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## Called To Rise Former Dallas Police Chief Conquers Tragedy through Faith

By JOSHUA C. JOHNSON  
Special Contributor

During the early 1980s the image of downtown Dallas was the polar opposite of its present state. Dallas was still a major player in the oil industry. The real estate market was booming and the resulting economic windfall gave rise to the legendary downtown skyline that current city leaders are desperate to reinvigorate.

Yet if you traveled south in any direction there was a different story of Dallas. The exodus of white residents had long been over. Small minority owned businesses were feeling the first pangs of the recession. Sounds of the Black Arts Renaissance were now a whisper. And in its place sprang poverty, crime and a disenfranchised population.

The most notorious of the blights to ravage southern Dallas was the crack cocaine epidemic. After visiting home during his sophomore year of college former Dallas Police Chief David O. Brown saw the effects of drugs and crime on his Oak Cliff neighborhood. He knew he couldn't sit idly by and hope someone else would fix the problem.

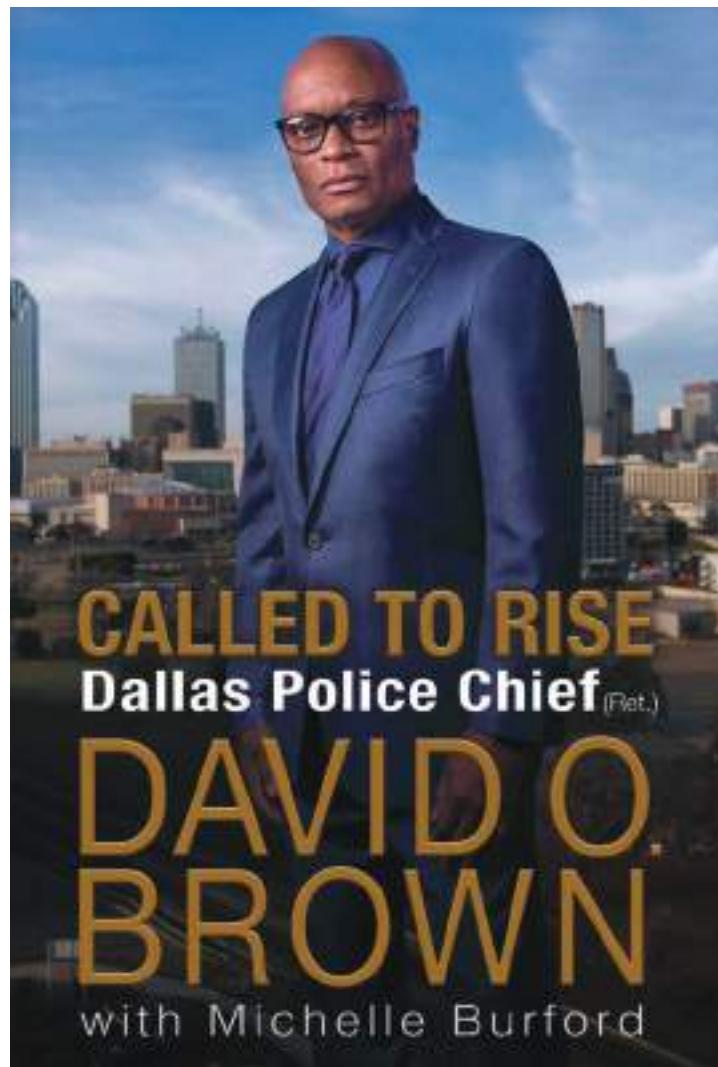
This is where his autobiography begins. "Called To Rise: A Life in Faithful Service to the Community that Raised Me" was released Tuesday by Random House. Within Brown recounts the divine urging that lead him to postpone higher education and pursue a career with the Dallas Police Department.

His book marks the first anniversary of the tragic events of July 7, 2016 – when a peaceful protest in response to reports of excessive force and police involved shootings of Black men in Louisiana and Missouri turned deadly. A lone gunman opened fire killing 5 Dallas police officers and wounding 7 others.

Unbeknownst to Brown, this would be a defining moment in his stewardship of the Dallas citizenry. In this memoir Brown takes readers behind the scenes of that tragedy.

"Losing officers was the darkest time as police chief," admits Brown. "Nothing comes close in comparison. Having to explain what happened to widows and loved ones. Looking them in the eye at funerals and feeling that grief. Nothing comes nearly as close."

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This is a free event featuring local vendors, live entertainment, food, arts & crafts, games, and more. All children's food and activities are free. All media outlets are invited to attend. What is Juneteenth? Juneteenth marks the anniversary of when Texas slaves learned they had been emancipated back in 1865. This festival is an important event that brings the Dallas community together in an effort to commemorate this important moment in our nation's history.

**When:** Monday, June 19, 2017 from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

**Where:** The Martin Luther King Community Center, located at 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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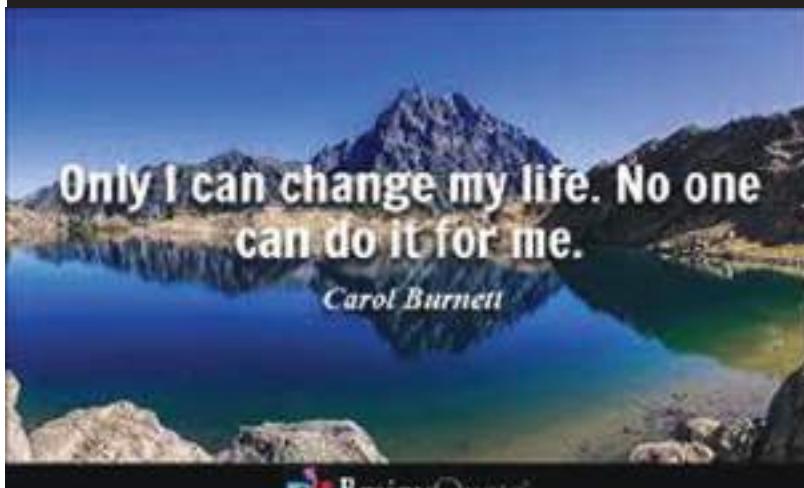
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## Called To Rise Former Dallas Police Chief Conquers Tragedy through Faith

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Brown, who has an extensive background as a crime scene investigator and S.W.A.T. team leader, is credited with an innovative tactical response that ended the gunman's downtown siege. The city's top law man gives a powerful first person account of the ongoing horrors of that night. From the gunman's cryptic demeanor and taunting of Dallas police to Brown's inner turmoil and battle with public perception.

"I stepped up to the mic and delivered the facts as I knew them. 'At eight fifty-eight p.m.,' I said. 'Our worst nightmare happened. Our Dallas Police Department and transit officers were fired upon. I am sad to say that we have deceased—it is a heartbreak moment for our city.'

### Personal Sacrifices

While many may recall the police shootings downtown and at the Jack Evans Police Headquarters as high profile incidents during Brown's administration. However those frightening scenes that catapulted Dallas to national news are only a small portion of his book.

As a matter of fact, only the last four of twenty one chapters are about the national incidents that people outside of Dallas may be familiar with. The lion's share of Brown's memoir is filled with stories of resounding faith despite terrible personal loss.

Along with Michelle Burford, former O Magazine founding editor, Brown spins intimate moments of anguish into testimonies of faith.

"[I found strength through] God's grace and tender mercies that you can't earn. I am not ashamed of the gospel," said Dallas' longest serving modern era police chief. "That was the only way that I could sustain. Not to get too low during the lows or get to high off the highs points in this journey."

A proud native of Oak Cliff, Brown describes his early life growing up in a single parent home. Losing his first partner killed in the line of duty, then his younger brother to addiction and finally to drug dealers. Even during the first months of his tenure as police chief when his mentally-ill son, David Jr., was killed during a police shooting in nearby Lancaster, Texas.

"Telling a life story is easy in the telling, but much harder in the writing and editing," he recalled. "We began on a fast track; because there was so much interest in the book. But it was important for me not to sacrifice quality."

### Larger Themes

"Called To Rise" is not only a collection of events spanning Brown's 33 years in Dallas law enforcement. It chronicles Brown's transformation from a "throw'em all in jail and let God sort'em out" police officer to a champion of community based policing.

Throughout the narrative Brown touts that dialogue, commonality and action are the greatest tools against crime that a city can possess.

"The first thing is that all of us are connected through our tragedies in life," says Brown. "It's levels the playing field. I hope that through recollection we can bring hope and true understanding amongst us all."

Brown since his retirement has been heralded as "Untouchable" and "America's Chief" and a leader on the front lines of social change nationwide. No topic is taboo in this piece—from race relations to excessive use of force by fellow officers.

"I've been Black a long time. I know that I'm African-American. I am proud of my race and culture," he said. "I'm comfortable in my skin. There is no question in my mind about what I am and where I am from."

While no topic is off the table, Brown's only rule is don't simply complain. Be solution-oriented.

"It's a challenging profession. Not everyone should be a cop. But we definitely need more Black police officers," he said emphatically. "It's going to take more than protests to bring about significant change. You have to put some skin in the game."

## Suspect killed after Steve Scalise, 4 others shot at baseball practice

**(AP)** - A gunman opened fire on a Republican congressional baseball team practicing on a suburban Virginia field Wednesday, critically wounding Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise and shooting four other people as horrified legislators and staffers scrambled for cover amid a barrage of bullets.

Capitol Police, who provided security for the practice, engaged the shooter, identified by a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity as James Hodgkinson, 66, from Belleville, Ill. President Trump later said the suspect was killed in the ensuing shootout.

Congressional aide Zachary Barth, Tyson Foods lobbyist Matt Mika, and Capitol Police special agents Crystal Griner and David Bailey also were wounded in the rampage. The agents were hailed as heroes.

"Many lives would have been lost if not for the heroic actions of the two Capitol Police officers who took down the gunman despite sustaining gunshot wounds during a very, very brutal assault," Trump said. "Melania and I are grateful for their heroism and praying for the swift recovery of all victims."

Rep. Chuck Fleischmann, R-Tenn., said the baseball practice session was almost over when the rampage began on the field shortly after 7 a.m.

"I heard a bang, and I thought it sounded like a gun. I never saw a shooter," Fleischmann said. "I got bloody running and jumping into the dugout."

Fleischmann estimated 50 to 60 people attended the practice, including House members, senators and their staff. "A lot like me got bloody running for cover," he said.

"It is just a madhouse here," Fleischmann said. "It's horrible. I've never experienced anything like that."

South Carolina Rep. Jeff Duncan said he was leaving practice early when the man he believes was the gunman asked him if the players were Democrats or Republicans.

"I told him they were Republicans, he said 'OK, thanks,' and turned around," Duncan told reporters. "I got in the car and left."

## Fired FBI Director Comey Testifies, Says Trump Lied



Former FBI Director James Comey testified before the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on June 8. (Lauren Victoria Burke/NNPA)

By Lauren Victoria Burke (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

During dramatic testimony before the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, James Comey, the former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the nation's top law enforcement official, called President Donald Trump a liar five times and told 17 U.S. senators and the nation, that he was uncomfortable being in a room alone with him.

Trump fired Comey on May 16, shortly after he requested additional resources from the Justice Department for the investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election, according to The New York Times.

Comey gave a stunning and blunt account of his interactions with President Trump, between January 9 and April 11, 2017. Comey declined to answer some of the senators' questions due to the sensitive subject matter; the committee convened a classified meeting after the public session.

Additionally, questions by Senator Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) and other senators revealed that Attorney General Jeff Sessions will have more questions to answer about his meeting with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak.

Sen. Harris also asked Comey, "...the Attorney General, did he have access to information about the investigation in those two weeks?"

Comey answered: "In theory, sure, because he's the Attorney General." There was an undercurrent of questions around Jeff Sessions throughout the hearing with Comey, last week.



Senator Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) asks former FBI Director James Comey questions during a hearing before the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on June 8. (Lauren Victoria Burke/NNPA)

The backdrop of Comey's testimony reads like something out of a 1950s spy novel from the Cold War that the bureau's longest serving Director, J. Edgar Hoover, would have more likely been involved in. Incredibly, less than six months into Trump's presidency, there is no disputing that the Russian government deliberately interfered with an American presidential election.

In a testament to how far Republicans have gone to lower the bar for Trump, the same party captained by Ronald Reagan in the 1980s to be Russia-wary is silent on the prospect that Donald Trump and his associates have unusually close ties to the former Soviet Union.

Some Republicans assert the president was vindicated, because he's not specifically under investigation, but the investigation is on-going; who knows where it will lead. Former FBI Director, and now Special Counsel on the Russia matter, Robert Mueller is currently in charge of the investigation.

Mueller has spent the last two weeks hiring high-powered prosecutors. The most impressive higher to date is Andrew Weissmann, who has taken leave from his job from the Justice Department's criminal fraud section. Weissmann has prosecuted New York mafia figures and former Enron CEO Ken Lay.

Comey's testimony comes only a day after two Trump Administration intelligence officials, Director National Intelligence Dan Coats and NSA Advisor Michael Rogers, refused to answer questions regarding conversations they had with President Trump, about the Russia investigation during a separate hearing before the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on June 7.

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## A Little Bit of Faith: Pray Anyway

Colleen White, Ed.D.  
Editorial Columnist

Have you felt as if you are praying to the wind? Do you feel like your prayers are not being heard? Have you felt like you don't know how to pray? Many of us have from time to time. But don't fear, the Bible says in the book of Romans that when we don't know how to pray, the Holy Spirit helps us to pray. It says,

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express" (Romans 8: 26).

The Holy Spirit will intercede on our behalf when we do not know how to pray. It is able to take our prayers and lay them before the Heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit will pray according to God's will. It

knows just what to pray for. It always has the right words.

We do not have to worry whether or not our prayers are being heard or whether or not we are praying properly. When the Holy Spirit prays on our behalf, we can be assured that our deepest concerns are known and that the Holy Spirit has presented it before the Father for us. There are no worries. The Holy Spirit is our best "prayer partner". It

knows how to pray when we are lacking the proper words.

The next time you're having a difficult time praying, be at peace knowing that the Holy Spirit is praying alongside of you making sure that your prayers are being heard. We can be thankful knowing that our prayers are being presented to the Father in a manner that is far beyond our comprehension. So keep praying! Amen? Amen.

## Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson Releases Statement following Former FBI Director Comey's Senate Testimony



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Congresswoman Johnson, releases statement following former FBI Director James Comey's testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee public hearing:

"Hearing the live testimony by former FBI Director James Comey leaves us with more questions than answers," said Congresswoman Johnson. "However, one point is clear — we can no longer excuse the President's behavior and complete disregard for maintaining a sense of propriety and lawfulness in his actions as a public official. The fact that Mr. Comey had

to take deliberate steps to protect himself due to the lack of trust and apparent conflicts of interest among cabinet officials in the White House is deeply disturbing. It is quite unfortunate that President Trump has chosen to undermine the credibility of the federal government in this way and detract from the more meaningful discussions we should be having about issues facing our nation."

"Mr. Comey's need to testify before Congress today highlights the dire consequences of delaying a fully independent commission from investigating the Trump-Russia connection

and the possibility of collusion during the 2016 campaign between President Trump, his associates, and Russian operatives. After today's hearing, it appears that Mr. Comey was fired for his unwillingness to yield to President Trump's demands to subvert such an investigation. That is wrong."

"When the President of the United States chooses to influence an ongoing investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it can create the appearance of a conflict of interest. This can undermine the American people's trust in our government, our rule of law, and the elected

officials who serve them. If a sitting president chooses to fire the law enforcement officials investigating allegations of wrongdoing committed by the administration, it sets a dangerous precedent if no repercussions follow such actions. This is where Congress must play a bigger role."

Lastly, the Congresswoman added, "Mr. Comey recalled in his testimony that President Trump demanded and expected loyalty. The American people demand the same of our President, and they expect loyalty to our country — not to foreign adversaries."

## BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLS FOR THE WRONG REASONS

By Freddie Allen (NNPA  
Newswire Managing Editor)

Black workers continued to experience lackluster job growth under the Trump Administration, according to the latest jobs report from the Labor Department. Although, the share of Black workers in the population that held jobs (employment-population ratio or E-POP), ticked up from 57.6 percent in April to 57.7 percent in May and the unemployment rate decreased from 7.9 percent to 7.5 percent, the latest numbers also indicated that some Black workers exited the labor market.

The 7.5 percent Black unemployment rate is more than double the jobless rate of White workers, a stubborn disparity that has existed for decades.

Even though the jobless rate for White workers also decreased last month, it was likely because they stopped looking for work, too. In fact, all three key labor market indicators (unemployment rate, labor force participation rate and employment-population ratio) declined for White workers in May.

Both White and Black working men over 20 years old lost ground in the labor

market last month. So did White women, who not only left the labor market, but were also employed at lower rates in May than the previous month.

Meanwhile, Black women entered the labor market and found jobs at higher rates in May compared to April. The labor force participation rate for Black women increased from 62.7 percent April to 62.9 percent in May. The employment-population ratio also increased from 58.4 percent in April to 58.6 percent in May.

In a blog about the labor market for the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), researchers noted that job growth has slowed.

"Adding in May's 138,000 net new jobs, monthly job growth averaged 162,000 so far in 2017, and just 121,000 over the last three months, down from an average monthly gain of 187,000 jobs in 2016," the post said. "While employment growth would be expected to slow as the economy approaches genuine full employment, other indicators suggest we are not that close to full employment yet, so this explanation seems insufficient."

Although the national

unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in May, the lowest in 16 years, the EPI post said that the labor force participation rate had been much higher in the past.

"Today, there are lots of would-be workers on the sidelines not being counted, who would take a job if offered one," the post said. "And, the drop in the unemployment rate in the past month is more of a sign of people giving up on finding a job than more people becoming employed."

The EPI post said that the American economy should not only be adding jobs, but also experiencing stronger wage growth.

Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.), recently joined Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) and Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Patty Murray (D-Wash.) to introduce H.R. 15, the "Raise the Wage Act of 2017."

In a statement about the bill, Scott said that it's been ten long years since we last raised the minimum wage.

"While 29 states have taken action to raise their wages above the federal minimum since then, minimum wage workers in 21 states are still paid \$7.25 an hour. This leaves a full-time, year-round worker with a dependent

child living below the federal poverty threshold," said Scott. "Today's low-wage workers earn less per hour, adjusted for inflation, than their counterparts did 50 years ago, but productivity has nearly doubled over that same time period. That is unacceptable."

Scott said that the "Raise the Wage Act of 2017" provides an important contrast between the Democrats' agenda for working families and the agenda of President Trump and Congressional Republicans.

"President Trump and the [Republican] majority have used the 115th Congress and the beginning of the Trump Administration to roll back safety and health protections, to attempt to take away health care from 23 million Americans, to undermine civil rights enforcement, and to advance legislation that would deny workers their hard-earned overtime pay," said Scott. "By passing the 'Raise the Wage Act,' we can ensure that no one who works hard and plays by the rules has to live in poverty."

Scott continued: "Passing the 'Raise the Wage Act' is the right thing to do. It's the fair thing to do. And it's long overdue."

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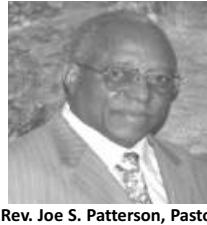
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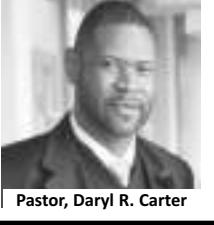
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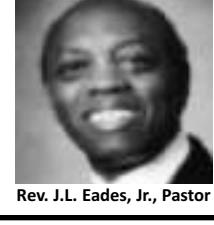
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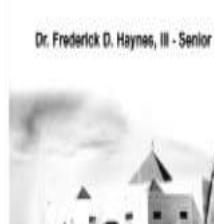


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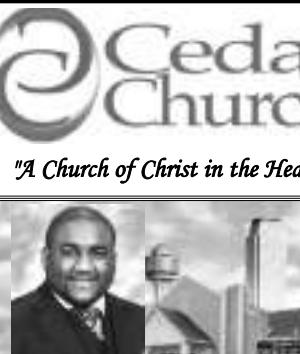
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## MAKING THE CASE FOR INVESTING IN HBCUS



Rushern Baker, the county executive in Prince George's County, Md., says that the need for sustained investment in historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) remains as great as ever.

By Rushern Baker (County Executive, Prince George's County, Md.)

UNCF's iconic, "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste," advertising campaign remains the gold-standard for shining light on the urgency of investing in Black colleges and universities.

No nation, the stories in the campaign reminded us, can be great if it leaves behind a large portion of its residents. More than 40 years later, the need for sustained investment in historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) remains as great as ever.

With the change in presidential administrations, HBCUs have once again returned to the national conversation, with some openly questioning the need for such institutions, particularly in the face of advances over the past several decades. The conversation is not new and the answer has not changed.

We need HBCU's to continue to exist and they need all of us helping to support their coffers and make the case to decision-makers about the continued value they provide.

HBCUs represent only three percent of all two- and four-year U.S. colleges and universities, but they enroll 10 percent of all African American undergraduates. They produce 17 percent of all African American college graduates and generate 24 percent of all bachelor's degrees in STEM fields earned by African Americans annually, according to UNCF's Patterson Research Institute.

Part of the reason is that Black graduates of HBCUs are significantly more likely to have felt supported while in college, according to 2015 data from an ongoing Gallup-Purdue University study.

But statistics are only part of the story. HBCUs have produced influential Americans including Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker, filmmaker Spike Lee, Oprah Winfrey and many other business, civic leaders and entrepreneurs.

On campuses around the nation, parents beamed last month as newly minted graduates of HBCUs set out to make names for themselves and to fulfill their dreams.

At Howard University, my alma mater, I witnessed U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris remind graduates that the world will not always be welcoming and that they have a duty to serve.

"That is your duty—the duty of your degree," Harris said. "That is the charge of a Howard graduate. So whatever you plan to do next—whether you want to design the latest app or cure cancer or run a business. Whether you're going to be a dentist, a lawyer, a teacher, or an accountant—let your guiding principle be truth and service. At a time when there are Americans—disproportionately Black and brown men—trapped in a broken system of mass incarceration... peak truth—and serve."

It is advice that we should also—no matter our age—aspire to. And one truth is surely that the nation's HBCUs are as relevant and necessary now as when some of them were founded over 150 years ago. These institutions were an antidote to the racist policies that, in some cases, banned educating Black students.

At a time where college costs are going up, and attacks on Black students on predominantly White campuses are on the rise, the need for Black colleges is greater than ever. As a government, we have to continue to ensure that funding is there to keep this pipeline going. And as private citizens, we have to open our wallets to ensure the long-term viability of the institutions that are working for us and our communities.

Rushern Baker, a graduate of Howard University, is the county executive in Prince George's County, Maryland. You can follow him on Twitter at @CountyExecBaker.

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## Golden State Warriors win NBA Finals



**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** - As a fresh NBA champions cap sat a tad off-kilter on his head, Kevin Durant embraced mother Wanda. Then he moved across the podium and hugged Stephen Curry before accepting his shiny MVP trophy, holding out his arms and hoisting it for everyone to see.

From the Bay all the way to OKC.

Durant capped his spectacular first season with the Warriors by bringing home that coveted NBA championship he joined Golden State last July so determined to get, scoring 39 points in a fast-and-furious, Finals-clinching 129-120 victory over LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 5 on Monday night.

"You can talk about whatever you want to talk about, but nobody comes in and cares about the game or loves the game as much as I do or works as hard as do I at the basketball game. You can talk about whatever happens on the outside, but inside those lines, I come to bring it every day," Durant said. "I work hard, I believe in myself, I believe in the game, I respect the game, I love the game, and I knew at some point in my life that it will come around for me."

Stephen Curry added 34 points, 10 assists and six rebounds as Golden State closed out its second title in three years after squandering a 3-1 lead a year ago. That stung ever since, and even Durant understood,

because he gave up the same lead to the Warriors a round earlier with Oklahoma City.

James, who in 2012 with Miami beat the Thunder in Durant's only other Finals, wound up with 41 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists.

"I left everything on the floor every game," James said after averaging a triple-double in his eighth Finals.

Kyrie Irving followed up his 40-point gem in Game 4 with 26 points but shot 9 for 22.

This time, King James gave way to KD, who was the NBA Finals MVP 10 years after being picked second in the NBA draft behind Greg Oden.

Durant drove left, right and down the middle, knocked down 3-pointers, dished and dunked. He hit a 17-foot fadeaway over James early in the fourth quarter, then assisted on a 3-pointer by Andre Iguodala the next time down as the Warriors pulled away.

Iguodala, the 2015 Finals MVP, came up big again with his 2017 post-season-best 20 points off the bench in a testy, tightly called finale to this trilogy Finals that everyone had stamped on the calendar from the moment Durant departed Oklahoma City to join Curry and Co. last July.

The Warriors won in 2015 before the Cavs made their historic comeback last year. Then it was Golden State's time again, with Durant as the prized addition.

Sure, the Warriors missed becoming the first undefeated champion, but 16-1 still gave Golden State the best winning percentage of any title team at .941.

Durant shot 14 for 20 and Curry - the two-time reigning MVP who took a back-seat as the new big star got acclimated - finished off a brilliant post-season. Not to mention a healthy one after his 2016 injuries.

Green stayed on the court in a game that featured three technicals on one play 3:08 before halftime. David West fought for the ball with Irving, then they got tangled up and Tristan Thompson entered the fray and he and West went at each other face-to-face. West, Thompson and J.R. Smith received techs after a replay review.

Green had sat out this very game a year ago, suspended because of flagrant foul point accumulation after he swiped at James' groin in Game 4. He had 10 points, 12 rebounds and five assists in the clincher.

"I had a letdown last year," Green said. "If KD was the consolation prize to lose, thanks for that loss, and we're champs this year."

With a much-improved bench led by Iguodala, JaVale McGee, Shaun Livingston and West, that

"Strength In Numbers" slogan that has become such a staple the past two seasons shined all season long, from Durant's 19-game absence late in the regular season

with a left knee injury to assistant coach Mike Brown stepping in for 11 post-season games to lead the way while Steve Kerr was ailing.

Golden State used a 28-4 second-quarter run to take charge - just after it appeared Durant should have been called for a third foul on a basket by James - and got to celebrate right at home in Oakland surrounded by a deafening home crowd waving yellow rally towels and holding up phones to shoot video and photos as the final minute of the clock ticked away.

The Warriors became the first Bay Area team to capture a championship at home since the A's finished the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 5 of the 1974 World Series.

A year ago, these Warriors fell short after a record-setting season that included a 24-0 start and 73 victories at the end to break the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls' wins mark.

Then they got Durant, who after the buzzer sounded did a little shake with Curry on the court before they slapped hands several times.

Two playful superstars who found a way to coexist through all the questions and constant scrutiny, together and smiling as champions.

"I'm happy for him," Curry said. "You've got to call Kevin Durant a champ now."

## Rodman begins sightseeing on North Korea trip he hopes opens door



## PYONGYANG, North Korea

(AP) — Dennis Rodman, the former NBA bad boy who has palled around with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, began sightseeing in Pyongyang on Wednesday during a trip he said he hoped would "open a door" for his former "Celebrity Apprentice" boss — President Donald Trump.

Hours after his arrival the previous day, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson announced that North Korea had released an American student serving a 15-year prison term with hard labor for alleged anti-state acts. A plane carrying Otto Warmbier arrived late Tuesday at an airport in Cincinnati. His parents say he has been in a coma and was medically evacuated.

Tillerson said the State Department secured his release at Trump's direction, and a spokeswoman was firm in saying Rodman's trip had nothing to do with Warmbier's release.

Rodman, one of the few people to know both of the nuclear-armed leaders, sported dark sunglasses and athletic wear as he left his hotel in a black limo Wednesday morning without comment. He is scheduled to meet North Korea's sports minister before he leaves the country on Saturday.

He was met by North Korean Vice Minister of Sports Son Kwang Ho at the airport, saying then, "I'm just here to see some friends and have a good time."

It was a relatively low-key arrival after his four past trips since 2013 generated a lot of publicity — most of it unfavorable — and did little in terms of diplomacy.

His current visit has already been roundly criticized by some for its timing, during high tensions between the U.S. and North Korea over its weapons programs and recent missile launches.

"Well, I'm pretty sure he's pretty much happy with the fact that I'm over here trying to accomplish something that we both need," Rodman said in Beijing when asked if Trump was aware of the trip.

Rodman said the issue of several Americans detained by North Korea is "not my purpose right now," in remarks made in Beijing before the release of Warmbier was publicly disclosed.

The University of Virginia student from suburban Cincinnati who publicly confessed to trying to steal a propaganda banner left North Korea on Tuesday morning, a foreign ministry official confirmed.

Warmbier's parents said in

a statement to The Associated Press that they had learned only a week ago that their son has been in a coma since March 2016.

In Seoul, South Korea, U.S. Undersecretary of State Thomas Shannon said "we pray for him and we pray for his family."

Tillerson said the State Department is continuing to discuss three other detained Americans with North Korea.

In 2014, Rodman arranged a basketball game with other former NBA players and North Koreans and regaled leader Kim with a rendition of "Happy Birthday." On the same trip, he suggested an American missionary was at fault for his own imprisonment in North Korea, remarks for which he later apologized.

Any visit to North Korea by a high-profile American is a political minefield.

Rodman has been criticized for failing to use his influence on leaders who are otherwise isolated diplomatically from the rest of the world. He has generally brushed off such criticism as unfair because as an athlete and celebrity he shouldn't be expected to solve difficult political problems.

Americans are regarded as enemies in North Korea because the two countries never signed a peace treaty to formally end the 1950-53 Korean War. Thousands of U.S. troops are based in South Korea, and the Demilitarized Zone between the North and South is one of the most heavily fortified borders in the world.

A statement issued in New York by a Rodman publicist said the former NBA player is in the rare position of being friends with the leaders of both North Korea and the United States. Rodman was a cast member on two seasons of Trump's TV reality show "Celebrity Apprentice."

Rodman tweeted that his trip was being sponsored by Potcoin, one of a growing number of cryptocurrencies used to buy and sell marijuana in state-regulated markets.

There is an internet urban legend that North Korea is a pothead paradise and maybe even the next Amsterdam of pot tourism. But the claim that marijuana is legal in North Korea is not true — it's considered a controlled substance in the same category as cocaine and heroin.

Americans have been sentenced to years in North Korean prisons for seemingly minor offenses and likely could not expect leniency if the country's drug laws were violated.

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## ARIZONA LEADERS CALL FOR REMOVAL OF CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS

By Floyd Alvin Galloway  
(Arizona Informant/NNPA Member)

The Arizona Confederate monuments controversy has risen once again. Two years ago, it was over the naming of the Jefferson Davis Highway in the Southeast Valley. Other cities across the country in Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, and Maryland have or are in the process of removing Confederate monuments from prominent public lands.

Metro-Phoenix Black leaders held a news conference at the Arizona Informant office June 5 to call on Arizona Governor Doug Ducey (R) to remove monuments honoring those who were at war with the country and pushed to protect slavery and hate.

There are six monuments around the state honoring Confederate soldiers, who died in the Civil War including one at the State Capitol's Wesley Bolin Plaza and Arizona Confederate Veterans Monument in Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix, erected in 1999 by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Other locations include the Memorial Cemetery area of the Southern Arizona Veterans Cemetery in Sierra Vista. The monument was erected in 2010 to honor the 21 soldiers interred in that cemetery who served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and later fought in Indian wars in Arizona as members of the U.S. Army; a road named the Jefferson Davis Highway in the far East Valley near Apache Junction, Picacho Peak, known as the western-most battle in the Civil War; and a monument at the four graves of the only Confederate soldiers killed in action, by Native Americans in Arizona, Dragoon Springs stagecoach station east of Tucson.

"The confederacy in their articles of succession, wrote that they are protecting states rights; states rights to protect the peculiar institution of slavery," explained Rev. Reginald Walton, the pastor of Phillips Memorial CME Church and president of Black Lives Matter of Greater Phoenix.

The monuments are a tool of terror, the Black leaders stated.

"This is a slap in the face of all Americans, as those who seceded, were at that time seceding from the Union, they became traitors to our country. To have monuments on state land honoring this institu-



East Valley NAACP President Roy Tatem addresses the media as Dr. Ann Hart, the president of the Maricopa County branch of the NAACP, Rev. Reginald Walton, the president of Black Lives Matter of Greater Phoenix and State Rep. Reginald Bolding (D-Ariz.) stand in support. (Alvin Galloway/Arizona Informant)

tion of slavery is honoring terrorism," noted Rev. Walton.

Rep. Reginald Bolding, who represents District 27, read a letter he sent to the Gov. Ducey, encouraging the governor and the Arizona State Board of Geographic Names and State Legislature, to put words into action this time.

Two years ago, Rep. Bolding sent a request to Gov. Ducey asking the governor to take action and strike the name of Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway from the portion of U.S. 60 in the east valley, following the horrific murder of nine Black church worshippers at the historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C., by white supremacist Dylan Roof, who used the confederate symbols and ideology as a justification for the killing spree.

"Today, I call on you, again, to stand on the right side of American history," said Bolding, sending a direct message to Gov. Ducey.

Bolding asked for immediate action on this issue.

Cloves Campbell Jr., co-publisher of the Arizona Informant, said that, the biggest issue discussed at the press conference was doing what's right.

"This issue of having monuments and memorializing things that are against everything and principals the United States constitution stands for is something we don't need to be reminded of," said Campbell. "Let's not honor something that is wrong. Having these monuments are a slap in the face of not just African Americans, but every Arizonan."

"For many African Americans, the symbol of the confederate flag is a symbol of racial terrorism," said Dr. Ann Hart, president of the Maricopa County branch of the

NAACP.

She said the flag and monuments are a symbol of resistance to the civil rights of Black people.

"[The confederate flag] represents years of lynching, Jim Crow and Black suffering."

Symbols honoring the Civil War-era confederacy should not be on land paid for by state taxes, Hart added.

"The NAACP vehemently opposes any confederate monuments on public property," said Roy Tatem Jr., the president of the East Valley branch of the NAACP. "We call on Gov. Ducey to take immediate action. We do not tolerate him passing the buck to a board that he appoints, to a board he has influence over."

The group says that the governor needs to show leadership on this issue. The leaders said they want to know exactly how the governor feels on this issue. The civil rights and community leaders asked: "Does Governor Ducey support the idea of a terrorist group and its symbols, the Confederate Army, and its defense of slavery and hate on public land?"

Tatem called on Gov. Ducey to be a leader in the community and represent all Arizonans and not just a specific group, like the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Tatem continued: "These monuments are not only offensive to the descendants of African slaves, they are offensive to any American who celebrates the principles of liberty and justice on which our nation was founded."

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## JAZZ SENSATION NICOLE HENRY TO PERFORM AT NNPA CONFERENCE IN JUNE

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

For more than 17 years, Nicole Henry has been singing and performing in front of fans, friends, family members and industry leaders.

Now, the jazz sensation will face a much tougher crowd: publishers and journalists.

Henry is scheduled to perform at the National Newspapers Publishers Association's (NNPA) annual summer conference, on Wednesday, June 21 at the National Harbor in Prince George's County Md.

The NNPA is a trade group that represents more than 200 Black-owned media companies operating in the United States.

"There's an opportunity to make an impression on people who are tastemakers and I'm sure they have opinions," Henry said. "The opportunity to present myself to a new audience is exciting and, hopefully, I'll be able to maintain relationships with these journalists as I release [new music]. As a touring musician, you always need friends."

Since her debut in 2000, Henry has established herself as one of the jazz world's most acclaimed vocalists, possessing what her handlers call a potent combination of dynamic vocal abilities, impeccable phrasing, and powerful emotional resonance.

Henry has earned a Soul Train Award for "Best Traditional Jazz Performance," three Top-10 U.S. Billboard and HMV Japan jazz albums and she has been heralded by The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Essence magazine and others for her ability to tell "real stories through repertoire from the

American songbook," classic and contemporary jazz, standards, blues and originals.

A native of Philadelphia, who now splits her downtime between homes in New York City and Miami, Henry has performed in more than 15 countries; headlining venues in New York, Tokyo, Madrid, Moscow, Shanghai, Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco.

The NNPA performance, which is sponsored by Macy's, is one of a few she'll have in the Washington, D.C.-area in June. She's also scheduled to perform at Blues Alley on June 22.

"I've been singing and acting full-time since 2000 and I've been touring the world since 2005 and I never get tired of the road," said Henry, whose 2004 debut CD, "The Nearness of You," earned considerable attention from audiences and critics domestically and abroad. She won Best New Jazz Artist of 2004 in Japan and her follow up CD, "Teach Me Tonight," topped the music charts in Japan a year later, helping her earn HMV Japan's Best Vocal Jazz Album.

An avid admirer of the legendary Nancy Wilson, Henry has also showcased her ability to perform her own renditions of songs by such iconic hitmakers as Bill Withers, Aretha Franklin, Joni Mitchell, James Taylor and Gladys Knight.

"I remember in 2000, I was invited to go on the road with a Blues and Rock band. It was the only time I've ever been a background singer in a professional capacity," Henry said. "It was six weeks on a bus tour and as soon as I got home, I knew that was what I wanted to do."

While she's planning to do more to pursue her acting career, Henry's bread and butter remains music. She's



Jazz sensation Nicole Henry said that she's inspired by Nancy Wilson's style and music. (Nicole Henry)

currently working on a Nancy Wilson tribute CD that will cover the legend's more than five-decade career.

"[Wilson is] a living legend and I think sometimes, because she straddled two genres, she gets lost in the mix a little," Henry said of her idol. "Not that people have forgotten Nancy Wilson; the jazz world and the pop world have a lot of respect and embrace her and I have a lot of respect for her and I've been influenced by her style."

Henry noted that she's also planning to do a CD of all original music and that she's excited to hear what she has to say next.

When asked what NNPA can expect at the summer conference, Henry didn't hesitate.

"I would say a mix of jazz and a mix of soul and a mix of...something you haven't seen in a little while," she said. "I'll be happy to do Nancy Wilson, too."

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### Celebrate Juneteenth at the MLK Community Center Festival scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017

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### 2017 A Night to Remember

2017 A Night to Remember, CitySquare's annual fundraiser will feature Academy Award, Grammy Award, Golden Globe Award, Screen Actors Guild Award winning DreamGirl, Jennifer Hudson. The acclaimed singer and actress who will be featured as a coach on NBC's 2017 The Voice, will perform to benefit CitySquare's poverty fighting programs.



A Night to Remember will take place on September 9th at the AT&T Performing Arts Center Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House. Co-chairs for the event are Wendy and Boyd Messmann, Kara and Ross Miller, Tiffany Touchstone-Hawkins and Brandon Hawkins, and Sherel Riley.

CitySquare event planners promise another unforgettable evening of entertainment. Previous performers have included the likes of BB King, Steve Martin, Diana Ross, Jay Leno, Aretha Franklin, Hall & Oates and last year's Jerry Seinfeld concert that raised record dollars for CitySquare. Sponsors of 2017 A Night to Remember will receive perks galore including premier seating, valet parking, access to the pre-concert VIP Lounge (lots of great food and libations), the annual after party, recognition on event materials, even passes to the Meet & Greet with Jennifer Hudson.

For almost three decades, CitySquare has been fighting the causes and effects of poverty through service, advocacy, and friendship. Proceeds from A Night to Remember support CitySquare's 17 social service programs that address hunger, health, housing, and hope with more than 50,000 human touches annually.

### Juneteenth 2017, 'You Honor Your Ancestors' Poem

To the youth and young people.  
Keep striving toward your goals.  
Keep enduring, stay strong in faith.  
Stay positive, be confident.

Do not let the world's negativity steer you off the path of hope.  
Do not lose heart.  
Give your vision a chance to manifest.  
For every goal and trophy you win.

Every obstacle conquered.  
Every dream that comes true.  
Every trial learned, every mistaken error that you redo right.  
You not only honor yourself today, but you honor your ancestors of yesterday.

You honor those who lived in a time of injustice.  
The beaten, the scarred, the shackled, the enslaved.  
An era where the tone of your skin denied you the right to read books and have access to education.

Where the opinions, beliefs and voice of a race was ridiculed, punished and could not be heard.  
Speaking would give you the lash of the whip.  
Boasting would bring disfigurement or death.

You honor your ancestors who fought for their rights of yesterday so you can have your rights today.  
So you can be judged on character and not color.

You honor the slaves who taught themselves to read a language they were foreign to.

The poets and writers who had to prove they wrote their own publications.

The soldier who fought in wars so he can someday be free.

To prove his courage on the battlefield is equal to the pale skin officer who commanded him.

The inventor who toils long and hard to make a creation of his own innovation.

To solve the most intricate of problems.

To toil for years and make thousands of attempts until his invention is perfected and properly works right.

Those who boycotted and had sit ins.

So people no longer had to sit in the backs of buses and restaurants.

Freely walk with dignity in the front doors of cafes, clubs, and diners.

The singers, songwriters, painters, playwrights, dancers and actors.

Who sung, wrote and danced, of the black experience so it could be relative.

Who encouraged the revolutionaries and artists, and calmed the frustrated and angered with melody and beauty.

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