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## STELLA'S COLUMN

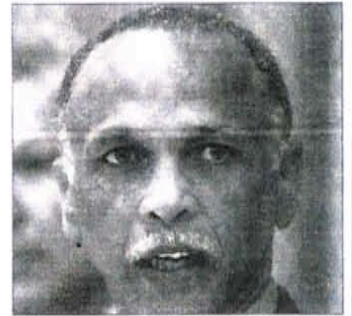
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### Hail to King

**K**UDOS TO CHANCELLOR Wayne Watson and his efficient staff for the tremendous and heartwarming dedication Tuesday of the new \$262 million Kennedy King College at 6301 S. Halsted in the heart of the Englewood community.

WVON radio's Cliff Kelley was the emcee for the ceremony, which brought out so many dignitaries and folks from the community including state Senators Jackie Collins and Kwame Raoul, state Rep. Monique Davis, Ald. Carrie Austin, Cook County Commissioner Jerry Butler, former Aldermen Shirley Coleman and Arenda Troutman, N'Digo's Hermene Hartman, McPier board member Michael Scott, Chicago Health Department Assistant Commissioner Joe Harrington, banker Joe Miles, Kennedy King College prez Clyde El-Amin and radio giant Marv Dyson.

The honored guests were investment banker Jim Reynolds, former Ald. Anna Langford and son, Larry Langford, Dr. Terry Mason, commissioner of the Department of Public Health, sculptor Richard Hunt, activist Henry Wilson, businessman Dempsey Travis, Wade Watson (the chancellor's spry 90-year-old dad), Sister2Sister publisher Jamie Foster Brown and this reporter. All of us are promi-



Wayne Watson



Carlos Zambrano



Jaslene Gonzalez

### Actor Billy Zane at Martini Park. . . .

boards throughout of the school's ss Rooted in Engle-

Washburn Culinary art of the college Bill Reynolds — on at the luncheon that

Open House kicks off is free to the pub-

lic. The festivities will include singer Tera Griffin, the South Shore Drill Team and the Jesse White Tumblers.

**THANKS TO** his awesome publicist Regina Daniels, I attended the private screening Tuesday evening at the Music Box Theatre for R&B genius R. Kelly's new and much-anticipated installment of his hit saga "Trapped in the Closet Chapters 13-22." The audience thoroughly enjoyed all of the chapters. . . . and so did I. It really should be a full-length movie. . . . it is just that entertaining. The after-party was held at Lumen. Hey, I know Kelly is facing a court case. . . . but that's another chapter!

Eva ("Desperate Housewives") Longoria discusses her love for new hubby Tony Parker on "Entertainment Tonight" this evening. She says she tries not to miss his phone calls. "I answer my cell phone in rehearsal and Felicity (Huffman) gets very mad at me." . . . Star magazine, hitting newsstands Friday, is asking on its cover whether Angelina Jolie's drastic weight loss is due to a deadly disease.

WLS-CHANNEL 7's John Garcia will emcee the PAWS fund-raiser "Run with the Big Dogs" today at Yak-zies Bar & Grill.

**THE SIGHTS:** Rumba Nightclub was the place Cubs' ace pitcher Carlos Zambrano selected to celebrate his whoppingly huge new contract with family and friends last Friday. The next day, "America's Next Top Model" winner Jaslene Gonzalez was in with friends. Up and coming artist Samuel Canales was also in the house. . . .

Merri Dee dined at Table 52, the new eatery owned by Oprah's chef Art Smith. . . . WBBM-Channel 2's Susan Carlson dined at LaVita. . . . The Cardinals' Scott Rolan in for dinner at Chicago Chop House. . . . Actor Billy Zane at Martini Park. . . . Actor Nick Cannon at Enclave.

**MAKING MUSIC:** Wally and the Lower Wackers, a band formed by members of "The Dark Knight" film crew and includes award-winning cinematographer Wally Pfister and local musicians Brian Ruiz and Rob Martucci, have been entertaining the stars of that movie, Christian Bale and Heath Ledger, at several recent crew parties. The band is so good that they've been asked to play at the wrap party on Monday at Carnivale. However, filming will not officially end until Sept. 3. . . . Sax player Skinny Williams starting this evening at the Close Up 2, where the wrap party for "Wanted" was held Sunday. . . . Jerry Hendrix Saturday at 200 East Supper Club.

**BIRTHDAYING:** Channel 9's Ana Belaval, Jerry Riles and Andre Brown. Friday: Gery Chico, Bonnie DeShong, Channel 9's Marcella Raymond and Sharon Gist Gilliam. Saturday: Channel 7's Steve Dolinsky, Jamell Meeks, John DeVine, Nand Kapoor, the Sun-Times' Rich Harris, Russell Gilliam and anniversary wishes to WMAQ-Channel 5 boss Larry Wert and Julie. Sunday: Jimmy Rittenberg and Channel 9's Tom Negovan. Monday: Channel 7's Ron Magers and