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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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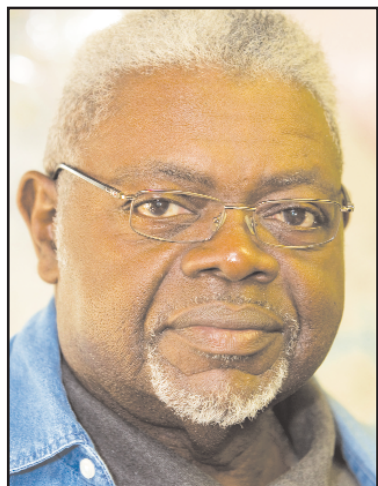
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GUN CONTROL

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Another young Black man has been shot and killed, and one is in the hospital! Four families are upset and broken by the pain of another senseless act with a gun! We find that the shooting of a gifted young man has taken his life away and cut short his future, and the shooter's life is condemned. These are three more youth whose lives are changed forever.

What is it going to take for citizens to begin to see that this is not about our second amendment right to keep and bear arms for personal protection? This is about the availability of guns to people who have sense enough to make sound decisions in the handling, or use, of guns! Make no mistake about it! Guns are made to kill, and I don't care how much you shoot targets.

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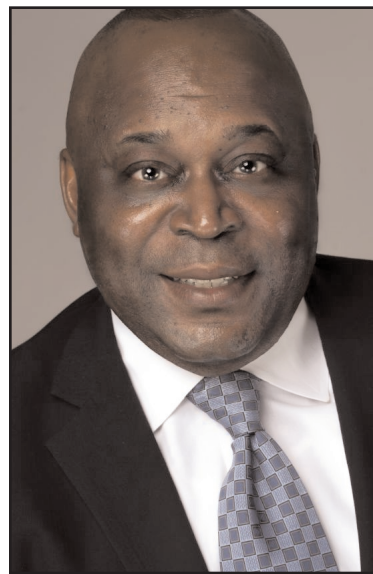
If HB 370 becomes law Black sheriffs fear removal from office

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Now that both Houses of the North Carolina General Assembly have passed controversial House Bill 370, the measure requiring North Carolina sheriffs to cooperate with federal Immigration and customs enforcement officials in detaining alleged illegal immigrants suspected of crimes, before the measure gets to Gov. Roy Cooper's desk, the State House has to concur with State Senate changes made Monday night.

Cooper has already indicated that he's not on board with the bill, calling it "unconstitutional" in a statement issued before its senate passage Monday.

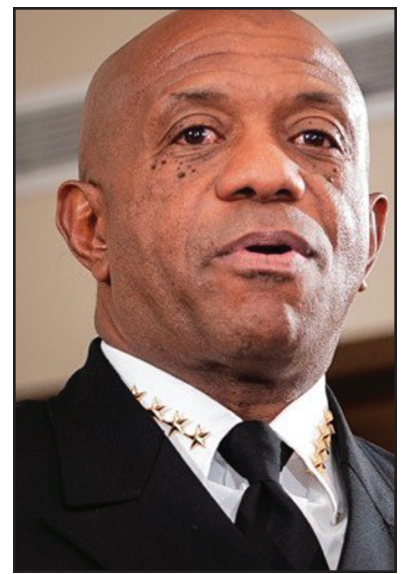
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Baker Mitchell, Jr., Founder and President of The Roger Bacon Academy (left), Barbra Jones, Coordinator of Community Relations and New School Development of The Roger Bacon Academy (middle), and Marlene Mitchell (right).

The Roger Bacon Academy celebrates the career of Barbra Jones

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Over 100 guests packed into the cafeteria of Douglass Academy to celebrate the remarkable career of Barbra Jones on Tuesday, July 18, 2019. Ms. Jones served as Coordinator of Community Relations and New School Development at The Roger Bacon Academy from 2012-2019. She wrote the charters for Douglass Academy and South Brunswick Charter School - both charter schools are thriving today. Douglass Academy is the highest ranked elementary school in downtown Wilmington and South Brunswick Charter School is the second highest

ranked elementary school in Brunswick County. Ms. Jones also served as Headmaster of Douglass Academy from 2013-2016.

Joe Maimone, Chief of Staff for North Carolina State Superintendent, Mark Johnson, at the Department of Public Instruction, stated, "Barbra has made a huge impact, not just on her community, but on over 100,000 students in the charter school movement. She is a big part of that movement."

In her leadership position within the community,

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Adams, Butterfield join call for reparations study

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

North Carolina's two African American congressional representatives have formally joined the call for a congressional call for a study on reparations to the descendants of enslaved Africans brought to these shores during the 17th Century.

Both U.S. representatives, Alma Adams (D-NC-12) and G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), are co-sponsors of HR 40 (Commission to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans), primarily sponsored by Texas Democrat Representative Sheila Jackson Lee.

Prior to last week's June 19th House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Hearing in Washington, D. C., Congresswoman Adams issued a statement: "We must address the horrible legacy of slavery in our country. I co-sponsored HR 40...to begin this important conversation that needs to be a part of our national dialogue."

In a tweet that same day, Congressman Butterfield wrote, "We marked the 400th anniversary of the first enslaved Africans' arriving at

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Juneteenth reparations hearing on H.R. 40 puts reparations debate in national spotlight

BY LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE
NNPA NEWSWIRE CONTRIBUTOR

"These are the vestiges of enslavement that people don't want to deal with," said Dr. Julianne Malveaux, the former President of Bennett College.

Malveaux testified at a House hearing on legislation that would set up a commission to study reparations for the ancestors of enslaved

Africans kidnapped and brought to America.

Dr. Malveaux and others testified on H.R. 40, the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act which would seek to analyze the legacy of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and its continuing impact on communities. The hearing was held by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties on June 19th.

On June 18, Senate Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said that Americans, in part, made up for slavery by electing Barack Obama.

"I don't think reparations for something that happened 150 years ago for whom none of us currently living are responsible is a good idea. We've tried to deal with our original sin of slav-

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ery by fighting a civil war, by passing landmark civil rights legislation. We elected an African American president," McConnell added.

"I think we're always a work in progress in this country... No, I don't think reparations are a good idea," the Republican from Kentucky concluded.

Another view was heard at the Juneteenth hearing on the House side of Capitol Hill.

"Enslavement reigned for 250 years on these shores. When it ended, this country could've extended its hallowed principles - life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - to all, regardless of color. But America had other principles in mind," writer Ta-Nehisi Coates said at the hearing. In 2014, Coates wrote "The Case for Reparations" in The Atlantic. The lengthy article reignited a national discussion on the issue.

"Victims of that plunder

are very much alive today," Coates said at the hearing.

"We recognize our lineage as a generational trust, as inheritance, and the real dilemma posed by reparations is just that: a dilemma of inheritance. It is impossible to imagine America without the inheritance of slavery," Coates also said.

The congressional discussion on reparations was the first of its kind. Though former Congressman John Conyers authored legislation to study reparations for many consecutive years.

Rep. Sheila Lee Jackson (D-TX) a sponsor of H.R. 40, said, "It is only [African Americans] that can singularly claim to have been slaves under the institution and leadership of the government. H.R. 40 is, in fact, the response of the United States of America long overdue."

Commenting on social media on the hearing, Howard University African American Studies Department Chairman, Dr. Greg Carr wrote, 'A couple of things #HR40 hearing is reinforcing: 1. The need to



DR. JULIANNE MALVEAUX SPEAKS ON REPARATIONS.

study the long #Reparations movement and it's well-established objectives is greater now than ever; 2. Supporters of White American nationalism can find an American Negro to say anything they need them to."

Though the hearing was discussed widely on social media, both CNN and MSNBC spent most of June 19th running footage of former White House staffer

Hope Hicks walking down a hallway in the Rayburn House Office Building while saying nothing to reporters before and after refusing to contribute testimony on alleged White House misconduct Capitol Hill.

"Imagine if we had cable news networks that treated the #Reparations hearing as important as the #HopeHicks hearing... whew! I'm Beat!," wrote DCBeat founder Tiffany

Cross on twitter:

South Carolina Republican Senator Tim Scott said reparations are a "non-starter" when asked about the issue.

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The purpose is the same. Guns are made to kill, and this one act should help bring some light to this problem of the killing of young people on the street and the destroying of their futures.

If a mind is molded to a certain standard, it can be formed to fix any problem, but if it is not molded first, then the forming goes anywhere!

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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STATE HOUSE, SENATE COMPLETE PROPOSED BUDGET

RALEIGH] On Tuesday,

state House and Senate Republican legislative leaders unveiled their proposed \$24 billion budget that does not include Medicaid expansion, as Gov. Cooper demanded. Lawmakers say they'd be happy to come back for a special session to discuss expansion, but are standing behind this budget proposal, saying that it is "nonpartisan." In it, teachers and state employees get raises, and state retirees

get a one-time bonus, The NC Dept. of Health and Human Services would be mandated to move to Granville County, forcing many of its employees to travel longer, or just quit. Gov. Cooper's spokesman said the GOP proposal is "a bad budget that has the wrong priorities."

BB&T CUSTOMERS TOLD TO BEWARE OF SCAM

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bank is warning its customers of a scam that has been going on since May that could cost them money. Authorities say customers are receiving a from someone identifying themselves as working at BB&T, asking them if they've made a "large purchase" recently. To confirm their identity, the BB&T scammer will tell the customer to Google the phone number, which will corre-

spond with the text number. Ultimately, the scammer gets enough information to take money from the customer's account. BB&T says it is investigating each case.

WAKE SHERIFF ENDS SENIOR WELLNESS CHECK PROGRAM

JULY 1 [KNIGHTDALE] Wake County Sheriff Gerald Baker is ending his agency's senior

well-check program as of July 1st, he says. Deputies will no longer routinely look I on elderly residents who live alone in the county to make sure that they're alright. Some local police departments in the county are picking up the slack with a daily telephone senior well-check program, calling seniors to make sure they haven't fallen or slipped in the shower.

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our State, I know that current law allows us to lock up and prosecute dangerous criminals, regardless of immigration status," Cooper said in a statement. "This bill isn't about that. In addition to being unconstitutional, it's about scoring political points and using fear to divide us."

The Democratic governor is expected to veto the measure, and now that he has more Democrats in the House, it's not likely that the body will be able to override

his veto with a two-thirds count, even though Republicans still have a majority there.

It would take a super majority to defeat Cooper's veto, and while that's not likely to happen, suppose enough House Republicans were able to convince a handful of Democrats to vote to override, suggesting that with an election year just around the corner, their vote against HB 370 could be used against them.

If that happened, the measure would become law, most likely to be challenged in court as unconstitutional, which could effectively

freeze it while in litigation.

However, after all of that, if HB 370 ultimately survived its challenges, the first of the six Black sheriffs who won election in last year's November midterms could find him or herself legally challenged to keep his or her job.

Those Black sheriffs, representing Wake, Mecklenburg, Durham, and three other counties, won election by promising not to work with ICE agents in detaining suspected illegal immigrants. All three are from those counties, Sheriff Gerald Baker of Wake, Garry McFadden of

Mecklenburg and Clarence Birkhead of Durham, and each has maintained their campaign promises not to capitulate to ICE demands.

However, they say that has made them targets of Republican lawmakers' ire, who have threatened to have them and any North Carolina sheriff removed from office if they don't cooperate with ICE.

"House Bill 370 is not about protecting our communities. It's not about making our communities safe. House Bill 370 is clearly about attacking a select group of sheriffs," Sheriff McFadden said at a press

conference last week, even after the NC Sheriffs Association did an about face and supported the bill.

HB 370 spells it out: "Any sheriff or police officer shall be removed from office by the judge of the Superior Court, resident in or holding the courts of the district where said officer is resident upon charges made in writing, and hearing thereunder, for willful failure...or refusal to perform the duties of his or her office."

According to the ACLU of North Carolina, this is the first time in a hundred years that the provision for removing a sheriff in North

Carolina has been modified.

Essentially, if five citizens in a county file a complaint with the local district attorney against the sheriff, that complaint is investigated, and then heard in court for a judge to decide whether the sheriff should be removed.

Earlier on Monday, the NCNAACP, along with representatives from various Latino organizations and the Poor People's Campaign, held a press conference at the Legislature calling HB370 "racist", not just against the Latino community but against the Black sheriffs too.

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Ms. Jones fostered parental involvement wherever possible along with outreach to local organizations. Her internal focus was on implementing field-proven curricula and training her classroom teachers in successful

pedagogical methods. Her goal was that every student meets high expectations and becomes a productive member of society.

Frankie Roberts, the Executive Director of Link, Inc., remarked, "She has brought the energy and attitude of change, and she has definitely proved that no matter the socioeconomics, no matter the

color of your skin, that you can learn - and at her school, you were going to learn!"

Ms. Jones commented, "My time at The Roger Bacon Academy has been an inspiration. For the past seven years I've been part of an organization dedicated to giving students the tools they need to grow into successful adults. There is no greater

feeling than to see the joy in students as they learn to read, write, and do arithmetic. I feel proud knowing that as I step down, countless students in The Roger Bacon Academy family of charter schools are stepping up."

Barbra Jones plans to retire to her hometown of Houston, TX, where she will spend time with her daugh-

ter and grandchildren.

The Roger Bacon Academy is an educational management company serving a family of four tuition-free charter schools in southeastern North Carolina founded in 1999 by education pioneer, Baker Mitchell. The schools include Charter Day School in Leland, Douglass Academy in Wilmington,

Columbus Charter School in Whiteville, and South Brunswick Charter School in Southport with a combined enrollment of over 2,100 students in K-8. All four are tuition-free charter schools that welcome all students, regardless of income, ability, or address. To learn more or enroll online, please visit EnrollRBA.com

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the colony of Jamestown,

Virginia. #HR40 gives us the opportunity to reflect on the shameful legacy of slavery and Jim Crow in this country and to examine how we

can best move forward as a nation."

The hearing last week, noted for testimony from actor, Danny Glover, heralded Black writer, Ta-Nehisi Coates, and U. S. Senator and 2020 presidential candidate, Cory Booker [D-NJ], was the first time since 2007 that Congress has considered the issue. Former U. S. Congressman John Conyers originally sponsored the measure calling for a study on reparations.

Beyond the primary focus of the hearing, namely what the legacy of slavery is, the far reaching impact it still

has on today's African American community, and what should be done to tangibly address that negative impact, dismissive comments about reparations from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky) the day before, helped to add fuel to the fire.

"I don't think reparations for something that happened 150 years ago for whom none of us currently living are responsible is a good idea," McConnell responded when asked. "We tried to deal with our original sin of slavery by fighting a civil war, by passing landmark civil

rights legislation. We've elected an African-American President."

The Republican Senate Majority Leader continued, "I think we're always a work in progress in this country, but no one currently alive was responsible for that, and I don't think we should be trying to figure out how to compensate for it."

Ta-Nehisi Coates, who wrote the heralded "The Case for Reparations," a 2014 article in a national magazine, went after McConnell for his rebuke of reparations at the hearing the following day.

"Majority Leader McConnell cited civil rights legislation yesterday, as well he should, because he was

alive to witness the harassment, jailing, and betrayal of those responsible for that legislation by a government sworn to protect them," Coates told lawmakers. "He was alive for the redlining of Chicago and the looting of Black homeowners of some \$4 billion. Victims of that plunder are very much alive today. I am sure they'd love a word with the majority leader."

Congress must now vote to establish the study.

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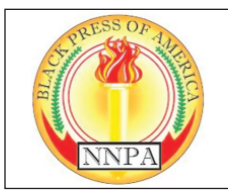
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Tone deaf Congress wants military pork

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The F-35 stealth fighter aircraft is one expensive plane. It costs \$135 million to produce a single aircraft, but Congress is prepared to authorize spending for 90 more planes, a dozen more than the Pentagon has requested. Why? Lobbyists for Lockheed Martin, the company that produces these aircraft, have exercised their fine art of persuasion to convince the House Armed Services Committee that these aircraft are needed for our national "defense". Wouldn't you think the Pentagon has a better idea of what they "need" than lobbyists? Or are the profits of this corporation more important than the fiscal prudence that so many in Washington crow about when looking at education, Social Security, health care or programs that address human needs?

There is much to object to about the "Defense" budget, as defense spending absorbs more than half of all of spending from our budget. But spending on the F-35 aircraft is especially egregious. More than a trillion dollars will be spent on this aircraft, a trillion. Enough to eliminate all student debt, or fully endow the nation's historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) with money left over! What do we get from this trillion? We get an aircraft with supply chain problems that the General Accounting Office has described as "falling short of warfighter requirements". They say the aircraft, "cannot perform as many missions or fly as often as required", partly because of a "shortage in spare parts and limited repair capability". So Lockheed Martin is producing this \$135 million aircraft, more than two thousand, to be exact, without producing the requisite spare parts or developing the appropriate repair capabilities.

Bloomberg News described the F-35 program, "as the world's costliest weapons program." Its entire history has been fraught with both cost and efficiency problems. Why, then, are lobbyist pushing Congress to order more of these planes, more, even than the Pentagon wants? Follow the money. It's all about the profits.

While the House Armed Services Committee is planning to waste billions of dollars on these costly and flawed F-35 planes, poor people around the country gathered in Washington to hear from Rev. William Barber, and Rev. Liz Theoharis about the Moral Budget. Believe me, there is no room for F-35 fighter planes in the Moral Budget. Instead, the poor People's Campaign increased spending on human needs, like health care, education, and that oh-so-basic need - food! It might have been impactful for members of the House Armed Services Committee to spend a few moments with the Poor People's Congress, the thousand or so people who crowded into Trinity Hall at Trinity Washington University to demand equity in education, affordable health care, and more.

The Poor People's Moral Budget has the theme, "Everybody Has the Right to Live". The budget would cut \$350 billion in military spending, while increasing taxes on the wealthy, corporations, and Wall Street. It represents a paradigm shift from our nation's current focus on militarism to a focus on human needs. Our nations hawks, and our President, believe that profligate military spending makes our world safer, which is nonsense! Indeed, the possibility of military action against Iran (and the deployment of a thousand more troops to the Middle East in late June), suggests that militarism makes the world dangerous, not safer. In any case in this militaristic climate, the move to order more F35s than even the President wants is nothing more than a profit-serving move to benefit Lockheed Martin, the corporation that can't even produce enough spare parts for the planes it has already produced!

The Poor People's Congress operated in stark contrast to the House Armed Services Committee. Rev. William Barber testified before the House Budget Committee on June 19, 2019, calling for an end to police violence against poor people and urged Congress to embrace its moral budget. By continuing profligate spending on F35 fighter planes, and funding more planes than even the Pentagon wants, Congress is engaging in policy violence against all Americans, but especially the 140 million who are poor!

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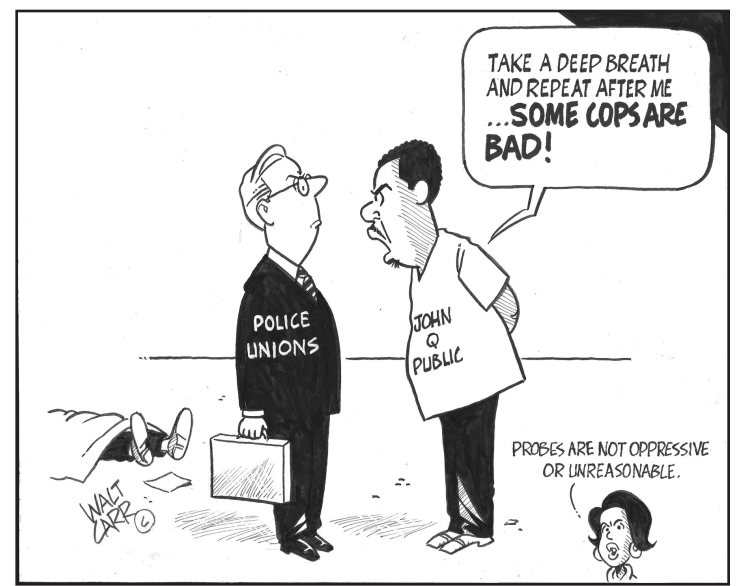
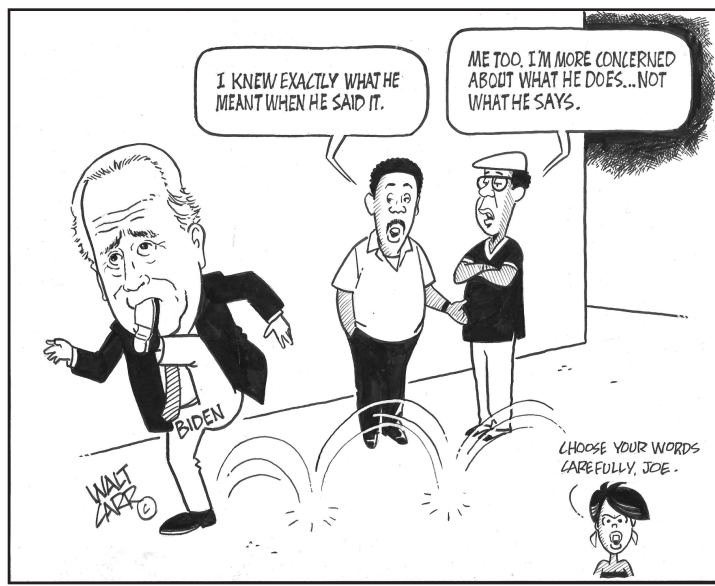
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Fifth Amendment required "just compensation" for government seizure of private assets. Now Republican Senate Majority leader, Mitch McConnell, said "America paid reparations to Blacks by electing Obama to be president". Do you think Mitch McConnell

voted for Obama? I believe in reparations for me and my people and will work to defeat any politicians who vote against it. We all must vote in every election because the law is whatever lawmakers say it is on any given day. Monday slavery was legal but illegal on Tuesday,

marijuana illegal on Wednesday but legal on Thursday and same-sex marriage illegal on Friday but legal on Saturday. Are you registered?

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Taraji draws attention to mental health

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

We've seen Colin Kaepernick, LeBron James and others draw attention to challenges in our community. At the recent hearing on Reparations, we heard from Danny Glover. We've also just heard from Taraji Henson on the subject of mental health.

In our community, we've often played down the importance of mental health. It was as if we knew it existed, but didn't want to discuss it. We've often looked down on people who shared their need for assistance with mental health issues. Taraji wants to change that.

I pray that other stars will take on the fight to bring about justice and fair play for all who've been burdened unnecessarily—especially when it comes to race. For Black women, it's both race

and gender.

Our communities have often internalized the negative impact of enslavement, segregation and all forms of discrimination. It appears we're being pushed backwards. We see too much high blood pressure and other health challenges to ignore the fact that the inhumanity we've suffered through the ages has been brought on deliberately and intentionally by others outside our community.

We've rarely had the luxury of calling ours "the good life." There're always unnecessary stresses in our community. We're always fighting just to keep our heads above water while others with less education, less compassion, less experience keep on moving ahead of us, and there're always those around us making an effort to take away the progress we've been able to make. We elected Barack Obama as our President and that made us feel some sort of progress. Behind him came #45 who's tried to destroy everything President Obama did. We had a Voting Rights Act. The Supreme Court took

that away. We had health care, and some have done everything possible to destroy that.

So, it's important for us to work with Taraji on her efforts. We must be vigilant in working to get proper funding for mental health. A nation's budget tells us just how seriously it takes our concerns.

Let's do all we can to break the stigma around mental health with her organization, the Boris Lawrence Henson Foundation (website <http://www.borislhensonfoundation.org>) which she named for her Dad who talked about mental health. He didn't avoid the subject as some do. Let's keep up with what the Foundation is doing, donate when we can and do all we can to alleviate this challenge. Mental health help is not just for people who are wealthy. It's for anyone who needs the help. We can encourage people who need help to seek it and not feel they'll be judged badly for seeking help.

Taraji has taken the lead in breaking the stigma associated with mental health by encouraging us to talk about mental health. Let's vote for

those who see the importance of mental health. Put this issue on your list when you're looking at candidates to represent our community. Let's not hide from the issue. It's real, and we need to pay attention to it and act when necessary to get something done about mental health.

Taraji has said we don't talk about mental health in our families as her father did with her. She went on to say, "That's why there's a shortage of African Americans in the field of mental health, because we don't talk about it at home. Our children don't even know, this is a field they can even flourish in." Yes, they do talk about being a doctor, but they rarely have been taught about the different kinds of doctors like the kind that treat mental health. Let's talk to change that. Thanks to Taraji. It's now on our agenda!

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Joe Biden and Joe Scarborough: Creatures of the deep

Former Vice President Joe Biden speaking in his "aw shucks, I'm just Joe" style has set off a firestorm within the ranks of the Democratic presidential contenders.

During a June 18th fundraiser with wealthy potential donors, he lamented the lack of civility in government. To make his point, Biden recalled how well he got along with Southern segregationists in Congress, such as former Sens. James O. Eastland of Mississippi and Herman Talmadge of Georgia. This struck a sour note with many progressive and left-leaning Democrats.

Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey issued a statement calling for Biden to apologize for his insensitivity. Biden responded by demanding that Booker apologize to him for inferring that he is a racist.

New York City mayor and presidential candidate Bill de Blasio also weighed in, pointing out that the segregationists with whom Biden had a civil relationship thought that his multiracial family was illegal and that his children should not exist.

As quickly as criticism was raised against Biden, defenders came to his aid.

House Majority Whip James Clyburn, an African American Democrat from S.C., argued that you have to work with people with whom you disagree in order to get things done. Rep. Bennie Thompson of Mississippi gave a more careful statement about Biden: and said: "If he was able to work with Eastland, he's a great person."

Several of the hosts of the television show, The View, jumped to the former vice president's defense and resolutely declared that Biden is not a racist. But the issue here is not that Biden is a racist, and Booker did not call him a racist. What gives so many people concern about Biden is that he can be comfortable with racists without realizing that he is normalizing their hateful views.

The most glaring example of the tone-deafness of some of the advocates joining this debate is a statement made by T.V. host Joe Scarborough during the MSNBC show, Morning Joe.

Scarborough likened Joe Biden to former President Franklin D. Roosevelt when he said Roosevelt "had to deal with the same segregationists as we moved toward World War II to defeat Hitler."

But let's take a moment to think about that statement.

President Roosevelt was willing to work with segregationists for the sake of the war effort. But Roosevelt, unlike the African American soldiers stationed in Southern states, was not humiliated and disrespected because of the color of his skin. Black G.I.s suffered the indignity of watching Nazi prisoners of war they were guarding sit down and eat meals in restaurants where the Black soldiers themselves were barred by law. Neither Roosevelt nor Joe Biden nor Joe Scarborough had a relative treated with less respect than the enemies fighting to destroy our country - a country that African Americans were giving their lives to defend.

People like Franklin Roosevelt, Joe Biden and Joe Scarborough can survive in the depths of a racist nation because they, like the segregationists they "work with," are configured for survival. They are "Creatures of the Deep." They live and thrive in a racist America that is like the bottom of a deep ocean - an environment where such great pressure is exerted, only those equipped with protective shells can survive. And while that protective cover may be the hard exoskeleton of a lobster at the bottom of the Pacific

Ocean, in America, that protective cover is white skin.

If Joe Scarborough gave an ounce of consideration to this issue, would he conclude that all Americans were setting aside their differences and prejudices in order to defeat Hitler during World War II?

Of course, Joe Biden could be civil with Sens. Eastland and Talmadge - because Joe Biden is white. But if Biden gave the slightest bit of thought to the matter, would he really believe those staunch segregationists would have shown the same civility and respect to a Black senator?

Mayor de Blasio put it very clearly when he said that Biden's comments show he's "out of step with the values of the modern Democratic Party."

The criticism of Joe Biden is not that he is a racist, but that he is a creature of the deep, blithely swimming around without noticing that others are being crushed by the enormous weight of racism. And if he does not have enough empathy to recognize human suffering, why should anyone think that he deserves to lead a nation as diverse as America?

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

Ava DuVernay's "When They See Us" wins mass attention

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

The painful true stories of five falsely accused young men, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana, Kevin Richardson, Antron McCray, and Korey Wise, has been brought to light in excruciatingly vivid detail by director Ava DuVernay. The group known as the Central Park Five would receive 6 to 13 years in prison.

"When They See Us," is DuVernay's new mini-series, featured exclusively on

Netflix, depicting the story of the Central Park Five. Her new film features the infamous 1989 case of five boys of color who were falsely accused of the rape of Trisha Meili, a white female jogger who was then an investment banker. The story was reminiscent of the Scottsboro Boys case in 1931 in terms of being a rabid miscarriage of justice that stereotyped men of color as sexual predators.

On May 1, 1989, Donald Trump called for the return of the death penalty in reference to the Central Park Five in full-page ads in all four of the city's major newspapers. Trump has never admitted he was wrong about the Central Park Five though he has been asked about the case multiple times.

The members of the

"Central Park Five" were coerced into confessing to a crime they did not commit and implicating each other as police detectives subjected them to lengthy interviews and interrogations.

In 2002, Matias Reyes, a convicted murderer and serial rapist who was in prison, confessed to the crime the Central Park Five were convicted of and his DNA matched evidence found at the scene. The five convictions of Salaam, Santana, Richardson, McCray and Wise were vacated after more than a decade. In 2014, New York City reached a \$40 million settlement with the Central Park Five after Mayor Mike Bloomberg blocked their payout for ten years.

As DuVernay's film gained viewers and momentum and

waves of publicity, Linda Fairstein, the main prosecutor of the Central Park Five, was dropped by her publisher Dutton, an imprint of Penguin Random House, on June 7. Fairstein has never apologized or admitted there was a wrongful prosecution in the case. Several prosecutors and detectives have avoided discussing the series. The five men are pursuing an additional \$52 million in damages from New York State in the New York Court of Claims.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

A sad reality:

The American Justice System does not protect the oppressed

In 1857, the case of Dred Scott (Dred Scott v Sanford) went before the United States Supreme Court. Scott was suing for his freedom from slavery; he had lived with his owner in a free state before returning to Missouri, where slavery was permitted. Scott sued, saying that he should be free, as he had lived as a free person, but the United States Supreme Court said otherwise and ruled against him.

Chief Justice Roger Taney wrote, on behalf of the High Court, that Scott's case was null and void. He said that no black, free or slave, could claim United States citizenship (in spite of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution) which granted blacks full citizenship. His ruling also sidelined and ignored the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery. In the mind of the nation's high court, blacks were not citizens of the United States and never could be, and therefore, as slaves, had no rights.

Taney also ignored the tenets of the Missouri Compromise of 1820, which prohibited slavery in federal territories, and said that the proclamation in the Declaration of Independence, "All men are created equal," was never intended to apply to enslaved Africans. He finally wrote that there "were no rights of a black man that a white man was bound to respect."

If the disregard of the Constitution and the disrespect of black people as human beings and American citizens had been corrected, there would be no need for discussion, but it seems that the Court is still tilted in favor of those who oppress others - blacks, women, and the poor, immigrants and many who simply cannot fight the system. It has ruled against immigrants

(<https://www.npr.org/2019/03/19/704953335/supreme-court-broadens-the-governments-power-to-detain-criminal-immigrants>), against labor and unions (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/27/us/politics/supreme-court-unions-organized-labor.html>), against women's reproductive rights (<https://www.hrw.org/news/2018/06/27/us-supreme-court-chips-away-womens-right-information>), and now has in its hands a case which might affirm the legacy of this country of making decisions to protect the status of white people (<https://www.cnn.com/2019/06/23/us/supreme-court-census-citizenship-blake/index.html>).

While people in the current administration, but many other instances as well, are able to pay for justice, the so-called "least of these," named by Jesus in the Gospels as those we are charged to protect and take care of, are regularly skewered by the system we call "justice." Justice is a high-ticket price item; only those who have the money can afford it.

When Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged for a crime he did not commit, he says that the police officer who arrested him basically told him he had no hope for justice. "He told me I was a black man, accused of killing a white person. I was arrested by white officers, I would be charged in front of a white judge by a white prosecutor in front of an all-white jury," Hinton recalled. He was in fact convicted and was sentenced to death; he sat on death row for over 30 years.

With Ava DuVernay's landmark production, "When They See Us," the injustice in the justice system is fully exposed. In spite of the protestations of Linda Fairstein, who was responsible for much of what happened to the five young men falsely accused of and charged with raping a young white woman, the fact remains that persons without the means to purchase justice and therefore their freedom know that what DuVernay illustrated is painfully true.


The spirit of Roger Taney is ever with us. He marinated the justice system of this country with white supremacist beliefs and put the concept of justice in an oven of injustice to bake. There are cases before the US Supreme Court now which will no doubt fall under the guillotine of injustice disguising itself as justice and poor people - including black and brown people - in spite of the directions of Jesus the Christ, whom oppressors call their Lord and Savior - will continue to have their rights eroded by the system we call "justice."

In the play "Hamilton," there is a line in one of the songs which resonates with what is going on in this world: "oceans rise, empires fall." Every great empire has struggled with meting out justice to those who cannot afford it, and most if not all of them failed.

America has taken her place in that sordid line. Rev. Dr. Susan K Smith is nearing completion of a book, "On the Shores of America: Two Nations, Two Gods" and in November, her book, "Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul" will be released by Whitaker House Publishers. To inquire about booking her, contact cassady2euca@icloud.co.

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Trump did the right thing

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In the last week, President Donald Trump suddenly reversed two major decisions. He announced he would not begin mass deportations of those who are living in the country illegally,



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

which he previously threatened to do, and he pulled the plug on a bombing attack on Iran, even as the military jets were on the runway.

The reversals stunned aides and allies alike. In both cases, Trump disappointed hawkish advisers and zealous supporters who had urged him to act. In both cases, Trump did the right thing. It's easy to be skeptical or dismissive about Trump's flip-flops. In both cases, he defused crises of his own making. In both, he avoided what would have been a humanitarian horror. In both, the impulsiveness of the threatened action was matched by the suddenness of the reversal. In both, the reversals may only be a temporary attack of sanity.

When the Iranians shot down a U.S. drone, the hawks had exactly the provocation they wanted to begin bombing. Trump initially agreed, but then reversed himself, allegedly because he thought a bombing strike that might kill hundreds of Iranians was "disproportionate." Hopefully, it was also because he remembered his campaign promise, and his sensible instinct that beginning another war in the Middle East would be catastrophic.

Trump has targeted immigrants from the beginning of his campaign, labeling those seeking asylum, implementing truly grotesque policies that rip children from their parents and cage them in unspeakable conditions. He vetoed the bipartisan immigration reform that Congress passed. Now he is ratcheting up the rhetoric for election purposes. When White House advisers like Stephen Miller reportedly pushed for mass deportations, the president suddenly announced they would begin, and then just as suddenly agreed to postpone them. He may have postponed them simply because the bureaucracy wasn't ready to act. In any case, the decision was the right one.

The face-off with Iran continues. The White House

announced it has launched a cyber-attack, will continue to punish Iranians with economic sanctions and considering various covert ways to strike Iran. The conflict will escalate unless Trump follows the decision not to bomb with a clear plan of action that deescalates the tension and finds a way back to the negotiating table. On the border, Trump only postponed the threat of mass deportations. He clearly wants to make immigrants a target once more in his re-election campaign.

What would make sense is to convene the governments of our neighbors to the south and create a multilateral plan for humanitarian relief and economic development that would alleviate the desperation that forces families to leave their villages and come north. Without comprehensive immigration reform, Trump's sudden act of common sense will soon be forgotten. In both cases, Trump's policies are likely to make things worse rather than better. But at least, in this instance, he chose not to follow the ruinous advice of his aides and supporters. At least that is encouraging.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

America's challenge: Moving toward racial healing and transformation

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Months after Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam came under fire for the racist images on his yearbook page from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 1984, he remains in office, a battered and chastised, public figure. But maybe this isn't a bad thing.

A quick resignation would have elicited rhetorical condemnations, a symbolic

"washing of hands," and sent the wrong message that everything has been resolved. It most certainly has not been, and in late May an investigation by the medical school couldn't conclusively determine whether it's the governor in the photo. But the Commonwealth of Virginia, and our nation, have an even weightier problem: they must address the root cause of racism 35 years ago, and today - the belief in a hierarchy of human value that poisons our society.

Through centuries, America has failed to do the required work of uprooting and finally eliminating the idea and belief in a hierarchy of humanity - the empowering of one human being over another because of skin color or religion or ethnicity. It was stunning that when USA

Today examined 900 year-books from the same era, they found more than 200 examples of racist materials, demonstrating the depth of racial bias in our society.

The heart of the problem is the hierarchy of human value. This core belief is the myth that built America. Human value hierarchy fueled unfettered land confiscation from Native Americans and unprecedented human decimation and enslavement of Africans; all of which fueled a young country's rapid economic growth and emergence as a world power.

As long as the foundational myth of unequal human value is allowed to fester consciously and unconsciously, the idea can, will and indeed IS being manipulated for political gain and potentially authoritarian power.

Hitler perfected this art of fearmongering and emotional manipulation using the idea of a hierarchy of human worth and value. His Nuremberg laws became the basis of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. These laws were modeled after racist laws and practices here in the United States. The 2017 book, Hitler's American Model by Yale Legal scholar James Whitman, documents how America's racial oppression helped inspire the Nazis' anti-Jewish legislation.

Clearly, if America only "washes our hands" after every incident of racism, we fail to enact any meaningful change. The action that is long overdue in Virginia and the

whole of America is a truth and racial healing process.

To heal is to make whole, to set right. A broken bone must be re-set in order to heal without deformity. Setting the United States right requires humanely and sincerely facing and unpacking the truths of our past; and finally burying the myth of a hierarchy of human value; replacing it with awareness and appreciation of the sacred interconnected reality of humanity. We must all realize that we are truly one human family, ultimately tracing our genomic ancestry to common ancestors on the continent of Africa.

Only at this point can we begin to envision a healed and shared future together as one America - not simply as red or blue - but with a shared vision of a truly reconstructed America that values all equally. No more susceptibility to manipulation through "dog whistle politics" and social media tricksters. No more deeply held racial resentments ripe for the picking by domestic and foreign enemies.

Together, we can then create a new, more complete narrative. We can construct a new story of America for our children, one honoring and embracing all of them. We can heal our perceived divides; share authentic memories and listen to one another, forging relationships of mutual understanding, trust and respect.

We can leverage these new bonds to meld division and

separation into the "Beloved Community" envisioned by Dr. Martin Luther King. Working together, communities are capable of creating affordable housing, employing equitably, educating and caring for all. Laws and policies need to redress inequities created by centuries of adhering to a human hierarchy.

A compassionate, united and thoughtful people can create an authentic and expansive form of democracy that is poised to generate a far more fair and equitable economy; rather than continuing to increase wealth and income divides.

This change in our core belief and perception, in our way of seeing and willingness to relate to and with one another is America's unfinished business. The persistence of blackface, Klansmen (with and without hoods), racial, anti-Semitic, gender and xenophobic violence are symptoms of the deeper pathology of having embraced human hierarchy as a way of life.

Let us take this moment to begin the true journey of healing that our future demands.

Dr. Gail Christopher is the former Senior Advisor and Vice President of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and architect of the Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT) framework and process that is being implemented in cities, colleges, universities and organizations across America.

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New Hanover County

New Hanover County NAACP Branch will sponsor SANKOFA a free summer 2019 African American Heritage Workshop for students ages 10-15, from June 25th- July 25th (Tuesdays and Thursdays) 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. LITE LUNCH provided. Parent and/or adult are asked to bring the student and complete the registration form on Saturday, June 22, 2019 between 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church(719 Walnut Street) Contact number 910-512-1026 for information-<http://www.nhcnacp.com/>

Community Briefs

Sankofa, the name of the workshop is taken from the Akan language of Ghana and means "go back and take." It symbolizes one taking what is good from the past and bringing it into the present in order to make progress through the proper use of knowledge.

Brunswick County

The Town of Navassa will hold their 38th Annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, July 6th at 10:00 a.m. A street fair with games, vendors and music will follow at the Navassa Community Center, 338 Main Street. The festivities will begin July 4th with Kids Day from 7:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. with free food, games and music. July 5th a Luau theme dance will be held from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. They are inviting queens, civic groups, churches, community leaders, business vendors, etc. to participate. Please contact the Navassa Parade Committee at 910-371-2432 or email at navassaparade@gmail.com to get further information.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Rent for 3 more years or buy?

I often get private messages on FaceBook from families wanting advice on real estate.

This week I want to share a conversation I had with a single mom. She sent me a message and said: "Hello, I just wanted to reach out to you for some advice that maybe you can help me with. So right now my son and I have been living with my parents so that I could get my credit score up. Now I am in a position where my scores are good and I have a good job. With my job, I want to relocate in about 2-4 years but I wanted some advice from you on

Brenda Dixon

would it be best to rent an apartment or to go ahead and purchase a home?" I replied: "Hi there, thanks for reaching out to me. GREAT QUESTION!"

Well, let me give you a few nuggets you can consider in making a decision and go from there. So if you rent for 2 years you would have spent a minimum of \$1200 per month in our market... \$1200 x 24 months = \$28,800 paid in rent. If rent for 4 years, 1200 x 48 month = \$57,600. When you do the math on that you can see a little clearer how much money you would throw away in rent during those timeframes. Now on the other hand, if you buy your home, it would likely go up in value in those 2-4 years and you would have gain equity. Equity is the money you gain over and above what

you paid for the home originally. Example: If you bought it for \$175,000 and in 2 years it's worth \$195,000 or in 4 years it's worth \$210,000, your equity is \$20,000 in 2 years and \$35,000 in 4 years... When you own real estate you have choices. Therefore when you decide to relocate you could 1) sell and take the equity profit and buy in the next city you are going to or 2) Rent the home and let a tenant cover your mortgage payment for the home and keep building equity in that home for years to come or 3) Rent it, and refinance the original loan or get a home equity line to pull some of the equity out and use it to purchase another home in your next location vs. becoming a tenant again yourself. At the end of the day, do the math and evaluate the big

picture.

It truly comes a time in life that making living arrangement decisions are not just a personal decision, it's also a business decision." That was our conversation and I'm happy to say that she made a decision to BUY. Yes indeed, you must convince yourself which looks better for your family, owning vs. renting? I can assure you I know which one looks better to me any day, all day, lol.

Until next week, please share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to reach out for their Free personalized Action Plan to OWN in the next 18 months or less.

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Detention officers graduate from certification course at CFCC

Cape Fear Community College celebrated the graduation of Detention Officer Certification Course (DOCC) students on Friday, June 14. Nineteen students participated in this five-week course and passed the state exam. The ceremony and reception were held at CFCC's Windell Daniels Hall and was attended by representatives from law enforcement agencies, the College, and family members of the graduates.

Students completed 184 hours of instruction—more than the state-mandated course load. Extra hours were built in to enhance the course, including contraband search instruction, a mock trial for investigative process, and extra time for review sessions.

Graduates from the New Hanover County Detention Facility were Eve Avila, Anthony Chandler, Wendy Collier, Bryan Diaz, Michael Gilley, Brian Gold, Daniel Hopps, Christian Latham, Hunter Melton, Curtis Mitchell, Ambreya Newsome, Eric Nixon, Austin Poplin,

Jeffrey White, and Corey Woods. Graduates from the Pender County Detention Facility were Rita Blanks and Kristie Newkirk; Sampson County: Beatrice Allen and Monica Evans.

Five students were recognized with awards at the graduation. Brian Gold received the Leadership Award, Wendy Collier attained the highest class average and Christian Latham, the highest score on the state exam. Beatrice Allen and Rita Blanks were recognized with perseverance awards.

District Attorney Ben David, in his closing remarks, challenged the graduates to "lean on each other and your coworkers as you embark on a career that has many stresses and challenges."

"Cape Fear is proud to offer this specialized training for detention officers," said Tim Fuss, director of law enforcement programs for CFCC's Continuing Education division. "This training is essential to ensure the safety and



CFCC GRADUATES FROM THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY

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security of detention officers as well as prison populations

with whom they work." Cape Fear Community

College will continue to offer this training for detention

officers. For more information, visit cfcc.edu/ce.

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Navassa Community Center
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DJ: Grown Folks Entertainment

Saturday July 6th

38th Annual Navassa Parade
Begin at 10 am, lineup at the corner of
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Festivities immediately after the parade.

No Sleeves Magic Show 11:30 am

Homecoming Showcase with the following Artist performing from 12 pm to 1 pm and from 2pm - 3 pm:

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DJ: Game face Entertainment

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The word 'boy,' race politics, and Democratic wrangling raise the interest of Black voters

BY HAMIL R. HARRIS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The Iowa Caucus isn't until Feb. 20. But, the First Democratic Presidential debates are this week in Miami and African-American voters are already taking sides. The rhetorical slug fest between Vice-President Joe Biden, at the top of the polls, and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, who is trailing.

Welcome officially to the 2020 Presidential Primary because from now until next summer's Democratic convention, contenders will be working hard to knock each other out of the political box in hopes of taking on President Trump in the general election and everything will matter in this political contest.

In Round 1, former Vice President Joe Biden recently told a crowd at New York City fund raiser that when he was in the US Senate, "at least there was civility," between Democrats and Republicans.

And then Biden went on to say that he even worked with segregationists like former Mississippi Senator James O. Eastland. As a 29-year-old senator, Biden, now 76, recalled, Eastland "never called me boy; he always called me son."

The comment went viral as Biden was met with a firestorm of criticism; perhaps most notably from Booker, who called for him to apologize for even repeating the word, "boy", a racial insult endured by millions of Black men during Jim Crow segregation and beyond.

Booker said, "As a Black man in America I know the deeply harmful and hurtful use of the word boy and how it was used to dehumanize and degrade."

Whether or not Biden was attempting his own version of the Southern strategy, which fires up White voters at the expense of African-American candidates, he fired back on national television saying, Cory is the one who "should

apologize" for injecting race and implying he meant something untoward.

"He's knows better," Biden said. "I don't have a racist bone in my body."

In the wake of Booker's comments some members of the Congressional Black Caucus came to Biden's defense and Rev. Al Sharpton invited Biden to his show on MSNBC where Biden said, "I do understand the consequences of the word boy...but it wasn't said in any of that context at all."

At a time when African-Americans make up the largest voting block in the Democratic Party, Booker must navigate choppy political waters because he wants to stand as a champion of his convictions while at the same time not draw fire from older African-Americans who see Biden as the best person to beat Trump.

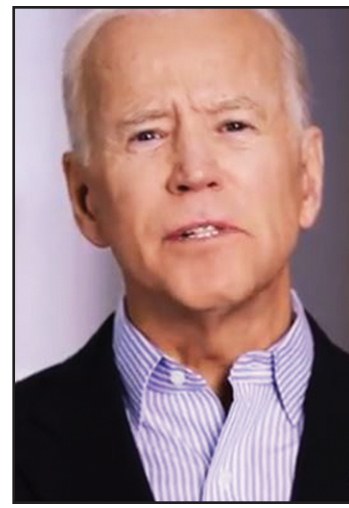
"I certainly wish that he hadn't have said it," Rep. Karen Bass of California, the chair of the Congressional Black

Caucus told CNN last week. "I certainly wish he wouldn't have used that example. I think there's a lot of other examples of where he has worked in a bipartisan fashion, but I would like to see us move on from there."

While Biden met with members of the CBC last week, the real question is how much will their endorsement matter 12 months from now and will African-American women play a big part in who will be the next Democratic Presidential nominee.

Melanie Campbell, CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and convener of the Black Women's Roundtable, said the fight is on because, "You have 20 candidates and eight months before the primary. No candidate has a lock on the Black vote."

Campbell said she planned to be in Miami for both Democratic debates this week. But her biggest worry is the electoral process being com-



Democratic Presidential candidate, former Vice President Joe Biden



U. S. Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.)

promised by outside forces whether it is the Russians, Americans or anybody else.

"We need to push the issue in terms of asking the candidates what they plan to do for Black America," Campbell said. "The role of Black women is paramount to any progressive candidate that

wants to win and no one candidate has a lock on the Congressional Black Caucus or any other group."

Campbell concluded that people of color have a chance to make a difference in this election if the political game is fair. "There is a big concern about Democracy and the suppression of the Black vote."



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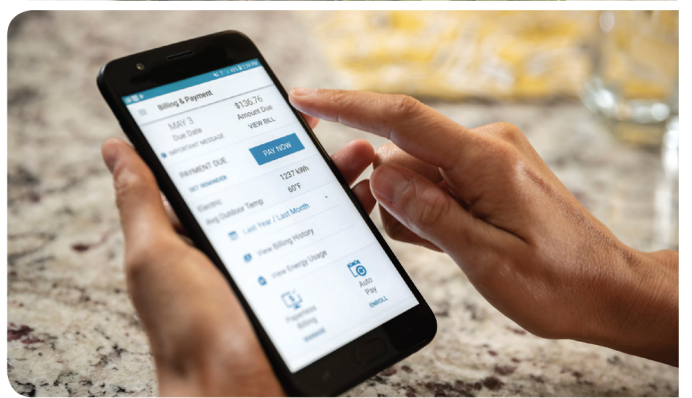
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\$200M in restitution and forgiveness delivers financial justice

Settlements help consumers harmed by for-profit colleges, high-cost loans

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The struggle to eliminate high-cost predatory debt is a daunting one - particularly for Black America. As access to affordable credit, loans and mortgages seem ever elusive across the country, lying in wait are countless predatory lenders eager to fill the personal finance void.

But in recent days, two unrelated developments awarded consumers more than \$200 million in victories against high-cost private student loans and restitution for triple-digit interest payday loans. Together, the two developments illustrate

how freedom from debt burdens can be lifted and erased.

The work of 44 attorneys general in states and the District of Columbia and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) together secured \$168 million in private student loan relief for former students of the now defunct ITT Technical College. In a second development, private legal advocates secured \$39.7 million in restitution and cancelled high-cost loans that tried to evade state laws.

Readers may recall that following ITT Tech's closure in 2016, the institution promptly filed for bankruptcy, stranding an estimated 35,000 students enrolled at one of 150 campuses in 38 states. Due to its high cost of enrollment, most students financed their studies by using a combina-

tion of federal and private student loans. ITT targeted low-income students for its private label loans known as CUSO. These loans came with fees and interest rates as high as 16.25%.

In response to the closure, the Department of Education forgave federal student loans incurred as part of enrollment. But that action still stuck student borrowers with costly private loans that the schools and lenders pushed to finance promised educations that rarely were delivered.

Now through intergovernmental cooperation, over 18,000 former ITT Tech students are freed from high-cost loans that were prone to default by as much as 90%. Lenders must now cease collections, discharge all debts, and notify the former stu-

dents that the debts are cancelled.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, whose share of the national settlement returns \$13 million to 1,430 borrower students spoke to the importance of the settlement.

"Students who attended ITT Tech are burdened with unpayable debts they received while pursuing an honest education," noted AG Paxton. "This college and loan program have failed them tremendously."

A similar reaction came from North Carolina where the settlement will bring \$4.2 million to 412 former ITT Tech students.

"As Attorney General, it's my job to protect students and ensure they can safely invest in their futures," said North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein in a news release issued on June 14. "Today's settlement will give these students the debt relief they need for a fresh educational start and a future unhindered by these debts."

By removing the financial burden of these loans, these same consumers will now be able to secure more affordable and lower interest rates as well as higher credit scores. Whenever defaulted loans are added to borrower credit profiles, the resulting credit score is lower and comes with predictable difficult and costly interest for any new credit application.

In the second consumer win, efforts of private legal advocates like the Virginia Poverty Law Center secured nearly \$39.7 million in restitution and wiped out debts from Think Finance. Once a federal judge approves the negotiated settlement, these monies and others paid by

other defendants will be distributed to consumers ensnared in loans that came with an average interest rate of 375%.

For consumers, these predatory rates meant that a \$500 loan could wind up costing more than \$3,000 for unsuspecting borrowers living in California, Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia.

The settlement brings an encouraging end to litigation originally filed in 2016 against the Fort-Work-based, Think Finance, Inc.

It should be noted that these nonprofit legal advocates' pursuit of financial justice from Think Finance stands in stark contrast to that of the current leadership at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) - especially when it comes to payday lending and other forms of high-cost loans.

Under CFPB's first director, a lawsuit against Think Finance was originally filed in November 2017 and alleged that the firm was deceiving consumers in 17 states into repaying loans they did not legally owe.

With a change of administration and key personnel, an amended complaint was filed under Acting CFPB Director Mick Mulvaney that significantly altered the affected dates as well as the amounts of monies involved in the alleged violations.

According to a May 2019 Bloomberg Law article, the dates originally cited a 7-year span of time from 2011-2018, were reduced to only two years, 2013-2015. Additionally, the news outlet reported the amount of fees dropped from at least \$325 million to only \$40.2 million in interest and

fees on combined loans totaling \$45.6 million.

"The low penalty assessed to Think Finance follows a recent pattern of the CFPB entering into settlements with companies for alleged abuse of consumers but collecting either no money or low amounts in civil money penalties and little to no consumer restitution," states the article.

In the May 2019 CFPB settlement, there was no consumer restitution. Instead, Think Finance and each of its six affiliates agreed to pay \$1 each to the CFPB to settle claims that consumers paid at least \$325 million more than the nearly \$50 million in principal amounts borrowed between 2011 and 2018.

"These settlements are huge wins for consumers," said Diane Standaert, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending and Director of State Policy. "They show the scope and harm of abusive practices by high-cost lenders and predatory for-profit colleges that result in consumers carrying the burden of debt for years."

"The cancellation of these debts is an incredibly important form of redress that should be pursued by other state and federal regulators," continued Standaert. "Effective enforcement can and will get people out from under crushing debt. And these actions underscore the need for strong protections at both the state and federal levels to prevent these predatory practices from occurring in the first place."

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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO CONVERT THE INTERSECTION AT U.S. 17 AND N.C. 904 TO A REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

STIP Project No. R-5851

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to convert intersection at U.S. 17 and N.C. 904 to a reduced conflict intersection in Brunswick County. The primary purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection.

An RCI is a Reduced Conflict Intersection, which is designed to reduce potential collisions for vehicles and pedestrians by allowing drivers from a side road to only turn right. To go the other direction, or cross the highway, they then would pull into a dedicated lane to make a U-turn, and then go straight or turn right at the intersection.

A public meeting will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, July 8 at Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School located in Ash.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of the project and gather input on the proposed design. As information becomes available, it may be viewed online at the NCDOT public meeting webpage:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

The public may attend at any time during the public meeting hours, as no formal presentation will be made. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments. The comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops.

The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided at the meeting or can be done by phone, email, or mail by July 22, 2019.

For additional information, please contact NCDOT Division Highway 3 Engineering Technician Michael Bass, at 5501 Barbados Blvd., Castle Hayne, NC 28429, (910) 341-2000 or mlbass@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Tony Gallagher, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, (919) 707-6069 or magallagher@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT U.S. 17 AND HICKMAN ROAD NW (S.R. 1303) BRUNSWICK COUNTY

STIP PROJECT NO. W-5703H

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project to convert the U.S. 17 / Hickman Road NW Intersection to a Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI). The proposed improvements include adding U-turn movements and median crossovers at intersections to improve safety and traffic operations. The total length of the study corridor along U.S. 17 is about 4,400 feet.

The meeting will take place on July 15, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School Gym located at 250 Pea Landing Road NW, Ash. The public may drop-in at any time during the meeting hours. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit comments will also be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by July 30, 2019. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

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Mr. George Henry Fields, Jr.

George Henry Fields, Jr. was born December 11, 1939 to the late Ossie Howard Fields and George H. Fields, Sr. He peacefully departed this earthly life on Friday, June 14, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

George was a graduate of Williston Senior High School where he played football. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army touring places like Japan. He was honorably discharged and began employment with the International Longshoreman's Association Local 1426 where he worked in various capacities. He was especially talented in construction where he employed his skills to develop and maintain his own private enterprise.

He married his loving wife, Johnnie Sutton, in 1973 where they bonded in matrimony for 46 years. Together they built Fields Enterprise. George acted as a stand in father and role model for several young men, he taught them how to fly. His wife says that "he was truly the Measure of a Man". He was a hard worker, a provider and compassionate in spirit, a gentle giant who was always willing to help or give advice. The void created by his passing will be filled with reflections of the many special moments that God has allowed us to share with him. George will be dearly missed.

His sisters Lillie and Rosa Marie preceded him in death. George will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Johnnie S. Fields; three sons, Darryl Newkirk (Corie), George Fields III, James Derrick (Latasha); three stepchildren, Michael, Marva (deceased), Shelita; two sisters Judith White (James), Jacquelyn Fields; thirteen grandchildren, and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, cousins and other relatives. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N. C. Condolences may be made at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Jacary M. Bethel

Jacary My'Quan Bethel was born August 8, 1999 to Michael Bethel and Tamika Cotton Yushaw at the Brunswick Hospital in Supply, N.C. Jacary traded his earthly pillow for an eternal pillow taking him from labor to reward on Friday, June 14th 2019 in Shallotte, NC. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Shallotte. Interment followed in Riley-Hewett Cemetery.

He attended West Brunswick High School in Shallotte, NC from 2014-2018 making friends at every grade level. He was an outstanding athlete who excelled in every sport he was involved in. He attended Spartanburg Methodist College with a full scholarship in wrestling. Jacary never waived with his friends, he always put them first when engaged in conversation.

He was a brother, uncle, nephew, and friend to a lot of people. He was someone that many of his classmates and friends looked up to. Jacary blessed people and didn't even know he was blessing them by his words and his actions. That

speaks volumes about his character as a young man growing into manhood. He always had a smile on his face and you hardly ever saw him upset. He LOVED people and his family.

Surviving and cherishing everlasting memories are his mother: Tamika Jocinda Yushaw (Iddrisu) of Shallotte, NC; his father Michael Anthony Bethel of Wilmington, NC; three sisters, Jasmine Cotton of Antioch, CA., Klarissa Moldrow and Karlica Darlings of Miami, FL.; three brothers; Javon Demetrius Bethel of Antioch, CA., Duran and Santana Bethel-Jennings of Wilmington N.C.; grandparents, Agnes Cotton of Bolivia, N.C., L.E. Cotton of Duson, LA. Ingrid Robinson of Miami, FL. and Michael Bethel, Sr. of Killeen, TX., two nieces Jessenia Newkirk and Jalia Cotton of Antioch, CA. and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, the family would like to acknowledge and give a special thanks to his very dear and special friend Ms. Layla Raine whom he dearly loved. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 1705 Southport Supply Rd SE, Bolivia, NC 28422 Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Elrea Cromartie

Elrea Cromartie died June 13, 2019. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 21, 2019 at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Harrells, NC. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Elrea was born on November 17, 1924, in Kerr Station, Harrells, NC. She was the tenth of twelve children born to the late Paul and Callie DeVane Cromartie. She was preceded in death by all her brothers and sisters: Rossie Fennell, Asichia Cromartie, Vander Cromartie, Moloid Cromartie, Garfield Cromartie, James Cromartie, Marie Middleton, Jessie Cromartie and Idelle Cromartie. One sister, Irene Feby, raised Elrea and her siblings after the untimely death of her mother. Elrea received her education in the Sampson County School System. At an early age she accepted Christ in her life and joined Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. She was a hard worker on the farm, was a great soul food cook and also a childcare provider. Elrea was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and aunt. Few things gave her more joy than being surrounded by the laughter and love of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her cherished survivors include: one daughter, Judie Williams of Wilmington, NC (fiancé Aaron); grandchildren, Alphonso "Fonzie" Cromartie, Ury Cromartie, Alease Cromartie and Nicole Cromartie all of Wilmington, NC; twelve great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Tina Ferguson; three step-grandchildren; special nieces, Macy Fennell, Mary Clark, April Fennell and Kimberly Fennell; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Dorothy Mae McDonald Wilson

Dorothy Mae McDonald Wilson died June 13, 2019. Funeral services were held on

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Dorothy, daughter of the late Clinton and Rosa McDonald was born on October 4, 1937 in Elliot, South Carolina. She attended public schools in Elliott, SC. She moved to Wilmington, NC in 1945. Dorothy married the love of her life, James Wilson, Jr. on September 27, 1962. From this union three children were born. She later joined St. Phillip AME Church and was the head cook of the kitchen and a member of the Usher Board. She was an active and dedicated worker in the church and she continued to attend church until her health failed. Dorothy, affectionately called Dot by her family and friends was a loving, kind and generous person with a giving heart who would help anyone who needed it. In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her grandson, Kareem Verreen and daughter-in-law, Celeste McDonald.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her husband, James Wilson, Jr.; sons, Gary McDonald, Anthony (Darlene) Wilson of High Point, NC and James Wilson, III; adopted son, Justin Wilson; grandchildren, Anterio Wilson, Zacchaeus Wilson and Jemeka Wilson; brothers, Herbert (Chris) McDonald of San Diego, CA, Robert (Addie) McDonald, Claude McDonald, Charles (Debbie) McDonald of Durham, NC, Dennis McDonald and Jeffrey (Lynette) McDonald; sisters, Ethel Thurston of New Brunswick, NJ, Lillian (Labaron) Grove of Mobile, AL, Margaret (Alvin) Nixon, Carolyn McDonald and Debbie McMillian all of the home; a host of special nieces and nephews and friends and a devoted cousin, Camesha Richardson. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Preston McDonald Boney

Preston McDonald Boney died June 16, 2019 at Queens Center Hospital in Queens, New York. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 22, 2019 at St John AME Church. Burial followed in the Shoulders Branch Cemetery.

Preston was born on July 9, 1944 in the Wrightsboro Community, Wilmington, North Carolina, to the late Elsie James and the late Elijah Boney. He was married to Delores "Pee Wee", who preceded him in death. They were married for over twenty years. Preston affectionately known as "Pres" had a very generous heart. He loved his family and would help and give to anyone who needed a hand. He enjoyed fixing cars and spending time in his yard. Preston was employed by the New York Post Newspaper as a delivery driver for over twenty years. "Pres" enjoyed talking to his brothers every day until his health started to fail.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his children, Regina (Earl), Troy, Felicia, and Derrick; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Elijah and Eugene (Betty Ann); a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

William Henry Batts

William Henry Batts died

June 19, 2019. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 in Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Henry, as he was so fondly called, was born July 9, 1944 in the Browntown Community to the late Jessie and Mary L. Bragg Andrews. He was educated in the Pender County Public School System. Henry was raised in Wilmington, North Carolina. He had a love for baseball and football and also, detailing cars. He worked for Harris Pontiac, Bob King and Rippy Cadillac before retiring. In addition to his parents, Henry was preceded in death by his brother, James O. Bragg and his sister, Deborah Ann James-Jackson.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his sons, Rick and Daryl; three stepsons, Charlie, Tony and Randall; sisters and brothers, Nora Batts and Jessie Bragg of Wilmington, NC, Mayola Johnson of Baton Rouge, LA, George Bragg, Sr. of Willingboro, NJ, Judy Davis, Priscilla Bragg, Vera Evans (Thomas), Ruth Cook (Tony), Linda Andrews, and Terry Andrews (Cressie), all of Wilmington, NC; one sister-in-law, Jean Bragg of Wilmington, NC; two aunts, Georgia Dowdell of Trenton, NJ and Esther Brown of Wilmington, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Catherine Lowe

Catherine Lowe died June 22, 2019 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. A visitation was held Tuesday, June 25, 2019 from 6-8 PM. Memorial services will be held at a later date. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home

William Lee

William Lee died June 21, 2019. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2019 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral

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Frank Weeks, Jr.

Frank Weeks, Jr., died June 20, 2019 in King's County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. Funeral services will be 11:0 a.m. Saturday, June 29, 2019 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jessie Walker

Jessie Walker died June 19, 2019 in New York. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 2019 at Willie L Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Church Cemetery, Leland, NC. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mamie Marshall

Mamie Marshall died Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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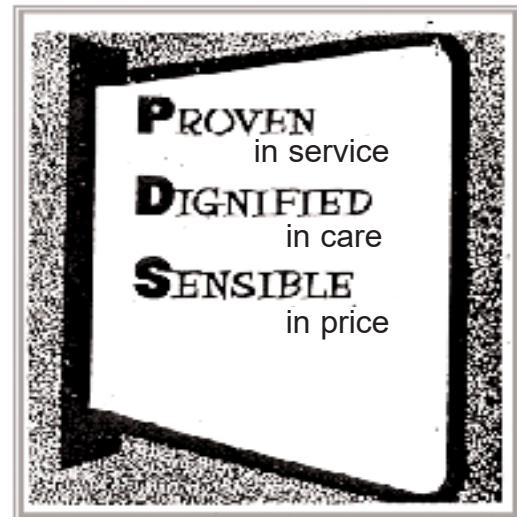
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