT in 2013. It began with 10 companies and three social service agencies and now has grown to include the three major utility companies in the communities we serve,” said Charles Matthews, president of Peoples Gas.


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A Moment to Super Size Your Thinking

By Effie Rolfe

The Most Dreaded head is at the end of your own wrist—and sometimes it will let you down. Too often we put our trust in people, jobs, careers, as well as various other things. However, in this life you will eventually find that the most dependable hand in the end of your own wrist and sometimes, it will let you down. You cannot depend on anyone but yourself and primarily God. The scripture clearly reminds us to “Do not put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there.” (Psalm 146:3)

God is your source. He is your heavenly WiFi—the source from which all of your blessings flow. When you lack connection to His power source—you are limited.

I recall attending service at the historic Fellowship Baptist Church for the Rev. Dr. Clay Evans Scholarship Fund. Each year the organization raises thousands of dollars to distribute to college students across the country. During the service, Rev. Evans gave words of wisdom to the recipients by reminding them to trust in the Lord. He jokingly said, “You can’t trust in your legs, because they might give out on you. This morning I started to brush my teeth and they all fell out on the right side of my mouth.” In other words, do not ever put your confidence in this body or in people during this life. If so, failures will come and disappointments are inevitable.

Seasons change, the economy change and people change. The only thing constant is change. One of my favorite songs “Every-thing Must Change” reminds us that nothing is the same. Too often, we trust in things that are transitional. Therefore we must remind ourselves that change will come and it will come in many different forms, shapes and sizes. Who would have thought that change would bring us to where we are right now? Change can build and change can destroy what has been built. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11)

I hope that the message Rev. Clay Evans shared echoes change. Nothing or no one in this life can give you a 100 percent guarantee. Remember you can’t even trust your own hand. I can recall countless times when I changed my mind within a split second of being certain that I was going to do the very opposite of what I decided moments earlier. The bottom line—if you change, others are bound to do the same…it’s called life.

“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not to your own understanding,” (Proverbs 3:5) Jesus never fails. I’m reminded of a hymn that Rev. Evans sister, Dr. Lou Della Evans Reid and The Traditional Choir sang. “My Hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name. On Christ, the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.” When you trust in your own strength, failure is sure to come quickly and often. God knows what’s best regarding everything concerning your life. Your future is God’s history. He knows what is best. As you trust Him with your life, you will find that there is no life without Christ.

It’s your choice—who do you trust?

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The Crusader Gospel Corner

Frank and Pam (Morris) Walton invite singles and married couples to Black Marriage Weekend, which is an annual celebration and is a national initiative to solidify the importance of marriage in the Black community. The Black Marriage Chicago Weekend Celebration, Friday, April 1st, 2nd & 3rd, begins with Date Night on Friday, April 1st with Guest Speaker, Dr. Gloria Jackson Bacon, including Jazz & Seafood at the Lake Shore Cafe, 4900 South Lake Shore Drive. Saturday, April 2nd will be a Day Out For Us, along with workshops, seminars, and luncheon including panelists and fun, games, entertainment and comedians. The 2016 Black Marriage Weekend ends on Sunday, April 3rd at The Historic Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, 24th & Wabash with marriage renewal ceremony and the Black Marriage Pledge.

The Black Marriage celebration occurs yearly across the country and marriage activists are involved to help highlight the benefits of marriage, pay tribute to successful marriages, and to promote marriage in the Black Community.

The leadership of Wedding Bliss Foundation created the Black Marriage Day national initiative to stimulate cultural change in the Black community to reconsider the benefits of marriage. Critics ask, “Why a special day for Blacks! Why not just celebrate all marriages during National Marriage Week?” The answer is simple the Black community has the lowest marriage rates and the highest divorce rates. According to United States Census stats 72.5 percent of African American children are born to unwed mothers. Black Marriage Day is a specific effort needed to help celebrate marriage, reduce out of wedlock childbirths and divorces.

We are very proud of married couples in our community who represent the religious & business community. There will be special salutes and recognitions during the Black Marriage Weekend. Studies reveal that children perform better in two parent homes; marriage increases income, improves health and reflects positively on society. In communities where marriages are successful there is higher property value, schools are better and crime is lower. The opposite is true of community’s void of married couples.

We support marriages and hope you will join us in this unique opportunity to celebrate Black Marriages in the Chicago area and vicinity. For more information contact (773) 819-0266; email: blackmarriagechicago@gmail.com or visit www.blackmarriagechicago.com.

You’re invited to Lively Stone Apostolic Church of God, 622 W. 120th Street in Chicago for the 10th Annual Family and Friends Day. There will be powerful preaching, anointed singing and great fellowship among family and friends in service lifting up Jesus. Join District Elder George Shaw and Lady Mary Rolfe-Shaw along with special guest speaker Elder Nathaniel George of the Apostolic Church of God at 12 noon and District Elder David S. Blair Sr., of victorious Living Church in South Holland at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. Dinner will be served at 2 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

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Archbishop Blase J. Cupich will observe Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum with liturgical celebrations at Holy Name Cathedral and around the Archdiocese. He will celebrate Easter Sunday Mass, commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord, on March 27, at 11 a.m., at St. Albe Parish, 3915 South Harper Avenue in Chicago. Holy Week is the last week of Lent, immediately preceding Easter Sunday. Observed by Catholics as a time to commemorate the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, various special liturgies are celebrated during the Paschal Triduum, the three days before Easter.

Archbishop Cupich will begin Holy Week as the main celebrant of Palm Sunday Mass with parishioners of Holy Name Cathedral, State and Superior Streets in Chicago, on Sunday, March 20, at 11 a.m.

On Tuesday, March 22, Archbishop Cupich will be the main celebrant and homilist at the annual Chrism Mass beginning at 2 p.m., at Holy Name Cathedral, State and Superior Streets in Chicago. During this Mass, the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and the oil of chrism for use in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago will be blessed. These oils will be accepted by representatives of each parish in the Archdiocese and used for adult catechumens and infants, for
Chicago native nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court

President Barack Obama nominated a prominent, high-achieving Chicago native to the Supreme Court on Wednesday, March 16. The nomination set up a showdown with Republicans who have vowed to prevent the commander in chief from exercising his duty with just eight months left in the White House.

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“Merrick Garland is an outstanding choice for SCOTUS. A protector of civil rights and individual liberties. He MUST get a vote #Doyouevengetit?”

The Black Women's Roundtable/National Coalition issued a statement that says, “We support President Obama's nomination. We strongly urge the U.S. Senate to live up to its constitutional responsibility and grant Judge Garland a fair hearing and then an up or down vote in the full Senate.”

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Win vindicates Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown

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At her victory party held at the National Association of Letter Carriers Union Hall, 3850 S. Wabash, she thanked her supporters, especially those who prayed for her.

Brown, who was endorsed by the Chicago Crusader said, “When the Cook County Party dumped me, what they did for me, in the words of Hillary Clinton, they gave me my voice back.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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It has been a long, long time coming. I am sure that has had his successes he can point to. A lot of his critics have lobbed him. He is always the smartest guy in the room. Now it looks like room needs to be a phone booth if Rahm is going to be the smartest.

The hanging has died but I am positive there are thousands and thousands of people who would cheer wildly if he decided he didn’t want to serve out the rest of his term. He is a very ineffective mayor right now.

So what do you do when nobody wants you? Hopefully Rahm will figure it out soon and hopefully it will not be continuing as long.

Jerry Anderson

DR. KAMBOJ AND AFRICAN

In the Spring 1975 issue of the Black Books Bulletin, Dr. Anderson Thompson wrote an insightful article entitled, "Developing an African Historiography." Dr. Thompson wrote that, "The interpretation, writing, and teaching of history from an African frame of reference, prepares the African masses to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Dr. Kobi Kamboj’s book continues to fit into the category of preparing us to face the challenges of the 21st century. Read carefully and digest its content. It is a must.

**Houses for Sale**

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Whitney Young student Jordan Williams hits jackpot with DDA 2016

By Elvis Hegwood Bowen

Walt Disney World Resort concluded its ninth annual Disney Dreamers Academy (DDA) with Steve Harvey and ESSENCE Magazine, and a Whitney Young High School student found that persistence paid off, after she was selected upon her third try.

Jordan Williams was happy to be able to attend the Academy, which is a four-day, once-in-a-lifetime educational and mentoring program for a select group of high school students. The students – identified as “Dreamers” – are selected from thousands of applicants nationwide and are now among only 900 students to hold the honor. Mentors, along with Harvey, included Dr. Steve Perry, Princeton Parker, film producer Will Packer, actress Tamara Mowry-Housley and Bledsoe Technologies’ 17-year-old CEO, Jaylen Bledsoe.

“Applying taught me that persistence and consistency are key. I wanted to meet adults who were successful and could tell me how to be successful,” Jordan told the Crusader. “The people who usually tell you what to do and when to do it quite frankly are not as successful as I want to be. Why take the word of a sheep when you are a lion? I needed to meet other cubs and lions, so I could see firsthand what I would be like when I grew up.”

These are pretty profound sentiments from a 16-year-old, but Jordan knew what she needed, and the Academy provided a glimpse of what the aspiring physician can anticipate.

The program featured an exclusive weekend of dreaming big, discovering possibilities and preparing for the future. Along with a parent or guardian, each teen received an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World Resort, where they learned important networking skills, participated in hands-on career workshops and created fun memories to cherish for a lifetime.

“I’m planning on going premed at Stanford University. And if that’s not enough, next school year I will take a three-week pre-collegiate sociology course at Stanford University. And if that’s not enough, next school year Jordan will take an Advanced Placement course in psychology. Then she hopes to rest a bit before going to medical school at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

One of Jordan’s workshops was the Deep Dive, where students experience real-life career models.

“During the Deep Dive, I experienced the world of pharmacy as well as the practice of medicine. In pharmacy, I learned how to fill a prescription, as well as information about diabetes and how to make Chapstick,” she said. “With the doctor, I learned how to take someone’s vitals, and how to use a sphygmomanometer (blood pressure cuff). Finally, because pig’s skin is similar to human skin, I learned how to sew up a cut on a pig’s foot.”

Jordan’s mother went with her to Disney World, and once things got rolling, she was just as excited for her daughter. “I didn’t know what to expect when Jordan was chosen to attend DDA. The Academy far exceeded anything I could have ever imagined,” Phaylecia Williams said. “From day one, we were off and running. The academy provided an experience not only for the students, but for the parents as well. The parent sessions were one of a kind, and Lisa Nichols reminded us that as parents we are so focused on supporting our dreamers that we forget to focus on ourselves. I would really like to thank Steve Harvey, Essence Magazine, and Walt Disney World for giving both my daughter and I this amazing experience.”

The students participated in a completed DDA 2016 in only three days. I learned many social and economic skills, and the event was an amazingly, bittersweet moment.

For high school students who want to apply for next year’s Disney Dreamers Academy, the Crusader will post the application period when it becomes available later this year. There is no “special” type of student that’s chosen. It all depends on the application essay. “They are not looking for whatever you think they are looking for,” Jordan said. “They are looking for your parent form of you. Tell your life like it is.”
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