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Dallas 2024 Bond Propositions Approved by Voters

All ten of the propositions making up the City of Dallas' proposed \$1.25 billion bond were approved by voters in the May 4, 2024 election. The election results will be certified by the City Council at their May 15, 2024 meeting.

The approved propositions include Proposition A, which provides \$521,200,000 for streets and transportation; Proposition B which provides \$345,270,000 for parks and recreational facilities; Proposition C, which provides \$52,100,000 for flood control and storm drainage; Proposition D, which provides \$43,530,000 for libraries; Proposition E, which provides \$75,200,000 for cultural and performing arts facilities; Proposition F, which provides \$90 million for public

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City of Dallas Seeks Community Input on the Next City Manager

The City of Dallas is recruiting for its next City Manager. This position is appointed by, and reports to, the Dallas City Council. Council members are seeking community input and resident feedback on qualifications, characteristics, and opportunities for the next City Manager.

Residents are asked to participate through two options: (1) a statistically valid survey through ETC Institute and (2)

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VP Harris Announces \$5.5 Billion Funding for Affordable Housing and Homelessness Solutions

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia



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A housing crisis is gripping tens of millions of families nationwide, cutting across

political lines and sparking bipartisan action in state legislatures.

The root cause of the crisis is a chronic housing shortage, which has driven home prices up by approximately 60 percent after adjusting for inflation over the past decade. The staggering increase has left many families struggling to afford rent or homeownership, and, according to recent data, around a quarter of renters, equivalent to roughly 12 million households, are spending more than half of their income on housing costs, far

exceeding the recommended one-third threshold for financial health. On Tuesday, May 7, Vice President Kamala Harris unveiled a significant funding boost to address the pressing issues of affordable housing and homelessness across the United States.

The White House said the announcement through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) marks a

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The Unstoppable Cheryl Smith, Adopted Mother of Four

Countdown to Mother's Day 2024

By Dr. J. Ester Davis (esterdavis2000@gmail.com)

This 'Countdown to Mother's Day' was such a rewarding series. I just felt that Mother's Day really needed more attention, time, and space. Certainly more than a day. The traditional role of a woman called Mother has been unstudied and redefined. Giving birth does not make you a mother. We are ending this fasci-

nating series with one.. true adopted mother with icon status...meeting the needs of the next generation. Her name is Cheryl Smith. This year, she served as the National Treasurer of the powerful NNPA (National Newspaper Publishers Association). I could tell you that she is a brilliant living legend, well-known among the ranks of

kings, queens, presidents, pretenders, and diplomats. A graduate of Florida A&M University, well endowed with honor and respect, locally and worldwide. I can tell you, too, that she has received countless recognitions and affected thousands of young lives, especially in the newsprint world and beyond, i.e., coaching, mentoring, coun-

selling, and teaching. She is an experienced businesswoman owning/managing three (3) newspapers powered by a 'cool' disposition and a warm smile. In 2022, she was recognized as one of the "Top 25 Publishers Over Fifty".

The absolute beauty about Cheryl Smith is she

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Biden Is Campaigning And Trump Is In Court

Who Will Your Choice Be In November?

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.

It's beginning to look a lot like election season everywhere I go. Both campaigns are in the spotlight, making campaign promises and using catchy slogans.

The attitudes and platitudes of incumbent Joe Biden and challenger Donald Trump are on full display. It is shaping up to be an epic contest—the Super Bowl of politics. All the primaries are over and in the rearview mirror. Right now, we aren't thinking about who won Iowa or New Hampshire. We know the candidates and their positions on issues—at least I think we do. Fact-checking has occurred on both sides.

I would opine that Democrats initially underestimated Mr. Trump's appeal. They didn't think

he could develop an effective strategy to become president again. Obviously, the former president has become a formidable opponent.

The wars in Ukraine and Israel have created challenges for President Biden's camp. The problems at the border and the economy have also caused major headaches for him. Yet his message of hope and a better tomorrow are still resonating with the American people.

Will that be enough to give President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris a second term to lead the country? The Democratic Party, in recent months, has instituted an all-hands-on-deck approach to the presidential campaign. Former Democratic presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama have added their much-needed support.

They, along with President Biden, recently held a fundraiser in New York that netted approximately 26 million dollars. This money will keep the advertisements going and the volunteers volunteering. It will simply keep the Biden-Harris ticket in the public's eyes.

Meanwhile, the GOP has been singing the praises of former president Trump. They believe that he can make it to the White House. However, some in the Party see him facing a dark reality. The reality is there is a case in the New York court system called, The People of New York versus Donald Trump. That is a clear and present danger for him.

The jury and alternate jurors were selected, and the trial is now in its third week. The trial is moving along despite several motions by Trump's legal team. Most of the motions have been denied. The judge in the case is Juan Merchan.

Some may suggest and I think correctly that Mr. Trump is campaigning even while in court. However, the court room is not the campaign trail.

Witnesses like Hope Hicks, a former member of the Trump administration, and David Pecker, former chairman of the National Enquirer's parent company, have already been called and testified for the prosecution. Surely, Michael Cohen and Stormy Daniels will be called soon. Will their relationships with the

former president be called into question? They will. Those who believe that Mr. Trump did nothing wrong are soon to become bleary-eyed and weak in the knees. The truth is on the way.

Mr. Trump will not get a respite from court as he will have other cases coming soon. Like other citizens who are charged, he is innocent until proven guilty.

Politico recently conducted a poll and found that half of the respondents felt Mr. Trump was guilty. Another poll showed that a guilty verdict would hurt him among independent voters. I think the cumulative effect of these trials will hurt him financially and politically.

The rancor and vitriol surrounding this election are at an all-time high. Can the current president keep things together to win reelection? Will the former president win a presidential election while sitting in a courtroom? Supporters on both sides are gearing up to finish strong in November.

The trial is being talked about endlessly. We, the people want to stay informed. After all, inquiring minds want to know.

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adopted four (4) children without a lot of fanfare. It was a blend of love, duty and a heavy dose of 'can-do' spirit. For a single person with a growing business, places to go.... that has to modify your life, but the entire ordeal was seamless.

So, Happy Mother's Day... to the big-hearted Cheryl Smith of the universe.

Happy Mother's Day to 'Grandmother's Raising Grandchildren'... another growing phenomenon in our communities.

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a general questionnaire through Zencity. The ETC Institute survey and its administration are standardized, and the results are statistically significant with a limit of 100 responses for each City Council district. Randomly selected residents will be invited to participate in the survey by mail, phone, or online survey in English and Spanish.

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Paul's Vital Instructions for Believers

I Thessalonians 4:1-12

Part I

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



Having discussed with this church their exemplary reception of the gospel, which resulted in their manifesting the fruit of the gospel, and his (Paul's) motive for ministering to them (Chapters 1-3), Paul exhorted the Thessalonians believers that God's will is for them to be separated to holiness and moral purity. Also, Paul exhorted these believers to be committed in demonstrating love. Our text, I Thessalonians 4:1-12, may be outlined as follows:

I. An Exhortation to Walk in Holiness – I Thessalonians 4:1-8

In verse 1, Paul exhorted these believers to walk even more to please the Lord (Chapter 4:1). They (Paul and his associates) conveyed the word to them by the authority of the Lord Jesus (v.2). The very teaching of Paul to these believers, if practiced, would continue to result in exemplary Christian living. In verse 3, Paul moved on to an even more particular exhortation for these believers. He will state to them that God's will is for believers to be holy. Paul calls upon these believers to manifest chaste behav-

our by avoiding any form of sexual impropriety.

As Christians, we are called to a life of complete dedication to God (Romans 12:1-2), and "living loose" in an ungodly world doesn't serve to glorify God. God is definitely pleased with us when our behaviour is in alignment with our belief. And by the way, what does it mean to be holy? To be holy means to be set apart from sin, for God's intended use. God wants us to be holy (Lev.11:44; I Peter 1:15-16) because holiness is one of God's moral attributes; thus, if we want to be like Him, we are called to a life of holiness.

Continuing in his exhortation to the believ-

ers, Paul related in verse 4 that they (the believers) can exercise self-control in this area by subduing their fleshly passions.

In verse 5, the word "lust" refers to depraved and vile passions. Moreover, the word "concupiscence" carries the idea of a strong desire that is sometimes overpowering (Romans 7:7-8; Colossians 3:5).

Only by the enabling power of God can these believers have victory in this area. Temptations are a part of life, and as Christians, we must follow the example of Christ - He used the "word" as His means of victory over temptations (Matthew 4:1-11).

Furthermore, in verse 6,

Paul stated that these believers were not to emulate the example of the heathen (unbelievers), for they (the unbelievers) were passionately engrossed in their lustful desires. Unbelievers really have a depraved view of morality because they have not submitted themselves to God's revelation (Romans 1:18-24, 28, 32). The word "Gentiles" is a word for heathens, and the term means an unbeliever. As believers in this age, we know God, and we know the type of behavior that God exacts on us. He has called us to a complete life of holiness, and many practices of the world are inconsistent with our calling. In verses 6 and 7, Paul will detail two rea-

sons why sexual wickedness is to be averted: (a) it is a sin, and thus it will be avenged by God (I John 5:17); (b) it goes contrary to God's intended design or purpose for the believers.

In verse 7, believers are called to a life of moral holiness. We are not to "despise" or reject God's instructions to live a life of holiness, for we would be opposing God (v. 8). Certainly, one who disregards God's instructions for holy living will be judged. God has bestowed the power to live a pure life through the Holy Spirit, which indwells every child of God (I Corinthians 6:19).

"May God Bless!"

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crucial step in Harris and President Joe Biden's efforts to tackle the housing crisis inherited from previous administrations. Harris announced that \$5.5 billion in grants would be distributed to 1,200 communities through more than 2,400 grants to states, cities, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and local organizations nationwide. "Homeownership is an essential part of the American Dream that represents so much more than a roof over our heads," Harris stated. "That is why President Biden and I are expanding on our historic investments in housing by announcing \$5.5 billion that will increase access to affordable housing, invest in economic growth, and address homelessness in communities throughout America." The funding, part of the White House Housing Supply Action Plan and the Blueprint for a Renter's Bill of Rights, aims to boost the housing supply, lower housing costs, expand rental assistance, enhance renter protections, and invest in more robust, more resilient communities. "A coordinated whole-of-community approach is crucial to build strong and resilient communities, invest in decent housing, create healthy environments, expand economic

opportunities accessible to low-income households, and support aspiring homebuyers and those experiencing homelessness," Acting HUD Secretary Adrienne Todman emphasized in a statement. The White House said the allocation of the \$5.5 billion in grants would go through various HUD programs, including:

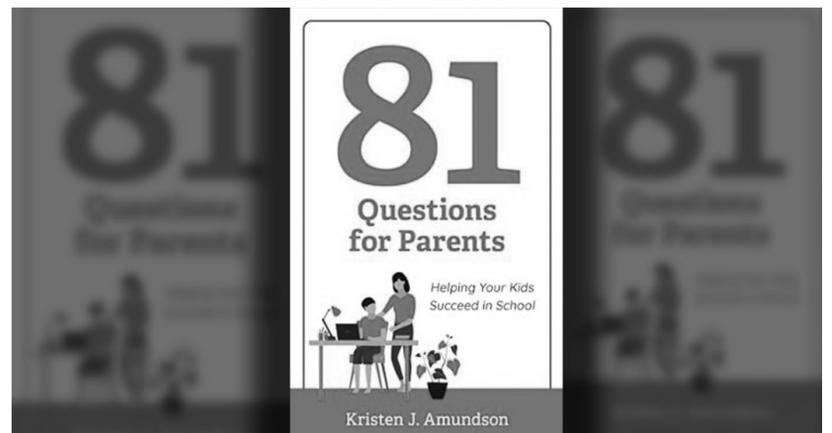
- \$1.3 billion to 668 grantees to build affordable housing through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).
- \$214 million to every state to increase affordable housing supply via the Housing Trust Fund (HTF).
- \$3.3 billion to 1,254 grantees to build stronger communities through the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).
- \$455 million to 130 grantees to connect people with HIV/AIDS to housing and support through the Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program.
- \$290 million to 357 grantees to address homelessness through Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG).
- \$30 million to 23 States

and the District of Columbia to support recovery from substance use disorder via the Recovery Housing Program (RHP).

The announcement follows Harris's recent stops on her nationwide Economic Opportunity Tour, where she has been highlighting the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to support communities and improve access to housing while making it more affordable. Administration officials pointed out that Harris has been a vocal advocate for homeownership and housing affordability. As Attorney General of California, she helped pass the California Homeowner Bill of Rights, and as a U.S. Senator, she introduced several bills aimed at increasing the supply of affordable housing and lowering renters' costs. The White House said the latest funding underscores the administration's commitment to addressing the housing crisis and creating opportunities for all Americans to access safe and affordable housing. "The funding made available today serves as building blocks to empower communities to take ownership of community development investments and put the needs of residents first," Todman asserted.

What Do Kindergarten Teachers Mean By "Ready for School?"

By Kristen J. Amundson



81 Questions for Parents by Kristen J. Amundson Book cover

At this time of year, many preschool parents are worrying about whether their child will be ready for kindergarten. What are the things their child should learn? Do they need to make alphabet flash cards? Invest in worksheets so kids can practice math. I talked with kindergarten teachers to find out what they think kids need to know to be kindergarten-ready. You may be surprised: Readiness for school, teachers say, does not mean that your child will have mastered all the kindergarten skills on Day One. Instead, it means that your child will take pleas-

ure in learning how to do things on their own. One kindergarten teacher said to me, "I can teach kids their ABCs. I can't teach them—at least not very efficiently—to help them get along with others and to understand that they aren't going to get their own way all the time in school." If you always do things for your child, and always tell them what to do, they will not be able to make their own decisions and learn how to be independent. One good rule of thumb for parents of toddlers: whenever possible, avoid doing things for your child that they can do on

their own. Kindergarteners are expected to take responsibility for their belongings. They put their lunch box in the right place. They hang up their coat. During the day, they use the restroom and wash their hands by themselves. In the cafeteria, children must put the straw in their juice box or open the milk carton. They must get the foil on top of the applesauce. "The whole first month in the cafeteria, we're helping children learn to open things," one teacher said. "They're always surprised that

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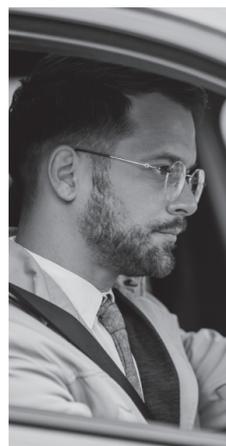
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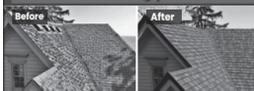
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ketchup packages have a little line that shows you where to tear to get the ketchup out." So, teach your child how to do those things before the first day of school.

Let your toddler eat (and accept that mealtime will be messy and s-l-o-w, at least at first). Let young children choose what they want to wear—and relax if they choose to wear the polka-dot shirt with the checked pants.

Encourage them to use the crayons they want to use in their coloring book and do not be surprised if you see a purple horse or a red elephant.

Follow the rule that teachers use when they are teaching a new skill:

- 1 First, I do.
- 2 Then we do.
- 3 Then you do.

Whether it's shoe tying or making a sandwich, start by showing your child what to do. Then practice the same skill together, working side

by side. Finally, let your child do it alone, first while you watch and then independently. And let me just say one word here about shoes—the bane of every kindergarten teacher. Shoelaces do not stay tied. "They drag on the floor. They drag across the restroom floor. They go into kids' mouths," a kindergarten teacher told me. "They need my help retying them. If I have 25 students, that's 50 feet. And at 30 seconds per shoe tie, that's 25 minutes a

day I'm not teaching them letters or numbers or how to get along with others," she said. That doesn't mean children have to be able to tie their shoes before they start kindergarten. "Just put them in different shoes," the teacher wisely advised. And really, just reread that part about shoelaces that have dragged on the kindergarten restroom floor ending up in the child's mouth. You'll probably keep your kid in Velcro shoes until they're 20.

Quinn Minute

Health maintenance

By Rix Quinn

Did you ever have a perfect day, 24 hours when everything went right? I had one yesterday, and it scared me.

I woke up at seven, feeling great. That's crazy because if I breathe normally before my morning coffee, something's not right.

My Dad lived a long life because he monitored his health constantly. He insisted that "Feeling good is the first sign of feeling bad."

When I was in my 20s, 30s, and 40s, every day was sunny with no chance of storms. At age 50, I began to look for torna-

does everywhere, including in my nose and throat.

I started dropping into a local coffee shop to check on neighbors who were a couple of decades older. They appreciated my thoughtfulness...but mostly, I was looking for what diseases might attack me next.

During my 51st year, I entered a nearby clinic and made appointments with every specialist there. I got a decent report from everyone but the obstetrician. He said, "You're a male, and you can't get pregnant. You don't need to come back again."

One doctor told me I needed exercise. A second one found a tennis elbow. A third said I had athlete's foot.

So, today, I play tennis until my arm hurts or my feet itch.

There's one guy in our neighborhood who decided he would feel better if he modeled his dog's lifestyle. So, he barks at anybody who comes to his front porch and occasionally rushes out into the yard to chase a squirrel.

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Dallas Approves Deal for a New Women's Professional Soccer Team

DALLAS - On Wednesday, May 8, the Dallas City Council approved a plan for a new women's professional soccer to call the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Fair Park its home for the next two years.

The plan authorized a \$592,000 subsidy for the next two years with the operators of Fair Park to secure a contract with the unnamed USL Super League team to play home games at the stadium in South Dallas. It includes the option to continue for a third year.

On Thursday morning, the team will announce the club's name, logo and other branding during an event at Klyde Warren Park.

"I am excited that Dallas is going to have its first-ever women's soccer team,"

said Dallas Mayor Eric L. Johnson. "This city is at the forefront of professional sports, and women's sports in particular. Bringing more professional teams to Dallas diversifies and strengthens our economic portfolio and spurs further economic development. As a lifelong sports fan myself, I am delighted that another professional sports team will soon call Dallas home." Mayor Johnson facilitated the USL Super League launch in Dallas by creating the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Sports Recruitment and Retention in 2022.

"As the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Sports Recruitment, I want to say that I am super excited that in the course of just about three weeks, we have taken

huge leaps in making Dallas the number one sports destination in the country" said Council Member Zarin Gracey. "First, the Dallas Wings, now a newly formed league is recommended for Fair Park. I could not be prouder of this City and the City's leadership and staff for all the work put forth to get this done. Go Dallas!"

"It's an incredible honor for our City to play a part in supporting women's professional sports," said Council Member Adam Bazaldua. "This is a wonderful moment to highlight the importance of continuing to bring opportunities and invest in South Dallas, who has been neglected from so much of the growth in our city for so long. It's imperative we continue to work to bring professional sports teams to our city, as they

play such a crucial role in the economic vitality of Dallas. The possibilities that this partnership will open for South Dallas, Fair Park, and access to women's professional sports in our city is more exciting than I think many can understand."

Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Dallas Interim City Manager, expressed enthusiasm as she welcomes the arrival of a new women's soccer team to our city, stating, "Dallas is championing empowerment, diversity, and the thrilling spirit of sportsmanship. With the addition of this dynamic team, Dallas further solidifies its commitment to fostering a culture of inclusion and providing opportunities for female athletes to shine on the field and inspire future generations."

Biden says he will stop sending bombs and artillery shells to Israel if they launch major invasion of Rafah

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President Joe Biden said for the first time Wednesday he would halt some shipments of American weapons to Israel — which he acknowledged have been used to kill civilians in Gaza — if Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu orders a major invasion of the city of Rafah.

"Civilians have been killed in Gaza as a consequence of those bombs and other ways in which they go after population centers," Biden told CNN's Erin Burnett in an exclusive interview on "Erin Burnett OutFront," referring to 2,000-pound bombs that Biden paused

shipments of last week.

"I made it clear that if they go into Rafah — they haven't gone into Rafah yet — if they go into Rafah, I'm not supplying the weapons that have been used historically to deal with Rafah, to deal with the cities — that deal with that problem," Biden said.

The president's announcement that he was prepared to condition American weaponry on Israel's actions amounts to a turning point in the seven-month conflict between Israel and Hamas. And his acknowledgment that American bombs had been used to kill civilians in Gaza was a stark recognition of the United States' role in the war.

Review: "Hell's Kitchen" – A Thrilling Musical Journey Through Alicia Keys' Soul

The musical left little doubt as to why, in bustling New York, in the middle of the week, a sold-out crowd poured into the Shubert Theater. It also provided many clues as to why this production has earned an impressive 13 Tony Award nominations.

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In the heart of Manhattan, blocks from the 43rd Street and Ninth Avenue apartment on the 42nd floor where the story unfolds lies the Shubert Theater at 44th Street near Eighth Avenue, currently home to the captivating Broadway musical, "Hell's Kitchen." Developed over 12 years by the incomparable Alicia Keys, this jukebox musical is a touching journey through the soulful melodies that have defined her career.

At a recent midweek and matinee performance, attended by Keys' own mother, "Hell's Kitchen" was not just palpable, but electrifying. From the moment the lights dimmed to the final bow, the exceptional performances and the energy of the show were evident, even as Keys' mother, Terria Joseph, could be heard enthusiastically cheering, laughing, and singing along throughout the performance. The musi-



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cal left little doubt as to why, in bustling New York, in the middle of the week, a sold-out crowd poured into the Shubert Theater. It also provided many clues as to why this production has earned an impressive 13 Tony Award nominations.

The narrative delves deep into the tumultuous relationship between 17-year-old Ali (the main character

based on Keys), portrayed with profound depth and charisma by Gianna Harris (filling in for Tony-nominated lead actress Maleah Joi Moon), and her fiercely protective mother, Jersey, in an absolute powerhouse performance by Shoshana Bean. Set against the backdrop of late 1990s Times Square area, Ali's quest for independence and love

clashes with Jersey's fears and desires for her daughter's safety, all of which creates a story that likely resonates with the audience's own experiences.

Harris shines in her portrayal of Ali, seamlessly weaving Keys' iconic hits such as "Girl on Fire" and "Fallin'" into the fabric of her character's journey. Opposite her, Bean delivers

a tour de force performance, capturing the raw emotion and maternal love that drive Jersey's actions.

The supporting cast, including Brandon Victor Dixon as Ali's father, Davis, and Kecia Lewis as the amazing Miss Liza Jane, Ali's spiritual mentor, further elevating the production. Lewis's rendition of "Authors of Forever" is exceptionally breathtaking, showcasing her remarkable vocal range and depth of emotion.

While "Hell's Kitchen" may not be a strict retelling of Keys' life story — it ostensibly covers just her life as a 17-year-old, it offers a glimpse into a pivotal moment in her adolescence. Kristoffer Diaz's expertly crafted book ensures that the focus remained on Ali and her journey toward self-discovery, creating a narrative that sticks with audiences long after the final curtain falls.

With its electrifying performances and soul-stirring music, "Hell's Kitchen" is a testament to Alicia Keys' enduring legacy as a musical icon. It proved more than just a Broadway production; it's a celebration of the power of music to inspire, uplift, and transform lives. It's also a gift from Keys to New York, celebrated in the closing with the heart-thumping sound, lyrics, and performance of Keys' hit with Jay-Z, "Empire State of Mind," with the cast alternately crooning, "Ooh, New York; Ooh, New York. Even if it ain't all it seems, I got a pocketful of dreams; Baby I'm from New York! Concrete jungle where dreams are made of There's nothing you can't do; Now you're in New York! These streets will make you feel brand new; Big lights will inspire you; Hear it for New York, New York, New York!"

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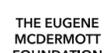


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