Clerk Brown Cancels Protest at Cook County Commissioners Meeting

Former Alderman, now Commissioner, William Beavers has raised the comparison of how Commissioners Tony Peraica and Jackson Commanding early lead in Race for House Seat Nineteen percentage point lead on closest competitor

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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 tribute on their 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 sometime more men than women. But the dramas that place him in office began to surface again. Some Black Chicagoans said he was killed. But no evidence 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 organized 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 increased market share of ownership versus vendor.

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 Crudey, President of Summy 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 of coming of three (3) additional 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 in 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 Crudey ended his statement by saying: “This is urgent.

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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 promised a fresh start where aldermen simply rubber stamped what the mayor offered as the only option," Jackson said.

"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 am keeping my promise. People simply can't afford being hit with tax increases at all levels of government. I'm putting up more simply because the mayor is unwilling to ask the difficult questions that Chicagoans want answers to," she added.

"We cannot ask hard working people, already being hit with tax increases at all levels of government, to ante up more simply because the mayor is unwilling to ask the difficult questions that Chicagoans want answers to," she added.

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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 cocaine 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. Burnet, Sr., a professor at the Howard University School of Law, said he supports the American Bar Association (ABA) and Attorney and Activist - Dr. Conrad Worrill, Director - Center for Inner City Studies, N-BUFF Prof. Robert Storks, Professor, Political Science and Law, said he supports the American Bar Association (ABA) and

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 more likely to upset fragile neighborhood," 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," Burnett said. It also said it is the job of the Commission is to recommended 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 policies and laws on the African-American community. Burnett said the 15-month difference in the sentence reduction will make an impact.

He impressed 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 Minimunus, 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 an amendment 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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The Department of Cultural Affairs & Community Arts Assistance Program is accepting applications for the 2008 grant cycle. An annual grant opportunity designed to discover, nurture, and expand Chicago's multifaceted artistic and non-profit organizations, and to foster new and emerging individuals, artists and art groups. Grants of up to $1000 are provided for projects that promote professional, artist and organizational development. Priority is given to those who have had limited access to traditional funding in both the artistic and socio-economic sectors. The deadline for submitting applications is December 15. For more information contact: Lisa Clarke (773) 565-5890

Sat Dec. 1
"World AIDS Day 2007 Brunch" 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at 1140 N. Lamon Avenue. Keynote 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) 291-5890

Monday, Dec. 3
"STORYTELLING NIGHTS AT 6PM" Kwanzaa Gathering Meets every Tuesday night to celebrate the first five days of Kwanzaa. Join hosts Emily Hooper-Mama and Glenda Zahra Baker of the Spirit as they introduce some of our best tellers of tall tales from ABE: the Chicago Association of Black Storytellers, Open Mike Sign-up 6:45-7:30 p.m., 7-9 p.m $10

Thurs. Dec. 6
Greater Englewood Community and Family Task Force, 2007 Awards Ceremony: "You Too Can Be Great" will be held 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Park National Bank - 815 West 63rd St. in Chicago, IL. To learn more about the event, please 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 a.m. - 2 p.m. Staff from the University of Northwestern University will present a program for all women staff to this festive event to honor your contributions to NU

Sun. Dec. 9
Sing Hallelujah - A Holiday Gospel Celebration If 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
Akara Foundation Dedication of their new $2 million Community Services Center in Woodlawn. Invited Guest Speakers: Gov. Rod Blagojevich Illinois Senate President Emil Jones III, Mayor Richard M. Daley, Alderman Willie Cochran, 20th Ward. A dedication ceremony for a new multi-use foot, state-of-the-art, Community Services Center in Woodlawn, a dynamic redevelopment area in Chicago. 11:00 A.M. 6220 S. Ingleside Ave. Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will dedicate their new home and 9,000 square foot, state-of-the-art Community Service Center at 6220 S. Ingleside Ave.
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 daily HIV awareness activities in commemoration of World AIDS Day on December 1. The programs will be held at the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition headquarters, 950 E. 50th Street. In addition to workshops and special activities sponsored by Governor Rod Blagojevich’s AIDS Task Force, 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.

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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 crossing this city, talking to group after group, and then giving updates on WVON trying to organize people to turn out on election day. I’m just one man who thought that Black political scientists, analysts, writers, columnists, talk show hosts, and all would all act and systematically look for ways to help educate a new generation of constituents, 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 shining one 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?

On Saturday afternoon, November 17, 2007, the organization Black People Against Police Torture (BPAPT) hosted the "Legislators Making A Difference" awards reception in the Hoyes Hall at the University of Chicago. Six honorees were presented with awards for their legislative efforts to eliminate police torture. The Honorees included Congresswoman Danny K. Davis, Illinois State Representative Arthur L. Turner, Illinois State Representative Corinne A. Howard, Illinois State Representative Kenneth Durkin (not pictured), Cook County Commissioner Ephraim Collins (accepted by her assistant, Africa), and 25th Ward Alderman Howard Brookins Jr. Alderman Brooks 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 Caruthers Center for Inner City Studies, 700 East Oakwood Blvd.

Beverly Wilson Ellison St.

Decorated wreaths will be displayed in the SSJ Office.

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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 these residential housing developments are having their date with a wrecking ball. Numerous aims of those residential housing developments are being destroyed.

Chicago. Even some Section 8 families have been the victims of 29 shootings 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. Violence has torn into our social fabric. My question to Barack and Hillary Clinton: Who's backing us?

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"With sincere appreciation for what Mayor Harold Washington has done for the City of Chicago, and in remembrance of his legacy."

**Harold!**

Photographs from the Harold Washington Years

The year 2007 marks the twentieth anniversary of Washington's death, and this loving tribute in words and pictures will keep his message alive for future generations. "Harold!" This handsome book captures in words and pictures the powerful emotions that circled around one man in Chicago in the early 1980's: Harold Washington. More than one hundred pictures, from candid shots on the campaign trail to triumphant public appearances, give readers a window onto a man who won over an entire city. Washington's mayoral win represented a refocusing of the previously all-powerful Chicago Machine, and his campaign was a part of a larger civil rights crusade that forged unity in the black community in Chicago.

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.

**HAROLD AND HOWARD**

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ALDERMAN HOWARD B. BROOKINS, JR.-21ST Ward CANDIDATE FOR COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY

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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 Aron 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 Officer's Federation, 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 "huggers by the pound" to see who could convict the most black defendants. From the website of the University of Chicago's Police Torture Archive: Be- 

tween the years of 1972 and 1991, approximately 1972 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, some were killed.

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 was the culmination of 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. 

Sentences for Crack

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Buildings in the name of Washington

Harold Washington Cultural Center
Opened in 2004, it's the new heart of Bronzeville; the 40,000 square foot center is named for Chicago's first Black mayor, who grew up in the neighborhood; a sculpture of Harold by Ed Dwight adorns the front corner; the much needed 1,000 seat performing arts theater is state of the art; Digital Media Resources Center, the Music Business & Performance Arts Institute, and the Radio-Television Broadcast Program are tremendous in-house resources for students to access and experience; an worthy statue of Harold Washington stands on its corner; 4701 South Martin Luther King Drive.

Tribute to the Legacy of Mayor Harold Washington

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Democratic Candidate for Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County

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3rd Legislative District

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"SHE GETS IT DONE!"
A birds eye view of Tulsa in 1918
(Courtesy Mark Adkinson)

By 1910, thanks to the forest of derricks which had risen up over the nearly oil fields, Tulsa had mushroomed into a raucous boomtown of more than 10,000. Astoundingly, 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 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.

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A new city hall had been built in 1917, a new federal building in 1919, and a new county courthouse in 1921. 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.

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The County Budget Race or Issue

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(An honey 1] (candidate for Cook County State's Attorney) and Forrest Claypool respond to the criticism in Peraica and Claypool opposing the election to office, made accusations of racism in Peraica and Claypool opposing the budget.

"This is a remake of the Harold Washington 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 Dunings 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 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 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 amendments from consideration.

"I am encouraged to see that Commissioner Silvestri understands how crucial those 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, SSA 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 Persica must be challenged to address, added Allen. He further reported that "Commissioners Claypool and Persica will be publicly challenged to appear before a panel of The Black media."

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**Oba**: 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.

"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 Barack Obama in the early 1980s 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 Hillary Clinton; he is now ahead of her in the Ohio polls which indicated that he would do better for the Democrats in the November election as Mayor, the mayor turns around and endorsed Obama for President; and a week before, Obama endorsed the mayor.

But if it was not for Washington endorsing Obama, and 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 aged by white relatives that we have nothing in common.

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.

While Washington had Bill Cosby 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. Obama for America campaign.

In a major policy address tomorrow in Des Moines, 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 50 grassroots groups from the Manchester area and around the state announced this week that they've joined Barack Obama's movement for change. The leaders of organizations 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 Reesch 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."

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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Entertainment Brief

DID R. KELLY 'CROSS A LINE' WITH EX-REP'S DAUGHTER?: Rumors run rampant but Regina and George Daniels refuse to comment. "The interview 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.

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Community voices are sometimes heard at school, church, theater, a sporting event. But for the highest trea are centered on a social cause. The institution setting to the public has been sensing of the needs and African Americaniy, calling. Can we hear from many of our process and arts, engage, talk only, and create voices.

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Teachers are invited to a 2-3 Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) for each Cultural Connections program attended.

Danielsmatter is 85% teachers, students, and educators are 85% children and 12% for families. A sampling of explored costs is always served. Admission based on availability. Children and adults with special needs.

Let's keep in touch.

WILL SMITH HEADED FOR GRAUMAN'S CEMETERY: 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 of Comic's trying to tackle Hollywood post "graduation" from BET's "College Hill Virgin Islands" by. Rhonda 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 former 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 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.

Sudding All New Year's Long...
Kanye West tops list of Nominees for THE 27TH ANNUAL CHICAGO MUSIC AWARDS

Sultan Abdul Latif, co-founder of the highly acclaimed book Storey: The African American Psychiatric Trauma waged a valiant fight with liver cancer in an effort to complete his last project - a musical docu-drama based on his two books Storey: The African American Psychiatric 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, 7306 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 71 W. Roosevelt Road, Highway 88, Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The report, a cultural celebration of the life and works of Sultan Latif, was held at the Barry Shabazz International Charter School, 7922 S. Ellis, Chicago, Illinois, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 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 show he produced and broadcasted on cable television watched by Sultan Latif’s wife Naimah. In 2002 he presented the Storey 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 Al-Ahmedi 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 premiere screening on Saturday, November 17, 2007, at the Murphy Hill Gallery on the third floor of the Historic Sears and Roebuck Building, 3333 W. Armitage, Chicago, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The film will later be available for viewing at his home, at schools, churches and organizations.

It represents the lifetime legacy of his Executive Producer, Sultan Abdul Latif.

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Genesis Housing Presents an 8 week Business Plan Program Through November 27, Tuesday's 5:30 PM - 8:00PM A professional Business plan Writing Program that provides the framework and tools for participants to explore their readiness and ability to be an entrepreneur. They learn how to develop a feasible plan and to evaluate their business's concept. Participants work closely with other entrepreneurs, sharing ideas and experiences and laying the foundation for future business relationships. Through the small coaching sessions and assignments completed outside-of-class, they explore issues related to key aspects of business. Participants determine whether their idea has "legs" and if starting a business is the right decision. Existing business owners also benefit from the process of systematic planning. This training supports the strategy under the Quad Communities - Quality of Life Plan to develop unique retail and commercial districts, and foster locally owned businesses. Genesis Housing Development Corporation will use partners with expertise in banking, legal, marketing, and business accounting to train local businesses to assist in facilitating the core sessions of the program. Technical assistance, training, writing, and evaluation support will also be provided through the core program partners. The small business owners are not limited to Quad Communities Development Corporation, Chicago Community Ventures, Women's Business DevelopmentCenter, and the Illinois SBDC/Small Business DevelopmentCenter. Contact us at www.Bronzevillechamber.com or 773.285.1685 for reservations.

New Loan Fund for Chicago's Small Businesses The City of Chicago, Laffitte Bank and Chicago Community Ventures announced the launch of a new loan program for Chicago's small business owners. The program is targeted to businesses with less than $5 million in revenues and who are seeking capital to grow their business. Term loans and purchase order financing between $25,000 and $250,000 with extremely favorable interest rates and low origination fees will be available to qualified businesses. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply at www.chventures.org/financial_loans. Or call 773.822.0328.

Web 2.0 Databases? Storage? Security? Networking? If those terms are foreign to you, this session is for you, Thursday, November 29, 6:15pm - 8:00pm. The Information Session outlines the fundamentals every business owner should know as it relates to technology. This session will be conducted by Michael R. Brown Sr. who is currently the Technical Project Manager for KBS Computer Services, Inc., which is a full-service IT Services firm, with strategic support service relationships with such major technology providers as Apple Inc., CDWO, Promethean, HP and Dell. Michael's current responsibilities include the over-site of all technical projects and related resources within the KBS Services Portfolio. His technical expertise includes Microsoft and Macintosh Operating systems, as well as other technologies, such as VOIP, Wireless Networks and Systems Administration. Space is Limited. Registration Fees: $50. For further information, please contact: James Callin at 773.424.8404 or jcallum@culchicago.org.

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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, intensified 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 speakers and voices put forth a position.

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Hartman further pointed out that "In Cook County and in the City of Chicago, Black Enterprise does 16% 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 50% of our children. They need us to enroll them." You can see what the country 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.

"Black 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 that when a sale is made 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 happens 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 large 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 that 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 given 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 qualified to be involved we should be suppor-
tive."

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 persons in terms of Riverboat Casino ownership and its aides as well as the relationship between other ethnic 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 guest speaker: "Part of the question that Senator Hendon raised and I think it is important in terms of the coalitio building: when you are trying to get at the Black answer, you raise the Black question, you get the minority answer. In a lot of these instances, these people reach minority set aside goals do not have any Black persons 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 to lift it up in part. 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 do us as an issue 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 got something out the pie, and we came back again by 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 Mario Colvin, Chair of The Illinois House Black Caucus, was interviewed by South Street Journal's Mark Allen; and according to Allen, State Representative Colvin stated for following: "We are not stopping Blacks from participating in the gaming business. It is common with vendors that Black people will get their fair share if we fight collectively and not through individual efforts. This is a 25 Billion Dollar funding package that is going to aid to see the whole picture; and we need to ensure that the process is open enough so that we see a lot of already wealthy Blacks to make some money but that additional opportu-
nities for new Black people to benefit."

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