

The County Budget

Race or Issue

Clerk Brown Cancels Protest at Cook County Commissioners Meeting

Former Alderman, now Commissioner, William Beavers has raised the comparison of how Commissioners Tony Peraica



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Poll report

Jackson

Commanding early lead in

Race for House Seat

Nineteen percentage point lead on closest competitor

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Obama: The Next Harold?

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20 years ago Harold Washington Lived



April 15, 1922 – November 25, 1987) was an American lawyer and politician who became the first African American Mayor of Chicago, Serving from 1983 until his death. 20 years has passed and those that were not able to vote then, this edition of South Street Journal is dedicated to you.

At times noble people are paid tributed on there birth. However, his death has more meaning and has shaped the politics of Chicago today.



On November 25, 1987, Washington died of a heart attack in his City Hall Office.

On the death of Harold Washington, many tears were expressed; and at some-times more men than woman.

But the dramas that place him in office began to surface again. Some Black Chicagoans said he was killed. But no evi-

dence pointed to it being factual.

As Chicago made history in 1983, the city lost the most charming and effective mayor. With the white racial animosity towards him that shaped the politics of Chicago as the world watched, he gave Chicago a name other than the Daley's and Al Capone.

In Gary Rivlin's book, *Fire on the*

Prairie "White comments about not wanting a nigger mayor; holding up signs calling Washington a "crook" and wearing a variety of racial political buttons that showed a watermelon with a black face slash through it and another was simply all white. VOTE WHITE, VOTE RIGHT one popular T-shirt boldly proclaimed."...

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Black Riverboat Casino ownership versus vendor.

What lays a head for the African American community

By Ron Jenkins
Staff Writer

Over 50 Black Business men and women organizer Larry Huggins, President/CEO of Riteway Construction met at Pearl's Place on 39th & Michigan Avenue to discuss becoming unified and speaking as one voice for an increase market share of ownership versus vendorship for Illinois License in the gaming business as well as supporting legislators to achieve their goal.

As part of their movement to become Riverboat Casino minority owners, a position paper will be developed that would highlight the

points of their position related to the demands.

At the meeting, Walter Grady, President of Seaway National Bank, set the tone for the convening of Black Business Enterprise Leaders when he stated that "we are here to take a position of unity among Blacks. I hope everyone is in agreement with that. For over the past 14 years we have been involved in the gaming operations with little or no success. With the urgency or coming of three (3) addi-

tional licenses, we feel we need more ownership—not just to come in as vendors. We need to have ownership and that is what it is all about.

...Hopefully, I can say we can come to one accord and say that is what we want. From that we anticipate hi forming a position paper and to

lay out the specifics. But, at least, we want ownership and not just to become a vendor—by doing that we can control and sit at the table where they make the decisions and participate in the business and the profits." Walter Grady ended his statement by saying: "This is urgent.

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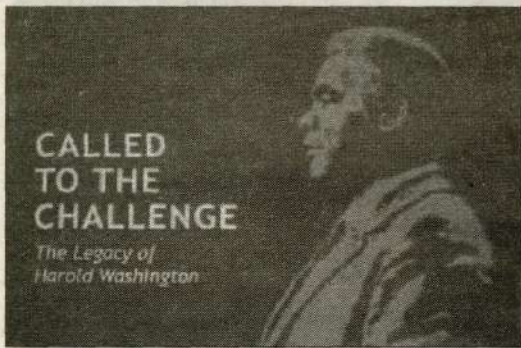
Larry Huggins, President/CEO (rear right) of Riteway Construction lead other business members to discuss gambling for blacks at Pearl's Place on 39th and Michigan
Photo by Robert Pairs

Fact & Commentary Round Up of Mark Allen

SSJ Associate Editor



HAROLD WHO? 20 Years Later, Who Cares?



As Attorney Tom Todd used to say, "I'm just one man with one vote." February 24, 1987, was the date that Mayor Harold Washington was reelected Mayor of Chicago.

A few of the Gospel announcers on the new Gospel radio station WBGX-AM 1570 have made regular announcements on their shows. Another major media friend E-mailed me and said "ENOUGH ALREADY" with my repeated Harold Washington 20th Year Anniversary reminders.

I am just one man who thought that this significant date would be the buzz and engine that motivated the black and progressive communities in voter registration, education and get-out-the-vote activities.

A number of national Black news services have responded with "thanks for the submission," to my various commentaries and suggestions of events that I thought could help mark the 20th Year Anniversary of the reelection date of Mayor Harold Washington.

I told the Chicago Board of Elections Executive (Continued on page 5)

News Briefs

Ald. Jackson Votes "No" On Chicago Budget

Working Families Cannot Afford New Taxes; City Must Root Out Corruption. In regards to her "No" vote on the proposed city budget, 7th Ward Alderman Sandi Jackson released the following statement: "When I was elected nine months ago, I promised voters of the 7th Ward that I would bring an independent voice to City Hall.

"I also promised my neighbors that I wouldn't ask them for another cent until the City of Chicago cleaned up its waste, fraud and abuse. With my no vote today, I hope to send the message that we can no longer look to taxpayers as the first option," she added.

"Until I'm satisfied that the City Council has exhausted all other options, I will continue to protect the wallets of the 7th Ward by voting no on tax increases," the alderman said.

Mayor Richard Daley backed on Wednesday a controversial decision by the city's top attorney to withhold from aldermen the names of Chicago police officers accused of using excessive force. The Daley administration has asked the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to stay an order by U.S. District Judge Joan Lefkowitz to unseal the records and make them available to the general public.

The top 10 special operations officers on the list had a total of 408 complaints lodged against them.

Ald. Smith and PUSH address foreclosures in Chicago

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., founder and president of Rainbow PUSH Coalition and Alderman Ed Smith (D-28th Ward) met with Tellie Howard, a 87 year old resident who is one on six on his block West side block facing foreclosure.

The resignation of major bank and lending CEO's around the country and the world are having a direct impact on Chicago homeowners. "Chicago aldermen are looking for answers to this crisis because they realize that as their wards are decimated by this crisis," said Ald. Smith.

Rev. Jackson has met with Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and has been in dialogue with CEO's of major banks like J.P.Chase, Bank of America and Citigroup. He is calling for a restructuring of the mortgage debt market over and against the repossession of homeowner's property resulting from bad loan product and not poor consumer judgment.

ference "We are hoping for a synergy," said Rev. Jackson. "In meeting we will forge a new and influential coalition that seeks restructuring of mortgage debt and ultimately consumer relief."

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UnZip

UnZip it at Editorial@SouthStreetJournal.net



Denzel Washington and his family visited the troops at Brook Army Medical Center, in San Antonio, where soldiers who have been evacuated from Germany come to be hospitalized, especially burn victims. Washington had a tour of one of the

Fisher Houses. He asked how much one of them would cost to build. He took his check book out and wrote a check for the full amount right there on the spot. The soldiers overseas were amazed to hear this story and want to get the word out to the American public.

Hello to Yshonda Hutchinson, One of the host bartenders on Wednesday Nights at the new Gentle Persuasion Social Club for the Allen Brothers Afterwork Dusty/Steppers Set.

Anton Seals Jr. a candidate 32nd district and a staffer of the 1st Congressional District for Bobby L. Rush, is off the ballot. Has that anything to do with the congressman not running for committee of the 2nd ward.

Something Westside alderman Chandler did as he resigns as 24th Ward Democratic Committeeman So who does Wendy Bell think she is talking too says

HL. What organization other than the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council and Quinn Chappel is working on an Illinois Main Street project in Bronzeville? Who is the organization and what are they doing to bring A Main Street to Bronzeville. And what does that have to do with Lt Gov. Pat Quinn?

New Controversial Song "Sometimes I Wish I Was White" Stimulates Discussion About Blacks Frustrated With Injustice* /Lyrics: "Sometimes I feel, I wish I was white, so I could feel, just how it feels to be treated right. I'm not ashamed of me. Just one time, I want to see, how it feels to be

treated equally."/ Singer Allen Watty. Is this a call for new leadership?... Well, Rev. Al Sharpton, (opps Sampson) should know about this poll, that Black American tend to want a leader such as Malcolm X today. That points

Sampson in the middle as he leans to Malcolm X's associate Minister Farankan oppose to Kings follower Jesse Jackson Sr. Sampson was ordained by Dr. King.*

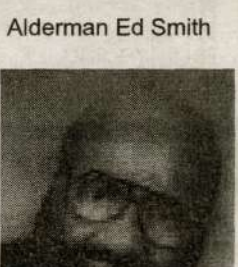
Morgan Carter son has a special note for his son Keith Glover who will be celebrating his birthday, Sunday Dec.2 at Pearl's Place, 39th and Michigan, Ave, with live entertainment.

More on the SSJ publisher Ron Carter and Mayor Richard Daley, the roots are getting closer, after a DNA of Carter indicating he has roots from Ireland, further research points the Irish people not only enslaved Black people but white

people as well. Its coming closer and closer the Irish people relationship to Blacks in Chicago and politics.



Jesse Jackson Sr.



Alderman Ed Smith



Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr.

"If you're not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing." ~Malcolm X

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Minimum Sentences for Crack on Decline

BY KRISTEN M. PRICE
HillTop News service

One out of every four inmates in Chicago may be able to serve shorter sentences if the recent reduction of mandatory minimum sentences for dealing crack cocaine is applied to them.

The United States Sentencing Commission, a government group responsible for establishing federal prison guidelines, said the new guidelines lowered the average sentencing for a convicted crack cocaine dealer by 15 months, from 10 years and one month to eight years and 10 months.

While this change is welcomed by those looking to close the gap between crack cocaine and powder cocaine, the sentencing is still not equal.

A sentencing guideline the Commission released states that, under federal law, powder cocaine offenders who possess 500 grams of powder receive the same five-year mandatory minimum sentence as crack cocaine offenders who are found with only 5 grams of crack.

Blacks are more likely to be crack cocaine offenders, while white are more likely to be powder cocaine offenders.

According to Judge Arthur L. Burnett, Sr., a professor at the Howard University School of Law, women are more likely to receive harsh sentences, especially if children are involved. Joshua Senavoe, president of the Student Bar Association at the Howard University School of Law, said he supports the American Bar Association (ABA) and

TYPE OF DRUG	5-YEAR SENTENCE	10-YEAR SENTENCE
Marijuana	100 plants	1,000 plants
Powder Cocaine	500 grams	5,000 grams
Heroin	100 grams	1,000 grams
PCP	10 grams	100 grams
Crack Cocaine	5 grams	50 grams
Methamphetamine	5 grams	50 grams
LSD	1 gram	10 grams

Courtesy of Families Against Mandatory Minimums, Facts Sheet, 2009

believes the action for retroactivity is right.

"I am not surprised at all, but still disappointed, that the Justice Department, President Bush and people like Gretchen Shappert [U.S. attorney for the Western District of North Carolina] argued against the action, because they claim this will cause an

influx of the very people who are most likely to re-offend and most likely to upset fragile neighborhoods," Senavoe said. "That's ridiculous."

Burnett said all Americans will be affected by the new amendment.

"Any person that committed a federal crime is also affected," Bur-

nett said. He also said it is the job of the Commission is to recommend criminal law and sentencing procedures to Congress.

Burnett is the executive director for the National African-American Drug Policy Coalition, a group of more than 4,000 professionals working toward the impact of drug poli-

cies and laws on the African-American community. Burnett said the 15-month difference in the sentence reduction will make an impact.

"We imprison more people in the U.S. compared to any other nation in the world," Burnett said. "Any day longer a person has to sit around in jail is a difference."

Organizations, including the Sentencing Project and Families Against Mandatory Minimums, have been working toward an effective criminal justice system, along with alternatives to incarceration.

In a letter to the Sentencing Commission, Sentencing Project Executive Director Marc Mauer wrote in support of the new law, saying that crack cocaine sentences have had a great impact on "first-time and low-level offenders, particularly African Americans." Mauer continued by saying that those affected the most include poor urban communities. Senavoe agreed with Mauer and said whether it's crack or powder, the drug cocaine is still the same. "Was [it] okay to have given much tougher federal sentences for crack-cocaine offenders, who are typically poor and/or African American, and lower penalties for powder cocaine users, who are usually white?" he asked. "That type of thinking, that support for obvious injustice for any reason, is mind-numbing." The U.S. Senate has presented three bills since May that support the reduction of the sentencing for crack cocaine. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., endorsed his legislation, "Drug Sentencing Re-

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Xpressions of You is a time for young lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, and allies/supporters of these women of African descent to enjoy a safe space and address issues they



may be facing at school, at home, in church, and in the community. Age: 18+, Every 1st Friday - Drop-in, 6-9pm @ Affinity 5650 S. Woodlawn, Garden Level. Affinity provides a safe space for game night, movie night, networking and community involvement. Food provided.

Every 3rd Friday - Doors open @ 7. Showtime 8-10pm @ Affinity, 5650 S. Woodlawn, Garden Level. Music-n- Discussion, Art-n-Discussion, Words-n-Discussion. Performances and post discussion.

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Basketball camps at Morgan Park Methodist Church and Community Church. These camps continue until December 1st. The times will be from 10am to 12pm each Saturday. The camp is for boys/girls ages 8 to 13 years. The camps will be held at the following locations. The cost is \$249.00 for the entire 12 weeks. The cost includes basketball fundamentals, mentoring session and a t-shirt.

Wed. Nov. 28

Disability Rights Consortium will take place on from 9:30-11:00 at Equip for Equality, 20 North Michigan, Suite 300. The focus of the meeting will be Self-Advocacy Resources for people with disabilities. Last month's meeting focused on self-advocacy resources in general, and this month's meeting will focus on self-advocacy resources related to disability. If not already provided, attendees are asked to bring a list of their organization's self-advocacy resources that are available to people with disabilities. Following this meeting, a cdrom with all the self-advocacy materials that have been identified will be compiled and distributed. Questions about the meeting should contact Barry Taylor at barryt@equipforequality.org.

December 1 - 24,



"New Impressions" Exhibit Opening Reception Saturday, 6 PM - 9 PM, Neleh Galleries 3219 S. Calumet Avenue, 312-225-5692, Innocence 36"x48" Acrylic on Canvas By LaShun Beal

Sat Dec. 1

"World AIDS DAY 2007 Brunch" 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at 1140 N. Lamon Avenue, Key-note Speaker: Dr. William Johnson, President Luck Care Center & Special guest panelists to discuss and answer questions regarding HIV/AIDS from the perspective of prevention, treatment and personal experience. Co-sponsored by: Illinois Department of Public Health Center for Minority Health, For more information contact: Linda Clarke (773) 261-5890

Black on Black Love's My Sister's Keeper program - 12th Annual Graduation, Luncheon & Fashion Show at the Double Tree Hotel, 5000 W. 127th St. in Alsip, Illinois. The event includes a silent auction at 11:30 and a luncheon at 12:30. It is followed by a tribute to four advocates who have worked tirelessly to promote the agency's mission. This year's Event Chairperson is Dr. Grace Dawson a Black on Black Love Board Member. The theme, which reflects the sophistication of the event, is *Elegance, Giltz & Glamour.*

20th Ward Alderman Willie Cochran is hosting foreclosure fair from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church located at 6105 S. Michigan Avenue. Presenters include Neighborhood Housing Services, Community Investment Corporation, Cook County Assessors Office, Marquette Bank and Shore Bank.

The Broadcast Ministers' Alliance of Chicago (BMAC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will host daylong HIV awareness activities in commemoration of World AIDS Day on . To be held at the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition headquarters, 930 E. 50th Street. In addition to workshops and special activities sponsored by Governor Rod Blagojevich's BASUAH (Brothers and Sisters United Against HIV) program, featured activities include the nationally televised Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Saturday Morning Forum featuring the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., and special guest Debra Frazier-

Howe, president of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS.

Monday, Dec. 3

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Thurs. Dec. 6th

Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force, announce the 2007 Awards Ceremony: The 3rd Annual "You Too Can Be Great" will be held: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Park National Bank - 815 West 63rd St. It will honor achievement and annually conduct their own Nobel Prize ceremony. This year, Jennifer Hudson (local resident and 2007 Oscar Award winner, starring in "Dream Girls") the Patricia Harris "Ambassador" award for her many 2007 accomplishments. For info call John Paul Jones (312) 857-2757 ext. 15



Friday, Dec 7 -

Angela Davis at the 21st Annual Women's Staff Holiday Luncheon, The Women's Center, 11 am - 2 pm, Staff from the Women's Center and the Association of Northwestern University Women (ANUW) cordially invite all women staff to this festive event to honor your contributions to NU.

Sun. Dec. 9,

Sing Hallelujah - A Holiday Gospel Celebration !! a fund-



raiser "Sing Hallelujah - A Holiday Gospel Celebration" at the Premier Entertainment Center, (formerly Jo River Center) 300 West Sibley Blvd. in Dolton, Illinois. The Friends of Dorothy Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Wed. Dec. 12,

Akarama Foundation Dedication of its new \$2 million Community Service Center in Woodlawn. Invited Guest Speakers Gov. Rod Blagojevich Illinois Senate President Emil Jones, Jr., Mayor Richard M. Daley, Alderman Willie Cochran, 20th Ward. A dedication ceremony for a 9,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, Community Service Center in Woodlawn, a dynamic redevelopment area in Chicago, 11:00 AM. 6220 S. Ingleside Ave. Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, will dedicate a \$2 million, 9,000 square foot, state-of-the-art Community Service Center at 6220 S. Ingleside Ave.

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World AIDS Day Observance targets HIV Rise among Blacks

On-Site Rapid Testing, AIDS education at Rainbow/PUSH

The Broadcast Ministers' Alliance of Chicago (BMAC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will host daylong HIV awareness activities in commemoration of World AIDS Day on December 1. The programs will be held at the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition headquarters, 930 E. 50th Street. In addition to workshops and special activities sponsored by Governor Rod Blagojevich's BASUAH (Brothers and Sisters United Against HIV) program, the groups will also offer on-site, rapid testing for HIV infection. All programs are free and open to the general public.

Featured activities include the nationally televised Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Saturday Morning Forum featuring the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., and special guest Debra Frazier-Howe, president of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS. Following the broadcast a panel of health experts will team with members of the religious community for a panel entitled, "HIV & The Faith Response." Youth and young adults will be targeted with a special afternoon forum featuring an interactive spoken word performance and a discussion about HIV prevention led by BASUAH youth ambassadors.

AIDS is the leading cause of death for black women ages 25 and 34, and the third leading cause of death of black Americans between 25 and 34. Illinois has the seventh highest number of AIDS cases in the nation, with 30,000 reported cases of AIDS since 1981. Of those diagnosed with the disease, about 16,500 have died.

"HIV infection remains one of the greatest threats to the African American community," said Dr. Claudia Johnson, BMAC medical director. "If we are to reverse this trend in Illinois we must continue the movement to invest in effective treatment and prevention programs."

The World Health Organization established World AIDS Day in 1988. World AIDS Day provides governments, national AIDS programs, faith organizations, community organizations, and individuals with an opportunity to raise awareness and focus attention on the global AIDS epidemic. An estimated 38.6 million people worldwide are living with HIV and more than 25 million people having died of AIDS since 1981.

Fact & Commentary

Round Up of Mark Allen

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Director Lance Gough that it would be an easy task to stimulate more participation in early voting, but this is hard work. 20 years ago, I was criss crossing this city, talking to group after group, and then giving updates on WVON trying to organize people to turnout on election day.

I'm just one man who thought that Black political scientists, analysts, writers, columnists, talk show hosts, and all would all actively and systematically look for ways to help educate a new generation of constituencies, like a young student who first responded, "Harold Who?" to my initial communication with them on this subject.

Who was Harold Washington? Was he Chicago's 1st Black Mayor? Was he the one that no matter where you would be in the world people would ask, "How's Harold?" Was this the man who was the lightning rod for Black and Progressive political empowerment? Was this the man who at his funeral we said that we would not let him down in terms on sustaining the political agenda that he championed?

The significance during this Black History in November: Harold Washington, 20 years later. Who cares?



Police Torture coalition (BPAPT) hosted the "Legislators Making A Difference"



On Saturday afternoon, November 17 2007, the organization Black People Against Police Torture (BPAPT) hosted the "Legislators Making A Difference" awards reception in Ida Noyes Hall at the University of Chicago. Six honorees were presented with awards for their legislative efforts to eliminate police torture.

The Honorees included Congressman Danny K. Davis, Illinois State Representative Arthur L. Turner, Illinois State Representative Constance A. Howard, Illinois State Representative Kenneth Dunkin (not pictured), Cook County Commissioner Earlean Collins (accepted by her assistant, Africa), and 21st Ward Alderman Howard Brookins Jr. Alderman Brookins is presently a Candidate for the office of Cook County State's Attorney.

Black People Against Police Torture (BPAPT) is a coalition of individuals and groups who represent all aspects of Chicago's diverse community and a support group for lawyers seeking prosecution of former Chicago Police Commander Jon G. Burge. Everyone is invited to become a member. No dues are required and monetary donations are welcome. Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7 pm, at the Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies, 700 East Oakwood Blvd. Beverly Wilson Ellison Sr.

Designed Wreath to be displayed in SSJ Office



From left to right in photo, Floretta King, gift shop manager for the Bronzeville Visitor Information Center designed this beautiful Christmas wreath for Ron Carter that will be graciously hung for the holiday season in the offices of the South Street Journal. This is one design of an assortment of wreaths designed by Ms. King, that are currently on sale while they last at the BVIC, in A Holiday Season Weekend Bazaar featuring a Festival of Trees & Custom Designed Wreaths. Photo by Harold Lucas

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Presidential election an issue to low income people"

By Beauty Turner



Who's backing Barack or Hillary? Ms. Beauty Turner asks and reports that granulated, grayish dust continues to spill down the side of public housing, low-rise townhouses as well as six to nine stories of mid-rises in the IDA B Wells development complex. Many of those residential housing developments are having their date with a wrecking ball. Numerous aims of the wrecking ball are taking away big chunks of concrete and mortal where people lived and called home. Sites like this are taking place all over the windy city.

High-rises, mid-rises, and low-rises on the south side, north-west side as well as the west side of town, such as the Robert Taylor Homes, State Way Gardens, Rockwell Gardens, Henry Horner Homes, Cabrini Green Homes, Madden Park, Darrow Homes, as well as other public developments are experiencing this shift in housing displacement in Chicago. Even some Section 8 residential housing are being demolished. Homes such as Grove Park Apartments on 61st. Street and Cottage Grove have now failed three Housing and Urban Development Inspections.

Many of the residents who live

in the housing complex do not have jobs and have difficulty acquiring gainful employment. It is highly unlikely that United States Senators' Barack Hussein Obama and Hillary Clinton will be visiting the people who live in Grove Park.

Police shooting of civilians are rising like mercury in a thermostat as the autumn weather gets colder and thirty (30) police shootings with 17 fatalities have occurred since January 07 of this year. No presidential candidates have talked or spent any-time with the weeping mothers, who children have been the

victims of 29 shooting and the shooting of school age children by gangs.

The sad point is these shootings and violence are taking place in Chicago and not war-torn Iraq; and the violence has torn into our social fabric. My question to Barack and Hillary Clinton: Who's backing us? By the way you both need to hear the voice of the voiceless: get on the Famous Beauty's Ghetto Bus Tours and hear the voice of the voiceless! Call Ms. Beauty Turner at 1-773-297-5619 cell or e-mail me at Beauty-turner@gmail.com.



Lou Jones' Early polls points to Jackson for 26th District race

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A poll conducted September 21, 2007 by Lester & Associates, commissioned by Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., shows Phillip Jackson with a commanding lead in the race for State Representative in the 26th District of Illinois. The initial head-to-head running shows Phillip Jackson with a wide-margin lead at 26 percent of the vote compared to incumbent Elga Jefferies at 7 percent, followed by Kenny Johnson and Will Burns with six and two percent respectively.

Jackson, Jr., saw the column and sent over results from a benchmark poll. Nearly 400 voters were surveyed according to Jackson in its most recent poll with an error margin of less than 5 percentage points. Pollster Lester & Associates was accurately predictive of Chicago aldermanic races last spring.

The initial head-to-head numbers may seem a surprise at first, but they're not when you remember that another guy named "Phil Jackson" coached the Chicago Bulls. Rep.

Kenny Johnson who is backed by Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. said, "Base on the expect analysis of the numbers, here is the button line, I am in a stronger position at the start of the race and will move quickly up in



Phillip Jackson, Paul Chadha, and Kenny Johnson will be guest on the Cable TV show Trick City to air in late December, hosted by SSJ publisher, Ron Carter

up the polls while others will fade away and fall behind.

Jackson was the first to enter the race and reported he filed about twice the number of petition signatures, nearly 5,500, than any other candidate. He was the first candidate in the district to open a campaign office, hire a campaign manager, create a website and election literature, go door-to-door with campaign information, provide signs for windows that included his picture and first to saturate transportation hubs and major traffic areas. Jackson also has more than 450 volunteers and friends working in his campaign.

"This is not a campaign, it's a people's movement," Jackson says. "The people of the 26th district want change. The people in the state want change. And the people are using me to deliver this message to Springfield!" With the election 68 days

away, Jackson continues to put a massive amount of information in the district and to recruit friends and volunteers into the "Movement."

The highlight of the campaign so far is his polished and practical "District Guide" that rival candidates have imitated. His guide for constituents is a model that

promises to change election literature in future elections around the country. Jackson said, "This district guide was designed to tell our people who live in the district about their district, about the people who represent them, and about the ideas that can make our district a model for the entire nation." So far, apparently, the voters agree.

However, Rich Miller, of Capito FAX wrote that Will Burns should be considered the frontrunner in the primary race. Burns, a former top aide to Senate and supported by President Emil Jones,

Jefferies a first term representative was a staffer for the late Lou Jones and was appointed to the seat. She won her first election in 2006 is backed by House Speaker Michael Madigan.

The other candidate Paul Chadha has entered the race.

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Antonio Dickey and Marc PoKempner were there with Washington throughout 1982-87, Dickey as his campaign and personal photographer and PoKempner on assignment for the New York Times, People, and Time, capturing the force of his personality and the inspiration he brought to Chicago. Their photographs have become the definitive documentation of the Harold years and were featured in the Chicago Historical Society's 2003-2004 exhibit "Harold Washington: The Man and the Movement."

Thanks to their captured moments, a new generation can share what we saw, guided by the eloquently streetwise narration of another eyewitness, Salim Muwakkil. His perspective, like mine, has only been enriched by the hard-earned lessons of passing time.

Antonio Dickey, a former Chicago Daily Defender photographer, volunteered to serve as



the full-time campaign photographer when Harold Washington announced his mayoral candidacy in 1982. He stayed on as official photographer to Chicago mayors and currently works for Richard M. Daley. His work has been exhibited at the Chicago Historical Society, the Harold Washington Library, and other venues.

Independent photojournalist Marc PoKempner is known for his documentation of blues in Chicago, music and life in Cuba, and the work of community-minded corporations seeking to solve social problems. His work is in the permanent collection at the Art Institute of Chicago, where he has also had solo exhibitions. He covered Harold Washington nearly full time for the Chicago Reader and the Midwest bureaus of Time and People.

Salim Muwakkil is a senior editor of In These Times and an op-ed columnist for the Chicago Tribune. In the 1980s he wrote exclusively about Harold Washington and politics in Chicago.

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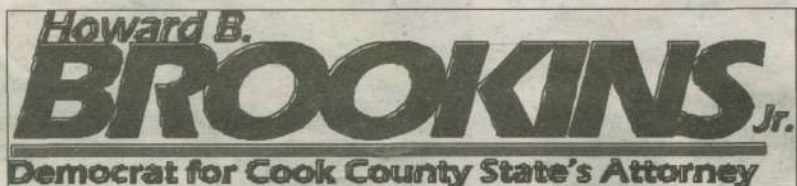
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Police on Watch

A report published next month in ColorLines magazine, co-written by the Chicago Reporter-found that of the 85 police-involved fatal shootings since 2000, nine officers had been sued for at least one other allegation of misconduct, and five for more than one. Family members of Aaron Harrison and Johnny Goodwin, who were shot by Chicago officers this year after police said the men aimed guns at the officers, said there should be more investigation into the shootings. An Office of Professional Standards investigation was initiated in both cases, but the results are not yet public. Ald. Ed Smith (28th) said he would ask Ald. Isaac Carothers (29th), chairman of the Police and Fire Committee, to hold a public hearing to discuss the police shootings. Carothers did not return a call for comment.

In the 1970s Chicago prosecutors were known to compete in a game called "niggers by the pound" to see who could convict the most black defendants. From the website of the University of Chicago's Police Torture Archive: Between the years of 1972 and 1991, approximately [192] African American Men and women were arrested and tortured at the hands of former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge and officers under his command at Area 2 police headquarters. Some of these victims were as young as thirteen years old. Various court cases have established that the methods of torture used in the interrogation of suspects included electric shock to the ears and genitalia, mock executions, suffocation, and burning. While Jon Burge was ultimately fired by the Chicago Police Department, not a single perpetrator of the tortures has ever been criminally prosecuted. Of those tortured were sent to death row.

The release of a whitewash report by Special Prosecutor Edward Egan, was the culmination of four years of investigation and \$7 million in taxpayer funds that according to a new standard news report, "clear proof that torture took place at Area Two on the city's south side," during the 70's and 80's.

Sentences for Crack

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form and Kingpin Trafficking Act of 2007," for equalizing the sentencing charges between crack and powder cocaine offenses. Jasmine Beard, a junior political science major, believes the sentencing reduction of crack cocaine offenders is justified. "I think that it's fair that they reduced the sentencing," Beard said. "Cocaine is still cocaine, whether it's powder or crack form." Beard, who plans to attend law school to become a public defender, said it is good for those imprisoned on drug charges to be released on a shorter sentence. "I don't think jails are reha-

bilitation centers," Beard said. "I think they can be used as punishment centers for criminals." Senavoe said that although the Howard University School of Law has not been directly involved in the ABA's work with this issue, several students and professors have expressed discontent over the injustice in sentencing African-American offenders to longer periods than white offenders for similar crimes. "While society should not tolerate aberrant behavior, our justice department needs to do more to treat everybody who comes into our courts equally," Senavoe said.

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Black Wall Street

A birds eye view of Tulsa in 1918

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Black Wall Street District
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By 1910, thanks to the forest of derricks which had risen up over the nearby oil fields, Tulsa had mushroomed into a raucous boomtown of more than 10,000. Astonishingly, its real growth was only beginning. As the word began to spread about Tulsa -- as a place where fortunes could be made, lives could be rebuilt, and a fresh start could be had -- people literally began to pour in from all over the country. Remarkably enough, by 1920, the population of greater Tulsa had skyrocketed to more than 100,000.

The city that these newcomers had built was, in many ways, equally remarkable. Anchored by the oil industry, and by its new role as the hub of the vast Mid-Continent Field, by 1921 Tulsa was home to not only the offices of more than four-hundred different oil and gas companies, but also to a score of oil field supply companies, tank manufacturers, pipe line companies, and refineries. While the city also enjoyed its role as a regional commercial center, serving nearby farms and ranches, for good reason it was already being referred to as the Oil Capital of the World.

Despite its youth, Tulsa also had acquired, by 1921, practically all of the trappings of older, more established American cities. Four different railroads -- the Frisco, the Santa Fe, the Katy, and the Midland Valley -- served the city, as did two separate inter-urban train lines. A new, all-purpose bridge spanned the Arkansas River near Eleventh Street, while street repair, owing to the ever-increasing numbers of automobiles, was practically constant. By 1919, Tulsa also could boast of having its own commercial airport.

A new city hall had been built in 1917, a new federal building in 1915, and a new county courthouse in 1912. New schools and parks also had been dedicated, and in 1914, the city erected a magnificent new auditorium, the 3,500 seat Convention Hall. Tulsa had grown so quickly, in fact, that even the old city cemetery had to be closed to new burials. In its place, the city had designated Oaklawn Cemetery, located at Eleventh Street and Peoria Avenue, as the new city cemetery.²

In 1921, Tulsa could lay claim to two daily newspapers the *Tulsa World*, a morning paper, and a newly renamed afternoon daily, the *Tulsa Tribune* plus a handful of weeklies. Radio had not arrived yet, but the city was connected to the larger world through four different telegraph companies. Telephone service also existed -- with some ten-thousand phones in use by 1918 -- although long-distance service was still in its infancy. While the city was linked both to nearby towns and to the state capital at Oklahoma City by a network of roads, rail travel was by far the fastest and most reliable mode of transportation in and out of town.

Seven different banks, some of which were capitalized at more than one-million dollars each, were located downtown, as were the offices of dozens of insurance agencies, investment advisers, accounting firms, stock and bond brokerages, real estate agencies, and loan companies. By 1921, more than two-hundred attorneys were practicing in Tulsa, as were more than one-hundred-fifty doctors and sixty dentists.

Frequently awash in money, the citizens of Tulsa had plenty of places to spend it from furniture stores, jewelry shops, and clothing stores to restaurants and cafes, motion



picture theaters, billiard halls, and speakeasies. Those who could afford it could find just about anything in Tulsa, from the latest in fashion to the most modern home appliances, including vacuum cleaners, electric washing machines and Victrolas. For those whose luck had run dry, the city had its share of pawnshops and second-hand stores.³

Many Tulsans were especially proud of the city's residential neighborhoods -- and with good reason. From the working-man's castles that offered electric lighting, indoor plumbing, and spacious front porches, to the real castles that were being built by the oil barons, the city could boast of block after block of handsome, modern homes. While Tulsa was by no means without its dreary rooming houses and poverty stricken side streets, brand new neighborhoods with names like Maple Ridge, Sunset Park, Glen Acres, College Addition, Gurley Hill, and Irving Heights were built year after year. Some of the new homes were so palatial that they were regularly featured on picture postcards, chamber of commerce pamphlets, and other publications extolling the virtues of life in Tulsa.⁴

So too, not surprisingly, was downtown. With its modern office buildings, its graceful stone churches, and its busy night life, it is easy to see why Tulsans -- particularly those who worked, played, or worshiped downtown -- were so proud of the city's ever-growing skyline. What the pamphlets and the picture postcards did not reveal was that, despite its impressive new architecture and its increasingly urbane affectations, Tulsa was a deeply troubled town. As 1920 turned into 1921, the city would soon face a crossroads that, in the end, would change it forever.

However, chamber of commerce pamphlets and the picture postcards did not reveal everything. Tulsa was, in some ways, not one city but two. Practically in the shadow of downtown, there sat a community that was no less remarkable than Tulsa itself. Some whites disparagingly referred to it as "Little Africa", or worse, but it has become known in later years simply as Greenwood.⁵ In the early months of 1921, it was the home of nearly ten-thousand African American men, women, and children.

Many had ties to the region that stretched back for generations. Some were the descendants of African American slaves, who had accompanied the Creeks, Cherokees, and Choctaws on the Trail of Tears. Others were the children and grandchildren of runaway slaves who had fled to the Indian nations in

Black Wall Street Tulsa - 1830 to 1921



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the years prior to and during the Civil War. A few elderly residents, some of whom were later interviewed by WPA workers during the 1930s, had been born into slavery.⁶

However, most of Tulsa's African American residents had come to Oklahoma, like their white neighbors, in the great boom years just before and after statehood. Some had come from Mississippi, some from Missouri, and others had journeyed all the way from Georgia. For many, Oklahoma represented not only a chance to escape the harsher racial realities of life in the former states of the Old South, but was literally a land of hope, a place worth sacrificing for, a place to start anew. And come they did, in wagons and on horseback, by train and on foot. While some of the new settlers came directly to Tulsa, many others had first lived in smaller communities -- many of which were all-black, or nearly so -- scattered throughout the state.

Black Wall Street Reflections of the 12th Anniversary Million Man March



Ron Carter, publisher and Editor, Mark Allen, Associate Editor

We come the Black Wall Street District of Oakland as a template of what the Black Wall Street of Chicago will follow.

During October 16, 1995 in Washington, D.C., there's one thing everyone agreed upon: the Million Man March, at the time focus of nationwide attention, regardless of whatever message people perceived from it, from the media to even the Almighty looking over it. Not really a march, but more of a movement for political, socio-economic, religious, cultural and mending differences among Black men in America. Convened by The Nation of Islam's leader Louis Farrakhan, who must be given full credit for the concept and be fully responsible for follow-up actions, as Rev. Al Sampson, of Fernwood United Methodist Church, standing among the one million plus declared: "I stand here today to ask your permission to make a motion. A motion that we accept Minister Louis Farrakhan as our leader all over the world for black men, for generations yet unborn; that he be our leader today, yesterday, and tomorrow." The crowd roared in a vote of yes. Minister Farrakhan spoke for nearly two and a half hours standing behind a shield of bulletproof glass. He explained "this is a very pregnant moment... many have tried to distance the beauty of this idea from the person through whom the idea and the call was made. Some have done it mistakenly, and others have done it in a maliciously in a vicious manner."

Years later other marches followed, not under Minister Farrakhan's ruling, and at times without his blessings. The Million

Youth March, in the spring of 2004, the Million Women march in Washington DC, and then the Million Family March organized by Farrakhan. Later the Millions More Movement (MMM) ask men, women, and children to participate in celebrating the Million Man March's 10th anniversary, it was open to people from all racial and ethnic backgrounds. A occasion that many did not attend, adding that the Million Man March business was not finished, and others would duvet the 10th anniversary. Many activities were inspired following the 1995 Million Man March; The National Association of Black Social Workers reported a flood of 13,000 applications to adopt Black children. The march included efforts to register African Americans to vote in US elections. According to voter registration statistics, one and a half million Black men registered to vote in the months following the March.

There was an increase in black involvement in volunteerism and community activism. During the same time the most notable act occurred in the US of A, the "Contract with America" was implemented, characterized as an attack on programs like welfare, Medicaid, housing programs (CHA began their demolition) and the falsehood of Chicago's \$100 million Empowerment Zone funds was use to displace the people it supposed to have empowered. Increase of Blacks

going to jail and for sure here in Chicago it was hard to see what benefits were gained. One internet blog question: *Why are we the only group on the face of the planet that finds it necessary to go to a park in the middle of the day to pledge allegiance to our families, hug, cry, eat bbq, and issue a press release to make sure that the whole world is privy to our transgressions? Feeling obligated to publicly testify that we are supportive of our families is ridiculous.*

Standing in front on October 16, 1995, as I looked over, I thought the same thing. However, it was a glorified day of unity. Webb Evans message is so clear, so bright, as he has been saying for over 42 years the only march now is the Million Dollar March. But the response has been so slow.

Now as South Street Journal is the convener of the Black Wall Street Economic Summit, And in spite of all, we responded to Webb Evans call, and on December 1, 2007, The second Black Wall Street Economic Summit will take place to sustain and increase Black Businesses in Chicago, through data, analysis and the compelling reports of development from those that are accountable.

Since Salem Baptist Church and the Chicago Urban Leagues' November 17th conference to sustain 400 black businesses, the Black Wall Street Summit was rescheduled. Business unity is a must in taking the next movement of the Million Dollar March. Arming communities with business growth, advocates to have Black owned products in K-marts, Wal-marts and Walgreens and other big box stores. And the block by block assessments to move the Million Dollar March as Webb Evans says. "another million goal is needed". Help us reach it.

Letters From the People

Be True to Self

Dear Editor
Whether it's a parent, spouse, significant other or even a stranger, as women, we strive to become the person others want us to be. In the back of our minds we listen to various judgments and as a result we fall victim to those judgments.

We find ourselves lost and in a state of confusion because we are working desperately to become who others want us to be. Though we may seem happy on the outside our spirits are dying from within. Behind closed doors we may find ourselves crying and virtually helpless because of this made-up individual. What we don't realize about ourselves is that we are unique individuals and the creator made us different because each of us is special in our own right.

Let's focus on staying true to ourselves, and while we're at it, let's tell those other folks that maybe if they weren't so worried about who we should be then maybe they could become who they truly are. Sisters be proud of who you are because as long as this world exist there will never be another "you".

To relieve the insanity I feel when the world stands on my shoulders I turn myself inside out to hide who I am truly destined to be and that is me. Different from everyone, stubborn 'bout most things, intelligent, strong, full of integrity., Loving from the depths of my soul, searching for a world to call my very own. Sometime hurting in my spirit from past to present but learning all the while that I must let go to take control so I can be me. And who is "me"?

Other than a complicated sometimes confused human-being. Equipped with overflowing emotions, made up of bones, flesh and blood limbs with pink lips, nose and eyes, eyes that disguise my true self on the inside. But, if you look deep enough you'll discover that I'm more than wide hips and thick thighs, more than a wife, more than a lover, more than a mother, sister or daughter. *more than you could ever dream 'cause I am all I need to be, I am ME.*

written by Soulr
(Dee Lee, CFP)

Harvard Financial Educators

Dear Editor
THEY ARE STILL OUR SLAVES. We can continue to reap profits from the Blacks without the effort of physical slavery. Look at the current methods of containment that they use on themselves: IGNORANCE, GREED, and SELFISHNESS.

Their IGNORANCE is the primary weapon of containment. A great man once said, "The best way to hide something from Black people is to put it in a book." We now live in the Information Age. They have gained the opportunity to read any book on any subject through the efforts of their fight for freedom, yet they refuse to read. There are numerous books readily available at Borders, Barnes & Noble, and Amazon.com, not to mention their own! Black Bookstores that provide solid blueprints to reach economic equality (which should have been their fight all along), but few read consistently, if at all.

GREED is another powerful weapon of containment. Blacks, since the abolition of slavery, have had large amounts of money at their disposal. Last year they spent 10 billion dollars during Christmas, out of their 450 billion dollars in total yearly income (2.22%).

Any of us can use them as our target market, for any business venture we care to dream up, no matter how outlandish, they will buy into it. Being primarily a consumer people, they function totally by greed. They continually want more, with little thought for saving or investing.

They would rather buy some new sneaker than invest in starting a business. Some even neglect their children to have the latest Tommy or FUBU. And they still think that having a Mercedes, and a big house gives them "Status" or that they have achieved their Dream.

They are fools! The vast majority of their people are still in poverty because their greed holds them back from collectively making better communities.

With the help of BET, and the rest of their black media that often broadcasts destructive images into their own homes, we will continue to see huge profits like those of Tommy and Nike. (Tommy Hilfiger has even jeered them, saying he doesn't want

their money, and look at how the fools spend more with him than ever before!). They'll continue to show off to each other while we build solid communities with the profits from our businesses that we market to them.

SELFISHNESS, ingrained in their minds through slavery, is one of the major ways we can continue to contain them. One of their own, Dubois said that there was an innate division in their culture. A "Talented Tenth" he called it. He was correct in his! deduct ion that there are segments of their culture that has achieved some "form" of success.

However, that segment missed the fullness of his work. They didn't read that the "Talented Tenth" was then responsible to aid The Non-Talented Ninety Percent in achieving a better life. Instead, that segment has created another class, a Buppie class that looks down on their people or aids them in a condescending manner.

They will never achieve what we have. Their selfishness does not allow them to be able to work together on any project or endeavor of substance. When they do get together, their selfishness lets their egos get in the way of their goal. Their so-called help organizations seem to only want to promote their name without making any real change in their community.

They are content to sit in conferences and conventions in our hotels, and talk about what they will do, while they award plaques to the best speakers, not to the best doers. Is there no end to their selfishness? They steadfastly refuse to see that TOGETHER EACH ACHIEVES MORE (TEAM).

They do not understand that they are no better than each other because of what they own, as a matter of fact, most of those Buppies are but one or two pay checks away from poverty. All of which is under the control of our pens in our offices and our rooms.

Yes, we will continue to contain them as long as they refuse to read, continue to buy anything they want, and keep thinking they are "helping" their communities by paying dues to organizations which do little other than hold lavish conventions in our hotels. By the way, don't worry about any of them reading this letter, remember, **THEY DON'T READ!!!!**

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The County Budget Race or Issue

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candidate for Cook County State's Attorney) and Forrest Claypool respond to the leadership of President Todd Stroger in the county's 2008 budget hearings.

Beavers, a tough politician behind Stroger's election to office, made accusations of racism in Peraica and Claypool opposing the budget.

"This is a remake of the Harold Washing-

ton days with the 29-21," Beavers said Tuesday. He was referring to the infamous era two decades ago when 29 aldermen blocked the efforts of Chicago's first black mayor.

Peraica has introduced a budget proposal that he reported would balance the budget, avoid any new tax increases and save the Cook County taxpayers more than \$125 million.

Stroger's office released the numbers for Cook County's proposed 2008 deficit, which is projected to be \$307 million.

"Between our structural deficit and additional financial obligations for FY 2008, it becomes clear that there is a dire need for new revenue to address our financial obligations," said Stroger.

"This budget deficit includes a \$157 million increase in expenditures and a \$150 million reduction in revenue," says Cook County Chief Financial Officer Donna Dunning and reported that "48% is generated by employee-related costs that have been approved by the County Board."

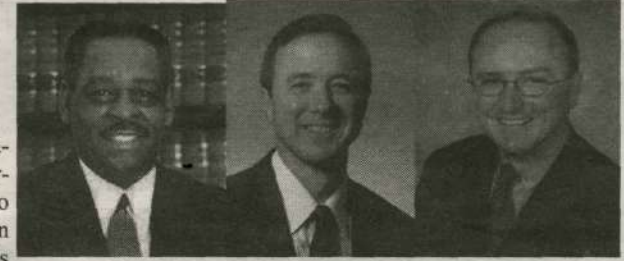
County officials assert that if it weren't for improvements in areas like the Bureau of Health Services' billing system and prescription drug co-pays, the deficit would have been larger.

Earlier this week, the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability released a report which estimated that Cook County's structural deficit for 2008 - not including COLA's and other contractual obligations - was expected to top \$288 million.

The County asked the CTBA to analyze the level of County expenses for core services compared to the level of revenue the County can collect to pay for those core services.

The report's principal finding is that the County's annual revenue growth falls far short of annual expenditure growth, taking into account only inflation and holding public services at 2007 levels into the future.

"We've worked very hard to ease the financial impact of a massive structural deficit - but without new revenue, we'll be forced to cut into core services, particularly further cuts of core services in health care and that



Cook County Commissioner Williams Beavers Forrest Claypool Tony Peraica

is simply not an option we want to consider," said President Stroger. "I have every hope and expectation that the County Board will identify new revenue to tackle this deficit."

Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, announced that she cancelled the Mass Protest that was planned for the Cook County Board of Commissioners meeting. The protest was cancelled because the proposed amendment to cut the Clerk's Office staff and budget will be withdrawn according to its sponsor, Commissioner Peter Silvestri.

An amendment to reduce the Clerk's Office by 101 staffed positions by cutting \$4 million from its 2008 budget was being sponsored by Commissioner Peter Silvestri. However, after speaking with Clerk Brown, the Commissioner decided to pull the amendment from consideration.

"I am encouraged to see that Commissioner Silvestri understands how crucial these positions are towards helping with the efficient operations of the Clerk's Office, and our ability to provide quality service to Cook County citizens," said Clerk Brown.

Addressing the budget issue, Mark Allen, SSJ Associate Editor, and community spokesman said, "Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley can face major issues of illegal contracts, police brutality, unfair minority contracting but has no problem getting a majority of votes to raise local taxes; but why not Stroger at the County level?"

"These are allegations and similarities that Commissioners Claypool and Peraica must be challenged to address, added Allen. He further reported that "Commissioners Claypool and Peraica will be publicly challenged to appear before a panel of The Black media."



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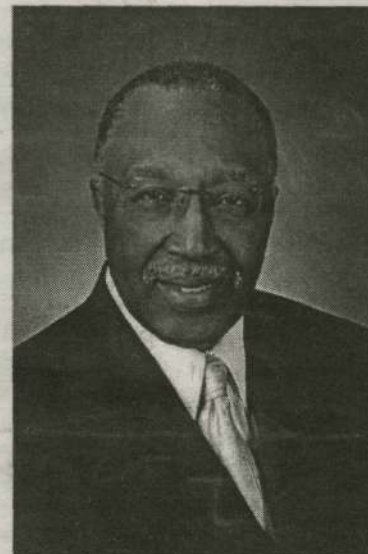
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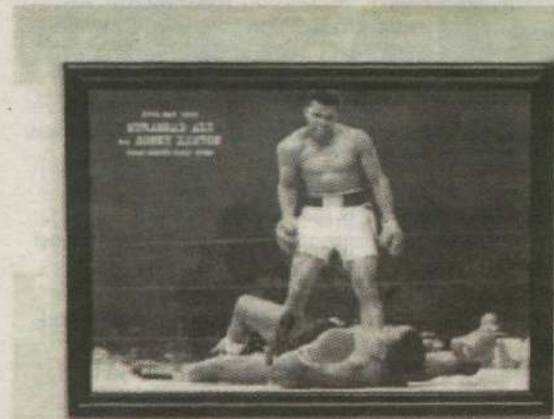
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Obama: The Next Harold?



With Muhammad Ali in the background over Obama, and Harold Washington both were eventually loved by whites as well. Obama gained love before principles

likely would not be mayor today. How convenient or politically expediency Obama can say he is following the trail of Washington.

However, for Washington his first was the Mayor of Chicago and Muhammad Ali was best known for maintaining his principles against all odds. **Muhammad Ali and his association with the Nation of Islam and Malcolm X, as in the case with Washington,** they both made white people respect them with their words and stances; and then later whites admire these two African American giants.

But the white racial animosity towards the black community shaped the politics of Chicago then and now. Two years ago, the Daley machine that seized power-- after the death of Harold Washington--would not give Barack Obama the time of day during his run for the Senate.

Obama, who has a lead on Clinton in Ohio, in another poll it suggest he would be a better candidate against the republican challenger.

In contrast to his campaign drive as Washington had with the Black voters, Debra Dickerson said that Obama's heritage is not African American. Born the child of a Kenyan and a white woman, he lacks the cultural legacy of a descendant of slaves. Moreover, she believes that because his upbringing was managed by white relatives that we have nothing in common. It is my contention that the sistah is mistaken. Barack Obama is an indentured servant to the Daley machine and a slave to his own ambition. In the new millennium, becoming a willing tool and psychological servant to a corrupt white power structure is very African American. For Obama, whites tend to like him

before they respected him-- not knowing for sure his principles, other than he is half white. In addition, Obama has not been known to address issues clearly on race.

But speaking at the Clarendon County Courthouse in Manning, SC, Obama delivered remarks commemorating the struggle of the civil rights foot soldiers and calling on African Americans and all Americans to write the next chapter in the civil rights movement.

While Washington had Bill Crosby and Muhammad Ali supporting his campaign, Obama has Oprah Winfrey. she will join Obama for a tour through three early voting states on December 8th and 9th. Winfrey and Obama will hold two events in Iowa, one in South Carolina, and one in New Hampshire. In Chicago there is a group of politically conscious, young professionals converge at the Victor Hotel in Chicago to show support for the Presidential candidate.

A representative reported: "We want to show that our generation, when effectively utilized, can be a viable force and a catalyst for change."

The efforts of Chicago's Young and Powerful was formed to bring together a group of young professionals that shared one common theme -- being great role models and community leaders. Members represent a myriad of backgrounds, such as political organizing, fundraising, lobbying, education, public policy, architecture, journalism, entertainment, advertising, marketing, and the for-profit and non-profit sectors.

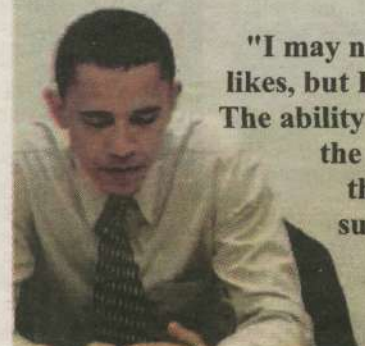
This networking social event is the second in a series of fundraisers organized to support the Obama for America campaign.

I expect better from a former community organizer, constitutional law professor, and civil rights attorney, the politics of expediency.

In a major policy address tomorrow in Bettendorf, IA, Barack Obama will announce his plan to change Washington and reclaim the American Dream for working families across the country.

In pulling the grassroots movement as Washington did, more than 60 grassroots activists from the Manchester area and around the state announced this week that they've joined Barack Obama's movement for change. The endorsements come as voters begin to focus in earnest on the kind of leadership that can bring about real change in Washington.

"Barack Obama recognizes that we need to change Washington in a fundamental way if we're going to make progress on pressing issues like health care and energy independence--and he's the only candidate in this race who can do it," Jack Resch said. "As he always says, we don't need a candidate who's good at playing the Washington game--we need a candidate who can put an end to the game-playing and focus on results."



"I may not have the experience Washington likes, but I have the experience America needs. The ability to bring people together, stand up to the special interests, and tell the truth to the American people on the major issues we face, from Iraq to Social Security,"

U.S Senator Baraka Obama in the early 1980's successfully led a voter registration drive that contributed to the victory of Harold Washington for the Mayor of Chicago. As a candidate for President of the United States, he would be another first.

At one point he was trailing U.S Senator Hilary Clinton; he is now ahead of her in the Ohio polls which indicated that he would do better for the Democrats in the November 2008 General Election.

Many contribute his gain in the manner of Washington, talking on tougher issues as the emissions standards in Detroit, going to the NASDAQ Stock Market in New York to chastise Wall Street executives over tax loopholes and telling Black men in South Carolina that they need to "stop acting like boys" and face up to parental responsibilities; and he addressed the Jena 6 concerns.

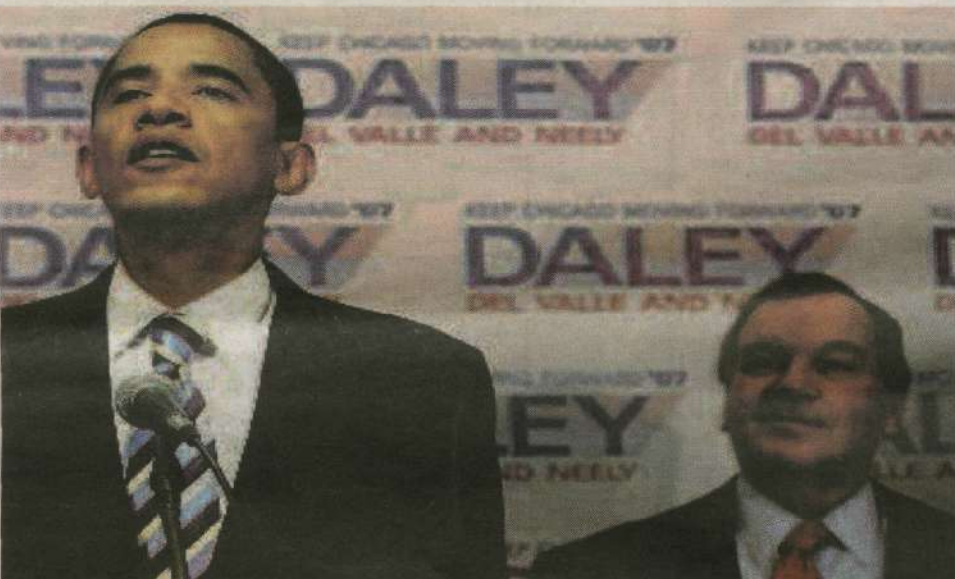
On the Senate floor, Obama opposed the Military Commissions Act because it gave a short shrift to the rights of foreign terror suspects. He said, "...the fundamental human rights of the accused should be bigger than politics. This is serious and this is somber..."

All points to an independent democrat that may offend some. But what will his first Black President title be known as?

When Obama could have made an independent move to put the lights out on Daley's re-

election as Mayor, the mayor turns around and endorsed Obama for President; and a week later, Obama endorsed the mayor.

But if it was not for Washington endorsing Daley for State Attorney in 1986, Daley most



U.S. Senator Barack Obama in his endorsement of Mayor Richard Daley in his reelection bid. Daley endorsed Obama a week earlier for president.

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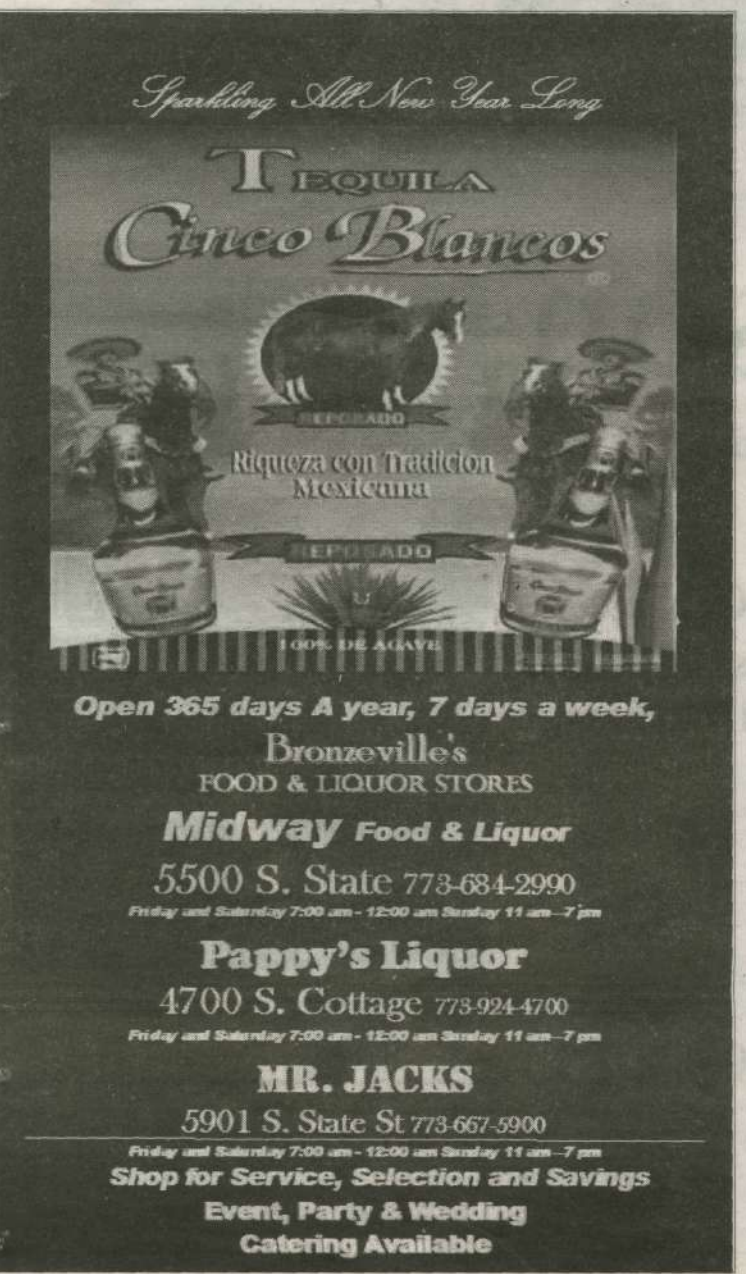
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run rampant but Regina and George Daniels refuse to comment. "The Internet is on fire with rumors surrounding R. Kelly and the daughter of Regina Daniels, the singer's longtime publicist who suddenly and mysteriously quit her post saying only that a line had been crossed."



CHEADLE, EJIOFOR EARN SPIRIT AWARD NOMS: Jolie and 'Mighty Heart' also recognized by annual indie affair. "Don Cheadle, Chewitel Ejiofor and Marcus Carl Franklin will compete for top honors at the Independent Spirit Awards, an annual ceremony honoring the best in independent film."

MIKE VICK EXPECTED TO FOOT \$900,000 DOG CARE BILL: Govt. wants QB to pay for costs of managing 54 pit bulls found on his property. "Michael Vick may have to come up with more than \$900,000 to pay for doggie day care if the government gets its way."

WHOOPI GOLDBERG'S RADIO SHOW CANCELLED: WKTU pulls the plug following months of low ratings. "It's a wrap for Whoopi Goldberg's syndicated radio show "Wake Up with Whoopi."

WILL SMITH HEADED FOR GRAUMAN'S CELEBRATION: Actor to be immortalized during hand and footprint ceremony next month. "It's Will Smith's turn to join the ranks of Hollywood legends Sidney Poitier, Eddie Murphy and others, whose hands and feet are immortalized in the pavement outside of world-famous Grauman's Chinese Theater on Hollywood Blvd."

O.J. ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL IN VEGAS: Ruling came down yesterday; court date set for April. "O.J. Simpson and two co-defendants were told Wednesday that they must stand trial in Las Vegas on charges stemming from the armed robbery of his own memorabilia from two collectors."



OPRAH ON HER OBAMA SACRIFICE: As black clergy in South Carolina want Hillary Clinton in the White House. "Oprah Winfrey says she decided to go public with her support of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama even after knowing it could possibly ruin her career."



WILLIE MACC'S EXTENDING HIS "15 MINUTES" OF REALITY TV FAME: Actor / Comedian trying to tackle Hollywood post "graduation" from BET's "College Hill Virgin Islands" by: ReShaun Wallace "While you rarely hear much from most reality TV stars once their show goes off the air, Willie Macc is trying to make sure that he is one of the few that successfully makes that transition to that of a reputable actor."

RICKY WILLIAMS' COMEBACK IS OVER: Injury sidelines returning Miami running back after only one game. "Blink and you may have missed Ricky Williams' return to the NFL. The Miami Dolphins running back will miss the rest of the season after suffering a torn chest muscle Monday night in a muddy loss to Pittsburgh."



50 CENT'S FARMINGTON HOME ON TONIGHT'S 'CRIBS': Former Mike Tyson pad is currently on the market. "50 Cent is giving fans one last look at his monstrous 19-bedroom house in Farmington, Conn. before he moves out."

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Kanye West tops list of Nominees for

THE 27TH ANNUAL CHICAGO MUSIC AWARDS



(l to r) Pilgrim Jubilee singer Clay Graham, Lifetime Achievement Honorees Mr. & Mrs. Gatling and Screaming Rachel Cain, Chicago Music Awards founder/producer Ephraim Martin, Attorney J.B. Ross, also a lifetime achievement honoree and Pilgrim jubilee singer Cleve Graham

West nominated in 5 of 42 categories Attorney J.B. Ross, The Steelers and LaDonna Tittle among honorees

Kanye West topped the list of nominees for the 2008 Chicago Music Awards, receiving nominations in five of 42 categories it was announced at a press conference for the 27th Chicago Music Awards. West was nominated for Best Hip Hop/Rap Entertainer, Best Hip Hop/Rap Album/CD, Record Producer of the Year, Songwriter of the Year and Pop Entertainer of the Year. The press conference was held at Exposure Tapas Restaurant, 1315 S. Wabash Avenue in the trendy South Loop. A number of the nominees were in attendance along with several special honorees.

Entertainment was provided by the 2007 Chi-Town Idol winner Falanna, 11-year old multi-instrumentalist and previous winner Jamiah "On Fire" Rogers (accompanied by his dad on guitar) and Rock entertainer Screaming Rachael.

The 2007 Recipients of Lifetime Achievement Awards and Special Awards of Honor were also announced. Receiving Lifetime Achievement Awards are jazz pianist Dave Green, attorney & booking agent J.B. Ross, radio disc jockey/TV host LaDonna Tittle, Gospel music impresarios Lafayette & Marguerite Gatling, radio & TV personality and host Richard Steele and Soul & R&B entertainers The Steelers. Award of Honor recipients are Fanny Brown, Screaming Rachael Cain and Willie Wilson. In addition, the Producer's Award of Excellence, will go to Phil Guy.

Frank Pellegrino of Kingston Mines, a popular North Side blues club, joined Ephraim Martin, founder & producer of the Chicago Music Awards, in making the an-



nouncements.

"This man is a one-man ambassador for Chicago musicians," said Pellegrino about Ephraim Martin. "He works tirelessly to give recognition and support to Chicago music and musicians because he loves both so much."

Music fans can now go on-line to www.chicagomusicawards.com and vote for their favorite entertainers in 42 categories. Voting can also be done via e-mail at chitownmusicbest@aol.com or by mail-in ballots. Ballots will be available in selected newspapers and magazines, at select sponsor locations, clubs, record stores, beauty salons and other locations throughout the Chicagoland area.

Two new radio categories were added to the Awards this year in response to requests from fans, media and others. The new categories are "Most Popular Music Radio" and "Most Popular College/Community Radio." Deadline for voting is January 10, 2008.

Winners will be announced amidst a star-studded gala showcase at the 27th Annual Chicago Music Awards Sunday, January 27, 2008. The VIP reception is at 6 pm followed by the Awards ceremony at 7 pm. For more information call 312/427-0266. Confirmed Awards presenters include The Hon. Shelvin L.M. Hall, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court and the Hon. Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court. Other celebrities and presenters will be announced later.

Advance tickets to the 27th Chicago Music Awards are \$35 general admission and \$55 VIP tickets. For tickets visit Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com or call 312/559-1212, Martin's International Culture at 312/427-0266 or e-mail chitownmusicbest@aol.com.

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Historian and Author Sultan Latif Completes Last Film Before Passing Away

March 1, 1940 - October 21, 2007

Sultan Abdul Latif, co-author of the highly acclaimed book *Slavery: The African American Psychic Trauma* waged a valiant fight with liver cancer in an effort to complete his last project - a musical documentary based on his two books *Slavery: The African American Psychic Trauma* and *When Nations Gather*.

Mr. Latif passed away on Sunday, October 21, 2007. Services were held on Saturday, October 27, 2007, at the Calahan Funeral Home, 7030 S. Halsted, Chicago, Illinois. The Wake will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and the Memorial Service will be from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Seating is limited, so please be patient and considerate in allowing everyone to come in and pay their respects.

The burial, which included the traditional Muslim Funeral Prayer, was held at the Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery at 17 W. Roosevelt Road, (Highway 38), Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The repast, a cultural celebration of the life and works of Sultan Latif, was held at the Betty Shabazz International Charter School, at 7823 S. Ellis, Chicago, Illinois, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. All are invited to attend and offer tributes to Mr. Latif. Please keep remarks to two minutes.

Sultan Latif served as an Educational Consultant for the Chicago Board of Education, speaking to elementary, high school and college

students on various topics addressed in his books, including history, politics, religion, family relations, economics, and criminal justice. He conducted workshops on building self-esteem for inmates at Cook County Jail.

Since 2001 he acted as co-host for *The Media Connection*, a weekly television talk show he produced with his wife Naimah. In 2002 he was presented the *Sojourner Truth Literary Award* by the International Society of Sons & Daughters of Slave Ancestry for his contributions in the field of African American historical research and writing.

He is a member of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, an international Muslim missionary organization.

His upcoming film is entitled *A Hip Hop Journey With The Ancestors*. Written and produced by Sultan Latif and his wife Naimah Latif, the film is scheduled for a special premier screening on Saturday, November 17, 2007, at the Murphy Hill Gallery on the third floor of the Historic Sears and Roebuck Building, 3333 West Arthington Street, Chicago, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The film will later be available for screening as a fundraiser for schools, churches and organizations. It represents the lifetime legacy of its Executive Producer, Sultan Abdul Latif.

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Left - Right: John Davis, Retired Network Anchor salutes Parker House Sausage Executive Belinda McFolling celebrating 88yrs yrs of Business and Marmon Grand Owner, Janet Conner celebrating their 1st yr. Bronzeville Chamber President Johnnie Blair, who extended the honor at their 1st Saturday, Good Morning Bronzeville Breakfast Meeting made the awards.

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True Star Magazine's event planning team has planned and executed its first youth financial literacy symposium. This team of 25 teenagers from Harlan Community Academy have planned and executed this event from beginning to end as part True Star's after school programs. True Star is a partner with leading Chicago non-profit After School Matters. True Star Magazine will hold its first youth financial literacy symposium. In this seminar True Star will address how to avoid financial pitfalls that are deliberately introduced to young people during early adulthood, before they receive any training in the proper handling of funds. The goal of this event is to give urban youth the money management skills they need to become responsible consumers.

Saturday, December 1, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Gary Comer Youth Center, 7200 South Ingleside.
As a youth operated publishing company, True Star educates and trains minority high schools students in the fields of writing, editing, designing, marketing, advertisement sales, and event planning. Through True Star and the True Star Foundation, Chicagoland teens can safely take part in activities that build positive relationships, skills that translate to the workplace, and provide exposure to career and educational opportunities.
The financial literacy gap among white youth versus black youth continues to widen. Studies show young African-Americans place more emphasis on spending than on saving. Fewer African-American students than white students report learning money management from their parents and a higher proportion report receiving a regular (no chores required) allowance from their parents.
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Black Riverboat Casino ownership



Mark Allen, Associate Editor of SSJ, commenting on the issue of Black ownership versus Minority ownership as Ron Jenkins, Staff Writer and Account Executive of SSJ, listen intensively to the meeting of Black Business men and women discuss the need for Riverboat/Casino ownership versus vendorship.

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need to go in with some type of unity and a position."

Hermene Hartman, Publisher of N'Digo Newsmagazine and one of the leading speaker's and voices put the ownership question in context when she said, "we do need ownership and we don't have to talk about why we need ownership." She went on to state that the State of Illinois does only 1% business with Black Enterprise and emphasized the point that "we elected the Governor."

Hartman further pointed out that "in Cook County and in the City of Chicago, Black Enterprise does 1% and 8-9 % business respectively with these governmental corporations According to Hartman, "we need a new Action Plan. The State needs to raise taxes to take care of C.T.A. and take care of our children. They are not going to do it."

"You can see what the county has done and about to do; see what the city is doing. We need some more money in our government to support our living. The gaming is a way to do it."

"...We need ownership. The State, the County and the City can not bring new industry to the new world and not have us at the table. This is a matter of ownership versus vendorship. We have seen what they have done with vendorship: it is ignored, overlooked and waivers are given. They start talking about the laws, and they tell you we got the laws. What happen to the

enforcement of them? What happen to the waivers that you give out? We need not go through that routine again. If we get ownership, we are at the table and we make decisions."

In further addressing the issue of ownership, Hartman stated that "we need a position in not one, not in two. If they have four, we need a position in four boats. We earned it through tax dollars and our politicians. And we intend to support our politicians who are advocating that position."

Huggins, summarized some of the reasons for the meeting in this way: "Looks like next week this gaming bill is going to get passed. We have to compete with these larger firms who have generational wealth."

We have to change that. As minorities we must make sure our legislators understand that. We have only one shot at it. We need this Riverboat legislation to include us in an ownership position and not in a vendorship position. This will be the most important legislation bill that came out since the 1990's.

"...The Riverboat Legislation gives us the opportunity to become rich. I do not know anybody that got involved in Riverboat that's gone out of business. With generational wealth, our perspective communities will become wealthy. I need for us to collectively come together. We have the opportunity to be involved in three (3) boats and whoever qualifies to be involved we should be support-

At the end of the discussion, questions were asked and addressed and comments were stated. One comment appeared to be significant in defining minority and black as descriptors of person's in terms of Riverboat Casino ownership and sit asides as well as the relationship between other minority groups

According to Mark Allen, Associate Editor at SSJ, and speaking as an advocate, he stated that listening to WVON with Senator Ricky Hendon as the quest speaker: "Part of the question that Senator Hendon raised and I think it is important in terms of the coalition building: when you are trying to get at the Black answer and you raise the Black question, you get the minority answer. In a lot of these instances, these people reach minority set asides goals do not have any Black person's in it. So, at what point are we going to have true understanding of what the numbers really are?"

"...Because I am for the coalition but I called the Hispanic Leadership Conference and ain't a Black agenda on it. And if we have a Black agenda, we got the Latino part in it. And what Ricky Hendon laid out on WVON, the Republicans have voted for Black ownership with no problem but it seems to be a handful of Black Legislators who did not carry it in the House."

"...So I want to make sure that we are clear so that we are going to lean as one voice in a short period of time that we are singing the same song in the same way so that we do not get caught up in the mix. Definitely when we raise the question for when the Black agenda was raised, Arabs, Asians and everybody get something out the pie, and we come back again being the driving force behind it but on the ass-end of it."

However, to put a clear perspective on the issue of Black ownership in the gaming business and the benefit to the Black Community, State Representative Marlo Colvin, Chair of The Illinois House Black Caucus, was interviewed by South Street Journal's Mark Alien; and according to Alien, State Representative Colvin stated the following:

"We're not stopping Blacks from progressing on proposed new Riverboats. Black people will get their fair share if we fight collectively and not through individual efforts. This is a 25 Billion Dollar funding package, and we need to see the whole picture; and we need to ensure that the process is open enough so that not a handful of already wealthy Blacks to make some money but that additional opportunities for new Black people to benefit."

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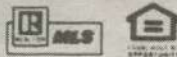


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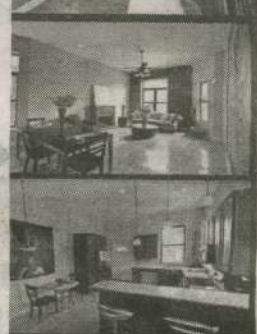
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