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### Stella's Column

Chicago Sun-Times, Jul 20, 2006 by Stella Foster

THE SCOOP: Not all ministers are against the Big Box Living Wage Ordinance that the Chicago City Council will put to a vote on July 26.

Saint Sabina's Father Michael Pfleger and Trinity United Church of Christ Rev. Jeremiah Wright will lead a contingent of ministers in favor of the ordinance to City Hall Friday morning.

The ordinance will guarantee a \$10-an-hour wage and \$3-an-hour toward benefits at Big Box retailers like Target and Wal-Mart. The current minimum wage in Illinois is \$6.50.

"This is a fight to demand the rich to share their profits with their workers," says Pfleger. I asked him what if the rich retailers were to say "Forget about it," or, "We just won't build in Chicago."

Pfleger responded, "That is a bluff, because they are too greedy and they know how much money can be made in Chicago."

THE CHICAGOLAND SPORTS Hall of Fame dinner is scheduled for Sept. 14 at Hawthorne Race Course with former Chicago Bear and sports broadcaster Mike Adamle emceeing. This event recognizes former and retired sports champions, coaches and officials from the world of sports. The numerous inductees include football's Richard Dent and Bobby Douglas, basketball's Terry Cummings and Jerry Colangelo and former White Sox players Jim Rivera and Billy Pierce. Also, Score radio's Mike North will become a Hall of Famer. This wonderful affair will benefit the Standing Tall Foundation and the Chicago Baseball Cancer Charities.

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SECRETARY OF STATE Jesse White will speak at the Rotary One Club of Chicago at the Union League Club on July 25. Don Garner is the new Rotary One president and a top immigration lawyer.

FORMER BEARS Dan Hampton, Glen Kozlowski and Steve "Mongo" McMichael will be on hand for the 98th annual Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac Parade of Boats festival kicking off at 10:30 a.m. Saturday from the east side of the second tier at Navy Pier.

THE FASHION SET: The Creativity United's Midwest Fashion and Beauty Awards show is Saturday at the DuSable Museum and hosted by radio's John Monds and Darryll King. Honorees include Evie Glieberman, Carol Kaplan, businessman Leonard Harris and Sister2Sister's fashion editor Walter Greene. . . . Local businesswomen will be honored today at a reception at the Goodman Theatre, and will then enjoy the hot play "The Dreams of Sarah Breedlove," which closes Sunday.

THE FIRST EVER: Miller's Pub is hosting its first golf outing on Monday at the Carriage Greens in Darien. The Pub, which has been around an incredible 56 years and still going strong, will be serving its signature ribs all day. The funds will go to various charities. For more info call (312) 263-4988. . . . The inaugural Chicago International House Music Festival takes place Saturday and Sunday at Charter One Pavilion, Northerly Island.

THE EAT BEAT: Retiring Chicago School Board President and newlywed Michael Scott lunched with good pal Rufus Williams, a brilliant accountant and fellow board member who Scott has recommended as his replacement, at the trendy RL eatery. . . . Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood and family dined at Geja's Cafe. Jason Bere, former pitcher for the Cubs and White Sox, was also in the house.

THE JACKSONS: Lovely and svelte vocalist Santita Jackson, daughter of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and wife Jackie, celebrated her birthday at the Grand Lux Cafe on Monday with her parents, siblings Jonathan, Yusef, Jackie Jr. (U.S. Rep. Jesse Jr. was out of town) and friends including WGN-Channel 9's Allison Payne, the Defender's Roland Martin and Art Sims, Channel 11's Sylvia Ewing and hairstylist J of the Lavish Salon. This reporter also dropped by.

Santita, thanks to a DS gastric bypass procedure, has lost an incredible 185 pounds. Truthfully, I didn't recognize her. She is so happy and works out every day.

CONGRATS TO "WGN Morning News" segment producer Deborah Brown on landing the gig as the new director of station relations for WMAQ- Channel 5. Some of her WGN-Channel 9 colleagues and crew who helped her celebrate at Carnivale Tuesday include Paul Konrad, Valerie Warner, Dean Richards, Allison Hunter and Gloria Brown. WBBM- Channel 2's Antonio Mora, Steve Baskerville and Diann Burns happened to be in the restaurant and stopped by to wish her well. . . . Champion Bridge players Eddie Kantar and Adrienne Green were seen at the Original Gino's East on Superior. . . . The Tennessee Titans' Jarrett Payton was banding out at the 10pip bowling lounge and signing a display pin



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THE BIRTHDAY ZONE: Joey Mondelli and Edward F. McElroy. Friday: Channel 5's Mary Ann Ahern and Channel 9's Judie Garcia. Saturday: Audri Adams. Sunday: Photog Dick Shay and turfman Phil Teinowitz. Monday: Channel 5's Anna Davlantes and retired broadcaster Dick Kay.

Well, that's Stella in the City!

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