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DC CARNIVAL 2005— STILL ON GEORGIA AVENUE

DC Carnival 13th Annual Extravaganza Parade will be staged along the Georgia Avenue corridor on June 25, 2005. The highlights of this year's events are as follows.

Saturday June 18, 2005 Carnival festivities begin with the Pan Jam Festival featuring steelbands from along the east coast of the United States. This event will be held at the Crossroads Entertainment Complex 4103 Baltimore Avenue, Bladensburg Maryland beginning at 2:00pm with a cover charge of \$10.00(Weekend Passes \$15).

Sunday June 19, 2005 the action continues at the Crossroads Entertain-



ment Complex with the Dimanche Grax competition featuring the judging of the King, Queens and individuals of carnival along with local entertainment, beginning at 2:00pm with a cover charge of \$10.00 (Weekend Passes \$15). Thursday June 23, 2005 Activities heat up on at the Crossroads Entertainment Complex with the Battle of the DJs echoing the Sounds of Carnival 2005. Advanced

tickets \$10:00 , more at the door. Saturday June 25, 2005 Events climax with the sights and sounds of th DC Caribbean Carnival as thousands of spectators line Georgia Avenue to watch more than 5000 masquerades in colorful costumes portraying different themes and...

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dancing to the pulsating



"COMMUNITY DEFENSE THROUGH KNOWLEDGE"

BLACK HISTORY FACT

Fannie Lou

Hamer, known as the lady who was "sick and tired of being sick and tired," was born October 6, 1917, in Montgomery County, Mississippi. Despite her lack of formal education, She entered the civil rights movement in the 1960's and was one of the founders of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, which challenged white supremacy in Mis-

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Today is a day when each and every community of this country must secure its own destiny. Our community must be more determined today than we have ever been because the forces of the world are operating against uninformed and unorganized communities who are not ambitious enough to protect their own interest and identity.

These are the reasons that a publication the Georgia avenue Defender is published. We pledge to deliver truth to our community in an effort to inform protect and uplift. We will not continue to be victims of lies and misinformation. Monthly the Defender will seek to put out the information that is important to our community.

BLACK BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

i-HIP HOP

L. GOODWIN

As the Hip Hop movement sweeps the nation many businessmen and women have put in their bids to cash in on the newest genre of music in America. Entrepreneur Dee Douglass

recounts the days when Hip Hop wasn't as mainstream, as he recounts the humble beginnings from which his store at 3223^{1/2} Georgia Avenue, i-Hip Hop was created. "We started off as vendors, with no official base" Dee says, "We used this location for storage." As the popularity of rap music began to increase so did Dee's clientele, and hence the idea that became i-Hip Hop was born.

Now, almost three years later Mr. Douglass is preparing to multiply his family owned business by

DC CARNIVAL CONT..

dancing to the pulsating rhythms of calypso, steelband and soca music. PARADE STARTS AT 10:00AM. DC Caribbean Carnival in association with DC Department of Parks and Recreation hosts the international marketplace at "DE SAVANNAH" - Banneker Recreation Park featuring food, craft and entertainment. {12:00 NOON to 7:00pm} Admission: \$5.00.

Sunday June 26, 2005—DC Caribbean Carnival in association with DC Department of Parks and Recreation hosts the international marketplace - food, craft and entertainment continues at Banneker Park, "DE SAVANNAH" Live performances from local and international artists. {12:00 NOON to 7:00pm} \$5.00.



Don't give a rat a home

The DC Department of public works is waging a sanitation, education, and outreach campaign to finally get rid of the rats in our neighborhood. However, we have to help.

As residents we must remove their sources of food and shelter of our property.

Rats eat garbage, leftover dogfood, bird food, dog excrement and they will gnaw on just about anything.

Rats live in trash, weeds,

under old boards, inside abandoned cars and around discarded furniture



and appliances.

In an effort to spur action from the residents the D. C. department of public works is sending professionals to the districts neighborhood to survey the rat problem and take note of resident violations. For a violation a resident may be issued a \$35 ticket.

Violations include:

Not storing trash in a 20-32 gallon trash can

Allowing trash to overflow from trash can

Putting trash out before 6:30 pm the night before pick up

Not discarding leftover pet food

Allowing grass and tall weeds to overgrow, providing a hiding place for rats

Not removing dog excrement from your yard.

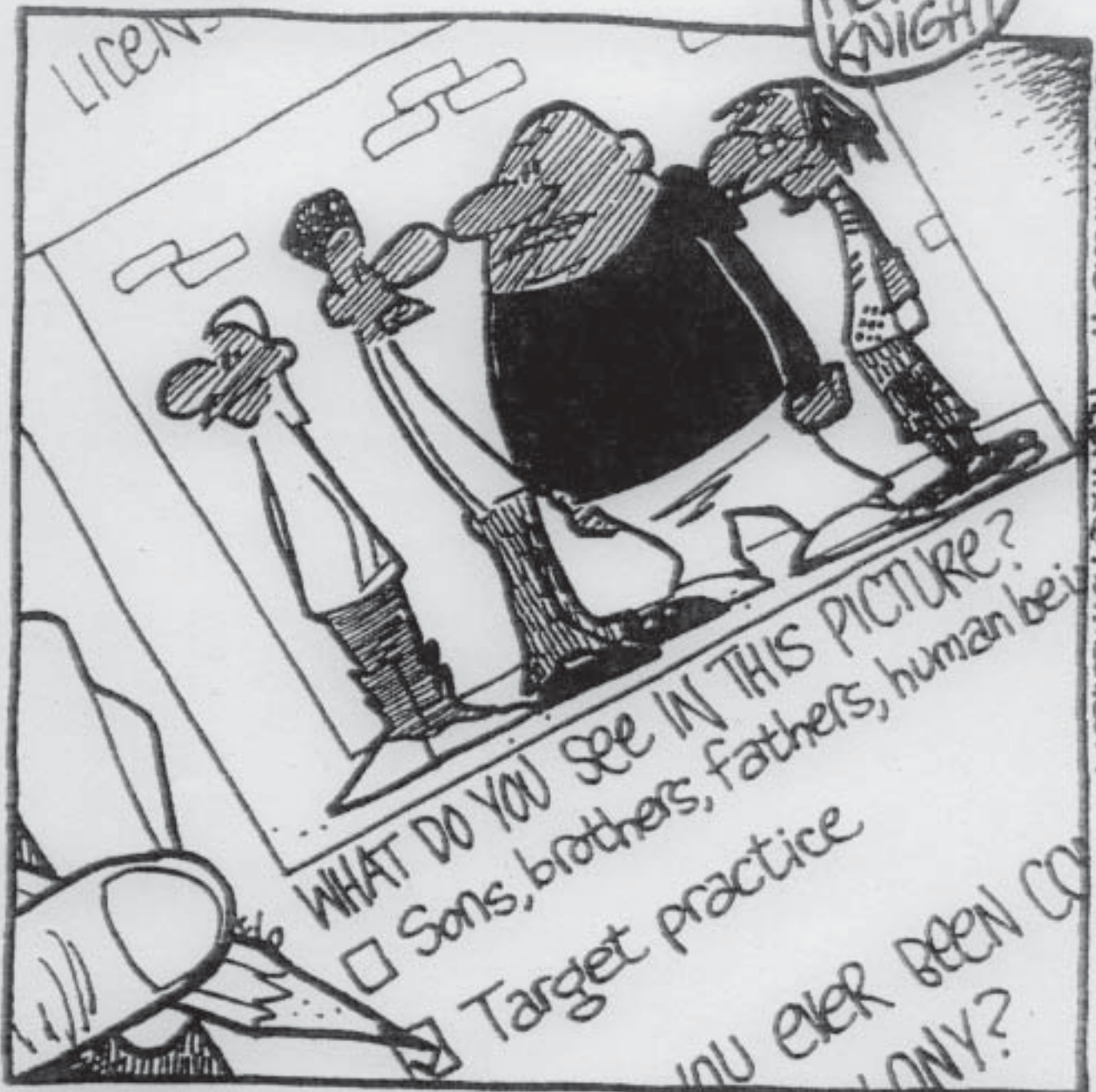
Old furniture and old cars often become homes for rats. Residents should call public works to have these items removed.

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POLICE OFFICER APPLICATION: QUESTION #6

B&W Laboratories

L. Goodwin

Been tested? If you're one of the thousands that has been a patient at B&W Stat Laboratory since its opening back in 1962, then it should come as no surprise that we have chosen B&W for our June spotlight business. For over 44 years B&W, which stands for Bushrod and West, laboratories has been servicing the District with swift and reliable outpatient clinical evaluations.

Consistently using state of the art testing methods and world class physicians and lab techs, Bushrod & West single handily revolutionized stat testing in DC. "At one time we were the only clinic in the District to utilize collection sites within the health center," Mr. West Sr. recounts the days when his establishment was the only one of its kind to offer in-clinic lab testing. Those are not the only milestones that have been established by B&W. In addition, they were also the first clinic to develop instruments for detecting substance abuse, they set the standard for

in-house court testing prior to arraignments and court cases, and all of the above came after B&W became the first commercial lab to be certified by the federal government in D.C.

B&W Laboratories is time tested and approved. At one point 100 percent of the Black physicians in the city received services from them. B&W continues to offer rapid testing methods that are safe and reliable. At a time when STDs and other blood related illnesses are at an all time high, its refreshing to know that there is an establishment with a proven track record where patients can count on quality service and diagnostics. B&W is open Monday through Friday from 7 A.M. to 4 P.M., testing and results can be distributed on the same day. Saturday business hours are from 7 A.M. to 11 A.M.

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presents
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Saturday, July 9, 2005
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spiritofhope@thepraxisproject.org
www.thepraxisproject.org/news/damsmith.html
202.265.4919

~~DPW~~ Phone Numbers for Service

Energy Services- hotline 673-6750

Parking Services

Abandoned vehicles 645-4CAR	645-5800
Booted vehicles (Recording) -	727-5000
Car auction	645-4227
Impoundment lot (Brenwood)	576-6585
Parking enforcement	541-6065
Parking	541-6030
<i>Meter repair</i>	
<i>Regulations</i>	
<i>Residential permit petition</i>	
Towed vehicles (Recording)	727-5000

Sanitation Services 727-4600

Alley cleaning	
Bulk waste collection	
Dead animal collection	
Illegal dumping	
Leaf and yard waste collection	
Litter control	
Recycling	
Rodent control	
Sanitation enforcement	
Street cleaning	
Supercans	
Trash collection	
Vacant lots- "Clean It or Lien It"	

Transportation Services

Construction procurement	
support branch (bids)	939-8708
Infant car seats	939-8018
Information	939-8050
<i>Bicycle</i>	
<i>Bus shelters</i>	
Permits-	
<i>Public space construction</i>	727-8321
Roadside maintenance	727-0211
School transit subsidy-	
<i>Public & Private schools</i>	939-8058
Snow emergency	673-3586
Street Construction	645-6140
Street Repair	645-7055
<i>Alley repair</i>	
<i>Curb and gutter repair</i>	
<i>Pothole repair</i>	
<i>Sidewalk repair</i>	
Street light repair	939-7100
Surveyor's office	727-1121
Traffic	939-8092
<i>Problems</i>	
<i>Signs</i>	
Traffic signals	
<i>Day</i>	939-8087
<i>Night</i>	727-6161
Tree maintenance	727-5559

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Department of Motor Vehicles

Commercial driver's license	
Information	727-3894
Hearings/Adjudication	727-3474
Information	727-6680
<i>Driver's license</i>	
<i>Handicap permit</i>	
<i>Inspection</i>	
<i>Learner's permit</i>	
<i>Registration</i>	

Insurance	727-5986
Parking tickets (Recording)	727-5000

Water and Sewer Authority

Water/sewer bills/meter reading	442-8000
Water and sewer emergency	673-6600
Water conservation	645-6295
Water meter repair	673-6578

FOR OTHER INFORMATION CALL 727-1000

THE MILLIONS MORE MOVEMENT

Carolyn Crittendon

You would have loved to have seen the spirit of unity among Black leaders at both the press conference and at the rally at Ebenezer A.M.E. church in Prince George's County on May 2 to announce the Millions More Movement. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Million Man March of 1995 and three days of activities are planned in commemoration of that historic event.

On Friday, October 14, there will be a day of absence. All who can are asked to take off from work or school and not to attend sports or entertainment for one day.

On Saturday, October 15, there will be a mass assembly on the mall. This time the entire family—men, women and children will gather on the mall in a powerful unity on one accord to hear the foundation for the movement and to lay out "individual and organizational activities to be taken back to the various communities," according to the *Millions More Movement* brochure.

And finally, on October 16, there will be a mass ecumenical service for worship

The most touching moment at the press conference came when, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, who called for both this movement and the original march, spoke of how he had longed since a young boy to see

his brilliant brothers and sisters come together for the liberation of our people.

Tracing a long span of history to show the depth of the pain and suffering by Blacks in this country despite their loyal service to fight for it in every single war since the American Revolution, Farrakhan said that "Had it not been for the Black Church, we would never have made it."

Again, the Black Church steps forward to lead. The National Executive Director for the Commemoration Rev. Willie Wilson, pastor of the Union Temple Baptist Church in Southeast Washington, urged the more than a thousand participants at the rally to visit beginning June 1, the Web sites www.millionmanmarch.org or www.millionsmoremovement.org for details on the planned activities and information on travel and hotel arrangements.



**MILLIONS
MORE MOVEMENT.**

ADRIEN FENTY IS RUNNING FOR MAYOR

Standing on the steps of his boyhood home in front of a crowd of at least 100 people, 34-year-old Ward Four City Councilman Adrian Fenty has announced his plans to run for mayor of the District of Columbia. Fenty is a two-term councilman who defeated Charlene Drew Jarvis, a long time member of the council in 2000.

On the council for the last six years, Fenty has traveled around the city and he now believes he can bring a much warmer personality to the mayor's office.

"During my time on the council, you, the residents of all the eight wards have rallied behind my efforts, especially the day to day attention I've shown the residents of Ward

Four," Fenty said.

He told the crowd that the next mayor should fight for full voting rights for the city, keep neighborhoods safe through community policing, fight

for smoke-free buildings and clean water.

It's 15 months until the actual election and the big question still remains is whether Anthony Williams will seek a third term.



i-Hip Hop cont...

three, opening a location in Baltimore and several others in the DC area. The uniqueness of i-Hip Hop stretches beyond the name; it is one of the only locations in the area where patrons can find a wide variety of urban music, from hip hop to go-go and from gospel to old school. The mission of i-Hip Hop goes beyond just catering to the individual musical needs of customers, as explained by Dee. "We choose this location

because of the high concentration of African American people in need of economic empowerment." Walking into the store you will quickly notice that "service is key", you can always expect prompt and courteous customer assistance. i-Hip Hop is open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 pm. Customers can also expect to see a variety of their favorite music superstars making in store appearances throughout the coming months, some of which include; Faith Evans, Slim Thug, BG, Ciara, Nelly, Mike Jones, and many more.

What is Gramification?

James Moore

"Gramzilla" strikes again! However, this month he is not just wreaking havoc on the District's Black owned clubs and businesses (at least not in our illustration). This month we have chosen to shed light on Ward 1 Councilmember "Gramzilla's" efforts to kill our community togetherness, steal our legacy, and destroy our beloved Black neighborhoods and families.

This month's illustration depicts Gramzilla overlooking the citizens of our ward in their various economic states, just as a slave master overlooked his plantation many years ago. As Gramzilla parleys with his preferred companions, you will notice that he is being served by a "house neighba." The "house neighba" has hopes that being a humble servant to the horned bearing tyrant will save him from being forced out of our community by "gramification" which is a very deceptive form of gentrification.

Rock bottom is a terrible place to be, just ask the "field neighbas" who reside on Gramzilla's Plantation (Ward 1). The "field neighbas" represent those citizens who have felt the effects of gramification in our Black neighborhoods. It forces hard working Black families from their homes and neighborhoods, often times with nowhere to go. Unfortunately, the remaining families end up like the "field neighbas" struggling to get by.

As Gramzilla would have it, it's better to struggle than to make trouble. The so-called troublemakers represent the Black community

leaders who refuse to sell-out or be bought out. Sadly, the consequence of standing for fairness and respect on Gramzilla's Plantation are fatal. This is the fate of the "trouble making neighba" who wouldn't follow the laws of servitude in Gramzilla's land. The "trouble making neighbas" are those individuals who refuse to be submissive and will challenge authority at those times most necessary, and furthermore are prepared to become martyrs for the struggle for racial justice.

Some residents of Gramzilla's plantation known as the "neighba buyin' freedom" try to escape the wrath of the racist monster. On Gramzilla's plantation, a "neighba buyin' freedom", with the proper resources can use his monetary means to remain afloat while his Black counterparts fall victim to the gramification of their neighborhood. A harsh and unfair reality brought on by the power of racism and greed.

The various plights "neighbas" find themselves are through the help of the sinister motives of the "Gramzilla" political monster and his counterparts. These actions are the manifestations of a much bigger underlying scheme that will intentionally or unintentionally make the endangered Ward 1, Black community extinct.

**Gramzilla's Plantation:
The Gramification of the Ward 1 Black Neighborhoods**



Neighba Buyin' Freedom



Trouble Making Neighba



House Neighba



Field Neighbas

SAVE OUR BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS!!!