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## EXCLUSIVE: Rockmond Dunbar Lends His Support to Real Men Cook as the Event Returns to Fair Park

DALLAS, TX-If it's been a while since a real man cooked for you, be sure to attend the largest family celebration in the country and presented annually on Father's Day, for 8 consecutive years in the DFW metroplex. Real Men Cook is scheduled for June 15, 2008 from 3-6 pm at the African

American Museum at Fair Park, come and salute our celebrity host, Rockmond Dunbar (*Soul Food/Prison Break*).

In 2005, Dunbar graced the small screen in a role that couldn't have been more different than the one he previously played in *Soul Food*. Cast as hardened prison inmate



Rockmond Dunbar

"C-Note" on the hit Fox series *Prison Break*, Dunbar portrayed his most compelling television character to date. From inmate to medico, the versatile star named one of "Television's 50 Sexiest Stars of All Time" by *TV Guide* could next be seen as

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## Clinton Makes Quick Apology for RFK Assassination Remarks, Sharpton Asks Candidates to 'Be Careful' What They Say

(NNPA) - Sen. Hillary Clinton said last Friday that she regretted comments that evoked the June 1968 assassination of Robert Kennedy as part of her reason for staying in the presidential race late into the primary season. "Earlier today, I was discussing the Democratic primary



Senator Clinton

history and in the course of that discussion mentioned the campaigns that both my husband and Senator Kennedy waged in California in June in 1992 and 1968, and I was referencing those to make the point that we have had nominating primary contests that go into June. That's an historic fact," she told

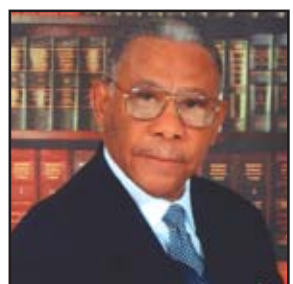
reporters.

Early last Friday, she told the editorial board of the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader that "My husband did not wrap up the nomination in 1992 until he won the California primary somewhere in the middle of June, right? We all remember that

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## The 102nd National Baptist Congress is Coming to The Metroplex June 8 - 13, 2008

The buses, trains and planes are fueling up to bring the excited delegates and attendees to Dallas Love Field, Dallas-Ft. Worth Regional Airport and Union Station, Downtown Dallas for the world famous National Baptist Congress. The 2008 theme is "Focusing



Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr.

on the Family: Loving and Reclaiming Our Youth." (Proverbs 5:1&2.)

Dr. R. E. Price, Sr. and members of New Mount Zion Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas is the host Pastor and church. The host committee has taken godly pride in preparing a variety of events inclu-

sive of all ages.

Area sopranos, altos, tenors, baritones and bass have been rehearsing for weeks to present a glorious and soul-stirring Congress musical under the direction of Clark Joseph of St. John Baptist Church of Grand Prairie and other local

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## Open Letter to Barack Obama

By Ron Walters  
NNPA Columnist  
I write this "open letter" to Barack Obama because I am concerned about one recently written by Harold Ford, Jr. That letter urged Obama to try harder to connect with White blue-collar voters by engaging them in states like Kentucky and Indiana in the Fall Elections. And while I would not argue that he should ignore these states, I worry that the agenda he would use to attract conservative voters could weaken the force of change.

To begin with, worry about the blue collar vote is

based on the perception of their strength as a part of the Democratic base, but this year will probably not reflect the 1980s when they went over to the Republican party en masse or in 1992 when they were a large part of the Ross Perot vote. This year, blue collar Whites are hurting more than any other time in recent memory and more than any other part of the political demographic with: significant job losses, high prices for everything from milk to gas, the loss of their homes and disaffection with the war policies of the Bush adminis-

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## Kimberly Seals Allers

Kimberly Seals Allers is an award-winning journalist, a respected personal finance expert, public speaker and the author of *The Mocha Manual to a Fabulous Pregnancy* (Amistad/HarperCollins) -the first-of-its kind guidebook for African American moms-to-be. She is also a co-author of *Giving Notice: Why the Best and the Brightest Are Leaving*



the Workplace and How You Can Help Them Stay (John Wiley & Sons), and author of

the upcoming *The Mocha Manual to Turning Your Passion into Profit* (Amistad/HarperCollins), a guidebook for entrepreneurs.

Most recently, Seals Allers served as a senior editor at *Essence* magazine, where she was responsible for all the personal finance and careers coverage, including feature stories, the annual POWER issue, and her eight-page monthly section. Seals Allers

created and executed *Essence's* first-ever Home Ownership Campaign. The series received the National Association of Black Journalists' 2007 award for best business story of the year. At *Essence*, she also served as host of the nationwide Work & Wealth events, where she conducted live "talk show" style financial planning workshops in various cities.

Prior to joining *Essence*, Seals-Allers

was a reporter and staff writer for *Fortune* magazine for seven years. In 1999, she was awarded the Knight-Bagehot Fellowship for Business & Economics Journalism at Columbia University. Seals Allers has also worked as the Wall Street reporter and columnist for the *New York Post*, and as a business writer for *The Times of London*.

Her freelance work has appeared in *Ladies Home Journal*, *The New York Daily News*,

*Real Simple*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Family Money*, *The Independent* (London), *Fortune*, *Pregnancy*, *Black Enterprise*, *Upscale*, *Savoy* and others.

The *Mocha Manual to a Fabulous Pregnancy* has been extensively featured in the international, national and local press, including *Ebony*, *Pregnancy*, and *Essence* magazines, and the UK's *New Nation* and *The Voice* newspapers.

## Kendall Allen, Jr.

Kendall Allen, Jr., Excellence in Teaching Winner - Schell Elementary School, Music Specialist:

*Teachers are the motivators, the innovators, creative, confident, nurturing and, most of all, always on a quest for knowledge. These are the traits that a reflective and efficient teacher hopes to pass along to his/her students. I feel tremendously honored*



*to be a music teacher because I am able to teach these assets to all children in the*

*school.*

*Music is a mode of expression. It provides opportunities for people to communicate joy and sorrow, nurturing, meaning, comfort and relief. It "soothes the soul." I strive to show these emotions every day to my "children" by sharing my own musical experiences. The ability to express one's self is not only a valuable asset within the music classroom but also the regular education classroom and in everyday life.*

*A teacher's responsibility is to engage students in active learning. This allows all students to become individual thinkers and productive members of group work without sacrificing their individuality. Teachers are accountable for challenging young minds to gain skills such as critical thinking, abstract thinking and problem solving. Music allows students to become the very thinkers that guide and influence*

*society.*

*A teacher should have spirit when teaching. When a teacher is having a good time teaching, it's more likely the child will as well. Students retain more when they are engaged in active learning. I show every day what a difference music has made in my life using excitement in my teaching. Students understand and appreciate my enthusiasm and it shows in their quality*

*of work.*

*Every day I work to maintain the traits of great teaching and build upon them. The learning is never done; I am a dedicated life-long learner. I learn so much from these students. They impact my life as much as I hope to impact their lives. I couldn't think of a better career. The work of a teacher is never finished; it just goes from one exciting adventure to another.*

## Gerald Walker

Gerald's encouraging story in his



book *In and Out The Game* and inspirational journey he reveals in his book *Why African Americans Fear Doing Business In Nigeria* will educate people about Nigeria and motivate people to think outside of the box

without having fear of failure. *Multiple Streams Of Inspiration* is a medley of the top motivating authors lined up in this book, but Walker's chapter talks about "Winning When No One Believes In You But You."

After breaking every sales record in the security industry while earning the top sales person honors in the State of Texas for 1998, 1999, and 2000, he started his own security business in 2001, breaking

sales records for a start-up security company the first two years in business.

He started his journey to Nigeria in 2004 and against all odds, he became the first African-American to start a security company in Nigeria. Walker also became the first African American to provide Armored Cash-In-Transit Vehicles to Nigeria. His journey has been a real success story. His goal is to travel the US and educate other Americans

"about Africa and the real Nigeria that

the media will never show you."

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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, formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones**

# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## Obama's Best Primary End Game Strategy

The end game is usually associated with the final strategy implemented to win a competitive event. The Democratic Primary is sorely in need of an end game strategy. Not just one that closes out the primary contest but one that carries forward with a unified momentum powerful enough to capture the November presidential election.

Time is of the essence but not for the obvious reason that the extended democratic rivalry is severely wounding each candidate by giving the republicans ammunition to use in the fall campaign. The really important time consideration is that the republican nominee, John McCain, has a free hand at fabricating a mythical persona of himself for the public absent a challenging factual characterization by a democratic nominee.

While most would argue that there are still six months until the November presidential elections the reality is that many fence straddlers will be so indoctrinated by McCain's contrived message that even when presented with conclusive contrary evidence their perception of the truth will not change.

Consider, for example, that almost 30 percent of Americans, after being exposed to a tainted al-Qaeda public relations barrage orchestrated by the Bush administration still believe that al-Qaeda was responsible for the 9/11 attacks. This perception remains even after three independent commissions have dismissed any al-

Qaeda involvement.

While the democrats, from the DNC to the party hierarchy to the candidates, continue to soft shoe and tip toe around this issue they need to stop, sit down at the negotiation table, and reason through what is best for the party and this country.

The best ticket for the democrats to put before the American voters is Barack Obama for President and Hillary Clinton for Vice President.

The Obama change message has taken hold as evidenced by the convincing delegate count with only three more primaries scheduled.

According to the CNN political website, Obama now leads Clinton by 1,969 delegates to 1,779, and is just 57 delegates short of the required 2,026 delegates under current Democratic National Committee rules. This total includes 309 super delegates that have declared for Obama and the 279 for Clinton.

The only thing keeping the Obama's change machine from having democratic unanimity is the loyalist core constituency broadly described as working class Americans and females devoted to Clinton.

Obama needs to forego any concerns he may have about the Clinton integrity and not only offer the VP position to her but to also convince her that she needs to pack up any residual ego she harbors about the presidency in 2008 and defer her instant gratification for a few years in favor of the greater need to turn this

country around economically, politically, and globally. Help her to understand the historic nature of her heroic efforts as this nation becomes aware that the glass ceiling of sexism and racism is forever smashed for future presidential candidates.

Her legacy must not be tarnished because she acted in the moment instead of for the long term. Remind her that she is by far the most prominent woman in America and as such she can raise her stature even higher by helping to develop the strategy that ensures the Democrats not only prevail in November but also defines her role as a powerful leader in government for years to come.

In return for her acceptance not only does she get the opportunity to keep her name in the public spotlight to enhance her ascendancy in 2012 or 2016 but she will be positioned to immediately inherit the presidency should Obama (heaven forbid) become incapacitated in any way.

Even as he closes in on the Democratic nomination for the presidency, Sen. Barack Obama is facing lingering problems in winning the support of some white voters. A recent poll that classified white voters as high or low on the Racial Resentment Index gives some indication of the extent of this problem.

The majority of white voters who make up the high Racial Resentment Index were characterized as having less

than a four-year college education, over the age of 60 and living in the South. These voters are predominantly Clinton supporters and in a matchup with McCain they give her a 59 point margin over McCain as compared to Obama's 19 point margin.

None of the high profile names currently being advanced for the democratic VP position can interface with and relate with this American demographic like Hillary Clinton. None can match her inherent advantage to keep this constituency, estimated at some 16 million, from abandoning the Democratic Party in November and defecting to the McCain camp. In addition her strengths in the states of Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania will enhance the chances that the democrats will carry those key states.

Why not structure the odds in favor of the Democrats with a trailblazing, cure the racial divide, block-buster Obama-Clinton ticket that can overcome the most devious political treachery that right wing zealots devise to derail the irresistible appeal of the oncoming change express?

As Sam Cooke says in his signature anthem, "It's been a long, long time coming but I know a change is gonna come. A change is gonna come."

James W. Breedlove

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

## South African Government Blamed for Anti-Immigrant Rampages

(NNPA) - Soaring rates of crime, unemployment, and corruption were among the triggers for a murderous burst of violent attacks over 10 days against Zimbabweans and other immigrants that left 22 dead in South African's main city of Johannesburg, and 6,000 others seeking shelter in police stations, churches and community centers.

Mobs beat foreigners and set some ablaze in scenes reminiscent of apartheid-era violence.

"[P]oor and ineffective governance created a tinder box of unmet expectations which exploded in Alexandra and has now spread to several other areas," the South Africa Institute of Race Relations said in a letter.

"Essentially these failures contributed to create a perfect storm of lawlessness, poverty, and unfulfilled expectations which has now erupted into violence."

As many as three million Zimbabweans are thought to be in South Africa, having fled violence and poverty at home.

Pres. Thabo Mbeki, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela all condemned the violent attacks. A letter signed by Siphamandla Gumbi of United Cities and Local Government of Africa read: "The government of South Africa must use all its powers to stop this un-African behavior by people who have lost all sense of ubuntu, which says

strangers are always welcomed with open arms, treated with respect and protected in an African home."

An estimated five million people from almost every country in Africa have migrated to South Africa; three million of these are thought to be Zimbabwean, but the Department of Home Affairs has no record of how many migrants might be undocumented.

"We are killing each other. Black against black; brother against brother," wrote "Anthony", a Malawian accountant on the BBC website. "The trouble is the influx of millions of Zimbabweans. Only a political solution to the crisis in Zimbabwe will solve this problem."

## African Liberation Day 2008 Celebrated

(NNPA) - The All-African People's Revolutionary Party (GC) and the National Council of Arab-Americans in Washington D.C. marked African Liberation Day last weekend with a look at the Guinean revolution: A Center of Struggle Against Slavery and The Slave Trade."

African Liberation Day grew out of a meeting on April 15, 1958, in the city of Accra, Ghana, of the first Conference of Independent African States. Meeting again on May 25, 1963, leaders of thirty-two independent African States called for the founding of African Freedom Day, a day to "mark each year the

onward progress of the liberation movement, and to symbolize the determination of the People of Africa to free themselves from foreign domination and exploitation."

Africa Freedom Day was changed from April 15 to May 25 and Africa Freedom Day was declared African Liberation Day.

## Healthy Living Tips

Fit Tip #1: Stretching! Did you know that you should stretch before and after each exercise session? Stretching is an essential part of any fitness program. Here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Never stretch to the point of pain
2. Hold each stretch at least 10 seconds
3. Avoid bouncing in the stretch position as you could cause serious damage to your muscles

Fit Tip #2: Walking! Did you know that walking just 10 minutes a day will increase your fitness level? New studies show that even short bouts of activity can increase your fitness level. Keep this in mind, whenever you park your car you have an opportunity to improve your fitness. Park as far away as you can. Use every opportunity you can to walk

your way to better fitness.

Fit Tip #3: Incidental Exercise! Incidental exercises are the movements you perform everyday. Your goal is to achieve at least 4 of these each day. The more time that you spend doing them, the more calories you will burn. Try some of these:

1. Be active for 20 minutes of your lunch hour
2. Take the stairs
3. Don't watch, play with the kids
4. Cycle instead of driving
5. Do that gardening
6. Spend 10 minutes a day walking the dog
7. Toss the TV remote and get out of your chair.

## Visiting Nurse Association To Offer Grief Recovery Workshop On June 9

The Visiting Nurse Association will be conducting a grief recovery workshop called "Good Grief" for adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

Workshop topics will include common grief experiences, coping with grief, myths about grief, and resources for help.

The workshop will be held Monday, June 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Visiting

Nurse Association's new headquarters building, The Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Center, located at 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas.

There is no cost to attend the "Good Grief" workshop. Reservations can be made by contacting Sue Rafferty, VNA Manager of Hospice Bereavement Services, at (214) 689-2922 or rafferts@vnatexas.org.

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# "Maybe she would still be alive"

By Tuala Williams  
Texas Publishers  
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Pam, a freshmen at Lubbock, Texas' Estacado High School, lies peacefully still, eyes closed, hands crossed over her chest, beautifully arrayed in her Sunday best as friends, loved ones and acquaintances file by to say their final goodbyes. But she will not speak back. Her mother cries out in grief for her child, stolen from her so young in life, but her cries will not bring her back, nor will the mourners who fill the church to capacity be able to ease the mother's agony. No parent should know such loss, no human should know such pain. No one should have to die this way.

Pam had slipped out with her boyfriend hours after her mother thought she was in bed asleep. Thinking she would be home before sunrise, she left the bedroom window

unlocked. But Pam never made it back through that window.

At 4 a.m., her mother was awakened with horrifying news. Her daughter had been in a terrible accident.

The mother grappled with the news. How could this be true when she had just seen her child go to bed only hours earlier. But after going to the youth's room to verify the facts, all she could find was an empty bed. Pam was gone - this time for good.

Witnesses say Pam's boyfriend was drunk the morning he plowed into the light pole. According to sources, as Pam went flying through the windshield, the light pole came down across the hood of the car, landing on her head. Onlookers, who stood by helplessly, said they heard blood curdling screams as Pam lie pinned beneath the pole.

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compassionate Dr. Tom Jonas on the small-screen medical drama *Heartland*. Dunbar is theatrically trained actor who has subsequently made a name for himself as a valuable film and television commodity. Rockmond Dunbar proves he is more than an actor as he lends his name and support to Dallas' Real Men Cook charitable efforts to raise funds for the community.

Real Men Cook is managed by a full volunteer effort of cooks, celebrities and community leader. It is a masterfully executed celebration of men for women, children, and the community and is presented in 10 cities simultaneously on Father's Day. In Dallas, we will be hosting Celebrity hosts Rockmond Dunbar, our chairs and our taster's at our VIP - Pre Event Reception at 6pm located at Brooklyn Jazz Café on May 31st, 2008.

The local Real Men Cook Executive Committee, in cooperation with local event sponsors, is hosting a VIP Gathering. "The reception

is just an appetizer to the main course of this Fathers Day celebration. "It's a fun-filled food festival honoring real men--fathers, brothers, uncles, coaches or teachers that dispel the myth that Black communities lack positive male role models," said Terry Allen, Real Men Cook Dallas Event Manager.

This reception will provide the perfect opportunity for all prospective cooks and volunteers to find out what a commitment to participate in the Real Men Cook event entails. By its very definition, all event cooks must be males. However, men, women and children (10 and older) are welcome as volunteers.

As a cook registration incentive, any first time event cook who registers at or prior to the reception will receive their choice of either 10 complimentary tickets to donate to the charity of their choice or a complimentary copy of "Real Men Cook: 100 Recipes for Family Celebrations" by event co-founder K. Kofi Moyo with page 40 dedicated to Dallas Event Manager Terry Allen's chocolate

cake recipe handed down to him by his late grandmother (while supplies last). A true keepsake, the foreword of this book was written by 2008 presidential candidate Barack Obama.

Today, Real Men Cook remains the leading urban Father's Day experience. Millions share the experience through interactive news programming and other media coverage in 10 cities across the country. "I am 'peacock proud' that this is our ninth year in Dallas." Our partners include American Airlines, the City of Dallas, KG Fashion Superstores, the South Dallas Fair Park Trust Fund to name a few. This event has become The National Urban Father's Day pastime in celebrating our African culture with a family reunion spirit."

With a mission to build families and provide the opportunity for non-profits to raise money from event ticket sales, Real Men Cook® for Charity mobilizes and spotlights hundreds of men in urban communities across the country who are willing to donate their time and

resources to cook and serve samples of their favorite dishes on Father's Day. In addition to Dallas, Real Men Cook will be serving up family fun in Atlanta, Chicago (the founding city), Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Phoenix and Washington, DC. Last year's Real Men Cook event provided more than 10,000 attendees the opportunity to taste over 750 different food selections prepared by 600-plus men nationwide.

"This year's Real Men Cook event is poised to take the Real Men Cook crusade and its associated charitable arm, Real Men Charities, Inc to an entirely new level. The food, entertainment, health & wellness focus, and overall festive and family friendly atmosphere are guaranteed to deliver a most memorable Father's Day celebration," says Yvette Moyo, Founder of Real Men Cook. For more information about participating in Real Men Cook as a cook, volunteer, sponsor or patron, call (214) 376-6530 or go to [www.realmencook.com](http://www.realmencook.com).

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# Operation Uplift

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High School students who are accepted into the program will be exposed to the personal and professional skills needed to transition from high school to college and from college to the world of work. Our curriculum includes; business ethics, business etiquette, self discovery, college preparatory, and personal finance. Operation Uplift also will include field trips to the Federal Reserve of Dallas and to City Hall. A very unique feature of the program will be a mentor experience

with college students enrolled in the SMU Cox School of Business Summer Business Institute.

Operation Uplift is asking educators and youth organization advisors to recommend their best and brightest students to us. To apply students must complete an application, submit a letter of recommendation from their high school counselor/teacher/pastor and write a 200 word essay on "Why Am I a Future Business Leader?" Submit these via email to: revscp@highlandhills-umc.org, or fax to 972-225-8685, or mail to Operation Uplift, 3800 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, Texas, 75241.

For more information please contact Highland Hills United Methodist Church at 972-225-1096.

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musicians.

Save the dates:

Monday, June 9th @ 7 am Registration with a Tee-Off @ 8 am, there will be a Fellowship Golf Gathering @ the Stevens Park Golf Course, 1005 N. Montclair Avenue in Dallas. The first 16 players will get a FREE round of golf with a FREE game snack, all others \$28/\$30. On Tuesday, June 10th @ 7 pm for the Convention Center. Concert tickets may be purchased @ New Mount Zion Baptist Church, other area

churches, and the Dallas Convention Center for only \$15.

The Dallas Metroplex area has many special attractions to visit and see. One such event is a fun-packed trip to Six Flags Over Texas on Monday and Tuesday, June 9th & 10th. Discount tickets may be purchased at a Congress group rate of \$26 per person. The tickets can only be purchased through the National Baptist Congress. Six Flags will not sale discounted Congress tickets. Transportation to Six

Flags is not included in the price of the ticket.

There will be a late night Worship Service @ 10 pm on June 10 - 12, 2008 at the headquarter hotel, The Sheraton (formerly the Adam's Mark), 400 N. Olive Street in Downtown Dallas. Three renowned, anointed, and spirit-filled preaching giants (Dr. Denny Davis, Senior Pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Grand Prairie Texas, Rev. William T. Glynn, Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas and Rev. A.C. Stapleton,

Pastor of Shekinah Tabernacle Baptist Church of Dallas) can be heard nightly.

The transportation Committee is in need of drivers to transport delegates and attendees to and from area airports, hotels and the Convention Center.

For information, directions, or events planned, contact Phillip Green @ 214-287-2311, Pastor Dennis Brantley @ 972-291-1214, visit New Mount Zion Website @ www.nmzb.org or call the church @ 214-341-6459.

## 2008 Bayou Bash

The Southern University Alumni Dallas Chapter is hosting their 2008 Baylou Bash - Seafood Style on Saturday June 7th, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Regular Fellows Club which is located

at 7225 Houston School Rd, Dallas, Texas.

Proceeds from the bash will benefit the chapter's scholarship fund, used to send deserving students to Southern University.

Tickets can be purchased online

at www.suafdal-las.com. Adult tickets are available for presale at \$20, at the gate the cost is \$25. Children tickets (ages 6-12) are \$10 early, or \$15 at the gate. The pre-sale rate expires June 3rd!

The menu features boiled crawfish, corn, potatoes, fried catfish, meat pies and beverages. Come out on Saturday June 7th at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy great food and support the scholarship program.

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Bobby Kennedy was assassinated in June in California. I don't understand it," complaining that "people have been trying to push me out of this ever since Iowa," saying that that position "historically... makes no sense."

The campaign of Sen. Barack Obama reacted quickly. "Sen. Clinton's statement before the Argus Leader editorial board was unfortunate and has no place in this campaign," the campaign said in a statement.

Obama later backpeddled, blaming her remarks on fatigue and the longevity of the campaign and saying she meant no harm.

Despite her apology, her comments still sparked outrage and news stories from pundits and political observers who initially perceived them to have implied that she was remaining in the race just in case something happened to Obama.

The comments were also considered distasteful because the Kennedy family is dealing with news that U. S. Sen.

Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) has a malignant brain tumor.

But, even activist Al Sharpton, who spoke to Clinton about the remark, dismissed the notion that Clinton could have stooped so low as to have implied something could happen to Obama.

Referring to her comments as well as a recent gaffe by Republican vice presidential contender Mike Huckabee, Sharpton issued this warning on his radio talk show last Saturday:

"I don't believe either candidate meant it when they said it, but I do believe if you strike a match in a flammable environment, you run the danger of something catching fire...I'm asking them to be careful how they handle their matchbook."

The Clinton campaign first defended the remarks, saying that the New York senator had been making a historical parallel and any "any reading into it beyond that is inaccurate and outrageous."

Clinton has said she will stay in the race at

least pending the outcome of the final three primaries, Puerto Rico June 1 and Montana and North Dakota on June 3.

Ultimately, Robert Kennedy Jr., helped her to defend the comment. He released a statement saying, "It is clear from the context that Hillary was invoking a familiar political circumstance in

order to support her decision to stay in the race through June. I have heard her make this reference before, also citing her husband's 1992 race, both of which were hard fought through June. I understand how highly charged the atmosphere is, but I think it is a mistake for people to take offense."

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*(Descending in order from top): Left to right: Pamilla Robinson (John Robinson's Spouse); John Robinson, President, National Minority Business Council/ Co-Founder and President Minority Business Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc.; J. Frederick Canady, Vice President, Supplier Diversity, PepsiCo Inc. (first row): Carol Foster, president of Carol D. Foster & Co and co-founder, Minority Business Hall of Fame & Museum; Dr. Renaldo Jensen, chairman and CEO, Innovision Technologies; Carmen Munoz, executive director, Focus Hope Enterprise and former automotive suppliers and award recipient; Gerald Diez, president and CEO, The Diez Group and award recipient; Raymond Jones, husband of the late Dorothy Brothers, former vice president and executive director of supplier diversity, Bank of America and award recipient (posthumously); Sharon Parker, daughter of Dorothy Brothers; Don McKneely, president and chairman of the Business News Group and co-founder, Minority Business Hall of Fame & Museum. (second row): Steven Rogers, professor of entrepreneurship, The Kellogg School, Northwestern University and award recipient; Dr. Al Osborne, professor of entrepreneurial studies, Anderson School of Management, UCLA and award recipient; and Tony Brothers, son of Dorothy Brothers.*

# The Minority Business Hall of Fame and Museum's 3rd Annual Induction Ceremony

By Pietro Elina

The Minority Business Hall of Fame and Museum, a nonprofit organization, held its 3rd Annual Induction Ceremony, Thursday, April 24, at the Stonebriar Country Club in Frisco, Texas. This year's ceremony honored six new members to the Minority Business Hall of Fame and Museum was founded in 2004, through the collaborative labors of John F. Robinson, president of the National Minority Business Council Inc. in New York; Don McKneely, president and publisher of the Business News Group; and Carol Daugherty Foster, the former editor of MBN USA. Since its conception the Minority Business Hall of Fame and Museum has shed light onto the achievements of pioneering individuals and institutions that have contributed to the global development of minority owned businesses.

The inductions began with the late Dorothy

Brothers, whose son Tony Brothers, daughter Sharon Parker and husband Raymond Jones proudly accepted the posthumous induction in her place. Brothers was a senior vice president and national director of Supplier Diversity Development Group at Bank of America, where her efforts lead to increased spending with minority and women-owned businesses from \$11 million in 1990, to over \$400 million in 1999; for which Bank of America received over 70 awards. Also recognized was Nathan Conyers, the second longest tenured African American auto dealer in the nation, who, in his 38 years in the industry, instrumented the formation of organizations, which assist in the development of minority auto dealers. Carmen Munoz, a determined business woman, was inducted in honor of her many board positions and responsibilities at Focus Hope Enterprise, that have allowed her to cater to minority business owners, especially women in particular. Dr. Alfred E.

Osborne Jr. was recognized for his contributions as director of the Harold and Pauline Price Center for

Entrepreneurial Studies at the UCLA Anderson School of Management, where he has shown a commitment to the growth and development of minority businesses. Gerald F. Diez Sr., a first generation United States citizen born to a Spanish immigrant, was honored for employing over 600 minority workers and maintaining a customer base that includes General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and Johnson Controls Inc; strengthening the weight of minorities in our global economy. Professor Steven Rogers, of the Kellogg Business School was also inducted into the Minority Business Hall of Fame. Rogers is the Gordon and Llura Gund Family Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship at the Kellogg Business School where he teaches in many Kellogg executive programs including the National Minority Supplier Development Council's Advanced

Management Education Program, where he inspires growth and direction in future minority business leaders.

These six amazing individuals, now immortalized through their own decisions, will be constant reminders in the Minority Business Hall of Fame, of exactly how an individual can pave the way for the entire community. Through integral work and fiendish determination, these 2008 inductees have expanded our horizons, not to mention their own. When someone is honored in the Minority Business Hall of Fame, it's not only for their own extraordinary efforts to better themselves, but also for the exemplary efforts put forth to better the community, and the opportunities for minority business owners. The Minority Business Hall of Fame exists in Texas and New York, and aims to honor pioneers of minority business and inspire future generations of entrepreneurs. For more information on the Minority Business Hall of Fame and Museum visit [www.mbfh.org](http://www.mbfh.org)

Maybe, pg 5

Mourners could not help but question how the boyfriend escaped with only a broken nose, while Pam was dead. It seemed so unfair, so senseless. And it was. Had Pam been wearing a seatbelt, she would very likely have walked away unscathed. While Pam's death was avoidable, not wearing a seatbelt was not a crime in 1983.

Stories like Pam's prompted Texas lawmakers to enact a law in 1985 requiring motorists to buckle up, because something as simple as a seatbelt can save a life.

Some might argue that Pam was simply at the wrong place at the wrong time and that disobedience caused her death. While that may be true, it is also true that all that stood between life and death for Pam were 14 inches of fabric - a seatbelt.

According to the Department of Transportation, Texas has the second highest number of fatalities, following Colorado. Texas streets and highways can be a dangerous place to drive. Yet, while more than 90 percent of motorists believe seat-

belts can save lives, less than 14 percent actually wear them.

Excuses include, "I'm safer being thrown from my car than trapped inside by a faulty seatbelt." However, this couldn't be further from the truth. Individuals are actually 25 times more likely to be seriously injured or killed when thrown from their car than if they had been wearing a seatbelt.

Other's may still argue, "I'm a safe driver;" "I'm not going that far;" or "I'm not driving that fast."

But, according to sta-

tistics, 75 percent of crash deaths and injuries happen less than 25 miles from home and more than half of all motor vehicle accidents where someone was injured occurred at speeds of 40 mph or less.

What many are really saying is, "It won't happen to me." But according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, one in every five U. S. motorists will be involved in a traffic accident this year. Approximately 35,000 will be fatal and more than half of them (17,000) would more

likely live if they simply wore a seatbelt.

Each year, Texas Department of Transportation kicks off the "summer" season by launching the "Click It or Ticket" campaign in hopes of encouraging motorists to buckle up to save lives - their own and their loved ones. In 2002, traffic injuries were the third leading cause of death worldwide for children ages 5 to 9, behind pneumonia and AIDS. Nationally, they are the leading cause of death among all children, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Of

youth 0 to 14 years who were killed in a car accident in 2005 nearly half of them were unrestrained, reports the NHTSA.

Despite numerous reports about the necessity of wearing seatbelts, it still remains a problem in Texas. But law makers and government officials hope to reduce the pain loved ones feel at the graveside by causing pain for violators in the pockets.

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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 am-1 pm, 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](http://www.meetup.com/378).

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**Watermarks Invitational Exhibit** runs through April 12th 9 am - 8 pm Mondays through Thursdays, 9 am - 5 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](http://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](http://www.nbwen.org) or [info@nbwen.org](mailto:info@nbwen.org).

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

**May 29**

**Leadership Plano Silver Anniversary Gala** at the Plano Chamber of Commerce, 1200 East 15th Street, Plano 75074. Call 972-424-7547 for more info.

**May 31**

**DFW African Unity Cup** at UT Dallas Soccer Field, Richardson. Admission is \$5, tickets available at the gate. The 3rd place game will take place at 4 pm The Championship Game will take place at 6 pm **Dallas Farmers Market Farm and Flower Festival** features money

saving "green" information and useful activities from 9 am - 4 pm at the Dallas Farmers Market located at 1010 South Pearl Expressway Dallas, 75021. Call Liz Scoggin at 214-939-2242 for more info.

**Richland College** will be hosting the OSHA 10 Certification Marathon from 7 am - 7 pm Classes will be in Spanish and English. There will be sessions for General Industry and Construction. OSHA Certification card and Richland College Certificate received upon completion.

For more information please contact Celes L. Oppedahl via email at [celes@dcccd.edu](mailto:celes@dcccd.edu) or by phone at 972-238-6292.

**June 1**

**Africa Day** at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library; admission is FREE. Enjoy workshops and crafts from 1 - 5 pm and Taste of Africa Food Festival and Cultural Evening later on at 6 pm at SMU's Hughes-Trigg Student Center; \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 10, under 5 FREE.

**June 6 - 7**

**TBAAL Black Academy: The Roots and Reggae Concert** at The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, featuring Ras Tumba and Ashanti. The concert will be held at the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex at 9 pm. Tickets will be \$15 and may be purchased through TBAAL. For more information please call 214-943-2442.

**June 7**

**TBAAL Black Academy: Dancin' Soul** program will be held at the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex beginning at 8 pm. Admission to this event is \$10. For more information please call TBAAL at 214-943-2442.

**2008 McKinney Track Attack** McKinney's 4th Annual Track Meet will be

located at Ron Poe Stadium, with field events starting at 8 am and running events beginning at 9 am. Participants are required to pay a \$2 fee, which allows unlimited entry to ALL events. For more details, or for information on McKinney's Track and Field Summer Program, contact Dwayne Dunning at 214-435-4360 or [ddunning@take-it-2-the-next-level.com](mailto:ddunning@take-it-2-the-next-level.com); or contact Larry Thomas at 972-508-0855 or at [lltkbt@yahoo.com](mailto:lltkbt@yahoo.com).

**June 9 - July 11**

**Summer Theater Program** for children ages 6 to 14. Mondays - Fridays from 9 am to 12 noon. Bilingual classes that help familiarize the children with both English and Spanish. \$400, for five weeks (includes materials, and enrollment fees) A discount will be offered to families with more than one child and special arrangements can be made for payment. Call 214-689-6492.

**June 13 - 15**

**Dallas City Arts Celebration** The 5th annual CityArts Celebration will showcase the incredible performing, visual and culinary arts which are the fabric of Downtown Dallas. The free festival will take place from 6 - 10 pm Friday, June 13; 11:00 am - 10 pm Saturday, June 14; and from 11 am - 6 pm on Sunday in downtown's Dallas Arts District. This event is completely free and open to the public. For more information email [jmiller@jmillermkt.com](mailto:jmiller@jmillermkt.com), or call 214-571-1376.

**June 14**

**Regional Conference on Domestic Violence Cross Cultural Perspective** will be located at UTA's E. H. Hereford, University Center, in the Rio Grande Ballroom, 300 W. First Street in Arlington. The conference will be from 9 am - 4 pm. Admission to this event is \$20. Email [mcchs2005@hotmail.com](mailto:mcchs2005@hotmail.com) or call 817-589-9165 for

more details.

**RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop** photography basics for young photographers ages 10 through 18. Classes are \$25.00 and will be located at Mountain View College located at 4849 W. Illinois Avenue in Dallas, 75211 from 11 am - 2 pm. Email [artistelaine@artiststuff.com](mailto:artistelaine@artiststuff.com) or call 972-572-3525 for more info.

**June 16**

**Black Wax's Open Mic** is open to all poets or performers, and will be located at the Starbucks at Midway and Spring Valley road in Farmers Branch from 7 - 9 pm. Email [preacherboypub@yahoo.com](mailto:preacherboypub@yahoo.com) for more details.

**June 16 - 21**

**Dallas Dazzlers 8th Annual Elite Dance Summer Workshop!** The Dallas Dazzlers Dance Co. will host their 8th Annual Elite Dance Summer Workshop at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center from 3 pm - 9 pm. For only \$55, participants will receive intense dance training in jazz, modern, hip-hop, African and praise dance from Jamie Buis, Christian Motivational Speaker and former Dallas Mavericks Dancer; Regina Tucker, Director of Dance Arts at Friendship West Baptist Church and former Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader; and Michelle Gibson, professional choreographer and performance artist who has appeared as a principal dancer in the films "Interview With The Vampire" and "Ray. Registration ends June 1st. Registration brochures are available at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center located at 310 E. Parkerville Road. Call 469-767-9903 or send an email to [dallasdazzlers214@yahoo.com](mailto:dallasdazzlers214@yahoo.com) for more information.

**June 20 - 21**

**TBAAL Black Academy: Sankofa Muse Cafe Bash** at the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and

Letters Convention Center Theatre Complex. This event begins at 9 pm, and admission costs \$10. For more information please call 214-943-2442.

**June 23**

**The Plano Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for its 18th Annual Golf Tournament.** The Golf Tournament committee has been meeting every month to make this the biggest and best tournament yet. Sponsored by Capital One, the day will begin with registration and lunch at 11:30 am and the tee-off will be at 1 pm. The tournament will end with awards at 5:30 pm.

**June 27 - 28**

**TBAAL Black Academy: Comedy Night at the Muse** will feature B Cole at the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex. Comedy Night at the Muse will begin at 9 pm and tickets will be priced at \$15. For more information please contact TBAAL by calling 214-943-2442.

**June 28**

**2008 Reebok Heroes Celebrity Ball Game** at Baylor Medical Center at Frisco Celebrity Home Run Derby beginning at 4 pm Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game at 6 pm with the Fireworks finale following the game. The Dr. Pepper Ballpark is located at 7300 Rough Riders Trail in Frisco, Texas. Proceeds will benefit the children's charities of The Heroes Foundation, and Mike Modano's Youniversity Program. Tickets are now on sale for \$5, \$7, \$12 and \$15 through Ticketmaster or the Dr. Pepper Ballpark. Tickets available at 214-373-8000, online [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com), or at the Dr Pepper Ballpark Ticket Office during office hours.

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# Revitalizing Oak Cliff

## Introducing the Oak Cliff Community Renaissance Economic Development Corporation

By Jacquinette D. Murphy

A casual drive along West Camp Wisdom at 67 will offer a clear view of the remnant of a once thriving shopping corridor. Now, vacant buildings with for lease or for sale signage stand with plywood or metal sheets covering the place where windows once were. The businesses that are still in operation are facing high rental fees, theft or low profitability. Unfortunately, this is a seemingly growing norm for businesses in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas, Texas and a group of citizens have formed the Oak Cliff Community Renaissance Development Corporation in an effort to actively preserve, beautify and revitalize this part of the City of Dallas.

Rick Jordan, a minister of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Concord Baptist Church stated the mission of the group is to increase the tax base of the Oak Cliff area. The group seeks to create more employment opportunities, and to promote economic

talization of the Southwest Center Mall area, renovate the long vacant Cinema Theater and promote the Dallas Executive Airport in its SouthEnd Strategic Master Plan to be unveiled late next month.

"I see building going on every where except in the Southern sector of Dallas. We want people to be able to exit off Highway 67 at Camp Wisdom have a nice area to shop. Right now from downtown Dallas to 67 at Camp Wisdom you have to go outside of the Oak Cliff area to shop," said Rita Williams, administrative assistant for the organization. Williams referenced the new Uptown Village recently opened in Cedar Hill, Texas along with the new Target store that opened just off I-20 at Wheatland Road. Once the new stores opened, the older locations were closed in the Oak Cliff area, thereby negatively shifting its economic benefits.

Economic improvement for the Southern sector was included in the city bond elections since 2003. In 2006, the

were set for distribution beginning in 2007 and to be issued incrementally over a 4 to 5 year time period. The corporation is planning to ensure the southern sector is developed by capable and reputable contractors.

to make contractors ready to compete for the city contracts.

"If we can receive 20 to 25 percent of the funds that come through the city of Dallas and get the minorities involved, we will be

that are coming together to make this venture a success.

"We have enough city-council persons, educators, and businessmen to get the job done. It is not just for African-Americans. We have

to do the work," he said.

Sanchez owns Sanchez Services, a complete home remodeling company specializes in remodeling the interior and exterior, including add-ons. He has been in this business for about 10 years and now plans to buy the vacant homes, repair them and maybe sell them to the Dallas Housing Authority.

"Then, when you drive into the Oak Cliff area you will not see many boarded up houses and maybe this will help with the crime rate," he concluded.

"It will bring economic wealth to our contractors, churches, communities, families and even our children," added Jordan.

With the key players moving into place, the Oak Cliff Community Renaissance Economic Development Corporation is preparing to go public with its initiative in about one month and looking forward to seeing the results of its efforts within its first year.

"June 24 is the day that we will have our public showing at City Hall. We will announce our plan with our t-shirts on at the City Council meeting," Edna Pemberton stated with excited anticipation.

Prior to this public showcase date, the team will participate in the Oak Cliff Juneteenth Celebration sponsored by Somewhere Else Club Venue and Dallas Quick Response on June 13 - 15, 2008 at Hwy 67 at Camp Wisdom. This will be a community celebration with fireworks on Friday, booths with displays activities, contests and an old school concert on Saturday. It will conclude on Sunday with a gospel showcase.

To be an active part of redeveloping the Oak Cliff area and to find out more about the Oak Cliff Community Renaissance Economic Development Corporation, please call 972-780-7544.



The beautifully designed Dillards wing of Southwest Center Mall is now vacant.

"There have been billions of dollars spent in Dallas and we want to help our minorities get a piece of the [economic] pie," said Jordan.

Furthermore, he stat-

okay," said Jordan. "It is only fair that every part of the city get an equal part."

The development and revitalization of Oak Cliff has been a long time passion of Edna Pemberton. She started years ago with various improvement projects, events and programs such as Positively Oak Cliff to Oak Cliff Proud. These groups all seek to build enthusiasm about living and working in the Oak Cliff area. She is now one of the founding members of the Oak Cliff corporation and is "peacock proud" about the plans the group is setting in motion.

"A lot of people talk about improving our community, but not doing anything. We are working through breakfast, lunch and dinner, trying to get our strategic plan done," said Pemberton. "We have been talking about doing this for many years, now it is the right time, the right place and the right people." Pemberton further named some of the community members

people from many colors and cultures involved in this."

Michael Santiago, who is currently a long-time tenant of the Dallas Executive Airport (formerly Red Bird Airport), is also partnering with this team to help in the area of job training and education. "We currently have a dispatcher school out there," he began. "I want to train youth to be not just mechanics and to work on the plane, but to be aviation technicians," said Santiago. He hopes this training environment will generate more interest in aviation, bring more job opportunities and general traffic to the 51-year old airport within the next seven months.

Another business entrepreneur, Jose Sanchez, is set to focus on the housing crisis in the Dallas area by creating more access to homes in the Oak Cliff area. "You hear on the news that there is a need for housing and there are so many houses boarded up. No one is trying to fix the houses, so I want



Vacant Cinema Theater in the Southwest Center Mall area

development in the area, beginning at Highway 67 and West Camp Wisdom Road.

The group will initially focus on the re-

citizens of Dallas approved a \$1.35 billion capital bond program with allocated funds for the area south of downtown Dallas. The funds

ed that he will help foster local alliances in the private sector to assist with any weakness in the contractor business operations. The goal is



## Nas Changes Album Title

A representative for Def Jam has confirmed that Nas has decided to change the title of his yet released, controversial new album from *Nigger* to *Nas*. But in a statement released Monday, Nas clarified that he considers his new album *untitled*, adding:

"It's important to me that this album



gets to the fans. It's been a long time coming. I want my fans to know that, creatively and lyrically, they can expect the same content and the same messages. It's that important. The streets have been waiting for this for a long time. The people will always know what the real title of this album is and what to call it."

## Will Smith: 'Divorce Is Not An Option'

By Rennie Dyball

On Monday's episode of *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, DeGeneres noted that Will and his wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, have been married for 10 years, unheard of in Hollywood. "It's like dog years when you're married here," she said. "That's like 50 years, right? What I found is divorce just can't be an option," the actor explained. "It's real-

ly that simple. And I think that's the problem with L.A. — there are so many options. So a huge part of the success for [Jada] and

the other options."

The secret to their success? "We're like, listen, we're going to be together one way or the other so we might as well try to be happy," he said.

DeGeneres also suggested that Smith consider politics for his next project.

"I do think about [running for office] sometimes," Smith admitted. "Right up until that Monday after the movie opens and I have a 100-percent approval rating. No politician is ever

going to have that!"



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## Intimately A Peril



by  
**Rick  
Elina**

On most fields of play, particularly in the game of love, the maxim "nothing ventured, nothing gained" becomes the rallying call of someone about to take a giant leap rather than a small step. And no one knows the view from the edge of the lovelorn precipice better than Esther Mills.

The place is New York City, and the year, 1905. Esther, an African American seamstress, portrayed adequately by Stormi Demerson, specializes in the creation of intimate apparel. When she laments that her chance for love may have passed her by, one gets a sense that her colorful and impassioned garments mock the lack of color and passion in her life. After all, she's 35, unmarried and suffers a deficit of romantic prospects. That is, until she begins to receive letters from George Armstrong (Bryan Pitts), an admirer she's never laid eyes on. George works on the Panama Canal, and although he's "half way

around the world," the scenes shared with Esther are cleverly done. Reciting his romantic missives from afar, Mr. Pitts plays his character convincingly right

down to his West Indies accent. Unable to read or write, Esther relies on two of her customers, a prostitute (Lisa B. Whitfield) and a wealthy socialite, Mrs. Van Buren (Emily Scott Banks) to help her correspond with the persistent George.

When the highly societal Mrs. Van Buren mentions taking Esther to the opera and what a scandal it would cause, the audience is reminded that Esther's station in life does not afford her the freedoms of ingress and egress enjoyed by most. Esther's slice of the American Dream by comparison is no more than a sliver.

The voids in Esther's life quickly become obvious. Yet she is undeterred and remains mostly grounded through the help of two supporting characters, her landlady, Mrs. Dickson (M. Denise Lee) and a Jewish cloth vendor, Mr. Marks (Dan Forsythe). Mrs. Dickson manifests a unique combination of fashionable elegance steeped in street smarts.

On the other hand, Mr. Marks, an Orthodox Jew, is deeply rooted in tradition and wears only black. Both characters share more in common with Esther than is at first apparent. But the beauty of this story lies in its effortless demonstration of vastly different lives sharing a common trajectory. Mr. Forsythe hits the target dead-on with his interpretation of Mr. Marks. In one memorable scene, he cautions Esther that Rabbinical Law prohibits him from touching a female other than his wife or a family member. Yet, when he shows Esther a bolt of fine cloth, they share a visually striking and emotionally connecting moment when they both feel and caress the richness of the fabric together. They never touch, but most assuredly, they feel.

The relationship between George and Esther is born purely out of pen and paper and their affection quickly grows into a full-fledged romance. George, through his letters, offers Esther what she desires most. But is it what she needs? The sum of all these moving parts is the machinery that ultimately drives Esther into the arms of George. Will

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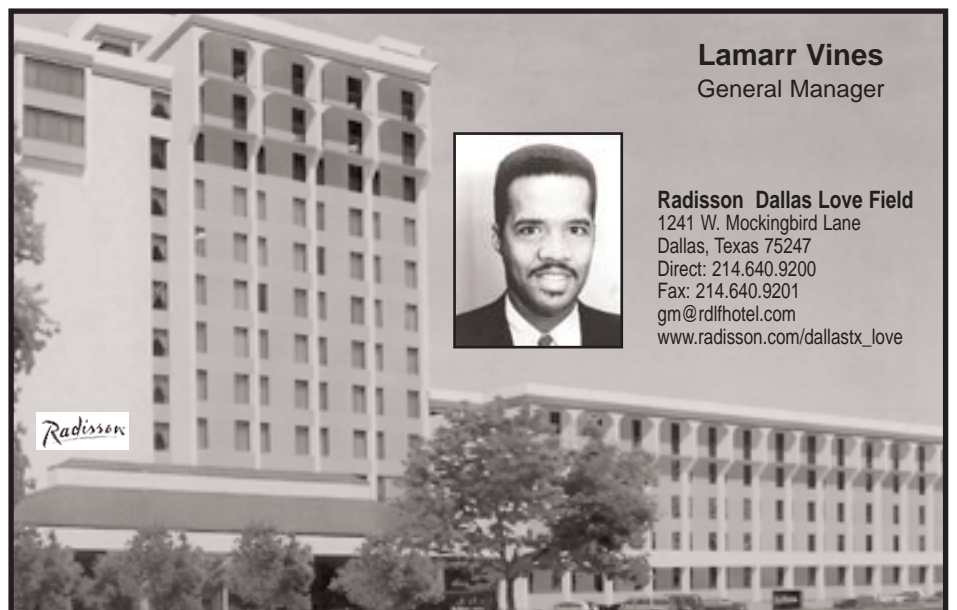


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## Emerging Technology Information Session to be Held June 3

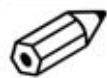
Collin College Business, Information and Engineering Technologies Division will hold an information session about high-tech careers in emerging technology fields from 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 3 in the Preston Ridge Campus Heritage Hall Convergence Technology Laboratory, room H-241, 9700 Wade Blvd., in Frisco.

College representatives will discuss how students can increase

marketable skills and earn specialized certificates and two-year degrees in information systems, cybersecurity, wireless technologies, Cisco, Microsoft, Voice-over-IP (VoIP), Home Technology Integration (HTI) and Small Office Home Office (SOHO) and the next generation convergence networking technologies. In addition, transfer information will be available for students who are interested in earning bachelors

degrees.

Seating for the free, high-tech information session is limited. For reservations, please contact Wayne Jones, director of Engineering Transfer and Technology, at 972-377-1676 or email [wjones@cccc.edu](mailto:wjones@cccc.edu). Mark your calendars for the fall high-tech information session to be held Aug. 14 and the Convergence Technology Student Forum to be held Sept. 18.



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*June 6-8, 2008*

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*May 31, 11 am*

There is an open choir rehearsal for the Homecoming Choir. Don't miss it!

*June 1, 10:45 am and 3:30 pm*

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## Sister Tarpley

Something to Ponder:  
From a "Thank You" card  
from my friend, Ms.  
Carolyn Jones. One Seed  
can start a garden. One  
Smile can lift a  
spirit. One  
Candle can light  
a room. One  
Conversation  
can start a  
friendship. One  
Person can  
make all the dif-  
ference - that  
one is YOU!

Some  
Scriptures from  
the monthly cal-  
endar of Full  
Gospel Holy  
Temple: And it  
shall come to  
pass, that before  
they call, I will  
answer; and while  
they are yet  
speaking, I will hear. **Isaiah 65:24.** Safety does not con-  
sist in the absence of danger  
but in the presence of God!  
**Psalms 40:2-3.** Be not  
afraid of their faces: for I  
am with thee to deliver  
thee, saith the Lord.  
**Jeremiah 1:8.** It is of the  
Lord's mercies that we are  
not consumed, because His  
compassions fail not.  
**Lamentations 3:22.** The  
Lord hath given me the  
tongue of the learned, that I  
should know how to speak  
a word in season to him that  
is weary: **Isaiah 50:4.**  
Accepting God's gift of His  
Son makes us strong.  
**Ephesians 6:10.** There is a  
way which seemeth right  
unto a man, but the ends  
thereof are the ways of  
death. **Proverbs 14:12.**

## Scriptures For June 2008

He keepeth the paths  
of judgment and pre-  
serveth the way of His  
Saints. **Proverbs 2:8**  
If any man among you  
seems to be religious  
and brideth not his tongue,  
but deceiveth his own heart,  
this man's religion is vain.  
**James 1:26.** The fool hath  
said in his heart, There is no  
God. Corrupt are they and



"IBOC Ladies," Dr. Rickie Rush, Pastor (L to R): Asylene Spann, Terry Cross & Cleo Tarpley enjoying Mother's Day 2008.

have done abominable iniquity: **Psalms 53:1.** For the  
Kingdom is the Lord's: and  
He is governor among the  
nations. **Psalms 22:28.** A  
word of encouragement can  
change a person's life. **1 Samuel 30:6.** Enter not  
into the path of the wicked,  
and go not in the way of  
evil men. **Proverbs 4:14.**  
Teach me thy way, O Lord,  
and lead me in a plain path,  
**Psalms 26:11.**

Lord, thou hast been our  
dwelling place in all gener-  
ation. **Psalms 90:1.** Bless  
the Lord, O my soul: and  
all that is within me, bless  
His Holy name. **Psalms 103:1.** Bless the Lord, O  
my soul. O Lord my God,  
thou art very great; thou art  
clothed with honour and  
majesty. **Psalms 104.** Hear  
now this, O foolish people,

and without understanding;  
which have eyes and see  
not; which have ears and  
hear not. **Jeremiah 5:21.**  
For if we have been planted  
together in the likeness of  
His death, we shall also in  
the likeness of His resurrec-  
tion. **Roman 6:5.** To every  
thing there is a season and a  
time to every purpose under  
the Heavens. **Ecclesiastes**

**3:1.** The  
words of a  
wise man's  
mouth are gra-  
cious; but the  
lips of a fool  
will swallow  
up himself.  
**Ecclesiastes**  
**10:12.**

To friend-  
ship, every bur-  
den is light. **1 Peter 5:7.**  
Kindness is the  
language the  
deaf can hear  
and the blind  
can see.

**Ephesians 4:32.**  
God's power can

change fear and weakness  
into confidence and  
strength. **Psalms 56:3.**  
Every valley shall be exalt-  
ed and every mountain and  
hill be made low; **Isaiah 40:4.** But I am the Lord  
thy God that divided the  
sea, whose waves roared:  
The Lord of host is His  
name. **Isaiah 51:15.** Hear  
ye and give ear; be not  
proud: for the Lord hath  
spoken. **Jeremiah 13:15.**  
To the Lord our God belong  
mercies and forgiveness  
though we have rebelled  
against Him. **Daniel 9:9.**

Great answers come in  
small packages. **Psalms 36:7.** The Christian home  
should be earth's sweetest  
type of heave. **Mark 5:19;**  
**Luke 15:6.**

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tration. They have been let  
down by Republicans on  
both domestic and foreign  
policy and although about  
20 percent in recent polls  
have said they would vote  
McCain if Obama were the  
choice in the Fall, the issue  
is what would happen to the  
rest.

I think this year the blue  
collar constituency is likely  
to split. One group could go  
with McCain; another group  
may buy in to Obama's  
promise of change to an  
agenda that favors lower  
income citizens; and still  
another group, frustrated by  
the choices, is likely to stay  
home. This means that while  
the split in their votes may  
be a threat to the Democratic  
base it could be neutralized  
by the dynamism created by  
the Obama campaign.

There is the distinct pos-  
sibility that a great deal of  
the loss of blue collar  
Whites could be made up by  
the new coalition that  
Obama promises to bring  
into the Fall election.  
Estimates by the Associated  
Press are that the new voters  
Democrats have attracted in  
the primaries thus far  
amount to 3.5 to 4 million.  
If this proportion holds up in  
the fall elections, one would  
have to triple the number of  
new voters to about 10-12  
million. This substantial  
number of change voters  
should be the focus of the  
campaign rather than lavish-  
ing resources on voters in  
the conservative heartland of  
the nation that will most  
likely not vote for Barack  
Obama in any case.

The other path to increas-  
ing the change constituency  
is to focus on enhancing the  
turnout of those groups that  
have shown they are more  
likely to vote for a  
Democratic ticket, Blacks

and Hispanics.

To be sure, some of the  
increase in new primary  
election voters is reflected in  
the increase in blacks and  
Hispanics, but more could  
be done in the general elec-  
tion to increase these num-  
bers, especially among the  
youth who are trending  
away from the Republican  
party by astounding num-  
bers. In 2004, 35 percent of  
Blacks and 66 percent of  
Hispanics were not regis-  
tered and 44 percent of  
Blacks and 72 percent of  
Hispanics that were eligible  
did not vote. The addition of  
new voters to the  
Democratic base should put  
into perspective much of the  
speculation about Hillary  
Clinton's strength in so-  
called swing states like  
Ohio, Michigan and  
Pennsylvania by considering  
the new states such voters  
might deliver.

Finally, some of Obama's  
perceived weaknesses are  
based on head-to-head polls  
during the primary season,  
but the tradition is that these  
numbers do not necessarily  
hold up in the fall. For  
example, in 1998 Michael  
Dukakis was ahead of  
George H. W. Bush but  
Bush won; in 1992 Bill  
Clinton trailed him in the  
Primary elections but  
Clinton won; and in 2000 Al

Gore was ahead of George  
Bush but Bush was given  
the election.

Therefore, the moderate  
wing of the Democratic  
party and the punditry that  
seems obsessed with blue  
collar voters should not dic-  
tate to the Obama campaign  
a strategy that both feeds  
into Obama's weakness  
among blue collar whites,  
and challenges the strength  
of a change oriented cam-  
paign and administration if  
he wins the presidency.

Such a strategy is disre-  
spectful of Blacks by sug-  
gesting that they would  
stand still while Obama pur-  
sues conservative interests to  
their detriment, in effect,  
exchanging the progressive  
substance of change for  
race.

I think this is a dangerous  
course the Obama campaign  
should avoid.

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he become her dream or her peril? For the price of admission you can find out. This is a show worth seeing.

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*A Special Note ...*

Last week I reviewed Seussical the Musical presented by Teatro delle

Muse. If you missed this show, you missed quite a lot. But it's the story behind the show that I'd like to share with you now, Dear Readers.

A bright, beautiful and talented 15 year old was cast in one of the lead roles of that production and also selected to choreograph the show. Ms. Brittany Stene is the quintessential "triple threat" a term used by

directors to describe one equally accomplished in singing, dancing and acting. A rarity, usually found in only the most dedicated of individuals. There is little doubt in anyone's mind that one day this young woman will reach such extraordinary heights, that the stars in the skies will be rivaled.

Two weeks into rehearsal Ms. Stene was

diagnosed with osteosarcoma a form of bone cancer. Every effort was made by the production to accommodate her dream of being on stage. However, the chemotherapy she had to endure was not so accommodating. Opening night, Ms. Stene was in the hospital, very ill.

Hours before the last show, she was released from the hospital and

determined as ever to see her cast-mates, which included her little sister, perform. She arrived at the theatre by wheel chair, too weak to walk. When the show was over, and the actors made their curtain call, Ms. Stene was lifted onto the stage by her father, wheelchair and all, to a standing ovation.

At that moment, every

single person in the theatre was lifted up as well.

The North Dallas Gazette wishes all the best to Brittany and her family.

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