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SMU students learning the value and ethics of public service

DALLAS — Eight Southern Methodist University (SMU) students are spending their summers as close as Dallas and as far away as Uganda learning first hand the value of helping people and communities in need — and many are blogging about their experiences.

The Maguire Ethics and Irby Family Foundation Public Service Internships are sponsored by SMU's Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility. Each intern is responsible for finding agencies to sponsor their projects, which ultimately are selected for their

proposals' ethical and social justice merits.

"These students are setting the course for the rest of their lives and are an inspiration to those who teach and support them. As their efforts show, they are indeed world changers," says Maguire Ethics Center Director Rita Kirk.

Such public service internship grants "help students like me pursue internships in the nonprofit and public sectors," says Rahfin Faruk. "With increasing financial pressures, I'm extremely thankful the Maguire Center has

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A Paradox: Optimistic Millennials burdened by debt

BY JEFF COSBY

As millennials toss their graduation caps and hope to soon land their first "real job," they will face managing their finances while in the red.

According to our recent Wells Fargo study on millen-



Jeff Cosby

nials' attitudes toward savings and retirement, more than half (54 percent) of them say debt is their "biggest financial concern currently," surpassing day-to-day expenses. Forty-two percent say their debt is "overwhelming," double the rate of boomers surveyed for com-

parison.

Our Wells Fargo study surveyed millennials between the ages of 22 and 32. Boomers surveyed were between the ages of 48 and 66.

Millennials talked about the barriers they faced when it came to saving money. For

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Nova Max Glucose Test Strips recalled because of false, abnormally high blood glucose results

Nova Diabetes Care initiated a voluntary recall of 21 lots of the Nova Max Glucose Test Strips distributed both in the USA and outside the continental USA. Nova Max Plus glucose meter kits include test strips from the recalled lots are also included in this voluntary recall.

The company has recently determined some of the blood glucose test strips contained within the indicated Nova Max Glucose Test Strip lots and Nova Max Plus glucose meter kits may report a false, abnormally high blood glucose result. A false abnormally high blood glu-

cose result could, under certain conditions, result in an insulin dosing error that could lead to a serious health risk requiring immediate medical attention.

Upon identifying the issue, Nova Diabetes Care notified all registered users, health care professionals,

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Race in America: A house divided



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COMMENTARY

Low minimum wage undermines economy

BY JON COOPER

(American Forum) As a business owner who runs a manufacturing company with 150 employees, I strongly support increasing the federal minimum wage, which has been stuck at just \$7.25 an hour since July 24, 2009. It will provide concrete benefits to businesses and will strengthen our overall economy.

Fair wages are part of the formula for success at my company, Spectronics

Corporation, the world's leading manufacturer of ultraviolet equipment and fluorescent materials. Raising the minimum wage will help America succeed as well.

Consumer spending drives about 70 percent of our nation's economy. And wages drive consumer spending.

The single biggest problem faced by small businesses today is weak consumer demand. Increasing the minimum

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Karen Arrington

(Washington, D.C.) - The Miss Black USA Pageant and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is redefining the 2013 edition of Miss Black USA to emphasize all attributes that contribute to today's successful African American woman - mind, body and spirit. The Miss Black USA Pageant finals are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C.

Karen Arrington, Founder of Miss Black USA, said that the scholarship pageant, with the theme "Still I Rise," reflects the American black woman's rising leadership role in leadership in America.

"For the first time in history, we have an African American First Lady, a black woman on the top of the Forbes Richest Women in Entertainment list, and African American women who are in positions of prestige and po-

wer at organizations like Xerox, Care USA, Microsoft, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The World Bank," she said.

She added that this year's 30 Miss Black USA contestants, from 28 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands, accurately represent the theme. More than 80 percent of the contestants are enrolled in graduate or professional school. Miss Black Rhode Island is pursuing a medical degree and Miss Black Arizona is pursuing a doctorate degree.



It will be bittersweet for Miss Black Virginia, Nat-asha Stovall who is preparing to shine during the preliminary competition. Her grandmother worked in the hotel's Housekeeping department for 10 years while helping to raise Natasha and her brother. She plans to shine where her grandmother once struggled.

Miss Black USA was founded in 1986 to provide educational opportunities to outstanding young African American wo-

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Cynthia Trigg

RICHARDSON - *Epitome Magazine* recently nominated Cynthia Trigg, founder and chief executive officer of Evolution Academy Charter School, for the Community Uplift of the Year Award for her life-changing work with high-risk students in Texas. Trigg and the other nominees will be recognized at the Epitome Awards gala on Aug. 17 in Dallas.

Trigg was nominated for her innovation in education and her unique program that gives at-risk high school students at second chance. With

more than twenty years of experience in education, Trigg founded Evolution Academy Charter School in 2002 with a vision to enable its students to achieve academic, social and career success. With a low student-teacher ratio of 18:1, the progressive charter school is able to offer one-on-one attention with a mix of traditional and computer-based instruction, which is what many students need to advance to the next level.

With Trigg at the helm, Evolution Academy has graduated nearly 2,000 students



and expanded four times. The Richardson campus boasts more than 50,000 square feet and includes a science lab, fitness center and wellness program, piano lab, culinary arts program, full-service cafeteria and a state-of-the-art music studio where students learn to write and produce music. The school also offers multiple career and technical education courses that prepare students for certificates in professional fields such as medical billing and coding and video game design.

With an eleven-year track record of student success, Trigg recently received approval from Texas Education

Agency to expand. This August, Evolution Academy Charter School will be opening campuses in Houston, Beaumont and Port Arthur.

Evolution Academy is a public charter high school, serving students grades 9-12. The school offers two convenient sessions, Monday - Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. Evolution Academy is currently accepting applications for enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year at all of its campuses. Classes begin on Aug. 19.

For more information or to enroll, visit www.evolution-academy.org.

Bo Jackson

Former MLB All-Star Bo Jackson and legendary 18-time Grammy Award-

gnificent Mile, and will be recognized on the field prior to the Civil Rights

fought on and off the field for equal rights for all Americans.

The 2013 Civil Rights Game will be played between the Chicago White Sox and the Texas Rangers at U.S. Cellular Field on Saturday, Aug. 24, airing nationally on MLB Network and locally on Comcast SportsNet in Chicago and FOX Sports Southwest in Dallas and Ft. Worth, Texas. Information for the Civil Rights Game and the MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon, which recognizes individuals whose lives have been emblematic of the spirit of the civil rights movement, can be found at MLB.com/civilrightsgame or WhiteSox.com/civilrightsgame.

Former MLB All-Star Bo Jackson, whose legendary on-field displays made him one of the most

popular athletes in the 1980s and a cultural icon who transcended the sports world, will receive the MLB Beacon of Life. Jackson played eight seasons in the Major Leagues as an outfielder with the Kansas City Royals (1986-90), Chicago White Sox (1991, 93) and California Angels (1994).

The Alabama native was selected by the Royals in the fourth round of the 1986 Draft out of Auburn University. The 1989 All-Star collected at least 20 home runs in each of his first four full Major League seasons from 1987-90, including a career-best 32 homers and 105 RBI in 1989, when he finished 10th in MVP voting. The two-sport star, who was the 1985 Heisman Trophy Award winner and played four seasons as a running back in

the NFL, was elected a starter during the 1989 Midsummer Classic and

was named MVP after robbing a home run in the

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Winning recording artist Aretha Franklin will receive MLB Beacon Awards at the 2013 MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Chicago Marriott Ma-

Game at U.S. Cellular Field. The MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon is one of the Civil Rights Game weekend events, which were developed to pay tribute to all of those who

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Focus on poverty, not the Middle Class

BY GEORGE E. CURRY

(NNPA) Several of us were sharing our views on radio Sunday night with Gary Byrd when my friend and colleague Cash Michaels urged us to remember that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated while organizing poor people.

This is a good time to remember that as President Obama seeks ways to strengthen the middle class and civil rights leaders focus on celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Aug. 28, 1963 March on Washington.

The idea of organizing a Poor People's Campaign was discussed during a Nov. 27-31, 1967 Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) planning session in Frogmore, S.C. With the nation's attention focused on the Vietnam War, Dr. King wanted to redirect the conversation to what the Bible calls the least among us by focusing on jobs and income.

Dr. King's idea was to

bring poor people from all over the country to Washington, D.C. in order to put a face on the suffering of people. While still firmly committed to nonviolence, his plan was for a dramatic presence that would disrupt traffic and shut down the nation's capital.

"We ought to come in mule carts, in old trucks, any kind of transportation people can get their hands on. People ought to come to Washington, sit down if necessary in the middle of the streets and say, 'We are here; we are poor; we don't have any money; you have made us this way,'" King said. "And we've come to stay until you do something about it."

Just as his close advisers had urged him not to give his "I Have a Dream Speech" in 1963, variations of which they had heard earlier, most of Dr. King's inner circle disagreed with his decision to embark on a Poor People's Campaign.

Children activists and former civil rights attorney Marian Wright Edelman re-

called in her book, *Unfinished Business*, "William Rutherford, who had organized the Friends of SCLC in Europe in 1966 and was appointed executive director of SCLC during the summer of 1967, declared that, 'basically almost no one on the staff thought that the next priority, the next major movement, should be focused on poor people or the question of poverty in America.' At the time James Bevel wanted to remain focused on combating slums in northern cities, Hosea Williams promoted voter registration campaigns in the South, Jesse Jackson wanted to continue to develop Operation Breadbasket, and Andrew Young worried that SCLC's budget of under a million dollars necessitated smaller campaigns in the South."

But Dr. King forged ahead, calling for \$30 billion to be spent on anti-poverty measures, employment and housing construction. King was helping organize garbage workers in Memphis when he was as-

sassinated. Ralph D. Abernathy, his successor and close friend, continued with plans for the Poor People's Campaign.

Instead of the militant protest Dr. King had envisioned, however, the highlight of the Poor People's March to Washington was not shutting down the capital, but the erection of Resurrection City, a collection of tents pitched in D.C. Various executive agencies were lobbied on behalf of the poor and leaders called for an Economic Bill of Rights. The shantytown was disbanded after six weeks.

In the view of many observers, Dr. King posed a greater threat to the power structure when he began organizing poor Blacks and Whites. But there is an even better opportunity to unite poor people today because so many Whites have become impoverished as a result of a recession and high unemployment.

Poverty is officially defined as a family of four living off of \$23,021 or less a

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wage is a great way to spur economic growth by jump-starting consumer spending. It will allow workers to buy essentials they can't afford now, and most of the money they spend will go right back into local businesses.

That's also good for our tax base.

A higher minimum wage will also result in lower employee turnover. Turnover costs money, and reducing turnover means lower costs for hiring and training new workers. In addition, higher wages bring increased productivity. Employers who invest in their workforce have employees who are more invested in the company and in satisfying its customers.

At my company, nearly 71 percent of employees have been with us for over ten years. Compare that to low-paying chains with continual turnover or the local retail store where one of my daughters worked for a year. She and many of her

co-workers were paid minimum wage, and she saw that the biggest problem they faced was high turnover. Much time and effort was spent training the constant flow of new employees, which adversely impacted customer service since they made more mistakes due to their inexperience.

Raising the minimum wage encourages better business practices. An inadequate minimum wage fits the old adage, "Penny wise and pound foolish."

Fortunately, most business owners are already paying employees more than minimum wage. Those companies that do pay their workers poverty wages at or near \$7.25 are in effect being subsidized by other businesses and taxpayers, since low-wage employees are far more likely to turn to government assistance programs to get by. That's simply not fair.

Companies like mine, Costco and In N Out

Burger, for example, which thrive with fair wages, show every day that companies like Walmart and McDonald's are choosing to take advantage of the low minimum wage and shortchange their workers – and our nation.

Whenever we talk about raising the minimum wage, critics claim that it will cause increased unemployment. But this has been carefully refuted in an extensive series of studies of the impact of actual minimum wage increases. For example, a study by the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment published in The Review of Economics and Statistics, November 2010, compared every pair of neighboring U.S. counties that had differing minimum wage levels at any time between 1990 and 2006. It found no adverse employment effects from higher minimum wages.

The \$7.25 minimum wage comes to just \$15,080

a year for full-time workers. That's too low to live on and it's undermining our economy.

If the minimum wage had been automatically adjusted for the cost of living since the 1960s, businesses would be paying \$10.74 today. The Fair Minimum Wage Act would gradually increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 over three years, and then adjust it annually for inflation. These provisions are fair and reasonable.

Employers who pretend they cannot pay a minimum wage equivalent to what their counterparts paid in the 1960s should be ashamed of themselves.

Raising the minimum wage is an overdue investment in our economy.

Jon Cooper is the owner and president of Spectronics Corporation, based in Westbury, New York. He is also a member of Business for a Fair Minimum Wage.

Binge drinking likely links to insomnia

A study indicates older frequent binge drinkers are more likely to have sleep problems. At the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Sarah Canham looked at data on almost 5,000 people ages 55 and above:

"Frequent binge drinking – on an average of more than two days per week – is associated with increased odds of reporting at least one insomnia symptom."



These include difficulty falling or staying asleep, waking too early, or feeling unrested in the morning.

Canham says she can't tell from her study if binge drinking caused insomnia. She says older alcoholics might have sleep problems, or some people with sleep problems might self-medicate with alcohol.

Learn more at healthfinder.gov.

Methodist Charlton Hosts Annual Brunch for Women in Ministry

Methodist Charlton Medical Center will host its fourth annual First Ladies and Women in Ministry Brunch on Saturday, Aug. 10, in the Methodist Charlton Auditorium. The event includes a special roundtable discussion on building ministries with a distinguished panel of speakers, including Sharon Hill, founder of OnCall Prayer™; Sheila Bailey, president and founder, Sheila Bailey Ministries; Tiz Huch, co-pastor, DFW New Beginnings Ch-

urch; and Tracey Mit-chell, life coach and mentorship founder of "The Winning Woman."

"Our annual brunch gives us an opportunity to show appreciation to women in ministry who serve our community with so much dedication and commitment," says Jonathan S. Davis, FACHE. "Through these vital connections, we hope to foster partnerships within the faith community that impact the lives of those in our communities we serve."

In addition to an inspiring discussion, attendees will also enjoy an elegant complimentary brunch and entertainment by recording artist Brenda Ellis. Emcee for the event will be Marilyn Mansfield, author, certified personality trainer, and wife of Methodist Health System CEO and President Dr. Stephen L. Mansfield, PhD, FACHE.

For more information, contact Community Relations Liaison Cynthia Mickens at 214-947-5204.

Will Delaware's caps on specialty prescription drugs go national?

Gov. Jack Markell (D-DE) recently signed legislation that caps patients' co-pays for specialty prescription drugs at \$150 a month. Delaware's new law applies to drugs that cost \$600 or more a month and are used to treat medical conditions that include multiple sclerosis, hepatitis C, and rheumatoid arthritis. "Big pharma and greedy insurance companies should not be allowed to exploit vulnerable patients facing chronic and debilitating illnesses," said Ruben Burks,

Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance for Retired American (Alliance).

A bipartisan group of lawmakers introduced legislation on Thursday to allow Medicare Part D beneficiaries nationally to request lower co-pays for high-cost specialty drugs used to treat chronic illnesses. The proposal, the "Part D Beneficiary Appeals Fairness Act," is spearheaded by Sens. Bill Nelson (D-FL) and Susan Collins (R-ME) in the Senate and U.S. Reps. Hank Johnson (D-GA), Wal-

ter Jones (R-NC), David McKinley (R-WV) and Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) in the House. The Senate bill is S. 1365; the House measure is H.R. 2827. Currently, Medicare Part D beneficiaries are prohibited from seeking exemptions from their plans that could lower their cost-share for specialty drugs - basic right beneficiaries have throughout the rest of the program. A U.S. Congress news release noted more than 30 national groups support the bill, including the Alliance.

Calming nervous kids during emergencies

Keeping little ones calm during emergencies can be difficult. Make sure you explain your family's emergency plan to them well before an emergency.

Different places like daycares and schools have different plans. Understand those plans and explain them in kid-language before a disaster to reduce their anxiety if disaster strikes.

"Particularly for parents, it is important to remember to monitor media to make sure that children aren't getting exposed to too much information over the air," shared psychologist Dr. Dan Dodgen. He works with Health and Human

Service's Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

Young children may interpret a replay as a separate event.

Parents - remember that at children often follow your lead. If you keep calm, there's a greater chance they will too.

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pharmacies, and distributors where the Nova Max Glucose Test Strip and Nova Max Plus glucose meter kit are recommended or sold.

Those who use, recommend clinically, or sell Nova Max Glucose Test Strips for blood glucose testing should immediately discontinue using or distributing glucose test strips from the recalled lots.

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Healthcare professionals and patients are encouraged to report adverse events or side effects related to the use of these products to the FDA's MedWatch Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program:

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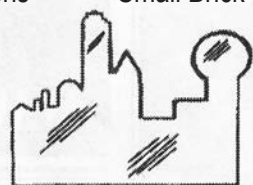
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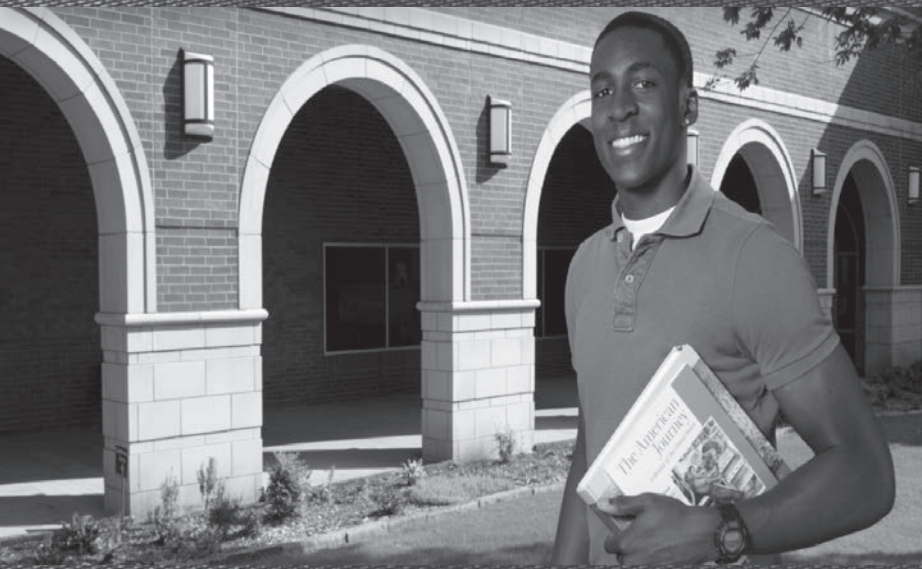
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Little Elm kicks off Adopt-a-Street program

LITTLE ELM - Individuals and organizations wishing to make a noticeable and visible difference in Little Elm now have the opportunity to do so by adopting a portion of a Little Elm street and maintaining its cleanliness, according to Director of Public Works Kevin Mattingly.

"We're starting a program in Little Elm that has been in existence elsewhere for some time, so people are already aware of how it works. Ours will be similar in how it's administered, but it will be unique in that it is another opportunity for Little Elm residents to show how much they care about their community," he said.

The Adopt-a-Street program is another effort by the "Keep Little Elm Beautiful" campaign and is part of the Town's Clean and Green initiative.

Adopting a street requires an application to be submitted for approval

along with the name of an individual or representative of an organization who will take responsibility for the commitment. The individual or organization will then be assigned a stretch of road, usually about a mile in length, to clean up by picking up trash and debris.

"The program is designed to give individuals and groups a chance to make a visible impact on the environment and help reduce the costs associated with cleaning the streets. Picking up litter costs taxpayers in terms of direct labor expenses as well as the indirect costs associated with taking crews away from their primary duty to pick up garbage," he added.

Groups or individuals who sign up for the program will be expected to commit for one year, and conduct their cleanups at least once a quarter. A sign designating the stretch of road as adopted by an or-

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Curtis Report

by Barry Curtis

In the mid-seventies president Gerald Ford was a victim of media assassination by misquotes when he reportedly said this about New York: "Drop Dead." Gerald Ford never said New York, "Drop dead." Mr. Ford, on Oct. 29, 1975, gave a speech denying federal assistance to spare New York from bankruptcy. The front page of *The Daily News* the next day read: "FORD TO CITY: DROP DEAD."

The president never uttered those words in 1975, but he should have. Mr. Obama never uttered the words Detroit drop dead, but he should.

Last week the special city manager of Detroit filed bankruptcy with the federal court to reorganize or alleviate Detroit's \$18 billion in long term debt.

This city that is bloated with cronyism and bad management is the typical big liberal city of the North. For the last sixty years the liberal democrats have destroyed the once model economic city of the nation and at one time the world.

Dear Detroit: Drop Dead!

"You can see here, as it is impossible to do in a more varied and complex city, the whole structure of an industrial society." So wrote essayist Edmund Wilson, reporting on a visit to the Motor City in the 1930s.

Detroit during its peek had some 125 automobile company's working in its city limits, employing tens of thousands of people. Without question during the 30's and 40's Detroit was the global modern model for the economic savvy and the down-trodden alike.

Detroit is perfectly situated in the heart of the great lakes region. Its proximity to iron, coal, and copper gave the motor city an almost majestic quality in the late 1950's.

Detroit was certainly the jewel of the great lakes. However, leave it to the liberal lions to bring down an economic miracle.

By the mid-twentieth century, one in every six working Americans was employed directly or indirectly by the automobile industry and Detroit was its epicenter. The "Big Three" auto firms—General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler—were all based in metropolitan Detroit.

Detroit's liberal leaders have betrayed the good citi-

zens of this capable city. Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was found guilty of multiple counts of racketeering and extortion. Kilpatrick was convicted of 24 charges, including racketeering, extortion, attempted extortion, bribery, mail fraud, wire fraud and filing false tax returns. Both Kilpatrick and contractor Bobby Ferguson were found guilty on most counts. Kilpatrick's 71-year-

old father, Bernard Kilpatrick, was only found guilty of one tax count. That according to the Huffington post.

With Detroit's bankruptcy in mind I caution you patriots to not let the liberals pollute our words and values. First there is no such thing as "public" money. The government doesn't produce anything, but grief, it has no capital. It simply

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Local executives become floral designers for a day to benefit their favorite charities

DALLAS —If you found yourself in a warehouse surrounded by 100 varieties of flowers with the challenge to arrange something beautiful for your favorite charity while being timed and videoed, what would you do?

Petals & Stems Florist in North Dallas brings together for the third year, six local business executives from different spheres of influence in the Metroplex to create the amateur floral arrangement of their life



Pictured is Susan Kassen with Ebby Halliday, winner of Floral Design Challenge 2012. Her Charity of choice was National Autism Association of North Texas. Susan Created a floral piece in a leaf wrap vase with Purple Hydrangeas, Lilies, Gerbers and other colorful flowers.

while being timed and videoed during the process. Their work will be posted on the Internet for viewer voting. Each challenger's designated charity receives \$100 for his or her participation, and the winning amateur bouquet merits \$1,000 for that 'designer's' charity.

"We are delighted to give back to the community in this way," says Brad Weinstein, owner of Petals & Stems. "It is great seeing how competitive for a cause our challengers can be."

Guest designers will gather August 21st to assemble their creations with little coaching from the professional designers standing by. During the taping, contestants will have the opportunity to explain what type of design they are making and for what charity they are working.

Online voting begins Sept. 4th and continues through Sept. 10th at 11:59 pm. The contestant with the most votes wins and additional \$1,000 for their des-

ignated charity. The winner will be announced Sept. 12th.

This year's participants and their charities are:

Kitty Goddard (Richardson,) Founding Board Member of Arts Incubator of Richardson, representing AIR

Michael Gonzales (Irving,) President of Armstrong Relocation, representing Limbs For Life

Dr. Michael Norman (Carrollton,) Author of Unbridled Grace, representing

Catholic Pro Life Committee in Dallas

Rich Thomas (Sunnyvale,) CEO of MetroTexas Association of Realtors, representing MetroTex Charitable Trust

Martha Tiller (Dallas,) Founder and CEO of the Martha Tiller Company Public Relations, representing the Dallas Arboretum

Kim Valer (Plano,) Executive Administrator of Granite Properties, representing Frisco Family Services

Richardson monitoring neighborhood of reported human case of West Nile Virus

The Richardson Health Department is monitoring mosquito populations around the home of a Richardson resident who tested positive for a mild form of the West Nile virus. Traps have been set and will be tested tomorrow to see if mosquitoes test positive for carrying the virus.

"Signs of infection can take several weeks to appear once someone is infected," said Richardson Health Department Director Bill Alsop. "Because of that, it's very hard to distinguish exactly

where someone may have contracted the virus. When we get a report of a person infected with West Nile virus we immediately follow-up by setting traps around the home of the victim to see if the virus is present in localized mosquito populations."

For privacy purposes, specific identifying information on the victim is being held confidential. However, the victim is described as a 46-year-old male who is exhibiting a fever and mild signs of the virus. The victim lives

in the central part of the city west of Central Expressway just north of Arapaho Road.

A ground spraying operation was conducted just south of the neighborhood of the victim's home Sunday and Monday of this week in response to a positive finding of West Nile virus in a trap located in that area. However, spraying is only a measure to help limit exposure, and health workers urge people to maintain vigilance in protecting themselves when going outside.

Dallas' 311 program improvements include video and photo capabilities

Dallas - Upgrades to the City's 311 Citizen Request Management System (CRMS) will improve efficiency and give residents more tools to submit and monitor the service requests they create.

Starting Monday Aug. 5, residents will see an improved 311 website with the ability to attach photos, videos, and documents to their service requests, said Assistant Director Margaret Wright. In addition, residents can check on the status of their service request online. "For residents who call 311, the software improvements will

allow 311 Customer Service Agents to capture caller information faster and more efficiently," Wright said.

In order to complete the upgrade, the online service request website will be unavailable from 6 p.m. Thursday, August 1 until noon Monday, August 5. During that period, customers can call 311 to create service requests. Additional staff will be on duty to accommodate callers who would ordinarily use the website. The improved website will be available for use on Monday, August 5.

By the end of August, the City will unveil a 311 Smartphone app that will allow residents to submit and track service requests from their Smartphones. More details will be provided when the Smartphone app is available.

The CRMS software system was developed by Motorola and is used by the 311 Customer Service Center and other city departments. The system logs, routes and tracks service requests for non-emergency services when customers call 311 or submit a request online at www.dallascityhall.com.

The Best Mojito in Dallas will be selected at Dallas Mojito Pour-Off

For centuries, the mojito has been a favorite of pirates, sailors and Ernest Hemingway. The rum and mint-based cocktail has also gained popularity with many North Texans. Mojitos are traditionally flavored with lime and mint, but a number of North Texas' most creative mixologists have taken it upon themselves to create their own variations.

The "Best Mojito in Dallas" at the Dallas Mojito Pour-Off 2013 was created by Tony Fernandez (Espumoso Caffé) and Nico Ponce (Mutts Canine Cantina). The Mojito Pour-Off will take place on Sunday, Sept. 1, from 4-8 p.m. in Trinity Groves (340 Singleton Blvd in Dallas).

Contestants include the following: Asador, Lark, Veracruz Cafe, Bowl &



Barrel, Urban Taco, Milagro, Whiskey Cake, Iron Cactus, The Standard Pour, El Fenix, Ten Bells Tavern, Mesa, Espumoso Caffé, Meso Maya, 303 Grill, Soleo, Victoria's Mexican Grill, The Rustic, La Calle Doce, El Ranchito, Sunset Lounge, La Duni, The Ranch, Mutts Canine Cantina, DaLat Vietnamese

Restaurant and Bar, and Komali.

Bartenders will battle it out for the title of "Best Mojito in Dallas" and cash prizes. The top three winners will also be announced and featured in local periodicals.

All attendees will have the opportunity to sample each mojito and vote on their favorite one via text message. About 3500 people are expected to attend the inaugural event.

Tickets for this event are \$25 online and part of the proceeds benefit La Voz del Anciano (The Voice of the Elderly), a local non-profit that helps serve the needs of the elderly Latino population. Vendor opportunities are still available.

For more information, visit <http://mojitopouroff.com/>.

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Local students explore STEM education at free Samsung Mobile App Academy

The Samsung Mobile App Academies continued in Dallas this week. Thirty local high school students, representing fifteen Dallas area schools attended the two-day mobile application academies which did



Local high school students were selected to attend the Samsung Mobile App Academy this week to learn about mobile app development and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

encourage education in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and careers in technology related fields.

During the event, being held in six cities this summer, students had ac-

cess to thought leaders in mobile technology and application development as well as web entrepreneurs so they can learn firsthand about the latest developments in mobile technology. Once com-

pleting the Samsung Mobile App Academy the 11th and 12th grade students will have the opportunity to win scholarships for college by coming up with their own idea for a mobile app.

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87 percent of them, they literally didn't have "enough money to start saving" and another 81 percent were focused on paying down their debt first.

Even with those barriers, 61 percent of millennials say they consider themselves to be "savers." But there is a difference between perception and reality and the fact is, just about half (49 percent) have actually started to save for retirement. The remaining 51 percent are putting off saving for retirement until their 30s.

In our business, we fundamentally believe in the value of regular, disciplined saving no matter the level and at every age. We also believe that starting out young in a savings journey is crucial. For this generation, especially, saving shouldn't be an "either or" option. It's crucial for millennials to both manage their debt today and start saving for the future. This is a way for them to apply their multi-tasking expertise to their finances!

All the benefits of starting young are hard to make up later. Millennials who are disciplined at saving early, regularly and saving as much as possible can greatly benefit from the power of compounding. Ultimately, it may help them create a more confident financial future.

Skeptical of the markets

About half of Millennials (52 percent) say they aren't very confident in investing in the stock market for retirement, but many are already in the stock market through an employer-sponsored plan. In fact, 72 percent who are saving said they are in a 401(k) plan. Perhaps these young adults have watched their parents lose big in the stock market, and this has created a lasting imprint, which is completely understandable. Still, we need to remind this generation that because they have time on their side, they are better positioned to ride out the highs and lows of the stock market.

In our survey, we found that millennials are also not sure how much money they have invested in the stock market. That's probably very typical for this age group and for many adults of all ages. We think this result points yet again to the importance of education and planning. This generation, like others before it, need to set aside time to learn about investments and draft a retirement savings plan. For many people, that exercise feels more comfortable online with various tools, calculators and other resources just a click away. Others may want to handle this in an employee group meeting about benefits or in a one-on-one appointment with an advisor. No matter the method, millennials need to take ownership of their finances in order to build a foundation for a more secure retirement decades from now.

Optimism intact

Despite the debt burden and skepticism of the markets, this generation is very confident in their own abilities to create the future they want for themselves. Two thirds (67 percent) of millennials believe they will achieve a greater standard of living than their parents. Almost three-fourths (72 percent) of millennials told us they feel in control of their future and believe they can achieve their goals.

Interestingly, millennials are career-minded. Three out of four surveyed (75 percent) feel the best way to get ahead financially is to work for a company that offers a career path versus a quarter of millennials (25 percent), who feel the best way to get ahead financially is to "break out on my own and start a business." Again, these attitudes could likely trace back to the recent financial crisis and uneven financial recovery causing continued uncertainty.

We're hopeful that millennials will be able to thrive, despite the economic odds

they may face when first entering the job market. They are themselves hopeful, based on data in our survey. Millennials are very optimistic with 70 percent saying they are "very" or "somewhat confident" that they will be able to save enough to afford the lifestyle that they hope to have in retirement. It's time for this generation to translate their optimism into action by taking some basic steps to build a financial foundation.

Three steps to consider:

-Begin saving as you pay down debt. Set up an automatic deposit into your savings account so it builds up on a regular basis.

-Create a retirement roadmap, either online or with a financial advisor, to set clear goals for saving and spending in order to accumulate enough for your future. If you're saving in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, consider setting annual automatic increases to ensure this remains a priority over time.

-Invest a small amount in the stock market to potentially give yourself a clear picture of how compounding returns help as you build finances for the long-term.

Ultimately, the key for millennials is to put a financial plan into action, so their beliefs become a reality.

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Race in America: A house divided

BY THOMAS J. SUGRUE

Why do middle-class Blacks have far less wealth than Whites at the same income level?

The answer is in real estate and history.

In 1973, my parents sold their modest house on Detroit's West Side to Roosevelt Smith, a Vietnam War veteran and an assembly-line worker at Ford, and his wife, Virginia (not their real names). For the Smiths - African-Americans and native Mississippians - the neighborhood was an appealing place to raise their two young children, and the price was within their means: \$17,500.

The neighborhood's three-bedroom colonials and Tudors, mostly built between the mid-1920s and the late '40s, were well maintained, the streets quiet and lined with stately trees. Nearby were a movie theater, a good grocery store, a local department store, and a decent shopping district. Like many first-time homebuyers, the Smiths had every reason to expect that their house would be an appreciating investment.

For their part, my parents moved to a rapidly growing suburb that would soon be incorporated as Farmington Hills. Their new house, on a quiet, curvilinear street, was a significant step up from the Detroit place. It had four bedrooms, a two-car attached garage, and a large yard. It cost them \$43,000. Within a few years, they had added a family room and expanded the small rear patio.

Their subdivision, like most in Farmington Hills, was carefully zoned. The public schools were modern and well funded, with substantial revenues from the town's mostly middle- and upper-middle-class taxpayers. All of the creature comforts of the good suburban life were close at hand: shopping malls, swim clubs, movie theaters, and good restaurants.

My parents lived in the Farmington house for a little over 20 years. When my father retired in the mid-1990s, the property had appreciated by about \$100,000. They did not get rich from the proceeds of their home sale-indeed, after adjusting for inflation, the house was worth slightly less

than they paid for it, not even counting interest costs and taxes. But it nonetheless allowed them to walk away with about \$80,000.

For the Smiths it was a far different story. Detroit had been losing population since the 1950s, and especially after the 1967 riots there was massive "White flight" from the city. The neighborhood in which the Smiths invested went from mostly White to Black within a few years, along with the rest of Detroit. For the city as a whole, those who remained were not as well off on average as those who left, meaning that even as the tax base shrank, the demand for city services went up, setting off a vicious death spiral. Soon, schools and infrastructure groaned with age, and the city's tax base shrank further as businesses relocated to suburban office parks and shopping centers. By the end of the '70s, the decline of the auto industry and manufacturing generally compounded Detroit's woes, as production shifted to Japan or the South in search of cheaper labor and fewer regulations.

As the downward cycle continued, investors and absentee landlords-fearful that their property values would decline as Detroit got poorer and Blacker-let their properties run down. Rising crime led to a drop in pedestrian traffic both downtown and in neighborhood shopping districts, and also to increasing demand for additional police protection. As the cost of city services surged and the tax base shrank, Detroit came to have among the highest property tax rates in the nation, which was another reason for people to move out if they could.

Meanwhile, places like Farmington Hills, which were all White in the '70s and '80s, were direct beneficiaries of Detroit's decline. The seemingly insatiable demand for suburban real estate raised housing values; well-funded schools attracted families with children; local malls had few, if any, vacancies; and new shops and office parks seemed to spring up daily.

The same year that my father retired, I visited my childhood neighborhood, and drove past the Smiths' house. The lawn was lush, the shrubs well



Thomas J. Sugrue

tended. They had built a garage. The old siding had been replaced and the original windows updated. I stopped at a local real estate broker's office to check out the housing prices in the area. The Smiths' home was not for sale, but another house just two blocks away, almost identical to it and in move-in condition, was on the market for \$24,500. Over two decades, Roosevelt and Virginia Smith's house in my parents' old neighborhood, despite love and care and investments, had appreciated by only about \$7,000.

After adjusting for inflation, their house was worth about 60 percent less than they had paid for it.

In the United States, where real estate is the single largest source of asset accumulation for the middle class, the story of the Sugrues and the Smiths goes a long way to explaining the expanding disparities between White and Black wealth. The two families-like many Americans-invested in real estate both for its use value and as a gamble on the future. But one family did far, far better than the other.

Every once in a while, a scholarly book fundamentally shifts how we understand a problem. One of those books was published in 1995, two years after my parents sold their house. Sociologists Melvin Oliver and Thomas Shapiro's *Black Wealth/White Wealth* stepped into a stale debate about race, class, and inequality in the United States with new data and a fresh perspective. The authors acknowledged the gains of the civil rights era: Black-White income gaps had narrowed. Minorities were better represented at elite institutions of higher education than could have been imagined in 1960. And while in the '60s the most

prominent Black elites were car dealers or owners of "race businesses" that catered to Black customers, by the end of the twentieth century the number of Black engineers, lawyers, and corporate executives had grown. Newsmagazines trumpeted the high incomes of Black sports stars and celebrities. "The New Black Middle Class" became a tagline. African Americans might not have wholly overcome the legacy of centuries of slavery and segregation, but they had come a long way.

But Oliver and Shapiro told another story, a sobering one about the persistent gap between Black and White wealth. They methodically gathered and analyzed data about household assets, like real estate holdings, bank accounts, stocks and bonds, cars, and other property, that constitute a family's portfolio. Their findings were staggering: despite all of the gains of the previous quarter century, the median Black family had only 8 percent of the household wealth of the median White family. The asset gap was still strikingly wide among middle-class and wealthy Blacks, who, despite their high incomes, still had about a third the assets of comparable Whites.

The racial wealth gap has several specific causes beyond the broad legacy of systematic racial segregation, discrimination, and unequal opportunity. Wealth is passed down from generation to generation-even if only modestly. But going back generations, Blacks had little opportunity to get a stake hold. Upon emancipation, they were mostly penniless, without land or access to credit (see Reid Cramer, "The American Dream, Redeemed," page 45), and almost all Blacks were excluded from the various Homestead Acts that, beginning in 1862, allowed so many poor White families to accumulate land and, with it, wealth.

Meanwhile, most African-Americans earned too little to save; most lacked access to the loans and capital necessary to start a business or buy stock or own their own homes. Lack of financial assets made African-Americans more vulnerable to unemployment and medical emergencies, less likely to be able to pay for

their children's college education, and more likely to be stuck with the burden of supporting impoverished parents or to face poverty themselves in old age.

Even with the coming of Social Security and stronger protections for organized labor under the New Deal, most Blacks were excluded from the benefits because they worked as tenant farmers or domestics who were not covered by the new plans. Two other Depression-era federal programs-the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and the Federal Housing Administration-encouraged homeownership and bankrolled suburbanization, but in the North and South alike, whole neighborhoods were redlined, many of them Black.

Many African-Americans lost out on the benefits of the post-World War II GI Bill as well. As Ira Katznelson points out in his book *When Affirmative Action Was White*, of the 3,229 home, business, and farm loans made under the GI Bill in Mississippi during 1947, Black veterans received only two. Until 1968, it was virtually impossible for Blacks to get access to the kinds of long-term, low-interest mortgages that made wide-scale homeownership possible.

Even after the passage of civil rights laws, dozens of studies showed that minorities had a harder time getting access to market-rate mortgages. Moreover, Black home buyers were likely to be steered to neighborhoods of older housing stock, often in declining central cities, places where housing values often depreciated rather than appreciated. This meant that Blacks, if they were lucky enough to be homeowners, were often trapped in neighborhoods on the margins, economically and politically. As it turns out, the Sugrues and the Smiths were fairly typical of the Black and White families that Oliver and Shapiro studied in the mid-'90s. And what has happened since then is even more disheartening.

Beginning in the '90s and lasting until the bursting of the real estate bubble, some progress was made. The percentage of Black households that owned their own homes increased from 43.3 percent in

1994 to 47.2 percent in 2007. Partly this reflected a still-growing Black middle class; partly it reflected important government efforts to end racial discrimination in mortgage lending, along with the arrival of new, responsibly crafted forms of mortgages for which more people, particularly African-Americans and Latinos, could qualify.

But around the turn of the twenty-first century, there also grew up a huge new industry of predatory lenders that targeted members of minority groups, including those who already owned their homes and were persuaded to refinance on what turned out to be usurious terms. In 2006, more than half of the loans made to African-Americans were subprime, compared to about a quarter for Whites. And a recent study of data from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act found that 32.1 percent of wealthy Blacks, but only 10.5 percent of wealthy Whites, got higher-priced mortgages-those with an interest rate 3 or more points higher than the rate of a Treasury security of the same length.

The bursting of the real estate bubble has been a catastrophe for the broad American middle class as a whole, but it has been particularly devastating to African-Americans. According to the Center for Responsible Lending in Durham, North Carolina, nearly 25 percent of African Americans who bought or refinanced their homes between 2004 and 2008 (and an equivalent share among Latinos) have already lost or will end up losing their homes-compared to 11.9 percent of White families in the same situation. This disparate impact of the housing crash has made the racial gap in wealth even more extreme. As Reid Cramer, director of the Asset Building Program at the New America Foundation, puts it, "Basically, we have gone from an average minority family owning 10 cents to the dollar compared to the average White family to now owning less than a nickel."

The median Black family today holds only \$4,955 in assets.

In recent years, concerns about racial disparities have largely faded from national politics. It is now a common-

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NDG Gossip: NeNe Leakes sued by wedding planner

BY SHENICE SANDERS,
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Real Housewives of Atlanta star NeNe Leakes is being sued by her celebrity wedding planner Tiffany Cook who claims NeNe never paid her million dollar bill for her big day, TMZ reports.

NeNe remarried Gregg Leakes on June 22 and the wedding will be featured on a Bravo TV special in September.

Cook, who claims NeNe hired Dream Design Weddings to coordinate the party for her, filed the lawsuit in Georgia. Cook alleged Leakes promised to pay 15 percent of the entire wedding budget along with design and execution fees and travel expenses to the event.

In all, Cook claims Leakes budget for the wedding was close to 1.8 million and was due \$270,000 (15%), another \$889,990 for design fees and \$1,750



NeNe & Gregg Leakes

for flight expenses. Cooks confirm Leakes paid the initial down payment of \$18,700, but has not receive another penny.

Cook, is most known for planning fellow Real Housewives of Atlanta castmates Porsha and Kordell Stewart's wedding.

A rep for NeNe tells TMZ, Cook was not the

wedding planner, it was a man named Tony Conway, indicating he made NeNe's wedding spectacular.

The rep adds, "This lawsuit has no merit and it appears to be a baseless attempt to grab 15 minutes of fame."

According to reports Cook is suing for \$1,142,000.

2 Guns - Finally a summer blockbuster worth seeing

BY ANTWANETE FORD,
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It's been a long summer with action film after action film leaving viewers thirsty for real entertainment. Well, Denzel Washington and Mark Walberg are two of the highest paid actors in Hollywood for a reason; they are liquid entertainment! And *2 Guns* is like sipping a Long Island Tea on a hot summer day the more you sip the better you feel.

Washington and Walberg are both undercover operatives from competing bureaus working to infiltrate the Mexican drug cartel. The movie opens with an older more mature but still sexy DEA agent Bobby Trench (Washington) and younger flirty, and yes sexy, U.S. naval intelligence officer Marcus Stigman (Walberg) at a diner with the best donuts in town and then with a wink and grease fire



Washington & Walberg

the movie blasts off. Trench and Stigman find themselves on the run with \$42.125 million.

The star-studded cast includes the ever so beautiful Paula Patton, Bill Paxton, James Marsden, Fred Ward and Edward James Olmos obviously was given creative license to go over the top. You have to love a Mexican drug king pin with a chubby kid named Pappi and a bad guy with a thick Texas drawl and a knack for making you laugh and cringe at the same time. By the way, Bill Paxton is superb in this movie.

I haven't seen a buddy cop movie this fun since *Beverly Hills Cop*. I was expecting a typical action movie with car chases and explosions, but what I got was witty writing, several great one liners, and several unexpected weird but cool scenes.

I can honestly say Blake Masters has to be on the top five lists of creative screen writers. He transformed Steven Grants graphic novel *On the Boom* into a great movie script. I don't know how crazy a person has to be to write a scene where the bad guys bury live chickens in the ground with their heads sticking out for target practice but it's crazy good. And Baltasar Kormakur, who also directed Walberg's sleeper hit *Contraband*, has another hit under his belt. Let's just hopes he keeps surprising us.

2 Guns opens Friday. Run, don't walk to go see it.

Robin Thicke's *Blurred Lines* breaks records radio audience record

(PRNewswire) Robin Thicke's ubiquitous No. 1 single "*Blurred Lines*," featuring T.I. & Pharrell, continues its full-scale domination of the airwaves this summer, having broken the record for the highest radio audience ever recorded. As of this week, the track has reached more than 242.65 million listeners, breaking the previous record of 188.8 million. This achievement follows on the heels of the track breaking the record for biggest-single week downloads so far this year when it racked up more than 428,000

during the week ending June 23rd.

A bonafide phenomenon, "*Blurred Lines*" is No. 1 for a third week in a row at Pop Radio and for a fourth week in a row at the Rhythmic radio format. It has spent seven consecutive weeks at No. 1 Billboard's Hot 100 (Thicke's first appearance atop the chart), surpassing Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' "Thrift Shop" for the longest stretch at No. 1 so far this year. The track has also reached No. 1 in 80 countries around the world. "*Blurred Lines*" has been certified 3x-

platinum with more than 3.5 million in sales to date. The eye-catching video, directed by Diane Martel, has racked up more than 104 million views on YouTube. Watch it here.

The song is the title track to Thicke's upcoming new album, which will be released by Star Trak/Interscope Records on July 30. The album will be sold as a standard 11-song package, a deluxe package that features three bonus tracks, and as a special deluxe edition, which includes the three bonus tracks plus two remixes.

Poetry contest with a \$1,000 grand prize in August

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered to the last poet standing in a free contest sponsored by the Famous Poets. There are a total of 50 prizes totaling over \$4,000 in cash and book prizes.

The contest director Lavender Aurora will judge poems of 21 lines or fewer on any subject and in any style. "I encourage poets (even if

you don't consider yourself a poet, if you've written one you are to me!) to send in the poem they're most proud of," she says. "I know this contest will produce exciting discoveries!"

Entries must be received by August 31, and may be submitted by mail to: Free Poetry Contest, PO Box 21, Talent, Oregon 97540. Or enter

online at www.famouspoets.com.

Those mailing their entries should include their name and address on the same page as the poem (those free mailing labels work great for this) and the poem should be typed or neatly written. A winners' list will be sent to all entrants.

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place that we have entered a post-racial era. The concerns of the civil rights era are obsolete. A Black family occupies the White House. Conservative jurists and even many liberals are arguing with greater conviction than ever that affirmative action programs and the Voting Rights Act are no longer necessary in a color-blind America. For his part, the first African American president has been remarkably silent on questions of race. University of Pennsylvania political scientist Daniel Gillion examined decades of presidential speeches and found that Barack Obama has said less about race than any Democratic president since 1961.

But for all of the talk about hope and change, the racial wealth gap has not only persisted, it has worsened. And it is this gap that is the most powerful measure of differential well being by race. Wealth has profound consequences throughout the life cycle, from putting a down payment on a first home to spending your last days in a skilled nursing facility. Starting a business? Paying for college tuition? Making ends meet when you've lost your job? Covering extraordinary medical expenses? Retiring? Assets matter.

On each of these counts, minorities face an insecure present and a very precarious future. Consider just one measure: the Brandeis Institute on Assets and Social Policy estimates that only 8 percent of Black seniors and only 4 percent of Latino seniors have sufficient economic resources to be economically

secure in retirement. "These seniors," write a team of Brandeis scholars, "do not just have to watch their pennies; they are truly struggling every day, forgoing basic expenditures, such as medical appointments and household maintenance, just to make ends meet."

A few years ago, I met Roosevelt Smith. He still owned my parents' old house on Detroit's West Side, which was a rental property by then, and he gave me a tour. It was in good shape—pretty much the same house that my parents sold, but with newly refinished floors and some new kitchen cabinets and tiles and the garage out back. He's a resourceful guy who bought a second, larger house nearby—another asset, a nest egg for the future. But together, the two houses aren't worth much. The median listing price for homes in Detroit is now just \$21,000, or about the cost of a Chevy Malibu—and, like the car, likely to depreciate in value from the moment you buy it. Detroit's population has fallen from

1.85 million in 1950 to a little more than 700,000 today, and as population falls housing demand falls with it. Today, nearly every block has abandoned homes on it. The Smiths probably have more in household assets than the \$4,955 median for Black families, but not a lot.

In contrast, my parents' assets have provided them with a cushion of security and more than modest comfort, from that family room they built in the '70s to the cottage in northern Michigan they built forty years ago and later renovated for their retirement. Along the way, my parents used their savings to help pay for three college tuitions. They helped me buy my first house because I didn't have enough savings for the 10 percent down payment. When their health deteriorated, they drew from their assets to rent an apartment in a comfortable retirement community. Barring a medical disaster, which my mother could at least partially cover using her remaining assets, my sisters and I can expect a small sum from

her estate. Last year, my mother sent me a check—she called it, rather morbidly, a "down payment" on my inheritance—that totaled more than twice the household assets of the median Black family.

I have never thought of myself as a particularly wealthy person, and by the standards of the top 1 percent I'm not one. Despite the swings of the economy and a divorce settlement that drained my retirement account, I own a house worth more than twice its original purchase price. I have squirreled away some money in a mutual fund to help pay for my children's educational ex-

penses: college is just a few years off, and it won't be cheap. I can also use some of my assets as collateral for loans to help pay their way. And, if my investment decisions prove to be wise, I will have a substantially larger retirement nest egg than my parents had. If I have extraordinary medical expenses, I have funds to fall back on. I also drafted a will, and hope that my heirs—my family and a few charities—will be able to benefit from my good fortune.

There are many White folks who are not as fortunate as my parents were, and even the modest legacy they were able to build may be becoming increasingly rare among

younger generations of Americans of all races. Still, like most Whites, I am a beneficiary of the racial wealth gap. And until that gap narrows, we can't begin to talk about the dawning of a post-racial America.

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year. Today, a record 46.2 million people – 15 percent of the U.S. population – are considered poor. The Associated Press reported:

•For the first time since 1975, the number of White single-mother households living in poverty with children has surpassed or equaled Black ones in the past decade.

•Since 2000, the poverty rate among working-class Whites has grown faster than among working-class non-Whites, rising 3 percentage points to 11 percent.

Still, poverty among working-class non-Whites remains about double that of Whites.

Mark Rank, a professor at Washington University in St. Louis, believes Dr. King was on to something when he sought to unite poor people across racial lines.

“Poverty is no longer an issue of ‘them,’ it’s an issue of ‘us,’ he told the Associated Press. “Only when po-

verty is thought of as a mainstream event, rather than a fringe experience that just affects Blacks and Hispanics, can we really begin to build broader support for programs that lift people in need.”

This is no time to keep Dr. King frozen in the memory of the 1963 March on Washington or his “I Have a Dream” speech while neglecting his true calling to eradicate poverty five years later. As he said, “If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”

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helped me gain development and international relations experience, first at Grameen Bank and now at the U.S. Department of State.”

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Kerri Brown (anthropology, Ph.D.): Working as a research assistant for CRIOLA to identify health disparities among Afro-Brazilian women in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Rahfin Faruk (economics, math, political science, public policy, ’15): Working for the U.S. State Department at the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs in Washington, D.C.

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Nayeem Mohammed (law, business, J.D./M.B.A.): Working as an enforcement attorney investigating possible federal securities laws violations for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Fort Worth.

Kyle Nakatsuka (anthropology, biology, Latin American studies, ’15): Observing, conducting and contributing research at Ka Ola Mamo Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems clinic serving native Hawaiians in Honolulu. He

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I believe that's what the church is about, being a unified body in times such as these. Also, there was a time in North American that all power failed; people were trying to find places of security and rest.

Other people were helping them along the streets and highway, bring them into their homes and places of safety; and even though they didn't have lights, they were giving them a place of security.

There is something about a tragedy or when trouble is looming on the horizon that people don't look at the color of a person's skin or their status in life; they look at the situation as a need that they can do something about it, and they help them.

At that time, unity prevails and people work together until all is resolved.

How many households are destroyed because visions are not the same, when unity doesn't prevail?

Many times we don't see things the same. We are individuals, each person has their own personalities, their own attitudes and decisions.

There comes a time to communication, to share, to talk, to feel things out so that we will know what the other person is thinking and they in turn will know what we are thinking; and somehow as believers, as humans, as people who are concerned about the life and welfare of others we come together and work things out, we resolve our differences and God is blessed in that.

Prior to verse 35 in St. John, Jesus had ministered to a woman who had been

living a sinful life; whoever she could 'company with or share with' that's who she would call her husband; but then she met Jesus!

I believe that when a person meets Jesus and cry out that, "I am saved, sanctified and full of the Holy Spirit," there should be an air of unity between God's people.

There should be a direction when we are all going the same way; because we know that our ultimate goal is to one day be in the Heavenly Kingdom. I don't believe that any of us want to think that there is a "gray area" and none of us want to go to the alternative to Heaven.

God is a unified God. He is the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; none reacts or move without the other's knowledge. God is saying to us, "... look on the fields; they are already ready to harvest..." But we need laborers.

As Christians, the body of Christ believers, we must work together to accomplish a certain goal or to reach the area that God would have us to reach.

Jeremiah and the people that worked with him built a

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wall because there was trouble ensuring all around them. The children were being carted into slavery and their women were being preyed on by the enemy who had free access in and out to them because the wall had broken down.

God spoke to Nehemiah and told him to get up from being the King's cup bearer; I want you to go and refurbish the wall. Nehemiah didn't know how long his journey would be, and he didn't question God, he was willing to go because of the necessity of the work.

Christians, family of believers, because of the state of America as a whole and especially our young people, the necessity for us to help is now. The Time Is Now. We must get busy for God's Glory.

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That's what your GPS said, so you turned - though that didn't seem correct and you knew that blind obedience to electronics isn't always a good idea. Would you be late? End up lost? Or would you end up in exactly the right place?

Like a GPS, life also has a way of taking you down unknown roads. In the new book **"Sister: An African American Life in Search**

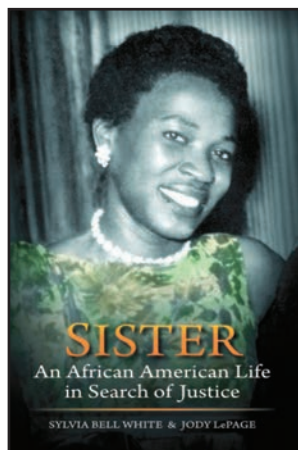
Sister: An African American Life in Search of Justice is delightful and powerful

of Justice" by Sylvia Bell White & Jody LePage, for example, you'll read about one woman's journey from Louisiana to Wisconsin and into history.

Like most eight-year-old children, Sylvia Bell loved to play.

She remembered swinging from ropes with her brothers, batting baseballs, and getting "all dust and dirty." As the seventh child of thirteen, and the only girl, Sylvia had simple fun while growing up in Louisiana in those pre-Depression years.

But when she was eight years old, her mother disappeared (something she did often), so Sylvia became a mother to "them boys." She took over the cooking and



housework but left disciplinary matters to her father, who was both "a mother and a father, to tell you the truth."

Eventually, Sylvia's mother returned (staying away, Jody LePage hints, might

have been a method of birth control) and the family thrived. Sylvia's father, a respected man in the community, kept two jobs and was able to buy a small farm in order to feed his brood. He raised his children with a velvet fist - though it's speculated that as the father of a dozen boys, lynching and violence probably never left his mind.

At age seventeen, Sylvia became part of the Great Migration and moved to Milwaukee. When her mother died, she wanted to move back home but her father wouldn't allow it so, with some of "them boys," she returned to Wisconsin and her life.

Then, nearly ten years later, in February 1958, something went horribly wrong: Sylvia's brother, twenty-one-year-old Dan, was stopped by two Milwaukee police officers at the edge of the highway one night and, after a brief pursuit, one of them shot Dan in the back of the neck.

They almost got away with it...

I don't think I give away too much by emphasizing the word "almost" there. Just by browsing its dust jacket, you know what happens in "Sister"... but you don't. No, you've really got to read this half history, half oral history book.

Early-on, author Jody LePage explains why she

spent many hours recording Sylvia Bell White's memories of life, family, and her steadfast demand for justice for her brother - memories that are fascinating, often charming, and occasionally horrifying. I enjoyed how the authors used history to set the stage for each chapter here, and I loved that this book's authenticity (including speech peculiarities) and irresistible personality pull readers back through decades and geography.

If you're looking for something that's different, powerful, and sometimes delightful, then you're going to love this book. For you and your cravings for history, "Sister" is a book to turn to.

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takes other people's money. Secondly, we are the "other people". It is our hard earned money and risk taking that the government taxes. Third point is in Detroit, the liberals ran out of other people's money.

The final point is that the other people left Detroit in mass and all that remained was entrenched, entitled, decaying liberalism

The city's betrayal and liberal corruption continues after 30 years of working for the city's two pension funds, attorney Ronald Za-jac was indicted on charges: he was part of a bribery and kick-back scheme involving more

than \$200 million in Detroit pension fund investments.

The city's liberal corruption doesn't stop there. According to the US attorney's office, Paul Stewart, a former trustee of Detroit's Police and Fire Retirement System, also was charged with participating in the scheme.

This is how big liberal cronyism looks. This is the result of a large unregulated liberal machine in Detroit. The sad part is that the citizens of Detroit deserve better. The scary part is that there are a number of other large upper mid-western cities' that are in the same

situation and whose fate is as equally bleak. *Just look at Chicago.*

The city has a tradition of bloated public services, inflated city salaries, and an unrestricted sense of entitlement to public services. We deserve the leaders we elect. In other words, Detroit, live with it.

Detroit, as it relates to a possible taxpayer funded bail out of your mess? Well here is to your seemingly unrestrained spending spree for the last 60 years, DROP DEAD!

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top of the first inning to save two runs and going 2-for-4 with a home run, stolen base and two RBI.

In 2011, Jackson created the "Bo Bikes Bama" annual charity bi-ke ride to address unmet recovery needs faced by Alabamians following the deadly tornadoes that year.

The inaugural event, which consisted of Jackson, former All-Star Ken Griffey, Jr. and hundreds of cyclists from around the country and Canada biking 300 miles in five days ending in Tuscaloosa, raised more than

\$600,000. Every "Bo Bikes Bama" event going forward will be scheduled on the anniversary of the tornadoes and will take place in a different small town in Alabama that was affected. The

money Jackson raises has not only gone toward rebuilding efforts, but also toward building community storm shelters to protect against future storms.

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