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**BLACK
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MONTH**



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Local News

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION lots of fun and great food. UofI Cultural Center hosted an afternoon of celebrating black history and youth. One performance was The Mo Better Music ensemble, made up of students with a passion for learning music, but cannot afford lessons. Dancers from Omnimov, the Djibril Camara, the Maragiri Drum and dance group performed as well. For more information on how your child can get lessons, call Nathaniel Banks at the UofI Cultural Center.

OBAMA AND CLINTON ARE NECK TO NECK.

Obama was the winner in the Illinois primaries. However, the race is far from over. Though Obama won the most states Clinton won the most delegates. Obama has a large percentage of white votes and nearly all black votes. Julia Rietz reclaimed States Attorney position. Next election Nov. 7.

PRISON DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER POLLUTION THREATEN ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY NATIONWIDE.

By John E. Dannenberg, Prison Legal News
Today, crumbling, overcrowded prisons and jails nationwide are bursting at the seams -- literally -- leaking environmentally dangerous effluents not just inside prisons, but also into local rivers, water tables and community water supplies. Because prisons are inherently detested and ignored institutions, the hidden menace of pollution from them has stayed below the radar.
<http://tinyurl.com/2p94xb>.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Turn your tax refund into a mutual fund. Investing in a mutual fund will allow you to diversify your portfolio. This is a safer way of investing to minimize risk.

World News

ATLANTA
GERALD ROSE



GERALD ROSE SAYS, "UNITY AND INFORMATION ARE CRITICAL NEEDS TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES." "The most critical problem is unity in our communities working together.

Also, is lack of information. There are many new laws that take affect that are not in our best interest."

The organization's mission is to work with communities across the country to help them build healthier communities.

TACKY COVER CHOSEN BY EDITOR.

A noose used is conversation about history maker Tiger Woods
The editor apologized and recently returned back from a suspension.



CELLPHONE G.P.S. LOCATOR MAY BE USED BY POLICE TO TRACK YOU. Many cellphones today are equipped with the GPS locator service as an added feature to locate loved ones in emergency. The law enforcement uses this as a new police method.

BUSH URGES CONGRESS TO PASS EAVESDROPPING LAWS. This would allow phone tapping and computer spying on more people in America, without court approval..

NY POLICE DETECTIVE ACCUSED OF PIMPING 13 YEAR OLD. 13 year old forced to prostitute says she was beaten and told she was bought for \$500.

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Based on the work of Nobel Prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz and his colleague Linda Bilmes, the per day cost of the Iraq War for the first 4 years has been \$720 million. Join the American friend Service committee in calling for Congress to end the war and redirect frund to human needs here and real solution is Iraq. Visit www.afsc.org/cost

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 9- Campbell Gallery Exhibit: "Ancient Egypt: The Origins". 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at The Spurlock Museum. 600 S. Gregory St., U

Saturday, February 9, 2008. The Krimson and Kream Ball from 9 pm to 2 am @ The Park Inn Hotel. See a Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity for more information.

Tuesday, February 12, 2008. "Southern School Desegregation" A Men of Impact BHM Workshop. 7pm at FAR Release Lounge

Tuesday, Feb. 12 and March 11 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on both dates. Free investment seminar. Call Brian Watson for more information at 359-1641, or visit <http://agedwards.com/fc/brian.watson>

Saturday Feb 16, 2008 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. All ages can enjoy African folk tales told by storyteller Linda Randall. For more information: Douglas Library.

Thursday- February 14, 2008. SPEAK Café. 7 pm @ Kranert Art Museum. Free.

Friday- February 15, 2008. Omega Scholarship Ball. 8 pm @ the Holiday Inn. Contact a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to purchase tickets.

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Community Spotlight



ERNIE WESTFIELD MAKING HISTORY



FORMER NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYER

Making history, U.S. Congress recently declared May 20th, Negro League Baseball Day. Ernie Westfield has turned his legacy into his career. He travels across the country sharing the history of the Negro League Baseball teams and other history with life lessons. He has memorabilia available on line at www.erniewestfield.com.

Black History since Civil Rights

1884- Moses "Fleetwood" Walker becomes first African-American player in major league baseball, signing with the Toledo club in the American Association. Several African-American players were active on the rosters of white minor league teams during the period.

1885- The first all-black professional team, the Cuban Giants, is founded in Babylon, New York.

1890- The International League implements a ban on African-American players. The league's ban will continue until 1946.

1896- In the famous Plessy vs. Ferguson case the United States Supreme Court upholds Louisiana's law requiring "separate but equal" public facilities for blacks. The decision firmly established racial segregation.

1896- The Page Fence Giants and Cuban Giants, the undisputed champions of black baseball in the East, play an historic series. The Page Fence fence club prevails, winning 10 of 15 games.

1920- Andrew "Rube" Foster, renowned pitcher and owner of the Chicago American Giants, calls Midwestern team owner to Kansas City. The result of the meeting is the formation of the Negro National League.

The League begins the 1920 season on May 2 with the following teams on board: Chicago, American Giants, Chicago Giants, Dayton Marcos, Detroit Stars, Indianapolis ABCs, Kansas City Monarchs and Cuban Stars.

1924 The first Negro Series is played between the Kansas City and the Hilldale Club.

1930- Negro National League founder dies.

1931- The Negro National League plays its final season before succumbing to financial pressures.

1937- The Negro American League is formed. Josh Gibson and Buck Leonard were power-hitting machines.

1946- Jackie Robinson is signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers and becomes the first player in the major league baseball in the modern era. He wins rookie of the year.

1965- August 6. President Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The act, which King sought, authorized federal examiners to register qualified voters and suspended devices such as literacy tests that aimed to prevent African Americans from voting.

THOUGHTS



As we reflect on black history month we should consider how our history has shaped our culture, attitudes and perceptions.

For example, why are most African-American's afraid of the police, because they don't trust them.

Or, why are most people afraid to speak up, because they are afraid they won't be heard.

Or, how do we overcome?

Through UNITY. Community has the word "unity" within.

Unity of all towards lasting positive change for the sake of our children, that will be creating a history of their own.

Tanya Parker

TRUTH *May the truth set you free*

WORDS FROM THE STREET

2.5 Million blacks are in the justice system.
Our youth have the highest drop out rate.

Many have fell victim to media, gangs, jail, & disease. Have we forgotten the vision of Martin Luther King blinded by the American dream. This black history month lets educate ourselves with true facts continuing to gain knowledge, so that we can pick up where others left off. Let's not be a static anymore let's become positive role models for our children, so they can grow up with pride,



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