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# Black Lives Matter Co-Founder and Black Futures Lab Release Second Black Census Report

By Tedarius Abrams, Sharon Washington and Elae Hill  
*Washington Informer*



Alicia Garza's new report offers insight into the needs of Black LGBTQ+ communities. (Courtesy photo)

(NNPA) According to a new report produced in part by Black Lives Matter co-founder Alicia Garza, Black lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans may be more concerned with everyday economic issues like low wages, unaffordable health care, and access to housing. More respondents identified these as higher priorities than marriage equality, though they strongly support laws enabling gay and lesbian couples to marry legally.

The analysis of responses from over 5,300 participants in the 2019 Black Census, demonstrate that police violence and impunity — and broader societal violence that targets the LGBTQ+ community — are also urgent concerns, showing a strong alignment with the non-LGBTQ+ identifying larger Black community.

“Too often, Black LGBTQ+ people are perceived as distinct and separate from the larger Black community and defined more by their sexual orientation than their race,” said Alicia Garza, principal at the Black Futures Lab and co-

founder of Black Lives Matter. “In fact, LGBTQ+ respondents prioritize the same concerns as the rest of the Black community and face triple consciousness: violence and discrimination based not only on race but gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

“Black LGBTQ+ people often lose employment opportunities, access to housing and quality affordable health care because of how we identify. It is important for policymakers, activists and community groups to remember this and create an agenda that reflects that under-

standing when representing and serving Black LGBTQ+ people. Attending a gay wedding and changing your Facebook profile picture to a rainbow flag is great but it’s simply not enough.”

The report, “When the Rainbow Is Not Enough: LGBTQ+ Voices in the 2019 Black Census” examines the priorities and concerns of over 5,300 respondents to the 2019 Black Census who identify as gay, lesbian or bisexual or describe their sexual orientation as “other.”

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Claudia Jordan



Darren Woodson

**NDG Quote of the Week:** “The true worth of a race must be measured by the character of its womanhood.”  
- Mary McLeod Bethune



## Claudia Jordan

By Andre Johnson  
NDG Special Contributor

Letitia Scott Jackson has a question she'd like to ask everyone.

"Do you know that it's more of a blessing to give than it is to receive?" Scott Jackson asked her gallery of social media followers earlier this week. "It's called principals. We are about to make miracles happen for kids and teens."

Scott Jackson and host of friends and business associates will make that all possible during her inaugural Christmas In July Connect Fest.



An event that is powered by Scott Jackson's Keeping Families Connected nonprofit organization, the Christmas in July Connect Fest will take place on July 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Dallas' Forest Central, located at 11520 North Central Expressway.

ever to hold that title. In 1997, she competed at Miss USA, where she ultimately placed in the top 10.

An event that Scott Jackson said is unlike any other of its kind, the Christmas In July Connect Fest will be comprised of an array of entertainment, most notably an appearance by celebrity actor and renowned radio personality Claudia Jordan.

A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Jordan held the Miss Rhode Island Teen USA 1990 title and represented her native state at the Miss Teen USA 1990 pageant.

In 1997, she won the Miss Rhode Island USA title, becoming the second African-American woman

Joining Jordan during Scott Jackson's Christmas In July Connect Fest is BBVA Compass Bank's Torry Abra, who will serve as the master of ceremony.

Scott Jackson whose community-based contributions have become fixtures throughout the Dallas-Fort

Worth area, is looking forward to an event she said will become an annual adventure.

"This event is about to be epic," Scott Jackson said. "We have several families that have signed up for the 'Miracle Blessings,' and we are going to bless them with a miracle Christmas in July."

Most importantly, Scott Jackson emphasized that she and her team are extending a plea to the general public to make donations, which will enable them to help as many families as possible.

Donations can be made at logging on to [www.keepingfamilyconnected.org](http://www.keepingfamilyconnected.org).

"Our mission for this monumental moment is to spread some love," Scott Jackson, a native of Houston who was raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, said. "Listen...because that is what we are about here at Keeping Families Connected."

A DFW-based nonprofit organization that Scott Jackson established approximately four years ago, the strategic mission of Keeping Families Connected is centered in large part on enriching the lives of young people, most notably through events, as well as by way of providing educational resources, mentoring, and counseling services.

potential.

Sponsorships and fundraising from events like this help support programs for The Warren Center throughout the year including educational programs and services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, developmental services, nutrition, family education and support for children with developmental delays and disabilities.

For more information about upcoming events and services please visit, [www.thewarrencenter.org](http://www.thewarrencenter.org).

The Warren Center is a nonprofit agency providing professional evaluations, therapy services and support to children with developmental delays and disabilities.

The center serves over 900 children each week as well as their families. Services include speech, occupational and physical therapy; developmental services; and nutrition as well as family education and support. The Early Childhood Intervention Program serves the entire northern half of Dallas County in 48 ZIP codes.

For more information, please visit <https://www.thewarrencenter.org> or follow The Warren Center on Facebook and Twitter.

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## Darren Woodson

The Warren Center, a nonprofit agency providing professional evaluations, therapy services, and support to children with developmental delays and disabilities is pleased to announce that Dallas Cowboy legend Darren Woodson will host the 26th annual Fantasy Football Draft Night Party event on Aug. 23 at the Westin Galleria.

As part of an esteemed group of elite athletes, Darren Woodson is a three-time Super Bowl champion and five-time Pro Bowl selection, he played his entire career for the Dallas Cowboys



from 1992-2003. In addition to his analyst work for ESPN, Woodson is a partner at esrp, and is an active member of the Dallas community proudly supporting many local nonprofits.

"We are honored to have

Mr. Woodson as our host of this year's Fantasy Football Event," says Amy Spawn, CEO of The Warren Center. "Darren is a Dallas Cowboy legend and with his support we know we will attract even more popularity and proceeds from this event to help us further our mission of advocating, serving and empowering children and families impacted by developmental delays and disabilities."

At the annual football-themed event, guests are invited to draft their own Fantasy Football team to compete in a league of friends and colleagues throughout the NFL season.

Draft coordinators will be available to help participants that are new to Fantasy Football. The Champion of Fantasy Football will win two season tickets for the Dallas Cowboys 2020-2021 season. Winners of each league will receive a football autographed by a celebrity NFL player. Guests will also be treated to dinner and drinks, live music, silent and live auctions and fun for a great cause.

Fantasy Football Draft Night combines fun competition with the opportunity to help children with developmental delays and disabilities reach their full

## NDG Readers Sound Off...

**Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr., long-time leader of DCCCD, passed away at age of 85**

Grateful to God for his life, leadership, and legacy.

- Ed Johnson III  
via Facebook

What an impactful life led by a great man. #Dr-Lassiter

- Mesia Davis  
via Facebook

Rest Easy Dr. Wright Lassiter.

- Candice Quarles  
via Facebook

**55 Years after the Civil Rights Act, have we made progress?**

We still have a lot of work friends

- Carter Ramon

**The announcement of the passing of Ross Perot**

Indeed Dallas did. Rest in love sir. Family Dallas is

- Carol Robinson  
via Facebook

(Editor's Note: She is referring to Mayor Eric Johnson's statement, "We

have lost a true Dallas icon."

R I P mr Perot, prayers for the family.

- James Brewer  
via Facebook

Good heart carried a sack lunch everyday, wore the same old suits unless a family member brought him one. His family spent the money.

- Michael Darrough  
via Facebook

**\$200M in Restitution and Forgiveness Delivers Financial Justice to**

**consumers harmed by for-profit colleges**

I hope this all will works.

- Eve Wancher

My ppl stop borrowing money through payday loans & or title loan predators. Listen. U already know. There is NO LOVE FOR YOU IN THESE PLACES. Prepare for #Reparations Stop being ECONOMIC PREY. \*spread the word\*

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# 55 Years after the Civil Rights Act, have we made progress?

By Ruth Ferguson  
NDG Editor

We have elected our first Black president in U.S. history, we have bought homes after getting better jobs. Our children are no longer limited to "separate but equal" schools. We have gained the right to sit at any lunch counter we want, spend our money, all too often in stores owned by everyone but us.

"55 years ago, our nation took an enormous step forward on the path to true equality with the signing of the Civil Rights Act. The law expanded voting rights protections and access to public facilities, and it outlawed segregation in public places and banned racial discrimination by employers. It was a hard-won victory for generations of justice warriors, activists, and civil rights organizers who believed in the promise enshrined in our Constitution that we are all created equal. We are forever indebted to all those who persevered through unthinkable violence and endured unspeakable cruelty to forge a brighter future for all," DNC Chair Tom Perez said.

But 55 years after the signing of the Civil Rights Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson on July 2, 1964, can we truly say we have made progress?

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., smiled as he looked on what was undoubtedly a momentous occasion in American history on the eve of the country's birthday. However, would Dr. King point to the progress we have made in more than half of a century, or would his heart break at squandered opportunities?

**What would Dr. King think of Dallas?**

When he looks at Dallas, which was not always hospitable to Dr. King personally, and sees a city with

41 murders in May. Several of the victims, and reportedly some of the shooters, being black. When a working woman, who like many women who walked to work in Alabama instead of riding a bus, was shot while working at her long-time job at a local car wash. Even this weekend, two black teenage boys were killed, reportedly at the hand of another black male teen. This on the heels of a DeSoto teen shot days after graduation while sitting in a car in Downtown Dallas.

Would he cite religious reasons as an excuse to be dismissive of some of the victims simply because of their alternative lifestyles? Or would Dr. King see a child of God when seeing the brutality Muhlaysia Booker suffered and lead the call for justice?

The Civil Rights Act paved a path for homeownership, yet in Dallas, it is becoming increasingly difficult to rent an apartment. The rising rentals, the stagnant wages are leading to a sharp rise in homelessness even among working families.

Many turn away with annoyance at those gathered on street corners, meanwhile, institutions throughout Dallas are struggling to deal with the fallout. Teachers, nonprofits and others, for example, scramble to help children who showed up at Dallas ISD schools from shelters or insecure home environments.

Fortunately, like other school districts in North Texas, Dallas ISD now offers free breakfast and lunch to the children. This is an effort just to ensure our youngest residents have decent meals five days a week. Nonprofits scramble to provide at least snacks and nonperishable food to help them survive the weekend, and programs are put in place to feed them throughout the summer.

Yet we live in the wealthiest first-world country.

**Is Dallas truly moving forward?**

A man who led a movement such as he did with faith, certainly was one who had hope in the center of his heart. Therefore, I am sure as Dr. King looked at Dallas today, he would feel hopeful about our future. To witness the second black man elected as mayor, joined on the city council by three other black men and women and for the first time in the city's history, five Hispanic members.

To see daily operations of the ninth largest city in America managed by a black man. To see a police force and sheriff's department run by two black women and the list goes on.

NDG's Senior Columnist Ed Gray offered a warning last month in his look at *The New Face of Dallas*.

"In 2019, African-Americans in Dallas cannot blame anyone from lack of access to power. With this access to power, what will the result be? Black Dallas residents should take advantage of this moment, because it may not ever happen again."

**Where do we go from here?**

"Democrats understand that civil rights continues to be the great unfinished business of America. In too many states, conservative lawmakers still work to erect barriers to the ballot, especially in communities of color. And far too many families, structural racism has kept the vaults of opportunity sealed. But as long as the struggle for economic and racial justice continues, we will never stop fighting to expand opportunity for all, regardless of race, class, or creed," Perez said.

As we celebrate this hallmark achievement for civil rights, we are sitting in a

country where the federal government has caged children in reportedly unsanitary and unsafe conditions. America, have we made progress?

Last week, the Supreme Court, ruled in favor of partisan gerrymandering, and make no mistake, both parties have guilty hands in creating favorable districts. Is this real justice at the ballot box?

Next year Americans will have an opportunity to replace the current White House occupant. Throughout two nights, voters listened to 20 job applicants. Apparently, they are quite interested in hearing what these candidates are offering as a vision for the future. Ratings were through the roof reportedly.

We can feel hopeful when we look at a roster which included several black candidates and influential female voices, and an openly gay man.

Texan Julián Castro was practically an afterthought, but he now joins Senator Kamala Harris and Senator Elizabeth Warren as emerging leaders following the two nights of debates. Almost two months ago, Castro struggled to get even a small crowd to show up in Dallas for an appearance. Last night in Fort Worth, a more impressive crowd gathered.

Recent reports show nationally, most Americans would face a financial crisis if faced with an unexpected bill of just \$400. The struggle is indeed real. Meanwhile, often a GOP controlled state and federal government, allows predators such as payday loans to rob desperate people blind.

We celebrate the progress made as a result of the bill signed by LBJ 55 years ago today, but America cannot consider the victory won once and for all. The fight goes on.



# How the food on your plate protects the health of your skin

(UT Southwestern) People who have inadequate vitamin A in their diets are more susceptible to skin infection, yet how that vitamin affects skin immunity has been unclear. In a study published today, UT Southwestern researchers shed some light on that mystery by identifying a previously unknown bacteria-killing protein on the epidermis that requires the vitamin to work.

The researchers found that one protein in the resistin-like molecule (RELM) family – RELM $\alpha$  – acts as an antibiotic to rapidly kill bacteria. Both RELM $\alpha$ , which is made by mice, and the corresponding human RELM family protein, called resistin, are stimulated by dietary vitamin A.

“RELM $\alpha$  is the first example of an antimicrobial protein that requires dietary vitamin A for its bacterial killing activity. This finding gives us an im-



UT Southwestern / Screenshot

portant clue about how the skin defends itself against infection, and how skin defense is regulated by the diet,” said Dr. Lora Hooper, Chair of Immunology and corresponding author on the study published in *Cell Host & Microbe*.

Dermatologists use synthetic vitamin A, called retinoid, to treat acne, psoriasis, and other skin conditions, although how those drugs work has long been a mystery.

“The skin is the largest organ of the human body and is tasked with defend-

ing us against infection,” said Dr. Tamia Harris-Tryon, Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Immunology.

“If the skin immune system breaks down, infection results. Skin infections, from bacteria such as *Streptococcus*, are among the most common reasons people come to the emergency room,” added Dr. Harris-Tryon, a physician-scientist who completed postdoctoral training in the Hooper lab.

Dr. Hooper is well known for her research on the

commensal or “good” bacteria that inhabit the gut – where they aid in digestion and infection control.

The team’s experiments in human tissue and mice illuminate a previously unappreciated link between diet and innate immunity of the skin, suggesting why vitamin A derivatives are effective treatments for skin disease, said Dr. Hooper, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator who is also a UTSW Professor of Immunology and Microbiology with an additional appointment in the Center for the Genetics of Host Defense. Dr. Hooper holds the Jonathan W. Uhr, M.D. Distinguished Chair in Immunology and is a Nancy Cain and Jeffrey A. Marcus Scholar in Medical Research, in Honor of Dr. Bill S. Vowell.

In addition to identifying RELM $\alpha$ ’s unique feature – its requirement for dietary vitamin A to kill bacteria – the team showed that mice

fed a diet deficient in vitamin A made no RELM $\alpha$ . The researchers also found that mice missing RELM $\alpha$  were more susceptible to infection and had different bacterial species on their skin compared with typical mice.

Dr. Harris-Tryon added, “Considering how often retinoids are used in dermatology, the implications of our findings are potentially vast. The skin is an important interface between us and the environment and must defend us against infection and inflammation. We are just beginning to understand how bacteria and the microbiome (the term for the population of bacteria living with us) impact skin diseases such as psoriasis and acne. Our work helps to define the molecules that the skin uses to create a healthy relationship between the microbiome and us, the hosts.”

To study how the microbiome impacts immunity,

the researchers used Dr. Hooper’s colony of germ-free mice – mice raised from birth without exposure to germs – and identified genes that are turned on when such mice are exposed to bacteria.

“When the skin encounters bacteria, cells respond by making molecules that help defend the skin against infection,” she explained, adding that scientists at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) collaborated on the study.

The researchers included some caveats.

“This study gives us a better understanding of how diet impacts the ability of the skin to defend itself against bacterial infection – but more research will be needed to determine how these findings will impact patients with inflammatory skin diseases such as acne and psoriasis,” said Dr. Harris-Tryon, who earned her M.D.-Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University.



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## Stevie Wonder announces plans for kidney transplant surgery

Stevie Wonder surprised fans Saturday night at a concert in London with the announcement he will have kidney transplant surgery in September. He assured fans, he is going to be fine and has identified a donor.

“I’m going to have surgery,” he said. “I’m going to have a kidney transplant in September of this year.

The announcement appeared to be in response to recent reports including one by the Detroit Free Press on Wednesday that the Motown star was battling a serious medical condition.

“I want you to know, I came here to give you my love, and to thank you for your love,” the 69-year-old

Wonder told the audience at the Barclaycard British Summer Time festival in London’s Hyde Park. His announcement spurred a roaring round of applause from the concert crowd.

“So you ain’t got to hear no rumors about nothing,” said Wonder, sounding upbeat. “I told you what’s up: I’m good.”

The National Kidney Foundation reports Blacks suffer from kidney failure at three times the rates of Whites. Although they are 13 percent of the population, Blacks represent 35 percent of dialysis patients in America. The high rate

of diabetes in the community is considered one of the leading causes. According to the foundation, 4.9 Blacks over the age of 20 are living with the disease. Too often, it is untreated because they do not realize they have it.

## Bystanders less likely to provide CPR aide to a Black child in poor neighborhood AHA study shows

African American children living in socioeconomically disadvantaged neighborhoods are significantly less likely than their Caucasian counterparts in disadvantaged or wealthier areas to receive CPR from a bystander, according to new research in *Journal of the American Heart Association*, the *Open Access Journal of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association*.

An estimated 7,000 children suffer cardiac arrests outside the hospital each

year, according to American Heart Association statistics.

Investigators at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) used the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) database to examine factors influencing bystander CPR rates for pediatric non-traumatic out of hospital cardiac arrests from 2013-2017.

A total of 7,086 cardiac arrests were noted in the CARES catchment area between 2013 and 2017 with

61% occurring in infants, 60% in boys, 31% among white kids, 31% among black kids, 10.5% among Hispanics, 3% other and 24% where ethnicity was unknown.

Among the findings:  
• Overall, 3,399 children (48%) received bystander CPR.

• Compared to white children, bystander CPR was 41% less likely for black kids; 22% less likely for Hispanics and 6% less likely among other ethnic groups.

• Black children living in majority-black neighborhoods with high unemployment, low education, and low median income were almost half as likely to receive bystander CPR compared to white children with rates of (59.7% versus 32.1%).

In 2017, the researchers published initial data from the study, but at that time the reported associations were unclear, noted lead in-

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## Four Dallas cops on admin leave; 25 more are under investigation for racist social media posts

The Dallas Police Department has acknowledged four police officers are on paid administrative leave, with 25 under investigation for allegedly racist comments made via social media.

This came to light following an investigation by The Plain View Project, a group which reviews the social media posts of law

enforcement officers. They reviewed content from several police forces around the country. In Philadelphia 72 cops were placed on leave and similar investigations are underway in St. Louis and Phoenix according to WFAA.

Reportedly more than 5,000 posts from 300 active Dallas cops have been collected by the Plain View

Project according to Newsweek. The posts contain racist comments, jokes about the use of violence by police.

"We take these matters seriously and we want to ensure the community that we will not tolerate racism, bigotry or hatred of any kind in our organization," Dallas police Chief U. Renee Hall said in a written statement.

"The Dallas Police De-

partment prides itself on maintaining the highest standards of ethics and integrity while providing service to the community without prejudice," Hall said.

Dallas police are already under pressure as murders have raised alarm in recent months, while the force is short-staffed by up to 500 officers.



A screenshot shared by Newsweek reportedly taken from the Facebook account of a Dallas cop.

## TXDOT set to close ramps at Bush Turnpike and US 75 in Plano for construction

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) construction project at US 75 and President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT) is moving towards its last phase of construction and nearing completion. TxDOT is ready to complete the connections of westbound and eastbound PGBT to northbound US 75.

This work will require the closure of each of these



TxDOT / Facebook

connection ramps from PGBT to northbound US 75.

### CLOSURES

TxDOT has indicated the PGBT connections to

northbound US 75 will be closed starting Friday, July 12 at 8 p.m.

- PGBT eastbound to northbound US 75 will re-open Tuesday, July 16 at 5 a.m.

- PGBT westbound to northbound US 75 will re-open Saturday, July 20 at 5 a.m.

### DETOURS

PGBT westbound to northbound US 75 traffic will be detoured to the "Ave

K/Plano Rd" exit, onto the frontage road of PGBT and then to the northbound frontage road of US 75. To facilitate the increase in traffic volume, a temporary traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of the two frontage roads. Traffic on the northbound US 75 frontage road will be able to use the new bypass lane that crosses under Plano Parkway, allowing traffic to avoid the traffic signal

at Plano Parkway.

PGBT eastbound to northbound US 75 traffic will be detoured on to southbound US 75, then exit to "Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Rd" exit. Traffic will be then directed to the northbound US 75 direction.

Message boards will inform motorists of the detour routes. All timelines are subject to change with weather.

## DART schedules public meetings on the proposed Cotton Belt Line

The public is invited to attend a community meeting to review the progress of the Cotton Belt Corridor Regional Rail Project. The Design-Build Contractor will be on hand to outline the latest developments and answer your questions.

The project will provide regional rail service along the 26-mile long Cotton Belt Corridor from DFW International Airport to Plano.

Presentations during these meetings will include:

- Updated project drawings showing track configurations and station layout;

- Status of track grade separations (bridges);

- Station Art & Design Progress;

- Design-Builder's early design and construction schedule;

- A general summary of project information;

- Identification of contacts for FAQs and community concerns.

### Community Meetings

**Monday, July 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

Courtyard Theater  
1509 H Ave., Plano, TX 75074

**Wednesday, July 31,**

**2019, 6:30 p.m.**

Crosby Recreation Center  
- Elm Fork Room

1610 E. Crosby Rd., Carrollton, TX 75006

**Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

The Sound at Cypress Waters -

Town Hall (Second Floor)  
3111 Olympus Blvd., Dallas, TX 75019

**Thursday, August 15, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

Shelton School & Evaluation Center

15720 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas, TX 75248

## CPR, from Page 4

investigator Maryam Naim, M.D.

"When analyzing the epidemiology of bystander CPR in children in the United States [in 2017] we found lower bystander CPR rates in black and Hispanic children compared to white children but weren't sure if

this was due entirely to racial disparities or if it was also associated with neighborhood socioeconomic factors like income, employment, and educational status," said Naim, a pediatric cardiac intensive care physician at CHOP.

"As most bystander CPR

is provided by family members, lower response rates are likely due to a lack of CPR training and recognition of cardiac arrests," she said, noting that teaching CPR to parents before a newborn is released from the hospital, or during pediatrician visits would be good opportunities for such training.

## Enroll now for fall classes!

Registration ends August 21.  
Classes begin August 26.

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# Mayor's 23rd Back-to-School Fair is set for Aug. 2 at Fair Park

*Brrrrring!* With the sound of bells soon returning as the first day of school inches closer, the 23rd Mayor's Back to School Fair, presented by Walmart, has Dallas families covered. A one-stop-shop complete with all the back-to-school essentials, the Fair is set for Friday, Aug. 2, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Centennial Building at Fair Park. Pre-registration events are being held across the city throughout July.

With approximately 35,000 expected to attend, the Fair offers families everything they need to prepare for the school year including free school supplies for Dallas school-children (who meet eligibility requirements); free health, dental and vision screenings; immunizations; haircuts; and the latest information on education, health, and social services. Pre-K through 5th-grade students will receive a colorful backpack. Add in musical entertainment, kids activities, games, interactive demos and freebies galore, and the Fair makes for a fun day the whole family can enjoy together.

"The Mayor's Back To School Fair has become a



Children and their parents not only received school supplies but books to read donated by Half Price Books and distributed at the Mayor's Back to School Fair last year by volunteers from the Dallas Chapter of Jack and Jill. (Image via Facebook Jack & Jill/Kim Cooks)

staple – and a great tradition – for Dallas families, filling in the gaps and playing an important role in ensuring our kids are ready to roll their first day of school," said Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson. "I heard how the Fair has helped thousands of Dallas families over the years and, as the newly elected mayor, I'm thrilled to step in and continue all the great work that Mayor Rawlings and other mayors have done, not only with the Fair but with supporting education. To all the wonderful sponsors, donors and community partners who step up each year, thank you for your commitment to education in our great city."

**Community partners of-**

**fering services and supplies**

Walmart will conduct free vision screenings for children and offer general health screenings, including blood pressure and glucose checks. Texas A&M University College of Dentistry will provide free dental screenings for students and oral health information for everyone, plus fluoride applications, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to students. Dallas County Health & Human Services will provide free immunizations; the National Kidney Foundation will offer kidney health screenings, and Positive Breathing will offer asthma screenings. Cedric B's Barber and Beauty Salon and Ogle School

of Hair, Skin and Nails will offer free haircuts to students. Essilor Vision Foundation will be on-site conducting eye exams and providing eyeglasses for children at no cost to qualifying families. In addition, Undies for Everyone will hand out six pairs of underwear to children (first come, first served) and Half Price Books will give away 10,000 books.

Dallas ISD will have a large area with bilingual staff on hand to provide information on magnet schools, scholarship and alternative programs, psychological and social services, parenting and family literacy.

Educational information and services, in English and Spanish, will be offered at hundreds of community resource booths on crime prevention, fire safety, college readiness, housing, transportation, personal finances, health, nutrition, and literacy.

Eligible families who qualify for free school supplies are encouraged to pre-register at events held throughout Dallas in July. Families can also register

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## PRE-REGISTRATION EVENTS

**Saturday, July 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Erik Jonsson Central Library  
1st Floor Lobby  
1515 Young St.  
Dallas, TX 75201

**Monday, July 15, from 3-5 p.m.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
2901 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75215

**Tuesday, July 16, from 2-4 p.m.**

Casa View Elementary School  
2100 N. Farola Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75228

**Tuesday, July 16, from 5-7 p.m.**

Lancaster-Kiest Branch Library  
2008 E. Kiest Blvd.  
Dallas, TX 75216

**Thursday, July 18, from 2-4 p.m.**

Leonides Gonzalez Cigarroa, M.D. Elementary School  
9990 Webb Chapel Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75220

**Friday, July 19, from 3-5 p.m.**

Eastfield College Pleasant Grove Campus  
802 S. Buckner Blvd.  
Dallas, TX 75217

**Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m.-noon**

Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center  
5150 Mark Trail Way  
Dallas, TX 75232

**Saturday, July 20, from noon-2 p.m.**

Fretz Park Library Branch  
6990 Belt Line Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75254

**Tuesday, July 23; 2-4 p.m.**

Sam Tasby Middle School  
7001 Fair Oaks Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75231

**Wednesday, July 24, from 4-6 p.m.**

Highland Hills Branch Library  
6200 Bonnie View Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75241

**Thursday, July 25, from 3-5 p.m.**

Harmony Science Academy – Dallas High  
12005 Forestgate Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75243

**Thursday, July 25, from 2-5:30 p.m.**

Baylor Scott & White Health and Wellness Center at Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center  
4500 Spring Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75210

**Saturday, July 27, from 10 a.m.-noon**

Prairie Creek Branch Library  
9606 Lake June Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75217

**Saturday, July 27, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Martin Weiss Recreation Center  
1111 Martindell Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75211

## GM exec touts DTU and other programs that feature HBCUs

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Correspondent

During a fellowship luncheon and fireside chat at the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) convention in Cincinnati, Lester Booker, Jr., the project manager for communications operations at General Motors explained to publishers and others why it's important for the automaker and other Fortune 500 companies to invest in historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

"There are so many great men and women that are being developed and minds that are being cared for, cultivated inside of the schools and they don't necessar-



Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. and Lester Booker, Jr., the project manager for communications operations at General Motors touts the fourth year of the popular Discover the Unexpected Journalism Fellowship program (DTU) that was developed by Chevrolet in 2016 as an HBCU fellowship program.

ily have the recruitment bandwidth and their career centers don't have the relationships established to actually open up access to larger Fortune 500 companies," Booker said.

"So, I think it is imperative that if we want to grab diverse talent, specifically

in the African American community," he said during the conversation with NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., on Thursday, June 27 at the Cincinnati Westin Hotel.

Chavis and Booker touts the fourth year of the popular Discover the Unex-

pected Journalism Fellowship program (DTU) that was developed by Chevrolet in 2016 as an HBCU fellowship program.

"It's purpose was to create and share optimistic stories while reinforcing the brand's continued commitment to the African American community," Booker said.

Chevrolet awards each of the six DTU fellows a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 stipend. The students form two teams of three people, and each team has access to an all-new 2019 Chevrolet Blazer during their reporting assignments.

Since 2016, Chevrolet has awarded in excess of \$400,000 in scholarships

and stipends in the annual program.

This year's fellows are Elae Hill of North Carolina A&T; Sharon Joy Washington of Florida A&M; Tyla Barnes of Hampton University; Tedarius Abrams of Bethune-Cookman University; Emani Nichols of Morehouse College; and Miana Massey of Howard University.

The fellows will work this summer with NNPA member newspapers the *Atlanta Voice*, *Chicago Crusader*, *Washington Informer*, and *Houston Forward Times*.

The program includes a boot camp which Lester said immerses the fellows in "all things Chevrolet."

They also meet leaders

from Chevrolet and NNPA publishers.

"The program started with Howard University in 2016," Booker said.

"We increased the reach of the program in 2017 to Spelman, Morehouse, Clark Atlanta ... based on the overwhelming response, the online submission process was opened to all HBCU students in their sophomore through senior years with an interest in journalism, communications, mass media, or visual arts," he said.

The fireside chat also included a video featuring DJ Envy, the famed disc jockey and music producer whose co-host of the popu-

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## Annual Book Sale set for July 25-27 in Plano

Ready, set, shop! The annual Friends of the Plano Public Library Book Sale kicks off early this year on Thursday, July 25 at Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. Get bargain prices through Saturday, July 27. Volunteers have carefully sorted thousands of hardbacks, paperbacks, DVDs, CDs and re-

cords with most priced at \$2 or less. There's something for every reading level and interest – gardening, genealogy, history, mysteries, romance, travel and more.

Become a Friends member at [friendsofplanolibrary.org](http://friendsofplanolibrary.org) for as little as \$20 to get advance access from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday and free admission with 10 percent

off all purchases any day of the Book Sale.

### Book Sale Hours

- Thursday, 6-10 p.m. – \$5 per person or \$10 per family
  - Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. – FREE admission
  - Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. – FREE admission and fill a bag for \$10 (bags provide)
- Proceeds benefit the com-

munity through the Friends of the Plano Public Library, a volunteer-led, nonprofit, membership organization dedicated to supporting Plano Public Library.

Last year, the Friends raised \$115,000 to enhance the Library's programs, technology and materials such as STEAM kits and eBooks.



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## Newly remodeled Rosemeade Rainforest projected to open early August

The City of Carrollton Rosemeade Rainforest Aquatic Complex (1334 E. Rosemeade Parkway) is now projected to open Friday, August 2 due to weather-related construction delays and contractor failures.

Frisco-based Gold Medal Pools, the company making the voter-approved improvements to the Rainforest, gave an update to the Carrollton City Council at the Tuesday, July 9 meeting.

Craig Kooda, General Contractor, said he feels meeting the July 26 deadline is "definitely attainable" for the construction team. "We've been out there working seven days a week to get this project completed."

Mayor Kevin Falconer

and the City Council made it clear the company has not fulfilled the contract stipulations.

And while the company is paying the \$1,500 daily penalty fee for each day the project is delayed past the original agreed upon completion date, that amount is still less than half of what would be a daily revenue for a fully open and functioning Aquatic Complex. Because of this, Council has asked Gold Medal Pools to offer something to compensate Carrollton citizens for having to wait almost all season for the amenity that was originally scheduled to open at the beginning of the regular pool season.

No concrete plans for a Grand Re-Opening event

or special access to an exclusive water park location have been made yet.

Gold Medal Pools' new completion date of Friday, July 26 would allow for City aquatics staff to come onsite, prepare the facility and the property, and open on Friday, August 2 for the remainder of the season through Labor Day.

Because of the delayed opening, daily entrance fees once the pool is open will be discounted to \$3 per resident and \$6 per non-resident on both weekdays and weekends.

The City of Carrollton has partnered with the City of Farmers Branch for Carrollton residents to be able to visit the Farmers Branch Frog Pond Water Park for

daily admission at the resident rate of \$5 per person. Carrollton residents will also be able to purchase season passes to the Frog Pond Water Park at the resident rate of \$50 per person

three years and older, \$130 per family (up to four members), and \$10 per additional family member. Frog Pond season passes will be honored at Rosemeade Rainforest once it is open.

To watch the City Council's full discussion about the Rosemeade Rainforest project, visit [carrolltontx.legistar.com](http://carrolltontx.legistar.com). For more information, visit [cityofcarrollton.com/pools](http://cityofcarrollton.com/pools).

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lar syndicated radio show, "The Breakfast Club."

Musician and author Fonzworth Bentley serves as the fellows' Road Trip Advisor and both he and Envy are HBCU graduates.

"It's definitely important for young African Americans to have time with influential leaders that they aspire to be like," Booker said.

Since the DTU program's establishment, Chavis said everyone has seen some of the best and brightest students.

Booker noted the success of Jordan Fisher, a 2017 graduate of Clark Atlanta whose began working for the media team on Stacey Abrams' campaign for Georgia governor.

Fisher is currently a media manager and advisor

for CNN political commentator and attorney Angela Rye's political advocacy firm, IMPACT Strategies.

The program has also gained recognition by the Mosaic Awards panel which selected DTU as the winner of the Mosaic Award for Multicultural Online/Interactive Campaign.

The award recognizes campaigns that are executed primarily through interactive marketing targeted toward multicultural markets.

Booker said GM has other partnerships that reach HBCU audiences.

"Through our Corporate Giving efforts, we've provided financial support to both Howard University and North Carolina A&T," he said.

General Motors also has several other partnerships that will include an AutoDrive Challenge and a Buick Come Up Challenge.

"General Motors is a member of the billion-dollar roundtable, and we have been involved as one of the 28 companies who spend \$1 billion with diverse-owned companies," Booker said.

"We have an HBCU White House partnership ... we've actually participated in a conference and met with presidents of many HBCUs to talk about how to develop these pipelines of talent to make sure that we're actually creating a pipeline of talent for entry-level positions," he said.

To learn more about the DTU program, visit [www.nnpa.org/chevydtu](http://www.nnpa.org/chevydtu)

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## Dallas

Children's playhouses designed by some of Dallas' premier builders and architects will be on display at NorthPark Center July 12 to 28 for **Dallas CASA's 24th annual Parade of Playhouses**. Dallas CASA's signature community awareness event which raises funds to serve abused and neglected children, Parade of Playhouses will feature 17 perfectly pint-sized creations on display and available to win by raffle.

**Friday Night Basketball Live** is each Friday night in July from 8 p.m. at 11:59 p.m. at St. Philip's Community Center (1600 Pennsylvania Avenue) hosted by Victory Baptist Church of Dallas.

FAMU National Alumni is hosting the **2019 Annual DFW FAMU Alumni BBQ** on July 13 at 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 9940 White Rock Trail is the location, tickets are available at [dfwfamualumni.org](http://dfwfamualumni.org).

**Frontiers of Flight Museum is celebrating Moon Day** to honor the 50th Anniversary of the historic Apollo 11 Moon Landing. John Blaha, retired United States Air Force colonel and a former NASA astronaut, will be the keynote presenter. He is a veteran of five space missions aboard the Space Shuttle and Mir. Stay tuned for more exciting details about featured presentations, Moon Acad-



Frontiers of Flight

emy, Lunar University, and over 30 exhibitors who will provide hands-on STEM Education activities.

The celebration, which is the biggest annual space exposition in Texas, is set for Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Ave. Moon Day is free with Museum admission (\$7-\$10; Museum members and children under 3 are free). Through the Blue Star Museums program, admission is free for active duty military and their families.

**Wealth & Whiskey Talks** If you are seeking to increase your financial IQ in a not so boring manner, this event is for you. This intimate event and private group conversation, with a whiskey twist, is centered on wealth empowerment and advanced financial strategies. Many of us have the desire to attain wealth, but do not know the formula to get there. Event host, Chris "Fish" Fisher, brings in Subject Matter Experts to discuss all things surrounding earning, growing,

protecting, and transferring your wealth.

This month's topic is "The Untold Rules of Money" on July 18, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ink Realty Group at 1881 Sylvan Avenue #100. Tickets available at Eventbrite.

## Desoto

**Women Empowering Each Other** by uplifting: Self-Esteem; Collaboration; Networking; Finances; Health and etc. The event is scheduled for July 20 for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Church of The Disciple United Methodist located at 220 S Cockrell Hill Rd. Registration Cost: \$35.00; Booth Fee: \$75.00 and T-Shirts: \$15.00 Youth Girls are welcome.

## Garland

**Summer Concert Series** concludes Friday, July 12. Bring the entire family and spend a summer evening under the beautiful Texas stars in the historic Downtown Garland Square!

Enjoy live music beginning at 7 p.m. and fireworks to end the event at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Bring blankets, chairs, water/soda, snacks, bug spray and sunblock. Also bring some cash for the vendors! The event is free.

The series concludes this Friday with Havana NRG!, a "new breed of Latin band." Learn more at [GarlandParks.com](http://GarlandParks.com).

Join **TeamConnor & Hawaiian Falls** for the 8th Annual Splash Out Childhood Cancer on July 17 and help find a cure for cancer. Purchase discounted tickets from TeamConnor to Hawaiian Falls for \$22 plus tax (regular price is \$28.99 plus tax). Children two years old and under are free. Tickets are valid through to any of the five Hawaiian Falls waterparks: Garland, The Colony, Mansfield, Roanoke, and Waco.

**A Community Conversation** Saturday, July 20. The Community Multicultural Commission invites you to A Community Conversation from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 20, at Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road.

Topics will include the 2020 census, building permit process, code enforcement frequently identified issues, Literacy for Life, and safety.

For more information, contact [CMC@Garland-TX.gov](mailto:CMC@Garland-TX.gov).

## Irving

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) will hold its next **ADA Community**

**Meeting** on Saturday, July 20, 2019, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., at Irving Heritage Senior Center, 200 S. Jefferson St., Irving, TX 75060, MAPS-CO grid 71B-Y.

This location is two blocks south of the Downtown Irving/Heritage Crossing Station, served by the Trinity Railway Express (TRE). From the station, DART Bus Routes 408-PARKLAND STATION, 549 and 840 provide direct service to the Center on Saturdays.

## Lancaster

**SAVE THE DATE: Ms. Ester Davis, TV Producer and Anchor of "The Ester Davis Show"** is one of the panelists with healthcare professionals discussing the high rates of cancer in the African American community. The free buffet breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. on July 20 at the Lancaster Rec Center, 1700 Veteran's Memorial Parkway. Oncologists will give updates on symptoms and treatments for prostate, colon and pancreatic cancers. RSVP early at 800-677-8441.

## Mesquite

Drum Corps International will present **DCI Mesquite** on Monday, July 22 at Mesquite Memorial Stadium. The show is presented by the U.S. Marines Drum & Bugle Corps and is part of the 2019 Summer Tour that includes more than 100 shows in 37 states

with 45 drum corps on the road to World Championship Finals in Indianapolis August 10.

Advance tickets are available at [www.dci.org/events](http://www.dci.org/events) or by calling 317.275.1212. Tickets will also be sold at the gate.

## Plano

Come join us in a trip back to the 70's when Art Centre Theatre presents **Saturday Night Disco Fever** on Aug. 2 - Aug. 11. Put on your best polyester suit, crank up the BeeGee's on your 8-track player and come relive the sights and sounds of the 70's. They are featuring the best songs and dances from everyone's favorite era for you to boogie down to. Tickets are purchasable online at [artcentretheatre.com](http://artcentretheatre.com) for \$15, but prices are subject to change at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.artcentretheatre.com](http://www.artcentretheatre.com).

The city is seeking residents serve the community on **City of Plano Boards and Commissions**. The annual application process is underway. Explore the Boards and Commissions Overview to find the service opportunity that fits you best. Attend the information session on Thursday, Aug. 22, 6-7:30 p.m. at Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd. Representatives will answer your questions about each board. Hurry, applications are due by Friday, Aug. 23.

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at the Fair Aug. 2; however, families who pre-register will save time and guarantee receipt of school supplies at the Fair.

## Call to action!

Mayor Johnson is encouraging the public to support education by donating online to provide school supply packets and backpacks for children the day of the Fair. One backpack is \$21, and tax-deductible donations to the Mayor's

Back to School Fair may be made at <https://mei.kimbia.com/mbtsf>.

## Guideline details

Free school supplies are available only to Pre-K through 12th-grade students who attend a Dallas ISD school OR live in the City of Dallas and meet the 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**For Dallas ISD students**, families must provide proof that the student

attends a Dallas ISD school by providing any of the following documentation with student ID number - most recent student report card, letter from student's school stating the student attends a Dallas ISD school, student ID card OR a printout from the online Parent Portal that shows student's ID number).

**For students attending other schools who live in the City of Dallas**, families must provide a valid photo ID, City of Dallas

proof of residency and verify income is at or below the 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**Picture ID** includes state driver's license, state identification card, military identification card, foreign consulate-issued identification (i.e. Matricula Consular), school or employer work identification card, or church ID card.

**Proof of residency** includes May, June, July or August 2019 utility bill (electricity, water, phone,

cable or gas) showing applicant name and current address; any mail sent to applicant showing applicant name and current address, with a postmark from May, June, July or August 2019; or letter from landlord or apartment management company, on company letterhead, indicating proof of residency during May, June, July or August 2019.

**Proof of income** may be verified using paycheck stubs from May, June, July

or August 2019; a letter dated in May, June, July or August 2019 on agency or company letterhead from an employer, welfare office, caseworker, or Social Security Administration Office indicating annual income and signed by an agent of the company or agency (letter must include contact phone number for verification); or other qualifying documents include Medicaid letter, unemployment, disability, or SNAP food benefit letter/card.



# Mary J. Blige signs new deal; win tickets to the show

By Defender News Service

(NNPA) Mary J. Blige seems to be winning in every way. NDG readers have an opportunity to win tickets to see Mary J. Blige perform with Nas on Aug. 22 at the Dos Equis Pavillion. Visit our Facebook page for more details.

Days after she honored her damn self at the BET Awards, Lionsgate announced that the Grammy-award-winning singer turned Oscar-nominated actress has signed a first

look deal with Lionsgate.

According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, Blige will develop and produce series through her company Blue Butterfly Productions. The deal will also allow Blige to create content for the studios various platforms.

In a statement, Blige said, "I couldn't be more excited to be working with Lionsgate," Mary J. Blige said on Wednesday in a statement about the deal. "They are incredible collaborators and have been natural partners from when

we first started talking. I can't wait to bring all of our projects to life."

Kevin Beggs, Lionsgate Television Group chairman, also spoke about the partnership: "Mary is a very talented artist, fearless visionary and an incredible human being. We're delighted to be working with someone with such a powerful and impactful creative voice. Every art she touches blossoms, and we're humbled she's chosen us as her home. We look forward to all the exciting new

content Mary and her Blue Butterfly banner will bring to our television slate and Lionsgate 360 orbit."

The partnership comes after Mary is set to star in Netflix's *The Umbrella Academy* and the third season of *Scream*, which will air next month on VH1.

Mary joins a list of other artists like "Power" creator Courtney Kemp, "Love & Hip Hop" creator Mona Scott-Young and Common.

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## Angela Lewis returns for third season of John Singleton's *Snowfall* on FX

Graceful actress and soon to be new mom Angela Lewis is back for the third season of FX's hit crime drama *Snowfall* which returns tonight, July 10 at 9 p.m. Created by the late Academy Award-nominated writer and director John Singleton, the drama series explores the crack cocaine epidemic in 1980s Los Angeles. The cast includes Damson Idris (Netflix's "Black Mirror"), Emily Rios (IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK) and Isaiah John (DOWNSIZED).

*Snowfall* was one of legendary filmmaker John Singleton's last projects before passing away and it will be making its triumphant third season return. In season three, Franklin Saint (Damson Idris) is out of jail and that experience changed him. He's breaking bad, his mother is accepting of his illegal operation, he expands more into real estate and his close lieutenants are expanding their prospective operations. The show is set in the summer of 1984 as crack cocaine spreads like wildfire through South Central Los Angeles.

Consequently, police are starting to wake up to the growing epidemic, and Sergeant Andre Wright (Marcus Henderson) will set his sights on his next-door



Angela Lewis is ready for another season of FX's *Snowfall* (Courtesy image)

neighbor, up-and-coming Kingpin, Franklin Saint, focused on his burgeoning operation. While police are making attempts to douse the proverbial fire, Teddy McDonald (Carter Hudson) and the CIA are stymying their efforts, endeavoring to ensure that cocaine keeps coming into the city. Angela returns as 'Aunt Loui Saint' a hardened and tough-as-nails drug-addict with ambitious dreams to escape the world of South Central LA, is set to showcase her dramatic acting chops.

After announcing her pregnancy to the world via Instagram on Easter of this year, Angela and her husband J. Mallory Cree

are excited to bring in their new baby girl to the world. The mom-to-be is free to discuss being a first-time mom, her expectations vs reality of being a working mom in the entertainment industry, as well as what it means to be a strong black woman and setting an example for her daughter to follow.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Angela credits her drive and success to the city of Detroit and the public-school education she received attending Cass Tech High School where she was active in theater and found a role model in teacher Marilyn McCormick.

At the age of three, she

desired to be an actress and soon became the entertainer of the family. Her very supportive family had provided her with saxophone, as well as dance, jazz, and

tap lessons, which molded her into a performer. She received a degree in Theater Performing at the University of Michigan, and soon after moved to New

York City to pursue her acting career.

She was soon booking lead roles on the stage

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# Film Review: *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am*

By Dwight Brown  
NNPA Film Critic

She's a literary icon whose accolades include a 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature. For the African American reader who has been glued to her books since 1970, starting with her poignant debut novel *The Bluest Eye*, this documentary is an opportunity to see how the pieces of Toni Morrison's life have made her whole.

For those who came to the party late, this recounting of her evolution explains why, when you see a photo of this amazingly young looking 88-year-old, you can discern a certain brilliance hiding in her eyes, an extreme intelligence behind her disarming smile and a stately aura that is somewhere between that of queen and goddess.

One of the most interesting facts in this bio is that Morrison grew up in Lorain, Ohio, a multicultural immigrant town. Even if people didn't fraternize much with each other in their homes (and that's only a guess), shopping, town activities and education threw everyone into the same mix. It's no surprise that when Morrison entered Howard University and confronted segregation in The South that her perspective on life and race changed dramatically. Her evolution on the subject matter is as interesting to watch as her development as a writer.

When she helped school her white editors on the power of her works and viewpoints on African American culture and experiences, she faced the same challenge that many African Americans encounter when dealing with their white counterparts in business, education, politics, etc. Resistance. As she recounts her experiences, Morrison is poised, resolved and re-



*The first documentary to genuinely explore Toni Morrison's ascendance into the upper pantheon of the literary world does a nice job revealing her wonderful persona, uncovering her backstory and establishing her firm place in American history in a way her followers will appreciate, and others will admire.*

flective. Somewhat akin to an intelligent philosopher or an academic who patiently teaches a class of inquisitive but slow-learning freshmen.

You discover that she started her editing career as a divorced woman with two young boys, but that is about as deep as the footage goes into exploring her personal life. There are glimpses of Morrison behind closed doors, but nothing explicit, controversial or negative. In that way, this doc feels a bit like a promotional reel, which isn't a detriment, as any details about Morrison are better than none.

Many of her books come up for discussion: *Sula* (1973), about a deep female friendship, *Song of Solomon* (1977), perhaps her best piece of storytelling and certainly her most accessible novel and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction. The '80s brought *Tar Baby* (1981), then the somewhat controversial *Beloved* (1987), which was turned into a film by Oprah Winfrey, whose Book Club and TV show catapulted Morrison into the consciousness of middle America, or at least those who liked to read.

Still, some of her most illuminating thoughts on race were established in *The Bluest Eye*. This profound novel chronicles the

praying for blues eyes for two years and he didn't give me his." If that doesn't rip your heart out and send a clear message about the cruelty of systematic or unintended racism, nothing will.

There are other incidents reported by Morrison that underline the shaping of her values, views and desire to write books that could change social mores: Her mother made her erase the word FU— off a sidewalk. Why? "Because words have power." Rather than keep this and other life lessons to herself, Morrison has shared them consistently in novels, essays, lectures at universities, on TV—wherever a platform could assist her: "The only way I can own what I know is to write."

The writer-turned-editor-turned-novelist stood up to anyone who had a misconception about black literature and who it was written for or how it should be received. She ripped precon-

ceived notions and fallacies apart by revealing the problem: "The assumption is that the reader is a white person." She put that misguided viewpoint to bed.

Morrison seems at peace with the battles she's fought—or that were fought for her. Her history growing up in an integrated city undoubtedly forged her persona. Even with that multicultural background raising her consciousness, she had to disavow some of the misconceptions she was getting from home, to become the person she is today: "My father thought all white people were unredeemable."

Throughout her career, she has been championed and loved by both blacks and whites.

Director Timothy Greenfield-Sanders (*The Black List: Volumes One to Three*) pulls together an interesting group of fans and friends who have witnessed Morrison's rise and have praised her: Decades-long

editor Robert Gottlieb; fellow novelist Walter Mosley; activist Angela Davis; and essayist Fran Lebowitz. There are also glimpses of legendary poet Sonia Sanchez, Winfrey and others.

The archival footage, photos and newly shot interviews on-view look clear (Graham Willoughby cinematographer), neatly pulled together (Johanna Giebelhaus, editor) and are properly highlighted by a beguiling score (Kathryn Bostic, composer).

The first documentary to genuinely explore Toni Morrison's ascendance into the upper pantheon of the literary world does a nice job revealing her wonderful persona, uncovering her backstory and establishing her firm place in American history in a way her followers will appreciate, and others will admire.

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# Will White House Advisory Council act to end America's affordable housing crisis?

By: Charlene Crowell

McConnell.”

Nearly 90 years ago, Kelly Miller (1863-1939), a Black sociologist and mathematician, said, “The Negro is up against the white man’s standard, without the white man’s opportunity.” As the first Black man to enroll as a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University in 1908, Miller also authored a book entitled *Race Adjustment*, published in 1908.

Ironically, despite the passage of time, Miller’s words express the same sentiment held today by many Black Americans. As a people and across succeeding generations, we have held fast to our hopes for a better life. Yet it is painfully true that many opportunities enjoyed by other Americans have been elusive for people of color.

Noted author and journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates expressed a similar view during his June 19 Capitol Hill testimony on reparations.

“Enslavement reigned for 250 years on these shores,” noted Coates. “When it ended, this country could have extended its hallowed principles—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—to all, regardless of color. But America had other principles in mind. And so for a century after the Civil War, black people were subjected to a relentless campaign of terror, a campaign that extended well into the lifetime of Majority Leader

While economists, public policy think tanks and other entities may sing a chorus of how well the American economy is performing and expanding, people of color — especially Blacks and Browns — have yet to see or feel economic vibrancy in our own lives — particularly when it comes to housing and homeownership.

On June 25, Harvard University’s Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS) released its annual report, *The State of the Nation’s Housing*. One of the housing industry’s most broadly anticipated and cited reports, it once again chronicles recent trends and issues.

“The limited supply of smaller, more affordable homes in the face of rising demand suggests that the rising land costs and the difficult development environment make it unprofitable to build for the middle market,” said Chris Herbert, JCHS’s managing director.

Key Findings:

- Since 2018, the monthly housing payment on a median-priced home has been \$1,775;

- In 2019, the cost of a median-priced home rose by 4% to \$261,600 when a comparable home in 2011 was priced far lower at \$177,400.

- This rise in home prices is also the seventh straight year that median household incomes have failed to keep pace in 85 of the nation’s

largest 100 markets.

- Nearly \$52,000 would be required to make a 20% down payment on a median-priced home. Even if buyers opted for an FHA 3.5% down payment mortgage, more than \$9,000 would be needed to pay it, closing costs, and related fees;

- In rental housing, four million units of housing priced at \$800 or less were lost between 2011 and 2019. Also, since 2010, renters now include consumers earning \$75,000 or more.

Families who already own their own homes, these findings signal that their investments are appreciating, growing in equity and wealth.

But for those trying to make that important transition from renting to owning, it’s a very different outlook. As rental prices continue to soar and moderately priced apartments disappear from the marketplace, both prospective homeowners and current renters face a shrinking supply of affordable housing.

When homeownership is possible, housing costs can be better contained with fixed-interest rate mortgages, tax credits, and eventual equity. Even so, the Harvard report finds that only 36% of all consumers could afford to buy their own home in 2018. With higher priced homes in 2019, the affordability challenge worsens.

“It is equally noteworthy that once again this key report shares how consumers of color continue to face challenges in becoming homeowners, noted Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending. “According to the report, only 43% of Blacks and 47% of Latinx own their own home, while white homeownership remains at 73%.”

“This 30% disparity deserves further examination and proportional remedies,” continued Bailey. “Greater access to safe and affordable credit, better fair housing enforcement, preservation of anti-discrimination laws — including disparate impact — can play a role in eliminating homeownership gaps. Further, as the future of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are publicly debated, a renewed commitment to serve all creditworthy borrowers must be embraced.”

Calvin Schermerhorn, a professor of history in Arizona State University’s School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies and author of *The Business of Slavery and the Rise of American Capitalism, 1815-1860*, holds similar views to those expressed by Bailey. In a recent Washington Post op ed column, Schermerhorn addressed the historic disparities that Black America continues to suffer.

“One-fifth of African American families have

a net worth of \$0 or below; 75 % have less than \$10,000 for retirement,” wrote Schermerhorn. “The enduring barriers to black economic equality are structural rather than individual.... “Escalators into the middle class have slowed and stalled, and the rung of the economic ladder one starts on is most likely where one will end up.”

On the same day as the Harvard report’s release, President Donald Trump signed an executive order that establishes a new advisory body that will be led by HUD Secretary Ben Carson. A total of eight federal agencies will work with state and local government officials to remove “burdensome governmental regulations” affecting affordable housing.

“Increasing the supply of housing by removing overly burdensome rules and regulations will reduce housing costs, boost economic growth, and provide more Americans with opportunities for economic mobility,” stated Secretary Carson.

If Secretary Carson means that local zoning rules favor single-family homes over multi-family developments is a fundamental public policy flaw, he may be on to something. However, this focus misses the crux of the affordable housing crisis: Wages are not rising in line with increasing housing costs.

And now, after the housing industry continues to cater to more affluent consumers, while many older adults choose to age in place, the market has very little to offer those who want their own American Dream, including some who are anxiously awaiting the chance to form their own households.

Builders have historically, not just of late, complained about the time it takes to secure permits or the series of inspections that must be approved during construction and before properties can be listed for sale. What is missing from this new initiative is a solution to the financial challenges that average people face.

It was scant regulation and regulatory voids that enabled risky mortgage products with questionable terms that took our national economy to the brink of financial collapse with worldwide effects. Taxpayer dollars to rescue financiers while many unnecessary foreclosures stripped away home equity and wealth from working families.

Time will tell whether new advisors and proposals remember the lessons from the Great Recession.

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## CENSUS, from Page 1

The Black Census is the largest survey of Black people conducted in the United States since Reconstruction. The Black Futures Lab is publishing the findings of the census in a series of reports and briefs in partnership with Color of Change, Demos, and Socioanalitica Research.

“Black LGBTQ people hold in their very bodies the dual brunt of racism and discrimination based upon their sexual orientation and

gender identity,” said K. Sabeel Rahman, President of Demos. “The day to day experience of economic insecurity, mistreatment by families and communities, combined with discrimination in housing, religion and even healthcare leaves many Black LGBTQ+ people locked out of economic opportunities and sometimes far removed from our democratic process. As this report shows, while Black LGBTQ+ respondents know

this, their pain and concerns are inexcusably left out of the conversation around what LGBTQ people need.”

A forthcoming report will explore the distinct concerns and experiences of Black Census respondents who identify as transgender, gender non-conforming, or identify their gender as “different” than male or female. Highlighting the findings of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in their own report provides an opportunity to shine a spotlight

on a community that is too often marginalized, even in discussions about LGBTQ+ people.

The Black Census Project launched in early 2018 with an ambitious agenda to poll tens of thousands of Black people on their political beliefs, frustrations and aspirations.

More Black Than Blue: Politics and Power in the 2019 Black Census, showed that respondents were strongly aligned with key Democratic policy priorities like closing significant gaps

in quality of life through a living wage, quality public education, and healthcare, but that alignment did not translate to immediate, energetic support for the party or its candidates.

“Black people are vital members of every community we’re part of, whether placed-based, work-based or identity-based communities,” said Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change, the nation’s largest online racial justice organization. “Neither our country’s Black communi-

ties nor our country’s LG-BTQ communities will be fully understood, served or strengthened without Black LGBTQ people being heard and seen — counted and cared for. We have helped make Black communities what they are — and have helped make LGBTQ communities what they are. And we will always continue to. Our needs must be known. Thankfully, this report moves us in the right direction in terms of understanding all Black people much better.”



# Is Nike a company too big too fail?

By Glenn Mollette

We have watched corporations and famous Americans have ups and downs throughout the years.

We've all watched as Tiger Woods, Robert Kraft, and most recently, billionaire Jeffrey Epstein has had low moments.

Sadly we heard last weekend about coal billionaire Chris Cline's tragic and fatal helicopter crash.

Time and again we learn none of us are too famous, too successful or too rich to encounter a human downward life turn and tragedy.

The Nike athletic shoe and apparel corporation is the world leader in athletic and apparel sales. They made about \$34 billion in 2017. They have a global presence of athletic sales in over 160 countries.

Their products are sold through 22,000 retail accounts worldwide. They are the largest supplier of athletic footwear in the world.

Almost all of Nike shoes are made outside the US in Asia and Latin America. Nike does not make the shoes themselves but they contract production out to other companies. There are various reports about who



Nike employs and how much their workers make. One report claims Nike has 100,000 people making their shoes in Indonesia and that these workers make about \$3.50 per day or about \$3,500 a year. Thus Nike is very profitable and has massive dollars for marketing.

For example, Nike entered into a \$50 million endorsement deal with tennis star Serena Williams in 2003. When golfing star Tiger Woods turned pro in 1996 Nike lavished him with a \$40 million five-year golfing endorsement. They would later go on to pay Woods \$30 million a year in endorsements. From 2002 to 2012 Nike paid Michael Jordan \$44 million a year to represent their brand. They still pay him. Forbes estimated Nike paid Jordan \$100 million in 2015 as Jordan's brand still

made \$3 billion for Nike in US sneaker sales. LeBron James is reported to receive as much as \$1 billion from Nike in endorsement money by the time he is 64 years old.

## Kaepernick is no fan of the new Nike shoes

Colin Kaepernick was already on Nike's payroll before he became controversially famous for not standing for the National anthem. Nike wasn't using him and reportedly didn't know what to do with him until he became famous over his social issue stance. Kaepernick is currently not playing professional football. No one has signed him after he became a free agent but he is making millions a year by being the face of Nike's revived "Just Do It" campaign.

Recently Kaepernick ignited controversy by reportedly telling Nike to pull

its Air Max 1 Quick Strike Fourth of July sneakers. Nike said he told the company he believes the colonial flag used on the shoes is offensive because it was flown when slavery was legal. While there has been much consternation toward Nike's decision, Nike's stock has risen \$3 billion within the last week. If you can find a pair of the Betsy Ross shoes they are going for about \$2,500.

The question is this, Can Nike do no wrong? Are they too big to fail? Nike is

utilizing controversy well to breathe new air into its products. With major national sports figures wearing and promoting the Nike brand and cheap Asian labor Nike has locked into a formula that appears unstoppable.

Nike will continue on its path of global success if the American people buy their products. It's a free country. If Americans decide to stop buying Nike products

it would be financially troubling. Either way, Nike's continued success or failure will be decided by how Americans utilize Nike's slogan, "Just Do It," and how Americans decide to "Just Do It."

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## LEWIS, from Page 9

for Off-Broadway plays "History of the Word" and "Milk like Sugar", which became the winner of the 2012 Obie Award for Playwriting and 2011 San Diego Critics Circle Craig Noel Award for Outstanding New Play. She landed her first television role on the HBO critically acclaimed drama series "The Big C" as the role of Laura Linney's nurse. Lewis quickly began working as a voice-over and commercial talent for brands such as Verizon, AT&T Wireless, and McDonald's, to name a few.

With appearances in many popular hit TV shows, such as TNT's "The Last Ship," Nickelodeon's "iCarly," CBS's "Code Black," and ABC's Em-

my-award winning show "Ocean Mysteries with Jeff Corwin", Lewis has solidified herself as an in-demand talent.

Lewis currently resides in Los Angeles with her husband and fellow co-actor J. Mallory Cree, and spends her time between

her film and TV projects by giving back to The Cancer Society of America, Black & Missing, and Leukemia Lymphoma Society. She spends her time with yoga, weight-lifting, and dance classes. Lewis is vegan, which helps her in making fun food recipes and she loves to dabble in arts and crafts.

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Anyone interested in a paid job training program must register for the July 17 orientation meeting. (Image via Zan W. Holmes Jr. Community Outreach's Facebook Event)

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To be considered for this program, you must apply and attend an orientation at Frazier House on Wednesday, July 17 at 9:30 a.m. to noon.

This class will begin the third cohort of this program that began in March. To date, 21 individuals have participated in the training with 18 being placed in jobs following their graduation

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### July 18

#### DISD Job Fair

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### July 27

#### Jubilee Job Fair

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### July 27

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### Sept. 19

#### UD Job Fair

The University of Dallas Job & Internship Fair hosted by the Office of Personal Career Development is scheduled for Sept. 19. Students and alumni from the undergraduate and graduate programs will be in attendance.

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# Testing for Obedience



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*"Test me, O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind" (Psalm 26:2).*

Throughout the Old Testament, we see many situations in which God tests His people in order to determine if they will follow Him or follow the systems of this world.

The nation of Israel was tested many times during the 40-year sojourn in the wilderness: *"Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years; to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether*

*or not you would keep His commands" (Deuteronomy 8:2).*

One might ask, "Why does God need to test us? Doesn't He know everything, including what we would do in every situation?" Yes, God knows - but we don't know ourselves!

God doesn't test us in order to find out something He doesn't already know. He tests us so that we can learn about ourselves and His love, power and faithfulness.

In Genesis 22, God tested Abraham by commanding him to sacrifice his son Isaac on a mountain in the land of Moriah. Isaac was Abraham's only son by his wife Sarah - the son God had promised to Abraham.

By demanding that Isaac be sacrificed, God seemed to be nullifying His cov-



*Left to Right: Pastor Larry Gardner; Rachel Lewis; future doctor Devon Lewis and parents, Denise and Haston Lewis, III as Bethel Bible Fellowship Church sends Devon off to the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine for the Fall*

enant of making a great nation of Abraham. How could God's promise be fulfilled if Isaac was dead?

God tested Abraham to reveal whether or not Abraham truly trusted His promise. Yes, God knew what Abraham would do, but He

wanted Abraham to know as well. So God put Abraham to the test, and Abraham passed.

As Abraham raised the knife to sacrifice his own son, God stopped him and provided a sacrificial ram instead.

Every test involves obedience in one way or another. When God tests us, He reveals the true state of our hearts. Are we obedient to His will, or are we self-willed? We might think we know the answer, but we would never truly know unless we were tested.

God has instructed Christians to not be anxious, worrisome, overly concerned for any thing . . . but instead to bring everything to Him in prayer and thanksgiving. If we do this, He has promised us that His peace, which passes all understanding, shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).

Christians go to God for themselves and on behalf of their brothers and sisters in Christ, and for those who suffer so much due to anxiety and depression. Pray

that God will fill Christians with His peace; that He will touch Christian's minds and remind them that they do not need to worry.

God is the way and the way-maker. He will handle it for us. Worrying does no good. May we lean on God and talk with Him, spend time in His Word and before the throne of grace.

Ask God to help us fellowship with other Christians, those who will encourage us, even more so the day approaches. Right now, this day, let us give God our concerns and ask that He will work out all to our good and His glory.

Thank God for loving us and carrying our burdens. Thank Him for providing our needs. Thank God for Jesus Christ our Savior and the hope He has given us; for it is in the precious Name of Jesus that we pray.

## My favorite day of the week is Tomorrow

Dr. James L. Snyder

During these weeks, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage finagles her infamous "Honey-Do-List" in my direction. Because I am busy doing other things and distracted, I do not actually see what she is doing.

She can slip one of her "To-Do" jobs on to my schedule without my knowing it. I see it on my schedule and assume it is one more job to do. When I see it, I say to myself, "I'll do that tomorrow." Then

I can move on to my next project.

My favorite saying has been, "Why do today what you can put off until tomorrow?"

Of course, it was not long until my wife caught up to my "tomorrow strategy" like my teacher did.

One morning she got up a little bit before me and got the coffee going. I got up and stumbled into the kitchen. There she stood with a huge sign that read, "Today is your Tomorrow you talked about Yesterday.

Welcome to Tomorrow."

To see this before having my morning coffee was rather alarming. At first, I had no idea what she was talking about. Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, what was she trying to say. I just was not on the same page as she was. In fact, I was not in the same book.

"What are you talking about?" I said about as confused as I have ever been in my life.

"Remember," she said rather seriously, "all the things you told me that you would do tomorrow? Well, it's tomorrow."

Then she handed me a list with "Tomorrow's To-Do List" written on the top. There were about a dozen things she jotted down that I said I would do tomorrow.

As I was reading through this list, she said to me, "I have you figured out. Your favorite day of the week is

tomorrow."

She has me figured out, alright. It is not that I do

not like doing things; I am

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# NDG Book Review: *Tech Boss Lady* celebrates the startup spirit

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

One foot in front of the other.

That's how you get anywhere: whether it's a toe-sliding shuffle or a one-two-three-waltz, the only way forward is step by step. Slow-walk it if you must, but you have to keep going and in "Tech Boss Lady" by Adriana Gascoigne, you'll find helpful business shoe-prints to follow.

From the time she was a child, Adriana Gascoigne knew that she didn't want a 9-to-5 job as an adult. Both her parents were entrepreneurs who did whatever it took to keep the family afloat, and Gascoigne spent after-schools and weekends pitching in. For her, self-employment was natural; even so, Gascoigne found herself working in a boys-network Silicon Valley office after college.

Before #MeToo was a thing, she was harassed for being a woman.

Undaunted, Gascoigne persevered until she spotted a problem and created a solution, finally becoming the entrepreneur she always knew she was. In this book, she offers advice for "founders" of the tech sort – which, as she says, is everyone now, because almost all "business today relies on technology to scale."



The first point she stresses is that every entrepreneur, "and I mean every single one," has "absolutely no fear," which is "quickly followed by acute urgency to propel forward." If that doesn't describe you, says Gascoigne, then "hit the bench and sit this one out."

Stay focused on your goals because hard work "will only get you so far..." Be willing to give other women a hand-up; in fact, start doing so as early as possible by giving your daughters or nieces STEM toys. Know how to hire, be a leader, and foster a sense of intrapreneurship in your business. Find a great mentor and be willing to ask for help if you need it but exercise caution when you think you might need a partner. Don't let failure freak you out. And finally, watch yourself for signs of stress or burnout. You might need an extra jolt of confidence to get

back on track.

You've got this.

As business books go, "Tech Boss Lady" isn't bad. It's not great, either – mostly because, if you're an entrepreneur, you already know what's inside it.

Indeed, there's a lot of same in this book. Like many current authors, Gascoigne focuses more on tech start-ups and relies a lot on personal examples, despite an avowal to avoid doing so. Neither can you avoid rah-rah words about goals and hiring, both which are seen in just about every entrepreneurial book from the last three decades.

And yet, Adriana Gascoigne's style is surely appealing. She's smart and bold, and ideas are presented just freshly enough to capture the attention of young businesswomen who maybe haven't seen this information a dozen times. They might benefit from it, and from Gascoigne's no-nonsense, straightforward, steel-fisted warmth, the most.

This book can surely be read by anyone with entrepreneurial spirit but it's really not for men, or for women over 40. For younger women with business-sense, though, "Tech Boss Lady" can be a great first step.

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a procrastinator when it comes to certain things.

My whole idea is, if I put something off long enough my wife will forget that she asked me to do it.

I looked at her and said, "You do know that it will take me at least three tomorrow's to finish this list!"

She laughed one of her hysterical laughter's and said, "Let the tomorrows be with you."

This was the first time my tomorrows ever caught up with me.

As I began working on my "tomorrow tasks," I happen to think of what David said in one of his Psalms. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

I need to learn how to appreciate each day and not push things off until tomorrow. Tomorrow is

another day, but I certainly have no guarantee that I will see it. I need to learn how to "rejoice and be glad" in the day that is before me.

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