

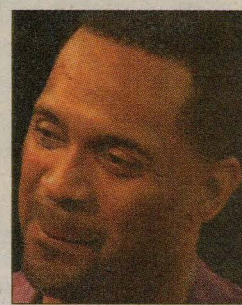


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Off-Duty Seattle Police Detective Helps Stabilize Unresponsive Woman



Seattle Police Detective Denise "Cookie" Bouldin

By Aaron Allen
The Seattle Medium

Last Friday, a "Good Samaritan" was spotted at the Fosters Bar and Grill in Tukwila during a night of Karaoke and social activities.

According to reports, at approximately 10:20 p.m. a woman fell unconscious at the local golf course and bar in Tukwila. Witnesses of the incident claim that the women, while enjoying the music, suddenly slumped back in her chair with her eyes closed and looked as if she was enjoying the vibe of the music. However, unbeknown to many in attendance, the woman was unconscious and in need of medical attention.

Unresponsive, the victim was laid on the floor as the crowd gathered around with concern, all looking to each other for answers and help. At that moment, Seattle Police Detective Denise "Cookie" Bouldin stepped forward and began to administer CPR to the woman.

Bouldin, who was off-duty at the time, was attending a birthday party at the bar when she noticed the woman in the chair was unresponsive. A seasoned police officer with the Seattle Police Department, Bouldin's training and instincts took over.

According to Bouldin, she checked the woman for a pulse and after not being able to find one, she identified herself as a police officer and began CPR.

"This was my first time doing CPR on a human," says Bouldin, affectionately known as Det. Cookie.

"It seemed like hours," said Det. Cookie about the amount of time that passed while she was performing CPR. "My arms were

getting tired, but I knew I could not stop, my arms felt like spaghetti."

"I knew I had the support of the people who were observing because I could hear the people in the background actually praying," recalled Det. Cookie.

As she continued CPR, a Tukwila Fire Department medical unit arrived relieving Det. Cookie of her CPR engagement and administered a defibrillator in the hopes of reviving the woman and transported her to Valley Medical Center in Renton.

According to hospital officials, the woman, who was unofficially diagnosed as a possible heart attack victim, was admitted into the intensive care unit (ICU). As of press time, the woman was still in ICU but her status had improved as she was both alert and talking.

Thanks to "good Samaritans" such as Detective Cookie rising selflessly to the occasion, her training and knowledge of CPR helped to save this woman's life.

According to the American Heart Association, almost 90 percent of people who have a cardiac arrest out of the hospital die. Health experts say that CPR, especially if performed in the first few minutes, can double or triple a person's chances of survival.

"Because of citizens such as Det. Cookie and citizen's recognizing the need for CPR training, it keeps a victim or patient in condition to be revived initially," states Marty Grisham of the Tukwila Fire Department.

As of press time, more information about the woman was unavailable.

CBC Delivers "We Have A Lot To Lose" Paper To President Trump



Members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) met with President Donald Trump in the White House to discuss a range of issues affecting the Black community. Photo/Lauren Victoria Burke/NNPA.

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Contributor

Carrying a 130-page document titled, "We Have A Lot To Lose: Solutions to Advance Black Families in the 21st Century," members of the Congressional Black Caucus sat down with President Donald Trump and Vice President Pence to discuss a range of issues affecting the Black community.

Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond (D-La.), and the CBC executive board, which includes Reps. Karen Bass (D-Calif.), Gwen Moore (D-Wisc.), Andre Carson (D-Ind.), Brenda Lawrence (D-Mich.) and Anthony Brown (D-Md.) attended the meeting; senior CBC member Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) also attended the meeting.

The CBC delegation discussed proposed federal budget cuts, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and jobs with the commander-in-chief.

The meeting, which was the first between CBC leadership and President Trump, started in the Cabinet Room and later moved into the Oval Office after members of the press recorded part of the gathering.

There has been a lot of discussion about whether the CBC should take a meeting with Trump, because of the president's rhetoric regarding Black communities. On the

campaign trail, Trump often painted the Black community with a broad brush, sensationalizing the poverty and violence that plagues some neighborhoods while neglecting the stories of Black achievement and success.

Despite his parade of Black celebrity friends, Trump's relationship with the African American community is often defined by the incendiary media campaign he ran against the "Central Park Five," four Black and one Hispanic youth, who were charged and convicted for the brutal sexual assault of a young, White investment banker in New York City's Central Park in 1989. Trump paid for ads in four of the city's newspapers.

"A couple of weeks after the attack, the real-estate developer Donald Trump reportedly paid \$85,000 to take out advertising space in four of the city's newspapers, with the headline: 'Bring Back The Death Penalty. Bring Back Our Police!'" wrote Quartz, the news website. "The boys' lawyer, Michael Warren, told the Guardian that Trump and his ad 'poisoned the minds of many people who lived in New York and who, rightfully, had a natural affinity for the victim.'"

Years later, all five men were cleared of all charges, their convictions were vacated and Mayor Bill de

Blasio supported a \$41 million settlement in 2014.

Trump and his father, Fred Trump, also faced housing discrimination allegations in the 1970s, when it was discovered that Blacks were routinely blocked from living in some of the apartments operated by the Trump Management Company. The case was settled, "with no admission of guilt."

So why meet with Trump? Members of the Black Caucus were pointed.

"President Trump has met with various African Americans, however we're the only African Americans that are elected to the United States Congress that can develop policy and offer a different viewpoint," said Chairman Richmond as he left the White House. "The CBC represents 78 million Americans, we consistently fight [against] poverty, no matter who it affects."

Rep. Lawrence, who represents parts of Detroit, said that the CBC doesn't have the luxury of passing on a meeting with president.

"If there's an opportunity to improve life for our constituents, we will take it," said Lawrence.

The congresswoman spoke with Trump about recent news that the Environmental Protection Agency has set aside \$100 million to address the water crisis in Flint, Mich.

Lawrence said she was surprised that Trump knew the details of the situation and asked her who was at fault.

"It was a meeting where both sides listened and it was a meeting where we were very candid about disagreements," said Richmond at the White House. "The surprising part is when we talked about the goals; there were more similarities than differences. The route to get there is where you may see differences; part of that is just education and life experiences."

Each member at the meeting said that there were several direct and blunt exchanges with the president.

Rep. Bass said that she told the president that his comments about African American communities were not only hurtful, but also had the potential to perpetuate negative stereotypes about Blacks and to shape the discourse surrounding mass incarceration and police reform.

Rep. Carson, a former police officer who was the second Muslim elected to Congress in 2008, said that he confronted Trump about some of the negative comments that Trump made about Muslim Americans and Islam during his 2016 presidential campaign.

The CBC members were surprised when Trump

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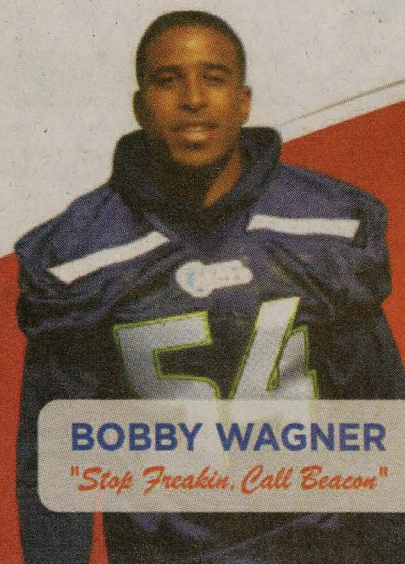
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Technology For Everyday Living

By Dr. Tracey Parrish

What Form of Payment Are You Using?

There are many options to pay for your morning cup of joe or to pay your portion of an office party gift. You can make sure you have cash on hand or you can pull out your credit card to complete your purchase. Let's not forget that you even have the option of writing a check. Did you know that with the advancements of technology, there are even more options for you to consider?

Mobile payments are a safe and secure way to handle monetary transactions. The security that is in place means that your exact credit card number is not shared with retailers in person or online. These forms of payments can make it very easy for someone, who like me, rarely has cash on hand and who also is becoming more protective of my credit cards. The encryption that takes place is layered multiple times over and in some cases, constantly changes with each transaction. I want to talk, at a very high level, about a few of these payment methods.

Using your mobile phone: This is not a new concept. There was a time, a few years back, when you were able to make limited purchases and have your cell phone provider add the cost to your phone bill. This was used if you were

interested in purchasing items through partners of the cell phone provider, something like ringtones, games or accessories to enhance your cell phone usage. These services have since been enhanced and are easier to use and have far greater reach as it pertains to where you can use your phone to make a purchase.

Services such as Apple Pay and Android Pay allow you to walk into a store, make a purchase, and use your phone to complete the transaction. With these services you literally can tap your phone on a 'reader' which is connected to a register. Information is then transferred between your phone and the register to complete your transaction. To initiate this type of transaction, you need to register a credit card in your phone settings. After you complete your credit card setup, when you tap your phone at a store, part of the information that is transferred is a unique 1-time encrypted number. Through many layers of encryption, the unique number and your actual credit card number are paired and the transaction is completed. What makes this a good option is that the business you are shopping at, never has access to your actual credit card number or personal information.

Using your email or

mobile phone number: As an individual or small business owner you can register your email or mobile phone number with your bank and your friends or customers will then be able to send you payments or transfer money directly to your bank account. Setting up is easy. On your end, you need to register your email or mobile phone number with your bank (this can be done through you bank's website). For your customer or friend, they need to register your email or mobile phone number with their bank.

Imagine being the lead person at work who is going to buy a gift for someone and needs to collect money from everyone who works with you. Once you let everyone know how much they owe you and provide them your registered email or mobile phone number, they can then log into their bank's website and send the money direct to your account. Instantly, you are notified that you have received money into your account. This type of transaction is possible without anyone knowing your bank name, account number or any personal proprietary information.

Using a mobile application: Most businesses have mobile applications and some of them even have the option

of accepting payment while you are in the application. My favorite application, because of the ease of use and the simplicity of account management piece, is one for a coffee shop. When I make a purchase in this coffee shop, I am able to open the application, select the 'pay' option and then a bar code is displayed which can be scanned in front of a 'reader' connected to a register that converts the bar code into my account information. Within minutes I am paid in full and provided my updated account balance. What is key here is that you have to have a store credit or credit card registered within the application.

With the security breaches and black hacks that are taking place, it's important for you to change your passwords to your online accounts on a regular basis and start considering using mobile payments which can offer you an additional layer of security.

Dr. Tracey Parrish manages Technology Development Programs for a large technology company. As a technology fanatic, she has a desire and passion for educating others on utilizing technology to make their personal and professional lives more productive.

City Of Seattle Seeks Volunteers To Serve On New Renters' Commission

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray and the Seattle City Council are seeking community members to serve on the Seattle Renters' Commission (SRC). Established by ordinance in March, the SRC will advise the City on policies and issues of interest to renters citywide.

The Commission will be composed of 15 members - six are

appointed by City Council, six are appointed by the Mayor, and one position will be filled by a young adult through the Get Engaged program. Two positions will be selected by the SRC once established. Commissioners will serve without compensation.

The SRC will consist of people living in an array of rental housing types, including students, low-

income renters, LGBTQ renters, people with past felony convictions, people in subsidized housing, and those who have experienced homelessness. It's also expected that members be geographically representative of Seattle. Commissioners will serve without compensation.

Those interested in being considered should complete the online

application by Monday, May 1 by 5 p.m. If you cannot submit the application online, contact Seferiana Day at (206) 684-8806 and an application will be mailed to you or you can pick one up at the Seattle City Council main office - Seattle City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue, 2nd floor, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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offered to meet with the group on a regular basis, perhaps quarterly. The members noted that it would take more than scheduled meetings in the Oval Office to affect systemic change in the U.S. The members also

talked to the president about the impact of his recent budget blueprint that includes cuts to education and urban development.

With Republicans in control of the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives and the White House,

the Black Caucus is gearing up for a series of tough legislative battles over the next 19 months, until the midterm elections in November 2018.

"We never thought we'd agree on everything in this meeting, but the one thing we did ask for is

[candor]," the CBC chairman told reporters at the White House after the meeting with Trump. "He listened, and we talked, and we proposed a lot of solutions, many of which, I think, he had not heard before, and we're going to keep advocating."

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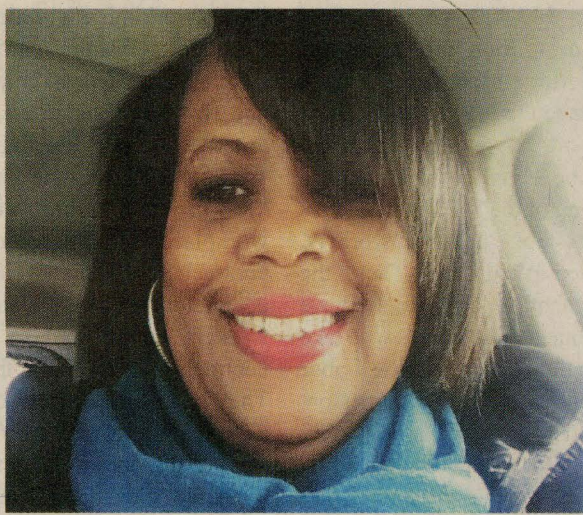
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Do You Think Seattle Provides A Healthy Environment For Black Businesses To Prosper?



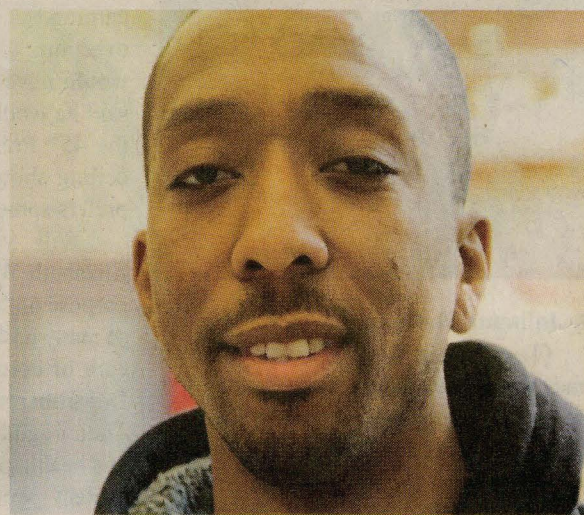
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"No, I don't believe that Seattle offers a opportunity for black businesses to prosper. We see it by looking at our businesses owners compared to all other races. You can look at geographically how we're pacing with the growth of Seattle. Everyones talking how well Seattle's doing, but the numbers don't reflect that for our businesses. And so we need resources to make sure that we are able to grow, making sure that money is funneled to our community like others, its not happening right. I think the Seattle City Coucil needs "show us the money".



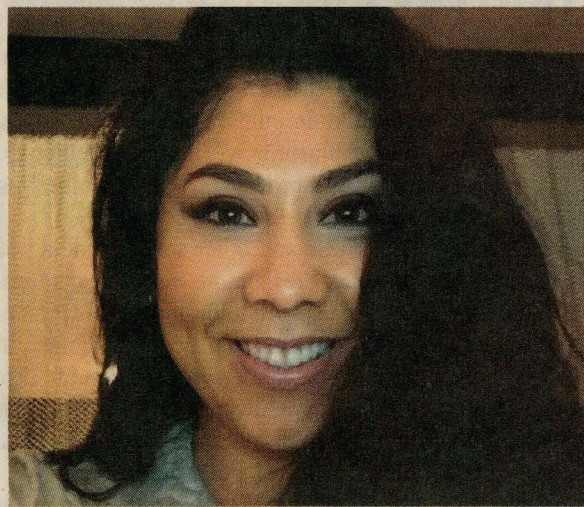
Cynthia Brooks-Hassen...

"Presently, no! The only Black businesses prospering in Seattle are in the hair industry and a few "ethnic" restaurants. Although it seems affluence is all around us, new high rise apartments and businesses, we don't own it. Seattle is ranked #78 out of 109 metropolitan places for Black owed business in theU.S. In my opinion, several factors impact owning business in Seattle. Gentrification, high cost for building space and high interest loans to name of few."



Jacquis Nelson...

"My answer to that question is absolutely. Any time you have a flourishing area like Seattle that is continuously growing, real estate market is great out here and thriving jobs are plentiful, if you want one, absolutely. It's a great idea for any business, let alone Black businesses, to set up shop out here."



Uvania Ayala...

"I think it can be. Seattle is very diverse and full of opportunities. If someone has the desire, discipline and passion to run their business, I have no doubt that it would prosper."



Leonard Charles...

"In my opinion I feel like we been putting separation on ourselves for so many years, we look at ourselves as individuals and it takes all of us to make a community. So it doesn't matter the color of your skin, its a matter of how you present what your trying to do for the people. Any business or anything that you do its about presentation, so if you present as a black business, then you set yourself up for failure. It should be a business for the community, to build up the community, not just the individual."



Kayla North

"I think that right now in society businesses are oriented online and people are not valuing face to face interactions that make business personable and successful."



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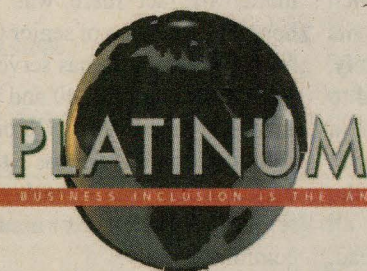
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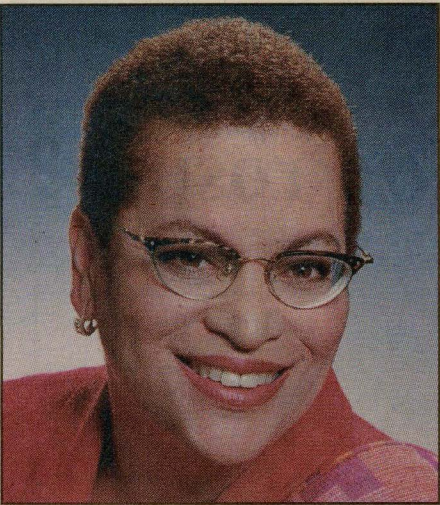
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Alexander Acosta - Bad News In A Slick Package



By Julianne Maleaux

(Trice Edney Wire) - By the time you read this, Alexander Acosta, the 45th President’s nominee for Secretary of Labor, is likely to have been confirmed by the full Senate. He got narrow approval from the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions by a 12-11 party line vote. I don’t blame the Democrats for opposing the Acosta nomination. In his televised hearing, he was as slippery as Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch, dancing around questions and so exasperating Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren (D) that she said, “This has really been frustrating. You have dodged every one of my questions. None of these were trick questions.”

Warren tried to pin Acosta down on

overtime rules. Presently, workers who earn more than \$23,660 do not qualify for time and a half, or overtime, pay. Someone who earns that little money is earning just over \$11 an hour. They hardly qualify as “executives”. President Obama proposed that the ceiling be doubled, so that anyone earning under \$47,320 could collect overtime. Four million more workers would have overtime protection. Acosta said he would take the lead from his boss, the 45th President, but indicated that the ceiling should be less than \$47,000. He prefers something in the \$33,000 range.

Will you stand up for workers, Elizabeth Warren asked him? That’s the purpose of the Labor Department. We have so many government departments who take care of corporations, but only the Labor Department takes care of the little person. Their regulations on occupational safety and health, pay fairness, and discrimination protect workers when employers are indifferent to their safety and welfare. But the 45th President’s “budget lite” proposes a 21 percent cut in the Department of Labor budget. It would eliminate some job training programs, including the Senior Community Service Employment Program, close Job Corps Centers, eliminate parts of the Office of Disability Employment Policy, and eliminate the Occupational Safety and Health Administration “unproven training grants”. This “America First” budget is disgraceful in its frequent use of words like “ineffective”,

“unproven”, “inefficient”, and “eliminate”, as if there has been any study done, in the scant 60 days of this Administration, to prove inefficiency.

Indeed, while we weren’t paying much attention, 45 signed legislation that took away occupational safety protections for those working for federal contractors. President Obama required companies competing for federal contracts to disclose and fix safety violations, but the Senate voted to revoke the Fair Pay and Safe Workplace Rule. Some Republicans said it “wasn’t fair” that companies with workplace violations couldn’t get federal contracts. They would prefer that contractors who exploit and endanger their workers be allowed to bid on federal contracts without fixing their deficiencies. They want to reward contractors who exploit and endanger their workers.

Acosta doesn’t have the baggage that restaurant executive Andrew Puzder, did. 45’s first nominee for Secretary of Labor was such a hot mess that he withdrew from consideration. Acosta is a lifelong public servant and now dean of Florida International University’s law school, and chairman of the board of the US Century Bank. He has been confirmed by the Senate for other positions, including the National Labor Relations Board and Assistant US Attorney, and he is likely to be confirmed this time around.

Despite the fact that Acosta will be only the first Hispanic on the Trump

cabinet, and the fact that his background – Harvard undergraduate and law degrees – seems impeccable, he is likely to be nothing but a disappointment for workers. Not only will he likely do less for overtime than President Obama required, but he will likely also limit rules that limit worker exposure to cancer-causing substances, and require financial advisors to work in the best interest of their clients. Essentially, he has indicated he will follow 45’s lead, and Trump is notoriously anti-regulation.

Acosta had to offer an apology for past behavior. As Assistant Attorney General, he had an employee who described conservatives as “real” Americans. The rest of us, apparently, are “commies and pinkos”. Never should have happened, he told the Senate committee. While the apology was appropriate, what, really, does he think of liberals? Will it affect his ability to enforce labor laws?

At least Acosta, unlike his boss, has enough integrity to apologize when he is wrong. But his shillyshallying testimony suggests that he doesn’t have many opinions of his own, only Trump’s. He doesn’t have a problem with the 45th President’s plans to shrink the Labor Department and he might support elimination of the Women’s Bureau. Acosta is bad news wrapped up in a slick package. His confirmation is a blow to working people.

It’s Time For Congress To Restore \$6 Billion In HUD Funding



By Charlene Crowell
NNPA Columnist

From youth yearning for the time to have their own place, to older Americans hoping to age in place, the need to have a home is a shared concern of consumers of all ages and locales. It’s where children are raised and memorable moments dwell. It’s also where many people rest, reflect, and shut out the worries of the day.

Right now, the future of our country’s commitment to housing is in jeopardy. In the recently-released White House Budget Blueprint, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will not resemble its former self. While some programs are proposed to become smaller, others are identified for extinction. Fortunately, while the President proposes a budget, Congress must hold hearings that offer opportunities to amend what some would deem indefensible.

The irony is that so many HUD programs and services that have enjoyed longstanding, broad and bi-partisan support

across the country are among those proposed to end.

For example, since 1974, HUD’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has provided local and state officials the flexibility to fund local priorities for services, projects and partnerships. Whether the need was affordable housing, blight removal, community supportive services or a way to leverage capital in redevelopment projects, local concerns have guided how to make the best use of federal funds.

According to the White House Budget Blueprint, CDBG would absorb \$3 billion of HUD’s proposed \$6.2 billion agency cut. Reactions from municipal leaders and organizations were swift.

“From CDBG block grants, to Community-Oriented Policing Services, the programs targeted for cuts provide support for millions of working Americans and help cities invest in public-good projects like police stations, food banks and domestic violence shelters,” said Matt Zone, a Cleveland city councilmember and president of the National League of Cities (NCL), an organization that advocates for 19,000 cities, towns, and villages. “These unprecedented cuts would be devastating to all our nation’s cities—with the worst impacts felt in small towns and rural communities.”

Yana Miles, a policy counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending noted that, “In housing, the proposed budget would end some of HUD’s most successful programs that help underserved communities including: Community Development Block Grants, the HOME Investment Partnerships, and Choice Neighborhoods.”

Two of the HUD programs that Miles cites are the focus of another proposed \$1.1 billion in cuts: Choice Neighborhoods and the HOME Investment partnerships program.

The Choice Neighborhoods program provides funding and technical assistance to support local community efforts to improve struggling neighborhoods dotted with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing. Like CDBG, eligibility is formula-based and requires a formal revitalization strategy or Transformational Plan.

This past December, HUD announced that from 34 competitive applications, five cities were selected to receive grants totaling \$132 million: Boston, Camden, Denver, Louisville, and St. Louis. An estimated 1,853 units of severely distressed public housing will be replaced by nearly 3,700 new, mixed-income, mixed-use housing units as part of an overall effort to revitalize neighborhoods

For every \$1 in Choice Neighborhoods funding, awardees and their partners typically leverage for their projects an additional \$5 in public and private funding. Together, the five cities are expected to leverage \$636 million through other public/private sources and expect to stimulate another \$3.3 billion indirectly to magnify their impact. The HOME Investment Partnerships program focuses exclusively on creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income families. Until now, it has also been the single largest block grant dedicated to expanding this housing sector. Formula grants for states and local communities are often awarded in partnership with local nonprofit organizations to build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for either

rent or homeownership.

For the nation’s 1.2 million families who live in public housing, the proposed budget blueprint will take \$1.3 million from facility improvements, and another \$600 million in operational costs.

These and other severe funding cuts proposed are the exact opposite of what Dr. Carson testified to during his confirmation hearings. On January 12, before the Senate’s Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, he said, “[I]t’s difficult for a child to learn at school if he or she doesn’t have an adequate place to live. In these situations, government can and should help. However, I believe we need to ensure that the help we provide families is efficient and effective.”

By his own admission, Secretary Carson has never worked in government before. Now as the head of a key cabinet agency, he and his senior staff would be well-served by learning which programs work well and should be preserved from heavy-handed budget cuts.

Since post-World War II, FHA-backed mortgage loans have provided funding for millions of Americans. With down payments as low as 3.5 percent, families who cannot afford a large down payment for a conventional loan, can make that important transition from renter to homeowner. In recent years, FHA-backed loans are the most used by Black and Latino consumers.

HUD’s history of service has many more examples of how modest public investments have and can continue to leverage larger private funds. The programs that fostered this success deserve to be supported and funded at levels that will continue to benefit the nation.

What Do We Have To Lose?

campaign rhetoric depicting African-American communities as “completely lawless,” his proposed budget cuts, mass incarceration, and the “rolling back” of the Voting Rights Act.

The CBC began its document by giving Donald Trump a Black history lesson, saying, “...to consider the state of Black America without historical context denies the origins of the problems that continue to plague our communities, as well as the centuries-long battle to bring our people to this point.” The CBC cited every era from enslavement to civil rights; the one that drew most of my attention was enslavement.

The document stated, “Slaves literally built this country, including the United States Capitol and the White House. The uncompensated labor of millions of slaves established the wealth of White America, unjust profits that have never been repaid.” I got excited when I read that part; I kept reading and assumed I would soon get to see the CBC’s demand for reparations, in some form or another to compensate our ancestors’ families for their free labor. I kept reading.

Surely I would find their position on reparations in the next section: Reconstruction. I kept reading. The Great Migration period was next—no mention of reparations yet, but I still had hope. Then came The Great Depression, The New Deal, World War II, Jim Crow, and The Civil Rights period. Where was the

demand for reparations for Black people, considering everything that was pointed out in the document? I kept reading.

Eureka! Finally, I thought. It has to be in the section titled, “Solutions for the African American Community,” which would bring to life the statement its members made in the document, namely, “The CBC has always been committed to actions infused with ‘moral clarity’ and a desire to honestly and forthrightly represent the interests of our constituents, the African-American community, and all Americans.” Yes, I cringed when I read, “and all Americans,” wondering how the CBC could represent the interests of “all,” after citing the words of founding member, Bill Clay, regarding Black “permanent interests,” at the beginning of their document. Maybe the reference to “all” was written in error. I kept reading.

When I read, “Members have always been at the forefront of issues such as economic security and empowerment...” I knew the organization that calls itself, “The conscience of America,” would lay it all out at that point, making its moral case on reparations. I kept reading. Then I read, “Our collective efforts have echoed throughout Congress for decades, and together, we will continue to stand for the many Americans who expect the Caucus to be sound and principled leaders dedicated to progress. Accordingly, we highlight the following problems across several facets of Black life and offer ‘bold solutions’ to

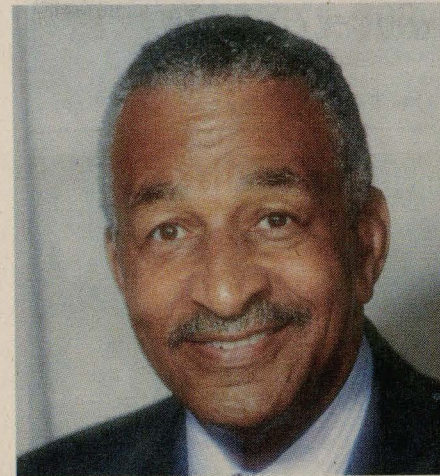
advance Black families in the 21st century.”

I kept reading, only to find that each section thereafter, replete with Black problems followed by CBC solutions, said absolutely nothing about reparations. As a matter of fact there was not even an honorable mention of senior CBC member, John Conyers, who has served since 1965, for introducing H.R. 40 and bringing it up each year since 1989. He only asks for a commission to “discuss” the economic impact of 250 years of enslavement, but his resolution has never made it out of committee.

The CBC walked right up to the reparations line in its “We have a lot to lose,” document; they made a great case for us, but they failed to cross that line by including reparations in their demands—or should I say, “suggestions” to President Trump. I stopped reading.

Clarence McKee wrote in Newsmax, “Since they [CBC] got virtually nothing from Obama to deal with issues impacting significant proportions of their constituencies, you can bet that they... will demand more of Trump than they ever did of Obama.” I don’t know, Clarence; Obama did not support reparations either, so maybe the CBC felt bad about asking Trump to do so.

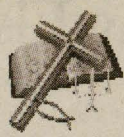
It took a lot of work to write, so I think I will read the document again. A call for reparations has to be in there somewhere.



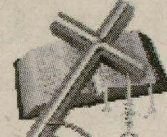
By Jim Clingman

(Trice Edney Wire) - During their recent chit-chat with President Donald Trump, the Congressional Black Caucus members made it plain that they were not there simply for a photo-op or just to engage in meaningless conversation. So, they had a serious discussion about what Black folks need Trump to do in several areas, i.e. education, criminal justice, economics, workforce, rural America, environmental, and health. And, they put it in writing—a 125-page document titled, “We have a lot to lose – Solutions to advance Black families in the 21st Century.”

According to news reports, Rep. Karen Bass, D-California, said the group raised “several areas of concern” but added that it was a “positive start.” According to Bass, among the concerns raised were Trump’s



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Angela Rye

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From April 5 through April 18 at 4 p.m. PDT, households in need of rental assistance can apply for KCHA's Housing Choice Voucher program waitlist.

The Housing Choice Voucher program enables low-income families to find a home in the private rental market. Generally, KCHA pays the difference between the rent charged by a landlord and the assisted family's rental contribution, which is set at approximately 30 percent of the household's income.

The need for this program has far exceeded available resources. In 2015 when the waiting list was last open, KCHA received 22,000 applications from eligible households from which 2,500 families were randomly selected by lottery for the waiting list.

KCHA has now served nearly everyone on that list. KCHA expects thousands of families to apply for the openings. It will conduct a computerized lottery among qualified families to select 3,500 households which will be placed in random order on the waiting list.

How quickly households will be served depends in large part on where Congress goes with the funding of this program. Cuts proposed by the current administration would reduce this program by some 200,000 households nationally over the next year.

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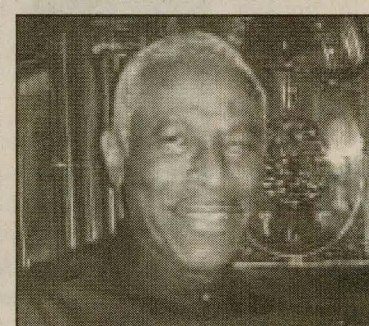
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Pentagon Gets Green Light To Expand War In Somalia



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(Trice Edney Wire/GIN) – Clouds are moving across Somalia's drought-wrecked landscape – but not the kind that make grass grow and flowers bloom.

Instead, military aircraft will be raining down "precision fires" after an authorization signed by President Trump that relaxes rules meant to prevent civilian casualties in the region. Military officials are also granted wider authority for conducting airstrikes under the relaxed rules.

The new approach to Somalia is in line with increasingly aggressive policies the administration has already adopted in Iraq, Syria, and Yemen.

U.S. troops will be working with the Somali National Army and the African Union Mission in Somalia in offensive operations "consistent with our approach of developing capable Somali security forces and supporting regional partners in their efforts to combat al-Shabab," said Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis.

News of the signed authorization was revealed in national newspapers this week.

Experts fear the so-called Somalia campaign carries enormous risks — including more American casualties, botched airstrikes that kill civilians and the potential for the United States to be drawn further into defending a government that barely controls the lands beyond its capital.

The operations are likely to create a new exodus of desperate refugees fleeing towards Kenya which already houses almost a

quarter of a million Somalis escaping war at home.

The war build-up, it must be said, was already underway during the last year of the Obama administration using Special Operations troops, airstrikes, private contractors and African allies in an escalating campaign against Islamist militants in the Horn of Africa nation.

Hundreds of American troops now rotate through makeshift bases in Somalia, the largest military presence since the United States pulled out of the country after the "Black Hawk Down" battle in 1993.

"There appears to be a move by the Trump administration to loosen the rules," said Joel Charny, director of the Norwegian Refugee Council's office in Washington. "The theme seems to be more aggressive, and the consequences seem to be a spike in civilian casualties."

Unnamed defense sources told ABC News that the "southern" portion of Somalia will be considered an "active area of hostilities" for the next six months.

The latest war plans were unveiled as Somalia's government declared the current drought a national disaster, with the U.N. saying roughly half of the country's 12 million people are at risk. A cholera outbreak has also spread.

The country is also one of the seven predominantly Muslim countries included in Trump's recent travel ban that has been suspended by federal courts.

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Mike Epps Apologizes For Kangaroo Incident

By Lisa Respers France
CNN

(CNN) — Turns out not everyone thinks bringing a kangaroo on stage is funny.

Comedian and actor Mike Epps has been dealing with backlash in the wake of incorporating one into his Detroit show last Friday.

Epps, who is known for roles in various projects including “The Hangover,” invited zoo owner and exotic animal handler Javon Stacks on stage with a kangaroo.

A video shows the comedian and the handler with the kangaroo, which is held upright. Epps tugs on the kangaroo’s harness before the animal appears to throw his paw back toward



Comedian Mike Epps brought a kangaroo out on stage. Photo/CNN.

explaining, “Look how nice I am 2 him” before deleting it. But not before the video had already been shared.

On Sunday, Epps posted an apology on his Instagram account, stating he doesn’t “own the kangaroo and did not mean any harm to the animal it got outta hand.”

“I am sorry and like I said I will be donating money to this foundation (to) save the kangaroos,” he wrote in the caption of a photo of the trademark for Viva, an association dedicated to the protection of the animals. “Sorry if I offended anybody.”

CNN has reached out to reps of Epps and Stacks for additional comment.

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the star. Epps then runs off some accusing Epps of the stage. animal cruelty.

Video of the incident The actor initially went viral on social media posted video of him feeding over the weekend, with the kangaroo backstage,

Judge Expects 2-week Cosby Trial; Jury To Be Sequestered

By Maryclaire Dale
Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) - The judge in Bill Cosby’s criminal case expects the trial to last about two weeks and hopes to have a jury in place before the proceeding opens June 5 in suburban Philadelphia.

At a pretrial hearing Monday, Montgomery County Judge Steven O’Neill said he hopes to pick jurors in late May. He insisted the jurors’ names will not be made public.

The jurors will come from the Pittsburgh area and be sequestered throughout the trial nearly 300 miles away in Norristown.

Cosby, 79, is accused of drugging and molesting a Temple University

employee at his home in 2004. He faces 10 years in prison if convicted on felony sex assault charges.

Later Monday, the judge was expected to weigh potentially crucial questions on whether jurors can hear Cosby’s decade-old testimony about quaaludes, his sexual history and his payments to women who have accused him of sexual misconduct.

The defense had hoped the Allegheny County jury pool would be prescreened through a written questionnaire on their background, media habits and feelings about Cosby, given widespread media reports.

“You cannot walk into a grocery store, a convenience store, a

minimart, without seeing (tabloid reports) ... calling him a rapist,” defense lawyer Angela Agrusa argued Monday.

But O’Neill predicted that questionnaires mailed to peoples’ homes would quickly end up on social media, and he expressed concern that family members or friends could influence the answers.

He said that instead of a prescreening, the standard 16-question state form would be mailed to potential jurors and followed up by individual questioning in court.

Cosby gave the deposition testimony during the course of the accuser’s civil suit, which he later settled. He acknowledged in the deposition, made public in 2015, getting quaaludes in the 1970s to give women before sex.

Prosecutors say that testimony, along with comedic riffs about the supposed aphrodisiac Spanish fly, show that Cosby is familiar with date rape drugs. They have also asked to introduce a boyhood story from Cosby’s 1991 book “Childhood” about Spanish fly, and remarks he made the same year in an interview with TV talk show host Larry King.

However, his lawyers said the quaalude testimony is irrelevant since the powerful sedatives were banned 20 years before he met his accuser Andrea Constand. And they called the Spanish fly remarks nothing more than part of his comedy routine.

Cosby, long beloved as “America’s Dad” for his TV role in his top-ranked 1980s-era sitcom, has pleaded not guilty and remains free on \$1 million bail. He calls the encounter with Constand consensual.

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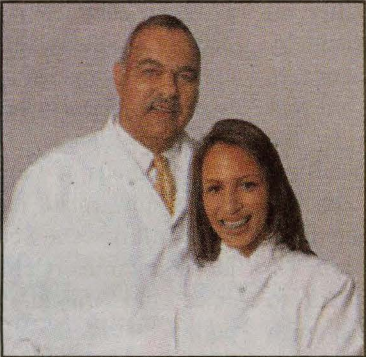
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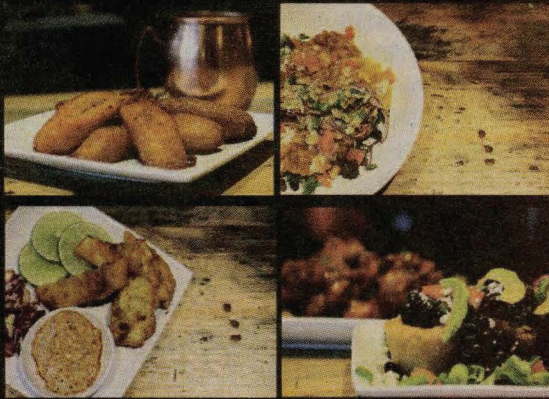
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