



Commonwealth Club Brings Willie Brown to Lafayette

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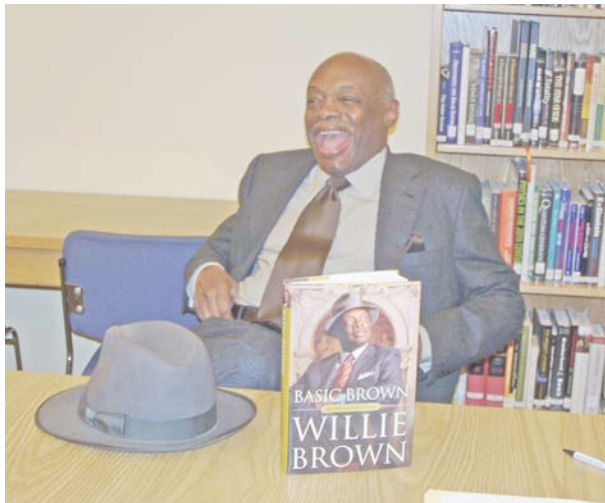
Former two-term Mayor Willie Brown of San Francisco, one of the most powerful politicians in the country, spoke before a capacity house in Lafayette on Monday, February 25th. He was the guest speaker for the Commonwealth Club which met at the Bentley School while the new library is under construction. In his recently published autobiography, "Basic Brown: My Life and Our Time," Brown shares anecdotes from his

life and career, which began in 1961 when he conducted his first sit-in demonstration. That was when he fell in love with politics and he never looked back. Known for his flamboyantly honest assessments of the world of politics, he spun stories for his audience that included anecdotes about the current stable of players.

His book is the awe-inspiring tale of how an African-American boy born in segregated Texas

rose to be the center of California and national politics for an astonishing four decades.

The Commonwealth Club is a member of the Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium, a resource of the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center. The Consortium, the first of its kind at any American public library, will bring together twelve educational and cultural institutions to create an exciting learning community.



Willie Brown at the Commonwealth Club. Photo by Penny Porter

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