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People In The News



Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders Alumna Dr. Jill Waggoner is a name that is familiar to fans of the Dallas Cowboys in the late 1970s and early 1980s. She's remembered as an internationally renowned Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader.

Dr. Waggoner, a board certified family medicine physician, has practiced in the Dallas area since 1993. She holds a certification from the Cooper Institute in Preventive Medicine, sub specialties in Integrative medicine and is on the board of directors for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Clinic, Inc. She now adds to her list of accomplishments Medical Director for South Texas Medical Center (STMC).

STMC brings a new philosophy of medicine to this community, Integrative Medicine. The vision is to provide kind, compassionate healthcare by combining ancient health with the technology of modern medicine. The main philosophical base embodies engagement of the mind, body and spirit in a healing cooperative.

Waggoner said, "I am a product of this community. It is alarming that African Americans and Hispanics have a higher morbidity and mortality for many of the chronic diseases, such as diabetes and hypertension. A large part of the problem is our inaccessibility to quality healthcare. Our goal at STMC is to be a part of the solution to that problem."

STMC specializes in medicine for the entire family, urgent care, school physicals and immunizations, DOT physicals, cosmetic physicals and weight management, all done from an integrative perspective.

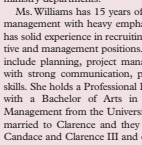
Mrs. Connie Williams, Executive Director of Human Resources - "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10



Mrs. Connie Williams serves as the Executive Director of Human Resources. The Human Resources Department is dedicated to supporting the church's mission and goals by providing high quality, skilled employees that are committed to Christ and the vision of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship.

Mrs. Williams is responsible for improving processes, instituting policies and procedures, fostering communication and cooperation in the workplace, and providing quality, cost-effective services to meet the needs and support the success of all ministry departments.

Ms. Williams has 15 years of experience in human resource management with heavy emphasis on employee relations. She has solid experience in recruiting in ministry, technical, executive and management positions. Mrs. Williams' God-given gifts include planning, project management, and training coupled with strong communication, presentation and team-building skills. She holds a Professional Human Resources Certification with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Management from the University of Texas in Arlington. She is married to Clarence and they are the proud parents of two: Candace and Clarence III and one grandchild, Jo'Nya.



Clovia English, city manager for the City of Corinth, TX. English began her position in November 2006.

She worked in the private sector for ten years and began her career in governmental work in 1989 as a crime analyst for the City of Garland. English has experience in various areas of city government. These include budget analyst for the City of Carrollton and the administrative services manager in developmental services for the City of Plano. For the past seven years, she has been the city manager for the City of Lockhart. She says that her longevity as city manager in Lockhart is a good indicator of how well she works with people.

English is a University of North Texas graduate, and she completed her M.P.A. at UT, Dallas. She and her husband David have been married for 26 years and have two adult children. Her hobbies include gardening, horseback riding, fishing, and camping.

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Local Business Women Start Teenage Peer Group In Plano Gallery

Two area business women have joined together to start a teenage girl peer group that will promote values, positive self image and determination. The group called The Promise Ring will bring girls ages 12-16 together to discuss life's challenges and work toward positive solutions. The bimonthly meetings will be held at Stephanie Ward Gallery 920 18th St. in Plano and are open to all girls.



The group will meet the second Saturday of each month from 11:30 a. m to 1 p.m. The format will feature casual and open discussions various ethical and relational issues. The group will also be given mini-workshops on issues such as finances, etiquette, art appreciation, nutrition, and goal setting.

The first meeting will be held Saturday, July 14 and every two weeks until school starts. Then meetings will move to once a month.

"The mass media is shaping young girl's view of themselves in ways that needs to be balanced," said Stephanie Ward, owner of Stephanie Ward Gallery in Plano. "Being a teenager was one of the hardest things I had to

do," said Ms. Ward. "I wished, I had someone then that could have helped me make the transition. So, I want to create an avenue for other young ladies that might need a little guidance or someone to talk as they make that transition."

Annie Rolf, founder of What Teenage Peer Group Page 7

Cornyn Highlights His Measure To Combat "Cheese" Heroin In Dallas

Meets with leaders of Phoenix House, area law enforcement officials to discuss local efforts to fight teen drug use.

Dallas - U.S. Sen. John Cornyn visited the Phoenix House in Dallas on Friday to highlight an amendment he recently introduced to crack down on "cheese" heroin and bolster local efforts to fight teen drug use. Sen. Cornyn met with leaders of the drug treatment center and local law enforcement officials.

"We must work now to crack down on this lethal drug before it spreads further and destroys the lives of more young people," Sen. Cornyn said. "Raising awareness of the dangers of 'cheese' heroin is critical in the effort to stamp it out. It's important that law enforcement officials, school leaders and private organizations collaborate to curb this growing problem. I'll continue pushing for passage of my provision in Congress and other solutions

on the federal level."

Sen. Cornyn recently introduced an amendment to the Gang Abatement and Prevention Act of 2007, S. 456, combating "cheese" heroin, a mixture of black tar heroin and diphenhydramine, an antihistamine. This lethal drug has caused addiction and death among a growing number of Texas youths.

His measure would make cheese heroin part of the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, which would raise awareness and help fight the drug on a local level throughout Texas. In

Heart Of A Warrior Charitable Foundation And Dallas Park Dept. Host Community Celebration In Recognition Of Special Gift To Summer Enrichment Camp



Pictured (center) are: Gail Warrior-Lawrence, Chairman of the Heart of the Warrior Foundation; and Wayne Lawrence, VP of The Warrior Group, along with youngsters from the Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center's Summer Enrichment Program.

City Council and Park Reps Salute Foundation for Providing Funding to Support Summer Learning Opportunities for Underserved Youth in Hamilton Park Community

Dallas - All students fall almost 2.6 months behind in math skills over the summer, studies show. And for low-

Supreme Court Education Decision Gets Flunking Grades On Justice

Texas Publishers Association Wire Service - Gordon Jackson Black leaders throughout the country and state have put a dunce cap on the U.S. Supreme Court and sent them to the corner of the room, after their June 28th 5-4 decision to strike down the use of race in school-assignment plans of public school districts in Seattle, Washington and Louisville, Kentucky. Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-Michigan), chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said the ruling makes the vision of truly integrating public schools more of a cheap pipe dream.

"... The Supreme Court rejected reason, rationality, and respect for all Americans in its decision limiting access to education for all Americans," Kilpatrick said. "... The Court tears at the very fabric of unity

in our nation. This heinous ruling not only topples more than half a century of progress achieved under the Brown v. the Topeka, Kansas Board of Education decision, it encourages separation and segregation in private industry and government as well as in education."

Strong sentiments by National Urban League president Marc Morial paralleled that of Kilpatrick's.

"The nation's highest court seems hell-bent on penalizing communities such as Louisville that have made great progress in breaking down racial barriers and found a consensual and voluntary way to maintain racial diversity in their schools, giving all students - not just ones in affluent neighborhoods - greater access to quality education," Morial observed.

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From Mission Accomplished To Mission Impossible

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist
Seems like such a long time ago when people were complaining about the 2000 Presidential "selection" by Clarence Thomas and the Supremes. The battle cry of those who felt betrayed by what they thought was the "people's government" was, "Wait 'til 2004!" The next time around the battle was shifted from the land of Katherine Harris to Kenneth Blackwell territory. Same fight; same result. Bush Wins! Bush Wins! In the interim of the two most bizarre elections in American history, we suffered a national blow by a handful of "terrorists" with box cutters, who managed to bring down the Twin Towers in New York City, in broad daylight. To avenge the deaths of just under 3000 persons, George Bush started a war with Iraq. It's only been 6 years, but it seems like an eternity.

Just a few weeks after Colin Powell gave his famous presen-

tation before the United Nations, and shortly after Condoleezza Rice issued her stern warning about that "mushroom cloud," America was basking in the sunlight of victory as we witnessed George Bush strap on a military flight suit and make his triumphant landing on the deck of an aircraft carrier. He strutted across the flight deck, displaying his newly acquired machismo, took his place behind the microphone and spoke the words everyone wanted to hear. Major combat operations in Iraq were over. We had victory in Iraq!

Striking a "patriotic" pose for the cameras, Bush reminded me of another George, in a movie I saw years ago: Patton. Remember his pose in front of the American flag, resolute, focused, unyielding, and brave? George Bush was our Patton, McCarthy, Eisenhower, Marshall, and Mr. Tom Gun

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The Never-Ending CHIP Battle

By: Matthew C. Wright - The Texas Observer
As if the battle for CHIP funding wasn't tough enough this session, news comes that all of Texas' progress could be imperiled by what Washington decides to do. Yesterday an email arrived from Lynsey Kluever, the CHIP expert at the Center for Public Policy Priorities, warning last session's gains - restoring annual renewal, eliminating delays in coverage, and streamlining the enrollment process - "will be irrelevant if Congress doesn't reauthorize the federal CHIP

block grant."

This grant, known as SCHIP, provides a federal match of \$2 for every \$1 the state spends on CHIP. The Democratic-controlled Congress has indicated it wants to allocate the necessary funds, Kluever wrote, but now it must follow through.

The House and Senate have already budgeted \$50 billion in new dollars for children's health in their 2008 Budget Resolutions. Over the next two weeks, House and Senate com-

CHIP Battle Page 2

The U.S.P.S. Brings Passport Service To The Potter's House Community

This Passport Fair will give citizens in the community an opportunity to conveniently acquire a passport for international travel.

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Dallas Pharmacy Offers Nationally Known Program For Weight Loss And Disease Prevention

Program aims to control weight and Type 2 diabetes. Dallas Type 2 diabetes, more commonly called adult-onset diabetes, accounts for 90-95 percent of the nearly 21 million cases in the United States.

A similar seminar was held in June and public demand convinced PCS owners Jim Porter (DPh, RPh, A.C.N.) and Diane Porter (MS, RN, A.C.N.) to add another session.

A New Way To Do Health In Dallas

By: E. Dewayne Gibson Jr. Last month, UniCare Health Plans of Texas opened it's first Community Resource Center (CRC) located in the Landmark Center in the West End District in Dallas.

Room Option; we go out to people's home as a health care option. The CRC is part of a unique community-based model designed and developed by UniCare to deliver more individualized health care coordination to its members and their communities.

CHIP Battle Page 1 mitees will begin writing the bills that determine how much money states can get for CHIP in the next 5 years.

We won't be surrendering the title anytime soon. While little has changed for adult access to health insurance, the numbers tell a different story when it comes to kids.

management specialists, provider liaisons, and field manager is on staff, ready and available to meet the needs of it's patrons.

It represents millions of kids now covered by government insurance. As Mann also notes, many Congressional Republicans, including quite a few from Texas, have long set their sights on killing off CHIP.

Mistaken For A Black Thing, Few Strive To Understand It

By: Lynne Varner - Seattle Times At the risk of dating myself, I remember when the latest activist-wear featured white T-shirts adorned with the stark message: "It's a Black Thing, You Wouldn't Understand."

What stood out then was how uncomfortable the shirts made people of other races. Some sniffed that the message was silly and self-limited.

They would have found a message from an earlier period of protest-wear far more palatable. In the 1960s, everyone I knew sported a T-shirt that proclaimed the wearer "Black and Proud."

efforts in the thousands of public-school systems around the country. A different court in 1954 affirmed the need for diverse schools in the landmark Brown v. Board of Education case.

People are worried and for good reason. But fear and efforts narrowly targeting minority - chiefly black - students aren't helpful.

Beware, my grandmother would often warn, of things that can turn around and bite you in the rear. So it is that among the things considered to be "black things" are neglected schools and police-brutality victims.

I see this in Seattle's hand-wringing over the U.S. Supreme Court's rejection of school-integration efforts. The court's 5-4 ruling against diversity plans in Louisville, Ky., and Seattle will effectively quell similar

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Around The Town

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le families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information. Kumaasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

hosted by Ramona Logan, 10am-4pm Prestonwood Country Club, 15009 Preston Rd For more info call 972-234-9805 or www.exceptionalwomen.org.

treasured family heirloom. A fun and provocative workshop to get you started on writing your life stories and preserving your history for personal use or publication.

Guest speaker, City of Allen Purchasing Department, topic 'Bid Process & Contract Opportunities', 11am-1pm Ralph and Kacoos, 401 Central Expwy Allen, \$15-Members \$20 Non-Members, RSVP no later than July 18 to cbccsecretary@yahoo.com.



Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community. Join us for a night of fun and games. Tickets: \$20.00. Purchase at Majestic Theatre Box Office, www.livetheatremajestic.com.

DCCCD Trustees Approve New Contract For Chancellor

Dallas - Members of the Dallas County Community College District board of trustees unanimously approved a new three-year contract for DCCCD's chancellor, Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr., effective Sept. 1, 2007, during their regular monthly board meeting today. Lassiter, who was named the district's CEO in May 2006 after the resignation of Dr. Jesus Carreon, will continue to serve DCCCD through Aug. 31, 2010.

When Lassiter became chancellor, he agreed to serve through Aug. 31, 2008. Since that time, he has moved the district forward and has decided to continue that work in order to build upon the successes of the past year.

"We are making great strides forward in the Dallas County Community College District and, as always, we are focused on education and service to our students," said Lassiter. "We also strive to serve our communities, area businesses and others who benefit from an educated workforce. As we build more collaboration and better communication among our employees, too, we know that our efforts to reach out to others also improve."

He added, "I am humbled and excited to continue to serve the district, our students and our community as chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District."

Jerry Prater, chair of the DCCCD board of trustees, said, "Dr. Lassiter assumed a strong leadership role when our district needed him. He consistently has built an environment that emphasizes communication, cooperation and community. Dr. Lassiter is truly a servant leader, and others from our area, across the state and throughout the nation recognize his integrity and wisdom. We are proud to

renew and extend his contract for three years." Lassiter became DCCCD chancellor in May 2006 after serving as president of El Centro College for 20 years. Prior to that time, he served as president of Bishop College (Dallas); president of Schenectady County Community College (NY); vice president for finance and



Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr.

administration at Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD); and director of auxiliary enterprises/business manager at Tuskegee University - then Tuskegee Institute (Tuskegee, AL). He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Alcorn State University (MS); a master's degree in business administration from Indiana University; and his doctorate in education from Auburn University (AL). He recently was selected to serve on board of trustees for Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas and also will serve on the National Advisory Board for the College of Education at Auburn University.

DCCCD's chancellor is actively involved in the community. His current and past activities include: chairman of the board of trustees for the African American Museum; immediate

past board chair and senior director of the Urban League of Greater Dallas and north Texas; board member for several other organizations, including the YMCA Foundation, DBU Foundation and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Foundation.

In 2002, he was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as a member of the National Advisory Council to the National Endowment for the Humanities. He previously served as a commissioner for the United States Commission on Minority Business Development and as a member of the Texas Council for the Humanities. Lassiter is a distinguished adjunct professor of management at DBU and holds an honorary doctor of humanities degree from that institution. In 1995, he was elected to the Indiana University Academy of Alumni Fellows by the IU Kelley School of Business, and he also served a six-year term on the board of advisors for the Hankamer School of Business at Baylor University. He currently serves on the advisory board for the Center of Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Lassiter has received a number of honors and awards, including the Dallas Oak Cliff Lions Club 2006-2007 Annual Humanitarian Award; election to the African American Educators Hall of Fame (Dallas); selection as one of 47 international educators for participation in the Oxford Round Table at Oxford University in 2005; and recipient of the J. Erik Jonsson Award for Volunteer Service, plus the Above and Beyond Award from United Way of Metropolitan Dallas.

For more information, contact Ann Hatch in the DCCCD office of public and governmental affairs, at (214) 860-2478.

America Still Cherished Around Africa

By: Edward Harris - AP
Lagos, Nigeria - Uncle Sam has some African fans.

As first lady Laura Bush tours the world's poorest continent, a new report charting global attitudes shows America's image sagging around the globe - but not in Africa, where the Stars and Stripes still symbolize strength and wealth. In fact, America is more popular in several African nations than even in America.

"The American society is a model of success that is a dream to Ivorian youth," says Mohamed Diarra, a 30-year-old in Ivory Coast, where some 88 percent of the population holds a favorable view of the United States - the highest in the world according to

Pew Global Attitudes report. Ivory Coast, Ghana and Kenya hold America in higher regard than the fourth-highest national admirer of America: The United States itself, where about 80 percent of respondents held a favorable view of the country.

Hundreds of people were interviewed face-to-face in each of 10 sub-Saharan African countries - Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda. The margins of error ranged from 3 to 4 percent.

In most countries, the United States was viewed positively by some three-quarters of adults. Only Tanzania, with 46 percent of respondents expressing posi-

tive opinions about America; South Africa with 61 percent; and Uganda with 64 percent bucked the trend.

On a continent where feeding the kids is often a daily struggle, the "American dream" of advancing through hard work resonates. The United States also lacks the colonial baggage of other Western nations, while its hip-hop, rap and rhythm and blues provide much of the soundtrack of African life.

Culturally, many Africans feel closer to the United States, where they perceive Africans and their influences have been more closely integrated than in Europe.

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Seattle Urban League President and CEO James Kelly said: "It is a sad day." Benjamin K. Richmond, president and CEO of the Louisville Urban League said that he was "understandably disappointed."

So is Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Houston).

"Unfortunately race still plays a significant role in our society, a fact that is often seen in our education system," Jackson-Lee said. "It is important that our United States government continues to promote diversity in the classroom as well as equal access to quality education for all students, regardless of race, color, or ethnicity."

That did not happen with the Supreme Court ruling. On the contrary,

Jackson-Lee, Kilpatrick, Morial, Kelly and Richmond further insinuate that achieving racial diversity in public schools may even be reversing back as far as the infamous Plessy v. Ferguson decision in 1896. State Senator and President Pro-Tem Royce West (D-Dallas) fears that the ruling will trickle - or mildew - down to other affirmative action programs like the Top Ten Percent program he helped legislate into law, where all Texas high school students who finish at the top ten percent of their class automatically gain admission to any Texas public college or university, regardless of their race.

"This court has signaled a turn, most likely to the worse," West said on the air to a Dallas radio talk show host. "If such a court gets an opportunity to deal with the Top 10 Percent program in regards to the issue of race, they're going to strike it down. This is a message to us that we don't lose our focus."

Like Seattle, Louisville and school districts across the country, Texas urban school districts have had more than their share of battle scars, amid stories that

have included both extreme successes and failures under educational wars waged over the past 30 to 40 years when many of them were placed under desegregation court orders that instituted programs like magnet schools, learning centers, busing students and monitoring Black-white teacher ratios. What has surpassed more than ever has been the wisdom of such desegregation court orders, enforced on hundreds of school districts in the South, stemming from lawsuits filed in the 1960s and '70s, in parallel with the lawsuits that lead to the landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1954.

In Dallas, their court order was lifted in June 2003. Ironically, that was the same year President Bush made his dubious proclamation of having won the War in Iraq. Similarly, the fighting continues in DISD, along with its casualties.

It's somewhat different in Tyler, according to Therele Washington, a Tyler Independent School District trustee.

"A lot of schools have shown they were in compliance," Washington said. "Many other schools wish to stay under the court order." That includes Tyler ISD, said Washington. "Each time it comes up (to remove the court order), there's a lot of dissonance from the Black community that we'll go back 30 years, so, at this point, we chose just not to fool with it."

To show that the Tyler's court order has been beneficial, Washington spoke of Tyler ISD recently passing a \$245 million bond package that will build new schools to replace the older deteriorating schools, several of them in Tyler's predominantly-Black northern sector. The combination of Tyler eventually coming out from under the court order and the Supreme Court's latest ruling strikes fear in Washington's heart.

"If we get a school board that's

not as liberal as we were, we could find ways to go back," he said. "Obviously, we don't want the country to go backward, we want it to go forward."

Tony Brown of PBS's Tony Brown's Journal has said it eloquently: "Integrating schools does not mean sitting Black students next to White students, hoping for the supposedly superior genes of White students to jump out and over into the supposedly inferior genes of the Black students, and all of the sudden the Black students can read and write better."

Further, true integration of schools not only means solely Black and Hispanic students benefiting from attending school with whites; it's the other way around, equally as much. Whites can grow and be inspired by the rich African- and Spanish-based cultures, talents and value systems. That's one side of integration that rarely gets recognized.

An overall look at the state of public schools in Texas clearly shows that, in spite some gains, we are still far away from true integration. And that the struggle continues.

"We must continue to fight for civil rights for all Americans, and this struggle starts in the classroom," Jackson-Lee said. "What we teach our children is vital to America's future, and teaching them to honor the diversity of this nation is crucial for its advancement."

If Texas public schools accept the same tone of education the Supreme Court just adopted, which direction will the district go? If you answered "down to the abyss of mis-education," you may go to the head of the class.

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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...

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County staff will also be on hand to talk with job seekers about their career goals and how to reach them.

For more information on the manufacturing job fair, please contact the Dallas County Manufacturers' Association, Garland Chamber of Commerce, Dawn Summers, Economic Development Assistant at 469-326-7448.

students in an engineering or science program of interest to General Motors. A limited number of scholarships of up to \$5,000 are awarded through this program. In addition, summer

internships at a General Motors facility may be available to scholarship recipients.

Applications must be post-marked no later than August 24, 2007.

For more information contact:

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Summer Job Drop: African American Teens Suffer As Unemployment Jumps

Low-skilled Labor Forced Out of Job Market

Washington - PRNewswire - In June, African American teen unemployment grew to seven times the national rate, according to the U.S. Labor Department's monthly jobs report. The Employment Policies Institute (EPI) warned that mandated wage hikes will only worsen this trend.

White teen unemployment is at its highest in two years, according to the Labor Department's statistics. While overall unemployment held steady at 4.5%, teen unemployment made a significant jump,

rising steadily to 15.8%, its highest since September. Most significant, however, is that African American teen unemployment has jumped up to 31.2%.

Decades of economic research demonstrate that mandated wage hikes eliminate entry-level jobs, putting particular pressure on minorities and the low-skilled. A study from Cornell University shows that young African Americans typically bear almost four times the employment loss of their non-black counterparts after a minimum wage increase. Specifically, every 10% increase

in the minimum wage results in an 8.5% decrease in employment for young black adults and teenagers. Research from Dr. David Neumark of the University of California, Irvine supports these results.

"If teens are having trouble finding summer jobs now, it will only get worse, thanks to recent minimum wage hikes," said Dr. Jill Jenkins, chief economist for the Employment Policies Institute. "Wage hikes don't help those in need. They force businesses to cut jobs and scheduled hours, which could turn a summer break into summer employment heartbreak."

GatewayJobs.com, a website focusing on the crisis in entry-level employment, provides regularly updated statistics detailing the employment market for entry-level employees and vital information about a host of government assistance programs designed to promote employment and economic success.

The Employment Policies Institute is a nonprofit research organization dedicated to studying public policy issues surrounding entry-level employment. For additional information or to schedule an interview with a spokesperson call J.P. Freire at 202.463.7650.

Weight Loss In Dallas Page 2

Jim Porter said for many years he's offered weight loss and wellness programs in his prevention-based pharmacy. But now, with more and more customers coming in who need to lose excess weight and who want to make

significant lifestyle changes, he wants to implement an easy-to-use program to help them achieve their goals. He chose this program because he knows the products work.

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modification into their practices.

Seating at the seminar is limited. To reserve your seat, call Diane Porter at 972-345-8617. For more information, go to www.weightofforlife.com.

Blackonomics Page 1

himself, Randy "Duke" Cunningham. In the backdrop of all the pomp and circumstance, in perfect camera-shot, there hung a banner with the words: "Mission Accomplished." Bush was in his glory, and all was right with the world.

Now, after two Presidential elections, a litany of corrupt acts of greed and thievery, billions of dollars missing in Iraq, the highest gasoline prices ever, prescription drugs that are out of reach for those who need them most, a

guy who brings new meaning to the word "vice." Dick Cheney, more soldiers killed fighting the ghost of Saddam Hussein and the shadow of Osama Bin Laden than civilians killed in the Twin Towers, record heat and forest fires, record droughts, dirty water and air, tainted food, torture, eavesdropping on American citizens, no-fly lists, an assault on Habeas Corpus, Katrina victims still waiting for relief while thousands of mobile homes still sit empty in, of all places, Hope, Arkansas, Chertoff, the demonic pre and post Katrina puppet master of Michael "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job" Brown, while Karl is still roving, Tom is still delaying, Gonzales is still speeding, and Libby has scooted away, we, the people, are left to face 18 more months under the rule of a "prince not fit to lead a civilized people."

We have no WMD, despite what Powell said; Sadaam, his family, and friends have been killed; Al Qaeda is "on the run" as Bush told us; Tony "Snow job" disses April Ryan, the only Black person I have ever seen at White House Press briefings; a black (small "b" intended) court-jester and former aide to the "vice" President, Ron Christie, carries water for Bush; and the Executive Branch of government has morphed into all three branches and rides roughshod over everyone in Congress "V and everyone in this country, maybe even around the world! When he said he had earned political capital and intended to spend it, George

Bush was certainly not lying about that. He has been spending his political capital and taxpayers' capital like a drunken sailor.

Iraq has cost nearly a trillion dollars, and there is no end in sight. Congress is impotent to stop this race to the bottom, U.S. cities and their citizens are suffering from neglect by the government they rely upon, and we can't wait for the next election, so much so that billions are being raised and spent nearly two years prior to the November 2008 soiree.

Mission Accomplished has become Mission Impossible with the Bush administration, the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, and with those of us who live in this country. The Brits kicked Tony Blair out of office, but we have to wait for Bush to leave because no one except Keith Olbermann has the nerve, the backbone, or the sense of just doing the right thing to get rid of Bush and his gang.

Meanwhile, we are in a death spiral, economically, politically, environmentally, socially, and morally. No nation can stand forever, especially when it abuses its power and starts to think it can do whatever it wants to whenever it wants and whenever it feels the urge to plunder, murder, rape, lie, cheat, and steal. The United States now teeters on that very dangerous precipice, and will not take a lot to push us over the edge.

Mission impossible might have been a movie and a long-running successful television series, but in George Bush's case, and his endless war, it is quite real, folks. It will impact your children and their children for years to come. If we continue to believe the drabble that comes from a dunce's mouth, we will soon have to don the dunce's pointed little hat.

"Impossible" means just that; we cannot accomplish a victory in Iraq and we will not, because we have not defined what that victory is. We do not have an "exit strategy" because we never planned to exit once we got there and took over. Instead of politics as usual, we need politics unusual. I say, "Keith Olbermann for President!"

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Wilson Celebrates 70th With Concert

By Charles J. Gans - AP
New York - Nancy Wilson is hardly the retiring type, even though she is trying to spend more time with her grandchildren these days.

Last year, the singer retired from touring, but she continues to record — her last album "Turned to Blue" won the Grammy for Best Jazz Vocal Album earlier this year — and performed selected concert dates.

On Friday night, she found herself sharing the Carnegie Hall stage with many old friends — including three of the top vocalists on the current jazz scene, Nienna Frelton, Dianne Reeves and Kurt Elling, as well as guest musicians such as violinist Regina Carter — for a concert called "Nancy Wilson's Swinging 70th Birthday Party," a highlight of this year's JVC Jazz Festival.

"It's really fine to let everyone know what 70 can be," said Wilson, whose birthday actually was Feb. 20, at the start of a program celebrating milestones in her 55-year career. "It doesn't get much better than this."

After Frelton spiritedly swung her way through "They Can't Take That Away From Me," the younger singer took the opportunity to thank Wilson for mentoring her years ago, calling her "an angel in my life."

Turning to the svelte, silver-

haired Wilson, she quipped, "If this is what 70 is all about, I can't wait."

Elling paid tribute to the 1962 "Nancy Wilson/Cannonball Adderley" album, considered among the best jazz vocal recordings of all time, by performing the soulful "Save Your Love for Me."

Pianist Herbie Hancock completely reharmonized Cole Porter's romantic ballad "I Love You" in honor of Wilson. Then he made a little history of his own by playing accompanist to Wilson for the first time as she sang the ballad "Old Folks" — a sentimental reflection on respect for one's elders and their memories — from her latest Grammy-winning CD.

In a particularly touching moment, Wilson asked her manager, the 95-year-old John Levy, to take a bow from his seat. Levy, a former jazz bassist, made history as the first black to work as a personal manager in the pop and jazz music industry. He has represented such stars as Wilson, Adderley, Hancock, George Shearing and Roberta Flack.

As a manager, he has been "honest and caring more about me than he did about the business," Wilson said, noting they have worked together without a contract since 1959. She then sang the emotive heartfelt ballad "I Wish I'd Met Him" to Levy.

After the intermission, pianist

Ramsey Lewis, who first collaborated with Wilson on the 1984 album "The Two of Us," engaged in some spirited, risk-taking interplay with her on Billie Holiday's signature tune "God Bless the Child." They recorded the song together on their 2003 CD "Simple Pleasures."

"She knows what she wants and



lets you know it but in such a lady-like way," Lewis told the audience.

Reeves, a jazz diva with a wide-ranging operatic voice, got a standing ovation for her stirring performance of a medley of "Midnight Sun/Over the Weekend" from the 1967 album "Lush Life." Wilson rates it as one of her personal favorites among the nearly 60 albums she has recorded.

Reeves recalled how nervous she felt when Wilson dropped in

"Transformers" Tops Box Office, Topples Record

"Transformers," the big-budget movie about alien robots battling on Earth, raked in \$67.6 million at box offices over the weekend to land at No. 1 and bring its seven-day total to a record \$152.6 million, according to studio estimates on Sunday.

Computer-animated "Ratatouille," about a cuisine-loving rat who longs to be a chef in Paris, fell one notch from last week to come in No. 2 with \$29 million, boosting its 10-day total to \$109.1 million, and action adventure "Live Free or Die Hard," starring Bruce Willis, was No. 3 with \$17.4 million.

"Transformers" is based on the 1980s toys that shift shape from cars and planes to become alien Autobots and Decepticons

warring against each other here on Earth.

The toys have built a loyal fan base of mostly boys and young



fans who wanted to come, (but) literally every one of the (major audience) groups turned out," said Rob Moore, president of worldwide marketing and distribution at Paramount.

Moms, in particular, "see the movie and see the spirit with which it is done — the fun of it," Moore added.

"Transformers" debuted in a limited number of theaters on Monday and began a widespread release on Tuesday in the United States and Canada ahead of the U.S. Independence Day Holiday.

Editor's Note: Anthony is married to his college sweetheart, Alvina, and the couple lives in L.A. with their two kids, Kyra and Nathan. Here, the gifted, gap-toothed funnyman talks about his latest work in Transformers, where he plays computer geek Glen Whitmann.

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to hear the teenager sing in the basement room of a Denver night club during a break from performing in the main lounge upstairs. But she clearly did not feel any jitters when she finally got a chance to sing a duet with Wilson. Reeves energetically trading choruses with her on a fast-paced, snappy version of the Broadway tune "Happy Talk," reprising another piece from the

Wilson/Adderley album.

As the evening drew to a close, Wilson, who has always referred to herself as "a song stylist and storyteller" rather than a jazz singer, masterfully displayed a wide range of emotions as she sang a series of her hit tunes and standards — "Never, Never Will I Marry," "I Can't Make You Love Me," "Day In, Day Out" — with her trio of pianist Lew Matthews,

drummer Roy McCurdy and bassist Rufus Reid.

She feigned exhaustion at the close of an emotion-packed performance of "How Long Has This Been Going On?"

"After 55 years of doing what I do professionally, I have a right to ask how long? I'm trying to retire, people," she said with a laugh before leaving the stage to a standing ovation.

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Seattle gave up its racial tiebreaker, but not its will to assure all students, white, black, Latino, Asian and Native American, a good education. Given the growing segregation of neighborhoods by income and race, this will be no easy feat. Success is made easier by an understanding that the struggle isn't just for black students south of the Ship Canal, but the families of all hues who find life in the

South End wonderful except for its paucity of good schools.

School quality isn't a black thing, it's a citywide thing. That lesson transfers to the Seattle Police Department as well. Despite issues of police-officer credibility and misconduct in the past, public outrage over the latest allegations, chiefly the brutal beating of an African-American man on Capitol Hill, has been muted.

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Accountability recommended discipline for the officers involved in the violent arrest. Investigators found the officers withheld from defense attorneys dashboard-camera videotape that would have revealed the extent of the officers' misconduct. In the end, the officers paid little for their actions. I'm not sure if Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske made the correct call or if he is so cowed by the police union that he preferred to face a bloodied black man

rather than union ire. None of us knows; but we're entitled to find out. Kerlikowske must offer a strong and public explanation for why he opted not to have heads on the force roll in the wake of the beating. If the chief can't do that, he should offer his own head. This isn't a black thing. We all woke up to a picture on the front page of our city's newspaper depicting a human being bruised and battered by a couple of our finest. It

ought to strike a sour note in all of us, not just those of us who share the same skin tone as the victim. Among the ironies of our great nation is today's designation as a holiday to celebrate America's freedom. Many of us will gather tonight underneath a darkened sky, waiting for it to explode with fireworks. The most patriotic in our midst will give a thought to the Declaration of Independence's central

words, "All men are created equal." The most erudite might even recall that the concept of freedom was reaffirmed with the ratification of the 13th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Ah, freedom. The right to an education and the right to be treated with respect by authorities. These aren't black needs. These are human needs. This is something we all need to understand.

Cherished Around Africa Page 3

Also, gripping poverty leaves fewer Africans with the time or energy for debate on global issues, like the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

American might, despite how it may be applied, is seen even among its detractors as potentially beneficial. Toward the end of the 1989-2003 civil war in Liberia, citizens in the rebel-besieged capital of Monrovia deposited their dead at the gates of the U.S. Embassy, hoping for protection by American military forces.

Weeks later, the U.S. was instrumental in ending the war in the West African nation, founded in the 1800s by freed

American slaves, its "Lone Star" flag modeled on the stars and stripes.

America's extensive historical role in Liberia is mostly an exception.

In Ivory Coast, and in many of the former French colonies of West Africa, America played no colonial role.

For many Ivorians, America is the anti-France. Government-allied militia leaders have worn American flag bandannas and peppered their rousing speeches with English.

"For me, a French (person) is an imperialist, a terrorist," said Jonas Kouadio, a 27-year-old student. "And Americans fight against terrorists."

Even in many sub-Saharan

African Muslim lands, America scores high marks.

In Senegal, where Mrs. Bush received a warm welcome to an AIDS hospital this week, some 69 percent of those polled said they held a favorable view of America. In contrast, Indonesia - the world's most-populous Muslim nation - only 29 percent of respondents viewed the United States favorably.

The practice of West African Islam is more mystical and generally less strict than in the Middle East or North Africa. Also, religion hasn't become politicized as it has in other regions.

Senegal is almost uniformly Muslim, but its first and long-time president was a Christian.

In Senegal, Muslims don't feel threatened.

That's not the case in Nigeria, however, which has a history of Christian-Muslim violence. About half of its 140 million people practice Islam.

The Pew study released this week found 94 percent of Christian Nigerians viewed America favorably, but only 49 percent of Muslims did.

"I hate America since it started the war against terrorism, because it considers all Muslims as terrorists," said Aliyu Yusuf, a 31-year-old street trader in the northern Nigerian city of Kano. "If America can change its policy on terrorism, America will be cherished by all Muslims because of the aid its gives to

weaker nations."

But even in northern Nigeria, as in Senegal, Mali, Ghana and other African countries, buses can be found emblazoned with American flags.

But so can Christian and Muslim sayings as well as stickers bearing the faces of Che Guevara, the pop star Madonna and Osama bin Laden. As symbols, their meanings aren't fixed - or even necessarily hint at anyone's philosophy.

One crippled beggar boy in Dakar, Senegal, wore a T-shirt with a beaific image of bin Laden while recently asking an American for a handout.

Asked about the shirt, the boy looked down quizzically at his chest and replied that it had been given to him, likely from a bale of cast-off clothing sent from overseas.

"What am I supposed to do?" he asked. "It's my only shirt!"

Cornyn Combats Heroin Page 1

June, the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved the anti-gang bill, which included Sen. Cornyn's amendment, and advanced it to the full Senate for consideration.

On hand for the discussion at the Phoenix House were Dallas Deputy Police Chief Julian Bernal, Phoenix House Vice President and Regional Director Monty Mueller, and Director of Dallas Phoenix Academy Michelle Hemm.

The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign is a public awareness program carried out by the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the White House. The initiative prevents drug abuse among young people in the United States through public awareness efforts. Current law directs the campaign to target marijuana and methamphetamines.

The anti-drug campaign focuses on young people ages 9-18, their parents and other adults who influence the choices young people make. It uses a mix of modern communications techniques to educate and empower young people to reject illicit drugs. The program also teams up with civic and non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, and private corporations to enlist people in prevention efforts at school, work and play.

The Phoenix House works with more than 10,000 Texas youths each year through treatment and school-based prevention programs. In Texas, the Phoenix House has been providing substance abuse services since 1995 and currently operates programs in Dallas, Austin and the Houston/Galveston Bay area. Among these are two Phoenix Academies for teens in Austin and Dallas - residential high schools that provide comprehensive drug and alcohol abuse treatment to adolescents while helping them catch up academically.

The Dallas Phoenix House Academy saw a 416 percent increase in heroin contacts (43 to 179), mostly cheese heroin, in comparing nine month periods from year-to-year, and a 654 percent increase in youth served for heroin addiction (13 to 85).

Also on Friday, Sen. Cornyn addressed a luncheon with members of the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce. He provided a legislative update on various topics, including border security and immigration

reform, the war on terror, transportation and health care.

"It's no accident that since the Republican-led Congress passed comprehensive tax relief, the unemployment rate in Texas has fallen to 4.1 percent, the lowest in over 30 years," Sen. Cornyn said. "In the past two years, Texas has enjoyed its most rapid economic growth in nearly a decade, expanding faster than the rest of the nation. The key now is for Congress to make the tax relief permanent so small businesses in Oak Cliff and across Texas will remain the lifeblood of our growing economy."

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and the hills be removed; but my kind-ness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord and hath mercy on thee." **Isaiah 54:10.**

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with pride; they are confessing that they have stumble and need Christ to be their guide.

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cess; they are admitting that they have failed and need God to clean their mess.

When a person says, "I am a Christian," they are not holier than thou; they are just a simple sinner who received God's Good Grace. - From the Bulletin of Greenville Avenue Church of Christ.

Beautiful Alphabet: Although things are not perfect; Because of trials or pain; Continue in thanksgiving: Do not begin to blame; Even when the times are hard; Fierce winds are bound to blow; God is forever able; Hold on to what you know; Imagine life without His love; Joy would cease to be; Keep thanking Him for all the things; Love imparts to thee Move out of "Camp Complaining"; No weapon that is known; On earth can yield the power; Praise can do alone; Quit looking at the future; Redeem the time at hand; Start every day with worship; To "thank" is a command; Until we see Him coming; Victorious in the sky; We'll run the race with gratitude; Xalting God most high; Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but... Zion waits in glory... where no one is ever said! Author Unknown.

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As people in this world today we need to hear and know that God is still in control. We need to hear that it's not over until HE says so. We need to hear that life's mishaps and tragedies are not a reason to bail out. They are simply a reason to sit tight.

Corrie ten Boom used to say, "When the train goes through a tunnel and the train gets dark, do you jump out? Of course not. Yet you still trust the engineer to get you through..."

"The next time that you're disappointed, don't panic. Don't jump out. Don't give up. Don't be afraid. Just be patient and let God remind you that HE'S still in control.

"For the mountains shall depart,

Teenage Peer Group Page 1

About the Children Foundation (WATCF) and a local Real Estate Specialist, is one of the groups cofounders. She said she had been troubled by the behavior and choices preteen and teenage are making. "Their ability to dream, their values, their self respect and a desire to achieve greatness has increasingly diminishing," she said.

Through intense coaching, training and adult support/supervision, Ms. Rolfe hopes to offer skills that will help teens "impact the world and respect themselves."

Both women said they've always wanted to work with teenagers girls and are excited about the possibilities of seeing lives changed.

Together, they have created a program for young ladies that will create a higher set of values and morals that will give the teens a firm foundation to build on. Group organizers hope the Promise Ring can act as a safe place for dialog, encouragement and responsible guidance.

Parents are invited to the opening of the first meeting July 14, 2007 at 11:30. There will be a

continental breakfast and a meet and greet where girls and their mothers can meet the groups organizers and other girls who will be participating in the program. All girls are invited.

"It is our hope to create a pathway for young ladies that will lead them into a direction that cannot only change their community, but change the world," said Ms. Ward.

Girls interested in the program should send an e-mail to stephaniegallery@aol.com or annie.rolfe@sbcglobal.net or call the gallery at 469 229-0024 or 214 347-3107.

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July 14, 2007
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Irving Mall Hosts Kids' "Kamp" Saturdays During July

Summer is finally here and to celebrate Irving Mall will host a kids' "kamp" each Saturday in July. Parents are invited to treat their kids to a different, stimulating activity each weekend.

Kids will enjoy storytelling, arts and crafts projects, music education and more! They will even have the chance to see the Millennium Dancers and listen to a short performance by Las Colinas Youth Orchestra.

Don't miss the fun, which begins this Saturday, July 7! Kids will learn to make pasta art and each attendee will receive a mini baking set, while supplies last.

July 22, 4 pm
 You don't want to miss our special guest, the dynamic Bishop Miller Johnson, Senior Pastor of New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett and his congregation at our Friends & Family Day.
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Rev. Dr. Thelma Wells, Keynote Speaker At The 3rd Annual No Limit Women's Expo

Rev. Dr. Thelma Wells, radio and television personality, author and president of A Woman of God Ministries will be the keynote speaker at the 3rd annual No Limit Women's Expo on August 11, 2007 at the Plano Centre. WMS Unlimited, communication and project management specialists, has been the pre-

sending sponsor for the No Limit Women's Expo since it was started three years ago by Sylvia Williams, president of WMS Unlimited. The purpose of the expo is to promote life enrichment and empowerment of women by addressing the needs of the whole woman - mind, body and soul. The No Limit Women's Expo is a free event

featuring exhibitors with products, services and business opportunities for women. This fun, family-friendly and charitable event benefiting Dress For Success Dallas and Community Partners of Dallas, will be held Saturday, August 11, 2007, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX.

Attendees will experience shopping, health & fitness information, health screenings, children's immunizations, educational seminars, entertainment, children's activities and door prize drawings. Attendees can also give the gift of life by signing up to donate blood with Carter BloodCare, donate women's business attire and

accessories benefiting Dress For Success Dallas, and donate school supplies benefiting Community Partners of Dallas.

For exhibitor and sponsorship information, visit www.nolimit-expo.com or call (972)898-5882.

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Founder of No Limit Expo, Sylvia Williams

Heart of A Warrior Page 1

in-home children, the slide in reading is particularly harmful. They fall behind an average of two months in reading while their middle-income peers tend to make slight gains. By fifth grade, low-income children can be as much as 2 1/2 years behind in reading. However today, thanks to the newly created Heart of a Warrior Charitable Foundation, efforts are underway to help Dallas youngsters keep on track while school is out.

The Foundation announced plans to support high-quality learning and recreational opportunities for children in the Hamilton Park community during the summer months. Gail Warrior-Lawrence, Chairman of the Heart of the Warrior Charitable Foundation, made the announcement today during a community celebration at the Willie B. Johnson Recreational Center, the organization's first beneficiary.

The Willie B. Johnson Recreational Center is operated by the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. The Foundation's donation supports the center's eight-week, all-day enrichment program,

which serves more than 80 children in the surrounding community. The donation provides much-needed funding which enables the center to offer an array of activities such as golf, tennis and weekly field trips. In addition, the center can now provide educational enrichment opportunities including math skills, time management and social etiquette. The contribution also helped fund additional staff needed to facilitate the camp.

Warrior-Lawrence was joined by Dallas City Councilman Jerry Allen, and officials from the Dallas Park and Recreation Department including Dave Straeber, Regional Assistant and board member Joan Walne, representing City Council District 10. Several other members of Dallas' business and civic community, along with supporters of the Hamilton Park neighborhood participated in the celebration, which included more than 80 youngsters enrolled in the summer enrichment program.

"This inaugural gift by the Heart of a Warrior Charitable Foundation represents its dedication to advancing education by supporting summer learning camps and related programs," said Warrior-Lawrence. "In

addition, our mission is also to help provide scholarships to underprivileged college bound seniors in the Dallas area."

Although summer should be fun, but it doesn't have to be a break from learning. It makes sense that the Foundation strives to support high-quality summer learning opportunities that keep children healthy, safe and on track in school.

In addition to academic losses, children also may gain unhealthy weight over the summer. According to a recent Ohio State University study, minority children and children who already are overweight gain body mass index twice as fast when they are out of school during the summer. The Heart of a Warrior Charitable Foundation's Willie B. Johnson's

Enrichment Camp is an engaging program that not only offers a chance for kids to practice and learn new skills but also to provide nutritious meals and help keep kids active," said Warrior-Lawrence.

Fewer low-income children attend well-designed summer programs. Wealthier children have greater access to programs that help them grow academically and developmentally over the summer. Oftentimes low-income children don't have the same opportunities and often struggle to receive the educational services, healthy meals and adult supervision that they get during the school year.

The Willie B. Recreational Center also holds personal significance to Warrior-Lawrence. Her mother, the late Dorothy

Warrior, was a long-time resident of the Hamilton Park community and instrumental in the growth and development of the center, which still benefits local residents of all ages today.

"Under Mrs. Warrior's leadership and participation at the center, we were able to expand our programming and promote inter-generational, educational and life-skill activities to reach underserved youth in our community," said Mr. Joe Bruton, Executive Director of the Willie B. Johnson Recreational Center.

Funding a summer program appealed to the Heart of the Warrior Charitable Foundation because it can also have a positive impact on juvenile crime, support working families, teach skills needed for the workforce, keep kids safe and provide much

needed child care.

"Well-designed summer programs balance opportunities for learning, enrichment and recreation," said Warrior-Lawrence. "We hope that other local foundations and corporations will follow the lead set by the Heart of a Warrior Charitable Foundation and join our initiative to support local youth enrichment programs in the summers ahead."

The Heart of a Warrior Charitable Foundation is the philanthropic division of The Warrior Group, which is a DeSoto-based modular construction company owned and operated by President Gail Warrior-Lawrence. For more information contact: La'Toyia Dean-Dennis, Executive Director at 972-228-7555.

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