

Kennedy Sides with Obama Campaign

Says candidate is made of 'Grit and Grace'

(AP) — Barack Obama received giant endorsements in his presidential campaign Monday from two generations of Kennedys and from an African-American poet who famously labeled Bill Clinton as the "first black president."

Summoning memories of his slain brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy endorsed Barack Obama for the White House calling him someone of rare "grit and grace," declaring, "I feel change is in the air."

Obama beamed as first Rhode Island Rep. Patrick Kennedy, then Caroline Kennedy, and finally the country's best known liberal, took turns bestowing their praise.



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. (left), with Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., during a rally for Obama at American University on Monday in Washington, D.C. (AP Photo)



Toni Morrison

groups who so far have tilted Clinton's way. These include Hispanics, rank-and-file union workers and lower-income, older voters.

Kennedy is expected to campaign actively for Obama beginning later this week, beginning in Arizona, New Mexico and California. Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of John Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1963, will also make campaign appearances, officials said.

"I know he's ready to be

president on day one," Kennedy said. "From the beginning, he opposed the war in Iraq. And let no one deny that truth," he said, an apparent reference to former president Bill Clinton's statement that Obama's early anti-war stance was a "fairy tale."

"With Barack Obama, we will turn the page on the old politics of misrepresentation and distortion.

"With Barack Obama we will close the book on the old politics of race against race, gender against gender, ethnic group against ethnic group, and straight against gay," Kennedy said.

Author Toni Morrison, who famously labeled Bill Clinton as the "first black president" announced Monday that she is backing Obama to be the second.

Morrison, whose novels usually concentrate on the lives of black women, said she admired Hillary Clinton for years because of her knowledge and mastery of politics, but then dismissed that experience in favor of what she called Obama's vision, wisdom, integrity and authenticity.

Waters Endorses Hillary Clinton

Sen. Hillary Clinton Tuesday won the backing of California Rep. Maxine Waters, an influential member of the Congressional Black Caucus whose support could help blunt charges of racial polarization against the Clinton campaign in the South Carolina primary.

In a statement, Waters praised the former first lady's readiness to tackle the nation's economic woes.

"At a time when the economy continues to worsen and so many of my constituents are losing their homes



U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters

and their jobs, we need someone with the leadership and experience who can step in on day one to tackle the economic challenges our country is facing," Waters said. "Hillary understands the daily challenges that people are facing and she will fight for them every day she is in the White House."

Issues of race and gender have come to the forefront of the campaign, pitting Clinton, who hopes to be the first female president, against Obama, seeking to become the first black to hold the job.

Kennedy's endorsement was delivered it at a pivotal time in the race. A liberal lion in his fifth decade in the Senate, the Massachusetts senator is in a position to help Obama court voting

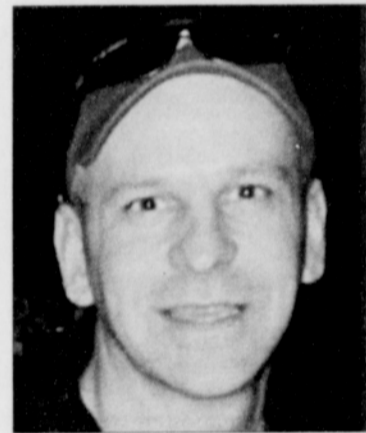
'Z Man' Cop Remembered

Neighborhood vigil, march to honor officer

The Portland Police Bureau and residents in the north and northeast Portland community are remembering a long-time patrol officer known for his street smarts, hard work and dedication to the job.

Mark "Z Man" Zylawy, 40, died Sunday when he was hit by a semi-truck on the shoulder of I-5 in Vancouver after his car broke down. He was on his way to work from his home in Ridgefield at the time.

Mayor Tom Potter ordered flags on all city buildings to be flown at half mast in his honor pending his funeral, scheduled Friday at 11 a.m. at New Hope



Mark 'Z Man' Zylawy

Church, 11731 S.E. Stevens Rd.

A community march and prayer vigil to commemorate Zylawy's life and his many contributions as a public servant and friend has also been scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. starting at the Maple Mallory Community Center on the corner of Northeast Garfield and Failing Street

and concluding at the Northeast Precinct.

For more information about the local observance, contact Officer Marci Jackson at 503-793-9185, Lt. Harry Jackson at 503-793-3892 or Rev. Renee Ward at 503-548-7537.

Zylawy was a 17-year-veteran of the Police Bureau, spending most of that time in inner north and northeast Portland where he often worked drug trafficking and gang violence enforcement.

He was known for having a repertoire with local residents and insight into problem areas.

"Officer Zylawy was not only a great officer, but a great friend to many in the communities he served with compassion and concern," said Potter.

He is survived by his wife and four children.

Fighting Perceptions and ADHD

OHSU advocates for minority families

BY JUDY KENDALL AND ANN BECKETT

Four years ago Ann Beckett and I talked with 53 African American families in Portland who had children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). We were interested in gaining an understanding of the day-to-day experiences with ADHD, the emotional stress it placed on families and was needed from health providers for support. We also asked about the experiences our African-American families had with the healthcare system, including issues related to racism and discrimination.

We learned that many African-American families felt that others perceived their families negatively, and that teachers were quick to label African-American children as troublemakers rather than as a child with a medical disability.

One mother expressed her frustration with people having the false impression that a black boy with ADHD is "just a bad black kid."

Parents talked about the need for others to understand that ADHD is a genetic and biological medical condition with symptoms manifested by behavioral and learning problems.

Many mothers told us that they felt isolated, as if no one understood the difficulty of parenting a child with this particular disability. Often, they felt stigmatized and criticized because of their child's difficulties. Meetings with teachers often went badly, asking for help was often difficult.

African-American mothers and fathers often felt as if they were "getting the run around" and believed that there were more resources "out there" for their children than what they were being offered. They asked for more services, more information, more skills to negotiate with the school and how to set up Individualized Educational Programs, which allowed their child to have specific accommodation plans. Homework and coping with teachers who did not understand ADHD were listed as being the most stressful aspect of their daily life.

We came away from that study compelled to seek more funding to see if we could provide this kind of service to support families with what they needed. They told us it would be helpful to have a skilled health professional come to their home

over an extended period of time to them find resources, to offer support, to teach parenting skills specific to ADHD symptoms, to provide information about medications, and to be an advocate for their child with the schools.

We are pleased to announce that this past year we received a grant from the National Institutes of Health to offer the kinds of services families requested. The purpose of this study is to evaluate whether or not an in-home family nurse advocate could provide the skills, information and school advocacy requested.

We are looking for African-American families who have a child or adolescent with ADHD who might want to take part in this study.

There is no cost to participate in the study, and every six months, gift cards redeemable at local stores will be sent to all participants.

For more information, please see the advertisement on this page, or call 503-418-3603 or email PACT@ohsu.edu.

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PACT Parents and Children Together

Mothers: **Is raising a child with ADHD stressing you out?**

Parents and Children Together (PACT) is a research study comparing two approaches to helping families with children with ADHD. Eligible families receive either an ADHD family advocate or education materials.

You may be eligible if you have a child with ADHD and live in the Portland area.

There is no cost to participate in this study. You will receive a gift card of at least \$50 every six months.

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