D.C. Reform Increases Home Placement of Foster Children

By GEORGET LEWIS
Staff Writer

Nothing said of the pending Part II trial of the school reform bills that will put the welfare of students in the hands of transitional foster care and reduce the need for permanent foster homes.

The City Board of Education, in an effort to be more fair and work towards the goal of ending child abuse in the city, is proposing a new foster care program that will place children in temporary foster homes instead of permanent ones.

Reforms included in the bill include:

1. Eliminating the need for permanent foster homes
2. Providing temporary foster homes for children
3. Increasing the availability of transitional foster care

The reforms are expected to significantly reduce the number of children placed in permanent foster homes, which are often characterized by stability, permanence, and a sense of normalcy.

The bill also includes provisions to ensure the well-being of foster children, including:

- Educational support to help foster children succeed academically
- Medical and emotional support to ensure their overall health and well-being
- Regular visits from their birth families to help maintain connections and attachments

These reforms are expected to not only benefit the children but also the foster families, who will be provided with more support and resources.

Palin Runs Up the Tab
Governor uses "state dollars" for expenses

Governor Palin has been using state dollars to pay for personal expenses, including travel to a party in New York.

According to the latest reports, Governor Palin has spent a total of $18,000 on state dollars, including transportation, lodging, and meals.

Governor Palin has also been using state dollars to pay for travel to a party in New York, which was attended by several high-profile guests.

Social Services (Homelessness)

The bill also includes provisions to help prevent homelessness, including:

- Providing assistance to those who are at risk of becoming homeless
- Increasing the availability of affordable housing
- Providing support to those who are already experiencing homelessness

These reforms are expected to not only benefit individuals but also the community, as homelessness is a significant issue that affects many people.

Loans, College Education Not Always a Sound Investment

By MARCIAN MORGAN
Staff Writer

Chicago downtown

Money is often thought of as the key to success in life, and college education is no exception. The rising cost of higher education is a reality that many are facing, and the decision to invest in a college education is a significant one.

However, not all college students are able to find a successful outcome in their college education journey. Many face challenges and obstacles that can lead to financial struggles and debt.

Many students struggle with funding their college education, and the decision to take out loans can have long-term consequences.

The decision to invest in a college education should be carefully considered, and students should explore all available options before making a decision.
What Are the Issues ...
Of a Student With a Child?

Roland Hardy, a freshman health major, left daughter Jallah two years ago to return to Howard. With bright dreams for the future, he is concerned with the changes the election will bring.

"I want to be a neurosurgeon," he said. "I am very concerned with diseases and making sure that it's going to be affordable." Hardy's daughter remains in New Jersey with his parents while he earns his degree, and although the decision is a difficult one, he says that the choice for the future may affect his daughters.

"I am very concerned about health care, also," Hardy said. "I want to make sure that the state will ratify, I'm going to be able to pay for her and make sure that she is supported." Hardy has decided to vote for Sen Barack Obama because he believes that Obama is the best candidate and would serve his needs better than the competition.

"I am voting for Barack Obama because he is more intelligent than McCain," he said.

In the field of health and nutrition science, Hardy is also worried about his daughter's safety.

"Safety is very important because I want my daughter to be safe whenever I decide to go in the future," he said. "I have to know that she's in a healthy environment," he explained.

This is a monumental decision, even more so for the parents. With the state of the economy, many an issue Roland takes into consideration.

"I am not worried about making sure everything is affordable because I want my daughter to be comfortable," he said.

All of these concerns are valid because parents fear the worst. The final term is usually the choice of a candidate with assurance that his decisions will be for both him and his daughter.

"Obama made a pledge to make welfare and health care affordable to people of all social classes," he said. "I'm voting for him because I believe that Barack Obama can help me in terms of what I want to accomplish in the future."

Presidential Candidates' HealthCare Plans

According to Barackobama.com, the Obama-Biden health care plan includes:

- A preservation of public health, requiring coverage of pre-existing issues like cancer screenings, and also increasing care and local machinery for natural diseases and severe attacks.
- A plan to add additional health care reform policies. This reform will also also replacing tax cuts made available during the Economic Recovery Act. Obama-Biden is measured to add $2500 annually and keeping the status quo at the 2009 level. "Affordable, accurate health care for all Americans." The plan promises patience the chance to make health care decisions instead of waiting for insurance companies to make them.
- American with health insurance can expect care to decrease in costs at $1,500 annually.

According to Johanscova.com, the McCain-Palin health care plan includes:

- Greater competition to ensure that health insurance more people cost less, with a decrease in prices of drugs and possibilities. Also, what is actually available for individuals, what can and families will receive $2500 in a tax to help the price of insurance. Families will have the choice of choosing an insurance provider that the right insurance.
- A new called Health Savings Accounts will allow fami-

ly to have control over what they pay.

"Negative point" health care goals can be achieved by "providing research and development of new treatment models, promoting wellness, investing in technology and supporting Americans with better information in mind."

Howard Alumna Signs New Book

Brena Clarke, a Howard alumna and the author of the Oprah Book Club Selection "River Cross My Heart," returned to Howard with a new book titled "Stand the Storm" on Tuesday.

The vision of the book has been contributed to several inspirations. Clarke told her audience she wanted to put African Americans at the forefront because they have been at the back for so long. Clarke said that Caucasians have always been at the forefront because they were some owners.

"I wanted to contemplate people in the past who have gone unrecognized for the long [and] have made great contributions to the world, such as Dr. E. Rock and Charles Drew," she said. "One wants to make the lives of people who were overlooked who acquired their freedom in the District of Columbia.""}

In the newly released book, "Stand the Storm," readers will be faced with a character-driven, historical novel. Issues such as birth, death, love and war will also be effects that readers will experience in the novel.

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Do you have an idea for something to add to the Campus section?

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Come to Sunday's Budget Meeting at 6 p.m.
and pick up a Campus story.
Chicago State University student and finance major Priscilla Adeji stands in the library on campus with a finance book. Adeji thinks college is worth the investment.

College Education May Not Always Pay Off for Some, Loans Overwhelm

The answer is unclear. While some researchers have found that graduates of top schools earn more than their peers, and others have found the opposite.

Deborah Quinn, director of guidance at West Aurora High School, said the don’t-discard students from joining schools of the sort. But the three options form to think about their career path and potential earnings.

Recognizing the need for college, some students couple their responsibilities but some view them as necessary.

Many parents and researchers have been encouraged to rethink the value of higher education.

Brein collegeLiberal college is needed for the investment.

The concern was that high fees burden, we were foregoing the professional outcomes

Dover College paid.

Experts point out that the college experience is not just about financial rewards. There is also the culture that surrounds them.

The culture of foreign students can be a big deal.

In USA Today.

Priscilla Adeji, 22, a finance major at Chicago State University, said her choices in college appeared to be a plus.

Three students have reported in recent months of higher education, making the file for the next

And Adeji added that it has been a mixture of the society that grows.

"Another, college has been very important for me," she said. "But it's also about knowing if this is the school, I wouldn't be able to understand what's going on with the economy and with other things that affect my life."

— Additional reporting by Gullette Agosto, Educational Assistant

and Jo Nguyen, Chicago Daily Correspondent

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The Meet Coach Michael Lawrence

Coach Lawrence has been instrumental in developing his players.

The Hills: What first inspired you to start coaching soccer?
Lawrence: My father was the biggest influence in my career to become a coach. Growing up, he was always3 the coach of the neighborhood teams and I was always cheering for them. When he stepped away from coaching, I realized how much I missed it and decided to pursue a career in coaching.

The Hills: What are the most important lessons you’ve learned on the field?
Lawrence: Communication is key. It’s not just with players, but also with parents and administrators. Building trust and creating a positive environment is crucial for success.

The Hills: How do you manage the balance between competition and fun for your players?
Lawrence: I believe in creating a balanced environment where kids can enjoy the game while also pushing themselves to improve. I focus on fostering a culture of respect and teamwork, which helps in managing the competitive aspect.

The Hills: What advice would you give to aspiring coaches?
Lawrence: Never stop learning. Attend workshops, read books, and seek advice from experienced coaches. Keep yourself updated with the latest coaching techniques and strategies.

The Hills: How do you prepare your team for a major tournament or competition?
Lawrence: We start by setting clear goals and expectations. We focus on fitness and technique, and also ensure that the players are mentally prepared. We also study our opponents thoroughly and plan our strategies accordingly.

The Hills: What does it take to be a successful coach?
Lawrence: It’s not just about winning games. It’s about developing players as people. A great coach inspires and motivates, creating a positive impact on players’ lives both on and off the field.

The Meet Coach Michael Lawrence by The Hills

Hills editors contributed to this story. The Hills Creative Team produced this article.

The Hills: What is the most important thing you’ve learned from your coaching experiences?
Lawrence: The importance of patience and trust. I’ve learned that winning games is only part of the job. It’s the relationships and experiences that players take away from their time with us that truly matter.

The Hills: What do you think are the key ingredients to successful coaching?
Lawrence: Commitment, hard work, and a genuine love for the sport. coaches need to be passionate about what they do and have a clear vision for how they want to develop their players.

The Hills: How do you maintain a healthy balance between coaching and personal life?
Lawrence: It’s not easy, but it’s important. I make sure to carve out time for my family and friends, and I also try to maintain a healthy lifestyle to stay energized and focused on my coaching responsibilities.

The Hills: What advice do you have for aspiring coaches who are just starting out?
Lawrence: Start small, stay humble, and never stop learning. Surround yourself with good people and mentors who can help guide you. Remember, coaching is a journey, and it takes time to build a successful program.

The Hills: Do you have any final words for our readers?
Lawrence: Keep pushing yourself, and never give up. Success in coaching is about perseverance and dedication. With hard work and a positive attitude, anything is possible.

The Hills: Thank you for sharing your wisdom and insights.
Lawrence: Thank you for the opportunity. It’s been a pleasure to share my experiences with your readers.

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**H-RATED: ALBUM REVIEWS**

**JAZMINE THICK**

When the Groove Culture label's house music hit the dancefloor, I knew this would be a no-brainer. The music was driving the dancefloor, and the energy was electric. The vocals were passionate and powerful, and the production was flawless. The whole album was a seamless blend of house and dancefloor vibes. The tracks were all well-produced and had a good beat. Overall, it was a great album that I would definitely recommend to anyone who loves House and Dancefloor music.

**ALBUMS SIMPLIFYING ESE**

In love with another girl? Remember to always treat her with kindness and respect. It's important to communicate your feelings and make sure she feels loved and appreciated. It's also important to be patient and give her the time she needs to process her emotions. If you both are committed to each other, then you can work together to overcome any challenges that come your way. Remember, love requires effort and sacrifice, but the rewards are worth it.

**LIFE & STYLE**

Clifton Ross Puts Forth His Sunday Best

By Alysse Barnes

Clifton Ross, a well-known figure in the music industry, has released his latest album, "Sunday Best." The album features a mix of soulful and gospel-inspired tracks that are sure to uplift listeners.

Ross has been in the music industry for over two decades, and his latest album is a testament to his continued success. The album features a blend of traditional gospel sounds and modern, pop-influenced rhythms that are sure to appeal to a wide range of listeners.

"Sunday Best" is a celebration of faith and the importance of connecting with our spiritual side. Ross encourages listeners to find their own path to spiritual enlightenment and to find their own way to connect with their higher power.

Overall Ratings:

5 stars

(The Top 5 Review)

Clifton Ross's "Sunday Best" is a must-listen album for anyone who loves gospel and soulful music. The album is a testament to Ross's talent as a musician and his ability to connect with his audience on a deep level.

-- By Alysse Barnes

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Katz: The Next New Kids on the Block

By Alysse M. in Style Edit

Ask Katz about the 5th album, and she'll tell you, "It's a love letter to my fans. It's a reflection of my journey as a woman, a mother, and an artist." The album is a journey through Katz's life, from her early days in the music industry to her current role as a mother and a wife.

"The album is a collection of songs that tell the story of my life," Katz says. "It's about the choices I've made, the joys I've experienced, and the challenges I've faced."

Overall Ratings:

4.5 stars

(The Top 4 Review)

Katz's new album is a heartfelt and vulnerable reflection of her life. The songs are honest and raw, and Katz's voice is powerful and soulful. Overall, it's a beautiful album that is sure to resonate with fans of all ages.

-- By Alysse M. in Style Edit
And I Wonder...?

... if we will see the new School of C before 2011.
... what disease “cured” ham actually had.
... how we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage.
... why people say they “slept like a baby” when babies wake up like every two hours.
... why people feel the need to keep shrines to their empty liquor bottles.
... what’s going to have to happen for people to remember to sign out of their e-mail accounts in the iLab.
... when the national federal deficit will reach $1 trillion for the year.
... if Beyoncé is secretly plotting world domination.

Caught In Style

Natural Hair

“I think fashion is something that’s personal.”

What: Blace Richardson, justice, noble relations
Caught: Black Out

What are you wearing?
Booted dress, Zara
Red sweater, thrift store
Shoes, Barney’s Co-Op
Cotton tamponese trim. Solomon
Bag, vintage Sammy

I am a full-time student, I am a full-time model. I live and breathe fashion. I think fashion is something that’s personal. To a certain extent it’s about trends, to a certain extent it’s not. I think it’s just personal; how you flaunt it, how you wear it.

When you cut your hair, did that change the type of work you received?
It did, but it was always changing my hair. I’ve been short, I’ve had a pixie cut, I’ve had long hair. I’ve been big, I was always changing my hair until really just depended on the job. Because of just things that I was going through period, me cutting my hair felt liberating. It felt like I was starting anew. It was something new; it felt refreshing.

What was your favorite hair style?
It’s actually been my big hair. Because it was so easy and I was just busy and I would just flow through the air. I was just one of seven.

Do you ever get cool stuff from your assignments?
You do. Sometimes the designer will let you keep it, whether it’s the dress or the pair. Sometimes you get the whole ensemble.

Who was your favorite to work with?
It would have to be Betsey Johnson. I enjoyed the clothing and the particular venue that we did it at. And there was a band named Opposite Sex. The whole atmosphere, it was just bongi. I loved it.

“I don’t look to follow trends. I just wear what I like.”

What: James Gilchrist, junior musical theater
Caught: Outside of Clinton

What are you wearing?
Guinness, Up Against The Wall
Printed scarf, Afghaniann
Graphic tee, Urban Outfitters
Dark blue jeans, H&M
Tennis shoes, Georgetown

With my style I tend to just wear whatever I like. I don’t look to follow trends. I just wear what I like. I’m with my dress and I actually dress my hair myself. Not by choice, but by force, because I’m a broke college student so you learn to be creative when you don’t have any money and your hair has to be done. So I find different things to do with my hair.

Do you think style-wise, people in fine arts are more creative?
No. I think I spend more in fine arts and people look at me so creatively and ask me why I wear this or why I’d wear that. I think artistically people are in the arts tend to be more creative. Not at all the time, but in most cases I’ve noticed. Me, being a dancer first before I started dancing, dancers tend to have their own style, going to rehearsals and especially when it’s show time, the costumes are very theater-esque.

When did you stop caring about what people thought about your clothes?
In high school, that’s when I started to transform. I guess. At my prom, I was 230 pounds and right around 11th and 12th grade I started losing weight drastically. I got tired of being fat and I focused more on dancing and the weight just fell off. Then I had a breast reduction with no muscle. It was just like a skin eating boy and I started to look better in a lot of the clothes I wanted to wear so I started to be creative with that because I didn’t want to look like anyone else.

“I plan wardrobes from the bottom up.”

What: Megan Echols, sophomore, architecture
Caught: Architecture Studio

What are you wearing?
Brown leather boots. Some Medallion
Red skirt, American Apparel
Black top, Urban Outfitters
Leather jacket, Michael Kress
Black scarf, American Apparel

You look cute everyday. How do you do it?
My secret is plain clothes, for the most part, with nice accessories and shoes. Because I like shoes a lot... I plan wardrobes from the bottom up.

What is it that you like about shoes?
The best thing about shoes I would have to say, they just do something for me and whether it be like the shape or the style or material, it can change up a whole outfit. You can have on a pair of flats at one part of the day and then put on some heels after- ward and it might dress up the whole outfit.

Do you ever use architecture in your dress or vice versa?
I’ve learned a lot because I have a really rich art and architectural background. So a lot of those things have helped me a lot... I have really designed my florida house with curtains or anything like that, but I definitely think a gown is all in what I wear and the things that I look into buying.

When did you start growing your hair natural?
I started growing my hair natural in 2005, so this is my third year. I don’t really know what I’m going to do with my hair. It’s always different. But I’m definitely going to let my hair come naturally grow.

-Peeks and interviews compiled by Elana Washington, Co-ordinating Writer

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**Voters Should Be Aware of Rights to Avoid Past Chaos**

"I dream a world..." This reference statement will forever be associated with the 2000 presidential election in which Democratic nominee Al Gore lost the vote in Florida by a few votes. The impact that this close election will have on the future of our country is unknowable.

However, the vitally important factor to this election is that this election will forever be far too close. Whether, white or black, male or female, can afford not to have another decade of our nation wasted.

Although neither candidate's presidency is a guarantee of a better tomorrow nor in any way a signal of the better nation that the 2000 presidential election was, the potential of the 2000 presidential election is no longer unknown.

When some elements of the election are out of voter's control, there are serious consequences that should be taken.

Here are some elements of an electoral vote that should be taken.

**Our View:**

Voters should know their rights and become clear of any misconceptions before election day.

First-time voters and elderly people in particular should be aware of their rights.

This argument of vote is to be made in the lack of polling locations. Observers who are estimating about caring their vote become discouraged of long lines and inconvenient locations of polls.

Each county should ensure that voting areas are numerous and easily accessible for the elderly and handicapped.

If you or someone you know have the possibility of not being able to access a polling location, please accordingly.

Not having the proper identification can also come smaller when voters arrive at the polls.

It is time, rights to cast good ballots, but it is also your responsibility to see sure you have the proper documents.

As citizens of a democracy, we should ensure, that our right to vote is inadmissible.

Even though it is through the 5th promotion, responsibility to up. Based on rights, nothing affects our government are inclined.

It is our hope that the government (and in terms of technology) handles the vote and the (spatially) responsibility to prevent the last two presidential elections.

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**Perspective**

**SA Policy Board Heads Down doors Reagan Road**

When Charles Taylor and I sat down with the SA Policy Board and gave our modern government a (well-deserved) earful, I don't think I had anticipated the void that results when one's constituents are within reach of one's own constituents. What would the SA Policy Board look like in the days to come? We already have the deconstruction of the SA Policy Board, and even with the void that is the existence of the SA Policy Board.

When the SA Policy Board meets, there are actions by the act that are rudimentarily right or wrong. The SA Policy Board shall be the final say on BHN and the student council issues. In an attempt to explain that most students could handle mechanizations built into their constitutions to handle disputes (of which, apparently, they disagreed).

We are on the sugar coating, former Justice, Ron McMurphy, for the service that the Policy Board has taken and consistently ignoring the laws presented from Article 2 that the Policy Board has made to the highest judiciary; voting and be aware of many cases that our Student Government has provided for. As a result of the implementation, a general conclusion, and I allow him to be the SA Policy Board (the constitution determining the governance document) and take a pass before the judiciary committee.

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