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Monarch Dental of Dallas/Fort Worth Offers Savings to Families Who Donate School Supplies



DALLAS/FT. WORTH, Texas (August 9, 2017)—The affiliated offices of Monarch Dental are joining forces with Community Partners of Dallas to collect backpacks filled with school supplies for needy children across the Dallas/Fort Worth area from now through September 30th.

Nearly 170,000 children across Dallas and Fort Worth currently live at or below the poverty line. Monarch Dental aims to make it easier for these kids to get the support they need to succeed in school and in life, whether that means affordable dental and orthodontic care or just basic school supplies. By turning all 51 Monarch Dental Dallas/Fort Worth locations into drop-off points, the company is making it easier than ever for area residents to make a difference. In an effort to encourage even more families to participate this year—Monarch Dental will be providing a \$200 discount off braces for anyone who donates a new backpack and school supplies between August 1st-September 30th*.

"All of us at Monarch Dental feel strong ties to the communities we support," notes Dr. Robert Crim, Chief Dental Officer. "We believe that every child should be equipped with the tools they need for academic success, which is why we are proud to be working with Community Partners of Dallas to solicit donations of much needed school supplies."

This effort is part of the Community Partners of Dallas Annual



Back-to-School Drive which aims to collect more than 3,500 backpacks filled with supplies for school-aged children throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

"It is only with support from partners like Monarch Dental, that we are able to serve more than 3,000 abused and neglected children through the Back-to-School Drive," said Paige McDaniel, CEO. "Equipping children with new supplies and uniforms goes a long way toward building their confidence and enthusiasm for the new school year."

To make a student smile this Back-to-School season and earn \$200 off orthodontic treatment, bring a new backpack with supplies totaling \$50* in value to any Monarch Dental location. For more information and a list of the most needed supplies visit Monarch Dental's blog page.

*To receive \$200 coupon off braces please present receipt totaling \$50 for backpack/school supplies at any of the 51 affiliated Monarch Dental locations. Offer available for patients not using insurance.

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Women's Health Threatened by Restrictions to Medicaid Services



When the Affordable Care Act was signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2010, states were given the opportunity to expand Medicaid coverage. After a 2012 Supreme Court decision that allowed states to opt-out of expanding Medicaid, 19 states chose opt-out while 32 states and the District of Columbia chose to expand Medicaid. Texas chose not to expand Medicaid and has looked for creative ways to cover its large population such as employing programs through a Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver. Section 1115 of the Social Security Act allows the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive provisions of Medicaid law in order for states to have flexibility to plan and improve eligible programs.

Texas has applied for a Section 1115 family planning demonstration waiver, which would expand its existing state-funded program. As the Women's Health Program, the Obama Administration denied the 1115 waiver application, so the program has operated as a state-funded initiative since 2011.

There are several purposes of Section 1115 waivers: expand

eligibility to those not covered by traditional Medicaid, provide services not typically provided by Medicaid, and use an innovative delivery system that improves care and reduces cost. While Texas has had a Section 1115 waiver to implement improved care delivery and increase coverage for uninsured and underinsured residents, Texas has also applied for a family planning waiver that would restrict access to patients.

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WHY STANDARDS ARE IMPORTANT UNDER THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

By Dr. Elizabeth Primas (Program Manager, NNPA/ESSA Public Awareness Campaign)

Standards have always been a part of society. From standards of measurement and time to driver's licenses, food preparation in restaurants and language, standards keep us healthy and safe and help us communicate with each other.

In the 1980s, the United States began to expand and formalize public education standards. This process was the driving force behind the education reform movement. Standards in education were supposed to set clear guidelines for what all students were expected to learn and be able to do. The curriculum and assessments were supposed to be aligned with established standards.

In 2001, with the signing of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) by President W. Bush, a significant emphasis on standards took on a life of its own. Under NCLB, all states were required to develop standards and

assessments to measure student achievement. Problems occurred when states developed individual standards that measured knowledge and skill levels. There was no way to determine if a student passing one state's standards was equivalent to a student's level of accomplishment in another state. Tests that were national, like the PSAT, SAT, ACT, and the National Educational Assessment of Progress (NAEP), all indicated that students with passing grades in high school, that met state standards, were not necessarily prepared to be successful in college and career.

In 2009, there was a state-led effort to develop the Common Core State Standards (CCSS); the effort was launched by state leaders, including governors and state commissioners of education from 48 states, two territories and the District of Columbia; CCSS was supposed to remedy the differentiation in state standards under NCLB.

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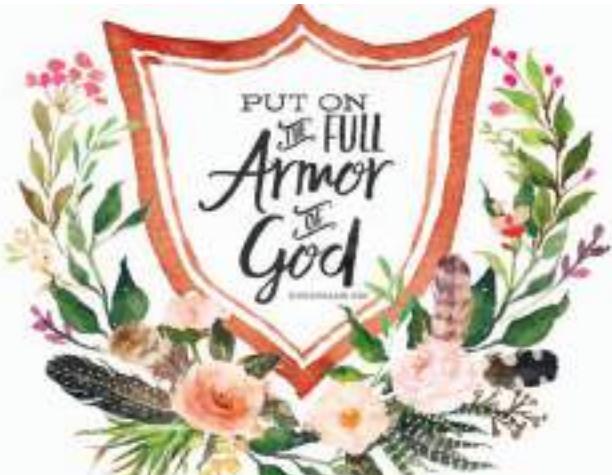


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or of my opinions.
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This year, the re-named Healthy Texas Women program proposes to exclude abortion providers from program participation. This means that organizations affiliated with abortion providers cannot participate in the program.

The Healthy Texas Women program has negative public

health impacts – tested by the state's own data – and does not introduce a new or innovative project nor does it expand access or strengthen coverage. By 2016, Texas saw a decline of 35% in access to birth control for women on Medicaid. Over four years, Texas saw a three-fold increase in the maternal mortality rate. By 2016, 26% of the women enrolled in the pro-

gram had never received health care services from a provider participating in the program.

During my time in Congress, I have pushed for the renewal of the Section 1115 waiver which helps to cover our uninsured and underinsured population. However, this family planning waiver is misleading and unfair to those who seek health care and actual family planning serv-

ices. Several of my colleagues and I sent a letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to oppose this waiver proposal. The protection of freedom of choice of family planning providers is important to me. We must protect our most vulnerable, especially Medicaid beneficiaries, who otherwise would have nowhere to turn.

Why Standards are Important under the Every Student Succeeds Act

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The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) worked with educational agencies to create one set of standards that would be uniform for the country. That same year, the Obama Administration developed the Race to the Top Fund, a \$4.35 billion dollar competitive grant program designed to ensure that all students graduated high school prepared for college, career, and life. Race to the Top used financial incentives to encourage states to adopt CCSS.

Along with common standards, came high-stakes testing. Most states adopted one of two assessments: the Smarter Balance Assessment or the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). Many stake-

holders saw high-stakes assessments as unrealistic, because all children were required to perform at world-class levels, merely by raising expectations and imposing punishments and sanctions on schools and children who fell short of the standards. The standard implementation did not consider students with persistent challenges that could have impeded them from reaching high-levels of achievement. There was no flexibility in meeting these standards, regardless of socioeconomic status, age, race, gender, cultural or ethnic background, disabilities or family circumstances.

The discussions around implementation of standards did acknowledge that student learning abilities were not homogeneous. Yet, schools seldom provided the range of training, personnel, and strategy needed to meet all students. Subsequently, when students

didn't meet the goals, they were retained and schools faced sanctions.

Research has indicated that minority students, including English Language Learners (ELL), students living in poverty, and students with disabilities are disproportionately represented in the group of students that do not make sufficient and significant growth to meet the standards and objectives promoted.

Under the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA), states have been given the leeway to: continue using the Common Core State Standards and/or create and adopt their own rigorous standards. Along with the freedom to select standards best suited for specific state demographics, states can also select what assessments they administer. As states submit their ESSA plans, many states have steered away from the CCSS. Several states have

indicated that they will not continue using Smarter Balance or PARCC to measure standard mastery.

The only way to be sure what standards your child must meet is for you, the parent, to get involved, and stay engaged at every level. Your child is our future, and we ask all parents to remain focused in the pursuit of their education.

Every meeting that involves your child's education is important. Be there, be vigilante, stay persistent, have your voice heard.

Dr. Elizabeth Primas is an educator, who spent more than 40 years working towards improving education for children of diverse ethnicities and backgrounds. Dr. Primas is the program manager for the NNPA's Every Student Succeeds Act Public Awareness Campaign. Follow Dr. Primas on Twitter @elizabethprimas.

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Are You Raising One of the Next Generation of Hoodlums: Expectations for a NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Joyce W. Teal
Editorial Columnist

Parents: Research has shown that parental expectations for children's academic achievement predict educational outcomes more than any other measures of parental involvement. So please know that the expectations parents have for their sons' behavior also matter! The expectations parents have for their sons' school attainment influence their sons' expectations and achievement. Knowing that this is so, you'll want to make it clear to your son that you expect him to achieve and you expect him to behave appropriately.

Parental expectations are more likely to affect children when parent-child relationships are characterized by closeness and warmth. Parental expectations influence children's outcomes through numerous pathways. Parental expectations directly affect the amount of parent-child communication about school. Additionally, families with high educational aspirations for their sons take the time to provide out-of-school learning opportunities for them. Students who say their parents expect them to attend college have better attendance and more positive attitudes toward school, according to one study.

Parental expectations also impact your sons' own aspirations and personal expectations. Studies suggest that parents' expectations for their children's academic

attainment have a moderate to strong influence on students' own goals for postsecondary education. Further, both sets of expectations are moderated by characteristics of the parent, child, and community.

Begin early in your sons' lives making them aware that you have expectations for them and assuring that they know what your expectations are.

One of the main reasons many boys get off track in school is because their parents do not talk with them on a regular basis regarding what they expect. Many parents wait until their sons get in trouble, either behaviorally or academically, before they have a serious conversation with them about appropriate behavior and the importance of putting forth their best efforts. They are seemingly reluctant to talk to their sons about what they, as parents, expect them to do and what they expect them not to do. Both are important!

Summer is just about over. The new academic year is imminent. No matter what grade level your young son, tween or teen is entering this new school year, provide him the opportunity to enter with your clear, parental expectations firmly fixed in his psyche. This is one of the best things you can do for your son!

Make sure you are clear and specific and that your

son understands that certain expectations are not negotiable, that you expect this to always happen. Specific, non-negotiable items should include:

- Respectful speech and attitude (most especially with adult authorities)
- All written communication sent by the school will be given to you promptly
- All homework and in-school assignments will be completed
- There will be no bullying (ever)
- You will choose appropriate friends and associates

Parents: It is very important for your sons to know that you have expectations for them and also equally important that they know what your expectations are. Clarifying your expectations prior to the beginning of the new school year, and then providing frequent reminders to keep the expectations fresh on your sons' minds will serve to help them maintain their focus.

Special note: Readers are invited to tune in to Dr. Teal's weekly internet radio talk show @ www.kebnradio.com; 10 a.m. Saturdays CST and to check out her BLOG by visiting www.untealthen.com.

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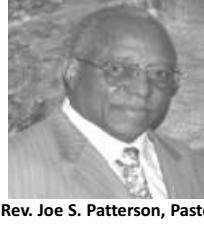
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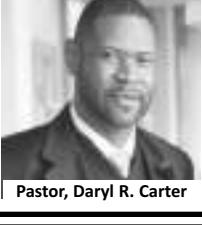
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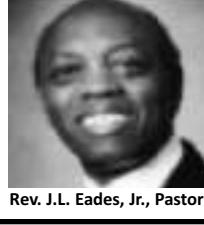
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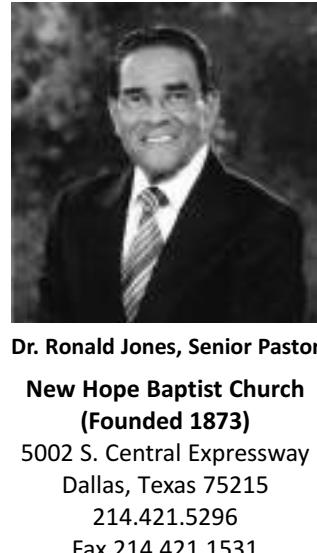
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Taraji P. Henson: Fighting the Good Fight for What Is Right



Actress Taraji P. Henson became an ambassador for Alicia Keys' charity Keep a Child Alive, which also raises awareness about HIV. (Black AIDS Institute)

**By Tamara E. Holmes
(Black AIDS Contributor)**

Actress Taraji P. Henson has never shied away from a worthy cause, and she has always been ready to fight for what she believes is right. Not only has that worked out well for her, but it is also paying off for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Vocal on such varied topics as equal pay for women, police brutality and animal cruelty, the critically acclaimed actress is also lending her voice and her star power to efforts to raise awareness about HIV and to help those affected by it.

Best known for the larger-than-life character of Cookie Lyon that she plays on the Fox television series "Empire," Henson strikes just as powerful a figure when she is off-screen. Like Cookie, Henson is passionate about what she believes in. This year she proudly unveiled her line of fuchsia lipsticks as part of cosmetic giant MAC's Viva Glam campaign, which has raised money for HIV/AIDS awareness since 1994. One hundred percent of the proceeds from Henson's line of lipsticks will go to the cause. "The best part of the Viva Glam campaign for me is that all the money helps someone who's living with HIV and AIDS have a better life," Henson says.

Henson has also been vocal about homophobia in the Black community, which contributes to stigma and is a major deterrent to HIV testing and treatment. When "Empire" received criticism for daring to showcase a gay character, Jamal Lyon, played by Jussie Smollett, in one of the

lead roles, Henson came to the show's defense. She told "People" magazine: "People are dealing with this, it's not a joke; that's why it's in the script. It's not for show, it's not for sensationalism. It's because people are struggling with this. And that's why we shed light on it. You can't make everybody happy; we don't try to. We just try to touch and affect lives, and I think we have. We're always going to have haters, so here's to all my haters! I'll send you cookies, thanks."

Shrugging off haters is nothing new for Henson. When she became pregnant in college at Howard University, people told her she wouldn't graduate, but she proved them wrong and walked across the stage to collect her diploma with her son on her hip.

Later, when she moved to California at the age of 26 as a single mom with \$700 in her pocket, people told her she couldn't succeed as an actress, because she was too old. Luckily, she tuned them out. "If you listen to people and you let people project their fears onto you, you won't live," she says.

An Authentic Journey to Stardom

It's that take-no-prisoners attitude that fueled Henson's success when she left behind her native Washington, D.C., to become one of the most celebrated actresses in Hollywood. She's received a Golden Globe Award and three BET Awards for best actress for her work on "Empire." She also received an NAACP Image Award for outstanding actress in a drama series.

standing actress for her portrayal of mathematician Katherine Johnson in the film "Hidden Figures." Other movies Henson is known for include "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Hustle & Flow" and "No Good Deed."

As impressive as she is in her field, Henson is just as respected for the moves she is making when she is not on camera. In 2016 Henson was named one of the most influential people in the world by Time magazine. Empire co-creator Lee Daniels has called her "the modern-day Bette Davis, touching audiences with her honesty and intensity." She is also the author of an autobiography, "Around the Way Girl," in which she details how she has managed to stay true to herself throughout her rise in Hollywood.

Henson's collaboration with MAC for the Viva Glam campaign is not the first time she has lent her voice to the fight against HIV/AIDS. In 2015, she became an ambassador for Alicia Keys' charity Keep a Child Alive, which also raises awareness about HIV.

In an interview with Black Entertainment Television, Henson explained why she feels so compelled to lend her star power to educating the Black community about HIV/AIDS. "So many people believe that HIV/AIDS is no longer because of the amazing medications and advancements in preventing and treating the disease," she told BET. "But I want people to know that we cannot become complacent or have a lazy attitude because it's still affecting people today—especially African Americans."



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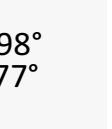
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LEBRON CALLS FOR LOVE, UNITY BEFORE TAKING SWIPE AT TRUMP

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) -- Along with getting good grades and listening to their parents, LeBron James has encouraged kids in his foundation's educational program to stand up for their beliefs.

On Tuesday night, the superstar gave a lesson in how it's done.

Concluding a day of fun and games at an amusement park, James turned serious when speaking about the recent violence and tragedy in Charlottesville. James also took a pointed swipe at President Donald Trump, calling him the "so-called president."

While holding his young daughter, Zhuri, James stood on stage before an excited crowd of students, parents and others connected to the LeBron James Family Foundation and delivered his emotional message.

"I know there's a lot of tragic things happening in Charlottesville," James said to cap the annual event at Cedar Point amusement park. "I have this platform and I'm somebody that has a voice of command, and the only way for us to get better as a society and for us to get better as people is love. And that's the only way we're going to be able to conquer something as one."

Then, James, who endorsed Hillary Clinton last year and introduced her at a rally in Cleveland just two days before the election, went at Trump, whom he has criticized in the past.

"It's not about the guy that's the so-called president of the United States, or whatever the case. It's not about a teacher that you don't feel like cares about what's going on with you every day. It's not about people that you just don't

feel like want to give the best energy and effort to you. It's about us. It's about us looking in the mirror. Kids all the way up to the adults. All of us looking in the mirror and saying, 'What can we do better to help change?' And if we can all do that and give 110 percent, then that's all you can ask for.

"So, shout-out to the innocent people in Charlottesville and shout-out to everybody across the world that just want to be great and just want to love. Thank you, and I love you all."

James' remarks ended a star-studded show that included pop stars Jordin Sparks and Usher as well as his Cavaliers' teammate J.R. Smith. They stood alongside him for his message along with his sons, Bronny and Bryce.

There had been a celebratory vibe all day, as James hosted nearly 7,000 of his foundation's students and their families, who strolled around the immense park best known for its roller-coasters wearing light blue T-shirts with "We Are Family" across the fronts.

It was as if James' hometown of Akron had all gone out together for the day, and that was exactly the point of the event - to celebrate the successes of kids committed to making more of their lives.

Now in its sixth year, James' foundation has brought hope to children who might not have any otherwise. If the students meet certain criteria, stay in the program and graduate, they can receive full tuition to the University of Akron.

"That means everything," Latasha McCullough said as she sat with her husband, Arthur, and children Arlissa and Arsea while waiting for James to appear on stage.

The McCulloughs have been directly impacted by James

and his work, and they're forever grateful.

"He doesn't have to do anything," Latasha said. "All he is responsible for are his kids, his family, go to work and provide for his, but he does it for his city. He does it for everybody, everybody's kids. All the things he didn't have growing up, he's giving it to our kids with no problem and he's not being selfish. It's constant and consistent, you earn what you get."

James has grown his foundation beyond its initial goals of tackling the city's drop-out rate. Next year, the charity will open the I Promise School, designed to help students who have already fallen behind and need extra attention.

Michelle Campbell, executive director of the LeBron James Family Foundation, is awed by what the group has accomplished.

James has led the way.

"It's never enough with him," she said. "He is always pushing, just like on the basketball court, pushing and pushing. I could have never imagined what we have done and are doing, but with his belief and what he wants to do and his drive and his ability to put all these partners around us. We can't fail."

"It started out with working with kids and changing a child, then OK, we got the family involved and we learned that some didn't have their high school diplomas, so we broke down those barriers. Now he's changing a whole community. He's uplifting this whole community, on his back."

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Report: Tiger Woods had marijuana, painkillers in system at arrest

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods had the active ingredient for marijuana, two painkillers and two sleep drugs in his system when he was arrested on a DUI charge earlier this year, a report released Tuesday by police said.

Police in Jupiter, Florida, released the report less than a week after the golf superstar agreed to enter a diversion program to settle his driving while intoxicated charges. The report's contents were first reported Monday by ESPN.

The report, prepared by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, says Woods, 41, had THC, the active ingredient for marijuana; as well as the painkillers Vicodin and Dilaudid; the anxiety and sleep drug Xanax; and the anti-insomnia drug Ambien in his system when he was arrested at 2 a.m. May 29 about 15 miles from his home in Jupiter. Officers had found him unconscious in his Mercedes-Benz, which was parked awkwardly on the side of the road and had damage to the driver's side. It's not clear how he damaged the car. Officers checked the



area but didn't find that he had hit anything.

Woods issued a statement Tuesday saying he had been trying on his own to treat his insomnia and pain from his fourth back surgery, which he underwent in April. He did not specifically address the marijuana issue. None was found in his possession.

"I realize now it was a mistake to do this without medical assistance," said Woods, who completed an out-of-state drug treatment program last month. "I am continuing to work with my doctors, and they feel I've made significant progress."

Woods is scheduled to plead guilty to reckless driving Oct. 25 and enter the county's diversion program.

Under the plea deal, prosecutors would drop the DUI charge, which is a more severe charge than reckless driving. In the diversion program, Woods will spend a year on probation and pay a \$250 fine and court costs.

He would also have to attend DUI school, perform 50 hours of community service and attend a workshop where victims of impaired drivers detail how their lives were damaged.

Since the program began four years ago, almost 2,400 defendants have enrolled, according to the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office.

REVIEW: MINNESOTA HANDLED FOOTBALL SUSPENSIONS PROPERLY

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- The University of Minnesota followed law and policy properly when it suspended 10 football players last fall following an accusation of sexual assault, an outside review found.

The review released Wednesday blamed "weak leadership" by the coaching staff for a threat by remaining players to boycott the Holiday Bowl. The Dorsey and Whitney law firm's review also said administrators and regents could have done a better job managing the threatened boycott.

A student accused several players of sexually assaulting her at a party last September. Prosecutors declined to file criminal charges, citing insufficient evidence.

But the university suspended the players following an internal investigation.

Influence by unnamed outsiders on both the

football team and coaching staff also "helped foster a hostile atmosphere where meaningful dialogue was difficult," the report concluded.

Then-head coach Tracy Claeys backed the boycott, but players ultimately decided to play and beat Washington State 17-12. Claeys was fired a week later.

The report found that the threatened boycott resulted from "weak leadership by the football coaching staff" and "impaired communications and a breakdown in trust" between university leadership and the football team "due in part to the University leadership's inability to share private student information."

The review also concluded that the boycott may have been managed better "had the Board of Regents collectively, individual Regents, and University administration,

Department, and football team coaches responded in a more coordinated and unified manner."

The woman alleged that she was pressured into having sex with multiple Gopher football players after a season-opening win over Oregon State. The players who acknowledged having sex with her called it consensual.

A report by the university's Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action department determined the 10 players, including several who did not have sex with the woman, violated the student conduct code. Of the 10 suspended players, one was later expelled, another was suspended for a year, four were cleared, one got probation and three who faced potential expulsion transferred to Arizona Western Community College.

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Baltimore 'Quietly' Takes Down Four Confederate Statues After Charlottesville

(AP) - Onlookers cheered early Wednesday as crews carted away Confederate monuments in Baltimore, where city leaders vowed to remove four of them on public property following this weekend's deadly violence in Virginia.

The swift removal came sooner than expected and began late Tuesday, Mayor Catherine Pugh told reporters. She watched as the statues were plucked from their pedestals, tethered to large cranes.

"I felt that the best way was to remove them overnight," Pugh said, adding, "I thought that enough speeches have been made about this. I didn't think I needed to do a big speech about why. ... We were going to move quickly and quietly."

The statue of Supreme Court Chief Roger Taney was taken down from its location in the Mount Vernon Place neighborhood before 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, reported NBC affiliate WBAL. Taney had authored the Dred Scott decision — the landmark 1857 Supreme Court ruling that said blacks were not considered American citizens and the federal government couldn't regulate slavery.

About a half-hour later, crews began removing a monument of Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, WBAL reported. Given the monument's size, that took about two hours, Pugh said.

Also removed in the city were the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument and the Confederate Women's Monument.

The mayor could not immediately say where the statues were being brought, but that there are Confederate cemeteries in the state and nation where they could be reinstalled.

In their place, Pugh suggested, plaques could be erected explaining what used to be in those spots and why they were gone.

The movement to haul off Confederate symbols has gained momentum in the wake of a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, where a 32-year-old counter-protester was killed when a man plowed a car into a crowd. The white nationalists were protesting the planned removal of a Gen. Lee statue from Charlottesville's Emancipation Park.

Last year, a commission in Baltimore started by the previous administration looked at the city's four Confederacy-linked monuments to consider taking some of them down.

Pugh said she has also been working on the issue since June, when she met with New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, who began the process this year of taking down four Confederate monuments in his city. He said he was motivated to do so after the 2015 killing of nine black churchgoers by a self-proclaimed white supremacist in Charleston, South Carolina.

But after the Charlottesville rally Saturday, the Baltimore City Council this week approved completely destroying its Confederate symbols.

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Congresswoman Maxine Waters

Reclaiming My Time

My Day
By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Have you ever asked a question to your doctor, an insurance agent or about an incorrect bill only to not receive an answer to your question? How much filibustering was inserted in not answering you directly?

The Honorable Maxine Waters has given us a new sermon with gospel song 'reclaiming my time'. And the song is already written and at the top of the charts. Last week, the Honorable Maxine Waters, U. S. Representative of the 43rd Congressional District, California, recanted this now more famous line thirteen (13) times in two minutes eleven seconds (2:11) during a hearing with Steve Mnuchin, Treasury Secretary in the Trump administration.

It all started innocent enough. Maxine Waters sent a letter to the treasury secretary questioning the Trump financial connection to Russia on May 23, 2017.

The treasury secretary simply did not answer the letter and the subsequent question about the letter at the hearing the week of July 27. We are all too familiar with this tactic used by politicians and others to waste time not answering questions and refusing to answer the question based on some narrow excuse since #45 took office, we have become very familiar with questions not being answered, plus artificial facts, absurd reasoning and a White House in shambles.

Maxine Waters, one of thirteen (13) children from St Louis, is one of the most powerful Democrats in the House. She can be politically correct and definitely politically incorrect. Eighteen (18) days after #45 took office, the fierce natured American politician started impeachment conversations with true grit. Some new choice language, including treason weasels has been added unto the Office of the President. Mrs. Waters has battled injustice for decades, still standing firm on her beliefs. In 1968 Shirley Chisholm was elected to Congress. Maxine Waters was thirty (30) years old just getting her feet wet in politics. In 1992, we all woke up to the LA riots and the scars it left. Then President George H.W. Bush, called for a urban meeting with grassroots leaders, and deliberately or intentionally left off one person. Maxine Waters showed up uninvited with an opening statement

"I do not intend to be excluded or dismissed".

During the banking fiasco, where millions of Americans lost their home, Maxine Waters relentlessly called out Wells Fargo, and we all know how that ended up.

The lesson here is to regain, recover and rescue your precious time. It is how to shut down people who try to waste it.

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