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## CBC Asks Bush to Restore Urban Youth Program

By Hazel Trice Edney  
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON—The Congressional Black Caucus has appealed to President George W. Bush on behalf of the National Urban League's Urban Youth Empowerment Program set to be slashed

from the budget of the Department of Labor next week.

"It is our understanding that the funding, which enables the program to provide much-needed services to young people to reduce recidivism, to complete their high school

education and to find jobs is to be terminated on June 30, 2008. We urge you not to end this vital program," states a letter to Bush, signed by 37 members of the CBC and released exclusively to the NNPA News Service. "Now is not the time for the

Department of Labor to turn its back on young people who are trying to turn their lives around. These young people will be kicked out of the program unless you intervene."

The letter asks that the  
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## Concord Church goes MADD making a difference



From staff reports

Concord Baptist Church had its 2nd annual community outreach celebration "Make A Difference Day". On Saturday, June 21, 2008, Concord, led by Senior Pastor Bryan Carter, had a successful community services day that consisted of several

community outreach programs. Members of the church offered a variety of services including auto maintenance and repair services, home repairs, visits to senior citizen homes, packaging goods for the military and AIDS victims and a community

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## Zimbabwe opposition leader seeks refuge with Dutch

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — The Dutch Foreign Ministry says Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai has sought refuge in the Dutch Embassy in Harare. Dutch television report-

ed that Tsvangirai entered the embassy shortly after a police raid Monday on his party's headquarters.

Opposition spokesman Nqobizitha Mlilo refused to comment on the report and referred callers to The Hague.

The development came

a day after Tsvangirai pulled out of a presidential runoff set for Friday.

Tsvangirai says state-sponsored violence against his supporters has made it impossible for him to run. The government says the vote will nonetheless go ahead.

Police raided the opposition party's headquarters and took away about 60 people Monday, a spokesman said, a day after the party's presidential candidate withdrew from a runoff against longtime leader Robert Mugabe.

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Commentary

## No Attack on Iran!

By Bill Fletcher Jr.  
NNPA Columnist

It feels like every few months there is a need for an outcry against a possible US or Israeli attack on Iran. For a few moments, the drum beat of war recedes only to emerge again with the same rationale: Iran is allegedly a threat to the USA and to world peace.

I thought that the matter was settled, at least for a while, when this past fall US intelligence

agencies revealed that Iran had no nuclear weapons program and had, in fact, abandoned such plans several years ago.

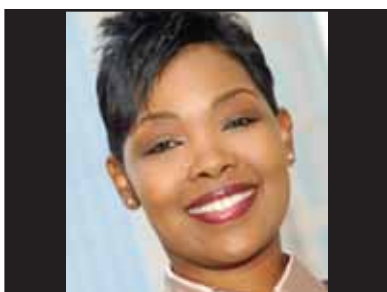
This seemed to take the wind out of the sails of the Bush administration for a few weeks until they decided to change their tune and focus on alleged Iranian involvement in the Iraq war. Specifically, it was claimed that the Iranians were arming Shiite groups in Iraq.

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## Dr. Andrea D. Willis

Dr. Willis speaks to and connects with a wide variety of audiences. She has recently been a featured guest on the Michael Baisden show. Andrea D. Willis has behind her name a B.S., M.D., M.P.H., and FAAP. Her Bachelor of Science degree is from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She earned her Medical Degree from Georgetown University, and she received her Masters of Public Health

after successfully matriculating through Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Willis is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She will be the first to tell you that while the degrees are great accomplishments, they don't nearly tell half the story.

Dr. Willis has served in private group practice; served as deputy commissioner of health for a state; as well as started up the

State Children's Health Insurance Program in the state in which she resides. While the titles look great on a resume and some would say that they are positions of glory, they don't alone tell the story. They don't tell how she went from raising pigs as a little girl in Alabama to holding press conferences with her governor. The positions have been blessings and favor from God for a woman that has a heart to serve.

Dr. Willis knew as a girl that she was destined to

become a physician. She even knew that her career was her ministry and that it would broaden outside of the clinical setting. What she could not have known back then is the powerful testimony that comes when policy meets practice and when ministry meets medicine. She can now tell about the journey to bring vision to fruition by stepping out on faith and the very real connection between health and spirituality. She is also well known in her community for helping the terminally ill find peace in the



midst of spiritual turmoil. It is the memory of those very strong people that she launched DiagnosisDestiny, LLC.

Dr. Willis speaks to a wide variety of audiences that range from college students, medical students, health workers and providers, church congregations, community organizations, and women's conferences. She has done numerous television and radio interviews, as well as been a featured story contributor for YourBlackWorld.com.

Dr. Willis created DiagnosisDestiny to share what occurs when formal education mixes with divine revelation.

## Karen Taylor Bass

Karen Taylor Bass, president of TaylorMade Media LLC, has amassed an astounding list of accomplishments since launching her own publicity firm in 1999 in Jersey City, New Jersey. Through her hands on approach at TaylorMade Media, she has introduced the masses to two groundbreaking musicians—

D'Angelo and Jill Scott. Her clientele includes Harper Collins Publishers, Shrine of the Black Madonna Bookstores and Cultural Center, Urban League of Long Island, Home Action USA, ABC Networks, Coca Cola USA, Sony Music, Mitchell & Titus CPA, WKYW-TV, Hidden Beach Recordings



to name a few. Her boutique agency,

which is now based in Valley Stream, Long Island, has been able to compete with the major players for coverage in such A-List media outlets as The Los Angeles Times, TIME, Ebony, Vanity Fair, Essence, the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno," and the "Oprah."

Karen Taylor Bass, who started her career as a fundraiser, is using her finely crafted communication

skills to inspire and motivate the everyday person through her personal/professional development mentoring services. She contributed to the best selling "Souls of My Sisters" in 2001.

Taylor-Bass has been profiled in Marie Claire, Ebony, Billboard and Pathfinder—Travel and has been quoted in Black Enterprise, The Network Journal, Philadelphia

Inquirer and Essence.

Her "As Powerful As You Want To Be" Public Relations & Mentoring Boot Camp series is currently offered in eight cities; and, the TaylorMade Media e-newsletter is serviced to over 1000 students/professionals monthly offering career and professional development tips; beauty; arts and news that pertains to the African Diaspora.

## Dorothy Height

Too often invisible in mainstream society or depicted by demeaning stereotypes in "popular" culture, our women are at once the most oppressed and most resilient group in America. Everyday, millions of African-American women work harder, earn less and shoulder the burdens of breadwinner and caregiver in their families.

At the same time, many step up and stand out as leaders in their churches, schools, businesses and local communities.

Lest we forget, it was Harriet Tubman who led us out of slavery and Rosa Parks who mortally wounded Jim Crow. Today,

Currently the chair and president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Dorothy Height has been committed to equality and justice for all since 1933. As a young

woman, she became a civil rights worker with the United Christian Youth Movement of North America. A few years later, as an executive of the Harlem YWCA, she met Mary McLeod Bethune. Bethune took her under her wing, introduced her to Eleanor Roosevelt and recruited her as a NCNW volunteer.

Dorothy Height has been active in every stage of the modern civil rights and women's rights struggles. She has taken her message of human rights and women's empowerment to places like India, Mexico and Africa. In 1947 she was elected National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and for a decade, led the organization into a new era of activism. She was elected president of NCNW in 1957 and served as its

leader until 1998 when she became Chair and President Emerita.

She was one of a few women who stood with men like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Whitney M. Young, Jr. at the height of the civil rights movement and she was on the platform when Dr. King delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" speech. For her many outstanding achievements, Dorothy Height has been honored by presidents and peers. She is the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the NAACP Springarn Medal and the Congressional Gold Medal, just to name a few.

At the tender age of 96, she writes in the foreword to the State of Black America 2008, "Who better than us understand and empathize with the very real challenges that our brothers, fathers, husbands and sons face...and who better than us can under-



stand the very real boundaries that all women face in navigating a cultural dynamic that still assigns roles and oftentimes limitations based on gender...With no apologies, the time is now to finally focus on us."

The musical stageplay If This Hat Could Talk, based on her memoirs Open Wide The Freedom Gates, opened in the summer of 2005 showcases her unique perspective on the civil rights movement and

details many of the behind-the-scenes figures/mentors who shaped her life, including Mary McLeod Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Height has served on a number of committees,

including as a consultant on African affairs to the Secretary of State, the President's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped, and the President's Committee on the Status of Women.

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# Get Real About Your Day Job

By Farrah Gray  
NNPA Columnist

Do you like what you're currently doing? Do you see yourself doing this same job 5, 10, or even 20 years from now? If you still don't have a clear answer and vision for what you should be doing day in and day out, then you must keep asking yourself questions.

No one starts out an expert in anything. And no matter what level you place yourself in this world, value the fact that you have the freedom to change where you are. Nothing should stop you from knocking on new doors and risking a step inside, even if you stumble more than once. Lots of successful people have experienced this countless times — so much so that "extreme failures of the extremely successful" is almost cliché. And the venerable Oprah Winfrey, when fired from her reporting job at the start of her career, was told



Farrah Gray

"You're not fit for TV."

The lesson (which you'll most certainly hear me say again): You can't win if you don't play. If you don't take the dare, a subject you'll see highlighted in the next chapter, you're just going to sit there. Mega-companies that breed successes year after year have an acute awareness that breakthroughs depend on failure. They explore experiment, foul up occasionally and then repeat. They understand that being "the best" requires innovation, which requires risk-taking, which

requires circumventing fear and doing what may feel unnatural at first. When they flop, they spring back up; scrape off whatever insights they can from the experience, and say "Next!" On an individual level, you should be doing the same.

Once you get a handle on your debt and credit issues, you'll find money you've never had before — even if your income doesn't change. I say, "Your money is already in circulation. You just have to access it." People need to stop saying that they need money to make money. You have to start out small. It's just that simple.

Remember, I started painting rocks. And I made a profit. I started with a dollar and turned it into a million, and then a million more as investment capital became more available to me.

Most people who are thinking about starting a business fall into one of two categories when it

comes to the topic of financing their new venture: 1) those who are terrified to borrow money and have a deeply held belief that even if they were willing to attempt getting a loan, few sources of startup capital are available; 2) those who think getting money is a piece of cake and there's an endless source of money—most of which is free. Both groups of people are half right.

Contrary to popular belief, most business start-ups are funded by personal investment on the part of the owner. These people are not wealthy, do not have large sums of money, and are not given any special privileges when it comes to financing their hopes and dreams. These people — like most self-employed business owners — finance their dreams through dedicated work, creativity, and a little help from friends and family. It's much easier to raise

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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!

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The situation became downright silly when Republican presidential candidate John McCain visited Iraq and kept alleging that Al Qaeda-linked groups were based in Iran.

For someone who supposedly knows so much about world affairs this error either betrayed the early onset of dementia or it was a calculated political manipulation.

Al Qaeda, and its allies, are Sunni-based and have a mutual hostility with the Iranian Shiite regime. In any case, not to let the facts get in the way of provoking a war, McCain eventually corrected himself but continued to blame the Iranians for all sorts of alleged evils.

It is most interesting, though, to listen to the arguments that are raised against Iran. Whether the

Iranians are arming the Iraqi Shiites is actually secondary to something more important: the USA illegally invaded and occupied a sovereign country, plunging that country into chaos.

The bottom line is that it is the USA, before ANY-ONE else, which should not be in Iraq. Focusing on Iran misses the point entirely, something that is clearly intentional.

The renewed focus on Iran and nuclear power remains very curious. Iran is a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. It possesses no documented weapons. Israel is not a signatory to the agreement. It possesses, according to former US President Jimmy Carter, 150 such weapons.

Iran has not invaded another country during the 20th (or now 21st century).

Iran possesses limited technology for a delivery system. No one has been able to document any effort to develop nuclear weapons. And, even if it is in the minds of some of the Iranian leaders, the construction of such weapons is years off. So, what is going on?

In case you missed it, the Bush administration lied its way into an invasion of Iraq, suggesting that the Hussein regime had all sorts of dastardly intents. Nothing was ever proven, and in fact, it appears that some of Saddam Hussein's reluctance to discuss his military capabilities derived, quite ironically, from a fear of revealing Iraqi weaknesses to Iran!

So, with the USA and Israel suggesting that an attack on Iran is inevitable, we the people of the USA have to ask ourselves two

questions:

(1)What will we do to prevent an attack, and

(2)What should we do if there is an attack?

Preventing an attack necessitates making our elected officials aware that we oppose such a move and we wish them to draw the line. As Congressman Conyers has pointed out, an attack on Iran without the approval of Congress will be an illegal act. Congress needs to be prepared to make that point clear.

Yet, Israel may become the 'sub-contractor' for the USA in attacking Iran. Israel can and has been restrained by the USA in the past. Israel must understand that should it attack Iran that the current global discussions already underway concerning a boycott

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# Get Outside this Summer during the Great American Backyard Campout, June 28

From staff reports

Remember being a child when sleeping under the stars, and sharing stories around the campfire were favorite pastimes?

Join thousands of campers across the country for the National

Wildlife Federation's fourth annual Great American Backyard Campout on Saturday, June 28.

The City of Plano will be supporting this community effort by providing participants with camping kits full of games, activities and

recipes. Kits can be picked up from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, June 25 at the Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glencliff Drive.

This is a great opportunity for families to have some outdoor fun while connecting with nature in

their own backyards! Camping out in the yard is so easy, anyone can do it—even first-timers! You don't need fancy tents and equipment, just a blanket and pillow will do. Last year thousands across the country united for this great event.

In today's high-tech

world, children and families are losing touch with nature and the outdoors. The Great American Backyard Campout encourages everyone to get outside and camp to renew connection with nature, or experience it for the first time. It also provides an opportunity

for parents to re-connect with their kids following the seemingly endless schedule of programmed activities during the school year.

For more information call 972-941-5400 or the Parks and Recreation Administration information line at 972-941-7250.

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Meanwhile, a senior member of the Movement for Democratic Change told The Associated Press that while Morgan Tsvangirai has pulled out of the runoff set for Friday, the party hopes a free and fair vote can be held later.

Most of the people taken away on Monday were women and children who had fled state-sponsored political violence and sought refuge at the Movement for Democratic Change offices, spokesman

Nelson Chamisa said.

"Our offices have been raided," Chamisa said, adding that police seized computers and furniture.

After a similar raid in April, police detained scores of people they accused of being responsible for postelection violence who were later released.

In announcing his withdrawal from the runoff, Tsvangirai said Sunday that harassment and violence against his supporters had

made the balloting impossible. The government has said the vote will go ahead.

Roy Bennett, who is treasurer of Tsvangirai's party, told The Associated Press in Johannesburg, South Africa that the party was not turning its back completely on elections.

He called on the Southern African Development Community and the African Union to launch negotiations aimed at bringing together a transitional authority that would create conditions for

free and fair presidential voting.

"We honestly believe that we will move forward to a new round" of elections, Bennett said.

"He's ruled for 28 years. It's time he passed the baton on to someone else," Bennett said. "Even in a transitional government we don't see any role for him at all."

The issue of Mugabe's role is believed to have derailed previous attempts to resolve the crisis by creating a coalition govern-

ment. But Bennett said ZANU-PF would have to yield now in the face of growing international pressure.

ZANU-PF, he said, risked being "totally isolated and totally rejected by the African countries as well as the world at large."

Mugabe was lauded early in his rule for campaigning for racial reconciliation. But in recent years, he has been accused of ruining the economy and holding onto power through fraud and intimidat-

tion. People are going hungry in what was once the region's breadbasket, with the world's highest inflation rate putting staples out of reach.

The economic slide has been blamed on the collapse of the key agriculture sector after often-violent seizures of farmland from whites. Mugabe claimed he ordered the seizures, begun in 2002, to benefit poor blacks. But many of the farms instead went to his loyalists.



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# Independence Day Community-wide events

## DR PEPPER SNAPPLE GROUP FAIR PARK FOURTH TO RANK AMONG AMERICA'S TOP 20 FIREWORK SHOWS

Free Independence Day celebration at Dallas' Fair Park to feature spectacular Grucci fireworks, plus a patriotic program with the Dallas Wind Symphony, free museum exhibits and more

Grab a blanket, the kids and head to the Dr Pepper Snapple Group FAIR PARK FOURTH for a spectacular Grucci fireworks celebration on Friday, July 4, 2008 that will be the biggest in North Texas and ranked among the nation's top 20 fireworks program. Presented by Friends of Fair Park ([www.fair-park.org](http://www.fair-park.org)), the festivities will be held throughout Dallas' Fair Park from 5 – 10 p.m. and will feature free admission to the Fair Park museums from 5 – 8 p.m., a patriotic program featuring the Dallas Wind Symphony and the U.S. Army Brass Quintet at 8:15 p.m., followed by the fireworks display at approximately 9:30 p.m. The event, which is the City of Dallas' official fireworks celebration, is free and open to the public.

**FIREWORKS BY GRUCCI**, one of the nation's premiere fireworks pyrotechnics firms, has been tapped to ignite the skies at Fair Park for a spectacular display. The Gruccis, "America's First Family of Fireworks," have produced some of the world's most unforgettable fireworks programs for the Olympic Games, Statue of Liberty Centennial, New Year's Eve Celebrations in New York City, World Fairs and six consecutive Presidential Inaugurations.

The Grucci fireworks will be synchronized to

choreographed music with live broadcast on WRR 101.1 FM. Viewing areas with sound will be located in the park along the Esplanade, Lagoon, Cotton Bowl Plaza and Big Tex Circle (see detailed list of songs on next page). Attendees are invited to bring in lawn chairs, blankets and picnic-type foods. "Fourth-of-July favorite" concessions will be available for sale. Although visitors will be able to see the fireworks program throughout Fair Park (unless they're under a tree!), the Gruccis will shoot off "test" fireworks every two minutes between 9:15 and 9:30 p.m. so guests can adjust their viewing positions.

**FAIR PARK FOURTH** will kick off at 5 p.m. with special programming and events at the various Fair Park museums. Visitors can cool off in and browse all the museums, which will be open FREE of charge from 5 – 8 p.m. that day. Also at that time the City of Dallas' Office of Cultural Affairs Neighborhood Touring Program will feature musical artists performing adjacent to each museum (see attached schedule of events).

An hour-long patriotic program, hosted by WFAA Channel 8's Cynthia Izaguirre, will get underway at 8:15 p.m. outside the Hall of State. The program will feature the Dallas Wind Symphony and the U.S. Army

Brass Quintet of Washington, D.C. with vocalist Master Sergeant Caleb Green from the U.S. Army Band. Then the spectacular Fireworks by Grucci program will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. The event will close at 10 p.m.

Another highlight of the day will be the Dallas Summer Musicals presen-

tation of the mega-popular HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL. Specially discounted tickets will be offered for a 2 p.m. matinee (top seating prices at just \$35)! Families are encouraged to come to the musical, play in the museums, then cheer on the fireworks!

## THE "FIREWORKS MAKINGS"

According to Phil Butler of Fireworks by Grucci, the fireworks program will take four days to set up, 26 hours of cho-

reography, six pyrotechnicians dedicated to the project working 160 man hours to set up, 25 firing battering and 396 firing cues.

Approximately 20 tons of sand is necessary to fill the firing batteries, and 20 miles of wire is needed to circuit fire the batteries. The most exclusive shell, which costs \$150, is the "Gold Split Comet, the Grucci signature shell." The fireworks program requires lumber for set up equivalent to what is used to side an average family

house!

Some of the common shell names are Chrysanthemum, Kamaru, Peony, Salute, Saturn, Strobe, Weeping Willow, Sparkling Silver Lights, Palm Tree and Red Ruby Dazzlers. The five primary colors of the fireworks rainbow are Red – made from compounds of Strontium; White – Magnesium; Blue – Copper; Green – Barium; and Yellow – Sodium. The designer shells are from Australia, Canada, China, France,

Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain and the United States.

The fireworks will be synchronized to the following songs: Birthday by the Beatles, Here for the Party by Gretchen Wilson, Armed Services Medley by the St. Louis Orchestra, Beautiful Day by U2, Think (Freedom) by Aretha Franklin, What A Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong, Glory Days by Bruce Springsteen, America The Beautiful by Ray Charles,

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# Focus on School Culture Helps to Fuel TAKS Success

From staff reports

Hampton Preparatory Charter School educators achieved what some thought would be impossible earlier this year. After receiving what Senior School Director Priscilla Collins-Parhms called, "absolutely dismal" November benchmark scores, their students' were successful in not only passing, but being exemplary or recognized, in all academic areas but two on the 2008 TAKS scores.

Hampton, which just completed its first school year, serves low-income, minority students. In late fall, after they got over the shock of the benchmark scores and realized just how much work there was to be done, Parhms and her team of dedicated educators got busy and instituted an improvement plan that focused on changing the school's culture to one of collaboration with an unwavering focus on excellence. "Since then," says Parhms, "our school has journeyed from dismal performance to one of academic growth." The culture shift involved many elements, starting with acknowledging the problems and moving forward decisively. Parhms said, "We had to face brutal facts and move from rationalizations and excuses to responsibility and action."

Uplift Education, the non-profit charter management organization that oversees Hampton and four other charter schools in the Dallas area, uses released TAKS test scores to gauge how students are progressing in learning the grade

level state standards (TEKS). "The November results that showed student passing rates for Hampton in the single digits in some subject areas were disturbing. Even though I know that we have hired the best and the brightest educators to lead our schools and educate our students, the turn around they achieved in one year is truly remarkable," remarked Rosemary Perlmeter, Uplift's Executive Director.

Hampton's teachers and leaders are thrilled with the students' progress, but they acknowledge that there is still a lot of work to be done. While continuing to work on the challenges though, they are taking time to celebrate the visible evidence of continuing improvement. Parhms believes that working on the environment and culture of the school was the secret to their success. She stressed that their goals are to, "recruit and retain only the best people, cre-

ate a culture of collaboration, provide a coherent program of rigorous instruction, ignite a passion for student success, celebrate successes and create a partnership between school and home."

"As we strive to close the student achievement gaps for the population we serve, staying on target is important for everyone in the school. We know that our students can and will achieve at higher levels than they are right now, but we are tremendously proud of their progress to date."

Like all Uplift school's, Hampton's goal is student success and college preparation. Applications are currently being accepted for grades five through ten. Hampton Preparatory is located at 8915 South Hampton Road, Dallas, Texas 75232. For more information, call (972) 421-1982 or visit <http://www.hampton-prep.org/http://www.hamptonprep.org/>.

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# College Corner

## BDPA Scholarships For Black Technology Students

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In May of 1975, Earl Pace, Jr. and the late David Wimberly founded BDPA. They were concerned that minorities, specifically African-Americans, were not adequately represented in the computer industry.

BETF plans to create a \$2,000,000 scholarship endowment. BETF awarded nineteen scholarships in 2006 for high

school students planning to pursue post-secondary education. The total value of the awards was \$32,500 - a little over \$1,700 per recipient.

Scholarships are available from Bank of America, Eli Lilly, and Dr. Jesse Bemley - a former National BDPA Education Chairperson.

Award Amount: Varies

Deadline: July 25, 2008

Website/Contact Info:

[www.betf.org/scholarships/scholarships.html](http://www.betf.org/scholarships/scholarships.html)

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# Republican state convention revisited



From left to right: Jay Pierce- Alternate National Delegate, Annette Ratliff- National Delegate, Larry Jones- Alternate National Delegate, Fred Moses- National Delegate, Deanna Kuykendall- Alternate National Delegate and Jim Edwards- National Delegate.

(Photos submitted: Fred Moses)

## JULY 4 events, continued from pg 5

United We Stand by Quest From Camelot, Yankee Doodle & Grand Old Flag by John Philip Sousa, America The Dream Goes On by James Ingram, Finale Announcements and Rock This Country by Shania Twain.

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For more information, please go to <http://www.fairpark.org/http://www.fairpark.org/> or call the Fair Park information line at 214-421-9600.

### Garland's Star Spangled Fourth 2008: Important Traffic Information

Garland's annual Independence Day celebration attracts thousands of visitors each year. Star

Spangled Fourth 2008 is set for July 4 at Firewheel Town Center and offers family fun from 10 a.m. to midnight.

The event will feature games, festival food, crafts, exhibits and entertainment. The Star Spangled Fourth Fireworks Spectacular is scheduled for 9:30 p.m. followed by a terrific concert by the event headliner: Kool & the Gang.

To help you make the most of your festival experience, please make note of the following important information:

On site parking is limited and patrons are encouraged to car pool or use DART.

Dart will be running four additional buses on its usual 513 service to Firewheel Town Center during the festival. The drop off and pickup zone will be located at the corner of Town Center Blvd. and Horseshoe Drive. The last bus will leave the festival at 12:30 a.m. The last regularly scheduled train will leave southbound from the Downtown Garland Station at 12:10 a.m. Two blue line trains will be designated for the event which will depart at 12:30 a.m. and 1 a.m. For complete route and schedule information, visit [www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org).

TRAFFIC: In an effort to

ease traffic flow following the fireworks display and main stage performances, traffic exiting Firewheel Town Center will be routed in the following manner:

- vehicles exiting north

at Firewheel Parkway at SH78 will be directed north onto SH78;

- vehicles exiting west at Town Center Blvd. at SH78 will be directed south onto SH78;

- vehicles leaving the east side of the Town Center on Firewheel Parkway and southbound on Crist Road will be directed to the SH190/Firewheel Parkway

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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.

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**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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**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).

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**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.

**Punch Family Foundation presents the 13th Annual Benefit Recital** Saturday, June 28, 2008 Master Class (students) - 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., Recital and Silent Auction - 1:30 P.M. and Silent Auction. The cost is Adults \$10, Senior Citizens \$5, and Children \$1. The event will be held in the lobby of the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center located at 2301 Flora St. Dallas, TX 75201, Dallas, TX 75201

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**July 4**

**Addison's Kaboom Town** will feature spectacular fireworks, visible from all over town, from 5:00 pm - 12:00 am. Addison Circle Park, at 4970 Addison Circle Drive. For further information please email [webmaster@addisontx.com](mailto:webmaster@addisontx.com). Garland's annual Independence Day celebration will take place from 10 a.m. until midnight at Firewheel Town Center, located on State Highway

78 at State Highway 190. The theme for 2008 is "We the People Celebrate!" This year's Main Stage will feature the legendary Kool and the Gang. To participate in the event as an artisan or craft vendor, please contact Melody Kamp at 972-675-1041 or [mkamp@simon.com](mailto:mkamp@simon.com). For volunteer opportunities, contact Dana Dunlap at 972-205-3896 or [ddunlap@ci.garland.tx.us](mailto:ddunlap@ci.garland.tx.us). Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Bonny Patrick at 972-205-2633 or [bpatrik@ci.garland.tx.us](mailto:bpatrik@ci.garland.tx.us) For updates about plans for this year's event, log onto [starspangledfourth.com](http://starspangledfourth.com).

**Frisco Freedom Fest 2008** marks its seventh year as the city's premier, signature event! Just like the community, Frisco's July 4th celebration continues to grow! The family favorite 'Party in the Plaza', a soccer match between FC Dallas and the KC Wizards - plus the biggest fireworks extravaganza in North Texas and the MOTOWN sounds of five time, Grammy award winning "The Temptations" are the star attractions! Admission to Party in the Plaza activities is free. A Children's Expo, complete with jump houses, face painting, strolling entertainers and games; plus the Hometown Heroes Exhibit, which showcases Frisco's finest - the men and women of our Police and Fire Departments, along with the equipment they use to help keep our community safe. The Taste of Frisco returns by popular demand! For more info visit, <http://www.friscofreedomfest.org/>.

**July 5**

**July Jazz** in Addison at Esplande Park, 5044 Addison Circle Drive in Addison. The Jazz will keep on playing from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Admission is free, email [webmaster@addisontx.gov](mailto:webmaster@addisontx.gov) for more info.

**July 25**

**Barack Obama Turning Red to Blue Fundraiser** event located at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex 650 South Griffin Street, Dallas, 75202 from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. For ticket or vendor information contact [teresa@dfwobama.com](mailto:teresa@dfwobama.com) now! For more details visit [www.DFWObama.org](http://www.DFWObama.org).

**August 9**

**4th Annual Women's No Limit Expo** will feature vendors, health screenings, immunizations, and other useful information. The Women's No Limit Expo will last from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center, in Richardson, Texas 75080. Donations will be made to local charities. Also, the No Limit Network now meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House, 3945 North Central Expressway, Plano 75023. Must RSVP at [www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882. For exhibitor, sponsorship, and advertising information, [NoLimitExpo.com](http://NoLimitExpo.com).

**August 13-16**

**National Sales Network's 12th Annual Conference and Career Fair** will feature leadership workshops and live entertainment. The conference is located at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas. Visit [salesnetwork.org](http://salesnetwork.org) to register.

**August 16**

**Keepin' It Real! Youth empowerment conferences** this year will provide teens with an opportunity, during a one hour moderated panel discussion, to meet local leaders and to ask challenging questions of their own. Backpacking For Education is a program that supplies the attending teens with backpacks filled with school supplies and well wishes for a safe and productive school year.

Additionally, some students will walk away with door prizes and all will receive giveaways from local and national corporations and small businesses. Keepin' It Real! 2008 will be held at Richland College, 12800 Abrams Road in Dallas, Texas. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, vendors, entertainment, or to register please visit <http://www.teengraffiti.com> or call Sharon Jones-Scaife at 972-496-9457.

**August 22-23**

**Sheryl Underwood** will perform live at the Addison Improv at 4980 Belt Line Road #250, Addison, 75254. Admission to the event is \$22. Call 972-404-8501 for further details.

**August 23**

**The Urban League of Greater Dallas** presents the "B'Jeweled" Gala 2008 celebrating 41 years of service with the Urban League. The B'Jeweled Gala will feature live entertainment by WAR. The Gala will be located at the Hilton Anatole Hotel 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. For ticket information or further details call 214-915-4600.

**August 27**

**12th Annual Government Procurement Conference** offers all you need to know about doing business with Government Agencies (Federal, State & Local), along with their prime contractors and subcontractors! The Conference will take place on Wednesday, August 27, at the Arlington Convention Center 1501 Convention Center Drive, Arlington, 76010, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**November 8**

"When It Happens", a play about abuse, will be performed at The Plaza Theatre in Garland. Tickets will be \$10.00 presale and \$15.00 at the door; for ticket info contact Lynda J. at 469-396-6881.

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## UNT Dallas Campus selects new deputy vice provost, names first director of finance, administration

*From staff reports*

DALLAS – The University of North Texas Dallas Campus has selected Peter Pincemin Johnstone, chief academic officer of Penn State University's Abington College in Philadelphia, to serve as its new deputy vice provost. Maxine Rogers, vice chancellor for administration and finance with the Baton Rouge Community College System, has also been named the campus' first director of finance and administration.

Vice Chancellor John Ellis Price, chief executive officer of the UNT Dallas Campus, said the appointments round out the campus' executive leadership team, which will ultimately be responsible for transitioning the campus from a satellite of the UNT flagship in Denton to Dallas' first four-year, public university.

"We had a rich and diverse pool of applicants for both positions," Price said. "The candidates selected were the best fit for the mission and vision of our campus. Both Dr. Johnstone and Maxine Rogers are experienced administrators in higher educa-

tion. I believe they will well serve our students and the citizens of Dallas and the surrounding communities in North Texas."

Johnstone, a noted author and professor of criminal justice specializing in white collar crime in Europe, is originally from the United Kingdom. There, he attended London Guildhall University, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in legal studies and an earned doctorate in criminal justice. He also attended the University of Sussex, where he earned a master of laws degree in international criminal law. He held teaching posts at the University of Northampton and London Guildhall University.

When he arrived in the United States eight years ago, he served as professor of criminology at Barton College in North Carolina, and later as a professor of criminology, department chair, and associate dean in the College of Human Ecology at East Carolina University.

Johnstone said the UNT Dallas Campus presents an opportunity unlikely to recur in his lifetime – that of founding a

major public university in a large American city.

"The opportunities to make an impact on the climate of higher education in North Texas really are unparalleled," Johnstone said. "I consider it a privilege to be chosen as a part of the effort to raise the high school graduation and college-going rates in Dallas through programs such as Early College High School, and through the formation of new undergraduate academic programs that capture students' interests and respond to market demand."

Johnstone said he will begin his duties at the UNT Dallas Campus by providing leadership in developing policies that will make the campus' transition to four-year status easier. He also said he looks forward to "expanding the horizons" of students in Dallas through international education and "niche" academic programs.

"International education is of utmost importance to me," Johnstone said. "In today's global climate, it is an indispensable asset for each student who has had the opportunity to travel abroad. Together with this

emphasis, we also will be searching for ways to establish new academic programs that will lead students toward burgeoning career fields such as human services management, health care management, education, and the sciences."

Rogers, who has served the community college system in Baton Rouge since 2002, said the UNT Dallas Campus would not only develop outwardly, but inwardly as well. Her job, she said, will be to develop a solid system of financial governance that will ensure the growth of the future UNT Dallas for years to come. At the Baton Rouge system, she assisted with the oversight of a six-building, \$73 million construction project. She also coordinated and developed a \$22 million budget for the campus, which opened its doors in 1998 and now has more than 6,600 students.

"I believe that the financial resources of a university are a sacred trust," Rogers said. "The community and the state expect that we provide rigorous oversight of the resources devoted to

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# fashion BET★ explosion

## Kanye Feels the T-Pain at BET Awards

T-Pain has a knack for showing up in the right place at the right time.

"I'd like to thank T-Pain for gettin' on the record with me," said Kanye West, a two-time winner Tuesday at the 2008 BET Awards, upon accepting their award for Best Collaboration on the Graduation tune "Good Life." "This man's a genius. What he does, what he writes...we're blessed to be in this man's presence."

The 22-year-old rapper-producer, a featured artist on no less than 18 singles (so far) in 2007 and 2008, entered the evening with a leading five nominations, although his shared win with West was it for now.

West was also named Best Male Hip-Hop Artist for the second time, his first win in that category coming in 2005, when Late Registration was still a new album.

Alicia Keys, the only female winner who was in the house tonight, was named Best Female R&B Artist, and took the opportunity to let the moment sink in.

"I just wanna say that we are so incredible, we are such an incredible people," the platinum-selling songstress said coyly. "We

are so beautiful and fly, and everybody wants to be like us...I mostly want to thank all of you that are watching and standing here right now. Without you...I really really appreciate you very much.

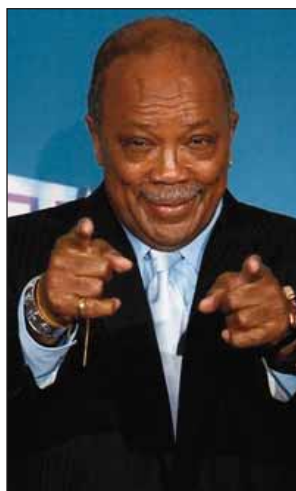
"I want to dedicate this to all the other nominees, because we put so much heart and soul into everything."

The three-hour ceremony at Los Angeles' Shrine Auditorium was about as straightforward as it gets (albeit a great deal more inspirational than your standard kudosfest).

Effects-heavy performances by Usher (on his suggestive single "Love in This Club") and Best Male R&B Artist Chris Brown (a "With You"- "Take You Down" medley) and a frenzied hootenanny featuring T-Pain, Flo Rida, Rick Ross, Ludacris and Big Boi provided the evening's liveliest moments.

(And it may just be us, but it sure seemed as if a lot of tonight's presenters, especially Sean "Diddy" Combs, were all hyped up about someone named Barack Obama.)

"I want to dedicate this award to the end of the word can't. That word is dead, we don't know that



word. Obama, y'all," Keys reminded the crowd at the end of her acceptance speech.

But while the ceremony didn't lack for schtick, nor did it lack for touching moments.

"This is hard for me to accept tonight. We did an incredible job, I feel, but it's hard to do this with my brother not being here,"



Bun B, the surviving half of Houston rap duo UGK, said in tribute to his departed longtime partner Pimp C, who unexpectedly passed away in December.

UGK's "International Player's Anthem (I Choose You)", featuring Outkast, was named Video of the Year. During the untelevised portion of the festivities, UGK was deemed

Best Group, as well.

Well-deserved honors were also handed out to prolific producer Quincy Jones and Motown icon Al Green, whose most recent album, Lay It Down, earned the renowned soul singer his first Top 10 slot on the Billboard 200 since 1973.

"The Al Green sound is Saturday night and Sunday

morning—and it is forever," John Legend said in feting this year's recipient of the BET Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I'm so honored and humbled by the academy of BET Awards—what y'all laughin' at?" Green began, acknowledging that he wasn't exactly sure who decides on the winners, either.

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# Tips for Writing Your Business Plan

From staff reports

As you develop your business plan, it's easy to make mistakes or leave out important elements. Here are a few of the most common business planning pitfalls and some tips on how to avoid them:

1. Create a vision. It's tempting to roll up your sleeves and plunge right into the details of your business: evaluating products, studying market segments, and sizing up your competition. Yet it's possible to get so caught up in the process of planning a business that you lose sight of what you're planning for.

Before you get lost in the details, take a step back. Outline a clear vision and a coherent set of values for your company. Develop a mission statement and use it to define short-term goals and priorities. Once you have a clear road map for your business, you can plan your journey with more confidence.

2. A budget isn't the same thing as a plan. You can't create a solid business plan without a budget and a financial forecast. But a budget should be the product of all the other elements in your plan. If you don't have a clear picture of your industry, customers, competitors, and market conditions before you develop a budget, your numbers aren't likely to reflect reality.

3. Don't ignore your customers. This may sound obvious, but too many entrepreneurs assume they know exactly what their customers need without bothering to ask. Take the time to learn about your customers, and build your business plan around their needs and desires.

4. Don't shortchange the competition. If you assume your firm will be

the only game in town or if you fail to take existing competitors seriously, you're asking for trouble. Your competitors can be a great source of information about what works and what doesn't.

5. Be prepared to take risks. Creating a business plan isn't about avoiding risk; it's about understanding and managing risk. That's why a good business plan anticipates possible challenges and includes a variety of scenarios for meeting those challenges. There's a difference between a calculated risk and recklessness, and your plan can help you make that distinction.

6. Get a second (or third) opinion. The most experienced entrepreneur

can still benefit from a different point of view. Even if you're the only person involved in your business, find someone who can study your plan objectively and point out possible weaknesses you might have missed.

7. Expect the unexpected. Every business plan needs some wiggle room to allow for unexpected changes. Part of this involves creating budgets and marketing plans with some built-in flexibility; but adapting to change also requires you to accept that you might have to modify or even abandon business practices that worked well in the past.

8. Don't forget what makes you unique. A cookie-cutter business

plan might help you get started, but it won't help you succeed. And while it helps to look at your competitors, don't model your business after them. After all, you're in business to beat the competition. Learn from your competitors' strengths, but also learn how to spot their weaknesses and use them to improve your own business plan.

9. What's the point? Building a business involves hard work and struggle. But it should also include a clear set of rewards, both for you and your employees. When you set goals in your business plan, include some concrete motivation that goes beyond the satisfaction of a job well done.

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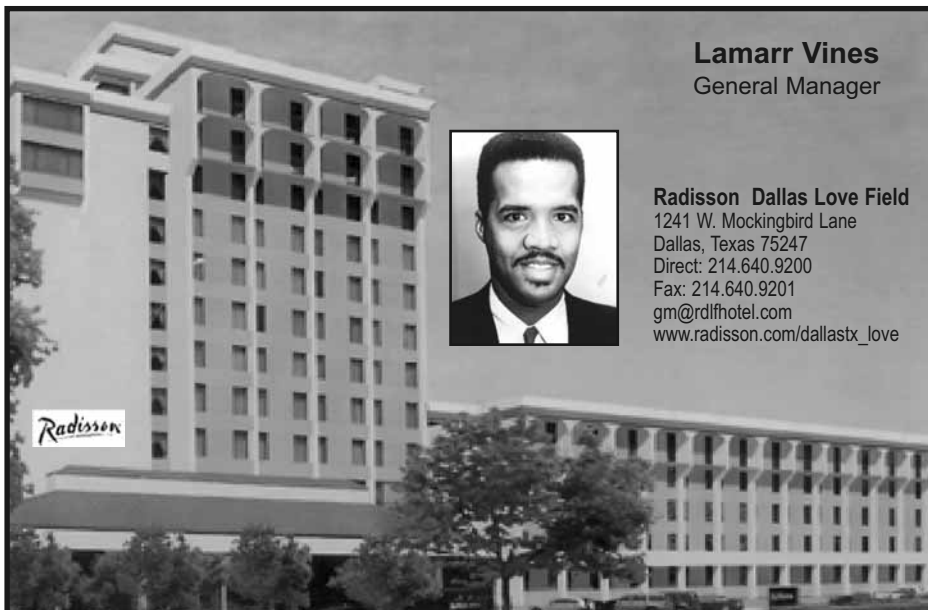
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## BET AWARDS, continued from pg 10

"I want to thank all the people that stood by me when I put out the wrong record, when I put out the right record and all of you who've been so faithful. I've been doing this 30 years. You've been so faithful, I should at least let you see my eyes."

And with that, he whipped off his sunglasses,

to much applause, and said, "Thank you so much, bye-bye!" before easing into his biggest hit, "Let's Stay Together."

Jones, one of the founders of the Institute for Black American Music, received the Humanitarian Award for his philanthropic efforts over the years, including his continued

work with his Listen Up Foundation, which has teamed with the Nelson Mandela Foundation to build more than 100 homes in South Africa.

"It is a brilliant honor for me to be here tonight," the dapper 75-year-old said. "I just want to say that I understand what it feels like to be on the bottom—I

come from the south side of Chicago, so don't nobody tell me about ghetto."

"Somehow that never leaves you...Always ask why, because you cannot separate your life" from others. And, quoting Tolstoy, he continued, "Nobody has to starve while I eat."

And to the youngsters in the crowd: "When it rains, get wet. Live your life, baby, and live it real...They say you can't get an A if you're afraid of getting an F...I promise I hope to always live up to this honor..."

The evening was further highlighted by performances from Rihanna; Best

Gospel Artist Marvin Sapp; Keys, who led a '90s revival with appearances by TLC's T-Boz and Chilli, En Vogue and SWV; Ne-Yo; Keyshia Cole; Young Jeezy; Nelly, Ciara and Jermaine Dupri; and hip-hop's current savior, the million-record-selling Lil Wayne.

## UNT DALLAS, continued from pg 9

us in the state's budget. The UNT Dallas Campus has always fared well financially under the leadership of Dr. John Ellis Price, and I intend to help carry on that tradition."

Rogers attended Prairie View A&M University,

where she earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She also received an MBA from Amberton University (formerly Amber University) in Garland, Texas, and attended the College Business

Management Institute at the University of Kentucky.

Prior to her position with the Baton Rouge system, Rogers was vice president for business services at Brookhaven College, a component of

the Dallas County Community College District. She also was dean of financial affairs and director of business operations there. She previously served at Northlake and El Centro colleges, and at the district

office of the Dallas County Community College District.

"Much of my life has been devoted to educating the citizens of Dallas, and I am proud to be returning to the city I call 'home,'" Rogers said. "I look for-

ward to utilizing my skills and experience to contribute in making the future UNT Dallas a thriving success."

Johnstone will assume his duties July 1. Rogers will begin her employment with the university July 7.

## SUMMER JOBS, continued from pg 1

federal government at least allocate \$4 million to allow 800 youth enrollees to complete the training that they have already begun through 2008.

"At a time when incarceration rates are at an all-time high in the nation, and unemployment among young people is steadily increasing, the program serves as a valuable resource to underserved communities around the country," the letter states.

"The program has a demonstrated record of effectiveness in assisting at-risk youth in educational opportunities, job training and placement, and the support needed to make a successful transition into the workplace."

As of Monday morning, the Caucus had not yet gotten a White House response to the letter.

NUL President/CEO Marc Morial also laments that the cutting of the

Urban Youth Empowerment Program comes at a time when no substantial federal funding exists for general summer jobs for youth across the nation.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for Black teens ages 16-19 is 32.3 percent, twice the rate of the 16.4 percent of White teens in the same age group; and nearly twice the rate of Latino

teens, 17.5 percent.

"You have a lot of idle teenagers who are out of school and who want to work, who want opportunities, careers, and a chance to earn a living," says Morial. "It's a tragedy that Congress has not moved on summer jobs because the teen unemployment rate is as high as it's been in 50 years."

The cutting of the UYEP will only exacerbate the occupational void where it

is needed most, the CBC letter states. It lists at least 27 high crime cities where the program has been highly effective, including Baltimore, Birmingham, Charlotte, Columbus, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Louisville, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

"The program represents the best that our communities have to offer by providing educational and

training assistance to at-risk youth in ways that encourage partnerships with local businesses, faith organizations and employers," the letter states. "These collaborative partnerships and intense support for at-risk youth ultimately achieve improved outcomes for individual participants, healthier communities and a better-equipped workforce."

## GRAY, continued from pg 3

cash through your own resources, including savings, friends and family, than to go pitch your business idea to potential investors who don't know you.

This is why many times people's first deal is with family and friends. And

guess what: it doesn't take money to make that kind of seed money.

While it's true that some products and services do require a bit more money than others to explore, develop, and deploy, especially if you invent something in a particular field

like communication, you don't necessarily have to start there.

Do things in stages rather than attempt to leap to the finish line. If you want to take common things that are around you and turn them into ideas based on your talent, you

don't need a lot of money—you don't need any more money than what you get from your day job. Of course you need money to live, but that's my point: you don't need the kind of money that is imagined. It doesn't cost any more money than basic living

expenses—eating, and having a roof over your head. If you have that kind of money, you can launch something small and build on it.

*Farrah Gray is the author of Get Real, Get Rich: Conquer the 7 Lies Blocking You from Success*

*and the international best-seller Reallionaire: Nine Steps to Becoming Rich from the Inside Out. He is chairman of the Farrah Gray Foundation. Dr. Gray can be reached via email at fg@drfarrahgray.com or at www.drfarrahgray.com*

## ATTACK, continued from pg 3

and divestment movement against Israel (due to its occupation of Palestinian territories) will go into overdrive. There would probably be no way of stopping such a move-

ment even if one wanted to.

So, in that sense, what to do to stop an attack is linked to what to do if an attack takes place. Our elected leaders must

understand that we will not sit back.

Oh, one more thing in case you think that this is something that you can ignore: If you are currently concerned about the

price of gas, you had better be petrified thinking about what will happen should there be another war and should the Iranians decide to block oil exports from the

Persian/Arabian Gulf. Just a friendly reminder...

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# Justice Department Files Lawsuit Against the City of Dallas Alleging Discrimination and Retaliation

From staff reports

The Department of Justice announced that it has filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas against the city of Dallas, alleging that the city subjected Frenchell Willis, an African-American and a former general laborer for the city, to discrimination on the basis of his race by terminating Willis from his position as a general laborer in the Wastewater Operations Division of the City's Water Utilities Department. The complaint also alleges that the city subjected Willis to retaliation by terminating him for opposing

conduct that he reasonably believed to be unlawful under Title VII.

Willis was assigned to work as a general laborer in the Dallas Water Utilities Department in October 2006. Willis reported that his immediate supervisor referred to Willis using racial slurs. On the day Willis reported the use of racial slurs by his immediate supervisor to senior management in the Dallas Water Utilities Department, Willis was terminated by the city.

"Title VII prohibits discrimination in employment and protects individuals from retaliation when they exercise their rights under the law," said Grace Chung

Becker, Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division. "The Department is committed to enforcing all the federal civil rights laws, including Title VII, under its jurisdiction."

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**June 29, 11:30 am**  
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**June 29, 2008**  
Our 8:15 am service, our 10:45 am service, our Children's church and our nursery will be held @ Story Elementary School, 1550 Edelweiss in Allen, Texas.

**July 19, 2008**  
You don't want to miss our 3rd Annual 2008 Joycie Turner Scholarship Celebrity Golf Tournament for a Best Ball Scramble with Teams of Four captioned by a former/current NFL or NBA player @ the Golf Course in Allen, TX. All proceeds are awarded to high school seniors in the form of college scholarships. Call Pastor Stafford for details and to register

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**July 11-12, 6 pm**  
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## Tarpley's Scriptures for July 8

many are walking in darkness! **Matthews 5:16.** God does not demand success or profit, just obedience.

**1 Samuel 15:22.** The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. **Psalm 33:5.** The way to face trial is to begin praying, continue watching and end praising. **Hosea 6:4.** Calvary is the result of God's heartache for perishing souls. **John 3:14-15; 19:17-18.** Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of Your wings. **Psalm 63:7.** God wants from us—not our ability, but our availability. **Philippians 4:6-7.**

Many a Christian is not at home when opportunity knocks at his door. **Mark 1:33-34.** Christ emptied himself of celestial glory

that sinners might be filled with Heaven's riches. **2 Corinthians 8:9.** In God's eyes it is a great thing to do a little, well. **Colossians 3:23; 1 Corinthians 10:3.** The best bell to ring to call people to church is a good example. **2 Timothy 4:12; Hebrews 13:24, 25.** Holiness is not a luxury for a few, but a necessity for all. **Hebrews 12:14; 2 Corinthians 6:17-18.** To live victoriously think less of things "over you" and more of the power of Christ "in you." **1 John 4:4.** God and you make a majority that can win against all odds. **Romans 8:31; Matthew 28:20.**

God can turn winds of adversity into showers of blessings. **Genesis 50:20.** For the Christian there is an appointment in every

disappointment! **Psalm 42:11; Roman 8:28.** There will be more power in the pulpit when there is more prayer in the pew! **Acts 4:31.** The darker the night, the nearer the dawn! **Psalm 30:5.** The family that prays seldom strays! **James 5:17-18.** Hold firm the lantern of truth and it will guide you aright. **Proverbs 3:6.** A true friend will put a finger on your faults without rubbing them in! **Proverbs 27:5-6.**

The wise man adjusts himself to the Bible, but the fool adjusts the Bible to himself. **1 Corinthians 3:19.** Every day is the right day to use the right word. **Proverbs 24:6.** Salty Christians are the only ones who add true spice to life. **Matthew 5:13.** The only place



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where success comes before work is in the dictionary. **Genesis 2:15; Exodus 20:9-10.** Those who begin the day with prayer usually end it with praise. **Daniel 6:10-15.**

**Ponder This:** "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." **Psalm 119:105.** Rhema is a Greek word that means "living." The Bible is

often spoken of as the "Living" Word of God. It means that God will speak to you directly and personally through the scriptures. As you read your Bible, be aware of the Rhema Word of God. He may speak to you in specific ways you never thought possible. It is a wise individual who read God's Word daily and listens to Him speak.

## Sacrificing Summer Fun and Paying Jobs, "World Changers" Volunteer in Local Community

"World Changers," an initiative of the North American Mission Board, is bringing a group of approximately 240 junior high and high school students from across the country to several Dallas low-income neighborhoods to paint houses, replace roofs, and provide hope to area residents in need.

As most students spend their 2008 summer break

soaking in rays at the beach or lounging around the house, some 240 junior high and high school students will be hard at work on a week-long refurbishment and construction project in Dallas, July 12-19.

Dallas's needy low-income neighborhoods will reap the benefits of the visiting "World Changers," an initiative of the North American Mission Board,

in partnership with the Dallas Baptist Association and City of Dallas' People Helping People. This summer more than 22,000 students nationwide will forgo summer jobs and instead pay \$260, on average, to participate in 95 construction and community service projects from Alaska to Pennsylvania to South

Carolina.

Following a six-session, pre-project "how-to" study, students serving Dallas will take part in a variety of home improvement and cleanup, hanging sheetrock, roofing, pouring cement, and planting flowers. The students are staying at Casa View Baptist Church for the week.

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

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health fair at the church. The highlight of the day was "FREE GAS FOR SENIORS" held at Shell service station at Wheatland and Highway 67. Senior citizens ages 62 and older formed lines extending down Wheatland to get free gas. It was truly a blessing.

According to Pastor Carter, "Concord has been blessed to celebrate 33 years of ministry and service to the Oak Cliff community and beyond this month. Making a Difference Day is actually our way of thanking our community for all of the love and support we have

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