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Get Ready to Vote!



By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

During the January, 2017 confirmation hearing for U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions Georgia Congressman John Lewis and New Jersey Senator Corey Booker testified against the Senator from Alabama becoming the nation's chief law enforcement officer.

The two esteemed legislators expressed their concerns that Sessions would lead a Justice Department that would be hostile to minority voting rights, and that welcomed state-sponsored voter suppression such as the law passed by the Texas legislature requiring registered voters to present state-approved voter identification before they could cast their ballots.

Nearly two years later, the opposition of my colleagues and that of members of the Congressional Black Caucus and other members of the Democratic Party seems prescient. The Justice Department, led by Attorney General Sessions,

stands as an impediment to the voting and civil rights of racial minorities, and to those of other minority groups.

With the crucial November mid-term elections approaching minority voters cannot expect any help from the Justice Department. That is why it is so important that voters come out in large numbers, and that those who are not registered to vote do so immediately!

National Voter Registration Day is September 25, th and the entire month of September is being acknowledged as National Voter Registration Month during which each of us must encourage everyone we know to register and vote in the fall.

The Democratic vote in Texas and throughout the nation must be decisive, wresting control from the Republican-controlled Congress and sending a strong message to the occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

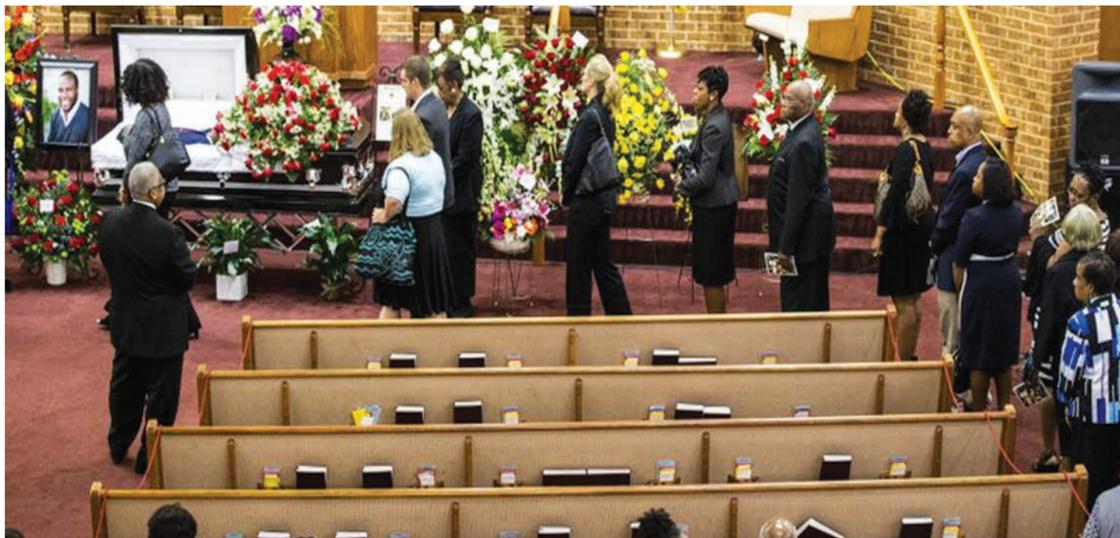
Among other things, a Congress controlled by Democrats will address voter suppression and attempt to restore the

heart of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which was severely damaged by the United States Supreme Court when a majority of its justices decided in June of 2013 to eliminate the preclearance provision from the legislation, precluding federal oversight of voting rights plans by state legislators.

If you have not registered or if you have changed your address or your name since the last time you voted you should visit the Web site of the National Association of the Secretaries of State, www.can|vote.org, to obtain correct voting instructions. You do not want to go the polls on Election Day and be confronted with questions about your ability to cast a ballot, or be told that you cannot vote.

We must always remember that voting is a fundamental right. There are heroes in the history of this country that gave their lives in the struggle to secure voting rights for all people. We honor them and the legacy that they left us by voting.

Uncle: Young Man killed by Dallas Officer aspired to join St. Lucia leadership



DALLAS (AP) — Friends and family on Thursday remembered a man gunned down by a Dallas police officer as a deeply religious 26-year-old accountant who loved to sing and had confided to his uncle that he might one day want to be prime minister of his native Caribbean island country of St. Lucia.

Those speaking at the service for Botham Jean at a suburban Dallas church mostly focused on the qualities of the caring man who always had time to help others. Some also spoke about the shocking way Jean, who was black, died — fatally shot on Sept. 6 by the white officer who said she mistook his apartment for her own.

"Our prince royal was snatched from us by the quick-trigger finger of one trained to protect and serve. Perhaps the good that might overcome this violent, heinous act will

be that those who are trained to serve and protect will serve love and peace and not violence and bullets," Jean's uncle, Ignatius Jean, said to applause.

Dallas mayor Mike Rawlings and Dallas Police Chief U. Renee Hall were among those who attended the hymn-filled funeral. Jean, who grew up on St. Lucia, attended college at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, so he could remain within a religious community while getting his education.

At Harding he majored in accounting and information systems and graduated in 2016. He then went to work at the accounting and consulting firm PwC in Dallas.

"Botham aimed high in his pursuit of excellence in everything," said Tommy Bush, who served as a mentor to him while he was in college.

He said that what was unexpected was the "tremendous

blessing and growth" he experienced from knowing Jean. "I was supposed to be mentoring him," he said.

Those gathered at the funeral recalled Jean helping those on St. Lucia, from working with orphans to singing with people who just needed a friend.

"He was always in service of others, even when it wasn't convenient for him," said Alexis Stossel, a friend of Jean.

Stossel called him "the biggest extroverted accountant you'd ever find," adding that she knows he's now in heaven, "bouncing around, singing at the top of his lungs."

Bertrum Jean, Botham Jean's father, thanked "so many who have rallied around us and been there to support us." "There are so many in the U.S. that have shown tremendous love to this boy," he said.

Jean's slaying sparked protest and outrage, and has become a flashpoint in a national debate over shootings of black men by police.

Officer Amber Guyger, 30, was arrested Sunday for manslaughter and has since been released on bond. An Dallas police affidavit released Friday says officers recovered two bullet casings, a police backpack and vest and 10.4 grams of marijuana from Jean's apartment after the shooting. Lee Merritt, Jean's family's attorney, said the affidavit showed police began searching for evidence to discredit Jean immediately after the shooting.

"It's looking specifically for drug paraphernalia," Merritt said of the search. "They immediately began looking to smear him."

After the funeral, area religious leaders expressed their outrage at the killing. Sammie Berry, an elder and pulpit minister at Jean's church, says the family cannot rest until justice is served and Guyger is punished "to the fullest extent of the law." He described Jean's death as a tragedy that could have been avoided and said the group wants to know why Guyger has not been fired.

He says they "cannot let Bo become another statistic."

Associated Press writer Jamie Stengle contributed to this report.

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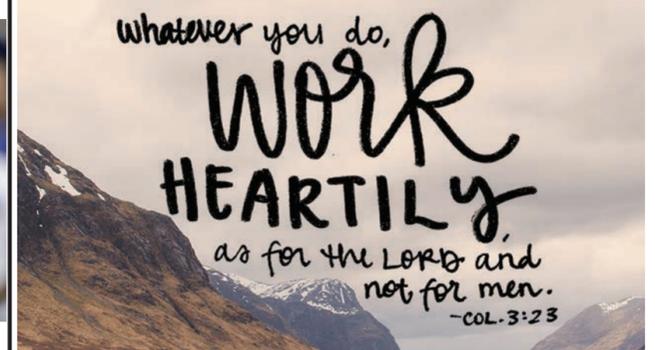
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Zimmerman Stung by 'Beyhive' After Racist Threats to Beyoncé, Jay-Z

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Contributor @StacyBrownMedia

One headline summed up the feelings the Beyhive has for Trayvon Martin's killer George Zimmerman: "Walking Pile of Fecal Matter George Zimmerman Allegedly Threatens Beyoncé and Jay-Z." Zimmerman, who hasn't faded from the public spotlight since he followed teenager Trayvon Martin through his neighborhood before gunning him down and was later acquitted in that murder, allegedly sent private texts to a private investigator and heated voice-mails calling hip-hop icon Jay-Z a "b***h" and his superstar wife Beyoncé a "w***e."

they'll find themselves inside a 13-foot gator," Zimmerman reportedly wrote when contacted by private investigator Dennis Warren about the upcoming documentary, "Rest in Power: The Trayvon Martin Story." The documentary is the brainchild of the power couple. Zimmerman also reportedly sent threatening texts to Jay-Z's co-producer, Michael Gasparro, according to Radar Online. While he was acquitted of all charges in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, Zimmerman reportedly has been up in arms about the power couple's film. Although neither Jay-Z nor his wife have publicly responded to Zimmerman, Beyoncé's fans have taken

their anger to social media. "Here's the tea on George Zimmerman. Enjoy," wrote one Twitter user while sharing a screenshot of Zimmerman's full name and address. "Oh, he's [f...]up now! Does he know about the Beyhive?" wrote another user. Still another Twitter user wrote: "George Zimmerman shouldn't be trending ... unless he's dead." Ferrari Sheppard wrote that Zimmerman's "gator babies," comment is the racist practice of feeding African babies to alligators in the 18th and 19th century. "He called Beyoncé a broke whore. He has to go," Sheppard wrote.

COMMENTARY: The Major Role The Catholic Church Played in Slavery



The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) has launched a global news feature series on the history, contemporary realities and implications of the transatlantic slave trade. This is the second report in the series.

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Contributor

"When the missionaries arrived, the Africans had the land and the missionaries had the Bible. They taught us how to pray with our eyes closed. When we opened them, they had the land and we had the Bible." — Jomo Kenyatta, First President of Kenya, Africa Washington, D.C.- September 4, 2018 – The Catholic Church played a vital role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade, according to historians and several published thesiis on the topic. The trans-Atlantic slave trade was introduced by the coming of the Europeans who came with the Bible in the same manner that Arab raiders and traders from the Middle East and North Africa introduced Islam through the Trans-Saharan slave trade, according to AfricaW.com, a premiere informational website available throughout the continent.

"In fact, the Church was the backbone of the slave trade," the authors wrote. "In other words, most of the slave traders and slave ship captains were very 'good' Christians." For example, Sir John Hawkins, the first slave-ship captain to bring African slaves to the Americas, was a religious man who insisted that his crew "serve God daily" and "love one another." His ship, ironically called "The Good Ship Jesus," left the shores of his native England for Africa in October 1562. Some historians argue that if churches had used their power, the Atlantic slave trade might have never occurred.

By the same logic, others argue that the Catholic church and Catholic missionaries could have also helped to prevent the colonization and brutality of colonialism in Africa. However, according to a 2015 Global Black History report, the Catholic church did not oppose the institution of slavery until

the practice had already become infamous in most parts of the world.

In most cases, the churches and church leaders did not condemn slavery until the 17th century.

The five major countries that dominated slavery and the slave trade in the New World were either Catholic, or still retained strong Catholic influences including: Spain, Portugal, France, and England, and the Netherlands.

"Persons who considered themselves to be Christian played a major role in upholding and justifying the enslavement of Africans," said Dr. Jonathan Chism, an assistant professor of history at the University of Houston-Downtown.

"Many European 'Christian' slavers perceived the Africans they encountered as irreligious and uncivilized persons. They justified slavery by rationalizing that they were Christianizing and civilizing their African captors. They were driven by missionary motives and impulses," Chism said.

Further, many Anglo-Christians defended slavery using the Bible. For example, white Christian apologists for slavery argued that the curse of Ham in Genesis Chapter 9 and verses 20 to 25 provided a biblical rationale for the enslavement of Blacks, Chism said.

In this passage, Noah cursed Canaan and his descendants arguing that Ham would be "the lowest of slaves among his brothers" because he saw the nakedness of his father. A further understanding of the passage also revealed that while some have attempted to justify their prejudice by claiming that God cursed the black race, no such curse is recorded in the Bible.

That oft-cited verse says nothing whatsoever about skin color.

Also, it should be noted that Black race evidently descended from a brother of Canaan named Cush. Canaan's descendants were evidently light-skinned – not black. "Truly nothing in the biblical account identifies Ham, the descendant of Canaan, with Africans. Yet, Christian apologists determined that Africans were the descents of Ham," Chism said.

Nevertheless, at the beginning the sixteenth century, the racial interpretation of Noah's curse became commonplace, he said.

In 2016, Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. offered a public apology after acknowledging that 188 years prior, Jesuit priests sold 272 slaves to save the school from financial ruin.

This is how The New York Times first reported the story: The human cargo was loaded on ships at a bustling wharf in the nation's capital, destined for the plantations of the Deep South. Some slaves pleaded for rosaries as they were rounded up, praying for deliverance. But on that day, in the fall of 1838, no one was spared: not the 2-month-old baby and her mother, not the field hands, not the shoemaker and not Cornelius Hawkins, who was about 13 years old when he was forced onboard.

Their panic and desperation would be mostly forgotten for more than a century. But this was no ordinary slave sale. The enslaved African-Americans had belonged to the nation's most prominent Jesuit priests. And they were sold, along with scores of others, to help secure the future of the premier Catholic institution of higher learning at the time, known today as Georgetown University.

"The Society of Jesus, who helped to establish Georgetown University and whose leaders enslaved and mercilessly sold your ancestors, stands before you to say that we have greatly sinned," Rev. Timothy Kesicki, S.J., president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, said during a Liturgy of Remembrance, Contrition, and Hope.

"We pray with you today because we have greatly sinned and because we are profoundly sorry."

During the early republic, Catholics celebrated the new Constitution for its guarantee of religious liberty while simply accepting its guarantee of slaveholding, according to Blackthen.com.

Internal church politics mattered too. When the Jesuit order was suppressed in 1773, the plantation system of the order in Maryland was seen as a protection for their identity and solidarity.

The universal church taught that slavery enjoyed the sanction of Scripture and natural law. Throughout the antebellum period, many churches in the South committed to sharing their version of the Christian faith with Blacks. They believed that their version of Christianity would help them to be "good slaves" and not challenge the slave system, Chism said.

"Yet, it is important to note that African Americans made Christianity their own, and Black Christians such as Nat Turner employed Christian thought and biblical texts to resist the slave system. Furthermore, Black and white abolitionist Christians played a major role in overturning the system of slavery," he said.

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Dallas officer arrested in slaying moves out of apartment



DALLAS (AP) — A white Dallas police officer has moved out of the apartment complex where she shot and killed her black neighbor inside his own home.

TV station WFAA reports that apartment staff informed other residents in the building of Amber Guyger's move in a Sunday email. It is unclear if she left of her own accord or was evicted.

Guyger, who lived in the unit directly below 26-year-old Botham Jean, reported she mistook his apartment for her own on Sept. 6 and thought she had encountered a burglar. She was booked on a preliminary manslaughter charge.

Demonstrators on Sunday, including some who rolled empty coffins, marched outside AT&T Stadium ahead of a Dallas Cowboys game to protest Jean's death and a separate police shooting in Arlington that killed a black man.

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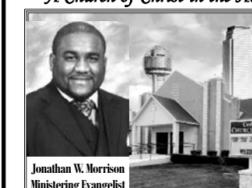
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5 WAYS TRUMP'S TARIFFS ON \$200B IN CHINA GOODS COULD BE FELT

AP Baltimore - By imposing taxes on an additional \$200 billion (Dh734 billion) in Chinese goods, President Donald Trump has intensified a battle of wills between the world's two largest economies — and the outcome is far from certain. Here is a look at five potential consequences:

CONSUMERS

Unlike the first two rounds of tariffs totalling \$50 billion, the new taxes launched by Trump would more directly hit American consumers. "As president, it is my duty to protect the interests of working men and women, farmers, ranchers, businesses, and our country itself," Trump said. Starting next Monday, the US is to begin charging a 10 per cent tax on thousands of Chinese imports — tyres, windshield wipers, baseball gloves, bicycles, snakeskin pants, backpacks, trombone cases, refrigerators and wooden furniture, among others. The list runs 194 pages. Unless the administration reaches a truce with Beijing, Trump's import tax will jump to 25 per cent in 2019. After Trump announced tariffs on washing machines toward the start of 2018, the

price for laundry equipment shot up 16 per cent between February and May, according to an analysis by Mark Perry, an economics professor at the Flint campus of the University of Michigan.

COMPANIES

Many companies have warned that Trump's tariffs threaten to disrupt their businesses and depress their revenue. The monthly manufacturing index by the Institute of Supply Management noted that some companies have expressed concern about tariffs despite an otherwise robust US economy. One food and beverage firm in the ISM survey said, "Suppliers appear to be bracing us for cost increases, given increased talk of tariffs and inflation." Trump's tariffs, with their uncertain duration, make it difficult for companies to plan for the future. Ted Murphy, a trade lawyer and a partner at Baker McKenzie, said the president is signalling that many companies will need to rethink their operations.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

So far, the stock market has taken the threats of tariffs in stride. Share prices have dipped, only to then resume their growth, in part because of deep corporate tax cuts that took effect this year and a solid US economy in its 10th straight year of expansion. But the new round of tariffs risks triggering a more alarming response by investors. The additional taxes suggest that the two countries are struggling to make progress in settling their differences. "It's definitely a setback for the market that they can't seem to get to the table," said J.J. Kinahan, chief market strategist for TD Ameritrade.

GLOBAL ECONOMY

A prolonged trade war between the US, the world's largest economy, and China, the second-largest, would ripple through the rest of the globe. Tariffs could translate into less trade, which could hinder growth in smaller nations. The US dollar has already begun to rise in value as trade tensions have mounted. This has insulated the United States from higher prices. But the higher-valued dollar has also diminished the value of currencies of emerging

markets — which has weighed heavily on their economies. In the meantime, the value of the Chinese yuan has dropped relative to the dollar, making it easier for Beijing to withstand US tariffs.

POLITICS

The Republicans' control of the House and the Senate is at stake in the midterm congressional races in November. Trump has portrayed the import taxes as a winning electoral issue because they're forcing other countries to compromise with the US. But public opinion suggests that his tariffs could prove a vulnerability. A poll released August 24 by The Associated Press-NORC Centre for Public Affairs Research found that 61 per cent of Americans disapproved of the president's handling of trade negotiations. If Democrats win, it would possibly repudiate Trump's approach. But if many Republicans retain their seats, it could vindicate Trump's choice to announce tariffs so close to the elections.



SPORTS PAGE



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Michael Jordan donates \$2M for hurricane relief in NC

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Michael Jordan grew up playing high school basketball in Wilmington, North Carolina. So when the former NBA star watched the destruction caused by Hurricane Florence to his hometown and surrounding area, he acted quickly to help.

The six-time NBA champion and Charlotte Hornets owner donated \$2 million on Tuesday to assist residents of the Carolinas — \$1 million each to the American Red Cross and the Foundation For The Carolinas' Hurricane Florence Response Fund.

"It just hits home," Jordan told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "I know all of those places: Wilmington, Fayetteville, Myrtle Beach, New Bern, and Wallace, which is where my father is from. So quite naturally it hits home, and I felt like I had to act in a sense that this is my home."

The 55-year-old Jordan said he still has an aunt, cousins and several buddies who live in coastal North Carolina. He also has a nephew who attends UNC Wilmington, which has remains closed while recovering from the damage.

He watched television with extra concern last week when the hurricane pounded the area, causing 34 known deaths — including 26 in North Carolina — and leaving behind

damaged homes, power outages and extensive flooding.

Jordan spent the days after trying to get in touch with family and friends to make sure they were safe. He was relieved upon learning they were uninjured.

"At the end of the day, it makes you think about the path that you have taken, and where your life has taken you," Jordan said. "And I just feel like, well, maybe if I can help in some sort of way all of the people, and all of the places, that have helped me along the road."

Jordan said it's fulfilling to have the resources to help. "I have been one of the lucky ones to move on and build an unbelievable career," said Jordan, who played college basketball at North Carolina. "It just makes it a little more special when you can actually help out an area you know very, very well."

Jordan plans to visit the area at some point when the roads are safe to travel and check up on family and friends.

In addition to the donation, more than 100 members of the Hornets organization will help pack disaster food boxes Friday at Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina in Charlotte, North Carolina. The disaster food boxes, which provide individual meals, will be shipped to Wilmington, Fayetteville and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and distrib-

uted to those directly impacted by the hurricane.

The goal is to deliver 5,000 food boxes.

The Hornets Foundation also will make a donation to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. Food Lion, the team's Official Hunger Relief Partner, will be donating the food packed for the boxes.

Additionally, Hornets and NBA merchandising partner Fanatics has designed a special T-shirt featuring the Hornets logo in the middle of the states of North and South Carolina surrounded by the words "Carolina Strong." The NBA, the Hornets and Fanatics will donate 100 percent of the net proceeds to the Foundation For The Carolinas' Hurricane Florence Response Fund. The T-shirts are now available online at NBAstore.com, Fanatics.com and HornetsFanShop.com for \$24.99.

"We reached out to try to find as many partners who are willing to sacrifice and give to this cause," Jordan said. "The Red Cross will deal with the immediate food and shelter and the Foundation For The Carolinas will deal more with the long-term assistance. This is not a short-term thing. This is going to be a process, but it is going to take time."

Hall of Fame Members Threaten Boycott of Inductions

(AP) - A group of Pro Football Hall of Famers led by Eric Dickerson is demanding health insurance coverage and a share of NFL revenues or else those former players will boycott the induction ceremonies.

In a letter sent to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith and Hall of Fame President David Baker — and obtained by The Associated Press — 21 Hall of Fame members cited themselves as "integral to the creation of the modern NFL, which in 2017 generated \$14 billion in revenue."

Among the signees were Dickerson, who is listed as chairman of the newly created Hall of Fame Board the group has formed; Jim Brown; Joe Namath; Lawrence Taylor; and Sarah White, the widow of Reggie White.

There were questions, though, about how well-organized the group was. Two players whose names are on the letter said they were not part of the boycott effort. Another name on the list of 22 signees including Sarah White was Carl Eller, but no one by that name has played professional football. Former Vikings defensive end Carl Eller, however, is a Hall of Famer.

"The time has come for us to be treated as part of a game

we've given so much to," the letter states. "Until our demands are met, the Hall of Famers will not attend the annual induction ceremony in Canton. It's well known that the NFL is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020, and while we are proud of our role in building this league, we don't believe 100 years of player exploitation is something to celebrate."

The strongly worded letter called out the league for paying Goodell \$40 million, saying "there are better uses for that money." It also criticized Smith for his salary and the lack of a former player on the players' association executive board. But there have been two former players on that executive board since 2009.

Jerry Rice, whose name is on the letter, said he wasn't on the Hall of Fame Board. And in a statement on Twitter, the former wide receiver said he plans to support the Hall of Fame and "looks forward to attending the 100th anniversary in 2020."

Kurt Warner also released a statement on Twitter that said he wasn't made aware of the letter and said his name was mistakenly put on it. He said he supports the efforts for better benefits for all retired players and doesn't believe in

boycotting the Hall of Fame.

Baker said the Hall seeks to help all players, not just those enshrined in Canton, Ohio.

"Many Hall of Famers have reached out to express their support of the Hall," he said in a statement.

"While we enshrine Hall of Famers, our mission is to serve every player who helped build this great game. We guard the legacies and seek to serve all players and not just Hall of Famers who we serve every day."

NFL players have received a pension since the Bert Bell Plan, named after a former league commissioner, was created in 1959. In the 1993 collective bargaining agreement, a 401K plan to which players also could contribute was established, and in 1998 an annuity program was created.

"The normal retirement age is 55 for former players, and those players can leave in their pension (funds) and at 65 they have almost a 300 percent increase. This is one of the few defined benefit plans left in the country. It's a program which isn't seen much anymore that defines the benefits at a certain age."

Ted Sen. Ted Cruz, challenger Beto O'Rourke agree to debate

DALLAS (AP) — Republican incumbent Ted Cruz and Democratic challenger Beto O'Rourke have agreed to debate each other three times before the U.S. Senate election in November.

In statements issued Friday, the two agreed to debate domestic policy before live audiences on Sept. 21 at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and Sept. 30 at the University of Houston. A third debate on domestic and foreign policy issues is scheduled on Oct. 16 before a live television studio audience in San Antonio.

O'Rourke is a three-term congressman from El Paso who's giving up his seat to challenge Cruz. The Republican was first elected to the Senate in 2012.

Texas hasn't elected a Democrat to statewide office since 1994, but O'Rourke's campaign has attracted considerable attention nationally.



"A SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS" ROMANS 6:15-23

Paul's Exhortation to the Believers to be Servants to Righteousness – Not Slaves to Sin

In this most sublime epistle of Romans, the grand Apostle Paul has argued vehemently that both the Jews and Gentiles were guilty before God (Romans 3:23); and because of their condemned position, the only way they could achieve a righteous standing before God is through justification by faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1). In Romans chapters 6-8, Paul will discuss the subject of sanctification with reference to the believer knowing that he can live victoriously over the reigning power of sin. As you recall, Paul began this sanctification section by raising a question in verse 1, when he said: "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" He answered that question in verse 2 by saying — "God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" All believers must understand that at

conversion, we have been separated from the reigning power of sin! We are no longer slaves to the controlling mastery of sin!

Paul begins this section (Romans 6:15-23) by raising another question in verse 15 by saying- "What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." Paul answers that question by saying — "By no means! (God forbid). The child of God must understand that being under God's grace is not a license to sin. We cannot misuse God's grace to engage in evil acts. Furthermore, in verse 16, Paul stated that the believer should know that there is no middle ground between being a slave to sin and servant to obedience to God. The child of God must understand that either he is a slave to sin or a servant to righteousness. To put it plainly — "we are servants or slaves to

something or somebody!" The one who is our master is the one whom we obey!

Having made that statement, I would like to raise this question — "Is Christ the total Master of your life? Our Christian lives will be so much better when we are obeying Him! Excited about the intervention of God's grace, Paul exclaimed with praise that these believers had once been slaves to sin, but have now obeyed the truth of the Gospel and now have been liberated from sin's power (v. 17-18). Recalling the believers' pre-salvation state, Paul stated that they had offered their bodies to impurity and to an excessive degree of wickedness, continually to be enslaved to wickedness. On the other hand, Paul now advises them to a life of being enslaved to righteousness that leads to holiness (v. 19).

In the past, being servants of sin, the

pre-salvation state of the believers was that they were "free from righteousness (v. 20) and that their lives were fruitless and shameful (v. 21). The only fruit of their former lives was shame! However in verses 22-23, the believers' salvation has resulted in a life of holiness and the gift of salvation. Because of the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, a believer will never experience being separated from God throughout eternity; however, every unbeliever will be separated from God and will suffer consciously in hell forever (Luke 16:24-25). Hell will be the place they will occupy because of their refusal to accept God's only remedy for sin — Jesus Christ (Romans 5:8; 6:23; 10:9).

May God Bless!

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Annie Chaney was honored by the Dallas Association of School Librarians on June 6, 2018. She began her career in the library when she was an undergraduate student at Prairie View A&M University (formerly Prairie View College). In 1970, she was hired to work in the learning resource center at El Centro College. She worked in circulation, reference, distance learning and assisted students working for an associate degree in library science.



In 1977, Annie began a lifelong career as a librarian with the Dallas Independent School District at the Business and Management Center. In 1995, she transitioned to South Oak Cliff High School and remained until her retirement on June 6, 2018. During her career as a library media specialist, she invited authors, speakers in career fields, and community leaders to enlighten the faculty, student body, library club members at BMC and SOC and she also worked with Big D Read.

Annie graduated from Prairie View A&M and Texas A&M Universities with a degree in library science and a master's degree in library media technology. During her tenure as a librarian, she was very passionate about her duties as a steward of knowledge and loved her position as a librarian.

Annie is the mother of one daughter, Renita who is a graduate of Texas A&M/East Texas State University with a political science degree and a minor in sociology. She is also an active member of Good Street Baptist Church of Dallas where Reverend Eddie L. Jenkins is the pastor.

Emmys 2018: Diverse Nominees, But Few Wins For African-Americans

By LYNN ELBER, AP Television Writer

(AP) — Amazon's "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" became the first streaming series to win top Emmy comedy honors and HBO's "Game of Thrones" recaptured the best drama series award Monday at a ceremony that largely slighted its most ethnically diverse field of nominees ever.

"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," Amazon's freshman sitcom about an unhappy 1950s homemaker liberated by stand-up comedy, earned best actress honors for star Rachel Brosnahan.

Her castmate Alex Borstein earned the supporting actress trophy and the series creator, Amy Sherman-Palladino, nabbed writing and directing awards.

Claire Foy of "The Crown" and Matthew Rhys of "The Americans" won top drama acting Emmys, their first trophies for the roles and last chance to claim them, with Foy's role as Queen Elizabeth II going to another actress and Rhys' show wrapped.

The field bested by Foy included last year's winner Elisabeth Moss for "The Handmaid's Tale" and Sandra Oh of "Killing Eve," who would have been the first actor of Asian descent to get a top drama award.

"This wasn't supposed to happen," said a startled Foy.

"Game of Thrones," which sat out last year's Emmys because of scheduling, won



despite competition from defending champ "The Handmaid's Tale."

"Thank you for letting us take care of your people," "Game of Thrones" producer D.B. Weiss said to George R.R. Martin, whose novels fuel the drama.

In a ceremony that started out congratulating TV academy voters for the most ethnically diverse field of nominees ever, the early awards all went to whites.

"Let's get it trending: #EmmysSoWhite," presenter James Corden joked at the midway point, riffing off an earlier tribute to Betty White.

"I want to say six awards, all white winners, and nobody has thanked Jesus yet," co-host Michael Che

said, referring back to his earlier joke that only African-American and Republican winners do.

Then Regina King broke the string, with a best actress trophy in a limited series or movie for "Seven Seconds," which tracks the fallout from a white police officer's traffic accident involving a black teenager.

She was followed by Darren Criss, who won the lead acting award for the miniseries "The Assassination of Gianni Versace" and who is of Filipino descent.

Thandie Newton won best supporting drama actress for "Westworld," and Peter Dinklage added a third trophy to his collection for "Game of Thrones."