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Foreclosure crisis still hammers African Americans

By Avis Thomas Lester
Urban News Service

Willie Ann Lytle faced foreclosure on her home two days before Halloween. So she filed for bankruptcy to save it.

Lytle's parents bought the cheerful house on Addison Road in Capitol Heights, Maryland, for \$10,500 in 1948. She was only 1. Her mother, Margaret, taught her to cook in the same kitchen where she now prepares her own meals. Lytle and her brother, William Jr., played in the same room where she now watches Scandal. She tends the yard with the same care that her father, William, once did. And after her parents and brother each took ill with cancer, she nursed them, and later mourned their deaths there.

So, when creditors foreclosed in 2009, she resisted by filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection to erase some of her debts. When the house was scheduled for public auction, she filed for Chapter 13 on Oct. 27. She hoped to arrange a debt repayment plan and keep her home.

"My whole life is in this house," said Lytle, 68, a retired teacher's aide. "I am not going to let anybody take it from me."

Foreclosures reached crisis proportions among blacks years before



Willie Ann Lytle, 68, of Capitol Heights, Maryland, filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy two days before her home was slated to be sold at public auction Oct. 29, 2015. (Photo: Urban News Service)

devastating the general population starting in 2007. About 8 percent of African-American and Hispanic homeowners lost their residences to foreclosure from 2005 to 2008, compared with 4.5 percent of whites, according to the Center for Responsible Lending in Washington, D.C.

"Blacks started losing homes from about 2004. So we saw a wealth loss even before the recession," said Algernon Austin, a senior research fellow at Global Policy Solutions in D.C. "Gains in home

ownership that blacks had made since the 1960s have been lost."

This widespread decline in equity has eroded black wealth even further, Austin said. The median net worth for African-American households in 2007 was \$19,200, according to a December 2014 Pew Research Center report. That number dropped 43 percent to \$11,000 in 2013. White households fell from about \$192,500 in 2007 to \$141,900, a drop of 26 percent. His-

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Allured by the Oscars

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We've witnessed the allure of the infamous Red Carpet. The allure which, seemingly, captivates us, then ushers us all in, to the opulent and glamorous world of Hollywood's elite bestowing homage upon one another for their exceptional gifts of entertainment. This one night of, practiced and perfected, speeches; beautifully, hand-made and specifically designed fashions; elegantly carved

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The "Academy" goes down its list of predetermined nominees in all categories, chooses those whom the Academy considers worthy to bear the title of the elite, and also capable of upholding its well-established status. Then, finally, the Academy adorns its chosen ones with a coveted golden statue (Oscar), to remind them, and us, that

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Condoleezza Rice

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon announced the appointment of Celina Schocken as its Chief Executive Officer and Dr. Condoleezza Rice as the Chair of its Board of Directors. The leadership selections follow President George W. Bush's announcement last September that Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon, a public-private partnership aimed at catalyzing the global community to reduce deaths from cervical and breast cancer, is now an independent, non-profit organization.



"I'm pleased that two proven and respected leaders, Celina Schocken and Dr. Condoleezza Rice, have joined Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon in our fight against women's cancers," said President George W. Bush. "Each brings a strong

record of results to the team, and we are thrilled to welcome them. With Celina and Condi at the helm, Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon will expand its reach and save more lives through cancer screening and treatment."

In her new role, Schocken will lead the Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon partnership to save women and girls' lives from cancer in countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

Dr. Condoleezza Rice is currently the Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Stanford Graduate School of Business; the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson

Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution; and a professor of Political Science at Stanford University. She is also a founding partner of Rice-HadleyGates, LLC.

From January 2005-2009, Rice served as the 66th Secretary of State of the United States, the second woman and first African American woman to hold the post. Rice also served as President George W. Bush's Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs from January 2001-2005, the first woman to hold the position.

Rice served as Stanford

University's Provost from 1993-1999, during which time she was the institution's chief budget and academic officer. As Provost, she was responsible for a \$1.5 billion annual budget and the academic program, which involved 1,400 faculty members and 14,000 students.

From 1989 through March 1991, Rice served on President George H.W. Bush's National Security Council staff. She served as Director and Senior Director of Soviet and East European Affairs, and as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. In 1986,

while an international affairs fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, Rice also served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Rice earned her bachelor's degree in political science, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Denver; her master's from the University of Notre Dame; and her Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver. Rice is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has been awarded eleven honorary doctorates.

Angela Talton

NEW YORK — Nielsen Holdings plc recently announced that Angela Talton has been promoted to Chief Diversity Officer reporting to Chief Executive Officer Mitch Barns.



ship team and a champion for our companywide investments to ensure our business is representative of the communities where we live and work."

Talton was also included

Diversity Woman Magazine's winter issue which featured recipients of the national "Stars Who Mean Business Peer Awards."

The awards were presented during the 10th annual National Diversity Women's Business Leadership Conference at the Yacht & Beach Club Convention Center in Buena Vista, Florida last October.

The recipients of the Stars Award are: First Star – Patricia Harris, Global Chief Diversity Officer & Vice President, Global Community Engagement of McDonald's Corpora-

tion; Leading Star – Audra Bohannon, Senior Partner at Korn Ferry; Peer Star – Carmen Smith, Vice President of Creative Development of Walt Disney Imagineering, and in the Rising Star category there are two winners; Angela Talton and Ramona Royal, Human Resource Officer of AMICA.

Prior to this appointment, Talton served as Senior Vice President, Global Diversity and Inclusion, and she will continue to oversee Nielsen's diversity and inclusion programs including supplier diversity,

training and employee engagement.

Talton has been with Nielsen since 2007, joining the company as Senior Vice President for Global Call Center Operations. Prior to joining Nielsen, she held the positions of Divisional Vice President at Sears Holdings Corporation and Vice President, Business Processes at ALLTEL Communications.

Talton holds a BS in Business Administration from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an MBA from Kellogg

School of Management at Northwestern University.

Talton succeeds Dr. D. Sangeeta who has accepted the new role of Global Client Operations Leader overseeing all regional and client-related operations and deployment.

Nielsen is a global information and measurement company with headquarters in New York and the Netherlands. With offices in more than 100 countries, Nielsen employs more than 40,000 people worldwide and took in revenues of more than \$6.3 billion in 2014.

Wyntress B. Ware

The city of Fort Worth is rich in history, with many women playing significant roles, and Wyntress B. Ware, president and chief executive officer of Ware + Associates, has done just that. In 1987, she founded the first African-American, woman-owned public relations firm in Fort Worth.



Ware emphasized. "Our goal is to really make an impact in the Metroplex as the company that enhances inclusion through nontraditional public relations programs."

Today, nearly 30 years later, Ware + Associates has grown into a thriving organization, with as many as

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Ware + Associates, Inc. brings years of experience partnering with organizations to develop and execute strategic, results-oriented public affairs, marketing and diversity affairs programs. They are known throughout many market sectors for developing and implementing effective and successful campaigns, and these capabilities are increasingly becoming known at the national level.

The firm's longevity and success is attributed to Ware's philanthropic philosophy of service to clients and the community.

"The secret to success in the public relations world is integrity and service to your clients and the ability to impact their bottom line," stated Ware. "If you can't do that, they're moving on to someone else."

In 2004, Ware received the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber's prestigious Madam C. J. Walker Award for Outstanding Dedication to Community Service and in 1997, was named one of Tarrant County's Most Influential Women. Wyntress also holds several board memberships and licenses.

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Democrats and Republicans continue to ignore black voters

By Raynard Jackson
NNPA News Wire Columnist

Another election cycle, another year of Blacks being sold out by their media-appointed leadership.

Why am I the only one who seems amazed at how Hillary Clinton is so ostentatiously pimping Black folks for her own personal gain? Clinton has spent more time in the Black community in the past three weeks than she has in her entire adult life and has invoked the name of “Obama” more than the sum total of all Blacks collectively.

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), like the lapdogs that they are, have almost uniformly endorsed her candidacy; all the media-appointed civil rights groups and individuals have either outrightly or tacitly endorsed her.

Groups like the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP), the NAACP, the National Urban League are nothing more than sycophantic supporters of all things Democratic.

I have a few questions for these groups that have blindly sold out the very Black community that they claim to represent. Can anyone name me something specific that Hillary has done for the Black community in her more than quarter of a century in public life? Why has Hillary, the self-avowed feminist who is married to the “first Black president,” not publically demanded Obama nominate or even just consider nominating a Black female to the vacant Supreme Court seat? Why is it that the media-appointed Black leaders are just happy Hillary shows up to meet with them and take photographs?

Isn't it amazing that she never addresses the high unemployment rate in the Black community? Isn't it amazing that she never discusses meeting with any Black entrepreneurs? Isn't it amazing that she never discusses Black-on-Black crime?

All the Blacks she meets with make their living off the negative pathologies prevalent in the Black com-

munity. If the Black community actually started solving problems like unemployment, teenage pregnancy, poor schools, etc.; how and where would the NAACP, the National Urban League, and the CBC get their funding or justify their continued service in the United States Congress?

Observing Hillary's interaction with the Black community, one would conclude that all Blacks are involved in some aspect of the criminal justice system. As shocking as it might seem to liberal Democrats, most Blacks have nothing to do with the criminal justice system; but yet that seems to be all that she talks about relative to Blacks.

Will she ever address how under Obama, the continued existence of Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) is in doubt?

The average Black voter has no allegiance to Hillary and the Democratic Party; this is why I am so frustrated with the Republican Party.

The average Black voter is open to Republican solu-

tions to Black unemployment, stronger enforcement of housing discrimination laws, school choice, civil and voting rights legislation, etc.

The Republican Congress must begin to engage with Blacks on substantive policy issues. Republican presidential candidates must begin to discuss Black entrepreneurship, school choice, and racial disparities with an eye towards proffering solutions.

We already know that Hillary and the Democrats will use fear to try to get Black voter turnout up. They know they have nothing of substance to say to motivate Blacks to vote Democrat, but they also know that Republicans are totally inept when it comes to engaging with the Black community.

Democrats will use the usual mantras: Republicans want to suppress the Black vote, they want to repeal civil rights laws, they want to build more jails for Blacks, etc.

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these elite were chosen, selected, into this club of Oscar bearers.

Now understanding the society in which we live; where we still have Americans suffering in poverty, and our children continue to experience disparity in our schools and neighborhoods. Still a place where one too many food deserts exist and our homeless are caste aside and ignored. Still a place where our people are systematically demonized and labeled in order to justify America's conscience, while being harassed, beaten, and murdered by America's policemen (militarism based policing instead of peace officers that protect and serve our communities).

Still in understanding the society in which we live and have cohabitated with our fellowman for nearly 400 years since the invitation was extended to us through force to become Africans, made American slaves. Throughout this making of our people, we conformed to second-class citizenry just to survive. Just to survive.

We accepted our said place, and for many years we acted the way we were supposed to, the way we were told to, then how we were made to act in order to please the flesh owners.

It's saddening to know, also, along the way we have some, of our people, who hang on to the mentality to conform and refuse to stop

acting and trying to fit in and be a part of their club. (We can refer to these people as Stephen or Stacey). Stephen and Stacey will never see or understand the suffering of our people because they are too busy trying to fit into a white supremacy society, too busy trying to please Massa, too busy studying their given role to be the menace to their own people, and act up to their elite's standards. Even if it means, as it often does, hating oneself and understanding one's inferior status is the only acceptable means of acting.

The Oscars, certain country clubs, political societies and socialites have always had by-invitation-only memberships. Because of these social organizations, Blacks, Latinos, Asians, etc.

have had to always create and establish our own ways of honoring one another for our outstanding gifts which we share with the world.

The controversy of fairness in nominations and winners of the Oscars will not change. More likely than not, we will have the same issue next year. So, why should we covet the Oscars as the pinnacle of an actors' career? What makes our NAACP awards, or any other award honoring any person of color less than an Oscar award? Maybe it's because of how we see ourselves. Maybe it's because we truly believe we are inferior. Maybe it's the infamous Red Carpet which allures us in, to an opulent and glamorous world, only to experience it from a second-class view.

Diversity among doctors drives trust in health care

By Patricia Maryland
NNPA Guest Columnist

Black History Month gives us the opportunity to reflect on the countless examples of the contributions that African-Americans have made to build our country. By celebrating these pioneers who helped shape America, we are inspired to overcome adversity and realize the positive change we, too, are capable of enacting in areas where inequity still persists. Black health is one such example where much has been achieved, but much more can be done to secure positive health outcomes in the Black community.

We know that on virtually every measure of health, African-Americans fare far worse than their White counterparts – from diabetes to heart disease to infant mortality. These disparities can be explained by myriad and co-influencing factors, including a lack of access to affordable healthcare, nutritional education and safe spaces to exercise.

A less apparent, but equally troubling, reason for unequal outcomes in



Black health is a strong sense of skepticism – even mistrust — in physicians, in medicine and in the healthcare system in general. The impact of the Tuskegee syphilis study, a four-decades-long clinical trial in which African-American men, unaware of their condition, endured the disease for the purpose of medical observation, still looms large on the Black consciousness, perpetuating a culture of wariness that has lingered for generations.

Mistrust in medicine is particularly pronounced among African-American men, many of whom will enter the healthcare system only after their conditions are severe or life-threatening. A 2011 study by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill found

that Black men who self-identified as “highly mistrustful” of healthcare were more than twice as likely to delay check-ups and cholesterol screenings, and three times more likely to delay a routine blood pressure screening, than those who were more trusting.

Distrust, skepticism, fear — these beliefs are intensely embedded in the history of Black healthcare, but they are ones we must overcome if we are to truly improve the health of our families and communities. Today, too often, a lack of trust can become a huge liability, even a death sentence, for Black patients.

I became a healthcare professional, because I saw my family members, friends and neighbors plagued by diseases that could have

been prevented, if they had taken a proactive approach to their care. While it's important to acknowledge that African-Americans' relationship with the healthcare system is complex, our community cannot afford to remain disengaged in these matters.

That's why all of us must take a hard look at the barriers that prevent African-Americans from achieving health equity and commit to an effort to reclaim Black health and wellness.

On the part of individual members of the Black community, that means not only taking advantage of the coverage opportunities provided by the Affordable Care Act, but also taking a hands-on approach to health — one that seeks out care in a timely and accountable fashion and works to nurture a positive culture of health in our families, churches, neighborhoods and cities.

On the part of healthcare providers, this work will require a new standard of care that recognizes the unique needs of minority populations and designs a care strategy around what works for each individual patient.

Working with physicians at our facilities, we are learning that when we actively engage the patient in his or her care, we're better able to build meaningful, long-term relationships that lead to better health outcomes. This personalized care approach is proving vital in earning trust and improving the health of the African American community.

Representation also matters when it comes to building confidence in healthcare among minority communities. Black Americans make up 13 percent of the population, yet they account for barely 4 percent of practicing physicians nationwide. What's more, studies show

relationships between patients and physicians of the same race or ethnic background also are characterized by higher levels of trust, respect and patient satisfaction.

It's clear that more needs to be done to encourage African-Americans to pursue medical professions — and ensure the proper supports are in place to nurture diversity in the field.

As we remember and reflect on Black history — the bad and the good, the darkness and the light — there is no better time than now to commit to actions that will make our community healthier and stronger. And it begins by working together to break down barriers, real and perceived, to the care we need and deserve.

Patricia A. Maryland, Dr.PH, is the President of Healthcare Operations and Chief Operating Officer of Ascension Health.

Creating the life you really want to live

You say you want to spend more time with your family, but instead stay late at the office to get ahead in your career.

You vow to give back to your community by volunteering, but can't work it into your schedule.

In short, there's a disconnect between people's words and actions when it comes to what matters most, says Lee Stoerzinger, a financial planner (www.leestoerzinger.com) and author of “On The Back Burner,” which explores how Americans can align the values they espouse with the values they live.

“In theory, we should all try to live a life that is as close as possible to what we say we care about most,” he says. “In reality, that doesn't happen.”

Too often, how people think about money gets them off track, Stoerzinger says. They strive for the highest-paying job, an expensive car and a luxurious house.

As a financial planner he understands the importance of money and how crucial it is to manage it wisely.

But as a family man who adopted two Haitian children orphaned by a 2010 earthquake, he also knows a person's legacy shouldn't be limited to material goods bequeathed to family members.

“When you think about it, defining your values should be easy,” Stoerzinger says. “It's what you believe about God. It's how you want to raise your children. It's what you want to spend your free time doing.”

The trick is to create a mindset that helps you give greater weight to what matters most and inspires you to act. Anyone can take steps to get thinking and acting in the right direction, Stoerzinger says, such as:

- Focus on family activities. Create a new family tradition, such as organizing a monthly game night, buying tickets to a baseball game in the summer, or taking an annual road trip. You could have donuts the morning of your kid's birthday, start a family book club or visit a shelter once a month to feed the homeless.

- Connect with nature. Go birding, take canyon hikes with your dog, go shelling at the beach, go kayaking on the lake, paint

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Easter weekend activities offered at Dallas Arboretum

To celebrate the Easter holiday, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden has planned a weekend full of exciting activities including music, festive treats, children's activities and a garden full of floral backdrops perfect for Easter photos.

New this year is renowned sculptor Gary Lee Price's Great Contributors Bronze Statues Exhibit, which features eight life-size sculptures of Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Claude Monet, Albert Einstein, William Shakespeare, Mark Twain and the Wright Brothers. These "Greats" are on display among more than 100 kinds of spring bulbs and are a must-see. Easter weekend is sponsored by Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate.

Mary Brinegar, Dallas Arboretum president, said, "Families have made visiting Easter weekend a tradition because it's during Dallas Blooms, one of the most glorious moments in the garden. The last weeks of March usher in the blossoming of the 150 cherry trees, and the first weeks of April showcase the 3,000 azaleas, so it's a beautiful time to visit." The largest floral festival in the South-



west, Dallas Blooms runs through April 10.

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Dallas County to name jail medical facility after minority leaders

Dallas County officials have announced it will name the county jail's medical facility after two Dallas minority leaders, both of whom made history and broke molds in their community.

The \$39 million facility will now bear the names of Jesse Everett Gill and Dr. Onesimo Hernandez and be known as the Gill - Dr. Hernandez Medical Facility.

This is the first time in the 170 year history of Dallas County that a county government facility will be named in honor of a Latino. It will also become the only Dallas County government facility named after both an African-American and a Latino.

"I am very proud that we are recognizing the contributions of these

two men, Dr. Hernandez in particular," said Dallas County Commissioner Elba Garcia. "Dr. Hernandez committed himself to helping our community, like so many other Latino leaders of his generation. It is important for us and for future generations to remember and recognize their achievements."

Dr. Onesimo Hernandez and Jesse Everett Gill were both born and raised in Dallas and graduated from DISD high schools. Both men achieved important firsts in the Dallas area and both dedicated their adult lives to public service and the betterment of their communities.

Dr. Hernandez was the first Latino to attend Southwestern Medical School. He then served as an intern at Parkland Hospital and later

became the first Mexican-American physician on the staff of St. Paul's Hospital. Jesse Everett Gill was the first African-American to hold the position of deputy sheriff in Dallas County. He later taught for 20 years at Clara Oliver Elementary in Oak Cliff. A scholarship was named in his honor by the Dallas Co. Peace Officers Association.

The Gill - Dr. Hernandez Medical Facility was completed in March 2015. The 139,000 sq. ft. stand-alone, centralized medical and mental health services facility includes medical clinic space, a full service pharmacy, and medical staff offices. This state-of-the-art infirmary has improved the delivery of medical and mental health to Dallas County Jail patients.

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outdoors, see the bigger picture and look at the sky. "The world is full of wonders to de-stress and bless us," Stoerzinger says.

• Give back. Consider how you can be a servant in your community without donating money. Who has needs you can meet? Think about

your true passions in life. Who can benefit from your skills?

"We can continue complaining about money, stress and schedules," Stoerzinger says. "Or we can admit that we need to step back, define what's important to us and live our lives with dedication to those

things."

Lee Stoerzinger, CFP, has practiced wealth management since 1993. Graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1992 with a bachelor of arts in cumulative finance, Lee began his career as an independent financial representative at his firm, Lee Stoerzinger, Inc.

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Do you or your child plan on attending Collin College in the summer or fall of 2016? Get personal advice on getting started at a Destination College workshop from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 22 at Collin College's Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. The seminar is free



and open to the public.

The workshop "Getting Started at Collin College:

For New Students" walks participants through each step of the process, from ad-

missions to advising and applying for financial aid. Student services representatives will be available to answer individual questions from attendees.

While the seminar is free, registration is required. To register, visit www.collin.edu/destinationcollege. For more information, call 972-377-1772.

Destination College is a

Collin College initiative that helps high school students and their parents to get ready for college, no matter which institution they choose.

Other upcoming Destination College seminars include "Saving for College: The Time is Now," from 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, April 5 at the Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Center

and "From High School to College: Your Successful Transition Begins Now," from 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, April 26 at the Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center, 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco.

A full list of seminars is available by clicking "Upcoming Events" at www.collin.edu/destinationcollege.

Website permits global policy analysis across time and place

AUSTIN, Texas — As the presidential primaries heat up, political leaders, journalists and students of government can compare politicians' policy suggestions to public policy around the globe and across time using an online tool developed by The University of Texas at Austin.

The Comparative Agendas Project builds on the Policy Agendas Project site launched in 2010 by UT

Austin government professor Bryan Jones to provide public access to United States policy data dating back to 1947. As of March 1, the new site globalizes that effort by allowing users to access and compare data from 20 countries, two U.S. states and the European Union, all from one central website.

"The Comparative Policy Agendas Project aims to be the gold standard for policy

comparisons among countries. Our new website uses a pioneering system to allow straightforward graphical analyses of policy trends — across time, across issues and across countries," said Jones, the J.J. "Jake" Pickle Chair in Congressional Studies. Jones began the Policy Agendas Project in 1993 with Frank Baumgartner, a political scientist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Going global required researchers to establish a consistent coding scheme that would allow for students and scholars from any country to uniformly catalog data — a problem that was solved in 2014 through a collaborative effort among the University of Mannheim, UT Austin and UT Austin's Liberal Arts Information Technology Services.

"Analysis has very much

been left up to the researcher, but this system standardizes the way researchers classify, categorize and analyze outputs, making it easier to compare data over time and between places," said graduate researcher Annelise Russell, who oversees undergraduate student involvement in the project.

The new trends tool, which is free and accessible to the public, allows for on-

the-fly comparison of legislative, executive, judicial, media and public opinion data across time, policy area and country.

"The website is a jumping-off point for scholars, journalists and anyone interested in policy to begin to understand the universality of public policy," Russell said.

Users can access the site at www.comparativeagendas.net.

Campaign encourages Dallas high school seniors to apply for financial aid

The Commit! Partnership, Dallas-area civic leaders, nonprofit organizations, local school districts and institutions of higher education have launched a campaign to encourage students to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).

Volunteers from local businesses and community

organizations will assist high school seniors and their families complete the forms at several workshops. The workshops will take place on February 27 and March 5.

"Postsecondary education and vocational training is critical to our region's continued economic success," said Dr. Joe May, Chancellor of Dallas Community College School Dis-

trict. "Grants, work-study programs and subsidized loans provide critical access to needed training for a successful career in the 21st century."

To learn more about financial aid opportunities and the upcom-

ing workshops, please visit www.youcanaffordcollege.org.

The event takes place on Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at David W. Carter High School (1819 West Wheatland Road, Dallas, Texas 75232).

DISD students wanted for summer internships

The Dallas Bar Association is looking for talented, energetic, hard-working Dallas ISD students who are in their junior year for paid internships in law firms, non-profits and corporate legal departments for four or eight weeks this summer. The Summer Law Intern Program teaches students the demands of an of-

fice environment, while gaining self-confidence and learning about professionalism. Interns will enjoy courthouse and college campus tours, and other educational programs hosted by the Dallas Bar.

Students who are bilingual in Spanish and/or who

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North Texas Municipal Water District to carry out annual water quality tests



Plano's water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), will perform annual chlorine maintenance on transmission and distribution systems from March 7 through April 4. You may notice a shift in the taste or smell of your drinking water.

Chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality and water remains safe. We will be

opening hydrants and flushing our lines in some areas during this 28-day period to get the maximum benefit of the maintenance. This process helps to keep our chloramine residuals in check with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements.

Learn more about chlorine maintenance on the NTMWD website.

#GarlandStrong campaign launched to rebuild after December tornado

The day after Christmas 2015 was filled with family time and post-holiday errands for most north Texans, until an EF4 tornado ripped through the region, including parts of Garland. The tornado struck near Interstate 30 and the President George Bush Turnpike. Nine people lost their lives that night in vehicles that were swept off a highway overpass. More than 1,100 structures were impacted in south Garland. Assessors



declared 127 destroyed and categorized 219 more as unsafe.

Now, hundreds of Gar-

land residents are navigating the road to recovery.

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Of course, none of these accusations are rooted in fact.

Republicans will reflexively go to all the liberal Black conventions (NAACP, Urban League, etc.) in their bizarre attempt to prove they are not racist; but they never demand any concessions from these groups like they would from a White group.

I have constantly advised Republicans to refuse to speak to any Black conventions unless they agree to put Black Republicans on their various panels throughout the week of their meetings. To my astonishment, their response is, "We can't do that. We need them more than they need us."

Let me interpret that statement for you. They are afraid to play hardball with Black groups because they

"may" be called racist by the liberal media.

I am amazed at how much of the interactions Republicans have with the Black community is out of fear of being labeled a racist, as opposed to engaging with the Black community based on a set of shared values and interests.

Between both political parties, there have been close to twenty presidential debates; and no substantive discussion on the Black unemployment rate, the decline of HBCUs, or Black entrepreneurship. Why?

Black media, especially Black newspapers, are totally invisible in the presidential debates in both parties. Both parties are tripping over themselves with Hispanic media and addressing issues specific to that community; but with

Blacks, not so much.

This despite the fact that Blacks vote at a much higher percentage than Hispanics and Blacks have a much larger voting age population (VAP).

Both parties fear Black people. The Democrats fear that Blacks won't turn out without Obama being on the ballot; Republicans fear Blacks won't vote for a Republican. Both are equally wrong.

Raynard Jackson & Associates, LLC is an internationally recognized political consulting, government affairs, and PR firm based in Washington, DC. Jackson is an internationally recognized radio talk show host and TV commentator. He has coined the phrase "straticist." As a straticist, he has merged strategic planning with public relations. Visit his website at: www.raynardjackson.com.

Keep Irving Beautiful clean-up on April 9

Irving residents are invited to roll up their sleeves and help keep Irving Beautiful on April 9 at the Trinity View Park at the pavilion located near the soccer fields at 2298 E. 6th Street.

The "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off" is Texas'

signature event for the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program. Keep Irving Beautiful's event will be held at Trinity View Park, part of Irving's Champion Trails, bordering the Elm Fork of the Trinity River.

The Trinity River watershed drains an area of 11.5 million acres and supports the water needs of 40 percent of the Texas population, nearly 9 million people, so please join us to help keep its #1 pollutant – litter – out of this important waterway.

Local tourney grows awareness for women and children in golf game

Dallas area golf professional Maulana Dotch's passion is to increase the awareness of golf among women and children. That is why she is hosting the Maulana Dotch Golf Classic presented by Bishop Arts CrossFit. It will be held Friday, April 22, 2016 at Cedar Crest Golf Course, 1800 Southerland Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

75203. The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. The event in-



Maulana Dotch is making waves in the golf world as an African American woman.

cludes breakfast, lunch, for women only, but this golf awards, and prizes. Last year the classic was

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February 26, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

The McKinney Housing Authority announces the OPENING OF THE WAIT LISTS FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Online Application will be available at www.mckinneyha.org beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 21st, 2016 and will remain available until four hundred (400) applications are received.

The preferred method of acceptance is the online portal. However, in order to make the application process accessible to all applicants, the MHA will accept one hundred (100) applications from Elderly and Disabled via the following methods:

- Applications may be completed online beginning March 21, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.
- Persons with disabilities requiring assistance to complete the application may apply in person at MHA's Office located at 1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX 75069, from Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., beginning March 21, 2016 until one hundred (100) applications have been received.

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If you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the site, please contact McKinney Housing Authority at 972-542-5641, with a 72 hour of the scheduled business meeting date. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.



CARROLLTON Program offered on tech industry

A Tech Industry Program will be held on Wednesday, March 23 at CyrusOne-1649 W. Frankford Road, in Carrollton.

You must check-in 4 p.m. with panel discussion 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. followed at 5:30 - 6:30 drink/hors d'oeuvre and tours of CyrusOne. Richardson Chamber of Commerce members pay \$25, cost is \$35 for non-members.

No walk-ins due to security (bring drivers license), make a reservation by March 21.

Carrollton Women's Club Nurtures Can Academy Students

The Dallas Can Academy Carrollton/Farmers Branch students are fortunate to have community supporters like the Carrollton Women's Club (CWC).

Recently, CWC assisted the school's on-campus Wee Can Academy by donating fleece blankets made at their Blanketfests throughout the year. These blankets are used in the infant nursery and preschool to keep the young children warm and com-



The Carrollton Women's Club recently donated blankets to Dallas Can Academy.

forted. Every child enrolled in Carrollton Farmers Branch's Wee Can Academy receives a blanket to take home.

The mission of CWC is to promote club fellowship and enhance the community through service, involvement and action. "The Carrollton Women's Club is a great community partner and their blanket donations make a big difference to the children enrolled in our early childhood development center," said Dr. Lucy Hakemack, principal of Dallas Can Academy. "These women have been strong supporters of our students for several years with other donations and an annual college scholarship program. Their generosity is greatly needed and appreci-

ated by our kids."

MURPHY Outstanding Citizen award started

In an effort to recognize those residents and business owners who exemplify what makes Murphy such an excellent place to live, work and play, the City Council has instituted the Murphy Matters Outstanding Citizen Award program, according to City Manager James Fisher.

Eligibility for the recognition includes Murphy residents of any age and owners of Murphy businesses.

Criteria for the award covers extraordinary contributions, service, positive impact, civic pride, and volunteerism as well as any other

contribution that enhances Murphy's community life.

Candidates for the award may be nominated by filling out an award nomination form, available at City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road or by downloading the form from www.murphytx.org or by sending a note to administration@murphytx.org.

Murphy City Council accepts resignation of city manager

The City Council has accepted the resignation of City Manager James Fisher effective March 1, says Mayor Eric Barna.

"We have accepted the resignation of the City Manager," he said. "The City of Murphy is now making plans for the transition. Mr. Fisher has done great things and accomplished much for Murphy. We're thankful for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors."

Fisher served as Murphy City Manager for eight years and saw the City through periods of commercial growth, economic development and an expansion of parks and trails among other accomplishments.

The City Council will initiate an immediate search for his replacement. No other

staff changes are anticipated.

RICHARDSON Small businesses to benefit from express permitting program

City staff presented details of a proposed express building permitting program Monday.

The new permitting program, which begins March 1, will provide a guaranteed plan review time of three business days from date of submittal.

Specific criteria as to which projects are eligible for express permitting will also help streamline the process. Those eligible will be limited to:

- Tenant finish-outs and

interior remodel projects of 5,000 square feet or less for business/professional offices and retail occupancies where hazardous materials are not stored, used or dispensed.

• Exterior remodels that do not increase the square footage of the building or increase the height, requiring development or zoning review (examples include façade enhancements, reroofs, roof repairs, etc.)

• Any other project specifically authorized by the Building Official.

More information will also be posted on the City's Building Inspection web page at www.cor.net/buildingin-spection.

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year everyone is welcome to play - women, men, and juniors.

Maulana Dotch is the first African-American woman in Texas and the second in America to earn her Class A, PGA Membership and become certified as a LPGA Teaching Professional. In addition to teaching adults golf at Cedar Crest Golf Course, Ms. Dotch teaches boys and girls the game of golf. She conducts the

Cedar Crest Junior Golf Program, the LPGA Girls Golf Program and instructs The First Tee of Greater Dallas Program.

Proceeds from the tournament will provide scholarships to Cedar Crest junior golfers who are graduating seniors and donations to causes such as The Center for Empowerment and the Pink Tee Foundation "I am so committed to growing the game of golf among

women and children, especially minorities," said Maulana Dotch. "I want to use this event as an avenue to grow the awareness of the game and how golf can open doors to other opportunities in life, especially for kids."

The tournament includes the following events:

- 7:00 a.m. - Registration and Breakfast
 - 8:30 a.m. - Shotgun Start
 - 2:00 p.m. - Luncheon and Awards Ceremony
- For entry fee details on

the tournament, visit www.tournevents.com/mdi 2016.

Sponsorship levels range from \$7500.00 to \$250.00. For sponsorship opportunities, e-mail mdotch@pga.com.

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Garland is a strong community that has worked tirelessly to help our neighbors since this disaster hit.

The #GarlandStrong campaign is raising funds to help with the rebuilding process - to address needs that cannot be met by insurance or non-profit assistance. Such long-term re-

covery efforts are expected to be substantial.

Atmos Energy kicked off the fundraising effort with a \$50,000 contribution, given through its Atmos Energy/Robert W. Best Charitable Giving Fund. Donations of every amount can make a difference!

To donate, visit Garland-

Strong.com, or write a check payable to Garland Tornado Relief Fund, mail to:

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Heroes take destiny into their own hands when Kathy Burks Theatre of Puppetry Arts present the updated production of *HANSEL AND GRETEL*, running from March 4, 2016 through April 3 at Dallas Children's Theater.



Hansel and Gretel get lost in an enchanted forest while searching for food and after spoiling their whole family's dinner, they must use their

powers of imagination and problem solving to save themselves from a crafty old witch with a house made of gingerbread and candy.

Puppeteers follow the storyline of the centuries-old fairytale that has been told time and time again. When B. Wolf adapted *HANSEL AND GRETEL* for DCT, she made slight changes to some of the more graphic elements to reflect the family-friendly audiences that Dallas Children's Theater caters to. Wolf has been writing and puppeteering for Kathy Burks for 40 years, and composing music productions for DCT since 1995.

"This story is a very, very

old fairytale but it's still relevant today," says Kathy Burks. "Hansel and Gretel solved their problem and learned how to deal with bad things and scary things. They began to think for themselves and realized what their mother and father taught them about life."

Opening Night Party – Friday, March 4!

On opening night, audience members will leave with a small bag of treats from Amy's Chocolate Gifts to enjoy from home—not a

mysterious trail. Before the show on March 4, patrons will be surrounded by a thicket of activities including face painting, a lollipop-themed craft, and giveaways. Tickets for *HANSEL AND GRETEL* range in price from \$13 to \$26; lap seats are available for children under 3 years old.

To reserve your tickets for a family-friendly retelling of *HANSEL AND GRETEL*, please call the DCT Box Office at 214-740-0051 or visit dct.org.

There's no shortage of fireworks in *London Has Fallen*

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

So clearly the cast of *Olympus Has Fallen* enjoyed working together so much that they decided to move it across the pond and make *London Has Fallen* together. President Barack Obama has had a rough presidency, but President Benjamin Asher (Aaron Eckhart) has had his wife die tragically and his butt kicked, and finds himself literally just seconds away from being assassinated via livestreaming to billions around the world. But no worries his favorite Secret Agent Mike Banning played by the brooding Gerard But-



Morgan Freeman has been promoted to Vice President this time.

ler is there to protect him.

London does a good job of keeping you on the edge of your seats with quite a few "oh no!" moments as the synchronized bombings and shootings begin at the funeral for the prime minister of England. In a matter of moments at least five heads of

states are killed. But the real target is President Asher and unlike his nemesis in the first flick, the president sort of picked this fight when in a drone attack he killed the daughter of an arms dealer.

Not only is Butler and Eckhart back but Morgan Freeman's character has been

promoted from Speaker of the House to Vice President. Also returning are Angela Bassett looking fierce as the Secret Service Director Lynn Jacobs, Melissa Leo's Secretary of Defense Ruth McMillian fares better this time around, and a few other fa-

miliar faces.

Is *London Has Fallen* a great flick no? But it is certainly worth a bag of popcorn as you sit back and enjoy the audacity of the terrorists as they execute their well planned diabolical plot. By the way, I think President

Obama would agree after an attack like this, President Asher should probably just resign and start working on his memoir. Meanwhile you can check out *London Has Fallen* in your favorite local theater beginning on Friday March 4.



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Zootopia will entertain kids and their parents

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Zootopia puts Disney at the front of the line with the first animated film kids and parents will really want to see in 2016. It delivers with not only a rich look to the flick, but the story is a winner. So often animated films work so hard at preaching a message to children and throwing in enough humor to keep parents entertained. Zootopia walks the fine line well enough to earn loyal fans from both parities.

In Zootopia the mammals have found a way to co-exist peacefully. The predators and their usual prey live



Judy and Nick's conversation with the sloth is one of the funniest scenes in Disney's Zootopia

together in harmony, including yoga instructing elephants (a sight you won't be able to unsee for a minute). But even in this animal paradise, who would imagine a rabbit becoming a cop? Judy Hopps (voiced by Ginnifer Goodwin) is one determined bunny and

nothing – not even the suggestion by her parents that she should tone down her ambitions will stop her in her pursuit to be the first rabbit cop. She certainly gets a less than warm welcome from her boss (Idris Elba) once she actually completes the police acad-

emy, but even that won't deter her. When Police Chief Bogo relegates her to meter maid duties she sets a goal of getting more than 200 tickets before Noon – and of course she does just that!

Through a do go moment she is introduced to a flustered father fox named Nick (Justin Bateman) who just wants to buy a frozen treat for his toddler. Of course, he is being sly as a fox (come on you knew it was coming) as Nick is an enterprising con artist. Even with her father's fierce warning to be careful of all foxes, Judy and Nick eventually become allies after she out-

foxes the fox (another pun you should have seen coming). The furry duo are trying to stem the tidal wave of fear that is building in Zootopia because of the missing mammals and the suggestion that predators are on the prowl, after all it is in their DNA.

As our headlines are filled constantly with themes related to race relations, this flick can be a way to have a conversation about acceptance and appreciation of others. The movie is not heavy handed but it clearly is trying to address issues about racial profiling, the subtle prejudices we give ourselves per-

mission to feel OK about and how inappropriate our actions can be because sometimes we don't know better. When you hear the lamb proclaim "You can't just touch a sheep's wool!" many of us with natural hair will recognize the sentiment.

This is certainly animated flick you want to enjoy in 3D so you can be immersed in the color drenched utopia of Zootopia. Seeing the film at the IMAX theater was a treat. And with box office estimates of over \$60 million, it is very likely many of you will check out the film in theaters on Friday, March 4.

Race doesn't whitewash Owens' historic sports career

By Dwight Brown
NNPA News Wire Film Critic

"On the track, there is no Black and White, just fast and slow. For those 10 seconds you are free," says Jesse Owens (Stephan James) in this very moving and inspiring bio/sports movie that captures the essence of this legendary athlete's life, challenges and achievements. Race is a history lesson, personal profile

and a crowd pleaser. Before you see this movie, you might wonder why they didn't just call it "Jesse," or "Jesse Owens." Ten minutes into the footage, you completely understand why. Owens feat of winning four Olympic Gold Medals did not happen in a bubble. He endured the indignities of racism and segregation in the U.S., and saw prejudice firsthand in Berlin in the 1930s. To the credit of this movie's

perceptive team, they didn't shy away from the inequalities and degradation of the period as they retold his story.

Producer Luc Dayan, who developed and produced an award-winning short film tribute to Jesse Owens and Carl Lewis, nurtured this project and was joined by producer Jean-Charles Lévy, director Stephen Hopkins (Predator 2, Lost in Space) and screenwriters Joe Shrap-

nel and Anna Waterhouse (Halle Berry's Frankie & Alice). Their production has

a surprising sensitivity and honest response to racism that carries through for two

hours and 14 minutes. James Cleveland "Jesse" See RACE, Page 16

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Third annual Entrepreneurs' Evening scheduled for April 26

Join fellow business owners, potential business owners and other entrepreneurs for the third annual Entrepreneurs' Evening, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 at the Collin College Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Conference Center Rooms A-B. Reserve a table for the event now.

Informal, but informative, the free event will allow community members, as well as students, to network and learn from fellow



entrepreneurs in a relaxed, come-and-go setting. Attendees are encouraged to bring business cards, flyers,

brochures or any information they want to share.

Although this is a free event, businesses are en-

couraged to reserve a table to ensure their whole team can take part. To learn more about reserving a table, contact Danielle Sullivan at dsullivan7@cougarmail.colin.edu. Be sure to put "E Evening" in the subject line. In the body of the e-mail, include a contact name, phone number, business name, the industry the business is part of, a business website and whether you are interested in reserving a table or half table, displaying business cards or simply

attending.

The Living Legends Conference Center is located on Collin College's Spring Creek Campus at 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

Entrepreneurs' Evening is sponsored by the Collin College Marketing Department and Students in Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (SEED).

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panic households slid from \$23,600 in 2007 to \$13,700 in 2013, 42 percent less. Pew generated these statistics after analyzing the Federal Reserve's Survey of Consumer Finances.

Charles R. Lowery Jr., director of Fair Lending and Inclusion for the NAACP, said the home ownership rate for African-Americans has hovered near 40 percent for many years, while the rate for whites exceeds 70 percent. He said programs that helped many whites realize the American dream of home ownership decades ago, such as the GI Bill, often excluded blacks. Many black first-time buyers also lacked the money to cover down payments and closing costs. Also, blacks rarely inherited homes – an avenue to wealth that many whites walked for generations.

The Center for Responsible Lending estimates that 2.5 million homes fell to foreclosure from 2007 through 2009, the first three years of the crisis and the period when the most losses occurred. Most of these mortgages had originated between 2005 and 2008.

George Mason University law professor Todd Zywicki believes that federal policy played a role in the foreclosure crisis.

"Federal policy, starting with the FHA and then

spreading to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, promoted home ownership by new borrowers...by weakening home loan standards," he said. "...Nothing-down mortgages combined with low interest rates prompted a lot of people to buy homes and to essentially treat them as investments that later went sour."

Lytle said she was making her payments until her loan was sold. She had initiated four loans over the years for home repairs.

Each time, her monthly payments increased, and her loan repayment period was extended. She said she applied for a loan modification to reduce the payments from \$1,695 to \$1,315. Then she retired, her income fell, and problems started. Eventually the lender began foreclosure proceedings.

"For many of the black home buyers who got caught up in the foreclosure crisis, there was a lack of understanding about the process, how it works," said Bob Ross, president of

the NAACP chapter in Prince George's County, a wealthy, majority-black jurisdiction that was the epicenter of Maryland's housing crisis. "Remember, we are only 50 years from the Civil Rights movement. We've only been homeowners for a short period of time."

Lytle said she has nothing beyond the walls that surround her.

"For many people, the only wealth they have is tied up in their homes. If they take those away, you have nothing," Lytle said.

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Four business lessons drawn from dangerous threats

Business can lead to cut-throat competition – in more ways than one – but Tom Nix learned that the darkest moments also can lead to the greatest triumphs.

“It’s the worst experiences that sometimes teach us the most important lessons,” says Nix, a successful businessman and author of “Nixland: My Wild Ride in the Inner City Check Cashing Industry” (nixland.net).

The incredible rise of his multimillion-dollar enterprise, Nix Check Cashing, is a case in point. Nix encountered turbulent times in the inner city of Los Angeles as he built his company into a trusted institution among underserved communities.

He and his employees faced harrowing experiences, such as armed robberies and threats from the mob, which hoped to block some of his expansion plans.

The 1992 riots that erupted after a jury acquitted police officers in the beating of Rodney King proved especially distressing. Many businesses were looted or burned to the ground, and Nix scrambled to protect his check-cashing locations.

He was gratified to learn that loyal customers pre-

vented some branches from being torched.

“We even had a gang member call us,” Nix says. “He said he had always been treated with respect at Nix, and his gang decided not to burn Nix because we were part of the community.”

Nix says his experiences taught him valuable lessons that relate both to business and life, such as:

- **Take responsibility.** This applies to everything that happens, including things you can’t control. Once when an economic downturn left him unable to pay bills, Nix contacted each creditor to explain his predicament and work out a plan. That upfront approach helped the business avoid bankruptcy.

- **Never play the victim role or blame game.** Avoid replaying misfortunes over and over in your mind. Accept setbacks gracefully and concentrate on getting back on track. In the 1990s, a business deal that went awry nearly forced Nix to sell his company, but he focused on solving the problem and persevered.

- **Be courageous.** The most debilitating human emotion is fear. Learn to keep it in perspective, minimize it when applicable

and harness it to your benefit when need be. Nix says standing up to bullies as a child set the stage for standing up to the mob.

- **Maintain integrity.** Operating with fair play and compassion is important in building trust. “The way community members protected some of our branches during the riots was a reflection of this,” Nix says.

“Treating people fairly and supporting community programs paid off.”

Good times may be more enjoyable, but challenging times provide more oppor-

tunity for growth, he says.

“Realize that bad people, tough times and mistakes are your teachers,” Nix says. “Always ask yourself, ‘What do I need to do to capitalize on these events?’”

Tom Nix, author of the memoir “Nixland” (Nixland.net). He built Nix Check Cashing into a multimillion-dollar operation before selling it in 2007. Recently, Nix has turned to public speaking and writing with the goal of helping people overcome obstacles and have similar success.



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It's design to celebrate strong women who have made, or who are making a difference/ I will highlight facts about Black women and their contribution to mankind this month.

Throughout history, Black women have made contributions to our society. Unfortunately, most of the time, you will not find their stories in America's history books.

Accounts of the lives of individual Black women are critically important because they reveal exceptionally strong role models who share a more expansive vision of what a woman can do.

The stories of Black women's lives, and the choices they made, encourage Black girls and young women to think larger and bolder, and give Black boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience.

Knowing Black women's achievements challenges stereotypes and upends social assumptions about who they are and what they can accomplish today.

There is real power in hearing Black women's stories, both personally and in a larger context. Remembering and recounting tales of our ancestors' talents, sacrifices, and commitments inspires today's generations and opens the way to the future.

Delilah L. Beasley - Historian and Newspaper Columnist; at her memorial service, which was a testament to her life-long crusade for justice, all attending stood and made the following pledge—"Every life casts it shadow, my life plus others make power to move the world. I, therefore

pledge my life to the living work of brotherhood and material understanding between the races.

Beasley was the first

Black woman to be regularly published in a major metropolitan newspaper and the first author to present the history of Blacks in

early California.

Growing up in Ohio, Beasley started writing social columns for Black and White newspapers while still a teenager. After her parents' deaths, she sought a career path that would better support her younger siblings, working as a hairdresser, massage therapist, nurse, and maid for many years.

In 1910 she moved to Oakland California where she immersed herself in the local Black community and again started writing articles in local newspapers.

In 1915 Beasley started writing a weekly column in the Oakland Tribune. Her articles protested the stereotypes contained in the movie "The Birth of a Nation." Through a column called "Activities among Negroes," she campaigned for Black dignity and rights.

She Highlighted activities of local churches, women's clubs, literary societies, along with national politics, and achievements of Black men and women; her column aimed to give all readers a positive picture of the

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Delilah L. Beasley (1867-1934), Historian and Newspaper Columnist

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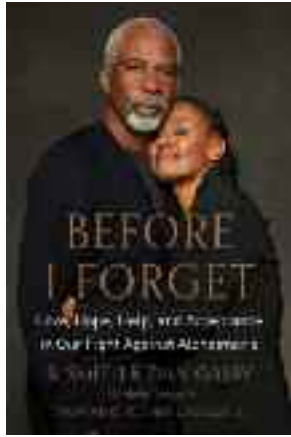
NDG Book Review: *Before I Forget* is a book to remember

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You can't remember what you came into the room for.

That happens with disturbing frequency. Forgetting your glasses, losing your keys, it really bothers you because you're not sure if it's a normal part of aging or something else. And in the new book "Before I Forget" by B. Smith & Dan Gasby with Michael Shnayerson, the worry isn't yours alone.

For most of her life, B. Smith was a whirlwind of activity. She was a model, and had her own line of household goods, TV shows, and restaurants she co-owned with her husband,



Dan Gasby. She was known for her sense of style and her elegance.

And then, a few years ago, something uncharacteristic began to happen: the woman who was put together, inside and out, began to display emotional

outbursts, use inappropriate language, and her fashion sense faltered. Her memory faded until it frightened the couple and they sought help.

Smith, as it turned out, had mild-stage Alzheimer's.

A take-charge kind of guy, Gasby did his research.

"Some 5.2 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's," he says; half a million people die of it every year. Perhaps due to higher rates of diabetes and heart disease, it hits the black community the hardest: by age 85, "half of all African Americans have it."

Knowing the facts can be empowering, but they don't make dealing with the dis-

ease any easier. Smith lost things constantly; "hoarded" clothing, to Gasby's irritation; and, though she was previously fastidious, ignored sloppiness. She shut family out physically and friends, emotionally. Long-ago recollections were sharp, but her short-term memory was all but lost.

When things got worse and Smith was inadvertently put in a dangerous situation, the family found expert advice, only to learn that there was little they could do. Alzheimer's has no cure. It can barely be "managed." They would just have to deal with the day-to-day challenges and

learn to cope...

Of his wife, and their plans one day, author Dan Gasby says, "She sits...at the breakfast table, the love of my life, waiting quietly for me to tell her what to do."

Is there a sentence more heartbreaking than that? I don't think so, and you'd be likewise hard-pressed to find a book that will affect you more than "Before I Forget."

Would you blame anyone if you saw a pity-party in this book? Probably not, but there's no whining in Gasby's words, nor will you find "poor me" in what B. Smith contributes (with Michael Shnayerson). In-

stead, there's resignation here; a we'll-get-through-this wrapped in a love story that gets more and more poignant as the story progresses.

Gasby, who is fierce about Alzheimer's education, also offers up-to-date information and advice on what worked for him and Smith, and what doesn't.

Without being a spoiler, there is no happy ending to this book, save but the sheer love that makes it soar. If you're an Alzheimer's caretaker, or are facing the disease yourself, you absolutely will want this memoir.

"Before I Forget" is a book you never will...

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Owens, who was born in Oakville, Alabama, grew up in Cleveland, Ohio demonstrating a passion for running in Junior high, which is where he met his sweetheart, Minnie. Owens made headlines when he tied the world record for the 100-yard dash, running it in 9.4 seconds, while he was in high school. He had his choice of colleges, but because his coach recommended head track coach Lawrence "Larry" Snyder (SNL's Jason Sudeikis) at Ohio State University, he went to Ohio State.

Behind the scenes of the 1936 Berlin Olympics, as Nazism spreads in Germany, Jews were being persecuted and killed and Hitler's propaganda machines lauded the Aryan race, and call all others inferior, particularly blacks.

The rest is history. Owens won four gold medals and shamed Adolph Hitler in

front of the world. Documentary director Leni Riefenstahl (Carice van Houten), who was hired by Hitler's crew to capture the Germans in all their glory, recorded all of Owens triumphs.

Everything moves along smoothly in this film, which has a similar feel to the Jackie Robinson bio *42*. The cinematography (Peter Levy, *Predator 2*), production design (David Brisbin,



Stephan James stars in "Race." (Focus Features)

"Dead Presidents"), editing (John Smith), art direction (Jean-Pierre Paquet, "300"), the musical score (Rachel Portman, "Chocolat") and music overall (George Acogny) are perfectly in sync. *Race* looks and feels like a big budget feature film, even if it is not. The scenes of Olympic Stadium in Charloottenburg, Berlin Germany are particularly vivid.

Stephan James, who played civil rights leader John Lewis in *Selma*, brings

a duality to his measured interpretation of Jesse Owens: He's confident, without being self-centered; vulnerable without being weak.

Though the direction, script and acting are steady, they are out-shined by two

elements: The first is the spirit of Jesse Owens, which makes watching him win races against tremendous odds a joy, even though you already know he will lead the pack.

Secondly, the attention to

social issues and civil rights problems is admirable.

Race deserves a lot of credit for not whitewashing history.

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Black community and demonstrate the capabilities of Blacks.

Deeply interested in the history of Black Californians, Beasley trained herself in archival research and oral histories. In 1919 she self-published *The Negro Trail-Blazers of California*, this

was a groundbreaking book chronicling the lives of hundreds of Black Californians from the pioneer period through the early 20th century.

Her book included an unprecedented amount of Black women's history, focusing on the strong roles

women played in their communities and featuring countless biographies of Black women leaders.

In the thirties, Beasley was the driving force behind the passage California's first anti-lynching bill. She continued her column and was active in the community until her death in 1934.

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