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## Former DART Official Apparent Victim in Murder-Suicide

(AP) -- A former public transit official accused of wrongdoing and her husband were found dead in what police said Tuesday was an apparent murder-suicide.

Police said the bodies of Lynn Flint Shaw,



Lynn Flint Shaw & Rufus Shaw

the former chairwoman of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board, and political analyst and blogger Rufus Shaw Jr., were discovered inside their home.

A preliminary investigation indicates Rufus Shaw shot his wife,

then himself, police said.

WFAA-TV reported Senator Royce West, a long-time friend of Rufus Shaw, a voice-mail message from Mr. Shaw around 6:00 PM. He listened to the mes-

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## Hugs Filter Fears, Tears of Kidney Dialysis Patients

By. Sandra Jordan

ST. LOUIS (NNPA) - Normandy resident Rosie Reed knows how to turn lemons into lemonade.

After suffering a stroke in the mid-80's, paralysis and difficult rehab, she thought the tears would never end. He also had an angioplasty five or six years

ago. Upon recovery, it appeared she was the picture of health. Rosie certainly had left the tears behind - that is, until 2007 when she was told her kidneys were not functioning properly. Rosie had CKF - Chronic Kidney Failure.

CKF occurs when the kidneys can no longer filter waste products from the body. Patients are

required to be in dialysis three times a week and must be very careful with fluid intake from liquids and foods to prevent buildup in the body.

"Instead of the fluid coming out in the form of urine as in healthy people, it distributes itself throughout the body, such as the legs, the lungs, around the heart. They can develop con-

gestive heart failure or pulmonary edema," said Stephanie Houston, R.N., a nurse at Fresenius Medical Care Metro Normandy. "The fluid would build up in their lungs and they would basically drown."

Dialysis, the filtering of the blood using external medical equip-

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## "Is the 'N-Word' Dead"

by James Lewis

Is the N-Word dead? No. Is it nefarious, self-deprecating, archaic, and counterproductive to the goals and aspirations and spirit of the African-American people? Yes.

I have bad news: The N-Word is not dead. The N-Word has been on its

deathbed for the past 40-60 years, and only we have our hands on the cord to end the livelihood, impact and longevity of it on our living possibilities.

Each time we hide behind the notion of it as an affectionate and indiscriminate term of endearment, we breathe life and

antibodies into what should be a defunct and comatose implement of Black degradation. What should be dead we resurrect with the enunciation of each letter of the word. We fail to realize that each of us internalizes the subconscious reverberation of this word's role in an era of oppression and

marginalization of Black people.

We cannot, until we hold ourselves first accountable, denigrate the use of the word by the white man when our actions and dialogue profess the contradiction. When a person suffers from the violation of a

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## The Third Time Is a Charm



Desiree Hamlin

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Blackonomics

## Let's Stop Fooling ourselves

"Let me issue and control a nation's money and I care not who writes the laws." - Mayer Amschel Rothchild

A long time ago, this country's and, indeed, the world's finances were commandeered by a few power-hungry, greedy, treacherous families, the results of which have left us in a quagmire of corruption, underhanded dealings by politicians, and total rip-offs by corporate crooks. Our meager and futile attempts at changing the way business is done in

this country, mainly by petitioning and begging folks to "be fair" and to "treat us right" have fallen on deaf ears and gone unheeded for centuries. What can we do?

I read an enlightening e-mail by Kenneth Price that discussed the current political situation and how Black people are so emotionally invested in the upcoming presidential election. One point centered on the fact that other groups in this country are not wringing their hands about who will be

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## Patricia Boswell

Boswell is gaining fame as an inventive businesswoman as her star product gains favor in the marketplace. She is the creator and chief marketer of Safonique; a unique liquid detergent is made with pure aromatherapy and hypoallergenic. "I wanted to develop a product that's gentle for the entire family, good for the environment, tough on stains, and affordable for all," Boswell said.

Her timing with the distinctive product was ideal, as it met a number of deeply rooted consumer trends: As



Americans seek products that are "green;" Safonique is free of phosphates, 100% natural and biodegradable. Even the bottle is recyclable and made from 25% of post-

consumer materials. In 2004, the giant retailer Wal-Mart became Boswell's first vendor.

The daughter of a butcher, she grew up in a small business-owning household in New York City. She first became a nurse, and then earned a bachelors degree in business administration from Marymount Manhattan College, and an advanced Business Administration degree from Long Island University. Boswell also has earned certifications in financial planning and real estate development.

As a hands-on business owner who is the mother of a daughter now in her

teen years, a son in college, and the wife of a busy college basketball coach, Boswell has to juggle many tasks while keeping her eye on her goals for Safonique. Rather than bending under the weight of this responsibility, Boswell thrives on the challenges, and she also finds time to contribute her expertise and enthusiasm via volunteer work for her start-up charity, Teaming 4 Life, cancer awareness non-profit, in schools, civic groups and professional associations such as the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, Inc.

## Gloria Morrow

Dr. Gloria Morrow is a licensed clinical psychologist, president of GM Psychological Services, and CEO of GLOBO Ministries in Upland, California. She specializes in treating adults and adolescents who suffer from depression, anxiety, PTSD, and grief and loss issues. Dr. Morrow is also heralded as a relationship expert because of the extensive work she does with couples and families. Dr. Morrow has served as associate professor of psychology and clinical training director at University of La Verne and California State University, Fullerton. She



presents at professional conferences and workshops all over the world, including Cape Town, South Africa.

As a top-rated professional with profound insight in her trade, she has been fea-

tured in a host of newspapers, and she has been cited in critically acclaimed national publications such as "Psychology Today," "Jet" and "Heart and Soul" magazines. She was recently cited in the January 2006 issue of Essence Magazine, and she is regularly featured in the award winning African-American weekly newspaper, "Inland Valley News."

Dr. Morrow is the author of "Too Broken to be Fixed? A Spiritual Guide to Inner Healing," "Strengthening the Ties that Bind: A Guide to a Healthy Marriage," and "Keeping it Real! 7 Steps Toward a Healthier You." She has also developed a

DVD entitled "Suffer in Silence No More." Her latest books entitled "The Things that Make Men Cry," "While you are Waiting!" and "Create Your Blueprint for Good Success," are scheduled for release in the near future. Dr. Morrow is married to Rev. Tommy Morrow and they have three children, and three grandchildren. Rev. and Dr. Morrow are the co-publishers of Inland Valley News and the Rialto Renaissance, two weekly newspapers, co-founders of the African Village Weekend: Cultural and Performing Arts, Inc., and co-pastors of the Victory Community Church in Upland, California.

## Linda Murray



Ms. Linda Murray is a native of Louisiana. She currently resides in Lancaster, Texas and is an Educator, Motivator, and Speaker whose mission is to empower people to make

steps towards exceeding their expectations. A satisfied, saved and born again believer, Ms. Murray is a faithful member of a Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, where she has faithfully served for 21 years.

Ms. Murray received her Associate Degree from Cedar Valley College, in Lancaster Texas, a Bachelor's Degree in Financial Management from Northwood University in Cedar Hill, Texas, and a Masters Degree in Organizational Management and Development from the

University of Phoenix. Cum laude status was achieved in all academic studies. Ms. Murray is currently pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Public Policy, with a focus in Healthcare.

Professionally, Ms. Murray has served in the medical field for over 20 years, and has the pleasure of teaching Medical Software, Billing, Coding, and Physician Collections. She spends her spare time teaching adults Medical Coding, Insurance, and Career Development. Ms. Murray also mentors adults by empowering them to succeed in the midst of trials. Successes obtained

during the mentoring sessions inspired Murray to accept her calling, which led to the creation of B.E.S.T. (Being Empowered to Succeed in the midst of Trial).

Ms. Murray is also a special events coordinator, specializing in group events. Murray finds fulfillment in friends, civic involvement, professional networking, and conducting research in areas relevant to her clients. Murray states that "It brings me joy when my family spends quality time together and when I see the positive impact of the mentoring that I have provided to my clients."

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**Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?**

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north- Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## America Floundering In A Sea Of Inanity

Congress is but a walking shadow, poor players that strut and fret their hour upon America's stage and then are heard no more: it is a story played out by idiots, full of sound and fury but signifying nothing. (Shakespeare paraphrased)

Inanity: Something empty of meaning or sense; lacking significance or substance.

Even when couched in Washington political speak there is little doubt that the American economy is suffering and in a recession trend.

Proof of an impending economic bust abound. Oil prices are hovering above \$100 a barrel, more Americans since the Great Depression owed more on their homes than the homes are worth, the subprime market crashed, global markets are staggering, the unregulated but important corporate credit-default swap market is teetering, and consumer prices for food, gas and medical care are skyrocketing.

The private sector lost 101,000 jobs in February according to the Labor Department. Crediting the net increase in federal and state government jobs still leaves an overall net loss of 63,000 jobs. The February loss was the biggest monthly drop since March 2003 and the second consecutive monthly decline. Consecutive months of job losses have only occurred during a recession.

Currently the political machinery in America has been paralyzed and stagnated by the unyielding gridlock between those diehards clinging to the corpo-

rate controlled political model and those who believe that things must change. The U.S. Congress has done little except posture, prance and prattle by way of preparing Americans for the massive changes that are negatively recasting our economy and lifestyles.

Some government money has been spent researching for improved sources of renewable energy, but the recent energy proposals that consider ethanol, coal, wind, or other alternative fuels are either absurd or will take decades to implement. Recent half-hearted efforts to take away a billion or two of oil company tax breaks in light of the obscene profits being made will likely flounder at the hands of skilled lobbyists or a complicit Presidential veto.

While it is still eight months before the November elections voters are indicating that the economy and particularly high gas prices are their top concerns. Iraq, al Qaeda, abortion, immigration and healthcare may still be excellent fodder for debates but voters without a job or the ability to maintain an accustomed lifestyle are going to demand political change.

However, in the American form of democracy major policies are locked in to two and four year election cycles. The next President may come into office with a mandate for change and with a cooperative Congress that will follow his/her leadership. But if Congress is of the opposition party or

constituted with very narrow majorities then the mandated change may be difficult to implement.

The five year odyssey in Iraq and the budget busting expenditure of federal funds has left Americans with a future that is definitely short of the American dream: 4,000 soldiers killed, 100,000 wounded, \$500 billion wasted, death squads roaming at will, terrorist recruitment rising, and America now hated by the very people it ostensibly was freeing.

Meanwhile, on the home front we are mired in a worsening economic quagmire, the country is being transformed into a police state, our freedoms are being trampled, current and future debt is increasing and the treasury is going bankrupt.

It seems clear that new government intervention, regulation and controls will have to be implemented to avoid a severe social and economic calamity. Affordable sources of energy and food so critical to personal survival are becoming harder to find. Most Americans do not have the slightest idea how to grow food or temporarily live off the land for basic necessities to sustain even a minimal standard of living.

In the midst of some of the country's greatest crises that threaten to propel the country into social turmoil and bankruptcy what do the watch dogs in Congress place on the priority list? Hearings on steroid usage in sports, the obscene pay of ineffective CEOs,

the escalating costs of the U.S. embassy in Baghdad, the financial nuances of mega churches, and debating the wording of absurd non-binding resolutions all designed to provide an instant catharsis to divert riled voters.

Left off the action list are meaningful items such as discovering what happened to over 12 billion dollars that disappeared when the Coalition Provisional Authority turned over control of Iraq to the Iraq Governing Council, the illegal policies and actions authorized by the president in conducting the war, redistributing the billions of war funds to address urgent domestic needs, or removing social security payments from taxation.

American voters are expressing their hopes and desires for change and new possibilities. They are doing it with a vigor and excitement not seen for a long time. They seem to realize that you can buck the system, you can defy conventional wisdom and you can define your own vision for success - not just in bottom line monetary terms - but in terms of something more satisfying to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

A united and committed populace has a good chance of achieving this vision for itself and in the process save America from floundering in the muck of inanity.

*James W. Breedlove*  
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: [www.truth-clinic.com](http://www.truth-clinic.com)

## Flawed Elections Foreseen for Ethiopia

(NNPA) - Ethiopians will be getting their first chance to vote since the general election in 2005, which ended with violent protests and the jailing of most leaders of the opposition.

Leaders of the Coalition for Unity and Democracy were eventually pardoned and released from jail last year, and government says

they are free to vote and run for office.

Elections are scheduled for April for the CUD's old seats and for Addis Ababa city council, which the opposition won, but which has had an appointed caretaker administration since 2005.

Since then, however, the party name - CUD - has been given to a breakaway

group, and the party symbol - the "V" for Victory sign - went to another party altogether.

Two major opposition leaders initially sentenced to life terms, CUD chairman, Hailu Shawal, and the man chosen as mayor of Addis Ababa in 2005, Berhanu Nega - received political asylum and now live in the U.S.

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ment usually takes three to four hours.

Dialysis treatment onsite at a medical facility is hemodialysis. The kidney dialyzer machine pulls the blood out of the body and filters all the waste products out of the blood.

Reed feared the treatment would be painful, although Houston said dialysis does not hurt. Reed, a retired private duty nurse, cried as she visited sites for dialysis and prayed that she would be led to the right place.

She found an angel of sorts in Houston at the Normandy dialysis clinic. "When I first came in I cried everyday," Reed said. "If it wasn't for that little girl in the white coat...she put her arms around me and held me tight and said, 'everything will be alright.'"

Those hugs by Houston made Reed feel better - happy and confident. When she looked at the other patients in the facility, she knew her visits for dialysis would have a higher calling.

"Patients looked pitiful," she said. "I felt the people needed something other than sadness."

Rosie Reed started giving each patient a hug to offer the encouragement and support she found in Houston's caring hugs.

"I don't give them away for free. I want them to feel better," Reed said. "I would tell them to pray and keep the faith and know that you have to build up confidence at first."

Her hugs are now a staple at the Normandy clinic. Rosie does not stop

with the patients. She also hugs every single doctor, nurse and staff member at the facility each day before she begins dialysis.

Rosie thinks the hugs make everyone feel better.

Dialysis stations are set up with headphones for music and TV monitors for patients to watch TV during the hours of treatment.

Certain patients may be able to receive form of dialysis that is not conducted in a clinic setting.

Peritoneal dialysis is conducted with assistance by the patient at home. Houston said home dialysis is not the best option for a person with many abdominal surgeries because it would interfere with the fluid exchange. Patients will need a catheter placed in their belly for dialysis access before beginning peritoneal dialysis.

Regardless of the type of dialysis, Houston said the majority of patients are tired after the treatment, depending on how well they control fluid intake and control their diet.

Unlike CKF, in chronic kidney disease, doctors have detected a failure but the patient may not need immediate dialysis.

Those at greatest risk for kidney disease/failure are patients with existing medical conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes or a family history of kidney disease. African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Native Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders are at greater risk for kidney disease due to the high

incidences of diabetes and hypertension in the population groups.

"You really don't show any symptoms until you get to the point that you need dialysis," Houston said. Your kidneys may be producing urine, but no filtering is taking place. "You may notice some swelling in your legs, a decreased appetite or a weird taste in your mouth. But a lot of people chalk it up to something else," Houston said. "And you have a general feeling of just being tired."

Having routine exams with your physician and blood and urine tests to check kidney function is the way to keep a handle on CKF or chronic kidney disease.

"With proper education and medication, it can slow the process a bit, but it can't reverse it," Houston said.

Between dialysis treatments and her much-anticipated healing embraces, 78-year-old Rosie leads a very active, healthy and happy lifestyle. She swims 20 laps daily; puts in 2,000 strokes on the ski machine four to five times a week; gardens; grows and freezes vegetables; sews hats; drives (not to dialysis) and enjoys just about anything she wants to do.

"Rosie is the epitome of what we all want our patients to be in a dialysis clinic. She is optimistic—she accepts her disease, and that's a big part of it," Servisa Cash, MSW, a social worker at the clinic, said.

Find out more about kidney disease online at [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org).

## Lion King Producer Slams Naledi Theater Awards

(NNPA) - The famed Naledi Awards for Theater were the scene for high drama this year as not one but two disputes over fairness rocked the Johannesburg gala.

The first blow-up came when Lebo Morake (known as Lebo M), co-producer of the musical "The Lion King," rejected his prize and stormed off the stage, saying his Black peers had been snubbed by judges. "I felt uncomfortable receiving such an award in which out of 23 categories listed, none of them had a Black director as nominees."



*Lebo Morake*

The South African theatre is in need of transformation, he said. "It is unacceptable that so few Black people feature in this important event that recognises excellence in

a critical industry," he said.

Acclaimed local musical, Hairspray, walked off with the lion's share of awards in various acting categories although Hairspray actress Mara Louw's nomination was also contested by musical director Bryan Schimmel.

Miriam Makeba, Welcome Msomi and the late Bill Flynn, were honoured with lifetime achievement awards. Janine Neethling and Zwai Bala walked away with the best musical director award for the play: Soweto Story.

## Largest Class Yet for Mandela's Achievement Prize

(NNPA) - The Mandela Rhodes scholarship was awarded this year to 23 outstanding students from various countries - the largest student group in the scholarship's four years.

Former South African president Nelson Mandela personally congratulated the students this week in Johannesburg.

Each student shook the 89-year-old leader's hand and thanked him for the scholarship.

Law student Christopher McConnachie called his meeting with the former president "absolutely incredible". "Mandela is a big inspiration to me," he said. "He showed how law can be

used for social purposes rather than fattening bank accounts."

The goal of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation is to build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa. Eight of this year's scholars are from Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia and Namibia.

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## NAACP Garland Branch Winter Ball

*Garland Branch 2008 African American History Honorees  
"Recognizing Our City, Chamber, GISD and Supporting Businesses"*



Garland ISD - First Row: President B.J. Williams, NAACP Garland Branch. Receiving the Garland ISD Appreciation Award from the NAACP are: Mr. John Washington, Assistant Superintendent, Garland ISD the Honorable Linda Griffin, President of the Garland ISD School Board Ms. Mary Whitt, African American Liaison, Garland ISD; Second Row: Mrs. Gradyne Brown, Human Resource Director, Garland ISD and other staff members of the HR Department



Tonie Ward & Gwen Daniels



The Honorable Mayor Ronald E. Jones [right], Peggy (spouse) and Ronald E. Jones, Jr. (son) [left]

*For more photos,  
see the NAACP  
Garland Winter  
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Gallery.*

## Hope Today & The Word Network Partner

At the opening of the 2008 year, Hope Today Magazine—a Contemporary Lifestyle magazine—enters into an exclusive partnership with The Word Network ([www.thewordnetwork.org](http://www.thewordnetwork.org)), a burgeoning network that provides Christian programming specifically for the "urban" African American community.

"We are very excited about teaming up with Hope Today Magazine to deliver God's Word around the world," says Lewis



Gibbs, President of The Word Network.

John C. Parks, President, Founder, and Publisher of Hope Today Magazine states, "We at Hope Today Magazine are excited to extend our reach through this awesome partnership with The Word Network. The mission and goals for Hope Today and The Word Network are congruent. Working concurrently, through television and print media, we will be responsive to and strengthen the very fabric of the urban African American Community."

The Garland Branch of the NAACP hosted their annual Winter Ball on February 15, 2008. The festive and elegant affair honored community leaders in the area of government officials, business owners, and community leaders. According to NAACP Garland Branch President BJ Williams, "this year's honorees are a diverse group of Unsung Heroes and we are honored to salute the backbone of this country... Small Businesses."



## The Denton Black Chamber of Commerce 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet

*March 29, 2008 - 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.*

- Where:** "The Gateway Center"  
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All qualifications and information on UNCF scholarships are provided at [www.uncf.org/scholarships](http://www.uncf.org/scholarships)

UNCF awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students attending a UNCF member college or university, students attending other historically black

colleges and universities as well as majority institutions. Generally, once a student receives a UNCF scholarship, it may be renewed in subsequent years if he/she continues to meet the eligibility requirements of the scholarship and if funds are available. However, the renewal of a UNCF scholarship is not an automatic process. Students typically do not receive more than one UNCF scholarship during an academic year.

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scale;

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- Students must complete a Financial Aid Form (FAF) or a Family Financial Aid Statement (FFS) and request that the Students Analysis Report (SAR) be sent to the financial aid office at their college or university.

Many scholarships have additional criteria. For example, essay writing, transcripts, or other needed information will be listed in the criteria section of the application. All scholarships are received by donation. Donors set the eli-

gibility criteria and UNCF Scholarship Managers administer the scholarships based on continued funding by donors.

If the scholarship is for a UNCF school and does not have a downloadable application attached on the website, look for a point of contact. If no point of contact is listed, go to the

"General Scholarship Information" tab and read this information and to understand the general requirements. You may also call UNCF (800) 331-2244 and ask to speak to the "Program Manager" for that particular scholarship. (Ask for "Scholarships and Grants Administration").

Please note: Scholarships come due at different times of the year. Scholarships that are currently being awarded by UNCF appear in the "APPROACHING DEADLINES" section of the website.

For complete information visit [www.uncf.org/scholarships](http://www.uncf.org/scholarships)

## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., (Alpha Iota Iota Chapter) Annual Scholarship

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is a national organization of men organized November 17, 1911, at Howard University. The founders of this prestigious organization envisioned a national organization that would unite thousands of young men in aim, thought, and loyalty. The selected name of the organization translated means "friendship is essential to the soul." Manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift are the cardinal principles under which this fraternity operates.

The North Dallas Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., (Alpha Iota Iota Chapter) will award scholarships to deserving college bound high school seniors (male or female) who exemplify the ideals and cardinal principles of the fraternity. Scholarship winners will be judged on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community involvement and financial need. Traditionally, this Chapter has attempted to focus its efforts on high schools that operate in the northern sector of the Metroplex.

The deadline for receiv-

ing all applications is April 4, 2008. If you have any questions regarding this memorandum please call 214-343-1210 day or 214-403-6626 evening. You may also forward any questions to the email address: [ejones@ejesinc.com](mailto:ejones@ejesinc.com). Each applicant must complete the Scholarship Application Form and attach: (1) an essay, (2) a resume, (3) cur-

rent high school transcript, and (4) a small photograph with the application. There will be an interview with the committee and the winner's school and family will be notified in a timely fashion. All awards will be sent directly to the winner after receiving documentation that the student is enrolled in an accredited college or university.



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The program is held on Tuesday's and Thursday's, from 6:00 - 7:15 pm, in the clubhouse at Indigo On Forest Apartments, 3685 Forest Lane, Dallas TX 75245.

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NANE is expanding to Plano and Allen, TX. If you are interested in volunteering please send your information to: [Kish\\_ettifut@nane.com](mailto:Kish_ettifut@nane.com). We are also partnering with Plano Housing Authority Family Self Sufficiency Program to reach the parents of our future generations. These meetings will be held at Plano Housing Authority, 1740 Avenue G, Plano, TX.

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# Ground broken for Sunnyvale's first hospital

SUNNYVALE, Texas (MARCH 4, 2008)--- Cottonwood Partners and Rockwall Hospitals, Inc. broke ground Feb. 29 on Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale, which will be the growing town's first hospital when it opens in spring 2009. The 117,000-square-foot general acute-care hospital is estimated to have a total cost of \$68 million.

The hospital, which will be owned by 100 or so area physicians and developed by



Cottonwood Partners, will be licensed for 70 beds and will include 53 medical/surgical suites, six operating rooms, an emergency department with six treatment rooms, eight ICU beds

and a women's center with labor-and-delivery suites and postpartum rooms. The hospital, located on a 29-acre campus at 231 S. Collins Road, will be managed by Rockwall Hospitals.

The hospital, which is projected to have an annual payroll of approximately \$14.9 million, is expected to add 250 new, mostly skilled and professional jobs in its first phase. Construction is

expected to take 14 months.

Sunnyvale Mayor Jim Phaup called the start of construction of Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale "a significant milestone for our town."

"It will provide us quality health care, which is something our community needs long term," Phaup said. "It will serve our town and the entire region."

Sunnyvale is about 15 miles east of downtown Dallas and is a small,

upscale Dallas County community of about 4,000 people, according to North Central Texas Council of Governments.

"I am very encouraged to see the commitment of area physicians to support this community hospital. Everyone understands the extreme importance of the strategic location of Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale to serve patients and physicians with new delivery options," says Mark W. Kennedy, president of Rockwall Hospitals, Inc.

## Urban League Holding Free Financial Literacy Classes For The Whole Family

The Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas' Education Department will be conducting free financial literacy classes through the Get \$mart program. The Get \$mart program teaches families practical money management skills that will help them learn and develop the skills to plan and make smart financial choices. Classes will be held every Saturday for six weeks starting Saturday, April 5, 2008 through May 10, 2008. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served every Saturday for all attendees. Classes are open and free to the public.

When families become more knowledgeable about saving, investing, and borrowing they will build up the necessary financial clout to purchase their own homes, start a new business and save for retirement. The financial literacy curriculum teaches banking, money management, saving, investing and credit. Financial literacy enables our children to achieve their dreams. The earlier they learn to manage money the greater the possibility of achieving their dreams.

Improving financial literacy through education within the African American and other minority communities is an integral component of the Urban League of Greater Dallas' economic empowerment agenda, which seeks to enable all people to attain eco-

nomie self-sufficiency through job training, home ownership, education, entrepreneurship and wealth accumulation.

Classes will be held at the following Urban League locations: Urban League of Greater Dallas ; Urban League at

Pleasant Grove; 4315 S. Lancaster Road 10325 lake June Road, Suite 118; Dallas, Texas 75216 Dallas, Texas 75217

For further information, contact Tiffany Sanchez at (214) 915-4635.

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**African American Republican Club of Collin County** meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm (Doors will open at 6:30 pm) Collin County Republican Party Headquarters 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney Call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or [fred@tes.com](mailto:fred@tes.com) for more information.

**Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting** every 2nd Thursday, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. The general public is welcome. For additional information call 469-424-0120.

**Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce Monthly Lunch & Learn** every 3rd Thursday \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm, Ralph and Kacoos - 401 S. Central Expwy, Allen. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

**DFW Financially Empowered Women** meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For more information call 469-952-0809 or visit [www.meetup.com/3780](http://www.meetup.com/3780)

**First Friday- Music Under the Dome**, the African American Museum has just the right mix for you. Every month a local band performs jazz, rhythm, and blues in the rotunda. Seating is cabaret style. Visitors are also able to tour the galleries. For more information contact the Museum 214.565.9026, ext. 315

**No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch** bring lots of business cards and a friend 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak

House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023 Must RSVP at [www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

**SHARE! PISD International Exchange Student Program** is in the process of finding new host families to share their hearts and home with an exchange student for the 2008/2009 School Year. For more information on or how to become a host family, call 1-800-941-3738, or visit [www.share-southwest.org](http://www.share-southwest.org).

**Teen First Fridays** held in collaboration with St. Philip's School and Community Center, Project Still I Rise Inc. and the Dallas Leadership Foundation. 5:45pm - 8:45pm at St. Philip's Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania, Dallas 75215. For more information contact Tiffany Kirby, Community Center Director at 214-421-5221 or Kevin Mondy, President, Project Still I Rise at 1-877-380-6413.

**Wit Women Conference Call** join this weekly conference call if you need encouragement, prayer, or inspiration. Dial in Tuesdays 7:00pm-7:15pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week)

**Women Executives Network** monthly "Learning over Lunch" series for more information visit [www.wenetworktx.com](http://www.wenetworktx.com) or email [info@wenetworktx.com](mailto:info@wenetworktx.com)

**March 14**

**Teatro Delle Muse presents The Glass Menagerie** written by Tennessee Williams one of the most famous classic plays of the modern theatre features all African-American cast runs Friday, March 14th through Sunday March 30th at The ArtCentre Theatre; Fridays and Sundays at 8:00 pm,

Saturdays and Sundays at 3:00pm. All tickets \$20, purchase tickets online at [GlassMenagerieTickets.com](http://GlassMenagerieTickets.com) or [MuseTheatre.com](http://MuseTheatre.com)

**Garland Symphony Orchestra presents The Five Play Diva Jazz Quintet** Patty Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth, Garland 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Admission range from \$25 - \$45, please call 972-926-0611 for more info.

**Black Women's Film Festival** The 12th Annual Black Women's Film Festival features films selected by Black Cinematheque Dallas for, by, or about African Diaspora women and girls; \$5 per screening. South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Avenue. Call 214-426-1683 for screening times or email [marilyn.clark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marilyn.clark@sbcglobal.net)

**March 15**

**Writer's Breakfast** featuring literary voices such as Je Franklin, P.J. Gibson, and Micki Grant, will be located at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters Dallas Convention Center Theater Complex Room T-203 10:00 a.m. - Noon, \$15.00. For more information call TBAAL box office 214-743-2400.

**An Evening with Erykah Badu** at The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex 8:00 p.m. Admission range from \$25 - \$30. For more information call 214-943-2442.

**The Omicron Mu Omega Foundation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated hosts 22nd Annual Image Award Scholarship Luncheon**, guest speaker Dr. Julianne Malveaux, President Bennett College and Curtistene Smith McCowan, DeSoto Economic Development Corporation President will be

presented annual image award 12noon -3:00pm at the Adams Mark Hotel, 400 Olive St Dallas 75201, Tickets \$50 For additional information contact Sheila-Taylor Clark 214-288-9176 or [sptcpa@verizpn.net](mailto:sptcpa@verizpn.net)

**Passing It On,"** a Christian "dramedy" stage play exposes the dark side of generational curses and focus on the accountability for designing a Godly spiritual inheritance for our children by examining our own spiritual inventory to see just what we have to pass on. 4pm First Baptist Church McKinney Mini Theatre 1615 W. Louisiana St, McKinney 75069. \$10 pre-sale tickets ONLY; tickets will not be sold at the door. To reserve your tickets call Lynda J @469-396-6881 or Tovah Roberson @469-231-4374 or email [mslyn-daj@peoplepc.com](mailto:mslyn-daj@peoplepc.com)

**March 20**

**A Soldier's Peace** join Texas Democratic Women Collin County on the 5th anniversary of the start of the Iraq war for the DFW movie premier, 7:00 PM Angelika Film Center 7205 Bishop Road (The Shops at Legacy) Plano, 75024 Space is limited - reserve seats now visit [www.tdwcc.org](http://www.tdwcc.org) <<http://tdwcc.org/gpage1.html>> to RSVP or call 888-TDW-CC 08

**March 21**

**Jazz Friday** Enjoy smooth Jazz sounds, hot food, wine, relax, browse in the gallery, and mix and mingle with jazz and art lovers. Tickets \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door Stephanie Ward Gallery 920 18th Street, Plano 75074 RSVP to 469-229-0024

**March 22**

**Celebrating the Black Woman Artist** a showcase of African American women artist in a variety of disciplines presented by the South Dallas Business &

Professional Women's Club South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Avenue 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Admission free, for more information email [MICHELLE.PORTER@chil-drens.com](mailto:MICHELLE.PORTER@chil-drens.com).

**African American Stepping** a brief history of the origins featuring guest appearance by Baba Kwsai 801 W. Irving Boulevard Irving Public Library 2:00 p.m. for more information call 972-721-2458, or email [rbendel@city-ofirving.org](mailto:rbendel@city-ofirving.org).

**March 25**

**NAACP Garland Adult Branch and Youth Council Monthly** general membership meeting (7:00p.m.) featuring a Town Hall presentation on the "State of Education in Our Community." Guest presenters: GISD Central Office Administrators, The Honorable Linda Griffin, GISD Board President; Goldie Locke - Education Chair/Multi-Ethnic Committee Representative; and Dr. Joyce Miller -- Branch ACT-SO Coordinator, Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, 249 Maguerita Street Garland. Target audience: Parents of GISD students FREE

**March 27**

**John Witherspoon - Addison Improv** March 27th -30th Buy one ticket Get the Second Ticket Free for Sunday Show ONLY use NTK-S code when you call in! 972) 404-8501 4980 Beltline Road #250, Dallas 75254

**March 28 - 29**

**Urban Writer's Conference "A Night with Zane"** The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, Friday 9:00 p.m. admission \$20. Saturday 10:00 a.m. admission range \$45 - \$55. For more information contact call 214-943-2442.

**March 28 - 30**

**Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour** comes to the American Airlines Center Admission \$65 Rinkside, \$45 VIP, \$30 or \$18. For show times and tickets visit the American Airlines Center Box Office at 2500 Victory Avenue Dallas, 75219 or call box office at 214-665-4797.

**March 29**

**Denton Black Chamber of Commerce 11th Annual Banquet** keynote speaker NFL Pro Bowl Player Everson Walls at The Gateway Center (UNT) Campus at 801 North Texas Boulevard, Denton 76201, 6:30 p.m. -10:30 p.m. Individual tickets \$45.00; \$360.00 table of eight, other sponsorship opportunities available. For more information contact Sharon McClellan 214-783-4401 or [info@dentonblackchamber.org](mailto:info@dentonblackchamber.org).

**The Plano West 2008 Percussion Concert: BAT-TUTA!** Will include guest performances by percussion students from Frankford, Renner, and Robinson Middle Schools, Jasper and Shepton High Schools, the West Cluster Middle School Drumline, and guest artist Jamal Mohamed. Tickets \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door if available; for more information contact Matt Weyer at [mattweyer@gmail.com](mailto:mattweyer@gmail.com) or call 469-752-1800

**The Black Vegetarian Society of Texas MEATOUT 2008 Festival** a free educational and health screening event featuring speakers, food sampling, children's activities, and exhibits related to the vegetarian lifestyle, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, Senior Room (Bldg E), 2901 Pennsylvania 10am -2 pm. For more information call (214) 331-2812 or visit [www.bvstx.org](http://www.bvstx.org).

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# The Third Time Is a Charm

By Beth Bentley

What an affair to remember! Black ties and Chiffon dresses...and it wasn't

The crowd of some three hundred spectators had no idea of the treat that would be received on that night. The

his desire to "move the program up another level and to let people know that our history is beyond playing sports."

hit with an unexpected punch! As the presenters graced the staged donned in tuxedos and chiffon attire, the sultry



*Choir Members*

even prom night!

During the third annual Black History Month program, the students and faculty of McKinney North High School presented an outstanding program that was aptly described by

McKinney Performing Arts Center, Richardson's Eisemann Center, Carnegie Hall? It was the stage of McKinney North High School's auditorium transformed into a platform fit for a repertoire

Serving as hosts, Amber Davis, Khalid Guerra and Calvin McGowen seemed to take a page from the Big Band era. With strong voices, coy humor and touches of diverse distinction, this vibrant trio

sounds captivated the audience into suspenseful amazement. Delivered as an a cappella rendition of 'Shed a Little Light' by James Taylor, this sextuplet choir certainly shed a little light on the hidden talent in McKinney Independent School District as a whole.

Among the deliveries of James Weldon Johnson's Lift Every Voice and Sing and Moses Hogan's Hear My Prayer, it was difficult to believe that one could witness such talent free of charge!

As the night went on, the expressive dance moves of the McKinney NorthStars Dancers added a flavor of hope as they danced to 'Go Light Your World'. This spark introduced the audience to the Big Band sounds of Thelonius Monk and



*Ronnie Sterling (Program Organizer)*

varied musical genres that reverberated in sounds of brass, bass and percussions. Simply stated, it was well done.

Deliver. Deliver. Deliver. Poetic rhymes flowed from the lips of the students with dignity and strength as they introduced poetry from poets Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, Arna Bontemps and even up and coming students and poets Shawna McNary

Dr. Jones met what could have been a roadblock and 'used obstacles as stepping stones'. On the outside, this gorgeous woman, who is also African American, appeared to speak, move and respond as anyone would under normal conditions. As she shared, the audience went silent when Dr. Jones shared the fact that she is deaf and has been since birth. What

***MNHS Principal Jimmy Spann summed up the evening by saying, "The students exceeded my expectations. It was a quality performance. I am very pleased with everything that went on tonight."***



*Three Young Poets*

program organizer Gretchen Hawksworth as "a class act!"

theater. Organizer Ronnie Sterling beamed with delight as he shared

took control of the stage. Music, dance and poetry – this triplicate

with poem 'Am I Racist' and Mason Grimes with 'People in Focus' (accompanied by his father Rev. Gene Grimes). When these students spoke, the audience listened.

To top off the evening, Dr. Bonita Jones shared her personal and touching story of meeting challenges head on, even from her youth.

an amazing testimony of tenacity and steadfast dedication for the students of McKinney North High School to experience!

Student singer Brian Alexander grinned from ear to ear as he recalled his participation in the night's event as 'a night to remember'. Joining in the success of the

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# DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL: THE ICE TOUR

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DALLAS, TX -- The hottest phenomenon is now on ice! Disney's *High School Musical: The Ice Tour*, the only live fusion of songs, dancing, and non-stop, team-spirited fun inspired by the smash hit Disney Channel Original Movie "High School Musical" and the highly anticipated "High School Musical 2," is headed to Dallas/Fort Worth. Performances are slated for

American Airlines Center, March 26 - 30, 2008, and Fort Worth Convention Center, April 4 - 6, 2008.

Audiences can celebrate the sounds, the songs, the bop and the pop in this awesome ice show starring a cast of world class skaters portraying the roles of East High's own, Troy, Gabriella, Ryan, Sharpay, Chad and Taylor. They will be performing to the chart-topping tunes with signature

choreography made popular in the Emmy® Award-winning Disney Channel Original Movie and pop culture craze. And, for the first time live, fans will have the opportunity to experience moments from Disney's *High School Musical 2*. With the ice as the dance floor, this event will be an unprecedented twist on a fan favorite.

Produced by Feld Entertainment and Kenny Ortega, Disney's *High School Musical: The Ice Tour* is the primo way to experience the frenzy and rock the house.

Ticket Prices: \$ 6 5 Rinkside, \$45 VIP, \$30 and \$18

#### Show Times:

**American Airlines Center --- March 26 - 30, 2008**

Wednesday, March 26; 7:30pm

Thursday, March 27; 7:30pm (added performance)

Friday, March 28; 7:30pm

Saturday, March 29 11:30am (added perf.) 3:30pm and 7:30pm

Sunday, March 30; 1:30pm and 5:30pm (added performance)

**Fort Worth Convention Center --- April 4 - 6, 2008**

Friday, April 4; 7:30pm

Saturday, April 5; 3:30pm and 7:30pm

Sunday, April 6; 1:30pm

For more information, visit [www.highschoolmusicaltheicetour.com](http://www.highschoolmusicaltheicetour.com).

Members of the media are encouraged to go to the online press room at [www.feldentertainment.com/hsmtheicetour](http://www.feldentertainment.com/hsmtheicetour).

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evening, Lee Edwards II, sophomore student at Dallas Baptist University,

"The students exceeded my expectations. It was a quality performance. I

came in the form of a drawing of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., rendered



*Evan Springfield and Desiree Hamlin*

said, "The evening was tasteful and full of class."

MNHS Principal Jimmy Spann summed up the evening by saying,

am very pleased with everything that went on tonight."

The unspoken words that resounded so greatly

on stage by David Andrews. How appropriate was this portrait as the night was truly a dream come true!

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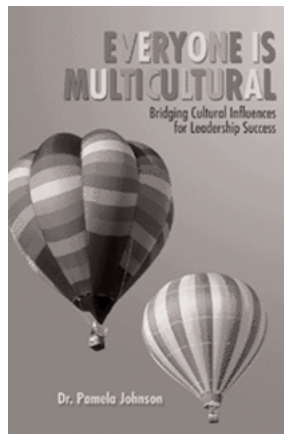
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## Eastfield College Diversity Speakers Series: "Building Bridges Building Community"

(Mesquite, TX) - Eastfield College Diversity Speakers Series presents "Building Bridges Building Community" with Dr. Pamela Johnson on March 17, 2008, in Room S100. Dr. Johnson, author of "Everyone is Multicultural: Bridging Cultural Influences for Leadership Success," will speak from 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Johnson has been



in the learning process field for 20 years, spe-

cializing in leadership and coaching program development. Much of her work has been with meeting the organizational needs of Succession Planning, Leadership Development, Performance Coaching, and Multiculturalism. She is also a trained and licensed professional in counseling and career development. As a private practitioner, Dr.

Johnson has successfully facilitated individual, group and organizational consulting and coaching. As an educator, she is a university professor teaching master's-level courses in leadership, counseling, career development, and human behavior. As a trainer and consultant, Dr. Johnson has worked with private and public organizations to help improve retention, enhance succession

planning, increase managerial skills, and develop healthy work environments. She is also a certified Master Coach.

"Everyone is Multicultural" is designed for individuals wanting to improve multicultural skill performance, relationships, and communication success. Adequate development of culturally skilled and sensitive individuals takes time, training,

experience, and insight.

Most attempts are a "quick fix" approach or the "cookie cutter" approach where everyone is treated the same. Often there is no development at all and people easily revert to original way of thinking. The concepts in this workshop are designed to enhance the way one thinks and feels about cultural identity and diversity.

## First In-Store Dental Center in Texas to Open at Remodeled Carnival Super Market in Plano

*All Smiles Dental and Orthodontics to Provide Affordable, Accessible Dental Care - Mobile Clinics to Support Other Carnival Locations, Additional In-Store Centers Planned*

Coppell, TX -- Carnival Food Stores, Inc., today announced that the first in-store dental clinic in Texas - an All Smiles Dental and Orthodontics practice - will open at its newly remodeled Carnival Super Market in Plano. Low-cost dental care will also be provided at other Carnival stores through All Smiles' mobile dental clinics.

A partnership between All Smiles and our Carnival stores makes perfect sense," said Michael D. Byars, presi-

dent and chief executive officer for Minyard Food Stores, Inc. "We are committed to wellness education and resources for our customers. Offering dental services is one more step we are taking to provide the best services to the neighborhoods we serve. Our MedBasics Family Health Centers, as well as our efforts to bring affordable health insurance to children through our CHIP enrollment drives, are making a huge impact to the lives of our customers.

"With All Smiles' new

clinic and its mobile units, both residents around our Plano store and shoppers at our other grocery stores will be able to receive low-cost dental care," Byars continued.

"We're excited about the opportunity to be the first dental provider in Texas to open in a supermarket chain," said Dr. Richard J. Malouf, founder and CEO of All Smiles Dental and Orthodontics. "The focus of the Carnival Super Markets on the Hispanic community, plus its com-

mitment to preventive health education and healthy families fits in perfectly with our customer base. Now we have an opportunity to provide dental care in a convenient and practical setting for our customers."

The 55,000-square-foot supermarket is at 3320 K Ave. just east of Central Expressway and south of Parker Road in Plano. The new All Smiles Dental and Orthodontics center will be open during the week and on various week-ends.

## Report shows online shopping by minorities up sharply in five years

Online shopping by African-Americans, Asians, Hispanics and other minorities has increased dramatically during the past five years, according to a new report from The Media Audit.

"The 88 markets surveyed for this report have an aggregate adult population of approximately 145 million and 58 million of those adults are members of a minority," says Bob Jordan, president of International Demographics, Inc. "As a result of their numbers, their increasing tendency to

shop online is very significant to most marketers," adds Jordan. International Demographics, Inc. is a 37-year-old market research firm which produces The Media Audit.

Among African-Americans, 40.6 percent now shop online, compared to 27.1 percent five years ago. More than 20 percent now make five or more purchases in a year and 10.9 percent make more than twelve purchases. The total adult African-American population in the 88 markets surveyed is approximately 17.6 million.

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President; they are not losing sleep over the next election and, in many cases, they couldn't care less who wins. Of course, those groups to which the piece referred were busy taking care of their businesses and aggregating their resources among themselves. I know, I know; they have not been through what we have been through.

Another article titled "The New Black Agenda," written by Dr. Earl Trent, Pastor of the Florida Avenue Baptist Church in Washington, DC, stated, "We need to focus on becoming a respected competitor in the global marketplace."

Dr. Trent laid out a comprehensive strategy for Black folks to move from protest to parity. He ended his article by saying, "The new Black agenda is

focused on creating a Black economy that competes like any other group in the global economic game. Currently we are marginalized, overlooked, and disrespected. We have a different history than other groups and must push for interventions that will change the status quo and level the playing field. It will not happen simply by good will. It will not happen without intention, without sweat or demands of quid pro quo. The new Black agenda is about winning something tangible, worthwhile, and passing it on".

With all of the issues facing Black people in this country, politically, socially, and economically, you would think we would not only have seen these points quite clearly but we would have acted upon them long before now.

Politically, we are still on the outside looking in, at this point hoping to elect a Black President. Trent says, "Not even the election of a true Black president will solve the economic problems of Black America unless we have an agenda where the state of the Black economy is at the center of that agenda." Economically, we are at the bottom of every good category and at the top of every bad category. We have a whole lot of income but very little wealth. We have a whole lot of "stuff" but very little substance. Our dollars, like our votes, are literally taken for granted by those who receive them.

Socially, we are ostracized, caricatured, criticized, and demeaned. Just the other night, I heard one of this country's so-called conservative talk show hosts call Maya Angelou a

"whore" and Michelle Obama a "hypocrite." And, if you think Obama has taken some body blows, believe me, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

All of this, despite our being in this country for 400 years and contributing more than any other group to this nation's foundational wealth by working without pay for 250 years or so. It's quite obvious to me that those in charge are not coming to save us; after all, we have been here for four centuries and they have not come yet. What should we do now?

The first thing we must do is acknowledge our situation. Understand what runs this country and deal from that perspective. Rothchild was right, and he proved it by accumulating billions of dollars for his family and future generations. Many others have

done the same, and they don't care who is in office. They give money to both parties and cover their bets in politics because they definitely know what time it is.

"Our charge, as Black people in America, is to move from a social agenda to an economic agenda," as Dr. Earl Trent has so eloquently and straightforwardly suggested. Black folks are the only group in this country trying to assimilate, trying to be accepted, and trying to be approved and validated by white people. In the process of our inappropriate behavior, we are losing and falling even further behind in the collective economic game. As Trent says, "It's like drinking water from a cup with holes in its sides... we may get a small drink but we have nothing left in the cup

to pass on to our loved ones."

We must wake up and then get up and be about the business of economic empowerment, regardless of who wins any election. We must not allow the hoopla of "making history" to divert our attention from the real action, and that action is building, owning, and controlling our own income producing assets.

As I began with a quote from Rothchild, I end with one from Dr. Trent. "An economic agenda is the central agenda of all politics, for it determines who gets a slice of the pie, who gets the crumbs and who gets nothing. The new agenda for Black America must consciously replace the social agenda with an economic agenda whose central focus is how we can improve the state of the Black economy."

rock in their shoe, with the advance of time, one soon becomes desensitized to the pain of its impact. Ironically, when the rock changes position and from another angle imposes distress we take notice and experience a peak in our attention to the source of our discomfiture. Similarly, we spend in general a disillusioning proportion of our conversations referring to each other as the N-word and then go about in rebuttal, dissecting superficial differences of the uses of the word among Blacks, its spelling, its pronunciation, the imaginary distinction between its use in white and Black mouths, neglecting the fact that a tomato is still a tomato even if you change the pronunciation.

We need to take a proactive stance against this term's fallacious, acrimonious hold on our society's progress; stop embracing the tools of our destruction, understanding that weapons formed against us in time past do not lose but gain momentum as we perpetuate them in our community. You cannot bring a bomb home and expect

because you decorate it, that its effects will be ameliorated. Its obliterating impact to the African-American spirit and self-concept only contribute to our digression as a culture.

I think we have forgotten that it was those who share our bloodline that formed the geometry necessary to construct the pyramids, that invented many of the foundations of contemporary medicine, first navigated by the stars and taught others all these things. We forget that Aristotle and his contemporaries voyaged to US in Timbuktu and Mali and Cairo to attain an education. I'm not talking about the bloodlines of our mothers' violators during slavery that promulgated and gave roots to the firsts of our culture's single parent homes. We forget that we virtually invented family ties in our communal villages where it took "a village to raise a child,"-not because our fathers didn't want to be there, but because back then we realized the value of community investment in our posterity... because back then before those necrophiliac

ships with their diabolical, exploitative missions arrived at our shores-that though we had our problems as any nation does, we knew the value of family, the value of the next man as he related to our life's path and we didn't leave our children behind. Back before we addressed each other as the N-word...

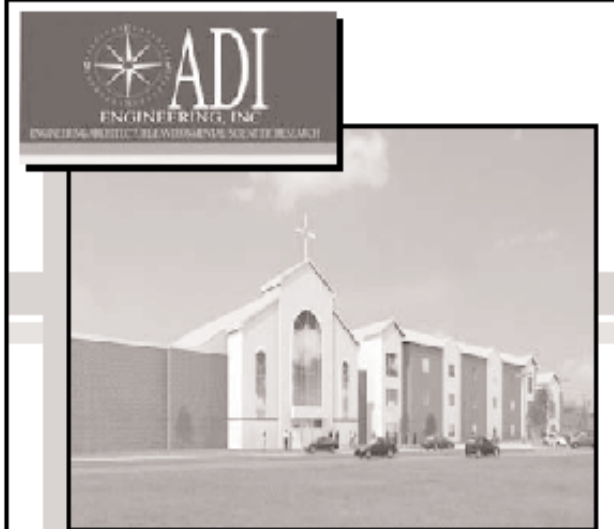
Did you know that the word nigger comes from the Hebrew word "necr" for "cursed"? No, no one stops in their tracks to register a physical sensation in response to the word, but your spirit does and each of us with Black blood flowing through us should recognize a need for self-censure. Did you mean to call your sister "cursed one"? Did you really mean to tell your "road dog" that you don't really mean him any good? Did you mean to tell your educated, phenomenal, progressive, strong, historically fortified, surviving, striving, resilient brother that everything he touches will come of no good? Because that's what you mean when we refer to one another as "nigga."

We need to be edifying

each other, building each other up, removing from our language the arsenal of our enemies. When our own vocabulary reflects a propensity to spread hate among ourselves, it is us that are our own worst enemies. The white man did an even better job tearing us down if he was able to train us to do it ourselves. We used to get upset when someone yelled out "jigaboo," "darkie," "picaninny," "tar baby".... "nigger." And now we pretend all is well as long as we are the ones using the language, forgetting these words' design as tools to convey our captors and oppressors' concept of our inferiority, even to their barbarism. They rape our land, our mothers, our spirit, and somehow we think we can divorce our use of the words from their original intent. We're wrong.

This N-word has got to go. Its wheezing, straining against the covers, feeding through a tube. Its heart monitor is giving off a weak emasculated signal. Its breath is thin and hardly perceptible. It wants to die. Are you keeping it alive?

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## Company Pays \$1.9 Million To Settle Racial Discrimination Case

(AP) An aviation-fueling company has agreed to pay nearly \$1.9 million to black and Hispanic workers who said they were taunted with hangman's nooses, racist cartoons and other racial slurs.

Allied Aviation Services Inc. did not admit wrongdoing, but it settled a lawsuit before it could go to trial in June.

The settlement will be paid to 15 current and former employees who worked at Allied's fueling station at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

This is a company that failed to recognize the red flags," said Suzanne Anderson, an attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which joined private attorneys in filing the lawsuit. "If you see a noose, you should react."

Black employees said whites forced them to ride in the back of company shuttle buses, and someone scrawled a slur on a tile in

the men's room. A Hispanic worker charged that his boss displayed a racially insulting cartoon about the worker.

One of the former workers, Eric Mitchel, called the treatment of minorities "a modern-day lynching."

We have endured a lot,"

he said. "We feel very good that we've been vindicated." Although the lawsuit focused on DFW workers, lawyers said they received similar complaints from Allied workers at Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark airports in the New York area.

## Commuters Could Win by Driving Less

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### FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

March 16, 11 am

Our 11:00 am Morning Worship Service will be held @ Story Elementary School, 1550 Edelweiss in Allen, TX. Children's Church and the Nursery will also be available @ the school during this time.

March 14 - 16, 2008

It's coming! Its coming and you are invited to join us at our Holy-Spirited 2008 Men's Empowerment Conference. Our theme: "Seasons of Change"; it will be held @ the Hilton Garden Inn, 705 N. Central Expressway in Allen, TX

For more information about the above events, please call the church @ 972-359-9956.

**Fellowship B. C. of Allen**  
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**M. Div.**  
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March 23, 2008

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### NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS

March 14, 7:30 pm

The Dallas Area Ushers and Nurses will meet in the Educational Building.

March 22, 10 am

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22nd.

March 23, 2008

Please join us for our Sunrise Services at 6 am, & our Easter Program at 8:30 am.

**New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas**  
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### PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

March 28 & 29, 2008

The Tribe of Judah Dance Ministry presents their 2008 "Back to Basics Dance Ministry Workshop from 5:30 to 10 pm on March 28th and 8 am to 6 pm on March 29th.

March 30, 4 pm

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March 23, 2008

Please join us for our Easter Worship Services at 8 am and 11 am

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### WOMAN OF STRENGTH MINISTRY

April 12, 11 am – 2 pm

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For ticket prices, information or directions call 972-296-4590.

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**Ms. Donna A. Gantt**  
**P. O. Box 382003**  
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### BACK-TO-GOD MINISTRIES

March 17-22, 7 pm

You are invited for a spiritual break-through at our Women of Warfare, Men of Valor Conference with Evangelist Pearlle Washington from Orange, TX as our speaker. Theme: "There Is A War Going On And We Are In It To Win It." Bishop Raymond & Co-Pastor Phyllis Richard are the host of this conference at the church.

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## Sister Tarpley

*Great Quotes: Your success and happiness lie in you . . . Resolve to keep happy and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties - Helen Keller. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dream - Eleanor Roosevelt.*

I am honored and very proud that Congresswoman Hillary Rodham Clinton is the first major female contender for the Democrat nomination to the presidency; however, I am equally proud that the elegant and honorable Shirley Chisholm, the Black Congresswoman from New York, in 1972 announced her candidacy for president. Furthermore, Congresswoman Chisholm was the first African American woman elected to Congress.

*Remember the importance of Black women in America; and about the myriad (innumerable) ways they have changed the world. This year's National Women's Month Theme: "Women's Arts: Women's Visions," to honor the originality, beauty, imagination, and multiple dimensions of women's lives. Moreover, I also call attention to the spirit of possibility and hope set in motion by generations of Black women in their creation of communities and their encouragement of dreams.*

## NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

*The history of the Black woman is quintessential to women's history; they have always played a vital role in shaping Americans history. It is the story of amazing women's accomplishments acclaimed at the time but written out of history. Join me as I honor them*



Soror Sydney Davis, a fashion statement at the Chi Zeta Omega Debutants' Mother/Daughter Luncheon, proudly wears her late grandmother's hat and gloves.

*this month ensuring that their accomplishments are never forgotten.*

Bessie Coleman, the first Black female aviator, had a postage stamp issued in her honor in 1995. Sarah Goode the first Black female patent holder was issued a patent in 1885 for a Folding Cabinet Bed. Miriam Benjamin, the second Black woman in history to receive a patent for a Gong and Signal Chair for motels in 1888. Patricia Bath was the first Black female doctor to receive a patent for a medical invention; a machine for ablating and removing cataract lenses.

Henrietta Bradberry invented a bed rack with an attachment to the bed that permitted air to pass through and refresh worn clothes in 1943; and in 1945, the device operat-

ed pneumatically and was adapted to discharge torpedoes under the water surface (the Torpedo Discharger.)

Marie Brown invented the Video Home Security System that utilized television surveillance in 1969; the same year that Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott, my only daughter was born. Bessie Blount, a physical therapist who worked with soldiers injured in WW II, invented a device allowing amputees to feed themselves in 1951. Mary Reynolds invented a Hoisting/Loading Mechanism in April 1920. Alice Parker in 1919 invented a new and improved gas heating furnace. The invention provided a mechanism for regulating heat to be carried to various rooms in a building.

Valerie Thomas in 1980 invented an Illusion Transmitter that extends the idea of television, with its images located flatly behind a screen to having three dimensional projections appear as though they were right in your living room.

Roberta Martin was the operator of her own "Gospel Music Publishing House." Sister Rosetta Tharpe was a Gospel Singer that was known for her signature guitar style; she also introduced gospel music into nightclubs as well as concert halls. Martin and Tharpe both had postage stamps issued in their honor in 1998; the same year my first grandchild and only granddaughter Tyanna Donnise Lott was born.

### Suicide, Page 1

sage after learning of the tragedy about 12:30 a.m. Mr. Shaw requested the senator would take care of the couple's college age son. The voicemail indicated that the couple's enemies "would make sure that they were dead before the end of the day."

Flint Shaw resigned her DART board seat in January after she was accused of forging stationery from the Dallas County District Attorney's Office to avoid paying a \$7,500 debt.

Her husband wrote a regular political column on Dallasblog.com.

Lt. Craig Miller said relatives became concerned about the couple's well-being after a series of telephone calls.

Miller said Rufus Shaw called an out-of-state family member about 6 p.m. That conversation prompted at least two more phone calls involving relatives in Texas and elsewhere. One family member went to the couple's home about 9:45 p.m. and called police after no one inside responded.

Miller did not elaborate on the conversations between Rufus Shaw and family members or what other evidence pointed to a possible murder-suicide.

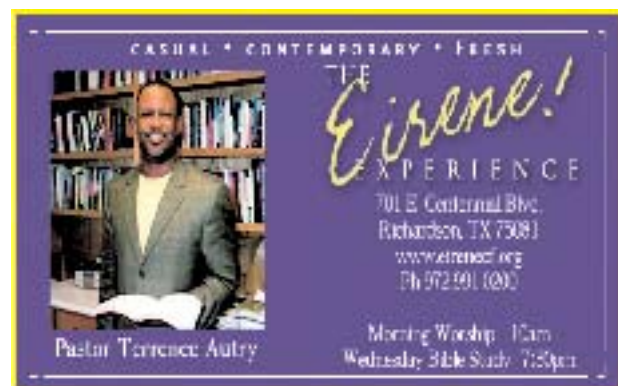
"There were clues that we looked at there that lead us to believe that they had their life in order," he said.

Miller was asked during the news conference whether the couple may have been involved in a "suicide pact."

"We certainly believe that's possible that both

people were involved," Miller said. "We will not know that until we get further into this investigation. Obviously one person in this situation did the shooting but to say whether or not both people were cognizant of what was about to take place ... we can't determine that right now."

Flint Shaw had been free on \$500 bond on charges of tampering with a governmental record.



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#### Tuesday

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#### Wednesday

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## AKA Salutes Women's History Month

Alpha Kappa Alpha's international president, Barbara A. McKinzie urged the sorority's 200,000 members to celebrate women during the March, which is designated as Women's History Month. She issued the call to members--and everyone--to participate in events praising women and to reflect on their greatness while the spotlight is focused on women this

month.

Declared McKinzie, "Since 1908 when Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded, its members have made an impact during the Suffragette movement, during the civil rights era and throughout history. Alpha Kappa Alpha women have been in the forefront of effecting change as trail-blazers, champions and history makers."

She said that Alpha Kappa Alpha women have recorded many firsts in their 100-year history including:

\* Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, president of Liberia and the first female to serve as head of an Africa nation

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\* Dr. Mae Jemison, the

first woman of color to be launched into space

Other remarkable AKAs include the late Coretta Scott King; Peggy Quince, a member of the Florida Supreme Court; vocalist and musician Alicia Keys; actress Jada Pinkett Smith, U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee; poet Maya Angelou and many more.

She added that as the membership grew and

expanded its presence and sphere of influence, the Sorority extended its presence and service reach globally. Today, she said, its members make a difference on every continent. She noted that long before it was popular, Alpha Kappa Alpha had sponsored schools in rural South Africa. Known as Ivy AKAdemies, the schools were constructed in the '90s,

remain viable today and have helped bring hope to the continent.

"Alpha Kappa Alpha members have been in the forefront of creating History since the beginning of time," said McKinzie. "During this month set aside to rejoice in our accomplishments, I urge everyone to join me in celebrating the triumphs, achievements and excellence of women."

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