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Obama Strongly Denounces Former Pastor

WINSTON-SALEM, North Carolina (Reuters) - Democratic Sen. Barack Obama strongly denounced his former pastor on Tuesday, saying he was outraged by assertions made by Rev. Jeremiah Wright about the U.S. government and race that have disrupted Obama's presidential



campaign.

The controversy over Wright has been a major stumbling block for the Illinois senator, who is leading New York Sen. Hillary Clinton in the state-by-state contest for the party's nomination for the November election.

Obama was forced to address the issue after an

appearance by Wright on Monday at the National Press Club in Washington, where he repeated earlier suggestions that the United States deserved some blame for the September 11 attacks and that the government had had a hand in spreading AIDS

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Jack and Jill Dallas Hosts Youth Forum featuring Captain Barrington Irving

First Person of African Descent and Youngest to Make Round-the-World Solo Flight

Around the world in 96 days. That's the feat Captain Barrington Irving accomplished on June 27, 2007 to become the first person of African decent and the youngest person to



fly solo around the world. 26,800 miles later, he was in Dallas to share his inspirational story with youth from across the city.

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Hands-Only CPR simplifies saving lives for bystanders

New statement from the American Heart Association puts life-saving skills in your hands

DALLAS — Chest compressions alone, or Hands-Only Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), can save lives and can be used to help an adult who suddenly collapses, according to a new American Heart Association scientific statement.

The statement, from the association's Emergency

Cardiovascular Care (ECC) committee, is published in Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association.

Hands-Only CPR is a potentially lifesaving option to be used by people not trained in conventional CPR or those who are unsure of their ability to give the combination of chest compressions and

mouth-to-mouth breathing it requires.

"Bystanders who witness the sudden collapse of an adult should immediately call 9-1-1 and start what we call Hands-Only CPR. This involves providing high-quality chest compressions by pushing hard and fast in the middle of the victim's chest, without stopping until emergency medical

services (EMS) responders arrive," said Michael Sayre, M.D., chair of the statement writing committee and associate professor in the Ohio State University Department of Emergency Medicine in Columbus.

About 310,000 adults in the United States die each year from sudden

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Karessa Lang: Bridging the Gap between Independent Artists and Record Executives



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Other Views

Show Me The Wealth!

By Detrick DeBurr

A few months ago, I talked about games we play keeping up with the Joneses. Experts refer to it as "Wealth Signals". I outlined why African Americans were much more willing to live beyond their means.

Although I believe "Wealth Signals" is alive and well, I think there might be a larger issue. If I am correct in my breakdown then it will give context to our approach to politics and public policy.

In America, capitalism is the name of the

game. Whether you like it or not, it is what it is! We need to look at any and everything that we do relative to that system.

I feel that we base much of our public policy on income development. For example, the minimum wage is a policy designed to increase income. Pell Grants and government-backed student loans are in place to give the masses a chance at a quality education. Education is a strong stimulant of gainful employment and higher paying jobs. Proponents intend for

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Deborah Cohen

Deborah Cohen, Director of Marketing and Development at the Urban League of Greater Dallas received the Meeting Professionals International (MPI) Global Certification in Meeting Management, the industry's highest professional designation. The certification focuses on strategic thinking and management skills that are critical to advancement as a meeting professional. Cohen was one of 59 new recipients.

Cohen, a native of Kansas City, KS, has been employed as Director of



Development and Marketing with the Urban League for over four years. Her duties include developing public relations strategies for local and national print and news media; creating partnerships and strategic alliances with corporate sponsors; and coordinating all fundraising for major events including the Annual Gala and Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Her fundraising efforts have netted over \$1 million for the organization.

Cohen is also President and CEO of DC Global Meetings and Events and oversees all aspects of

meeting and event planning including program development, marketing and promotion, budgeting, site selections, entertainment, food and travel arrangement, on-site management and post conference follow-up.

Prior to moving to the Dallas area, Cohen held numerous positions including meeting planner, technical writer for government contracts and several faith-based positions. A gifted musician, she has served as Minister of Music for various churches throughout the country and musician for the Laymen's and Women's Auxiliary of the

National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Cohen has served as Executive Secretary to Moderator of Northeastern District Association, Musician for the Sunday School Publishing Board December Conference, Instructor for the National

Baptist Congress of Christian Education Luci Campbell Workshop, and Oratorical Commission Board Member of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. and also held other positions during her 35 years of service.

Henry Bryant

MetLife Financial Group, a subsidiary of MetLife, Inc. recognizes top employees and associates annually. As a leading provider of insurance and other financial services, MetLife provides financial support products to people across the planet. Henry Bryant, Jr., MBA is the financial services representative of MetLife and has been in the financial services industry for five years. Bryant offers investment and retirement planning services here in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Bryant defined his mission statement as, "I believe I have a responsibility to help my clients make



informed decisions that will give them the financial security they so desire. This I hope to achieve by providing information that will

encourage them to better understand their personal and business assets, government programs, life insurance, and investments.

I will help my clients to overcome roadblocks like procrastination, inflation, taxes, lack of discipline, and disability, and also help them to satisfy their important personal and financial goals. My goal is to help my clients make smart decisions about their money, the kind of decisions that will have the impact that they want toward their goals, so that they will never want to say: "I wish I knew then what I know now"

Earlier this year, Bryant, of the MetLife Financial Group of Texas, was award-

ed the 2007 New Organization Associate of the Year Award at the firm's annual kick off meeting. MetLife Financial Group of Texas, an office of MetLife, offers a broad array of financial products and services including life, disability income, long-term care insurance and annuities, mutual funds and investment products. The MetLife office is located at 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1100 Dallas, 75240.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Dr. Julianne Malveaux is the President of Bennett College for Women.



Recognized for her progressive and insightful observations, she is also an economist, author and commentator, and has been described by Dr. Cornel West as "the most iconoclastic public intellectual in the country."

Dr. Malveaux's contributions to the public dialogue on issues such as race, culture, gender, and their economic impacts, are shaping public opinion in 21st century America.

As a writer and a syndicated columnist, her writing appears regularly in USA Today, Black Issues in Higher Education, Ms. Magazine, Essence magazine, and the Progressive. Her weekly columns appear in numerous newspapers across the country including the Los Angeles Times, the Charlotte Observer, the New Orleans Tribune, the Detroit Free Press, and the San Francisco Examiner.

She is the author of two column anthologies: Sex, Lies, and Stereotypes: Perspectives of a Mad Economist (1994), Wall

Street, Main Street, and the Side Street: A Mad Economist Takes a Stroll (1999). She is most recently the co-author of Unfinished Business: A Democrat and A Republican Take On the 10 Most Important Issues Women Face (2002).

A committed activist and civic leader, Dr. Malveaux serves on the boards of the Economic Policy Institute, The Recreation Wish List Committee of Washington, DC, and the Liberian Education Trust.

Dr. Malveaux received her BA and MA degrees in economics from Boston College, and earned a Ph.D in economics from MIT. A native San Franciscan, she is Founder and Thought Leader of Last Word Productions, Inc. a multimedia production company headquartered in Washington, DC.

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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

THE TRUTH CLINIC A Cult By Any Other Name...

The much anticipated and highly publicized first visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States was afforded the glamorous trappings usually reserved for super star celebrities. President Bush met "Shepherd One" on the tarmac; the first time this has ever been done for a visiting dignitary.

There were armies of security guards, a sea of media cameras, and crowds of screaming admirers pouring out their adulation wherever the pope appeared. America opened its collective arms to acclaim the live reality production of Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Jesus Christ Superstar."

But the scandal of clergy sex abuse that has preoccupied the Roman Catholic Church in America for more than a decade reared its ugly head and demanded some attention. Pope Benedict told journalists that he was "deeply ashamed" of the sexual abuse scandal. He also met with a select group of abuse victims and prayed for healing.

Vying for equal time in the media spotlight was the raid on the Yearning for Zion (YFZ) ranch by state authorities in Eldorado, Texas. The YFZ ranch is part of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a Mormon splinter group.

The raid was in response to a complaint recorded on a domestic violence hot line by a 16 year old girl claiming she was physically and sexually abused by her 50 year-old husband. Investigators still have not identified the 16 year-old among the children and women being held in custody.

Texas authorities took 462 children and

139 women into custody in the largest mass arrest in U.S. history.

The cult phenomenon has taken on renewed interest and a revisiting of the Jim Jones 1978 tragedy where 913 people died, the David Koresh 1993 Waco siege where 82 Branch Davidian's were killed, and the 1953 Short Creek, Arizona raid where 230 children were taken into custody.

While the term "cult" has limited usage, it is so embedded in popular culture that whatever its limitations, it stands alone in capturing the public interest when addressing unorthodox group psychological influence or group exploitive manipulation.

The characteristics generally used in describing cults include: aberrant doctrines, authoritarian leadership, loyalty and commitment requirements, organizationally structured lifestyle patterns, and conformity controls with specific sanctions against those who deviate.

Cults also share commonality in the excessive exaltation of their leaders. Most cult leaders claim to possess divine qualities. These leaders claim to receive direct revelation from God and since they speak for God followers do not question them. By default they become the ultimate authority in the group and perpetuate that authority by making super human claims that deify themselves. There are an estimated 2,500 cults in America today.

What then justifies law enforcement officials running roughshod over the FLDS sect and by contrast turning a blind eye toward the

Catholic Church?

Are the Catholic children less vulnerable to the lasting physical, mental, emotional and spiritual devastation of sexual abuse than FLDS children?

For decades church leaders kept the horrific stories of abuse out of the public eye through an elaborate culture of secrecy, deception and intimidation. Traumatized youngsters were instructed by abusive priests to say nothing about what had been done to them. Victims who came forward with abuse claims were ignored or paid off, while accused priests were quietly transferred from parish to parish or sent away for brief periods of psychological counseling.

A report released by the John Jay College of Criminal Law that was commissioned by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on the abuse of minors by priests from 1950 to 2002 defines the magnitude of the church scandal.

More than 10,600 children were molested in abuses that involved at least 4,392 priests. Abuses took place in 70 of 90 dioceses in America.

Instead of indicting the abusing priests and bishops, prosecutors around the country have exacted special rules of disclosure, created diocese review boards and helped devise other systemic schemes that aided the church in hiding the truth.

Had justice taken her full and justified course in the sex abuse scandal, not only the abusive priests but many American bishops would have spent time behind bars. Ten U.S. bishops resigned in connection with the sex scandals; including Boston's highly respected Cardinal

Bernard Law.

It is estimated that the church has paid over 615 million dollars in settlements in 2007 and in the next 10 years will pay another three billion dollars on pending cases.

The Pope is accepted as Christ's chosen representative on earth by over one billion people and as such has full power to take bishops and priests who commit sexual offenses against children out of the ministry. Since that action has not been taken it is obvious that protecting the church takes precedence over safeguarding the children.

Warren Jeffs, who exercised absolute power over the FLDS, was thrown in jail for his complicity in sexual abuse misconduct.

What ever the contrived explanations put forth to rationalize the diverse responses of law enforcement to the equally revulsive sexual child abuse perpetrated by religious groups the fact still remains:

A cult couched in any other name is still a cult.

James W. Breedlove

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truth-clinic.com.

Disclaimer: Please note the comments of today's column does not represent the views of the North Dallas Gazette. The Truth Clinic is a favorite with our readers and we believe it is important to provide Mr. Breedlove's column uncensored, thus allowing the readers to reach their own conclusion. As always you are welcome to send any comments or concerns to us and directly to Mr. Breedlove via his website listed above.

Opposition Angered Over Cameroon's 'Power Grab'

(NNPA) - Cameroon's President, Paul Biya, has angered critics with a constitutional amendment allowing him to serve another 10 years in office.

The new amendment removes a two-term limit and allows Biya, 75, to seek re-election in three years' time. He came to power in 1982.

Last week, the opposition Social Democratic Front called on Cameroonians to observe a "Day of Mourning" over what they called "The Death of Democracy."

"As 'President for life', unlawful acts committed by Mr Biya while in office shall be covered by immunity and he shall never be held accountable for them, nor impeached for high treason," complained SDF chair John Fru Ndi.

Meanwhile, two former government ministers have been detained for mismanagement of HIV/AIDS and other funds and corruption was on top of the agenda at the 2-day Cameroon Investment Forum which ended this week.

Liberia Gets Some Relief on Billion Dollar Debt

(NNPA) - The United States and other creditors reached an accord last week with the Government of Liberia to forgive approximately \$254 million in debt immediately.

Liberia still owes some \$789 million, creditors said, of which 97 percent consists of arrears and late interest. Payments on this balance are suspended until 2011.

"Previous Liberian administrations borrowed heavily, and at times recklessly, in the late 1970s and early 1980s," noted the Paris Club of international creditors who restructured the obligation. By the mid-1980s, payments on the balance had all but ended yet interest and fees continued to grow.

Finance Minister

Antoinette M. Sayeh said, "The historic agreement ... demonstrates the commitment of our bilateral partners ... to help Liberia make visible progress on reducing poverty amidst significant challenges, including from rising food and fuel prices."

Meanwhile, a former lawmaker has called on the Firestone Rubber Plantation to dedicate some land to the growing of rice.

Since the rubber farmers have taken all of the best and fertile lands in the country, said Joseph Cornomia, they should consider growing rice here instead of importing it for the workers. Firestone and the the union of agricultural workers (FAWUL) are currently in contract talks.

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cardiac arrest occurring outside the hospital setting or in the emergency department. Without immediate, effective CPR from a bystander, a person's chance of surviving sudden cardiac arrest decreases 7 percent to 10 percent per minute. Unfortunately, on average, less than one-third of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims receive bystander CPR, which can double or triple a person's chance of surviving cardiac arrest.

By using Hands-Only CPR, bystanders can still act to improve the odds of survival, whether they are trained in conventional CPR or not, Sayre said.

"Many times people nearby don't help because they're afraid that they will hurt the victim and aren't confident in what they're doing," he said. "We want people to know that they can help many victims, just by calling 9-1-1 and doing chest compressions. Don't be afraid to try it. We are sure many lives will be saved if the public does Hands-Only CPR for adult victims of sudden cardiac arrest."

The new recommendation for Hands-Only CPR for adults who suddenly col-

lapse is an update to the 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and ECC, which previously recommended that lay rescuers use compression-only CPR only if they were unable or unwilling to provide breaths. The update puts Hands-Only CPR on par with conventional CPR when used for an adult who has suddenly collapsed. This change was supported by evidence published from three separate large studies in 2007, each describing the outcomes of hundreds of instances of bystanders performing CPR on cardiac arrest victims. None of those studies demonstrated a negative impact on survival when ventilations were omitted from the bystanders' actions. Hands-Only CPR is easier to remember and results in delivery of a greater number of chest compressions, with fewer interruptions, until more advanced care arrives on the scene.

Conventional CPR is still an important skill to learn, and medical personnel should still perform conventional CPR in the course of their professional duties. The new recommendations apply only to bystanders who come to the aid of adult

cardiac arrest victims outside the hospital setting.

Hands-Only CPR should not be used for infants or children, for adults whose cardiac arrest is from respiratory causes (like drug overdose or near-drowning), or for an unwitnessed cardiac arrest. In those cases, the victim would benefit most from the combination of chest compressions and breaths in conventional CPR.

The public is still encouraged to obtain conventional CPR training, where they will learn the skills needed to perform Hands-Only CPR, as well as the additional skills needed to care for a wide range of cardiovascular- and respiratory-related medical emergencies, especially for infants and children.

The new statement is intended to increase how often bystander CPR is performed. It emphasizes the importance of "high-quality" chest compressions — deep compressions that allow for full chest recoil, at a rate of about 100 per minute — with minimal interruptions.

More information on CPR training can be found at americanheart.org/handsonlycpr.

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Garland Fire Department Invites Community to SafetyFest: Fire and Injury Prevention Festival

Garland, TX - The Garland Fire Department is excited to announce its 2nd Annual SafetyFest. Families are invited to attend this fire and injury prevention festival which will feature exciting educational presentations including rappelling, disaster preparedness, vehicle extrication, water safety, stranger awareness, bicycle safety, and the thrilling experience of seeing the landing of

the CareFlite emergency helicopter. Displays will include a fire engine, ambulance, and police unit. Kids can join the Girls with Goals in making some very special cards for Mother's Day. And best of all, it is all free! Increase family awareness of hazards in and around the home and be a part of SafetyFest.

The Garland Fire Department Safety Fest is

especially proud to announce a partnership with Dallas Area Safe Kids and the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) to provide car installation checks and 50 free car seats*. Certified technicians will be on site to check existing car seats for proper installation.

Admission is FREE!
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For additional information contact Christopher Balanciere, Public Education Specialist at 972-781-7114 or gfdpubed@ci.garland.tx.us.

The event will be at the Garland Fire Department Administration and Training Facility, located at 1500 State Hwy. 66, Garland, TX 75044. This is a beautiful, brand new facility which opened in October 2007. The site is on S.H. 66 between Country Club Rd. and Centerville Rd. Additional parking area for the event with free shuttle service to the site is available at Mount

Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1233 S.H. 66, Garland, TX 75040 (northwest corner of S.H. 66 and Country Club).

*New car seats will be provided first come, first served on an AS NEEDED basis, based on the technicians' recommendation. Seats provided at no cost to the parent. Free car seats will only be available during SafetyFest, so arrive early.

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson Announces NEA Grants

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson announced that the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) will award funding

to two arts organizations in Texas's 30th Congressional District in its second major round of FY 2008 grants. The NEA will award matching

grants of \$65,000 to Big Thought and \$10,000 to the Shakespeare Festival of Dallas.

Big Thought will use its grant to support the Creative

Solutions Program, a program that targets at-risk teenagers. NEA funding will support performance and visual arts education residencies for four separate

after-school programs and an intensive summer program. The Shakespeare Festival of Dallas will use its grant to supplement the cost of staging "Othello" and "All's Well That Ends Well." The money will also support educational programming, including the "Shakespeare on the Go Education Tour," which works with students in grades 7-12.

"Big Thought and the Shakespeare Festival strengthen

Dallas by making our culture richer and by engaging our young people in the arts and in the community," Congresswoman Johnson said.

More information about the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as application guidelines and forms for NEA grants, are available online at www.arts.gov. More information can be found at www.bigthought.org and www.shakespearedallas.org.

Cool Jazz at the Park® Series!

Hamilton Park Youth Development Corporation raises funds for youth programming and operations through monthly jazz concert series!

Dallas - The Hamilton Park Youth Development Corporation (HPYDC), a State of Texas not-for-profit organization, is hosting the COOL JAZZ AT THE PARK® SERIES every second Friday of the month from 6 pm to 9 pm beginning May 9, 2008 in the Christian Life Center of the Hamilton Park United Methodist Church (11881 Schroeder Road, Dallas,

Texas). All contributions will go to support the Youth Development Corporation.

The concert series features a variety of local jazz artists playing traditional jazz standards. The first concert will feature the Paul Quinn Jazz Ensemble. Food and non-alcoholic refreshments will be available from the Neo-Soul Food Café®. Come and enjoy a delightful evening

of good jazz, good food, and good people for a great cause!

The Hamilton Park Youth Development Corporation (HPYDC) is a State of Texas not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide programs and services which assist in decreasing youth crime in the North Dallas community of Hamilton Park and surrounding areas. HPYDC is

a partner in the Department of Justice Community Empowering Youth-Dallas project with the Dallas Leadership Foundation.

HPYDC is also the recipient of a sub-award, through the Dallas Leadership Foundation from the Department of Justice Three-City Demonstration Project. The Project's purpose is to increase the program and organizational capacity of participating organizations and to build stronger collaborative efforts to improve the prospects of youth in neighborhoods with high concentration of youth crime and delinquency.

Amongst its current efforts, HPYDC is a collaborative partner with the Heart of a Warrior Charitable Foundation, the Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center, and Group Excellence to provide the 2008 Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center's Summer Enrichment Program.

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson To Host GSA Administrator In Dallas

GSA Administrator Lurita Doan will speak to small business owners about GSA government contract procurement process; Dallas SBDC will also give presentation

Washington, D.C. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson will host U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) Administrator Lurita Doan and her staff at a workshop with Dallas-area small business owners on May 2. Doan will discuss the GSA government contract procurement process, and her staff will hold a match-making session that

matches small businesses with possible government contracts.

The GSA is the primary acquisition agency and contractor for the federal government.

Following the workshop, Jim Berish, Technology Assistance Director of the Dallas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), will outline the SBDC's educational serv-

ices and answer follow-up questions of area small business owners.

The GSA workshop on May 2nd is scheduled for 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON, followed by Dallas SBDC presentation: 12:00 NOON - 1:00 PM at the Bill J. Priest Institute for Economic Development in the Hoblitzelle Auditorium (Room 1530), located at 1402 Corinth St., in Dallas.

The Real Estate Council Solicits Nominations for its Annual Unsung Heroes Awards to be Presented at the 17th Annual Unsung Heroes Gala

Dallas, Texas - The Real Estate Council (TREC) is soliciting applications for its Unsung Heroes awards to honor four individuals who have made significant contributions to their Dallas/Fort Worth communities with little public recognition. The honorees will receive their awards and a \$5,000 honorarium payable to the organization for which they are recognized at TREC's

Unsung Heroes Gala in October.

TREC Unsung Heroes Chairman Holt Lunsford of Holt Lunsford Commercial said, "We are such a giving and charitable community, and we want to recognize those individuals whose good works are unsung. We encourage organizations and individuals to submit their nominations."

Applications are due

May 13 and can be obtained through TREC's Web site at www.recouncil.com or by contacting Lindsey Jamar at The Real Estate Council at lindsey@recouncil.com or 214-692-3600.

Proceeds from the gala benefit The Real Estate Council Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by The Real Estate Council that is dedicated to community redevelopment.

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The McKinney Housing Authority will accept applications for the Public Housing waiting list beginning June 2, 2008 through July 3, 2008.

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UNT Dallas Campus creates Daytime Incentive Program

New "cohort" program will make \$2,500 scholarships available to daytime students in business, education, sociology and criminal justice

DALLAS — Undergraduate students interested in the fields of business, education, human services management and leadership, sociology and criminal justice will automatically receive a \$2,500 scholarship when they enroll in 15 credit hours of daytime classes at the University of North Texas Dallas Campus in the Fall 2008 semester. Students who take 12 credit hours in business and education will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Students must meet the admissions requirements of the UNT Dallas Campus and be academically qualified before receiving the scholarship. Each student who receives the benefit will be admitted to a "Daytime Cohort," in which the students share the same classes in the Fall 2008 schedule. The scholarship is renewable for the Spring 2009 semester if eligibility requirements are met.

Raul Hinojosa, coordinator of recruitment,

community and school relations at the UNT Dallas Campus, said the scholarship "creates unique opportunities for those who have been students at area community colleges, as well as for non-traditional students transferring to the campus."

"The scholarship creates an incentive to take a full load of classes in the daytime hours, which is a more traditional model for college students. By being in a daytime cohort, there is also a strong

sense of collegiality created among students. This sort of program has worked well at the graduate level and, as a result, we wanted to offer the benefit to daytime students."

Applications for the Daytime Incentive Program, or "daytime cohorts," are available online at www.unt.edu/dallas/daytimecohort.htm. The application deadline is June 15.

Gloria Bahamon, director of student services at

the UNT Dallas Campus, said the emphasis on daytime enrollment marks a transitional period for the campus, which occupied its new, 76,000-square-foot building on Houston School Road in January 2007.

"Our evening classes are almost always at maximum capacity because of our convenient location. Many people on their way home take advantage of our programs. But there are as many as 25,000 students at Dallas County

Community College District near us that could take advantage of programs like this to complete their bachelor's degrees in normal daytime hours," Bahamon said.

In addition to business, education, sociology and criminal justice, the UNT Dallas Campus offers programs in information technology, mathematics, and public affairs and community service.

Information is available online at www.unt.edu/dallas.

Irving, pg 1

Jill of America hosted Captain Irving at a youth forum on April 12 at the Frontiers of Flight Museum. He addressed Jack and Jill youth and parents and students from St. Philips School and Community Center and Big Brothers Big Sisters. He shared many interesting stories of his World Flight Adventure and information about careers in aviation, but the most important message he left with youth was to follow their dreams and never give up.

Captain Irving started his quest to become a pilot with few financial resources. So he became an "airport bum", hanging around the airport to wash planes in

exchange for half hour flights or money for flying lessons. He also volunteered his time to speak with church, school and community groups about careers in aviation. Giving back caught the attention of community leaders who helped Captain Irving get a college scholarship to take his aviation dreams to new and higher levels. "You never know who's watching", said Captain Irving. "Your hard work can be noticed when you least expect it, so always do your best."

Captain Irving continues his mission to promote aviation learning with his non-profit organization, Experience Aviation, Inc. He's created a learning center and after-school program

to help students identify and pursue their career goals.

"This was a tremendous opportunity for Dallas students to see how dreams become reality and create a learning experience that exposes kids to new hobbies and career options," said Cynthia Arterbery, Dallas President of Jack and Jill.

Captain Barrington Irving is a 24-year old senior majoring in aerospace at Florida Memorial University. On March 23, 2007, he climbed into a single-engine plane called "Inspiration" to embark on a 26,800-mile, round-the-world flight which concluded in Miami on June 27, 2007. He was celebrated for setting two world records: he is

the first person of African descent and the youngest person ever to fly solo around the globe. For more information on Barrington Irving go to www.experienceaviation.org.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a family organization that provides cultural, social, civic and recreational activities that stimulate and expand the mind to enhance life. Today, Jack and Jill has a membership base of over 9,500 families and it is the oldest and largest African American family organization in the United States. Jack and Jill is committed to ensuring that all children have the same opportunities in life.

Wealth, pg 1

NAFTA and other trade related policies to help Americans get and keep high paying jobs while keeping the cost of basic goods and services relatively low.

So what is the problem with an income based approach? Well... capitalism, although a factor, is not income based. It is wealth based. It is all about the ownership of private property that a person can use for the benefit of his/her self, family and community.

Income based policies are excellent and clearly needed as the income gap between Whites and Blacks has held steady since 2000, with they typical Black family earning a meager \$0.59 cents for every dollar (\$1) earned by a mainstream white family. I welcome any effort to address this gap.

Capitalism, however, is about wealth. The wealth gap between the races is sad. The typical Black family holds only \$0.10 cents of wealth for every dollar held by the typical white family. This gap has remained steady since the late 1800's.

For the first time in the history of America many African Americans were starting to make a dent in this generational wealth gap, but due to \$71 - 92 Billion wealth that being lost due to foreclosures the gap appears permanent.

Studies suggest that it is going to take more than 594 years to make up the wealth gap brought on by the sub-

prime loan fallout. With the foreclosure crises, causing the greatest loss of wealth to people of color in modern US history it is going to take a miracle to close the wealth gap.

Equality is America is not about integrating schools. It is not about living next door to folks of another race. It is not about sitting at the front of the bus or drinking out the same water fountain. These are huge steps towards progress, but they do not equate to equality.

If we were playing basketball on a basketball court but you were playing with a football approach you would not be very successful. You would look up at the scoreboard and with much frustration see that the score was unequal.

In America, we play capitalism where the name of the game is building wealth. Building, developing and growing income is important but it does not translate into points. It leads to points.

We must rethink about income-based approach to leveling the playing field. A much more asset-based approach is what we need, but it is up to those that are losing the game, 90 - 10 as it stands right now, to put this issue on the table and make it a central point of American public policy going forward.

Just my 20 cents!

Please check out/comment on this and other rants at <http://blog.derrickdeburr.com>.

Obama, pg 1

to blacks.

"I am outraged by the comments that were made and saddened over the spectacle that we saw," Obama told reporters as he campaigned for the North Carolina vote against Clinton next Tuesday.

"The person that I saw yesterday was not the person that I met 20 years ago. His comments were not only divisive and destructive but I believe that they end up giving comfort to those who prey on hate," Obama said.

Wright's comments have undercut the campaign of

Obama, the son of a white mother and a black father who has based his campaign on a promise to unite the country after years of sharp political and racial divisions.

Wright had also questioned the senator's honesty, saying he had been pandering to voters when he earlier denounced the pastor's words. "If Senator Obama did not say what he said, he would never get elected," Wright said.

Obama, unsmiling and choosing his words carefully, responded: "At a certain point if what somebody says contradicts what

you believe so fundamentally and then he questions whether or not you believe it -- in front of the National Press Club -- then that's enough."

"That's a show of disrespect to me. It is also, I think, an insult to what we've been trying to do" on the campaign, he added. "Whatever relationship I had with Reverend Wright has changed as a consequence of this."

Wright, asked on Monday about a speech in which he asserted the September 11 attacks were retaliation for U.S. foreign policy, said: "You cannot

do terrorism on other people and not expect it to come back to you."

Asked about another sermon in which he suggested the U.S. government created the AIDS virus to kill black people, Wright said: "Based on what has happened to Africans in this country, I believe our government is capable of doing anything."

Wright, who presided over Obama's wedding and baptized his children, is now semi-retired from Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ, which Obama joined 20 years ago.

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Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting is 2nd Thursday monthly, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. McKinney Housing Authority 1200 N Tennessee St McKinney 75069 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 www.meetup.com/378.

Marriage Prep Class 1st Saturdays monthly 423 West Wheatland Road Suite 101, Duncanville 75116 \$10 fee for materials. For more info call Karen Duval at 972-709-1180.

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st and 3rd Thursday 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 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 www.sharesouthwest.org.

Watermarks Invitational Exhibit runs through April 12th 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Fridays, and 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturdays. FREE Collin College 800 E. Spring Creek Parkway. For more info call 972-881-5873, or visit www.ccccd.edu.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) hosts monthly lunch and learn workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. For more information www.nbwen.org or info@nbwen.org.

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).

May 1

Spirit of Uganda fundraiser benefiting Empower African Children and Dallas Children's Theater 7:30 pm Baker Theater Rosewood Center for Family Arts 5938 Skillman Street, in Dallas 75231. Admission is \$100 per person. For additional information contact Lisa Schreiner at 214-978-0110 ext. 143, lisa@dct.org, visit www.empowerafricanchildren.org.

Collin County Christian Prayer Breakfast Annual breakfast of prayer, song, and a message of Christ's influence in our lives. Keynote speaker is Pat Summerall, legendary sports broadcaster. Buffet opens at 6:30 a.m. and the program runs from 7:07 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Admission is \$20 per person or \$200 for

a table of 10. Price includes breakfast buffet. For more information call 214 757-7259.

The National Day of Prayer Breakfast will include a speech by Deputy Chief of Chaplains Cecil R. Richardson at the interfaith annual breakfast, established by the Presidential Proclamation on this very date. The National Day of Prayer Breakfast will begin at 7:00 am and last until 8:30 pm in Ballroom A of the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas. Admission to the breakfast ranges from \$30 - \$40. For further information: tgs@thanksgiving.org, or call 214-969-1977.

National Day of Prayer at the Courtyard Theatre, 1509 H Avenue, in downtown Plano, 12 noon. Sponsored by Plano Multicultural Outreach.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group will meet at the Audelia Road Branch Library, 10045 Audelia Road at 11:30 a.m. Call 214-670-1350 for more info.

May 2 and 3

Daryl Davis Studio presents "Reflection of Mind", a solo exhibition of the abstract works by artist Daryl Davis in his first show of the year. Please come out, meet the artist, and enjoy a weekend of great art. The Opening Reception will be from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, with the May 3, exhibit running from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call 469-450-0246 or contact.artist@daryldavisstudio.com or visit www.daryldavisstudio.com for further details.

May 2 - 4

TRAC, the Transition Resource Action Center, helps connect former foster youth with affordable housing and livable wage jobs to guide them toward meaningful lives and careers. The Sunburn Grand Prix, from May 2- 4, benefits TRAC and it is free and open to the public. Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.traconline.org/trac.htm and at the gate. Event sponsors are also needed at 214-370-9300. For more informa-

tion visit <http://www.central-dallasministries.org/TATT/>.

May 3

Addison's Community Garage Sale will be held in the Sam's Club Parking lot (at Belt Line Road at Midway). You will find great bargains on previously owned furniture, clothing, household items and jewelry from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The Silver Dollar Ball at the XO Ranch, Aubrey, Texas starts at 7:00 p.m. To learn more about this American Cancer Society fundraiser visit www.silverdollarball.org for more information.

3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament presented by The Jordan Community Development Corporation, is to be hosted at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club, in honor of Lincoln and Madison high schools' mentor, Coach and principal William Toles. The tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m. at 624 Country Club Drive in Heath, 75032. The entrance fee is \$125.00 and includes everything you will need and more! For further information contact Juliea Goodman at 972-763-0878, or jgoodman@jordancdc.org.

YACFEST is a rock concert for all ages located at Plano's premier outdoor concert venue, the Amphitheater at Oak Point Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Tickets at the gate will be \$10. Advance tickets are available for \$5 from PYAC members and at Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue, from Pam Hanks or Crystal Swiere. They are also available at the following recreation centers: Carpenter Park Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road; Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glencliff Drive; Muehlenbeck Center, 5801 West Parker Road; and Oak Point Center, 6000 Jupiter Road. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. YACFEST begins at 5:30 p.m. Parking is free. Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair. For more details call 972-941-5133.

May Day Celebration Working People's Meeting featuring: Film on Working Women, Collective Discussion on Healthcare, Redistribution of Wealth, Immigrant Rights, and other issues facing working people at the Pan-African Connection Bookstore and

Resource Center 612 E. Jefferson Boulevard Dallas, 75203. Youth presentations and Cultural entertainment included in this free and open to the public meeting. Call 214-943-8262 for more details.

Dinosaurs Rock® is a free interactive program for children and adults with information on all types of fossils, minerals, gems and shark teeth that will be held at Davis Library, 7501-B Independence Parkway this Saturday. To enable more participants, the library will hold three repeat programs at 10 to 11:45 a.m., 1 to 2:45 p.m. and 3 to 4:45 p.m. Free entry tickets are required. For more information, call 972-208-8000 or visit www.planolib.org.

Human Rights Torch Relay is a global grassroots campaign to raise awareness of the Chinese Communist regime's human rights crimes prior to the 2008 Beijing Olympics and bring these abuses to an end. Having begun in Athens, Greece on August 9, 2007, the Global Human Rights Torch Relay (HRTTR) has already been through more than 100 major cities in Europe, Australia, South America, and parts of the near East. The torch will make its way to Dallas this Sunday, downtown at Southwest corner of Akard Street and Young Street (Next to Dallas City Hall plaza). The Torch Relay will last from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Call 972-821-3605 or email htrtdalx@gmail.com for more info.

May 3 and 4

The African American Repertory Theater presents a reading of critically acclaimed author Pearl Cleage's "Flyin West" featuring Irma P. Hall, best known as Big Mama from the motion picture Soul Food. The readings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday at the DeSoto Corner Theater, DeSoto Town Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road in DeSoto. For ticket information visit www.aareptheater.com.

May 5

Tickets for "High School Musical" will range in price from \$18.50-\$78.50. Individual tickets go on sale at

10:00 a.m. May 5, 2008 at The Box Office, 542 Preston Royal Shopping Center, and all Ticketmaster outlets. After May 5th, single tickets may also be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com, or by calling Ticketmaster at 214-631-ARTS (2787). For more information, please visit www.dallassummermusicals.org. Shows will be July 2 - 6 and 8 - 13 at 8:00 p.m.

May 6

Plano's Preservation Awards Ceremony will commence this Tuesday, May 6, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Interurban Railway Museum (901 E. 15th Street). At that time, the City will conduct its annual Awards Celebration and Reception in conjunction with National Historic Preservation Month activities.

May 7

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group meeting at the Pleasant Grove Branch Library, 1125 South Buckner Boulevard at 11:30 a.m. Call 214-670-0965 for more info.

May 8

Stay Healthy, Stay Beautiful: a guide to non-invasive beauty secrets, is brought to you by the Garland Chamber of Commerce and presented by the Women's Business Initiative Steering Committee. The meeting will run from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Baylor Medical Center at Garland, Conference Rooms A and B (downstairs by the café) 2300 Marie Curie, Garland 75042. The event will feature a keynote speech from Dr. Kendra Romie; and don't forget to bring lots of business cards for door prizes and networking! RSVP to Jami Manners at jami.manners@garlandchamber.com, or visit www.garlandchamber.com.

May 8 - 11

Paul Mooney Performing Live at the Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Road #250 Addison, 75254; Call 972- 404-8501 for tickets or times.

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Karessa Lang: Bridging the Gap between Independent Artists and Record Executives

By Tiffany Jackson

While others are sleeping, Karessa Lang, a Dallas native is up typing, making phone calls across America and planning her day all before 8 a.m. The founder of TRAKO Consultants & Entertainment Marketing understands the importance of staying ahead of the game, which can be contributed to over 20 years of experience in marketing and selling faith-based products. Since developing the company in 2003, Lang remains as a woman who never misses a beat.

"TRAKO was a vision from God 10 years before creation and since then He has made sure that I and TRAKO Consultants remain as an entity with a plan for His people to receive more premise and gain exposure through ministry," said Lang when asked why she started TRAKO Entertainment. "These artists are placed in front of the right people who can be instrumental in their ministry careers."

TRAKO Entertainment is a premiere agency specializing in marketing and branding for entertain-



ment properties and consumer products designed to reach the faith-based consumers. Through the company, Lang delivers new and innovative strategies. Combined with sea-

soned professionals, TRAKO Entertainment provides strategic planning, project management, creations/designs, advertising/copywriting, direct and viral marketing, grassroots, promotions and radio to reach consumers in the gospel and mainstream markets.

A few notable artists and companies that she has worked with include DFW Mass Choir, Darryl Yancey, Gaye Arbuckle, Johnathan Dawson, Witness, Tyscot Record/Broadux Music, Axiom Records and Comin Atcha Music. In addition to the people and companies Lang has worked with, she has also given birth to a new

project designed to help independent artists. It is Gospel Search of America (GSA), which made its national debut in 2007. Gospel Search of America is an industry lead national event combined with seminars and a National Talent Search. According to Lang, GSA has become international with support from top record labels and distributors such as EMI / CMG, Zomba/Sony BMG, Tyscot Record, Comin Atcha Distribution, Chez Musique, GMWA / GAG, Bro.Steve Enterprises and Billboard Magazine.

Last October, the two-day event brought thousands under one roof here inside Dallas's Friendship West Baptist Church with Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III, host pastor. One day consisted of a

concert, which featured well-known artists like Byron Cage, Myron Butler & Levi, and Papa San. The seminar held included some of the most influential industry executives like Larry Blackwell, EMI Gospel; Tracey Artis, Zomba/Sony-BMG; producer Sanchez Harley, Chez Musique; Richard Picart, Gospelcity.com; Gordon Ely, Billboard Music Critic; Joe Langham, Comin Atcha Distribution; Bryant Scott of Tyscot Records; Bishop Sam Williams, GMWA/GAG and Steve Harris, Bro.Steve Enterprises.

All of the executives volunteered their service to help the independent artists that attended.

"I was one of the presenters doing the Gospel Search of America 2007 and I talked about National Distribution during two sessions at the workshop and they were well attended," said Joe Langham, CEO of

pendent artists to have the opportunity to get up close and personal with these highly sought after industry leaders and executives, the participants were amazed at the opportunity" said Lang. "We had the best of the best and I feel like my life has been expanded because of such kind-hearted people that volunteered their time. I appreciate and, thank God for them."

Of the 3,000 who inquired, 36 semi-finalists and seven finalists were chosen; Mona Moore of Houston, Texas was crowned as the Gospel Search of America 2007 winner. She exhibited everything that the industry judges were looking for, which included a positive stage presence and notable vocal prowess. Notable Multi-Award Winning Producer Sanchez Harley who was one of the judges stated, "Mona Moore is a seasoned artist with a vocal ID of most producers dream."

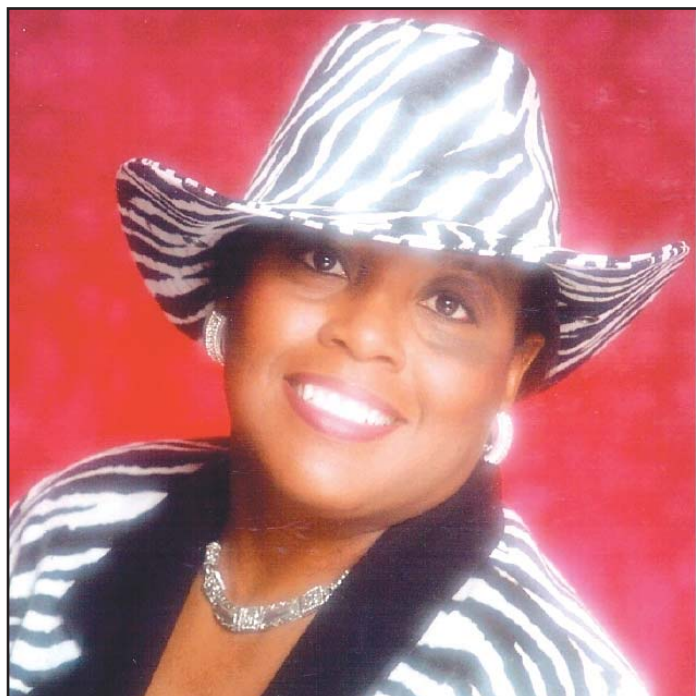
"TRAKO (Consultants & Entertainment Marketing) was a vision from God 10 years before creation and since then He has made sure that I and TRAKO Consultants remain as an entity with a plan for His people to receive more premise and gain exposure through ministry," said Lang.

Comin Atcha Distribution. "Karessa and I have been friends for a while and she had a great vision. I wanted to help her in any way I could without any hesitation. This year I see GSA being even greater. The people really supported it last year."

GSA was a success. "It is very unusual to be able to get a group of people of that caliber in one place at one time with the same mission, same goals; it was priceless for inde-

When asked how she felt after winning, Moore responded, "I felt really great, it was a learning experience." It took a lot of preparation mentally and spiritually to get up there but anytime I step on the stage it is to uplift and enlighten people through my ministry."

Moore says she will continue pursuing gospel music, her duties as a play writer as well as her love for the prison ministry and charities. Lang is work-



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Mahogany Dance Theatre Of Texas Debuts Amazing Grace

DALLAS — The Mahogany Dance Theatre of Texas on May 3 will debut its original work *Amazing Grace* at Life at Deep Ellum cultural center, 2803 Taylor Street. The performance, which will feature children from South Dallas' St. Anthony Community Center, will highlight the power and pain, the despair and the joy of the Civil Rights movement.

Reservations for the performance can be made at www.saccdallas.org, or by calling 214-421-2324, extension 110. Seats will also be available at the door for a suggested donation of \$15. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the May 3 performance, which will begin at 7 p.m.

Title sponsors for *Amazing Grace* include CW33; Arts Conspiracy; Wayne and Buena Stevenson; Eric Johnson;

J.W. Levell; and Billionaire Financials. Other sponsors include The Cheesecake Factory, Jonas Ramos of Paul Morgan Photography Studio, Starbucks, J. McDonald and Ellen Carter Williams.

Dr. Vann Gilbert, founder and artistic director of the nonprofit dance company, says *Amazing Grace* is the latest — and most powerful — example of the company's commitment to using the arts to educate young audiences about African-American history and culture. "For more than 30 years, the nonprofit Mahogany Dance Theatre of Texas and its dancers have served our local communities as cultural storytellers, making the African-American experience accessible to all," he explains. "With *Amazing Grace*, we use the language of movement and music — dance and soul-stirring spirituals — to explore the strug-

gles and triumphs of the Civil Rights movement."

Comfort Brown, executive director of St. Anthony Community Center, says being a part of *Amazing Grace* is helping the center's children take ownership of their history. "Watch them dance, and you're watching them connect with previous generations, creating a respectful dialogue about the past," says Brown. "Under the guidance of Dr. Gilbert, our children are learning, dancing, growing with the Mahogany dancers — and they're catching the fire that helped fuel the Civil Rights movement."

For more information about *Amazing Grace*, the Mahogany Dance Theatre of Texas, or St. Anthony Community Center, please call 214-421-2324, extension 110, or visit www.saccdallas.org.

Local Artists Donated Hand Painted Ties To Raise Money For Big Brothers And Big Sisters

Plano, TX - Supporters and art patrons turned out to Stephanie Ward Gallery in Plano to the "Building Ties to Make A Difference" exhibit. Ten artists used their unique style of painting to create wearable masterpieces to raise funds for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of North Texas.

"This exhibit was a link between the business community, nonprofit, and the art community," said Stephanie Ward gallery owner. "It is amazing what can happen when people work together."

"We were able to auction off great prizes such as a round trip airline ticket from South West Airlines, art work, pottery, photography and lots of other items," said Ward.

Todd G. Bristow, Regional Executive Director of Brothers of Big Sisters said he was excited to see so much support for the organiza-

tion.

"We had the two caring adults to become mentors; two children were referred to our program; one prospective board member and shared the message of Big A Big, Find A Big Support of

organization. The organization is trying to raise money to facilitate matches with mentors. There are still ties available for those interested in purchasing them, by calling the gallery.

Bristow is looking for more supportive mentors who would like to be a part of this National program.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters invite you to learn How you can become a Big Brother or Big Sister, help support this work that is making a difference and can transform the life of a child without changing yours. There are lots of fun ways to engage BBB-STX in your local company, church and community," he said.

For more information how to give to Big Brothers Big Sisters, please visit www.bbb-stx.org or call 1-888-887-BIGS.

Big to over 300 people," he said.

Art enthusiasts browsed the exhibit of 30 hand painted neckties and silent auction items. All of the proceeds from the sale of the tie went to the



Todd G. Bristow, Regional Executive Director of Collin County, and Stephanie Ward, owner of Stephanie Ward Gallery

A Treasured Island - Fun for all Ages



by
**Rick
Elina**

Treasured classics perpetually pay off. That's why they're classics. They are the timeless works that will forever speak to us regardless of our age or current station in life. Certain archetypal stories will resonate with a familiarity reminiscent of an old friend. *Treasure Island* By Robert Louis Stevenson is and will always be such a classic.

Word of Mouth Productions presents its musical interpretation of the classic tale of a young boy on a quest for buried treasure and along the way, he finds something much more valuable.

The story is told through the eyes of Tom Morgan, a sailor newly arrived in port at Bristol, England. Tom is capably played by veteran actor Tom McWhorter, who speaks and sings with a believable British accent. While lodging at the Admiral Benbow Inn, he convinces the widowed innkeeper Mrs. Hawkins, played by Stephanie Wolfe Epstein, to allow her young son, Jim Hawkins, played by J. Anthony Sterrett, Jr. to accompany him on his next voyage. A sudden change in course takes place when the death of fellow lodger, Billy Bones, played by Ruben Natera, a first time actor and father of Director Teresa Andron, leads to the discovery of a treasure map.

The journey undertaken by young Jim in his quest to find the elusive treasure is of course a metaphor for the young man's journey into manhood. The spyglass given to Jim by the affable Tom, at the beginning if the play is more than just a gift, it's the symbolic device for looking ahead. And Jim

will need it. Along the way, the 15 year old must deal with loss of all that is familiar and far from the cozy confines of the Inn. While on board, Jim befriends a lov-

able one-legged rogue, Long John Silver, who is played by Miles Brennan. Mr. Brennan's portrayal of the morally conflicted buccaneer is dead on. Ulterior motives soon become apparent and Jim must make a crucial choice, culminating in a well choreographed fight scene.

The most colorful and memorable character does not appear until the Second Act. Ben Gunn, played by Kinsley Dominguez, is a sailor marooned on the island for the last three years. Mr. Dominguez is one of the strongest actors of the entire cast. He gives Ben Gunn a comedic depth and charm that is noticeably broad and appealing, without going overboard. No pun intended. One of the better singers in the cast, his rendition of *Cheese!* *Cheese!* will keep you humming the song long after the curtain falls.

All musical numbers were accompanied by musicians, Rebecca Cordes and Mike Terrill.

Mr. Terrill also served as Musical Director for the production. The music would often give the action a melodramatic flavor that added to the fun. Only on a few occasions was the music a little too loud making it difficult to hear the performers. The costumes, provided by Custom Costume Creations, were flawless. Set design by Melinda Whitten was well thought out and seamless through the several scene changes, and each was complimented nicely by the scenic art. Though lighting was at times uneven, for the most part it worked well with the actors who often made way into the audience. Also be advised that strobe lights and fog machines are used.

Run time for the show is a little over 2 hours with intermission. *Treasure Island-The Musical Adventure*, runs weekends through May 10th. Contact Word of Mouth Productions for details. www.womproductions.com

Rick A. Elina is a playwright based in Plano, Texas and Theatre Critic for The North Dallas Gazette. He can be reached at: ricketaelina@aol.com.

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Comptroller Announces Additional Time to File Annual Franchise Tax Reports

Business given extra month to navigate revised tax

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced business- es who are unable to meet the May 15 due date for the franchise tax will have an additional 30 days to submit their returns or file an extension without penalty.

The Comptroller's office recognizes the complexity of the revised franchise tax and the newness of the enhanced electronic reporting

methods have caused concern among tax practitioners and taxpayers statewide. The extended deadline allows businesses to avoid a 5 percent penalty they would have faced had they not filed by May 15.

"We want to make sure businesses and tax practitioners have adequate time to make sure they're complying with the revised franchise tax," Combs said. "Because they're

dealing with new calculations and enhanced technology for filing reports, the one month penalty waiver will help taxpayers accurately complete their returns in the first year of this brand

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Information about the revised franchise tax is available on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us or by calling (800) 252-1381.

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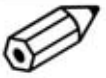


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Sister Tarpley

Today, the first Thursday in May is Americans National Day of Prayer. It is a day designated by Congress as a day when all Americans regardless of their faith, their race, creed or their color, are asked to come together and pray in their own way. Prayer is needed now more than ever. Home foreclosures the highest in our history, government taking "In God We Trust" off of our currency; the worse economy since "The Depression," wars, students taking knives and guns to schools, students fighting teachers and other students, and we are at the threshold of electing a new President, etc. Americans, please pray, we need God's intervention in our lives!

From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder & Senior Pastor: Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. **Psalm 2:11.** It is easy finding reasons why other folk should be patient. **Matthews 7:3.** Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. **Psalm 48.**

A meal without God is like food without flavour! **Ecclesiastes 6:7; Proverbs 3:7.** He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding. **Proverbs 15:32.** Forgiveness cannot be explained—it must be experi-

National Day of Prayer and Scriptures For May 2008

enced. **Ephesians 4:32; Luke 23:34; Colossians 3:13.** He weighs well and makes decisions wise who keeps eternity before his eyes. **2 Corinthians 4:7-18.** It is no secret what God can do; what He's done for others, He'll do for you. **Jeremiah 32:27; Hebrews 13:8.** By silent prayer we not only worship God, we witness to man.



Sister Tarpley with Kerry Brown Jr. (left) and Kenneth Jones Jr.

Psalm 95:6. No enemy can come so near that God is not nearer! **Hebrews 13:5.**

Keep your eyes on God and your fears will vanish! **Isaiah 12:2.** Kindness and friendship have helped to convert more sinners than arguments, eloquence or learning! **Luke 19:10; Hebrews 7:25.** He that contemplates on his bed hath a day without a night. **Psalm 36:4.** While the Lord prepares a place for us, may He prepare us for that place! **John 14:1-3.** There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. **Proverbs 16:25.** When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd! **John 10:14; Psalm 127:2.** He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live. **Proverbs 15:27.**

Obedient service and bless-

ings go hand-in-hand. **John 21:3-6.** For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil. **Ecclesiastes 2:21.** When you look at yourself, you're depressed, when you look at others, you're impressed, but when you look at Jesus, you're blessed. **Hebrews 12:1-2.** Secret sin on earth is open scandal in Heaven. **Ephesians 5:12.** A man who uses good judgment is like a pin; his head keeps him from going too far. **Proverbs 3:6.** "A man who has friends must show himself friendly!" **Proverbs 18:24; John 15:13-15.** He who provides for his life is wise only for a moment, but is a fool forever. **Mark 8:36 & 37; Luke 12:18-20.**

"Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world!" **Jeremiah 32:27; Jeremiah 33:3.** Although the tongue weighs very little, few people are able to hold it. **Proverbs 8:21; 34:13.** If God sends a man into a lion's den of trouble, He always goes there with him. **Psalm 91:15.** The folly of one man is the fortune of another. **Proverbs 10:1 & 14:18.** God always speaks loud enough to make a willing soul hear. **Deuteronomy 5:27.** The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. **Proverbs 14:27.** He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass! **Matthew 6:13 & 14.**

Obituary: Mrs. Iris Price Carr

Mrs. Iris Emma Price Carr was born in Cameron, Texas on June 16, 1913 and fell asleep in Christ on April 26, 2008. She was one of three children born to Mr. Oliver Lewis Price and Mrs. Louise Crawford Price. Both parents, brother, Mr. Lewis Crawford Price and her beloved sister Mrs. Jewel Price Ross McKenzie all preceded her in death.

Mrs. Carr's early years were spent in Taylor, Texas where she graduated from high school. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and English from Prairie View A&M College and earned a Master's degree from Howard University. A hard worker she grew up understanding the need for frugality, to plan, and to pursue an education to achieve her dreams.

Like many women of her day, she taught in public schools and colleges in Texas; however, she was patriotic and adventurous and traveled to Washington, DC to work for the United States government during World War II. In 1950, she began a long and stellar career with the National Security Agency. She was an unheralded hero of the period and worked diligently to motivate others. These qualities served her well over the course of her career. In 1958 she became the Personnel Officer for the Office of Collection. She remained in the personnel and administrative field, fighting diligently, although quietly, for better

opportunities for underutilized employees. After 30+ years in public service, she retired in 1971 having enjoyed several firsts as a woman and as an African-American. Throughout her

She found happiness in playing bridge at the tournament level. Iris often said it is the sport of intellectuals and played every opportunity she could. She was a loyal member of the American Bridge

Association (ABA) for more than 56 years; she served in numerous capacities including National Executive Secretary, International Program Co-Chairperson and National Headquarters Building and Site member. Ever active, she served as the first chair of the Merit/Life Membership Committee where she developed the initial criteria for selection and she organized and spearheaded the campaign to generate contributions from ABA Life Members in support of general operations. She was a life member having demonstrated her commitment and passionate devotion to the ABA through her untiring efforts of generous service and support.

Mrs. Carr was a model of class and sophistication; her entire life was identified by a passionate devotion to family and friends. She leaves to mourn her passing devoted cousins Adolph (Laura) Williams, Jr., Tulsa, OK; Archie (Dorothy) Grimes, Fort Wayne, IN; Joe (Janet) Nunn, Portland OR; Clifford (Rhonda) Grimes, Charlotte, NC; Ryan Grimes, Washington, DC; William D. Wallace of Albuquerque, NM; her dearest friends: Reverend Isaac Johnson, Dallas; Dr. Charles Townsel, Carrolena Key; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Standing: Mrs. Jewel Price McKenzie
Seated: Mrs. Iris Price Carr Taken Christmas 2001

years she enjoyed a life of service to her community, her Sorority, her family and friends.

She met and married her first husband, Mr. Reginald Corley, and later Mr. Dewey Carr. Both husbands preceded her in death. She spoke fondly of both husbands and was a devoted wife. No children were born to either union. Nonetheless, she was a mother to many having mentored, counseled and encouraged young lives throughout her life.

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Morning Worship - 10am
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30pm

Pastor Terrence Autry

Friendship Baptist Church
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(972) 625-8186
website: www.fbc-online.net

Schedule of Services:

Sunday
Early Morning Worship-8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes-9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday
Early Bird Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

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

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ing on Moore's next move, all while preparing for Gospel Search of America 2008, which will be back in Dallas on October 16th-17th.

Moore is one among many independent artists who has release a CD but have been taken advantage of by others in the industry. Lang and her staff are working towards establishing Moore all over again.

This is the purpose of TRAKO Entertainment and Gospel Search of America. Other issues that plague independent artist are finance and lack of industry knowledge.

"Many of the artists don't have a lot of finance and that is why I am glad that God has sent me to people and places where I can make necessary connections," said Lang.

The seminars help to enrich, encourage and enhance those attending. Artists are taught the importance of an effective Marketing/Promotional Strategy, which are essential to their success. They are also able to get up close and personal with some of the largest record executives throughout the country. So as Lang holds down the fort as that bridge

that connects independent artists to understanding the business, learning from label executives, and creating effective Marketing Strategies, TRAKO Entertainment continues to grow.

"I thank God for using TRAKO Entertainment and I to help so many of His people who have a true ministry, but just need a little direction. He has

placed the right people in my life and has shown TRAKO Entertainment, Gospel Search of America and I so much favor. It is great watching and being a part of God's amazing work coming into fruition", said Lang.

At present, TRAKO Entertainment is vigorously preparing for Gospel Search of America 2008 with even more key industry lead-

ers and executives teaching seminars and sharing experiences. Pre-registration for the Industry Lead Seminars and National Talent Search for aspiring and independent artist began in April. For more information visit www.myspace.com/trakointertainment; email: trakolang@yahoo.com or call TRAKO Entertainment @ 214-295-5531.

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Sunday Worship Services
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Baptist Training Union
Wednesday
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Prayer Hour
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

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(Revelations 22:14)
Early Sunday Morning8:00 am
Sunday Bible Class9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship10:45 am
Men Bible Class5:00 pm
Women Bible Class5:00 pm
Evening Worship6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Class7:00 pm
Radio Program @ 7:30 am on KHVN 970 AM Sunday Mornings
Emery Tease, Associate Minister
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Ramson Hodridge, Minister

Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church
"Where Jesus is the Main Attraction"
Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am
Wednesday Bible Study - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm
14120 Noel Road • Dallas, TX 75254
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9:00 am Sunday School
Wednesday Service
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
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Bible Study 7:45 pm
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