The Race towards November 7

Polls shows Governor Rod Blagojevich and Judy Barr Topinka in a dead heat

A new poll release by the Copley News Service (Press Journal Star, State Journal Register in Springfield) shows the race for Governor is a dead heat. "The campaign for Illinois governor is a horse race after all," a new Copley News Service poll shows.

The poll given Gov. Rod Blagojevich only a 44 percent to 40 percent lead over his Republican opponent, state Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka. Margin-O снов Polling & Research conducted the poll of 425 likely voters.

Blagojevich
By Okema J. McLord

He wants a better quality of life for all, not just the wealthy," Rod Blagojevich spoke at Faith Love Church in Hazel Crest, IL. While out campaigning and rallyng citizens to vote, the Governor stated, "Politics can't do this on their own. The public has to..."

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Stroger banking on the base of his votes

Topinka

GOP nominee for Governor Judy Baar Topinka continues to gain momentum in the race for Governor, with the last three independent polls - the latest polls taken - showing Rod Blagojevich's lead vanishing and Judy Baar...

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Coalition oppose HB 4050:
Rally the State to Rescind Racial Zip Code Redlining Policy

Coalition members will deliver thousands of petitions to the Governor, Majority Leader Emil Jones and House Leader Michael Madigan, demanding amendments to HB 4050 be the "High Priority" at the November 14th Veto Session.

The Coalition to Recess House Bill 4050 held a rally on Wednesday, October 25th was recorded as the biggest public issue session in years. Over 2,500 people (last issue of SSJ reported 1,500) were present at the AFC World Center on West 79th Street and Ashland to sign petitions against the bill and to receive updates on current housing policies.

A resolution calling for an immediate city council hearing on HB 4050 and its negative impacts was introduced to the City Council, on November 17th at 9:00 a.m. during its meeting by Alderman Shirley Coleman (16) and co-sponsored by Alderman Howard Brookins (21).

"We urge the public to join us as we rally and testify before the city council at 9:00 a.m. during its official budget hearing," states Julie Santos, immigration leader with the Coalition to Recessed.

"We thank the City Council for responding to the public demand for state accountability regarding this redlining policy known as HB 4050," states John Paul Jones, Chair with the Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force and the Coalition to Recess HB 4050. "More importantly, I'm excited about the breadthness of this coalition to rescind this house bill and the coming together of homeowners and young professionals across the City. Believe me; this coalition is determined to bring a whole new perspective and voice to economic policy-making in Illinois. This group is not "light weight"; we have energy, lots of energy. The bill sponsored by House Speaker Madigan is designed to..."

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News Briefs

U.S. Indicts Marco Morales, Silver Shovel Fugitive

A former Chicago contractor who became a fugitive after he was sentenced in 1997 to nearly five years in prison for his role in the Operation Silver Shovel investigation of public corruption in Chicago was indicted for allegedly selling approximately a kilogram of cocaine. The defendant, Marco Morales, who is believed to be living in Mexico, was charged in a superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

 Morales, 61, was the first person charged in the Silver Shovel investigation, which became public in 1996 and revolved around bribes paid by an undercover cooperating defendant, John Christopher, to local government politicians (which many black elected officials were jailed).

In 1997, Morales pled guilty and agreed to cooperate with the Government in its investigation of local political corruption, but he became a fugitive when he failed to report to the Bureau of Prisons to serve a 59-month sentence for mail fraud and bribery. (United States v. Morales, 95 CR 742 N.D. Ill.)

Morales was arrested as a fugitive in 2004 by Mexican authorities at the request of the United States, but efforts to extradite him to Chicago were unsuccessful. The Government intends to ask Mexican authorities to extradite him to face today's cocaine distribution charge.

PACE and CTA

Budget hearings:

Public transit agencies are moving toward their final budget agreements for FY 2007. PACE and CTA are both reporting budget deficits and are threatening lay-offs and fare hikes. In 2005 the CTA was authorized by State legislators and its own board to handover they paratransit services to PACE was budgeted at $56 million in 2005, the 2006 budget is reflecting a need to increase fares paratransit users. This was anticipated, however transit advocates was pushing for PACE to alter its labor agreements to free up additional revenue, that effort as transit union and private contractor wrestled with workers rights. If PACE budget is approved, paratransit services will

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UnZip

Word is Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. is not receiving any significant new ideas on his listening tours through Chicago. Uptight, key policy and activist leaders are not attending, only social service guys and gals. Watch for a special Black and Latino Summit to be held this winter.

"Could any thing come good from that place?" will watch the political debate begin when the Chicago Defender newspaper launches its new "Black Economic Development Fund" this winter. Already, the Chicago Urban League and the powerful Dorothy Tillman are not agreeing where the project should be housed. Either way it goes, watch for the real thinking on the "Fund" to come from the impoverished Englewood districts. Arne Duncan, Hal Raskin, Otis Monroe, Leon Jackson and John Paul Jones are "Ready Ready." Watch for added pressure to be placed on Mayor Daley associated with the B urge Case. The public remembers the initial apology the Mayor made in the 2006 following the release of the B urge Case logo.

H Ridgegroundbreaking event to take place on Friday on the Westside, when ex-offender organizers will agreements to build new homes in the 20th Ward. Congratulations go to Melvin Bailey and the Male Empowerment Project.

Word is Mayoral Candidate Dorothy Brown was running men head at a community event held recently. Men should know by now that Dorothy is single, beautiful and yes professional. Those Church of God In Christ Men best step in now.

Watch for the CTA and Regional Public Transit office toS again challenge State Legislatures with Threats to lates to the law during the November Veto Session. Now that there is going to be a shut down of the Dan Ryan freeway for a while can someone give a count of the African Americans that have worked on the project? project before the Governor get elected.

Oh Eddie Read has said he is getting ready to move out and on with the La Palmer organization, the Black Independent Political Organization.

And word is Roland Martin is a cowboy in a gutter town. Watch for Alderman Lutesha Thomas of the 17th Ward to advocate strongly to replace Alderman William Beavers 13th Ward as the new Chairman of the City's Budget and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. Word is Alderman Car-rie Austin of the 14th Ward and the original Black's for Daley may put up a fight over the position. Where's Wil- son Front when you need him, Carrie? Now that Terry Peterson stepped down as head of CHA to do some campaigning. However, Ald. Thomas is going to have another fight, she must have received word that DeAndre "Blax Ice" Hanshaw is the next getting petitions to run as alderman of the ward and this time he has a Union behind him. Peterson has some work on his hands.
The Race for County President

Stroger should be held to the same standard

Tony Perea Cook County Commissioner and what he calls himself a reform candidate for Cook County Board President profess, "Truth is truth."

What he was referring to is the way that jobs, contracts, and services are given out in Cook County, and the City of Chicago.

"Now I hold a Political Science degree from Boston University, a Law Degree from Loyola University, a Master's Degree in Education from Chicago State University, and I have been a card-carrying democrat for years."

"Now... I'm a Republican!" he would say, "As long as the candidate is weak-minded, the people, I will listen to what he has to say and try and support him in getting that message across."

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Red Line - Dan Ryan Rehabilitation

CTA is working to replace track, power-supply cables and up
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sumers will have more reliable service and modem station ameni-

ties.

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People

Tornado and Tony Scufield at Marshall H.S. Rally

Comedians and On-air Personalities Tornado from V-103 and Tony Scufield from WGCX headlined the first in a series of Stay in School Rallys, part of the Chicago Area Project (CAP)/Teen Enhancement Network School Revitalization Project (SRP), on October 20 at Marshall Metso High School, 3250 West Adams St.

CAP and the Teen Enhancement Project teamed up with the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) for this event designed to inspire young people to succeed in life by staying in school.

Tornado and Tony Scufield were joined by CPS Deputy Chief of Staff, CPS Gregory M. Minterfield, CPS Chief of High Schools John Pittman, and State Representative Annazette Collins (D-10).

Celebrity role model Tornado from V-103. Tornado states that he wants kids to know that the odds are 99 to one against them becoming a rapper or a ball player—and that even if they make it they still need a solid education behind them. He told Marshall students: "If you don’t have nothing to fall back on, you’re hurt. You have to know how to cross the T and dot the I—cross the wrong T and then I’ll own you. No matter what, you still got to know it. If you don’t know it, the world knows it and they’ll get you.”

"Statistics show that a higher percentage of kids showed up for the first day of school this year," says CAP Executive Director David E. Whitaker. "Now that we’ve got the young people back in school we must create positive activities that inspire them to stay there. The SRP stay-in-school activities are designed to help do that.”

Rep. Annazette Collins applauds SRP’s stay in school activities, especially since they feature strong African American male role models. "We’re always grateful for Chicago Area Project and Teen Enhancement who are taking the time to go one of our schools in order to help our kids stay motivated," she states.

SRP activities are designed to show youth that the community recognizes, values and appreciates them. "Kids seem to feel they don’t count and translate that into ‘it doesn’t matter,’” says Whitaker. "Research from Search Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for example, indicates that only 37% of youth in grades six through 12 believe they live in a caring neighborhood and only 29% believe that they have a caring school climate. For more information, contact Mary Montgomery at 312-623-2091, Ray Gregory at 708-431-2356, or CAP Presidential Executive Director Howard Lathan at (312) 663-3574, ext. 205.

Former heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick was found dead October 28 in a church courtyard Saturday in Kingston, Jamaica, with chops wounds to his head in a suspected homicide.

Berbick, who was believed to be 52 and was beset by legal problems after his retirement from the ring, lost his heavyweight title to Mike Tyson. He briefly held the WBC heavyweight title in 1986, before losing it to Mike Tyson. He is also noted for being the last man to fight Muhammad Ali, winning their 10-round contest in Nassau, Bahamas on December 11, 1981 by unanimous decision.

Berbick’s body was discovered about 6:30 a.m. in his hometown parish of Portland, located in St. Elizabeth Parish, northeast of Kingston.

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Conversations with William Jefferson Clinton

Writing is Word Press and The Open Book Program presents former Clinton dia- rist, Janis F. Kearney who pens a biography that is part historical narrative and part oral history about the south that shaped a man and a leader such as William Jefferson Clinton, and memories about the Men, from those who knew him.


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- Energy Work
- Zero Balancing
- Body Talk
- Reiki
- Other Services
- Acupuncture
- Chinese Herbal Medicine

Schedule of coming dates
November 2, 9, 16 — Everlasting Life Detoxification and Regeneration Program (meets each session at 6:30pm)
November 4 — Not Cooked Food Prep/Demo (2:00pm), November 11 — Forget Cooking Food Prep/Demo (2:00pm), November 18 — Holiday Favorites Food Prep/Demo (2:00pm)
November 23-26 — Center Closed

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Stroger: "Tony Peraica is a Con Artist, Plain And Simple."

never meant a word he’s said about
reform. To him, being President is
just another rung on the ladder, a
way to get ahead in government, a
way to create his own personal
feudum."

Planned Parenthood and Personal
PAC officials appeared outside the
old Cook County Hospital to en-
dorse Democrat Todd Stroger for
County Board President and discuss
the importance of women’s repro-
ductive rights in the race.

Terry Cosgrove, President and
CEO of Personal PAC, the state’s
largest pro-choice PAC and Tracy
Fischman, Vice President of Public
Policy at Planned Parenthood Chi-
cago, were on hand to show their
support for Stroger in his race
against County Commissioner Tony
Peraica, a far right-wing Republican
who opposes abortion rights.

Cosgrove spoke about the high
stakes in the County Board Presi-
dent’s race, contending a woman’s
right to choose her own health care
hangs in the balance. In 1980, an
anti-choice County Board President
unilaterally halted all abortion ser-
dvices in an executive order, leav-
ing poor and desperate women with
no choices at all. In 1992, Cook
County Board President Richard
Phelan, by executive order, restored
abortion services at Cook County
Hospital.

Stroger said he will bring his
Committee of women’s health to
Cook County govern-
ment. "This is not the
time to gamble with
women’s health and
women’s lives, all of
which now hang in a
delicate balance, particu-
larly the poor-
est women of Cook
County who live on
the edge of illegal,
self-induced or de-
layed abortion serv-
cices. County Hospital is different
between a safe and legal abortion or
dire consequences for thousands of
women each year who lack the re-
sources to make the deci-
sions that so many
of us take for granted." The
election of Todd
Stroger is the lifelong
future for these
women. Stroger said Peraica
would turn his back on
women and take Cook
County back to the
1980s.

"Tony Peraica is a
reactionary, and that’s
dangerous," Stroger
said. "Let me say this
in no uncertain terms: all it takes is
one signature, no discussion re-
quired, to ban abortions at Cook
County Hospital. That’s all it would
take: one person. And I want the
women of Cook County to know
this—I will not be that person. My
opponent, on the other hand, has
been honored by pro-life groups
across the state for his hardline
stance on abortion. We can’t trust
him to stand up for women, plain
and simple."

Stroger, a former state represen-
tative with 100% pro-choice voting
record, said he is proud to be en-
dorsed by Personal PAC and Planned
Parenthood.

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Peraica speaks of opening County Govern-
ment so that those traditionally locked out
of County Government would have a voice.

actions coinciding with words are criteria
for Cook County Board President, Peraica is well
on his way. He is also a supporter of the Interna-
tional Stevenson foundation, an organization
directed at assisting people who have made mis-
takes in their past but deserve a second chance.

They provide this second chance in the form of a college scholarship. The
Foundation is bi-partisan and supported by both Dorothy Brown
candidates for mayor, and Peraica, is also supported by renowned
ex-offenders and those in re-
covery in obtaining union certi-
fication, a traditionally closed
area of employment.

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our community and vote for the only
candidate who speaks with actions not just words.

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- Expanding the availability of child care in Illinois. Through the program, Topinka has invested millions of dollars in child care providers in African American communities.
- Bright Start
- The college savings program that helped over 130,000 Illinois families save an amazing $7 billion dollars in college tuition.
- Our Own Home
- Assisting Illinois families to purchase a home by overcoming obstacles such as insufficient credit or down payment. Topinka made over $16 million dollars in loans.
- More Business Opportunities for African Americans
- Topinka has worked on the way that the State Treasurer's office solicits bids in order to afford smaller minority firms a more equitable opportunity to win bids.
- Supporting African American owned Financial Institutions
- Judy Baar Topinka has also utilized state deposits to support African American owned financial institutions in underserved areas.

Say it again! Judy Baar Topinka.

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Electronic voting machines count about 87% of the votes cast in America today. But are they reliable? Are they safe from tampering? From a current congressional hearing to persistent media reports that suggest misuse of data and even outright fraud, concerns over the integrity of electronic voting are growing by the day. The timely, cautionary documentary exposes gaping holes in the security of America's electronic voting system.

**HYACKING Electronic Voting (DEMOCRACY)**

The HBO documentary is based on the work of Tov Harris, the Renton woman who founded BlackBoxVoting.org, which monitors election accuracy. In 2004 the attorney general of California took up a whistleblower claim filed by Harris against Diebold and settled with the company for $2.6 million in December. Diebold Inc. insisted that cable network HBO cancel a documentary that questions the integrity of its voting machines, calling the program inaccurate and unfair.

The program, "Hacking Democracy," debut November 2nd, 2006, five days before the 2006 U.S. midterm elections. The film claims that Diebold voting machines aren't tamper-proof and can be manipulated to change voting results. In the 2000 presidential election, an electronic voting machine recorded 16,022 votes for Al Gore in Volusia County, Fla. While fraud was never proven, the faulty tally alarmed computer scientists, politicians and everyday citizens to the very real possibility of computer hacking during elections.

In 2002, Seattle grandmother and writer Beverly Harris asked officials in her county why they had acquired electronic touch screen systems for their election. Unsatisfied with their explanation, she set out to learn about electronic voting machines on her own. In the course of her research, which unearthed hundreds of reported incidents of mishandled voting information, Harris stumbled across an "offline library" of diebold Corporation, discovering a treasure trove of information about the inner-workings of the company's voting system. Harris brought this proprietary "secret" information to computer security expert Dr. Avi Rubin of Johns Hopkins University, who determined that the software lacked the necessary security features to prevent tampering. Her subsequent investigation took her from the trash cans of Texas to the secretary of state of California and finally to Florida, where a "mini-election" to test the vulnerability of the memory cards used in electronic voting produced alarming results.

As the scope of her mission grew, Harris drew on the expertise of other computer science experts, politicians and activists, among them: Andy Stephenson, candidate for secretary of state in Washington state; Susan Bemecker, Republican candidate in New Orleans; Kathleen Wynn, an activist from Cleveland; Dr. Herbert Thompson, chief security strategist, Security Innovation, Inc.; (Continued on page 9)
HACKING Electronic

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Hacking Democracy is "replete with material examples of inaccurate reporting," Diebold Election System President David Byrd said in a letter to HBO President and Chief Executive Chris Albrecht posted on Diebold's Web site. Short of pulling the film, The Day will ask for disclaimers to be added and for HBO to post Diebold's response on its Web site.

According to Byrd's letter, inaccuracies in the film include the assertion that Diebold's electronic voting systems are based in Allen, Texas, tabulated more than 40 percent of the votes cast in the 2000 presidential election. The letter says Diebold wasn't in the electronic voting business in 2000, when disputes over ballots in Florida delayed President Bush's re-election by more than a month and raised questions about the reliability of electronic voting machines. "We stand by the film," said Jeff Cusio, a spokesman for HBO, which is a unit of Time Warner Inc. "We have no intention of withdrawing it from our schedule. It reports that the film Diebold is responding to is not the film HBO is airing."

David Bear, a spokesman for Diebold, said the company bought another firm, Global Elections, in 2002 that served about 8 percent of ballots in 2000, including voters in Florida. The company, which hasn't seen the film, based its complaints on material from the HBO Web site, Bear said.

This is Diebold's second recent defense of its system. On Sept. 26, Byrd wrote to Jann Wenner, editor and publisher of Rolling Stone, saying a story written by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. "Will the Next Election Be Hacked?" was "erroneous" and that readers "deserve a better researched and reported article."

Myth or Fact-The 411 On Claims of Voting Fraud

In the past few years, widespread efforts have undertaken to place new obstacles and restrictions in the path of Americans seeking to exercise their right to vote. These barriers include making it more difficult to register to vote, chilling regulations of voter registration groups (such as those in Florida that caused the League of Women Voters to suspend registration for many months until the law was struck down as unconstitutional by a federal court), harassment and intimidations of voters, and highly restrictive identification requirements. Most of these barriers affect people of color and lower income families more heavily than they affect other groups.

Supporters of these new barriers claim that their motive is to prevent voting fraud. Yet, multiple studies and reports have found that voting fraud of the type that these new restrictions would address is virtually non-existent.

The truth is that claims of voting fraud have been vastly and misleadingly exaggerated by those who support measures that will make it more difficult for people of color and lower income Americans to vote.

Nonpartisan research studies show that the type of voter fraud that these new measures would prevent occurs exceedingly infrequently and never at the level of affecting election outcomes.

Golar faces-Jones Write-In Effort

In 6th District

A write-in candidate is challenging Esther Golar Illinois State Representative for the 6th district, she was appointed in 2006.

State Representative Golar was appointed to her position as state rep after Patricia Bailey was forced to resign. Bailey was convicted for election fraud and perjury.

John Paul Jones, of Englewood, said he decided to run after attending meetings after meetings in the district. He said that "some of the things I witness made me feel very uncomfortable with the politics of this district. It more politics than address the issues."

Since then, he and his supporters, dubbed Jones, and fight to keep him in his battle against Golar for a two year seat on the district.

"It's a large project," Jones said. "This is a tough way to go, but I truly believe I have the better qualifications and I know I can do a job better."

"We had meetings and accountability forums. And we are going to continue to do that so that the public can be informed."

10 years of military service in the U.S. Army, Jones is a proud husband and father of ten children (currently

John Paul Jones announced his bid as a write-in candidate against Esther Golar, Illinois State Representative for the 6th district

with Lounetta is expecting twins

Noted with numerous roles in the community Jones is the Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force, Chairman; founder of the Englewood Historical Society, leader of the Coalition to Rescind RBA 4050, Emmett Till Commemoration Initiative; CSX (ComRat) Editorial Board Member; South Street Journal, Former Editorial Board Member; Paul Robeson HS, Former LSC Member; Bond Elementary, Former LSC Member; Political Education Committee Chair, Pastor of Englewood; Gifts from God Ministries Church, member; and Before her appointment, Golar worked as a civilian employee of the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy. She also has been a board secretary of the Neighborhood Housing Services for nine years.

To write-in a candidate, simply write and place a "x" mark at the end of the persons name

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Letters To The Editor
The local race for Cook County Board President is coming down to the wire with numerous endorsements, accusations and so-called conventional wisdom being bandied about. But each candidate will bring to the table once elected. For Chicago’s largest newspaper we find no real surprises, the Chicago Tribune endorsed Republican Tony Penicke, and the Chicago Sun Times endorsed Todd Stroger, both as expected.

However, the Tribune followed up its endorsement with an editorial warning about the malaise of Chicago politics, that the Democratic Party enjoys continued support of the African American community. The editorial further complained about the continued strength and condition of the Democrats who have firm control of Cook County politics. In looking through that same editorial there was little mention of why voters should give Penicke consideration for their vote, except to say that as County Board President, Penicke would “other reformers on the County Board to redirect money spent on patronage to improving services for poor people.” That’s the full extent of their reason for supporting Penicke.

Tony Penicke could have made a moredent in his effort for County president if he had a more pressing reason to run, especially with 8.4 votes. If he has a more pressing reason to run, he’s better off not trying to win mayor in the black community. This political highwire act has turned the contract to nonexistent and has become a malaise of black politics.

Let’s face facts: the political makeup of the Cook County Board is overwhelmingly Democratic, hence a Perica as Board President would meet with insurmountable resistance to any agenda he would bring to the table. Additionally, if Democratic carry the amount of power in Chicago politics whites hold about in the illinois, electing Perica is pointless. Which, by coincidence, is the point of the Sun Times endorsement. If reform is to come to this component of Cook County, it will have to come under the stewardship of a Democratic president.

Also, there is ample evidence that Todd Stroger will be less than an inspiration for his father’s political career. son is inclined to the kind of steady leadership and rule by committee in forming and implementing a forward thinking agenda. In addressing the racial assertions mentioned in the Tribune’s October 26th editorial, the Illinois Republican Party has complained for nearly a century about its perception that the African American community blindly supports the Republican Party, even going so far as referencing “the party of Abraham Lincoln” as proof of their commitment to Black issues.

Actually, one need look no further than Illinois for examples of the Republican Party’s lack of regard for African Americans, other than a necessary demographic from which to beg support. Who but a Republican would have brought Alaska Keys to Illinois to run for office? Some say Keys was brought to Illinois as a cynical choice as Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate to oppose Barack Obama because Republicans didn’t want any of their white suburban candidates to lose to a black man. Whether true or not, it isn’t very hard to believe given the deprivations, insults and slights Republicans visit on non-whites when the glass gets tough.

South Street Journal editor Todd Stroger for Cook County Board President for reasons completely unrelated to race. Regardless of Stroger’s pedigree, his promise to bring the best ideas forward that all the members of the Cook County Board have to offer in the way of improvements, new ideas and fiscal conservatism to bring operating dollars in line with revenue, produce hope for the future. This does not mean that we will not be vigilant in our ongoing examination of his tenure should he be elected. However, Stroger has demonstrated that his is more than just its strength with the character of the fellow, his quiet demeanor, and this speaks to us of a willingness to reach across whatever barriers he meets along the way to bring a new cooperation and consensus to the Cook County Board.
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Class of 3000 Brings Sophisticated Funk to Cartoon Network

Class of 3000, the highly anticipated prime-time half-hour animated series created and executive produced by Andre “3000” Benjamin (OutKast) and Tom Lynch (Romov), will debut with a one-hour premiere on Friday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. (ET, PT), on Cartoon Network. The night of the premiere kicks off at 7 p.m. (ET, PT) with a special musical event from the historic Fox Theatre in Atlanta featuring special guest star performances.

On Friday, Oct. 27, Cartoon Network aired a half-hour "skinumentary" Sunny Bridges: From Blackhead to Blackhead, chronicling the life of the fictional superstar of Class of 3000, Sunny Bridges, with interviews from the character’s fans and celebrity friends.

The series, about an international music star who gives up everything to teach a group of gifted musical prodigies in Atlanta, will feature a new song every week from Benjamin, animated by some of today’s most highly respected animation directors. Benjamin also wrote and performed the series’ theme song.

In addition to his creative responsibilities, including production, writing contributions, and voice, music and visual direction, Andre “3000” Benjamin will lend his voice talent to the lead character, Sunny Bridges.

The cast of Class of 3000 includes veteran voice actors Tom Kenny (SpongeBob SquarePants, Camp Lazlo), Phil LaMarr (Foster’s Home for Imaginary Friends, Justice League, Samurai Jack), Crystal Scales (Static Shock, The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius), Jennifer Hale (Samurai Jack, The Powerpuff Girls), Janice Kawaye (Hi Hi Puffy Amiyumi) and Jeff Glen Bennett (Johnny Bravo, Camp Lazlo).

Class of 3000 is produced by Cartoon Network Studios in association with the Tom Lynch Co. and Benjamin’s production company, Monix. Thomas W. Lynch and Andre “3000” Benjamin are the executive producers of Class of 3000. Twelve half-hours and a one-hour premiere are in production at Cartoon Network Studios in Burbank, Calif. The show’s co-executive producer and head writer is Patrick M. Verone, a writer for Futurama, The Critic and Pinky and the Brain and a supervising producer on Futurama. Ice Home (The Boondocks, Teamo Supremo, The Ob-long) serves as supervising producer.

Andre “3000” Benjamin is best known as one half of the Grammy-winning musical group OutKast. His acting career includes roles in feature films Idlewild, Four Brothers, starring Mark Wahlberg; Be Cool, starring John Travolta; and Hollywood Homicide, featuring Harrison Ford. He also lends his voice to the character Elwyn in the upcoming film Charlotte’s Web, which blends live-action and animation. Monix, his Atlanta-based production company, develops original feature films as well as episodic television.

Tom Lynch has been an innovator in the field of kids, tween and teen programming for the past 20 years. His groundbreaking debut series, KIDS Incorporated, was the first variety show for youngsters, and his series The Secret World of Alex Mack was both the first series created for tweens and the first show to feature a tween girl as its central character. Since then, Lynch has continued to blaze new trails with such original programs as the Emmy-nominated Scout’s Safari (filmed in South Africa) and Romov, starring the real life musician Romeo and his father, music mogul Master P.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson's 65/40 Gala

South Shore Cultural Center. The 65/40 party was a celebration of the life and living legacy of Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The luxurious but down home event was well put together by Mrs. Jacqueline Jackson. Special guest such as Senator Barack Obama, Mayor Daley and Rev. Al Sharpton honored Rev. Jackson. Every guest speaker spoke highly of Rev. Jackson and the work he has done. It was a historically important event and lots of fun as well. Live entertainment, scrumptious food and good people made the event even livelier.

Proceeds from the fundraising gala will benefit college students by providing scholarships to historic black universities. The Jackson Foundation continues to help benefit society in so many ways. Jackson himself has provided forty years of whole hearted service to the people. He's so much more than a civil rights leader. Rev. Jackson is a minister, a politician and a humanitarian.

Though Jesse Jackson has never held the title commander in chief he has definitely displayed leadership qualities not even the president has shown. Dating back to the civil rights movement, Jackson began fighting for equal rights as a field representative for the Council on Racial Equality. The late 60's and early 70's, Jackson must have seen great things in Jackson when he appointed him to direct the economic base of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1967. In 1968 Jesse Jackson became an ordained minister. On Christmas Day, 1971 he founded Operation Push and later formed the Rainbow Push Coalition. He has helped register over one million voters continuing to make history. Jackson fights for social justice, even on an international level. He is responsible for securing the release of American soldiers and prisoners of war captured in Yugoslavia and Lebanon. He was honored with a U.S. Senate Commendation and was named "Special Envoys of the President and Secretary of State for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa."

The honorable Rev. Jackson has been awarded NAACP's Spingarn Medal for his high achievements in civil rights and politics. He has served as Senator and many Chicagoans wish he had run for Mayor after the late Harold Washington died. Jesse Jackson has been known as the master of Divinity and even received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from former President Bill Clinton. Still, he deserves so much more.

Writers Note: At Jackson's Fundraising Gala, a furniture collection decorated with an amazing collage of historic photos adorned the cultural center. The memorable photos included pictures of the Jackson family, Luther King, Jr. and a host of other important civil rights activist. The photographs displayed at the gala captured moments in time that should never be forgotten. Like, black people being hosed and beaten down in the streets again and again and standing tall. It made me cry then made me smile because thanks to great men, like Jackson we now have equal possibility and the opportunity to rise as far as we are willing to go. Our history and heritage is evidence that we are not only able to overcome our obstacles but be all that we were to make be.

It reminded me of what Rev. Jackson and our many forefathers had done to pave the way for us. The people who first fought for the party made me aware of the absolute importance of the civil rights movement and the work that Jackson has done.

**Blagojevich in South Suburbs**

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do their part," urging people to vote.

He also told suburban residents that he would increase job opportuni-
ties in the suburban area re-elected. Already, in his first term, Blago-
jevich has created 60,000 new jobs by bringing private investment to Illinois. His jobs record is 31 in the mid-west and among the highest in the nation. According to the Gover-

The incumbent Governor expressed his gratitude towards voters for his initial election. He has signed the minimum wage, effecting 450,000 people state wide. He took a step not even the President would take. The Governor provided the necessary medical coverage for every child in the state. He also added more senior citizens, African Americans and working families to the state funded insurance.

The Governor dedicated $3.8 billion in new funding for schools.

The state aid helped reduce the gap between rich and poor schools. When he first took the Governor's seat, Blagojevich inherited an massive deficit from former Governor George Ryan and Transient Judy Baar Tapinka. Blagojevich urged voters not to go back to the ways of the republicans, which have already failed.

The Governor promises that if re-elected he will raise minimum wage again. He wants opportunity to continue to improve the quality of life for all Illinois residents. Blagojevich says "He wants every child to have the same opportunities as his children." He says that he believes in the golden rule which is in "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Already, Rod Blagojevich has proposed a $3.2 billion dollar jobs program that will create 320,000 new jobs by rebuilding Illinois roads, bridges and schools. He wants to provide Healthcare to veterans and give famili-
es with B average college students a one thousand dollar tax deduction. The Governor has signed a new law to curb racial programming by state police.

He also signed the Equal Pay Act, ensuring opportunity to women equal work. Blagojevich raised the high school math, reading and sci-

ence standards.

The Governor hopes to continue creating opportunity for the people of Illinois. He says "state government should work for people, not the other way around." He also says "Despite the challenging times, Illi-

happiness is the main goal in helping working families build better lives. We're making progress but the Gov-

or admits, "There's so much more to do." Meanwhile, Judy Baar Tapinka says "I pledge that I will live in the Governor's Mansion and serve as a Governor for all of Illinois." Tapinka's plan to contribute $3.3 billion to teacher's pensions sounds attrac-
tive The candidate has plans to renew the commitment to higher education as does the incumbent.

Many questions have been raised about Judy Baar Tapinka and re-
cently even Governor Blagojevich. There are differences in their various proposals. In the past, both have ap-

proach state issues with family val-

ues. Tapinka outlines her priorities: education, economy, ethics and re-

form. All issues Governor Blago-

jevich has succeeded at.
**Rev. Dr. Albert Sampson 50 Years**

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That makes it clear to all that he practices what he preaches! Rev. Sampson was licensed to preach by Rev. Earl W. Lawson, his spiritual father and mentor in the ministry, in 1946 in his home church, Emmanuel Baptist in Malden, Ma. The Reverend Al Sampson is one of only three pastors ordained personally by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. in 1946.

On March 21, Ferndale United Methodist Church paid tribute to the activist and civil rights minister with the guest key speaker was Attty. Thomas Todd, who noted Rev. Sampson as a man of principles and convictions.

Sampson was born was born on November 27, 1938, in Everett, Massachusetts, and graduated from Everett High School in 1956. He won the high school oratorical contest his senior year. Called to the ministry, Sampson attended Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, receiving a B.A. in 1963. Sampson earned a master's degree in cultural studies from Governors State University in 1971 and a master's degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1977.

While at Shaw, Sampson was president of the student body and the campus, city and state chapters of the NAACP. He was arrested during Ralgie's strike in 1962 and was selected by his fellow students to introduce the first public ac

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**Topinka**

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Topinka-solidly making up ground. Topinka, highlighting the Mason-Dixon poll shows the race as a statistical dead heat at 44-40. Campaign press releases note that voters are turned off by what they have learned about Blagojevich's best friend being indicted on corruption charges alleging he tried to shake down a potential state vendor. Blagojevich's big-name, $1 million handout to build Blagojevich's massive campaign fund.

"Rod Blagojevich has run more than 27,000 campaign commercials and has spent $16 million on the most negative political campaign assault in Illinois history and yet - Judy Baar Topinka is gaining ground on him and now polls show this race is going down the wire," said John E. Cooney, spokesman for the Topinka campaign.

"The only momentum Blagojevich has is in the growing number of his close associates and friends who have been indicted in his bid to be governor states her innovative proposal for jobs and economic growth that will revitalize Illinois' jobs creation efforts after four years of failed leadership. The Topinka-Billent campaign is highlighted by an initiative to dispense the state's failed current economic agency, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Topinka launched the "Illinois Jobs Partnership," a new private-public partnership in what her campaign says will lead the state's job creation efforts. The partnership will consist of representatives from small and large businesses, as well as organized labor and economic development professionals. Unlike a typical state economic agency, the Partnership will operate like a responsive business, not a tired bureaucracy.

Adding that it will not be all things to all people. But it will be solely focused on creating jobs in Illinois.

"In this partnership, the leaders will be focused on creating jobs - not keeping their own jobs. They will not be accountable to other bureaucrats. They will be accountable to the shareholders - the taxpayers of Illinois," Topinka said.

"Under my plan, we will do what it takes to compete and bring jobs to Illinois. Reform. Retail, Rebuild," Topinka said.

"Manufacturing jobs are good-paying jobs that Illinois must reclaim. The Governor of Illinois cannot complain that manufacturing jobs are not coming back. That sends the wrong signal, I will be different than Rod Blagojevich on this issue, because I want manufacturers to know I mean business. I know Illinois has the workforce, we just need a leader with new ideas and the work ethic to get the job done." In order to jump start job creation in Illinois, Topinka plans calls for an incentive for established employers to create jobs. The "New Jobs Now" tax credit will be offered to companies who add jobs to the Illinois workforce.

The Topinka-Billent Jobs Plan calls for critical "Court Reform" to end venue shopping that hurts the state's ability to attract jobs and a strengthened and improves Research and Development incentive. Other components of the proposal include better preparing students for the workplace, and - after Blagojevich's inability to get it passed - delivering an infrastructure program for the state of Illinois.

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Daley Reaffirms Support for Minimum Wage Increase

Backs Effort to Make It Rite Automatically With Cost of Living

Mayor Richard M. Daley reaffirmed his support for an increase in the state's minimum wage, and said he favors indexing it to reflect increases in the cost of living.

"This is an opportunity to help improve the lives of our working families and those who live in poverty," Daley said at a news conference with Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, state legislators and civic and labor leaders at the Chicago Department of Human Services Garfield Center, 10 S. Kedzie Blvd.

"I am committed to working with the Governor and all those who are with us today to give those who need help the most - across Illinois and Chicago -- a better chance to succeed in life, to pay their bills and support their families."

The Mayor said he will support efforts to increase the state minimum wage from the current $6.50 an hour "to at least $7.50" in the full session of the Illinois General Assembly. Daley said he also supports indexing the minimum wage to the rate of inflation or cost of living "so we don't have to appeal to the legislature year after year."

Blagojevich noted that he signed legislation in 2003 that raised the minimum wage from the federal level of $5.15 to $6.50 an hour.

"It was one of the best things we ever did," he said. "Almost four years have passed, and the time has come to raise it again. Except this time ... we want to change the system so that hard-working minimum-wage workers can count of their wages increasing as the costs of groceries, utilities and housing increase, too."

The Mayor added, "Wall Street is doing just fine these days, but many working families are struggling. Wages have been stagnant. Benefits on the job are no longer guaranteed. The everyday cost-of-living has increased. Working people are understandably angry when large companies handomely reward their executives and shareholders, but skimp on wages and benefits for their workers."

Mayor Daley with Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, state legislators and civic and labor leaders at the Chicago Department of Human Services Garfield Center announcing support of raising the minimum wage.

He said, "Congress is so deadlocked that they either can't or won't deal with this issue, much less face the other major challenges confronting our nation's working families."

If lawmakers fail to raise the minimum wage this fall, Daley said, "I'll come back next year during the regular session of the General Assembly and continue to fight for its passage."

Gospel Museum seeks new home in old Defender Building

Landmark Defender

Building Could Be Chicago Gospel Museum

Source: PWorIdWire

International Gospel enthusiasts have come up with a plan to preserve a historical Chicago landmark while attracting a tourist base to the area. The Sun-Times described in vivid detail an article entitled "Sounding the alarm for Chicago landmarks," the deep concern of Preservationists about the future of the Defender building. Reporters Kevin Nance noted, "Since the Defender's departure in early January, the building has been vacated and subject to vandalism. Windows have been broken out, and copper gutters and downspouts have been removed for salvage value." In addition, the article pointed out the possibility of further damage from Chicago's freezing winter.

With buyers evaluating the building for purchase, discouraged primarily by its location in the Motor Row Landmark District - along with facing difficulties with local authorities in subjecting the facility to any changes, the solution seems to be pointing to the City of Chicago. By acquiring the building, restoring and converting it into an International Gospel Music Museum, Chicago stands to create the greatest archives of the cultural impact gospel music made in America. Widespread misconceptions abound about the origin of gospel music - which was, in fact, influenced by the Negro spirituals and Christian hymns but is an art form in itself originating from and spread from Chicago by Thomas A. Dorsey, the Roberta Martin Singers, Sallie Martin, Mahalia Jackson, the Caravans, Soul Stirrers, New Fleet Brothers, James Cleveland and Albertina Walker. A January 2006 fire destroyed the historic and beautiful Pilgrim Baptist Church on South Michigan Avenue, and much of the original and irreplaceable Thomas Dorsey / Pilgrim Baptist Church memorabilia.

Additional 1990's development of Lake Meadows, Prairie Shores, Dan Ryan Expressway and later changes have left only a few of the classic and significant buildings in Bronzeville intact - the Defender building is by far the most unique. Built in 1936 by the Illinois auto dealers on Michigan Avenue's Auto Row, and serving as the 50-year home of the Chicago Defender newspaper, this building has strong cultural and architectural appeal. It would be a fitting tribute to this glorious music genre to transform the former Chicago Defender building into an international tourist attraction in the historic Bronzeville area, since Gospel music is popular worldwide.

With an ideal location - near the Loop and McCormick Place - acquisition of the building by The City of Chicago would resolve the immediate problems associated with vandalism, preserve it for future years and add to Chicago's diverse cultural attractions. Persons interested in forming a committee to study and present a proposal to the City of Chicago to save and preserve the former Chicago Defender Headquarters are invited to join Gospel Music Capital of the World Productions and Toyota on the Western. Gospel Music Capital of the World Productions produces "Joy and Jubilation" a weekly gospel entertainment radio program on WYON 1690 AM, every Sunday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsored by Toyota on Western, the public can contact Reggie Miles at 708-335-3288 or e-mail at mail@reggimiles.net for more information.

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AT&T plans to offer the content available from Akinora’s library of more than 10,000 television programs and movies on-demand. Akinora is the fast-growing video-on-demand service in the Seattle, Washington, area and now offers more than 150 new mainstream and niche titles in 85 different categories, such as music, sport games, independent film, anime, major motion pictures, education, entertainment, programming and foreign language.

AT&T Homezone combines the entertainment that consumers want most, including TV programming, video on demand, and Internet content and services, in a way that goes well beyond anything our competitors offer today," said Rick Welden, AT&T Consumer’s chief marketing officer. "This new service under scores the company’s strategy to integrate the three screens that consumers value most today: the TV, PC and cell phone." Homezone is an alternative to AT&T’s fiber-based U-verse offering. Several service packages will be available, combining different levels of programming and broadband capacity. Homezone service is an additional $9.99 a month on top of package fees—typical packages will likely range from $80 to $140 per month. AT&T Homezone users will be able to tap into Yahoo services, like LAUNCH, Yahoo! Photos, Yahoo! Movies, and manage their DVR remotely via AT&T Homezone. Eventually, AT&T says users will be able to program their DTVs using Yahoo wireless phones. AT&T Inc. is one of the world’s largest telecommunications holding companies and is the largest in the United States. Operating globally under the AT&T brand, AT&T companies are recognized as the leading worldwide providers of IP-based communications services to business and as large U.S. providers of high-speed DSL Internet, local and long distance voice, and directory publishing and advertising services. AT&T Inc. holds a 60 percent ownership interest in Cingular Wireless, which is the No. 1 U.S. wireless services provider with more than 54 million wireless customers. Direct ownership interest in AT&T Inc. and AT&T products and services is available at www.NewAT&T.com.

University of Chicago DF1 Fellowship

The purpose of the DF1 Fellowship is to diversify the research and professional staffs at higher education institutions in the state of Illinois, with the major emphasis being on the diversification of female scientists. Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) is one of the 34 institutions/schools participating in the DF1 Fellowship Program. For more information and details please go to http://www.siu.edu/gradsch/df1_fellowship.htm

E-Voting Tech In Illinois

Two years after the controversial 2004 elections, four years after HAVA (the Help America Vote Act) was passed, and six years after the Supreme Court and America ro counts the hanging chad, experts are bracing for yet another wave of challenges to regional voting systems.

One-third of all U.S. voting machines that have never before served in a general election. Legal challenges to paperless DRE (direct-recording electronic) voting technologies are proliferating across the country, and as computer scientists demonstrated earlier this year, hacking challenges to many of these machines can bear fruit even faster than demands for recounts. Election reform watchdog groups haven’t kept pace with the massive funding influx and official support that the move to electronic voting has experienced. Our critics say they’ve enjoyed the close relationships that exist between many of the Senate and government officials in charge of framing the rules for the acquisition of such machines. That watchdogs and critics have made good use of available resources, especially the Web and the blogosphere, to discuss their findings and keep the issue alive as HAVA implementation has lurched into place. Illinois has approximated 6,477,000 registered voters. Voting equipment vendors include Diebold, ES&S, Hart Inter- Civic, Sequoia and Populus.

Technologies include ballot-marking, optical scan, direct-recording electronic (DRE) systems, with a voter-verified paper audit trail. State law requires that several paper records and manual audits are randomly selected precincts.

After glitches in Sequoia machines delayed results in some March primaries for nearly a week, Chicago land officials say they withheld some of the $76 million due to that company until after the November elections. The state has signed a contract with Catalyst Consulting and a statewide computerized database is in place, but a final version that’s compatible with the Help America Vote Act has yet to delivered. A glean in the Board of Elections Web site for online registrants was reported in October 2006 but apparently in place in November could have been used to swap Social Security numbers and personal information of up to 1.3 million Illinoisans.

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