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New Coronavirus vaccine requires 'trust' of African American community

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News that Pfizer and BioNTech's announcement that their coronavirus vaccine was more than 90 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 among those without previous infection arrives as the United States continues to realize record-breaking new cases.

For the first time on Thursday, November 12, the country surpassed 150,000 new coronavirus cases in a single day.

The total number of cases soared past 10.5 million, according to Johns Hopkins University.

More than 242,000 people have died in the United States since the declaration of the outbreak of the pandemic in March. Health officials have expressed that the new vaccine offers real hope for the future.

"It is a great day for science and humanity. The first set of results from our Phase 3 COVID-19 vaccine trial provides the initial evidence of our vaccine's ability to prevent COVID-19," Dr. Albert Bourla, Pfizer Chairman and CEO, offered in a news release.

"We are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine develop-



Pfizer's vaccine is the first in the United States to generate late-stage data.
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ment program at a time when the world needs it most, with infection rates setting new records, hospitals nearing over-capacity, and economies struggling to reopen," Dr. Bourla remarked.

Dr. Kevin Williams, the Chief Medical Officer for Pfizer's Rare Disease unit, periodically writes a column in the Black Press to help keep the African American community informed.

According to information posted on the CDC's website, clinical development is a three-phase process.

During Phase I, small groups of people receive the trial vaccine.

In Phase II, the clinical study is expanded, and vaccine is given to people who have characteristics (such as age and physical health) similar to those for whom the new vaccine is intended.

In Phase III, the vaccine is given to thousands of people and tested for efficacy and safety.

Many vaccines undergo Phase IV formal, ongoing studies after the

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'How Did 12 Percent of Black Men vote for Trump?'

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Juan Williams posited that he's a Black man born in a Latin country and grew up in a Spanish-speaking family.

The author and Fox News political analyst then stated a head-scratching fact that many still find difficult to rationalize.

"It stuns me to see that President Trump set a record last week by attracting the highest percentage of the non-white vote of any Republican presidential candidate in the last 60 years," Williams wrote in an editorial for The Hill.

Perhaps most stunning, lamented Williams, "How did 12 percent of Black men vote for Trump?"

Although an overwhelming majority of Black men, 80%, voted for President-elect Joe Biden, support for the Democratic presidential ticket reached a new low among Black men in 2020, according to the NBC News poll of early and Election Day voters.

In the same poll, 8% of Black male voters were reported to have cast their ballots for alternative candidates.

In Barack Obama's first presidential campaign, of all Blacks casting ballots, 95 percent of Black men and 96 percent of Black women chose him, NBC News reported.

Four years later, Black women's support remained at 96 percent for Obama's 2012 re-election. However, the black male vote decreased to 87 percent.

In 2016, when the nominee was Hillary Clinton, Black men dropped even further to 82 percent, while



"Black men are hurting. Political parties mostly forget them, and then there's this anger — whether it's right or misguided — towards Biden for the 1994 Crime Bill," said Unique Tolliver, a New York-based mathematician.

Black women's support for Clinton remained high at 94 percent. Biden came close to matching that this year, garnering the support of 91 percent of Black women.

"It's a trust issue. I view the Black community's relationship with the Democratic Party, for example, as sort of like a domestic violence relationship," Demetre Coles, a 25-year-old African American who lives in Waterbury, Conn., told NPR.

Coles told the outlet he voted for Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins because Coles couldn't connect with Democrats or Republicans.

"We've been giving our vote to them loyally for 55, 60 years, and we have got nothing in return," Coles remarked. And as for the Republican Party, I don't feel as if they care about me at all. It's just more blatant."

While Coles expressed a reason for casting his ballot for an alternative candidate who had virtually no chance to win, his dec-

laration didn't explain why so many other Black men voted for Trump.

"Black men are hurting. Political parties mostly forget them, and then there's this anger — whether it's right or misguided — towards Biden for the 1994 Crime Bill," said Unique Tolliver, a New York-based mathematician.

The 1994 Crime Bill, which was authored by then Senator Biden, and signed by President Bill Clinton, was crafted to address rising crime in the United States. The law contained numerous crime prevention provisions, including the controversial "three strikes" mandatory life sentences for repeat violent offenders.

The law, which also called for funding community policing and prisons, disproportionately punished African American men, and most observers said it caused mass incarceration.

"But, what Black people [today] fail to understand is that, at the time, there were all of these Black people,

including the clergy, who supported the bill," said Lenora Turner, a California-based psychologist.

"So, with Black men still smarting over that bill and holding it against Biden, and Trump repeatedly spreading the falsehood of how much he's done for the Black community, you had quite the storm brewing among Black male voters," Turner offered.

"You also had respected strong Black men like Ice Cube — even though he said he didn't endorse Trump — swaying Black men. I know that makes it sound like Black men don't have a mind of their own, but think about what Ice Cube came out and said. He said the Democrats told him we'd talk later while Trump 'listened' and agreed to institute some of Cube's initiatives in the President's overall plan."

Still, as Juan Williams noted in his editorial, Trump's racism toward Blacks and Latinos is so well-established. "It's sad to say, but a lot of Black and Latino voters, especially the men, got distracted by Trump's boasts and bling," said Williams.

Half of all Americans in a June 2020 YouGov/ Yahoo News poll said outright that he is a racist, and another 13 percent could only say they are "not sure" whether he is a racist or not.

A Quinnipiac University poll in July 2019, found that 80 percent of Black people and 55 percent of Latinos said Trump is a racist.

A Fox News poll in July 2019 found 57 percent of Americans agreed that Trump has no respect for racial minorities.

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Prostate Cancer: A Black Man's Deadliest Enemy

By Allen R. Gray
NDG Special Contributor

Across the nation, people are rightfully protesting the indiscriminate killings of Black men by law enforcement officers, but rogue police officers are not the most lethal force Black men are facing. I was recently made aware of this startling revelation after my yearly wellness examination. After the results of my tests returned, my primary care physician immediately referred me to a well-known urologist.

"Do you know why you're here," the urologist asked grimly.

In a somewhat detached manner, I answered, "Yes. My PSI test levels were elevated."

The grim demeanor left the urologist's face for a flash of a second before he corrected me. "That's PSA not PSI. If it were about PSI we'd be wondering if you're car tires were over-inflated." Then the urologist's countenance returned to grim.

The PSA or prostate-specific antigen is an enzyme secreted by the cells of the prostate. The normal PSA value is usually less than 4.0. My PSA value was pushing 8. There is, however, an age-adjustment as men grow older, so for the moment, I took solace in knowing that.

"Unfortunately, your



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PSA number continues to rise, which is an indication there might be something wrong," the urologist informed me.

That meant that in two weeks I would have to undergo a biopsy, which also meant there would be an intrusion of my lower extremities, with "two" snips from my prostate. That meant there would also be upwards of a month of bloodletting in my stool and urine. As concerned and fearful as I was for myself, I was far from the first Black man to have that appointment set, and I would be far from the last.

Black men are at a higher risk of developing prostate cancer and have a higher probability of dying from the disease than are all other American men; and cancer researchers are having a hard time understanding the biological and behavioral reasons why. In fact, over their lifetime Black men are 50% more likely to develop prostate cancer and

two times more likely to die from the disease. One cancer researcher concluded these statistics are likely due to inherited genetic factors. That same researcher promotes regular screenings and active surveillance like a digital rectal exam, where the doctor checks for swelling and inflammation, in addition to the PSA test.

Black men often voice legitimate complaints about being short-changed in many social arenas. Prostate cancer isn't one of them. The disease is indiscriminate when it comes to selecting its Black victims. It doesn't care if you're young or old, rich or poor, famous or infamous. Understand that Black men aren't just contracting this life-altering disease, they are also dying in alarming numbers.

According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 200,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year. For every 1,000 white men,

roughly 97 will be diagnosed with the disease. Compared to 164 Black men for every 1,000. Albeit, these demographic disparities are much more pronounced in mostly southern U.S. regions (where I live).

If those statistics aren't frightening enough, it is also the case that Black men are five times more likely to die of prostate cancer than white men.

The list of Black victims left in the wake of this most formidable foe is long and varied. Some of the disease's most notable Black victims include:

- Langston Hughes, American poet, playwright, and novelist
- Eldridge Cleaver, Black Panther Party leader
- Stokely Carmichael, leader of the Black Power movement
- Floyd Patterson, two-time World Heavyweight boxing champ
- Robert "Bullet Bob" Hayes, famed Olympian and NFL Dallas Cowboy; and,
- Earl Woods, Vietnam veteran, and father of golf great Tiger Woods.

Two weeks later, there was I alone in the examination room, having already been prepped by the nurse with a shot of antibiotics and a numbing solution. Five minutes later, in walked the urologist.

And so, it began. The

doctor's movements were fast and deliberate. I closed my eyes and took my mind to some other place far, far away from the examination room I found myself trapped in. Besides, it would all be over soon. Just two quick snips—just like he had previously promised—and it would all be over. As I lay on my side, he inserted an objected that felt somewhat uncomfortable, but the numbing solution made the process bearable.

Then just like that, it was over... That's when the urologist announced, "Now it's time for the biopsy part."

I was caught off guard and unprepared. My mind was squarely in the moment with no diversionary place for it to escape. I pressed my palm against the wall to brace myself.

The urologist welded the device like it was a miniature jackhammer, as he counted down what seemed to be a practiced sequence. "One. Two..." Snip. "One. Two..." Snip.

I breathed a long-anticipated sigh of relief. I had survived the two snips the urologist promised, and I had taken it like a man.

Then out of nowhere came, "One. Two..." Snip. The total count was now

five unforeseen snips. "Did you feel that?" the urologist asked.

At this point, I held no trust in anything he had to say. I would go as far as to say that I was angry. I let him know how I felt with a sarcastic retort, "Let's just say that I felt you."

Then out of nowhere came, "One. Two..." Snip. It was as if he were a man obsessed.

All totaled, there were ten snips of my prostate. I was sure that the total was ten snips because there were ten bloody fingernail etch marks on the wall I had my palm pressed against.

I left that appointment with a little less machismo—but that day also left me determined to find out what more I could do to ward off the prospect of prostate cancer, lower my PSA level and avoid being on the list of the disease's victims.

The tips doctors recommend for lowering PSA levels are:

- Increase your intake of lycopene by eating tomatoes
- Eating healthy protein sources like chicken, fish, and soy
- Taking vitamin D
- Drinking green tea
- Exercise; and,
- Reducing stress levels.

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vaccine is approved and licensed.

Pfizer's vaccine is the first in the United States to generate late-stage data.

An analysis of individuals that received two injections of the vaccine, spaced three weeks apart, revealed more than 90 percent fewer cases of symptomatic COVID-19 when compared to those who received the placebo.

The results are significant because health and science experts have stated that they expected a vaccine to yield an effective rate of no more than 70 percent.

In spite of this good news, many in the African American community continue to take a wait-and-see approach.

"Somehow, scientific, education and community leaders must reassure a skeptical community of color that the vaccine will help and protect them," said Gina Harper.

She created an urban garden in New York after growing up on a farm in Oklahoma.

"Perhaps the best way would be to prove the point by exemplifying members

of the Black community who have taken the vaccine and remained healthy," Harper remarked.

The Pfizer vaccine clinical trial "went out of its way in their recruitment and enlarged their initial population of 30,000 to almost 44,000 to recruit more people of color," stated Dale Yuzuki, a biotech executive and author of "COVID-19: From Chaos to Cure. The Biology Behind the Fight Against the Novel Coronavirus."

Dr. James E.K. Hildreth, one of the world's foremost immunologists and president and CEO of Meharry

Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., is a recent appointee to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's commission that will ultimately approve the Pfizer vaccine and any others.

Hildreth, an African American, insists that any vaccine must have the confidence of Black people.

"I've made the decision that I'm going to participate in one of the vaccine trials. The trust issue cannot be overstated," Dr. Hildreth said.

"We have to have more trusted messengers and more trusted opinion leaders to make this work."

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Council Member Carolyn King Arnold issues statement on recent rash of crime

Council Member Carolyn King Arnold issues the following statement about the recent rash of crime in District 4:

"I am concerned with the escalation of crime in District 4 over the past week and I am asking that we all come together to stabilize our community and city.

"As a member of the Public Safety Council Committee, the safety of District 4 residents is my primary focus. That includes the safety of our children walking to school, grandmothers riding the bus to purchase groceries for their families, and family members taking care of business during the

COVID-19 pandemic.

"I call upon our community stakeholders, pastors, and businesses to help us make our community a safer neighborhood for all residents.

"I support the encouragement from Smash Da Topic Breaking News for all of us to "Smash the Violence."

I ask for your help to support a safer community every day for everyone to be #Dallas365Safe. Bear in mind, for many of these crimes, Crime Stoppers offers a reward. If you see something, say something to Crime Stoppers at 214-373-TIPS (8477) 24 hours a day, seven days a week."



Carolyn King Arnold, Dallas City Council District 4

Nancy Schaeffer elevated to Artistic Director at Dallas Children's Theater

When Robyn Flatt founded Dallas Children's Theater (DCT) in 1984, she envisioned a community of artists... actors, directors, designers, technicians and educators, all coming together to work toward the common goal of producing high quality theater. She wanted these artists to be able to flex their creative muscles, to be appreciated and to be nurtured. Over the past 37 years, that is exactly what has happened.

One such artist, who has been a remarkable team player for DCT since its inception, is Nancy Schaeffer. She has been recognized nationally as a strong director, teacher, actress, choreographer, and is a strong member of the senior staff. She is valued in the field and has been instrumental in shaping the vision and direction of the organization since its earliest days when DCT operated out of Withers Elementary. Now in 2020, Schaeffer formally steps into a new role as the organization's Artistic Director.

Flatt recently shared the news with key stakeholders, "It is my delight to announce the promotion of our own multi-talented Nancy Schaeffer to the position of Artistic Director," Flatt said.

Flatt added, "Nancy is an award-winning theatrical director who has mounted a wide variety of productions in the last 36 years, thrilling DCT audiences of all ages. She has charmed the very young with her productions of GO, DOG,



Nancy Schaeffer (Courtesy photo)

GO! and SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL. She has captivated elementary-aged children and their parents with the majesty and suspense of plays like Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST; GOOSEBUMPS; and ELLA ENCHANTED: THE MUSICAL. She has challenged teen audiences with new works such as Linda Daugherty's THE SECRET LIFE OF GIRLS and dont u luv me? Nancy not only directs, but she choreographs and coaches actors – whether seasoned professionals or student performers – melding them into powerful storytelling ensembles. She soars whether interpreting the production of a new script or breathing fresh life into a timeworn favorite. She truly stands tall with the best group of directors in the country."

DCT Board President, Todd Ranta, agrees. "We are excited," he said, "about the creativity, wisdom and energy that Nancy Schaeffer brings to DCT. I've had the honor of witnessing her

talents over the many years. She is perfectly prepared to officially assume the role

of Artistic Director, and we look forward to the imaginative journey that her leadership will take us on as we continue to advance forward."

Schaeffer's association with DCT dates to its beginning days in 1984 when she was not only a leading actress in many productions, but also took on the administration of its fledgling school of theater classes.

With her energy and expertise, DCT's school has grown to become a highly sought-after Academy serving up to 4,000 students a year, and now including a

vibrant musical theater conservatory as well as the Blue Pegasus Players classes for children with sensory sensitivities. In addition to her new duties as Artistic Director, Schaeffer will continue to lead the Education Department while a search begins for her successor.

When the COVID crisis hit in 2020, Schaeffer immediately responded with a determination to continue to serve every child. By pivoting DCT's entire Academy program into virtual experiences, Schaeffer made it possible for young theater students to sustain their

creative growth by continuing their studies via ZOOM while remaining under the guidance of their original classroom teaching artists.

"I love Dallas Children's Theater," said Schaeffer, "and I love to create plays and programming for the young people and families of our community. I am so honored to be a part of an organization that highly values our most important citizens – our children." Schaeffer continued, "What a joy to be able to work with such an amazing and

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Hyundai Hope on Wheels doubles support for COVID-19 drive-thru testing locations across the United States

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. — Hyundai Motor America today announced the expansion of its support for COVID-19 drive-thru testing to 22 hospitals nationwide with \$4 million in grants through its Hyundai Hope On Wheels program. These grants are designed to combat the coronavirus by providing increased access to testing throughout the nation.

The company also announced an in-kind donation of 65,000 COVID-19 RT-PCR tests developed by Seegene, a South Korea-based global leader in



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multiplex molecular diagnostics. Seegene's test can simultaneously detect three different genes (N, E and

RdRP) of SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19. Hyundai is the only automaker providing

these critical testing capabilities to hospitals, especially in hard-hit cities like New Orleans, Chicago and Detroit.

"As a global automaker, we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and its potential harm to the U.S. and beyond," said Jose Muñoz, President and CEO of Hyundai Motor North America. "A best practice that was crucial in South Korea's handling of the coronavirus was drive-thru testing. This approach protects the healthcare workers and patients from the potential spread of the vi-

rus, while diagnosing those most in need."

"The COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has tragically impacted hundreds of thousands of lives with disease and millions more who are quarantined in the U.S.," said Dr. Helen Cha Roberts, President, Seegene Technologies. "By supporting testing, Hyundai has stepped up as a global leader to provide an invaluable resource that will serve impacted Americans at this most critical time while also assisting to prevent further spread of the virus."

Hyundai and its over 825 dealers have also provided support to local institutions with financial assistance, food donations, face mask headband production and loaned vehicles. Additional support has been provided to Hyundai owners and first responders through the company's Hyundai Assurance program. To learn more about Hyundai Hope On Wheels COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Centers and view the most updated list of partnering hospitals, please visit www.hyundai-hopeonwheels.org.

Women more likely to face housing insecurity in pandemic-led recession

SEATTLE, — The pandemic-led recession is disproportionately hurting women in the workforce and is more likely to threaten their housing security. A new Zillow analysis finds women are more likely than men to be unemployed, renters and caregivers during the coronavirus pandemic, thereby increasing their risk of becoming severely cost-burdened by

housing.

The pandemic has been a startling setback for women who had been narrowing the gender gap in recent years. At the beginning of the year, more women than ever before were in the workforce, incomes were rising along with the home values of women-headed households. The COVID-19 pandemic has not only interrupted this period

of growth, but may have pushed women backward in housing and employment by impacting their participation in the workforce and their potential earnings well into the future.

The Female Face of Unemployment

"She-cession" was a term coined to describe the disparate impacts this pandemic's recession is having on women after the 2008

financial crisis was dubbed the "mancecession" for the ways in which men were more severely impacted by Wall Street's collapse. However, the similarities end with the moniker. A new Zillow analysis finds that year-over-year unemployment claims are 10 times higher for women during this pandemic than what men experienced in the Great Recession.

Women are more likely to work in service-sector industries, which are the most affected by the pandemic, and are feeling the effects of unemployment much more severely. In May, unemployment claims for women were up 1,368 percent year over year. At the peak of the Great Recession in 2009, unemployment claims for men were up 137 percent year over

year. At the peak of the COVID-19-driven recession in May, unemployment claims for men were up 983 percent year over year, a record high, but still significantly less than the spike women experienced. Black and Latinx women are faring even worse, with persistent double-digit unemployment rates as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In light of pandemic, flu vaccinations more important than ever for people at highest risk

(American Heart Association) The American Heart Association, the leading voluntary health organization devoted to a world of longer, healthier lives, is helping to keep families and communities safe from the flu by providing facts, resources and encouraging people to get a flu vaccine.

"Getting the flu vaccine is especially important this year. If you get the flu, you may need to be hospitalized, in this time of COVID-19, in an already overwhelmed healthcare system. Get your flu shot. Avoid getting the

flu. Stay out of the hospital due to the flu," said Eduardo Sanchez, M.D., M.P.H., FAAFP, American Heart Association chief medical officer for prevention and former commissioner of health for the state of Texas. "In a normal year, the flu is serious and can even cause death. The flu vaccine can keep you out of a hospital."

While it is important for almost everyone six months and older to get a flu vaccine, it's especially important for those at highest risk:

- Seniors and people with

underlying risk factors such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes, among others. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), those 50 years-old and older, living with one or more chronic conditions, are at high risk for the flu. Those who aren't vaccinated are six times more likely to experience a heart attack

- Children, especially those who are under 5 years-old and those who are back in school. Children who are vaccinated are 74% less likely to be hospitalized due to the flu.

- Pregnant women — those who are vaccinated are 40% less likely to be hospitalized due to the flu.

According to the CDC, people who are Black or Latinx may be at increased risk for the flu and are least likely to get the flu shot. Over the past 10 flu seasons, non-Hispanic Black people were hospitalized at the highest rates and Latinx people were hospitalized at the third highest rates for the flu. Native Americans were second highest.

Some people have misinformation and concerns

about the flu vaccine, causing them to skip it altogether. Here are some facts:

The flu vaccine cannot cause the flu. It may cause very mild side effects. The most common are soreness, swelling or redness on your arm near the site of the shot that might last only 1 or 2 days. However, the mild symptoms you might experience from the vaccine are much less severe than the flu itself.

The flu vaccine is safe and effective for preventing the flu, and is easy to get at places that are taking extra

safety measures like:

- your doctor's office,
- pharmacy, and
- some employers that are providing drive-thru vaccinations.

Many community pop-up vaccination sites, federally funded programs, local health departments, community health centers and some places like churches and community centers offer the vaccination at no cost for those who qualify.

For more flu information and resources, visit heart.org/flu-prevention.



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Despite record, Cowboys still in position to take the NFC East

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

With a week off to heal their aching bodies while also hitting the reset button, the Dallas Cowboys will jump back into the fray this weekend when they hit the road to play the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday at 3:25 p.m.

And from the Cowboys' standpoint, there's plenty of room for optimism.

Despite owning a miserable 2-7 record, the Cowboys are actually in a good position to capture the NFC East and qualify for the playoffs. The Philadelphia Eagles currently lead the division with a 3-5-1 record, followed by the New York Giants (3-7), Washington (2-7) and the Cowboys.

That means if the Cowboys can eliminate some



mental errors, keep their turnovers to a minimum, and find a pulse on the offensive end of the field, they could find themselves punching a playoff ticket by the end of this season.

"We still have seven games left, we still have to play everyone in our division," running back Ezekiel Elliott said. "Our division is really not doing that well this year, so I think we still

have a shot.

"We just got to just keep getting better."

After playing the Vikings, the Cowboys will host Washington on Thanksgiving Day, then play at the Baltimore Ravens on Dec. 3. From there, the Cowboys face the Bengals in Cincinnati on Dec. 13, host the San Francisco 49ers on Dec. 20 and the Eagles on Dec. 27 before finishing the

regular season on Jan. 3 at the New York Giants.

Of those seven remaining games the Cowboys have on their plate, the Ravens (6-3) are the only ones with a record that's .500 or better. By contrast, five of Philadelphia's remaining seven games are against teams with a better than .500 record, while four of the Giants' remaining six games will be against opponents with a winning record.

"I see a huge amount of football to play and I see it being played at the most important time of all," owner Jerry Jones told 105.3 The Fan. "And that's here in the fourth quarter and that's here with everything that's still out there to be had."

Jones added that despite his team being squarely in

the thick of the NFC East race, look for some of the younger players to see some additional playing time so he determine if they'll have a future with the Cowboys going forward.

"This time does call for us to really emphasize our direction, our attention, our focus on getting those guys on the field and getting them prepared," Jones said. "The coaches will take this time to get that done."

"There will be no real time off from our coaching staff because they're busy taking advantage of this time off."

Head coach Mike McCarthy and Jones said Andy Dalton — if healthy — will be the starting quarterback against the Vikings. Dalton hasn't played since suffering a concussion in the Oct. 25 game against Washing-

ton.

Dalton also was placed on the Covid-19 list during the time he was unavailable to play.

Reserve quarterback Garrett Gilbert fared pretty well during his one start with the Cowboys. In the 24-19 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers on Nov. 8, Garrett was 21-of-38 for 243 yards, one interception and one touchdown.

It was a game where the Cowboys led, 19-9, after the third quarter, only to see their offense fizzle and the Steelers rally to tally the game's final 15 points.

"I feel really good about what he's accomplished from him being here three weeks," McCarthy said of Gilbert. "But Andy's been with us since Day One. . . and hopefully he can pick up where he left off."

NDG Film Review: Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

What a nice surprise. David E. Talbert, a playwright (Love in the Nick of Time) turned filmmaker (First Sunday), lets his musicality fly and creates a viable family Christmas movie that's as strong as any Disney film.

Inspired by musicals like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Dr. Dolittle and Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory and motivated by his son's desire to see enchanting movies with people who looked like him, Talbert created this vibrant fantasy/family/musical. Originally targeted to be a theater piece, it has finally evolved into a live-action, CGI and animated feature film.

All is good in the fictional village of Cobbleton, where the very bright inventor Jeronicus (Justin Cornwell, TV's Training Day) is the toast of the town and proprietor of its treasured toy store, which boasts his magical devices. He is loved by his wife Joanne (Sharon Rose), adored by daughter Jessica (Diaana



Diaana Babnicova and Justin Cornwell in *Jingle Jangle A Christmas Journey*. (Netflix)

Babnicova) and admired by the locals. However, his apprentice Gustafson (Miles Barrow) is a bit jealous of his success. And when one of Jeronicus' inventions, a mini robotic man toy named "Don Juan Diego" (Ricky Martin), tempts the young man into a diabolical scheme, trouble ensues.

Many years go by and the much older Jeronicus (Forest Whitaker) is a shadow of himself. Depressed, lethargic, lonely, no confidence and washed up in a dusty old toy store now a pawn shop. Meanwhile, the adult Gustafson (Keegan-Michael Key) thrives—he's famous for inventions he calls his

own. But are they? Darkness shrouds the elderly Jeronicus, until one day he is visited by a little girl named Journey (Madalen Mills). Could she be the secret to his revival?

Within first five minutes the most noticeable element of this slick production is the supreme coordination of the singers, dancers, extras and sets. Each musical piece is its own wonderland, perfectly sung by lead performers and impressively choreographed (Australian choreographer Ashley Wallen, The Greatest Showman) against backdrops equal to those in a Tony Award-winning show.

It helps that Talbert and

the film's producers have assembled an illustrious tech team: The musical score by composer John Debney (The Jungle Book) is enchanting, the footage by cinematographer Remi Adefarasin (Elizabeth) glows and all the sets from the store to the village streets are artfully crafted by production designer Gavin Bocquet (Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith) and set designer Rob Cameron (Game of Thrones). Snazzy Victorian costumes by Michael Wilkinson (Aladdin) and seamless special effects from visual effects supervisor Brad Parker add to the euphoric mix.

The film's vibe has a very Broadwayish, pop, modern feel. Credit the catchy, melodic, feel-good songs to a notable array of talented musicians: Grammy-winning producer/songwriter Philip Lawrence, Grammy nominees Davy Nathan and Michael Diskint and John Legend.

Talbert skillfully blends the drama, music, animation and CGI into a charming experience. Even when

the script gets burdened a bit by its girth (lots of characters and a bit too many life lessons), attention spans will snap back every time a musical number pops up. Talbert pulls great performances from the cast; stages scenes astutely and imbues the entire production with a vibrant spirit that is sustained up to a satisfying ending.

The gimmick of a precious book of inventions creates an inciting incident that pulls the main characters away from happy land into drama. The devilishness of the Don Juan Diego character provides an evil antagonist angle that the script needed. As the incorrigible Don Juan coaxes Gustafson, like the devil tempting a wretched soul, he says: "It isn't stealing—when you borrow indefinitely." Yeah, uh huh.

A special nod must go to the overly flirtatious character Ms. Johnston, played with vigor by Lisa Davina Phillip, who sings like a Showtime at the Apollo champion. She steals the moment. Whitaker's very nuanced performance and

his vulnerable singing will remind audiences that he is a consummate and malleable actor. Key is decent. Anika Noni Rose (Dreamgirls) as the older Jessica sings to the rafters and deserved more screen time. Young Kieron L. Dyer as the older Jeronicus' apprentice friend is delightful and the perfect mate for the winsome Madalen Mills.

If the production seems a bit long winded, it's because it takes 2h 2 min to unwind. Sharper, tougher editing would make what's on view even more child friendly. That imperfection is counterbalanced by the film's sage themes: the moral will triumph over the immoral and finding self-belief in the bleakest times is a must.

The wise words of Ms. Johnston sum up Jeronicus' perilous sojourn: "The magic isn't in what you lost, but in what you have." Indeed.

On Netflix November 13th.

Visit NNPA News Wire Film Critic Dwight Brown at DwightBrownInk.com and BlackPressUSA.com.



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Rebuilding: Where Should You Make Changes To Thrive In Tomorrow's Economy?

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All of us have had to adjust to living in a very different world. We're faced with the realization that COVID will affect our lives for the foreseeable future. Plans for personal finances, small businesses and even attending college have all been altered. Despite these unexpected life changes, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Wells Fargo is here to help you rebuild a stronger financial foundation, even in the midst of the unexpected.

How can I rebuild and grow my personal finances during challenging times?

Making any kind of savings or credit goals can feel overwhelming, but there are simple money management solutions that can assist in making your goals a reality. First, it's a good idea to conduct a financial health check-up to know where you currently stand. You can do this by reviewing your credit report to be on the lookout for any discrepancies, calculating your debt to income ratio, and assessing your emergency savings. It's also important to determine if you need to obtain health insurance or plan for retirement. Depending on the results of your financial health check-up, you may need to consider more proactive strategies to help you gain financial stability. We suggest starting by writing down your goals and creating an action plan. Starting small and building over time will make each goal more achievable.

How can students financially prepare for 2021?

Students heading to college may be rebuilding their education funds to prepare for next year's expenses. As a first step, we suggest adjusting your FAFSA to reflect any financial changes over the past months, which will be helpful if you need to appeal your school's financial aid offer. The majority of campuses

have moved to distance learning, which can be a helpful benefit when you're trying to plan your next semester costs. If you're still falling short, you can apply for emergency grants, such as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Your school's financial aid office can also connect you to many emerging micro-scholarships. If financial gaps remain, consider transferring to a lower-cost institution to make the most of your education funds.

What can my business do to stay on track in the new year?

The holidays and new year will look very different from last year. It's important to plan ahead with realistic sales projections that reflect how the weather, COVID spikes, and other variables will affect your business. Ensuring your production processes and social-distancing guidelines are streamlined can set your business up for success. It's helpful to have relationships with professional organizations, mentors, and even customers who can help you keep up with trends. These relationships go a long way when negotiating with vendors for discounts and learning how to best meet your consumers' needs.

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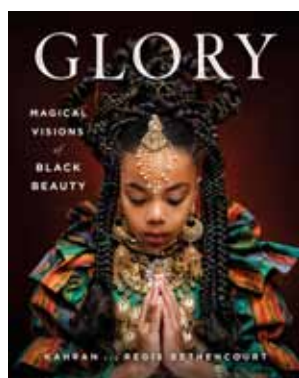
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NDG Bookshelf: 'Glory: Magical Visions of Black Beauty'

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

To relax, or not to relax? Why not? Whatever. Your hair has gone through several stages of change: you've braided, straightened, curled, permed, and loc'd, put it beneath a turban, a durag, scarves, wigs, and kangols. It's been shaved, picked, plucked, pulled back, and done up. There were times when you fought your own hair, and you don't want your children to go through that. So look for "Glory" by Kahran and Regis Bethencourt, and call the kids.

As photographers, Kahran and Regis Bethencourts say that they consider them-



selves "cultural storytellers" who believe that Black culture has been "under-celebrated." For far too long, for instance, Black children were led to believe that their hair and skin was "not long enough, not straight enough... too dark or too light." As the Bethencourts noticed the somberness in

their portraits of children, they recalled personal memories of childhood hair issues and decided that "acceptable black beauty was not our natural beauty..."

They vowed to change the perception.

The children in these pages "are a recognition and celebration of the beauty and versatility of black beauty and its innate glory," they said. The kids were chosen because they were change-makers, because they've stood up to adversity, racism, bullying, illness, poverty, loss, or other hardships. Some wear the costumes of Kings and Queens here, while some reflect the dress of their cultures.

Among others, there's Nia from England, who overcame a skin condition that left her scarred. There's Kaylee, a singer from Chicago. Nariah from Maryland is a definite foodie. There's Mbali from South Africa, whose modeling career helped her to overcome shyness. Darryl from Kenya, who wears his dreadlocks with pride, even though they're frowned upon in his culture. Havana from Germany hopes to be an astronaut someday. Kheris from California founded a clothing company. Bryson in Arkansas is "a kid advocate" for HBCUs. And there's Ava, a fair-skinned, blonde and blind African

American eleven-year-old who learned to "appreciate the way God created me."

Pick up "Glory" and flip to any random page. You'll immediately see that the title is apt.

Indeed, much is glorified inside this book, including the no-nonsense strength and do-what-needs-doing attitude of the generation coming up. These kids are pretty incredible, as evidenced by the brief biographies that accompany every portrait. Some will bring you tears, while others are downright empowering.

Speaking of empowering, inspirational quotes are scattered throughout so look for them – that is,

if you can take your eyes off the exquisite portraiture from photographers Kahran and Regis Bethencourt. The lighting in each is perfect. The costumes that the children wear are gorgeous. The kids come from everywhere and both boys and girls are elegantly represented in portraits that are nothing but respectful of their essences.

This is the kind of book that anyone of any age can enjoy. Yes, there's a three-year-old here, so show your toddler. There are youngsters, tweens, teens, and an entire school mentioned, so give this book to your kids. Or just grab "Glory" yourself, and relax.

Nonprofit lender offering equitable loans and financial coaching to low-income families in Texas

The coronavirus pandemic has put more than 3 million Texans out of work. They, along with the nearly 1.4 million Texas households that fall below the federal poverty line, now has a new resource to help them build their credit and avoid high interest loans that can cripple their finances. Capital Good Fund is a nonprofit, U.S. Treasury-certified Community Development Financial Institution that provides equitable loans to low-income families for a variety of key needs, including immigration expenses (citizenship applications, green card renewal, family petitions, etc.); vehicle purchase, repair, or refinance; security deposits; and emergencies. "Our clients are people who can't access mainstream loan products due to being low-income, having poor

credit, not trusting the financial system, or other barriers," said Capital Good Fund Founder and CEO Andy Posner.

The organization's entry into Texas on November 9 is part of its overall plan to provide loans to the economically underserved across the nation. It is made possible through a \$700,000 commitment from JPMorgan Chase. "Our mission at JPMorgan Chase is to improve the financial health of everyday people," said Alice Rodriguez, Head of JPMC Community Practices, Engagement, and Inclusion. "This partnership with Capital Good Fund will provide a boost to the financial wellbeing of hard-working people across our state. "The support is part of JPMorgan Chase's \$125 million, five-year commitment to financial health.

The United Way of Metropolitan Dallas is also supporting the expansion effort through a \$50,000 grant. "One of our Aspire United 2030's community goals is to ensure that more North Texans are financially stable—and access to affordable loans that can build credit is key to making that a reality," said Susan Hoff, Chief Strategy and Impact Officer at United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. "Our financial investment in Capital Good Fund will ensure loans are accessible to those who may not qualify for traditional bank loans and would have to resort to predatory payday and auto title loans."

Statistics show that the average family making \$25,000 a year will spend nearly as much on financial services and fees—overdrafts, interest payments,

check cashing—as they do on food: 10% of income. "That's \$2,500 not going to food on the table, rent, or spending in the local economy," says Posner. "By saving borrowers an average of \$700 in interest fees and building their credit by over 90 points, we change the lives of individuals, families, and their communities. In our first year in the state, we will give hundreds of low-income Texans a long-

overdue alternative to the state's payday loan industry, which charges an average APR of 661%, as well as other predatory actors—such as rent-to-own stores and auto-title and buy-here-pay-here auto lenders.

Capital Good Fund offers personal loans ranging in size from \$300-\$25,000, with an average interest rate of just 13 percent. The loan repayment rate to Capital Good Fund is 95 percent.

It also offers a nationally recognized Financial and Health Coaching program to help clients establish a financial plan that enables the achievement of life goals, and has adapted the program to the moment, by launching an Emergency Coaching Hotline.

Texas residents who want to learn more are encouraged to visit the website: <https://capitalgoodfund.org/en/>.

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teens are will be able to take advantage of live theater at their DCT home for years to come."

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DCT's very successful educational programs, and who has tirelessly contributed to our growth and recognition as a national leader in theater for youth, has earned formal elevation to the role of Artistic Director."

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MIDN1 Sydney Barber

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

Midshipman 1st Class Sydney Barber, a mechanical engineering major from Illinois, has been named brigade commander for the spring semester at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Barber, a track star with a stated desire to work as a Marine Corps ground officer, becomes the first Black woman to lead the Naval Academy's student body.

The brigade commander heads the Academy's day-



to-day activities and trains the class of approximately 4,500 midshipmen. Barber becomes the 16th woman to serve in that role.

"Earning the title of brigade commander speaks volumes, but the title itself

is not nearly as significant as the opportunity it brings to lead a team in doing something I believe will be truly special," Barber said in a news release. "I am humbled to play a small role in this momentous season of American history."

As a walk-on sprinter and hurdler of the Navy Women's Varsity Track and Field team, Barber has lettered all three years of competing and is an Academy record holder for the outdoor 4x400m relay, according to her biography.

She is the co-president of the Navy Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club, secretary for the National

Society of Black Engineers, and a USNA Gospel Choir and Midshipman Black Studies Club member.

Barber served as the 13th company's executive officer and currently serves as the Brigade's 1st regiment executive officer.

She also initiated a STEM outreach program that leverages mentoring, literature, and service lessons to serve middle school-aged girls of color.

Barber led a team to organize the inaugural U.S. Naval Academy Black Female Network Breakfast to bridge the generational gap between current black midshipmen and alumni.

Barber is recently credited with mobilizing a team of more than 180 midshipmen, faculty, and alumni to develop the Midshipman Diversity Team to promote greater diversity, inclusivity, and equity within the Brigade.

"Sydney stands out amongst her peers, for not only her exemplary record but for her clear vision of how she intends to make the world a better place and her accompanying bias for action," said Lt. Commander Darby Yeager, a member of the U.S. Navy Academy's Truman Scholarship Selection Committee.

"We were incredibly proud to have Sydney represent the Naval Academy in her Truman Scholarship interview this year," Yeager added.

Janie Mines, who became the first Black woman to graduate from the Naval Academy in 1980, expressed her excitement for Barber on Twitter.

"This bought me to tears. This young woman, Midshipman Sydney Barber, will be the first Black Female Brigade Commander at the U.S. Naval Academy. 40 years later. Thank you, Sydney! Love you!" Mines tweeted.

Dionne Mahaffey

(NNPA) Culture Greetings, a woman-led and Black-owned greeting card company, announces the launch of a new print-to-store integration partnership with Walgreens.

Through the technology integration with the Walgreens Photo Prints and Store Locator APIs, in addition to the Culture Greetings' mail-to-recipient delivery option, customers will now have the choice to pick up their customized printed greeting cards in any of the 9,277 Walgreens or Duane Reed locations in



all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

"The launching of this new partnership and integration reflects a significant first for the Walgreens API team," said Andrew

Schweinfurth, Manager, Walgreens Developer Relations. "As we welcome Culture Greetings and founder Dr. Dionne Mahaffey, we acknowledge that she is the first African American female founder to join the platform."

Founded in 2018, Culture Greetings offers more than 2000 greeting cards featuring imagery centered around and elevating the Black and Brown communities' voices.

Card options span all mainstream and cultural holidays and occasions, life milestones, social justice, LGBTQ+, and photo-card

templates for customized personal greetings.

"We are excited be a part of the Walgreens Developer Program," explains Dr. Dionne Mahaffey, Culture Greetings founder.

"As we approach our two-year anniversary, this new integration marks a significant milestone for us, expanding the greeting card aisle, bringing more inclusive options and providing customers with the instant gratification of picking up their customized card within minutes of creating it."

Culture Greetings will continue to offer their flagship delivery method of

mailing cards directly to the customer's recipient. On the website, customers can choose a greeting card, write a personal note using handwriting fonts that mirror real penmanship and click "send," which cues their state-of-the-art printing press.

Gift cards from Target, Amazon, iTunes and other brands can also be included in the mailing. The company then prints and mails the card directly to the recipient's address the following business day, saving customers a trip to the store.

Culture Greetings is a Black-owned greeting card

brand.

Customers pick a card online and write a note inside using handwriting fonts that mirror real penmanship. Through innovative technology, Culture Greetings will print, stamp and mail the cards directly to the recipient. The platform now offers same-day pickup in partnership with Walgreens in-store photo prints. For more information visit: <https://CultureGreetings.com>.

Cards are printed on certified recycled paper, and the company also engages in a tree replacement program.

Sinbad

By Stacy M. Brown
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Sinbad, the talented comedian whose reputation has endeared him to millions of fans on television, in the movies, and on stage, is recovering from a stroke.

The icon, who appeared earlier this year on the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) #FIYAH! livestream series,



and during the NNPA's celebration of Afro Comic-Con, was recently hospitalized.

It's not clear if he's still in the hospital or at home in California.

"It is out of sincere love that we share Sinbad, our beloved husband, and father, is recovering from a recent stroke," the comedian's family shared in a statement.

"Sinbad is a light source of love and joy for many generations. While he is beginning his road to recovery, we are faithful and optimistic that he will bring laughter into our hearts soon," the statement con-

tinued.

The 64-year-old Sinbad, born David Adkins, is known for his stand-up work and appearances in the sitcoms "A Different World" and "The Sinbad Show." The entertainer has also appeared in several movies, including "Good Burger," "First Kid," and "Jingle All the Way."

According to his biography posted on Fandango.com, Sinbad has dedicated his free time and personal efforts to such causes as the Children's Defense Fund

and the Omega Boys Club. Sinbad also made his bid to increase AIDS awareness with his involvement in the Time Out: The Truth About HIV, AIDS and You video in 1992.

His intense dedication to family is evident in his hiring of his brothers and sisters to assist him in numerous endeavors.

"Our family thanks you in advance for your love and support and ask for continued prayers for his healing. We also ask that you please respect our pri-

vacy during this time," the family statement read.

Born David Adkins on November 18, 1956, in Benton Harbor, MI. He received a basketball scholarship to the University of Denver, but a knee injury ended his sports career. Sinbad turned to comedy, and took his skills on a "Poverty Tour," working comedy clubs while relying on Greyhound buses to go from city to city. He eventually got his break from comedy legend Red Foxx in the mid 80s.



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November 22, 9:45 am

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Please join us in our quiet time, "Prayer and Meditation" followed by Morning Worship. You will be blessed and inspired as we celebrate service to God, our community and all mankind.

November 25, 7 pm

You are invited to join us via video-conferencing for Prayer and Bible Study from 7 to 8:45 pm as we pray for the world's Coronavirus.

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November 22

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Bug! Bug! Where's The Bug?

By Dr. James L. Snyder

As far back as I can remember, every time I would leave the house, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would say, "Be careful. Drive safely."

It's as though she doesn't think I could drive carefully without giving me some instructions. I think it has become just a routine for her.

There are reasons be-

hind all of that. I've been involved in quite a few accidents, although not serious. An accident can create a whole lot of trouble, especially with the insurance company. There have also been times I have run out of gas.

When I have an accident, I have to call the insurance company.

When I run out of gas, I have to call the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

One of those calls, and I will not say which one, I do not want to make.

Although I've not had many accidents, they still are accidents. Although most of them were not my fault, I still got blamed.

"Well," my wife explained to me, "you were the one behind the wheel, so it has to be your responsibility. You should know how to control your car."

She does have a point. I

should know how to control my car, but there are times, and it's hard to explain, when the control is completely out of hand. This is something the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage cannot understand.

She has a marvelous and wonderful way of controlling everything in front of her. Even me. If she can't control it or fix it then there is absolutely no hope.

We've been married lon-

ger than the number of fingers on my hand and toes on my feet and during that time she has never had an accident. At least, I don't know of any accident that she might've had.

Every year when it comes time to renew our insurance, she reminds me, "Don't forget to renew our insurance because you just might need it this coming year."

I suppose she's right

more times and wrong. That's the frustrating thing. If I were right every time she was wrong, I would never be right.

Giving this some thought over the years, I have just accepted the fact that I'm the one in the house that has the accidents, which is why we need to have car insurance.

That was until recently.

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ry and honor.

November 25, 7 pm

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- Malachi 3:8-10

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November 20, 7 pm

All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 8 pm, (IBOC promotes proactive male leadership.)

November 22, 10 a.m.

Join us for our Morning Service; and don't forget to invite family and friends to join us as we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

November 23, 7 pm

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November 23, 7 to 8 pm
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November 25, 7 pm

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"Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle"

(Psalm 144:1).

One of the best-selling American books of all time is a fiction series that focuses on the end times called Left Behind. It deals with the rapture of Christians from the earth before the final end-times crisis takes place and the anti-Christ rules.

If we are not careful we will fall into a mindset that we are simply buying time until Jesus calls us home.

No matter what the end-times scripture teaches, it is

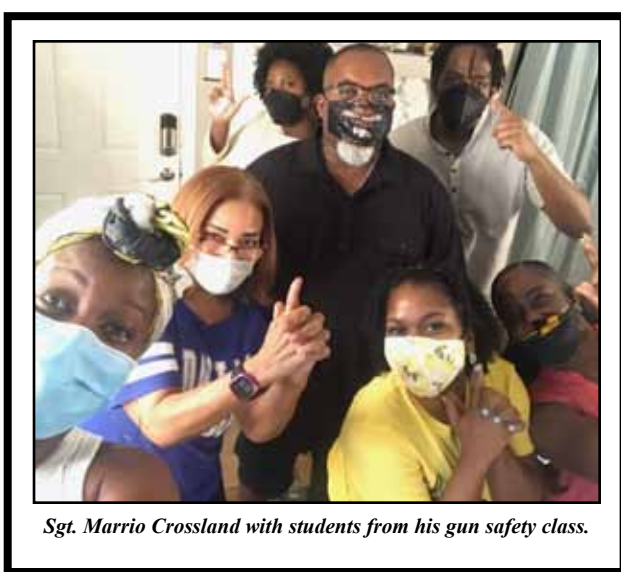
clear that believers should model a behavior that is more like a soldier in battle desiring to take the land, than a person awaiting an airlift.

When God placed man on earth, He desired man to rule the earth. "God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.'

Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground" (Genesis 1:28).

The intent was not dictatorship, but to express the love and care of God throughout all of creation in order to know and experience the creator in all things.

It is said that today, we often have a cruise ship mentality in the Church of Jesus Christ instead of a battle-



Sgt. Marrio Crossland with students from his gun safety class.

ship mentality designed to engage the enemy of our souls.

Our army is often ill-equipped to know how to take the land that God has provided through His Son.

This is why believers in the workplace must see their work and calling as an assignment from God to dem-

onstrate His power in all of society in order to restore His rule upon the earth.

That is the key reason Jesus died on the cross - to restore that which was lost (Luke 19:10). Are you engaged in the battle?

Now is the time to talk to God, this is the day that you should look up and remem-

ber who created all and who owns the cattle upon the hills, the water that springs from the earth, the skies that span our view and everything good.

It is God who can provide for and bless the earth and the inhabitants thereof. Pray for the many people who are in difficult circumstances right now and need a touch to help them with their basic needs.

Pray for those who need financial income to pay their living expenses, those who need jobs to bring in that income which need good health to be able to do those jobs; and for those

whose jobs do not provide sufficient income for their needs.

Pray also for those who have the income, but do not know how to properly manage it for the best outcome. And pray for those who have much and can give much.

Ask God to connect the right people with jobs, and the right people with the right people, to do what needs to be done.

Pray that God will meet every need; that He will bless the lives of those who follow His guidance and those who are thankful for what He provide.

BUG, from Page 14

I love it when the tables are turned, and last week the tables were wonderfully turned in her direction.

Nobody saw this coming, but that in itself makes it rather enjoyable.

My wife had various places to go last Thursday, which is a normal thing for her. She's always busy, particularly visiting thrift stores.

One thing about my wife is that she does not like insects. I, on the other side of the marital aisle, are fascinated with insects of all kinds. It is very hard for me to kill a fly even when it's bugging me.

I love critters of all denominations.

As she was driving, she felt something on her leg. She simply shook it off and kept driving. She is always a very well focused person, and she was entirely focused on getting to her next destination. All the while, something seemed to be crawling up her leg.

While driving, she couldn't see what was crawling up her leg, so she

shook her leg.

Then she stopped at a red light. There was a car in front of her which she didn't pay much attention to. While she was stopped, she thought she would look into what was crawling up her leg.

Her foot was on the brake pedal, and as she looked down, she saw a bug crawling up her leg, which threw her into a frenzy. She jumped, her foot got off of the brake pedal, and she reached down to grab the bug and throw it out the window.

As she did this, her car lunged forward and hit the back of the car in front of her.

Officially, this was an accident. She got out, and the man in the car in front of her got out, and they looked at the damage, fortunately, there was very little damage. They exchange insurance cards and names, and so forth.

Then she went home. I was already home, and as she came in the door, her cell phone rang, and it was

our insurance company. I sat there, overhearing all the information about her "accident."

She hung up the phone, looked at me, and said, "It wasn't my fault. It was that stinking bug's fault."

"But," I said as soberly as possible, "weren't you behind the wheel?"

She just looked at me with both hands on her hips and then turned around and walked away.

Nobody was hurt, not even the vehicles themselves. But it was an "accident."

The next morning she had to go somewhere else, and as she opened the door, I said to her very carefully, "Be safe. Drive carefully."

She looked back at me and said, "Very funny."

It's so wonderful to have the upper hand finally.

As she closed the door behind her, I chuckled and then thought of a Scripture verse. "Therefore all things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

One thing I have learned in life is to be careful what you allow to bug you.

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