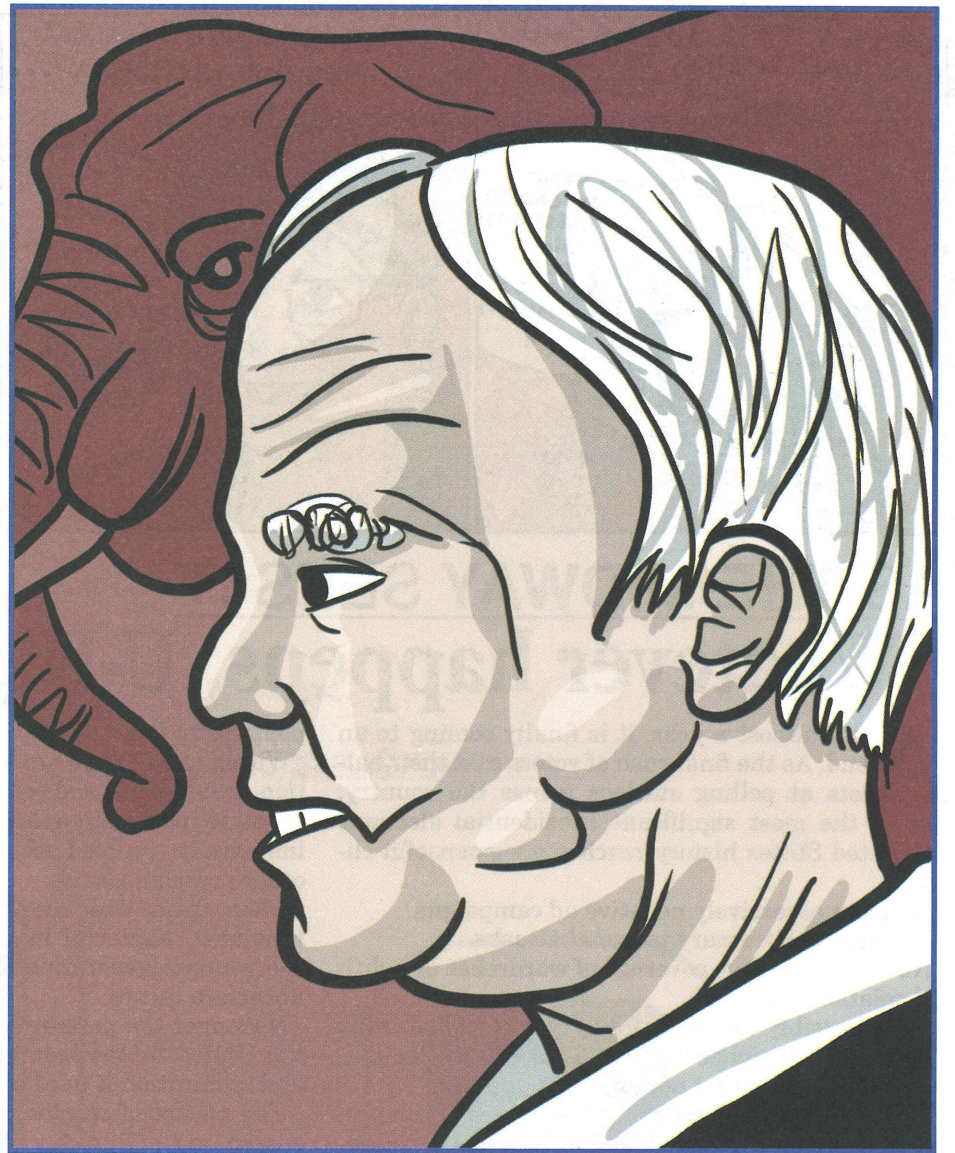




**BARACK OBAMA**

Democratic nominee for President of the United States



**JOHN MCCAIN**

Republican nominee for President of the United States

## He's a Lab Schools dad; what did you expect?

■ *But U-Highers can give plenty of other reasons they choose Obama*

By **Nathan Bishop**  
Editor-in-Chief

**T**onight at a rally in Grant Park, Presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama (D-Ill.) will either accept victory or congratulate opponent Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.).

If the election were solely up to U-Highers, Senator Obama would enter the White House, topping a Midway Presidential poll last week with 190 (46 percent) of 413 votes out of 497 students. Senator McCain received 62 votes (15 percent).

Independent candidate Ralph Nader received 3 votes (.7 percent), Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr 4 (1 percent), Green Party candidate Cynthia McKinney 1 (.2 percent), and Independent candidate Alan Keyes 1 (.2 percent). Other write-ins received 150 votes (37 percent).

While Senator Obama is a Lab Schools parent, U-Highers can offer other reasons why they voted for him.

**DRAWN TO Senator Obama's** plans for the economy, Senior Jeremy Handrup voted for him because his policies represent a change from the last eight years.

"On the most pressing issues he has policies that will take us in the direction we need to go," Jeremy said. "With the economy in the state it's in I think we can't afford eight more years of the same policies, and McCain's policies don't differ from the last eight years, whereas Obama does offer a difference: a discontinuation of the Bush tax cuts, which is a whole change of economic philosophy."

"Instead of the trickle-down philosophy of the last eight years he wants to do trickle up. He will implement programs and policies that will be aimed at getting the middle and lower classes, the majority of people, investing in the American economy again."

"I think that the war in Iraq is at this point a waste of U.S. resources and we need to focus on our situation here at home. We need to get out of there as soon as possible but obviously as safely as possible. I think Obama's agenda is to get us out of Iraq, but McCain thinks it is key to get a victory, even though he doesn't define what a victory is."

"I think we need to devote all the resources we can to fixing our economy, because the goal is to leave a better America for the next generation. If we don't fix our economy, which is a fundamental thing, it's hard to leave the next generation, our generation, a better nation."

**VOTING FOR** Senator McCain, Senior Aimee Lucido, disapproves of Senator Obama's Liberal economic policies.

"The whole Obama trying to create

economic equality is a bad idea, and is Socialism," Aimee said. "He wants to take away money from the rich and give it to the poor; he is literally being Robin Hood. While that sounds like a nice idea, it assumes people are out for the greater good of the country and not just out for themselves."

"I think McCain has better tax policies, but I don't want to vote for Palin because I don't like her and considering how old McCain is I don't want him to die in office and leave her running the country. I don't think Obama should win, but I think he will win."

"I think his policies on taxes and unions are completely ludicrous, and I don't think he's going to fix the economic crisis."

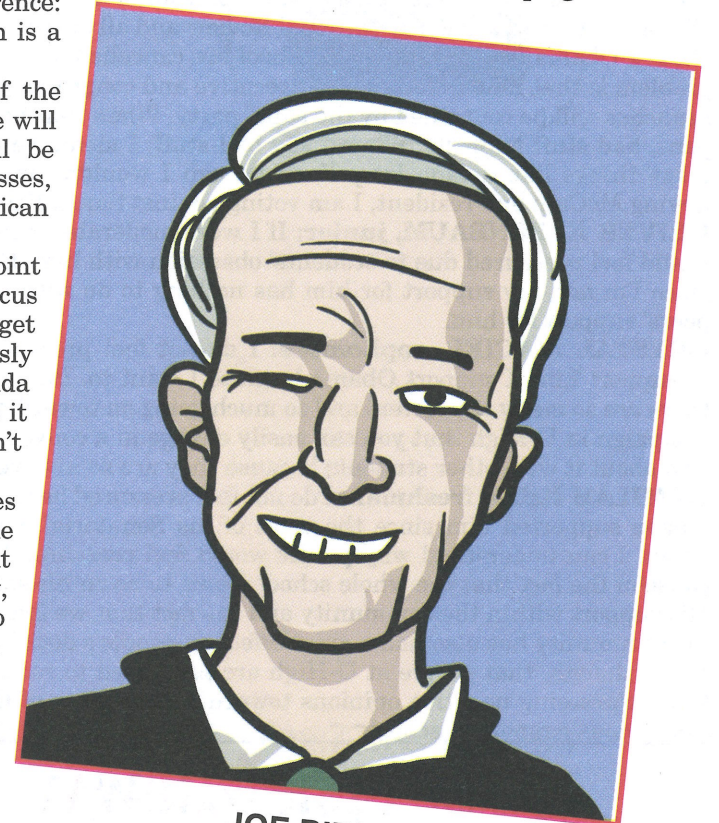
**SENATOR MCCAIN'S** negative campaigning methods influenced his vote for Senator Obama,

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**SARAH PALIN**

Republican Vice Presidential candidate



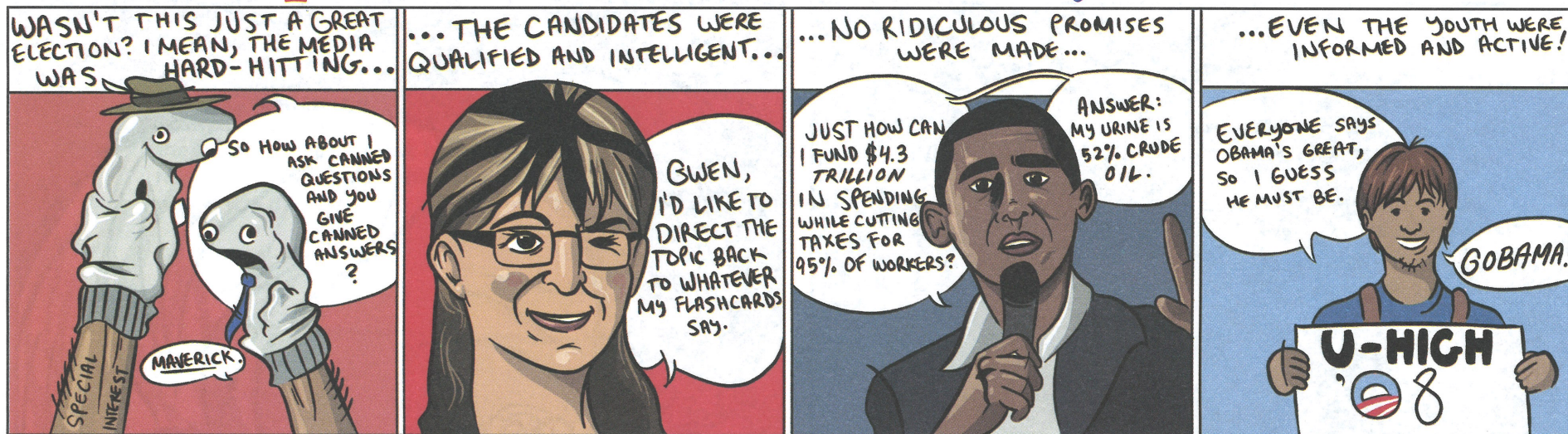
**JOE BIDEN**

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## Lorem Ipsum.....by Gene Cochrane



## AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT Whatever happens, U-Highers won in this election

After almost a year, it is finally coming to an end. As the final rush of voters cast their ballots at polling stations across the country, one of the most significant Presidential elections in United States history reaches a suspenseful climax.

No more excessively negative ad campaigns.  
No more unnecessary personal attacks.  
No more extensive coverage of wardrobes or political relationships.

And possibly no more wildly popular "Saturday Night Live" sketches starring Tina Fey as Republican Vice Presidential nominee Sarah Palin.

Tonight closes the roller coaster of overly comprehensive media coverage and relatively close poll results driven by Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Barack Obama (D-Ill.).

But this election has meant, and will mean, far more than the frequent newspaper headlines about the candidates' pasts and stalemate debates about casual acquaintances during which neither candidate stood out.

Droves of teens have shown strong support for both parties, engaging a usually dormant voting demographic even more than the youth oriented "Vote or Die" campaign helmed by P. Diddy managed back in 2004.

Last year, student organizations and groups began

popping up in social networks, such as Facebook.

Within the U-High student body, casual conversation about sports and schoolwork has subtly shifted to more politically-relevant topics including the immensely troubled economy, global warming and other pressing issues.

Then again, with the country entering an important new chapter of history, it is only fitting that the younger generation forms a strong base for its uncertain future.

No longer the perennial global power it once was, the United States does not strike up the same fear and admiration it used to.

The packet of opinion pieces that U-Highers discussed on the first day of school showed that other countries are catching up, both economically and technologically.

Throughout U-High, students have become extremely involved in the election, with most U-Highers supporting Obama.

Almost every weekend this school year, droves of U-Highers canvassed in Indiana to raise support for the Democratic candidate.

Posters around the school and a Facebook group run by U-High's Students for Barack Obama chapter garnered the club more than 190 members.

Though Obama has been favored in many polls to comfortably claim the Presidency, victory is not

certain.

Skeptics have predicted that he may suffer because of the Bradley effect, a theory that originated in the 1980s, hypothesizing that voters might secretly hide their racial prejudices.

That is, people may tell pollsters that they will vote for Obama, but actually cast their ballot for McCain.

Still, the amount of effort U-Highers and all teenagers have placed in this election will not amount to nothing if Obama does not win.

Instead, students must use this election as an example of what a monumental impact teenagers can have when they truly believe in a cause.

And although the election has been hyped as historical because the country will soon have its first African American President or female Vice President, students will likely reflect on this event differently.

At U-High, maybe the tremendous investment of time and energy that went into simply campaigning was more important to students than the prospect of either of these changes.

In a country where voter turnout has steadily declined during the past four decades, U-Highers have shown impressive and admirable dedication.

Win or lose, U-High political groups deserve praise.

## SAY WHAT?

Compiled by Denise Akuamoah

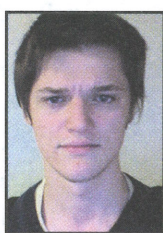
**Do you feel pressured to support Senator Barack Obama in this historic election because of his great support from U-Highers?**

**IKE EDGERTON, senior:** I do feel pressured to support Obama. But then I read the National Review and all of my pro-Barack Obama feelings I have at school are cancelled out. My problem is that if he's elected, the executive and congressional branches will be controlled by the same party. When that happens, bad stuff happens. When I say bad stuff, I mean we do crazy things like invade Iraq. Even though I wouldn't mind having McCain as President, I am voting against Sarah Palin.

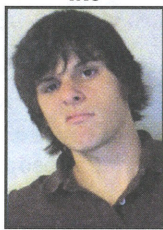
**OLIVER ELFENBAUM, junior:** If I were moderate, then I would feel pressured due to students' obsession with him. But since I'm not, my support for him has nothing to do with my peers' support for him.

**CRYSTAL MACIEL, sophomore:** I do not feel pressured to support him. I support Obama because I want to. Because there are so many supporters and so much going on toward his campaign in U-High that you can easily engage in a conversation about it with other students because they are so involved.

**KAMILAH REID, freshman:** I do not feel pressured because I have supported him since the start of his Senatorial campaign. I can understand why people would feel pressured because of the fact that the whole school seems to be on his side. His support within the community and the fact that we live in his community has also had a great effect on people's decision. I feel, though, that people at U-High are pressured to refrain from expressing negative opinions toward him because of the unanimous support at school.



Ike



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## OPINION ROHINI TOBACOWALA

### Not truly left out of voting

IN ONE MONTH I'll turn 18. Too late. At least for today.

I, along with millions of teens across the nation, will barely miss the cut off for an epic election.

Unable to do many of the "adult" things our society has deemed appropriate for certain ages, at 17 years old, I have this kind of power to look around me. I believe I previously saw a lack of interest in our government. I used to see an indifference towards voting.

But some states, including California, Illinois and Massachusetts have recently taken youth voting more into account, conversing over the possibility of lowering the voting age to 17, according to the National Youth Rights Association. Although none of these proposals have passed, they were started by teenagers too young to vote, showing a new interest in the government.

Slightly left out of the process, I sense there's a bittersweet tinge to the fervor going around school. A mixed strange sentiment.

Like me, many of my junior and senior friends who miss the voting age by a few months or a couple of days have said that not being able to vote in such a historic event bothers them since Barack Obama's campaign focuses so much on young people.

Some younger U-Highers have told me while they are very interested in

the election, they don't mind the 18 year age requirement.

Their argument is that yes, we may not have an exact say in the election, but we haven't been completely disconnected because many U-Highers have been volunteering at the South Side campaign office and in Indiana.

I read that via conference call in September, Barack Obama encouraged high school students that while we may be too young to vote, we can still make a difference through caucusing in Iowa. We had that much power to potentially change the world.

Though I do feel a slight indifference to the process, I've realized there is a reason to care.

While people like me may not be able to vote this year, the future President will have a major impact on us regardless. This election determines who will be on the ballot when we finally are eligible to vote in the 2012 election.

But still, I feel that today is bittersweet for teens across the nation who, just like me, will be sitting on the sidelines, watching while others do their bidding.

I guess we'll just have to keep ourselves busy. Anyone up for a watching party?



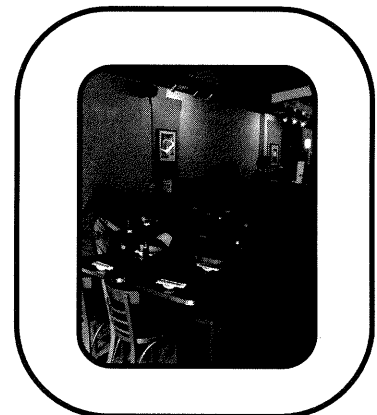
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# Obama wins at U-High

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said Freshman Martin Garrett-Currie.

"I DON'T THINK John McCain is running a fair campaign because of the things he says about Obama," Martin said.

"I think most of the stuff he says is untruthful.

"Also, Obama seems like he knows where he is going more with his plans for the economy, and it doesn't seem like John McCain really knows what he wants to do.

"Barack Obama has a set plan for what he wants to do. On the abortion issue I agree with pro-choice and I think they both want to end the war in Iraq pretty quickly, just Obama wants to pull troops out and McCain wants to win.

"I think Obama's plan is better: pull troops out slowly and more responsibly."

**ABSTAINING FROM VOTING** because she couldn't find a match for her political views, Senior Caroline Bank feels the election lacks a viable third-party candidate.

"I'm a pretty straightforward Libertarian and we don't really have a candidate this election, and I do think voting for a third party candidate is a waste of time, especially in Illinois," Caroline said.

"I'm a social Liberal and a fiscal Conservative, so I agree with the criticisms of Obama's taxation policy. I think it's pretty inefficient and not going to have the effects he wants it to.

"I'M NOT THAT heartless, I mean I just think I can accept that the general attempt is good but I just think when you start raising taxes like that people

with higher earning potentials get less productive and it's not that great."

**ALTHOUGH IDENTIFYING HERSELF** as a Republican, Phys Ed Teacher Diane Taylor, mother of Sophomore Karen Taylor, feels that Senator McCain doesn't fit her Conservative views.

"I tend to be a Republican in general," Ms. Taylor said. "I would say McCain is farther to the left than I am. I would consider myself extremely Conservative.

"I'm not all that clear on what Obama is planning to do other than spread the wealth to the poor, and not let them work their own way up.

"I always thought this country was about rising up."

## Corrections

Several errors in the October 28 issue of the Midway have been pointed out to the editors.

On the page one caption to the Fall Production photo Jake Newell was named but the person in the photo is Dylan Lambert-Gilliam

In a story on page 2 about teacher contract bargaining, a University pledge toward building construction of \$40 billion was reported; the correct figure of \$40 million.

In a news brief on page 10, Andrej Rosic is missing from the list of students going on the Holocaust Museum trip and Vanessa Ramirez's last name was omitted in an error in page construction.

On page 13 under a volleyball photo, Sarah Lloyd, who is a junior, was identified as a sophomore.

A golf team story erroneously stated a U-High team had not previously made Sectionals, but in fact the 2002-2003 team did.

Finally, in the Character Sketch column, the writer made reference to "constant technical difficulties and networking problems" with classroom computers.

The writer says he now realizes he inserted the reference without any research or evidence to back it up.

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# Economic crisis impacts election

*Hurt at pump,  
U-Highers bear  
experts talk*

By Julie Carlson  
Editor-in-Chief

**\$**3.46. For U-Highers, that was the average cost of gas per gallon they paid last month in Chicago. Prices have since dropped, but many U-Highers still wonder how they got so high.

Experts say recent economic problems, including bank foreclosures and stock market drops, spurred the fuel price increase. In a \$700 billion bail out last month, Congress bought distressed assets such as security from banks to alleviate the damage. For today's Presidential hopefuls, Senators John McCain and Barack Obama, their economic policies have proved important to garner votes from Americans who lost their homes or jobs.

A SEPTEMBER 25 lecture in History Teacher Cindy Jurisson's election elective made Senior Mike Zook reflect on the Presidential candidate's economic policies.

"Steve Kaplan from the University of Chicago School of Business talked about why he's a Republican," Mike said. "He said he was supporting McCain for mostly economic reasons. I think people in the class certainly disagreed with him, but he's well qualified and well respected."

"He brought up a few good points you don't hear about often, so although people were initially a bit abrasive, they respected his information. Aside from the speech, we have been talking a lot about economics, mostly how the candidates market their policies, because it's turning out to be a pivotal issue of the campaign."

A MONTH AFTER his lecture, Mr. Kaplan explained to the Midway why he believes Obama's economic policies will hurt Americans if he gets elected President.

"Barack will move us in ways that will end up hurting the country and reducing our standard of living," Mr. Kaplan said. "The candidates' economic policies have major differences in other areas, the first being trade. McCain wants free trade, whereas Obama is anti-trade and protectionist."

"The second area where they differ is with labor markets. Obama (and Hillary Clinton) sponsored a bill, the Employee Free Choice Act. The act increases the power of unions substantially and increases the government's power to impose wage and employment settlements between unions and companies."

"In general, Obama's labor policies would make the U.S. labor markets more like Germany and France than like the U.S. This disproportionately hurts young people and the less well off while reducing U.S. competitiveness and everyone's standard of living."

**“At the end of the day, the candidates' tax policies are not all that different.”**

—Mr. Steve Kaplan,  
University of Chicago Graduate  
School of Business Professor



Photo by Kendall Gordon

THE TICK, TICKING MARKS of gas prices flash across the screen as Senior Janu Arun warily fuels her car at 5173 South Lake Park Avenue. Janu commutes 20 miles to Burr Ridge almost every weekend with family.

**“THE OTHER ISSUE** is health care. McCain's plan gives people more coverage, the ability to buy plans from other states and would generally keep the cost of insurance down. Obama's plan gives everyone the same insurance, which would create a large increase in demand, but he claims it would not cost much extra. Actually, it will be very costly because the plan increases demand for everyone without increasing the supply.”

Like many U-Highers, Senior Janu Arun notices the current economic dilemmas when driving, particularly when her family ventures 20 miles to Burr Ridge.

**“WE GO TO** the suburbs almost every weekend,” Janu said. “It makes me notice the gas prices because it's a long drive, so it can be expensive to make the trip. We still go, though.”

“My friends are the same way, they have been talking about how much gas costs, but they drive basically the same amount.”

Discussing such dilemmas in his Economics class, History Teacher Chris Janus said students were initially disinterested.

“A lot of students don't read the paper and they don't have stocks, so they're unaware of the problems,” Mr. Janus explained. “There's a crisis going on and students come in to their Econ class and say, ‘Really?’ The issues are complex and fast moving, but we have been talking about current events and examining what the government is doing.”

“Obama has absolutely gained advantage through these problems in the election. McCain admitted a year ago that he didn't know much about the economy. His main point has always been foreign policy like the war in Iraq, but now that's been placed on the back burner.”

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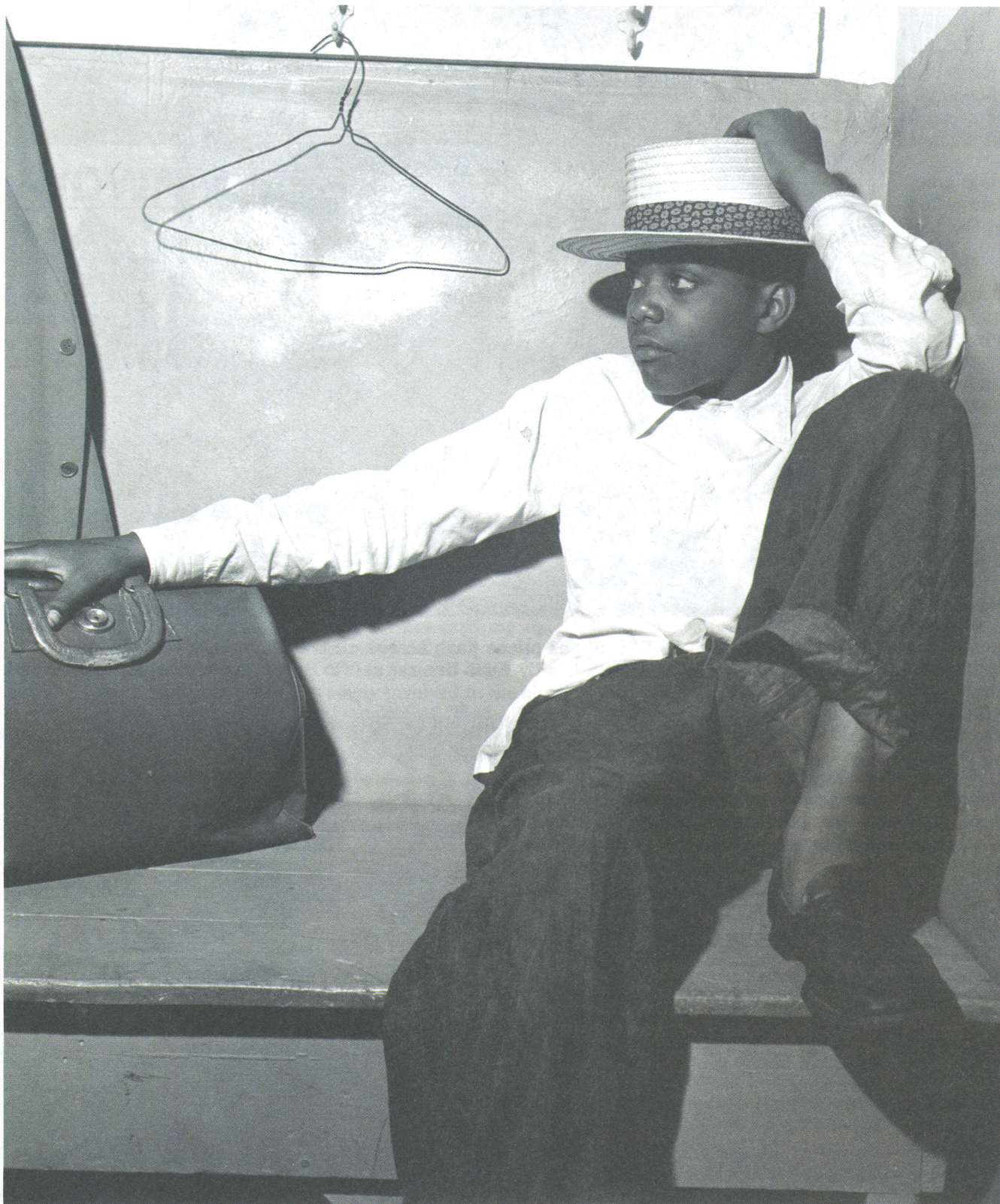


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profession in ways that celebrated the more positive qualities of humanity. He received two Guggenheim grants to document the lives of the citizens of Chicago's Bronzeville district. He was principal assistant to Edward Steichen in producing the monumental Family of Man exhibition, which

premiered in 1955. Miller also taught (at the behest of Harry Callahan) at the Institute of Design, Chicago (1946-1948). A few years later Miller created a groundbreaking body of work on the daily life of an American family- his own. The results were published as Baby's First Year (with Dr. Benjamin Spock) and The World is Young.



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