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## Excerpts of Obama's Speech on Race

By The Associated Press

Excerpts of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's speech on race Tuesday at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, as transcribed by CQ Transcriptions.

At various stages in the



campaign, some commentators have deemed me either "too black" or "not

black enough." We saw racial tensions bubble to the surface during the week before the South Carolina primary. The press has scoured every single exit poll for the latest evidence of racial polarization, not just in terms of white and black, but black and brown as

well.

And yet, it's only been in the last couple of weeks that the discussion of race in this campaign has taken a particularly divisive turn.

On one end of the spectrum, we've heard the implication that my

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## Mavs Point Guard Jason Kidd Helps Dedicate Newest Reading & Learning Center

The Mavs Foundation teamed up with Office Expo and a network installer from iwerk to create a Mavs Reading & Learning Center at the Jeffries Street Learning Center in Fair Park located at 3001 Grand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75215. Mavs Point Guard



*Sheldon & Aaron present Jason with a thank you gift* Jason Kidd assisted with the dedication of the new computer lab earlier this month.

er this month.

The newly-renovated facility received new cubicle units courtesy of Office Expo and new computers and related equipment compliments of the Mavs Foundation. Additionally, Case Martinec of iwerk donated his time to set up and install the net-

work, server, printer, and related computer equipment.

"I would like to thank the Mavs Foundation for installing new computers and enhancing the computer lab at the Jeffries Street Learning Center", said

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## St. Paul United Methodist Church & Dallas Black Dance Theatre Partner To Present An Easter Sunrise Service

St. Paul United Methodist Church and Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) will again enliven the Arts District with their Easter Sunrise Service collaboration on Sunday, March 23, 2008, at 6:30 a.m.

Entitled "Resurrection, Renewal and Renaissance...the Restoration Continues" this celebration fuses scriptures and the arts by these two Dallas Arts District neighbors. A continental breakfast will be served immedi-

ately following the sunrise worship service, followed by Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. This Easter Sunday event is free to the public.

The service is more than an observance; it

is an opportunity for residents of the Arts District and the surrounding communities to join together in merriment as the greatest story ever told is interpreted through song, dance and the spoken word.

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## African American Legal Association Responses to Comments by Adelfa Callejo



*Steve Bolden, II*

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Blackonomics

## The Politics of Fear & Loathing

By James Clingman

Have you noticed the intensity, the urgency, and yes, the expediency in the political arena these days? All of the swagger, chest-bumping, conniving, and hate-filled speech by the talking heads and pundits really let us know what this political game is all about. If you look beneath the sound-bites and the flowery speeches you cannot help but notice the seedy side, the down and dirty side, the ire and animus, the angst, and the ultimate aphrodisiacs: money and

power. Of course, we are on the sidelines cheering for our "team" while our purported "teammates" are busy playing the political game to its fullest. One team will win the prize. What will Black people win?

Of course, that last question was rhetorical, that is, unless someone has an answer for it other than the usual symbolic ones. Viewing the politicians from President George on down, along with their cronies and detractors, discloses a great deal about how ruthless some of these

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## Tanya Bell

The Indiana Black Expo, Inc. (IBE) board of directors named Tanya Bell president and chief executive officer (CEO) of IBE.

Bell will assume the full duties as and responsibilities of CEO. Her newly assigned duties include fund development, partnership development and the role of



liaison between the board of directors and the staff of IBE.

"Tanya has proven to be a great leader serving on the IBE board of directors as vice chair, legal counsel, chair of the personnel committee and Summer Celebration Oversight Committee. Most recently, she worked actively with the Chair of our Chapter Development Committee

in the reorganization of our 12 state-wide chapters. She has a proven fundraising track record and a complete understanding of the organizational structure and operations," notes IBE Board Chairman, Arvis Dawson. "She will provide strong leadership to further IBE programs and events; obtain new sponsors and partners; and, courageously make bold

and tough decisions to move IBE forward."

In response to her newly appointed title, Bell notes "I have been passionate about the mission and vision of IBE for many years. To lead such an extraordinary organization and to be of service to the community is an opportunity of a lifetime."

Bell is a member of the Indiana Bar Association,

the Health Lawyers Association; she currently serves as an Adjunct Legal Writing Professor for the Indiana University School of Law. She is also Executive Vice-Chair of the Princess Power Ministries, Ltd., and the Earth Angels, Inc, two non-profit organizations that focuses on mentorship and development of underprivileged youth.

## Shelia McBride

Shelia McBride is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of GradeCheck®, an Academic Qualifier Advocacy services firm for high school athletes. GradeCheck® assists students to ensure academic compliance with the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements. GradeCheck® does this through transcript tracking, tutorial services, and serving as a liaison between high school



administrative offices and the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Like many great ideas, GradeCheck® was born out of necessity. The company was founded in 1997 in Detroit, Michigan by Shelia McBride. McBride's son, Kevin Shorter, was a standout basketball player on his high school team and was determined to play in the NCAA. Ensuring he met the eligibility requirements laid down by the NCAA, however, proved a much greater challenge

than either of them thought.

While reviewing her own son's academic performance, McBride developed a clear understanding of the NCAA requirements and a system for rapidly determining Kevin's standing. This understanding, coupled with her own educational background, helped McBride cultivate this crucial system – she has a Bachelor of Science in Business from Columbia College in Missouri. McBride is also a recent

graduate of Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute, Inc.

As Michigan's leading expert on NCAA Clearinghouse require-

ments, McBride has made several appearances on local media programming, to explain the difficulties associated with the NCAA Clearinghouse.

## Cynthia Austin



Homemaker, businesswoman, broadcaster and author. Cynthia Austin is the President of Biblical Women Company and host of the syndicated program "Bible Quiz Radio." She was nominated for Who's Who Among America's Broadcasters.

After narrating the Biblical Women stories, Cynthia began receiving request to use the cassettes for fundraisers. She

then put T-Shirts with the cassettes and began to grow the line from there. Biblical Women Company has been assisting ministries with fundraisers for over 15 years. Cynthia has now positioned the company to offer Direct Sales Opportunities for individuals looking to start their own business. The new exclusive premiere line is made with high-end design detail, premium features and sophisticated fabrics featuring custom embroidery with elegance. The premiere selection can only be purchased through our network of independent distributors. This business

woman is also an author and gospel public speaker. Due to her family obligations, Cynthia will only accept invitations in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. She lives in

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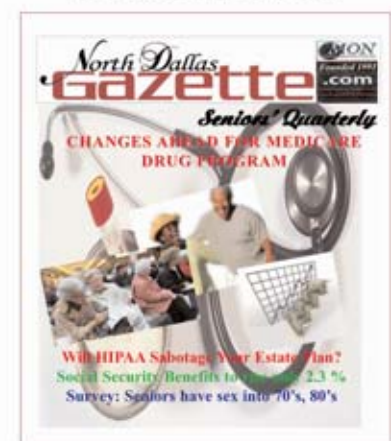
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#### Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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!

The North Dallas Gazette formally Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

Barack Obama's quest to be the Democratic presidential nominee seems to be causing the conservative right wingers major concern. They have dredged the bottom of their dirty tricks barrel to uncover several sermons of Obama's former pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, in which he castigated America's hypocritical racial, religious and terrorism practices. His views were based on his interpretations of the Christian Gospels.

Video snippets from the sermons preached during 2001-03 have been widely viewed on television and the internet. The news media, with a few exceptions, have blatantly implied that Barack Obama must bear some responsibility for these statements because he is a member of Wright's church, Trinity United Church of Christ.

Questions about Obama's religious beliefs have hounded him since he declared his candidacy in February 2007. At various times he's had to defend himself against false rumors suggesting he's a Muslim because of his father once was or he posed a threat to the security of the United States because he was acquainted with Louis Farrakhan.

The words that his ex-pastor spoke nearly seven years ago have been nicely packaged in a box of feigned Christian patriotism, beautifully wrapped in the American flag, and dispensed to the American public as conspiracy evidence.

Obama responded swiftly and bluntly to all of the "guilt by association" poison darts hurled at him.

He posted a statement about his relationship with Rev. Wright and the church, on the Huffington Post web site that said he's looked to Wright for spiritual advice, not political guidance, and he's been pained and angered to learn of some of his pastor's comments.

"I categorically denounce any statement that disparages our great country or serves to divide us from our allies," Obama said. "I also believe that words that degrade individuals have no place in our public dialogue, whether it's on the campaign stump or in the pulpit. In sum, I reject outright the statements by Reverend Wright that are at issue."

"Reverend Wright preached the gospel of Jesus, a gospel on which I base my life. And the sermons I heard him preach always related to our obligation to love God and be tolerant of one another, to work on behalf of the poor, and to seek justice at every turn."

Ronald Reagan said, "A tolerant society is open to and encouraging of all religions. This does not weaken us; it strengthens us. If we look back through history to all those great civilizations that rose up to world dominance and then deteriorated, declined, and fell, we find they all had one thing in common. A significant forerunner of their fall was their turning away from their God."

Americans need to pay particular attention to the subtle nuances that the religious right is inserting into politics as they strive to take over the government. The past two presidential elections have provided hard evidence of the dire results of their insidious transformation of perverted Christian truths into public policy.

While there are still millions of God-fearing righteous people in America, as evidenced by the Christian vote partition in the current Republican primaries, the fact is they seem to have lost control of their religious freedom. That is a tragedy, not just for Americans, but for people the world over who have watched America morph from the truly great nation that it used to be.

There are not many people who have the backbone to stand up and warn Americans about the grievous perils of following a path toward moral bankruptcy. Any who do are subject to harsh personal and professional retribution. We desperately need the modern day Nathans, Elijahs and Jeremiahs who dared to confront their corrupt leaders.

Former Colorado Senator Gary Hart has written a compelling essay on the separation of church and state in America. Titled "God and Caesar in America" it is a moral and practical analysis on why mixing religion with politics is detrimental to both.

Hart addresses the deplorable manner in which right wing

ministers manipulate Jesus doctrine to achieve their own selfish political goals.

Hart says, "Our founders knew that we would be governed by fallible human beings from among whom we would select our leaders. They did not believe that human fallibility in the political sphere would be corrected by opening the corridors of power to demagogue ministers, priests and rabbis."

It is clear that the religious right has established a dominant position within one political party, a position that permits it to impose its veto on candidates for office, proposed legislation, and judicial appointments. But this position does not make it a majority even in one political party, let alone in the nation.

Hart writes optimistically that the pendulum will swing back to the origins of our Constitution and in the future, "Politicians hiding behind the robes of ministers, policy makers courting a vicious religious element, adventurers cloaking foreign military ventures in crusader religious rhetoric, political manipulators cynically using fear tactics to turn out voters all will be swept back into our nation's nooks and crannies from whence they emerged. This must happen, because America cannot be democratically governed otherwise."

James W. Breedlove

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: [www.truthclinic.com](http://www.truthclinic.com).

# AIDS Fight Requires More Than Politics As Usual

By Scott Blaine Swenson

Americans need look no farther than the reauthorization of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to understand why fundamental change is needed in Washington. The good intentions of American taxpayers extending a helping hand to Africans ravaged by AIDS are caught between Republican ideologues and complicit Democrats avoiding a fight on issues at the center of efforts to combat AIDS; sexual and reproductive health.

PEPFAR's mission was compromised by the House Foreign Affairs Committee because they cannot honestly discuss sexual reproductive health. Once Republican ideologues invoke abortion, which has nothing to do with PEPFAR, problem solving is lost to politics.

For 25 years social conservatives ignored AIDS, using it to marginalize people and allowing the disease to run rampant. Now rigid ideology prevents them from allowing public health experts to use proven scientific methods to educate, prevent and treat. Democrats who compromise are

politically complicit.

Ignoring objective analyses and recommendations based on PEPFAR's first five years from the Institute of Medicine, General Accounting Office, Center for Public Integrity and others, the current proposal fails to ensure the increased funds are spent wisely. Congress will spend more without listening to proven public health strategies.

The good news is the White House has agreed to Congress' request for \$50 billion, over five-years, up from \$30 billion requested. More money is good, but more money spent wisely, based on reality is better.

The new proposal includes efforts to address unique circumstances that women, girls and youth face, including efforts to confront violence against women, promoting property and inheritance rights, expanding economic opportunity to promote financial independence, and efforts to work with men and boys to reinforce positive attitudes and the rights of women. Women in Africa have less ability to negotiate sex, are often married young, and exposed to HIV

often through marriage.

Other positive changes include increased training of health care professionals and support for nutrition programs.

Now for the bad news:

- Republicans continue to push abstinence-only policies that major studies on PEPFAR indicate impede program effectiveness. An earmark insisting 33 percent of funds be spent on abstinence is gone. But in its place is a requirement that 50 percent of funds for preventing sexual transmission be spent on "behavior change," defined as abstinence, delay of sexual debut, monogamy and fidelity. The tone of the new requirement suggests that abstinence-only programming is preferred. The proposal requires local public health officials to report noncompliance. Congressional micro-management like this perpetuates failed abstinence-only policies and politicizes a program that should be based on scientific evidence, not ideology.

- The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops successfully removed provisions allowing voluntary contraception services to be

offered to participants in programs working to prevent mother to child transmission of HIV. The World Health Organization states that voluntary contraception is one of the most important aspects of preventing mother to child transmission.

- Only family planning organizations that sign the Global Gag Rule, prohibiting recipients of U.S. foreign assistance from even discussing abortion, are now eligible for PEPFAR. Family planning organizations are not seeking to use PEPFAR money to perform or counsel abortions, and cannot by existing law. They want to help provide contraception and reproductive health services alongside HIV services, as recommended by public health experts.

- The Democrats voluntarily gave up fighting the anti-prostitution pledge. The pledge effectively restricts organizations receiving money from PEPFAR from working with sex workers, who are one of the most vulnerable populations in terms of contracting HIV, and a primary target group to slow the spread of the disease. They were more concerned about re-election than attacking HIV/AIDS strategically.

There is no doubt that issues of sexual and reproductive health are difficult to discuss, but in order to address the AIDS pandemic in Africa, Congress must learn from public health experts. American voters are clamoring for reality-based politics this primary season, looking for solutions to difficult

problems, and rejecting politicians who continue to divide.

The reality is this was a moment missed by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. It was a moment to prove that a Democratic majority could do something differently, better, for the people of Africa; that we could rise above polarization and partisanship. There is still hope the full House will change the proposal based on sound public health strategies.

More lives will be saved with the new proposal, but we can save even more if our elected officials put public health over politics.

*Swenson is the Editor of RH Reality Check.org, an online publication dealing with sexual and reproductive health.*

## Community Forum with GISD Officials Hosted by NAACP

The NAACP Garland Branch will host "A Dialogue on the State of Education in Our Community" at its upcoming monthly meeting. Guest presenters will include GISD Central

Administrators/Staff, The Honorable Linda Griffin – President, GISD Board of Trustees; Goldie Locke – Multi-Ethnic Committee representative; and Dr. Joyce Miller – Branch ACT-SO Program Coordinator.

The patrons will have the opportunity to obtain information, voice concerns and ask questions about GISD programs, policies and partnership initiatives. For example: Choice of School, Court Order, Student Code of Conduct, Special Education, Gifted and Talented Programs, recruitment and retention (i.e. administrators and teachers), extracurricular activities, transportation, student achievement, stan-

dardized testing, NAACP ACT-SO and others.

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008

**TIME:** 7:00P.M.

**LOCATION:** Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church  
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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



L-R: Ronald E. Jones, Jr., Peggy Jones and  
The Honorable Mayor Ronald E. Jones



BJ Williams and Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Anderson,  
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The Hamilton Park United Methodist Church will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ during Easter Week with several programs and services for everyone. We begin on Friday, March 21 at 7 pm with our Good Friday Service in the main sanctuary. On Saturday, March 22 at 12:30 pm, children (12 years old and under) are invited to join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The week culminates with two worship services - a Sunrise Service at 6 am and a second service at 9:45 am. The Annual Easter Children's Program will take place at 8:30 am. The services will include interpretation for Spanish speaking guests. Immediately following the Worship Service a reception will be held for all guests.

You are welcome to COME AS YOU ARE without dress codes or standards especially if you have little or no experience with Christianity. There will be ample parking and shuttle service to the church.

For more information, call the church at (972) 235-4633. The church is located at 11881 Schroeder Road in Dallas, Texas, north of the

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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

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\* All candidates must be in their senior year of high school.

\* All candidates will

be required to complete an application for scholarship. The application should be postmarked by April 15, 2008. Applications are available to download at [www.garlandcivictheatre.org](http://www.garlandcivictheatre.org). They are also available at the GCT office, 108 North 6th Street, in downtown Garland.

\* All candidates must

have been involved in some way in one or more of the programs of Garland Civic Theatre, i.e. Children On Stage productions, MainStage productions, Summer Camp, Workshops, etc.

\* Applicant must have applied to a post high school institute of higher learning.

## Announcements of Awards:

\* Award recipients will be announced during the summer of 2007.

\* Scholarship monies will be distributed directly to the school the scholarship recipient will be attending upon verification of acceptance.

Persons interested in donating to the scholarship fund are encouraged to do so by sending a check designated for that

purpose to Garland Civic Theatre, 108 North 6th Street, Garland, Texas 75040. The long-range plan for this program is to grant scholarships equal to the earnings from the fund each year; therefore, the bigger the fund, the more scholarship monies available. All donations to Garland Civic Theatre, a 501 c(3) non-profit organization, are tax

deductible.

Garland Civic Theatre, a member of the Garland Chamber of Commerce, Garland Downtown Business Association, and Texas Non-profit Theatres, is celebrating its 40th season this year. Visit the GCT website at [www.garlandcivictheatre.org](http://www.garlandcivictheatre.org) or call 972-485-8884 for additional information.

## UNT's Robocamp summer camp program gets boost with two new grants

DENTON (UNT), Texas -- The 2008 session of the University of North Texas' Robocamp summer day camps has received additional financial support in the form of two new grants. The Texas Workforce Commission has awarded an additional \$30,000 and the RGK Foundation has awarded \$15,000 in support of camp programs.

These grants are in addition to a \$102,000, two-year grant from the Texas Workforce Commission and a \$30,000 grant from the Motorola Foundation that allowed Robocamp to be expanded to both young men and young women entering grades 8-12. Previously, it had only been offered to young women.

"This will be the largest summer camp program to date with approximately \$125,000 to support programs for this summer, and about \$50,000 already in the hamper for next summer," said David Keathly, a lecturer in UNT's Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Keathly is co-director of Robocamp along with Robert Akl, UNT assistant professor of computer science and engineering. Krishna Kavi,

chair of UNT's department of computer science and engineering is also a co-principal investigator on the Texas Workforce Commission grant.

Registration closes April 15 for this summer's edition of Robocamp. The programs will be five days in length. Half of the time will be spent directly on robotics, with the balance spent on engineering design, critical thinking and programming topics. Each camp will incorporate an individual or team design competition, with certificates

and prizes awarded to the best designs. Registration for each camp is free and will be limited to 20 participants.

The UNT College of Engineering will also host two camps for 20 middle school and high school counselors. The three-day camps will be eligible for continuing education units. Finally, an advanced robotics workshop will be held for those young women who have previously attended any of the Robocamps in 2005, 2006 or 2007 to run concurrently with the counselor camps.



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# Letter to the Editor - A Texas Legend

Rufus Shaw Jr.  
My Friend and My Hero.

March 12, 2008

I failed to tell a great friend Rufus Shaw Jr., that I loved him. I don't want to lose another true friend in this life without letting a friend know just how much they mean to me! That being said, Let me say that I loved Rufus. No disregard for Mrs. Lynn Flint Shaw I didn't know her. I do have an instant longing to be able to share my great trust and faith, her husband always inspired in me. Reader's just listen to the story I am about to tell you. I can only share a glimpse of my memories. I am fighting back the tears!

In September 1967, I met my friend Rufus. He was a slender, chiseled 7th grade genius! Shaw was the fastest sprinter I ever challenged, the ONLY sprinter I never defeated! He was handsome, outspoken and always able to turn on the jets. If I tell you he owned every Texas Relays Track Meet, I lie not! Rufus could turn on a burst of speed and move just like a cheetah, sleek and very much in control. I use to watch Rufus and

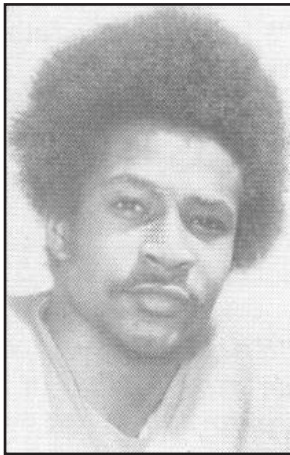


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John Delley, Gene and Joe Pouncy burn up the original Cobb Stadium track. I bet some of you can remember them hot fries and mustard, frigid nights and the cheers that filled the skies for the "mighty mighty Tigers of Lincoln High". "I want to be a Tiiiger... Just want to be a Tiiiger!" Rufus's glory would continue and sadly one day, fade. He was for now, a force! And later, his defining character demanded equality and the call for integration throughout Dallas itself. He was a cutting edge and a part of the change socially that made SMU an outstanding University and notable for

the era. Before the Pony Express, there was Rufus Shaw being interviewed by Vern Lunquist every Friday night talking SMU football.

Some of you think, "Now he is exaggerating the Rufus influence!" But I kid you not. In the wave of change that was shaping the 70's, Shaw was a true ambassador and he was a leading figure of our local scene here in Dallas. So likeable was Rufus. He was a celebrity even on the national stage. I bet few of you know he was even a weekly host for a time on the TV

Concert Musical Show, "The Midnight Special", Hosted by Wolfman Jack. "Let the Midnight Special shine its ever-loving light on You!" Heck! Rufus even hung out with Huey Newton, the Black Panther down in Austin, Texas for a minute. Huey Newton put some radical notions in his head! I won't go into that part Rufus's experiences. Lets just say, "Right On Brother!"

Besides being a stellar athlete, academician and rock star, he was my friend. We both attended Joseph J. Rhoads Elementary on Second Ave. Both were

educated by proud black educators. Our first Principle was Dr. C.F. Toles, PhD. We were taught the Queen's English by the unforgettable Ms. Saunders. Social Studies and Math by Mr. Campus. Fine teachers! They instilled the rules of "DOUBLE." That is, you must work twice as hard, you must be twice as smart, you must have twice the strength and you must trust in God twice as hard! Rufus excelled at everything he did. He was my watermark, He was my measuring stick. He was my hero and I followed his examples.

This last thing I'd like for you to know dear reader; a final note to my story here. I saw the day when Rufus refused to be afraid... of anything ever again in his life.

We were both running laps around the track at Joseph J. Rhoads, when Rufus, who always led the pack, pulled up from his running. He was about to pull a hamstring. Our Gym Coach; lets just call him "Mr. Hate," demanded that he get back out on the track and finish running laps. Rufus refused and headed to the locker room

and I went with him.

Coach Hate followed us back to the locker room. But we didn't see him behind us. Rufus started to swear a little. "Coach is crazy and if he messes with me I am going to tell my daddy," "he tried to make me injure my leg! He must a crazy fool!" Well, old Coach Hate was lurking behind the lockers on another aisle. He overheard our conversation and launched an attack placing Rufus in a stranglehold! Rufus's face went flush as the breath began to evacuate his lungs. His eyes bulged out his head and he looked like he was about to die.

I yelled at the coach and he finally loosed his grip and Shaw fell to the concrete floor. The Coach kicked him; just to be sure he was still alive. Coach Hate cursed as he ran from the locker room. I run to Shaw's aid and he slowly began to recover. Rufus stood to his feet shivering from fear. He was, for the first time vulnerable and his confidence was "shaken not shattered." He swore

me to secrecy and I promised not to mention what had happened.

Rufus Shaw Jr. from that moment on never yields to any challenge. The event with the coach seemed to forge a hidden power instilled deeply in his heart. He never said a word about what happened, to anyone not even his father.

Well anyway readers, I hope area publisher join me in getting on the case and getting Rufus inducted into the Texas Black Athletes Hall of Fame. Rufus really needs to be enshrined as a sport legend. So publishers lets get that done!

We will hear from Rufus's many friends, about his life, about his ascent, about his fall. Mine is just one voice in a choir of observers. He was my hero he was friend.

Goodbye Rufus Shaw Jr. I love you Man.

By Curtis James Long  
Publisher, The Golden Chariot Obituary Page  
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## Black Vegetarian Society of Texas

Kick the meat habit, at least for one day! Come to the MEATOUT 2008 Festival Saturday, March 29, 10 am to 2 pm, at the Martin Luther King Junior Center Senior Room (Building E), 2901 Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by the Black Vegetarian Society of Texas (BVSTX), the free festival will include cooking demonstrations, food sampling, health lectures, health screenings, children's activities, and door prizes. "This is a wonderful opportunity to sample vegetarian food that you never imagined could be so delicious. At the same time, with all the festival activities, you will learn to make healthy choices that will last a lifetime," said V. Barbara Bush, president of the BVSTX.

Speakers at the Dallas event will include noted vegetarians John J. Pippin, M.D., senior medical and

research adviser for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, of Dallas; Eric Hill, natural healing expert and owner of Natural Health Services, of Waco; and Malin, diet and fitness guru and owner of ABC Health and Fitness, of Richardson. The free health screenings, sponsored by Friendship West Church Health Ministry, will include blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol.

MEATOUT 2008 is not just a Metroplex event. Around the first day of spring thousands of caring people in all 50 states and at least two dozen other countries will host informative and educational Meatout events. What began as The Great American Meatout in 1985 is now the world's largest and oldest annual grassroots healthy eating lifestyle campaign. Every

spring, thousands of Meatout supporters educate their communities and ask their friends, families, and neighbors to pledge to kick the meat habit (at least for a day) and explore a wholesome, nonviolent plant-based diet.

The international observance helps individuals evolve to a wholesome, nonviolent diet of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. We want to expose the public to the joys and benefits of a plant-based diet, while promoting the availability and selection of meat and dairy alternatives in mainstream grocery stores, restaurants, and catering operations.

Since the inception of Meatout programs, several mainstream health advocacy organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the National Cancer Institute, Johns Hopkins University, and the American Heart

Association, have also launched their own campaigns to place an emphasis on plant-based foods, as opposed to meat-based diets. The Meatout concept reflects national trends:

- Mainstream health advocacy organizations and the official government publication, "Dietary Guidelines for Americans," promote plant-based foods.
- Over 30 million Americans explored a meat-free diet.
- National beef and veal consumption dropped by 25% and 70%, respectively.
- Major manufacturers and retailers are marketing meat-free and dairy-free meals.

For more information about the MEATOUT 2008 Festival in Dallas, contact the BVSTX at (214) 331-2812.

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**African American Republican Club of Collin County:** Collin County's newest Republican Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at Collin County Republican Party Headquarters beginning at 7 p.m. The purpose of this club is for men and women to discuss issues important to African American Republicans. For more info, please call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or email him at [fred@tes.com](mailto:fred@tes.com).  
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**Reggae Saturdays** Every Saturday at the Daiquiri Dump, located at 2612 Commerce St. Dallas, Texas 75226, is Reggae Night. The fun starts at 9:00 p.m. Admission is free before 11, with RSVP. You can RSVP at [www.minglemonday.com](http://www.minglemonday.com). For more information, call 214-629-0077.

**Teen First Fridays** is an exciting new event designed to transition youth into a higher level of engagement with worship through music, movement, spoken word and spiritual food. Teen First Fridays will be held in collaboration with St. Philip's School and Community Center, Project Still I Rise Inc. and the Dallas Leadership Foundation. Teen First Fridays will be held at St. Philip's Community Center located at 1600 Pennsylvania, Dallas, Texas 75215 from 5:45pm - 8:45pm every first Friday of the month. Each Friday will include motivational speakers, food, live entertainment, youth and spoken word performances. For more information regarding this event please contact Tiffany Kirby, Community Center Director, St. Philip's School and Community Center at 214-421-5221 or Kevin Mondy, President, Project Still I Rise at 1-877-380-6413.

**Marriage Prep Class** Engaged women should take advantage of this investment in a strong foundation, for a healthy biblical marriage. The class is located at 423 West Wheatland Road Suite 101, in Duncanville Texas 75116 and takes place on the first Saturday of every month. There is a \$10 fee for materials. For more info on premarital classes please call Karen Duval at 972-709-1180.

**In The Beginning** is a new exhibit opening at the Women's Museum on Friday February 22nd. The exhibit features over twenty new pieces of art exclusively by Jewish American Artists. The exhibit will run from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Please visit [www.thewomensmuseum.org](http://www.thewomensmuseum.org) for more information.

Paul Quinn's Tuesdays in February, will consist of a black history month lecture series. Speakers include: Senior Pastor and University President Rev. Dr. Floyd Flake, Dallas Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., R&B Artist Angie Stone, ESPN Magazine Columnist Chris Broussard and WFAA Channel 8 Reporter Darla Miles. The series takes place every Tuesday (Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26) at Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road. The event is free and open to all. For more information, call

214-302-3577.

**The Watermarks Invitational** exhibits the work of 13 professional artists using water media. The exhibit will last through April 12, lasting from 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on Fridays, and from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturdays. This exhibit is free and will be located at the Collin College Plano Campus at 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway. For more info call 972-881-5873, or visit [www.ccccd.edu](http://www.ccccd.edu).

**March 27 Free Estate Planning Seminar** Discover how easy it is to use a Living Trust or a Properly Drafted Will to save on Estate Taxes and Control your Assets. This informative, 90-minute educational program, will be presented to you by Dallas Estate Planning Attorney, Richard P. Johnson, who is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. For reservations call Karen at 972-497-1010 or email [Karen@RichardJohnsonLaw.com](mailto:Karen@RichardJohnsonLaw.com).

**March 27** Regina Franklin-Basye, a bereavement expert, will speak on "Healing By Remembering" at the bereavement luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association. The luncheon is from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation on 3966 McKinney Avenue in Dallas. There is no cost to attend the luncheon, but reservations are requested and can be made through by calling 214- 689-2633.

**March 27, 28 and 29 Shepton High School** proudly presents The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe from the story by C. S. Lewis, dramatized by Joseph Robinette. Performances are scheduled for March 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 29 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 for adults. For more information, please email [laura.darce@pisd.edu](mailto:laura.darce@pisd.edu) or call 469-752-7754.

**March 28 The Collin College 7th annual Talent Show** is set for 7:00 p.m. at the John Anthony Theatre, located at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E.

Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. Tickets will be sold at the door. The event will feature a number of Collin College students performing various acts including vocals, music, dance and more. For more information, contact Kathy Morgan at [kmorgan@cccd.edu](mailto:kmorgan@cccd.edu).

**March 28 Plano Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Gala** will be held at the Marriott at Legacy Town Center in Plano. This year the City of Plano is honoring Brian McCall as the 2007 Citizen of the Year. The Gala will begin with a cocktail reception at 6:00 pm, and will feature a keynote address from Scott Sonju, the president and general manager of Frisco Rough Riders Baseball. For more information contact Judy Webster at 972-424-7547, ext. 224.

**March 28-29 TBAAL Black Academy: Urban Writer's Conference** "A Night with Zane" Urban Writer's Meeting will be held at The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, Friday at 9:00 p.m. Admission to will be \$20. On Saturday the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and admission will range from \$45 - \$55. For more information contact TBAAL at 214-943-2442.

**March 28-30 Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour** America's favorite sensation comes to the American Airlines Center and places the Emmy Award Nominated High School Musical with ice as the dance floor. Admission to the show is \$65 Rinkside, \$45 VIP, \$30 or \$18. The show will be at American Airlines Center Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday the 29th at 3:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday the 30th at 1:30 p.m. For more information on purchasing tickets visit the American Airlines Center Box Office at 2500 Victory Avenue Dallas, Texas 75219 or call the box office at 214-665-4797.

**March 28-30 The Heart of Texas Arts and Crafts Show** includes Hand Crafted Arts and Crafts, Antiques, Collectibles and Home Decor. This event will be held on Friday from 3:00

pm to 8:00 pm, Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, at Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads. Admission is \$4 for adults, free for kids, and is good for the entire weekend. For more info contact Earline Walters at 903-217-8081 or visit [www.heartoftexasshow.com](http://www.heartoftexasshow.com).

**March 29 The Plano West percussion program** will be presenting their 2008 percussion concert: BATTUTA! on Saturday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Plano West

auditorium. Concert tickets may be purchased for \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door if available. Contact Matt Weyer at [mattweyer@gmail.com](mailto:mattweyer@gmail.com) with questions or to arrange a ticket purchase.

**March 29 Hearts for the Arts presents NBWEN Lunch and Learn-Strategic Planning and Execution** with guest speaker, Mr. Ken Green of the Business Assistance Center 5. Lunch and Learn will begin at 11:00 a.m. and last through 1:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Bill J. Priest Institute, Room 202 A/B. Admission is \$10 for members, and \$20 for non-members, and breakfast is included in the price. You must register for this event online at [www.nbwenl0308.eventbrite.com](http://www.nbwenl0308.eventbrite.com). For more info, email [info@nbwen.org](mailto:info@nbwen.org).

**March 29 The Black Vegetarian Society of Texas** is sponsoring the 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, Saturday, March 29th, 10 am to 2 pm. For more information call (214) 331-2812 or visit [www.bvstx.org](http://www.bvstx.org).

**March 29 The "Top Dogs of Comedy"** will let loose at The Black Academy of Arts & Letters, Naomi Bruton Theatre, which is located at 650 S. Griffin St. in the Dallas Convention Center at the corner of Canton and Akard Streets in down-

town Dallas, Texas 75202. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and available now, you may purchase them at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or by calling Ticketmaster Dallas at 214-373-8000.

**March 30 Christ the King Catholic Church** presents the Easter Series with Natasha Wells, mezzo-soprano and Sue Mitz, pianist on Sunday at 4:00 pm, in the Sanctuary at Christ the King Catholic Church, 8017 Preston Road, Dallas, Texas 75225. Admission to this event is free. For more info call 972-228-1071 or 972-765-3834.

**March 30 The play "Peter and the Wolf"** will finish off the season at the Eisemann Center, located at Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson (at Galatyn Park). The performance will begin at 3:00 p.m., but show up early for the special reception. Tickets will range from \$8.00 - \$18.00.

**March 31 Saul Williams** will perform at The Loft Dallas from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. tonight. Admission is \$12 in advance, or \$14 at the door. The Loft is located at 1135 South Lamar Street.

**April 2 - 4 Addison's North Texas Jazz Festival** The Town of Addison and the University of North Texas Division of Jazz Studies have collaborated to present one of the most successful and stimulating Jazz festivals in the country! The festival will begin at 6:00 p.m. and last until Midnight. This event will be located at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14315 Midway Road in Addison. For further details on this event please call 800-233-4766 or email [webmaster@addisontx.gov](mailto:webmaster@addisontx.gov).

**April 5 African Cultural Festival at UNT Concert Hall** Come celebrate African Culture at the University of North Texas, 801 North Texas Boulevard in Denton starting at 8:00 p.m. Admission to the event is \$10. For more information on the event, please email [galar@music.unt.edu](mailto:galar@music.unt.edu).

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# African American Legal Association Responses to Comments by Adelfa Callejo

In the midst of the hotly contested Texas Democratic Primary and Caucus race, Adelfa Callejo, long-time Hispanic community leader speaking to KTVT-TV (Channel 11) made comments, which were offensive to various members of the African American community. The J.L. Turner Legal Association ("JLTLA") issued a statement this week voicing their displeasure with her comments.

Speaking by phone on Tuesday, Steve Bolden, II, the President of JLTLA indicated the organization deliberately delayed addressing the issue during the election cycle. However, he shared, "We wanted to let the public know we found her comments disappointing"

During the interview broadcast on February 27th, Callejo stated, "Obama simply has a problem that he happens to be black." Senator Hillary Clinton's campaign released a statement rejecting and denouncing Callejo's comment.

Bolden said, "Our association being one viewed as a gatekeeper for issues related to the black community and with the statements made, by one who is an esteemed lawyer here in town, merited a response from the JLTLA."

The JLTLA statement issued reads:



Steve Bolden, II

"The J.L. Turner Legal Association ("JLTLA") publicly disapproves of the comments recently made by local Hispanic leader and attorney, Ms. Adelfa Callejo, concerning U.S. Senator Barack Obama. Ms. Callejo has worked tirelessly on behalf of Dallas' Hispanic community, for which she should be commended. However, the JLTLA is compelled,

at this historic time in American history, to publicly reject Ms. Callejo's ill-considered generalizations about an esteemed public figure and, indeed, a broad cross-section of Americans.

Ms. Callejo's unfortunate comments mark the line of demarcation between the "change" that millions of Americans have turned out for and the divisive pol-

itics of the past. Put bluntly, Ms. Callejo's comments are out of touch with mainstream Dallas, Texas, and the rest of America. And they are simply wrong. To suggest that a candidate is not entitled to a citizen's vote just because he is Black harkens back to the darkest periods in American history and, in 2008, is wholly unacceptable. Just as

Senator Clinton realized that association with this sort of race baiting is intolerable and unacceptable, we trust that other elected officials and community organizations in Dallas and across Texas will repudiate Ms. Callejo's statements as well.

Contrary to Ms. Callejo's revisionist

of minority law firms and lawyers handling Dallas' legal matters. As Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. This is the interrelated structure of all reality. You can

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*"As Martin Luther King, Jr., said, 'We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. This is the interrelated structure of all reality. You can never be what you ought to be until I become what I ought to be.'"* Steve Bolden

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characterizations, Blacks and Hispanics, despite some historical and cultural differences, have successfully worked together in Dallas. The JLTLA has partnered with other organizations to, among other things: (1) publicly endorse the National Hispanic Bar Association's bid to convene its national convention in the city of Dallas; (2) work jointly on law student "pipeline projects" to increase the number of attorneys of color living and working in Dallas; and (3) recently convene a meeting with Mayor Tom Leppert to discuss current economic development initiatives and make further inquiry into the City's retention

never be what you ought to be until I become what I ought to be." Blacks and Hispanics have long enjoyed an alignment of common interests, from expanding educational opportunities and promoting economic development to ensuring access to justice and will continue to do so in the future."

Bolden believes, "Ultimately the election will bring the two communities together. We are working with the two communities to address this very issue." He indicated a forum is in the early planning stages with members of the African American and Hispanic community.



# Review of *The Glass Menagerie*

By Lon Rogers

Friday night was special in several ways. It marked the opening performance of the closing production of the first season of Teatro della Muse – the exciting new theatre at the Plano ArtCentre. Under the guidance of Sarah VC Henderson as Artistic Director the theatre has produced ten shows during its first season, ranging in scope from musicals to children's shows to plays by local playwrights. The artistic accomplishments have been rewarded in receiving ten Column Award nominations and in the winning of three of them -- for Best Featured Actress, Best Supporting Actress and Best Director of a Musical. With such versatility and strength, it was only fitting the theatre conclude its season with the revival of the classic play of Tennessee Williams, *The Glass Menagerie*. For this production producers Sarah Henderson and Rick Elina turned to the acclaimed director William (Bill) Earl Ray and to the talented cast of Vince McGill, Regina Washington, Naima Imani Lett and Alonzo Waller. This choice proved exciting Friday night when a near sell-out audience was held on the edges of their seats by the stellar performances. What an opening night it was!

The *Glass Menagerie* is a family story set in the Depression era of the '30s. Laura Wingfield, played flawlessly by Naima

Imani Lett, is a young woman whose handicap in body and mind has made her a recluse. Her life consists mostly of listening to records on her Victrola and to furnishing her small glass figurines of animals – what her mother calls her “glass menagerie.” Regina Washington's portrayal of the mother, Amanda Wingfield, brings to the stage a consummate range of acting – from the impatience with Laura's handicap to her motherly concern that the young woman will some day be left alone, unmarried and vulnerable. Her anger is directed mostly toward her son, Tom Wingfield, played by Vince McGill, who inherited from his father the urge to roam and desert the little family. As Tom, Mr. McGill deftly catches the nuances of a man torn between his duty to his family and a yearning to fly far away in search of a life of his own. The rising tensions between mother and son form the backbone of the play and are highlighted by the mother's desperation to find a suitor for her daughter. Finally, she prevails upon her son to bring home for dinner a gentleman caller, Jim O'Conner, played by Alonzo Waller. Mr. Waller finds just the right touch of sympathy for the demurring Laura while displaying the swagger of a man puffed up with a false pride in himself.

The play opens and closes with Mr. McGill's Tom as a narrator whose words are spoken directly to

the audience. This device, like bookends, encloses the play and announces finally that the story has ended, and that the script must be returned reluctantly to its proper place on the dusty shelf of timeless masterpieces.

Credit for success of the production must also be given to Joe Nagal whose lighting blends enough yellows and reds to bring out the warmth of the Wingfield's modest home. Costumes designed by Aaron Patrick Turner are true to the period and give an unspoken boost to the portrayal of the characters. Especially remarkable is the gaudy evening gown of Amanda that captures the bittersweet sadness of an aging ingénue. Credit must also be extended to Ande Bewley as Property Mistress. The authenticity of the set is highlighted by such museum pieces as an old upright typewriter, a telephone and a radio of the period, and a Victrola record player. Kudos also to Ashley Robbins and Sarah Henderson as Scenic Artists, to Natalie Thrower as Stage Manager and to John Mallory Land as the master carpenter. Marc Rouse's sound design completes the haunting ambience of the piece.

It is said that music is more than the sum of its individual parts. Surely, that is true, for with the proper blending of voices we hear the magic of harmony and a cadence that sometimes resonates with the beating of our hearts. Acting is no different, as the

actors under Mr. Ray's direction proved Friday night. We were privileged not only to witness the superb telling of a story, but also to watch this


remarkable cast bring us the magic of ensemble acting at its best. Together, they charmed us. They entertained and delighted us.

Together, they made music.

*Lon Rogers is a playwright based in Dallas, Texas.*

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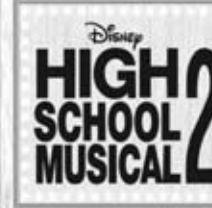
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## Entrepreneurial Play in Security Industry Earns Businesswoman a Micro to Millions Award

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Columbia, MD (BlackNews.com) - Make Mine A Million \$ Business, a national non-profit business development program, recently selected Diane Griffin of Security First & Associates as one of six businesswomen to win the Micro to Millions awards package, presented at the group's January event at The Globe Theatre in Universal City, California. The winners' prize included money, marketing, mentoring and technology assistance all designed to help their businesses grow into million-dollar enterprises.

Griffin was selected from among more than 1,000 women entrepreneurs who applied for the six Micro to Millions packages awarded in January. The Micro to Millions program provides women entrepre-

neurs whose businesses are under two years old or under \$200,000 in annual revenue with the support they need to take their businesses from the start up stage to the million-dollar mark.

After many years in the security administration business from the corporate or contractor side, Griffin decided to take the plunge and start her own security consulting firm, Security First & Associates (SFA), in 2002. SFA specializes in assisting government entities and contractors in complying with the maze of federal security guidelines, working in partnership with its customers to conduct security clearances and background checks, and to ensure compliance with the National Industrial Security Program (NISP) requirements, perform program management, audit control and more.

"I'm so pleased to have won this award, as it is tangible proof that I'm truly on the right path

with my entrepreneurial vision," Griffin says. "Owning one's own business is a challenge on a day-to-day level, with no one to be accountable for successes -- as well as failures -- but yourself. The recognition from the Micro to Millions program is great validation of the worth of these challenges, and certainly, the rewarding nature of owning your own business is worth the fight."

"I plan on using the award money to obtain several certifications that will enable me to expand my business dramatically into additional core competencies for my customers to leverage," Griffin continues. "I also plan on augmenting my marketing outreach by increasing my branding, advertising, and public relations activities, as well as stepping up networking activities."

Launched in 2005 by Count Me In for Women's Economic Independence and founding partner OPEN from American

Express®, the Make Mine a Million \$ Business program was created to help post-start up, women-owned businesses grow to one million dollars in annual revenue. Since the inception, the program has hosted 12 competitions in cities around the country and grown into a nationwide movement. For the Los Angeles event, 1,222 applications were submitted in hopes of securing an award package.

The Make Mine a Million \$ Business program has garnered support from organizations who are all joining hands in order to make an impact in women's lives and strengthening the US economy. The impressive list of blue-chip national sponsors include OPEN from American Express, Cisco, FedEx, QVC, Jet Blue, Marriot, and Dell. Sponsors provide an array of products and services that serve as invaluable tools for growth.

## Texas to receive \$414,954 from U.S. Labor Department's MSHA for state health and safety training

*Training funds total more than \$8.2 million in fiscal year 2008*

DALLAS - The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) has announced more than \$8.2 million in health and safety training grants for fiscal year 2008, up from last year's allocation of \$7.9 million. Texas to receive \$414,095.

"These grants are part of MSHA's ongoing commitment to advance miner safety and health through fund-

ing training programs," said Richard E. Stickler, acting assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "The mining community as a whole will benefit from enhanced skills and competency levels of our nation's miners."

Grantees will use the funds to provide federally mandated training to miners. The grants cover training and retraining of miners working at surface and

underground coal and metal and non-metal mines, including miners engaged in shell dredging or employed at surface stone, sand and gravel mining operations.

Training grant funds are being awarded to 49 states and the Navajo Nation. States applied for the grants, which are administered by state mine inspectors' offices, state departments of labor, and state-sup-

ported colleges and universities. Each recipient tailors the program to its miners' individual needs and provides technical assistance. The grants are given to states upon receipt and approval of their applications.

The state grant program was authorized by the Coal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1969. States first received funding in 1971 to provide health and safety training to miners.

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## Obama, Page 1

candidacy is somehow an exercise in affirmative action; that it's based solely on the desire of wild- and wide-eyed liberals to purchase racial reconciliation on the cheap.

On the other end, we've heard my former pastor, Jeremiah Wright, use incendiary language to express views that have the potential not only to widen the racial divide, but views that denigrate both the greatness and the goodness of our nation and that rightly offend white and black alike.

I have already condemned, in unequivocal terms, the statements of Reverend Wright that have caused such controversy, and in some cases, pain.

For some, nagging questions remain: Did I know him to be an occasionally fierce critic of American domestic and foreign policy? Of course. Did I ever

hear him make remarks that could be considered controversial while I sat in the church? Yes. Did I strongly disagree with many of his political views? Absolutely, just as I'm sure many of you have heard remarks from your pastors, priests or rabbis with which you strongly disagree.

The church (Trinity United Church of Christ) contains in full the kindness and cruelty, the fierce intelligence and the shocking ignorance, the struggles and successes, the love and, yes, the bitterness and biases that make up the black experience in America.

And this helps explain, perhaps, my relationship with Reverend Wright. As imperfect as he may be, he has been like family to me. He strengthened my faith, officiated my wedding and baptized my children.

He contains within him

the contradictions — the good and the bad — of the community that he has served diligently for so many years.

I can no more disown him than I can disown the black community. I can no more disown him than I can disown my white grandmother, a woman who helped raise me, a woman who sacrificed again and again for me, a woman who loves me as much as she loves anything in this world, but a woman who once confessed her fear of black men who passed her by on the street, and who on more than one occasion has uttered racial or ethnic stereotypes that made me cringe.

These people are a part of me. And they are part of America, this country that I love.

Now, some will see this as an attempt to justify or excuse comments that are simply inexcusable. I can

assure you it is not.

Even for those blacks who did make it, questions of race, and racism, continue to define their world view in fundamental ways. For the men and women of Reverend Wright's generation, the memories of humiliation and doubt and fear have not gone away; nor has the anger and the bitterness of those years.

That anger may not get expressed in public, in front of white co-workers or white friends. But it does find voice in the barbershop or the beauty shop or around the kitchen table. At times, that anger is exploited by politicians to gin up votes along racial lines or to make up for a politician's own failings.

And occasionally it finds voice in the church on Sunday morning, in the pulpit and in the pews.

Now, in the white community, the path to a more perfect union means

acknowledging that what ails the African-American community does not just exist in the minds of black people; that the legacy of discrimination — and current incidents of discrimination, while less overt than in the past — that these things are real and must be addressed.

Not just with words, but with deeds — by investing in our schools and our communities; by enforcing our civil rights laws and ensuring fairness in our criminal justice system; by providing this generation with ladders of opportunity that were unavailable for previous generations.

It requires all Americans to realize that your dreams do not have to come at the expense of my dreams, that investing in the health, welfare, and education of black and brown and white children will ultimately help all of America prosper.

We can play Reverend Wright's sermons on every channel every day and talk about them from now until the election, and make the only question in this campaign whether or not the American people think that I somehow believe or sympathize with his most offensive words.

We can pounce on some gaffe by a Hillary supporter as evidence that she's playing the race card or we can speculate on whether white men will all flock to John McCain in the general election regardless of his policies.

We can do that. But if we do, I can tell you that in the next election, we'll be talking about some other distraction, and then another one, and then another one. And nothing will change.

That is one option.

Or, at this moment, in this election, we can come together and say, "Not this time."

## Kidd, Page 1

Levi Williams, Board President of the Jeffries Street Learning Center. "It will make a tremendous difference in the lives of the children that



Kidd & Center's Youth

visit the center. The mission of the Jeffries Street Learning Center is to give inner city youth educational opportunities to increase their chance of achieving their goals.

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This is the seventh Mavs Reading & Learning Center project.

Last season's center was created at the Southeast Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington, and previous year's centers were created at Buckner/Vickery

Wellness Center, Interfaith Housing Coalition, the West Dallas Boys & Girls Club, the Mesquite Boys & Girls Club, and Bryan's House.

## St. Paul, Page 1

"The Soul of the Arts District," St. Paul is the oldest African American United Methodist Church in Dallas and is located at 1816 Routh Street in the Arts District between Ross Avenue and Woodall Rodgers. The building is easily identified by its fascinating architectural details. Visible from the outside is the patchwork of various shades of brick and original stained-glass windows. Internally, a half-moon-shaped sanctuary includes a steep third-level balcony which includes the original hard-backed wooden chairs. One of the stated missions of this historic church is to effectively represent the connection

between faith and fine arts. Because of this mission and the church's location in the Dallas Arts District, St. Paul envisions itself as "The Soul of the Arts District"©.

"Easter morning, and the joyous celebration of the resurrection that accompanies it, is the highlight of the Christian year," says Rev. Elzie Odom, Jr., Senior Pastor. "It is indeed a joy and a blessing for St. Paul to celebrate the resurrection with our Arts District neighbor, the Dallas Black Dance Theatre. This annual collaboration not only demonstrates the cooperative spirit that exists in the Arts District, but it is also an example of the

connection between faith and the arts. We look forward to hosting the community in our collaborative celebration of "Resurrection, Renewal, and Renaissance...The Restoration Continues." For more information on the St. Paul United Methodist Church, visit [www.stpaulumcdallas.com](http://www.stpaulumcdallas.com).

"This is a collaboration that DBDT looks forward to annually," states Ann Williams, Founder and Artistic Director of Dallas Black Dance Theatre. "And we have something for audiences of all ages with our children's performance group as well as our professional dancers. We have worked together for the last four years with

the St. Paul family, and It is great when on-going partnerships are formed among residents of the Arts District."

Dallas Black Dance Theatre is the newest Arts District resident, having moved in January 2008 into its permanent home at 2700 Flora on the East End of the Arts District. This world-traveled contemporary modern dance company is in its 31st Season with 12 multi-ethnic professional dancers performing a mixed repertoire of modern, jazz, ethnic and spiritual works. DBDT will celebrate its grand opening with a weekend of festivities April 18-21, 2008. For more information, visit [www.dbdt.com](http://www.dbdt.com).

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"The founder realized that name googling was now a common practice in November, 2006. It was at a training event last December in Illinois for a group of new hires for a Big Four Public accounting firm, and as Charles Fellingham usually does, he stated his name within the first few minutes of the training session. Less than a minute later, two of the

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Mr. Fellingham adds, "Admittedly, we are facing a new explosion of the internet where people that we meet, do business with or seek a job from are using the web engines to find out more about us. We certainly need to take control of our image, or...as some would call it...our 'personal

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## Sister Tarpley

# Have a Blessed and Happy Easter

Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire their rare and priceless art.

*Easter is March 23rd; this is worth repeating and something to ponder.*

On a mountaintop, three trees dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up.

One tree thought. "I don't want to leave the mountain top. I want to grow tall and when people look at me, they'll raise their eyes to Heaven and think of God."

Years passed and the tree grew. One day a woodcutter climbed the mountain and with a swing of his ax the tree fell.

One Friday morning, the tree was carried through an angry crowd. The soldiers nailed a man's hand to her; she felt ugly, harsh and cruel. But on Sunday morning, when the sun rose and the earth trembled with joy beneath her, the tree knew that God's love had changed everything. Every time people thought of the tree, they would think of God. *There is a purpose and a time for everyone and every thing!*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)*

**TAKE MY SON! (Part 1)**

A wealthy man and his only son loved to collect great works of art, especially rare paintings. They had everything in their collection, from

man held out a package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package; a portrait of his only son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe; the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He really cried!

He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture of his only son. The young man said, "Oh, no sir, I could never repay you for what your son did for me, he saved me! It's a gift."

The father proudly hung the portrait over his mantle. When visitors came to look at his priceless arts, he first showed them his most valuable possession, the portrait of his son, before any of the other rare works of art that he owned.

Later the wealthy man died and there was an auction of his rare and priceless paintings. Many influential people from around the world gathered; they were very excited over seeing the great paintings and joyful at having an opportunity to purchase one for their own collection. *Next Week, the conclusion of Take My Son!*



Regina Green and daughter, Debutant Ebony Miller, A 2008 Debutant for the AKA's Chi Zeta Omega Chapter

When a conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier.

The father grieved deeply for his only son. About a month later, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hand. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him; he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your deep love for rare and priceless art." The young

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folks are. It shows how hypocritical some of them are and how they would stop at nothing to help their team win.

A close look will reveal the nature of some of these so-called political leaders as they lie, cheat, and steal better than most of those in jail for doing so. The raw hate and disdain they espouse on television shows is second to none.

The way some of them have even run across the field to the other team, and taken the playbook with them, is utterly disgusting. They have no conscience; but that's politics, right?

Six years ago we were deluged with the notion that we were somehow vulnerable to an attack by Iraq's Sadaam Hussein; now we are told to fear a nuclear attack by Iran with a weapon they don't even have. We should also be afraid of terrorists coming to this country and blowing us up, you know, like the coincidental bombing of the recruiting station in New York City that occurred so close to Bush's endorsement of McCain. Their message is, "be afraid; be very afraid."

Continuation of the fear strategy is McCain's only hope to win the Presidency. With George's help, McCain plans to keep stoking the fire of fear and trepidation. He is positioning himself as the only one who can protect us from the fearsome Iranians and what they are now calling "Al-Qaeda in Iraq," the group that was not in Iraq

prior to the big lie told by the neo-cons and then convincingly perpetrated by Colin Powell. What chutzpah these guys and gals have. Or, is it plain old deceitfulness, loathing for those on the opposite side, and an unquenchable thirst for power and money?

This idea that all they have to do is frighten the timid U.S. populace and they can have another four or eight years of rule says a great deal about the so-called "American people." Are we really that scared? Is our main political priority centered on being protected from rogue states that we could wipe off the face at the flick of a switch?

In answer to that question I refer you to Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs Model, which says our first and most basic priorities are physiological needs like air, that we "can't see," as Jill Scott put it in her timely and timeless song, "My Petition." Maslow said we also need water, a constant body temperature and, oh yes, that other essential known as food. We can update Maslow's words by calling these things groceries, rent or mortgage payments, and utilities.

Second to our basic needs are safety needs, which kick in only after our physiological needs are satisfied. In other words, fear is cast aside when it comes to feeding ourselves and our families. One writer says, "Adults have little awareness of

their security needs except in times of emergency or periods of disorganization in the social structure (such as widespread rioting [or explosions in buildings]). Children often display the signs of insecurity and the need to be safe." What a telling statement.

Are we really just a bunch of children, afraid of the big bad boogey man called terrorism? Are we depending upon Bush and McCain to "protect" us, to pat us on our heads and make it all better? What a sad state of affairs for supposedly intelligent adults who are willing to suppress their physiological needs for their safety needs.

Maslow was right in his needs assessment; he was also right when he said, "If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail." That's Bush-McCain model. According to them, every problem we have is grounded in fear of those they call our enemies, thus, all they have to offer as a solution to the problem is war and more war, maybe for the next 50-100 years, as McCain intimated we would be in Iraq.

I guess so, now that we have spent \$785 million to build a new embassy compound in Iraq, the largest and most expensive U.S. Embassy in the world!

We will never reach our collective "purpose-fulfilling" stage, called self-actualization, if we stay on our present political road of fear and loathing.

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Wednesday  
Morning Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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# 2008 Camper Scamper

DALLAS - Bigger and better than ever, the 14th annual Camper Scamper event, a family-oriented 10K (new!), 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run and Walk, gets underway Sat., Apr. 12, at 8 a.m. at Reverchon Park, 3505 Maple Ave. in Dallas (Maple Ave. and Turtle Creek Blvd.). The event benefits Camp John Marc, a special camp for special kids that serves children with chronic illnesses and physical disabilities. The

money raised last year helped thousands of North Texas children journey to summer and weekend camps designed especially for children with cancer, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia, burn survivors, juvenile arthritis and muscular dystrophy, to name a few. Hawkeye from the Dorsey Gang Morning Show on the Big 96-3 KSCS is the race's honorary chair.

"Families love Camper Scamper, and we have a lot of

support in the community. There are plenty of fun activities for children like the rock-climbing wall, face painting and a live fish tank," said Stewart Keller, 2008 event chairman and member of the Camp John Marc board of directors. "And the new 10K race will attract competitive runners!"

The Camp Challenge will award the camp team with the highest percentage of campers, family members,

counselors and friends that come to the race and sign in at the Camp Challenge table.

Camper Scamper is part of the 2008 Crosson Dannis Grand Prix Racing Series. The 1 Mile Fun Run and Walk will begin at 8 a.m. with the USATF certified 5K Race at 8:30 a.m. and the USATF certified 10K Race at 8:40 a.m. On-site registration will open at 7 a.m. with group warm-ups at 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Entry fees (which includes t-

shirt) are \$20 for pre-registered adults (who sign up by Mon., Apr. 7); \$25 for those who sign up between Tues. - Fri. prior to the race (Apr. 8 - 11); and \$30 for race day registration. For children (12 and under), entry fees are \$10. Camp John Marc campers are free. Walk-in registration and package pick-up are available Sat., Apr. 5, Wed., Apr. 9, Thurs., Apr. 10, and Fri., Apr. 11 at the Luke's Locker locations in Dallas and

Plano. Participants can also register the day of the race.

For details and to register, visit [www.lukeslocker.com/](http://www.lukeslocker.com/) (online registration ends Mon., Apr. 10), call the Camp John Marc office at 214-360-0056, or pick up race brochures at Luke's Locker in Dallas and Plano.

Free parking will be available. Handicapped parking will be available in front of the Reverchon Recreation Center.

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