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EBONEY SPEARS

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

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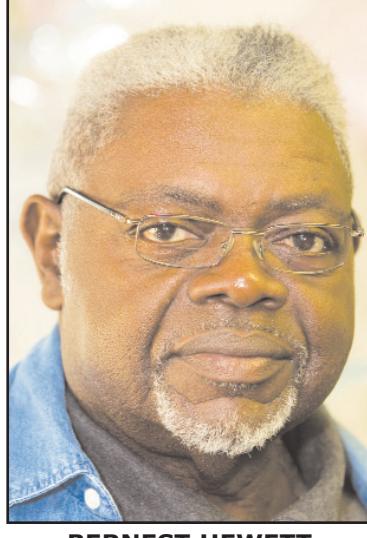
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**BRUNSWICK
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**PROFESSIONAL
TREATMENT
NEEDED**
BY BERNEAST HEWETT

Who is he? What is he to you? Is he your son or husband, may be your nephew? It's time to get serious about his health. I was asked why didn't I write about Blacks and their health issues in Brunswick County and the counties around this area, prostate cancer and mental issues. These are big problem in the Black community, and we don't get a lot of professional treatment to help combat these problems. It has come to the attention of our Black community more and more lately. It has been a problem for a long time, but we would

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Legendary singer/songwriter Aretha Franklin sings "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" at the U.S. Capitol during President Barack Obama's inauguration in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2009.

ARETHA FRANKLIN PASSES AT 76

**The 'Queen of Soul' will be
buried August 31 in Detroit**

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE

**SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY
NEWS WIRE**

**FROM
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Aretha Franklin, who died last week, will lie in repose August 28th and 29th at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

The public will be able to view her

body in an open casket each of those days from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. A private funeral for family and friends will be held 10:00 a.m. on August 31 at Greater Grace Temple, a 4,000-member church in Detroit. The funerals for Rosa Parks and Levi Stubbs of the singing group the "Four Tops" were held at Greater Grace.

The undisputed "Queen of Soul,"

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BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Since the death last week of the "undisputed Queen of Soul," Aretha Franklin at the age of 76, the glowing, heartfelt tributes have come from all over the world.

However, here in North Carolina, The Rev. Dr. William Barber, former President of the NCNAACP, and currently President of Repairers of the

Breach, and Co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival," has a special memory of the music icon.

"I will never forget receiving a call from Aretha after I had spoken at the Democratic National Convention [in 2016]," he recalled. "Thinking that it was a joke or prank, I asked, 'Is this really Aretha Franklin?'

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**Dr. Barber
remembers "Sister Aretha"**



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MICHELLE R. HOWARD-VITAL, PH.D.

**An ocean away,
Wilmington
native serves in
U.S. Navy,
lives in Europe,
supports
NATO
mission**

BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST
2ND CLASS BRIAN T. GLUNT,
NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A 2003 North Brunswick High School graduate and Wilmington, North Carolina, native is serving our country in the Navy, living on the coast of Spain, and participating in a critical NATO ballistic missile defense (BMD) mission while assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook.

Petty Officer 1st Class Adozoh Kennedy is a yeoman aboard one of the four advanced warships forward-deployed to Rota, Spain, a small village on the country's southwest coast 65 miles south of the city of Seville.

A Navy yeoman is responsible for taking care of service members evaluations, awards, security clearances and maintaining records and instructions.

Kennedy credits success in the Navy with lessons learned growing up in Wilmington.

"Growing up back home, I learned to be a hard worker and do jobs other people shy away from," said Kennedy.

These four destroyers are forward-deployed in Rota to fulfill the United States' phased commitment to NATO BMD while also carrying out a wide range of missions to support the security of Europe.

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NCNAACP blasts GOP for "threat" to high court

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Calling it "wild west maneuvering," the President of the NCNAACP blasted reports that the Executive Director of the North Carolina Republican Party "...proposed the impeachment of N.C. Supreme Court justices in the event that they agree with some of our challenges..." to the four of the Republican led General Assembly's "ill advised" six constitutional amendments to be placed on ballots this November.

The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President of the NCNAACP, said in a statement that the civil rights group is currently in litigation, having filed suit against the legislature, challenging four of the amendments, "...including a constitutional amendment to require photo voter ID on grounds that they have been proposed by an unconstitutional legislature that came to power through one of the largest scale illegal

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**SPECIAL TO
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Career-long advocate and three-time HBCU President and former professor at UNCW, Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital, passed away Tuesday evening, August 21, 2018, at Duke Regional Hospital near her home in Durham, NC, after a long battle with cancer. One of two memorial service will be held at UNCW. Information is forthcoming.

Biography
Michelle R. Howard-Vital, Ph.D., 1952-2018

Michelle R. Howard-Vital was born and educated in Chicago, Illinois, to Dolores Elizabeth Howard and Robert Howard. She earned her



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rather turn our heads until something happens. Then, most of the time, people of color would be put in jail and not given proper help.

We need to make our people aware of services needed to help our people live a happy and useful life. We must take care of our health to be able to fight for that which is right.

Time is filled with swift transition. Things change so fast. For example, our government is in shambles. We have to be able to move and think on a moment's notice. If your health is bad, you can't fight the battle for justice, nor can we live a righteous life.

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

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NCNAACP

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racially gerrymanders in recent history and that the amendments themselves are so misleading as to deny voters an opportunity to fairly vote on them."

In an August 17, 2018, story published by the Raleigh *News and Observer*, NC Republican Party Executive Director Dallas Woodhouse made his proposal during an event at a Free Enterprise Foundation.

Later that afternoon, Woodhouse issued a statement on Facebook saying in part, "Today I suggested that should the democrats on the NC Supreme Court block citizens from voting on constitutional amendments, a constitutional crisis would be upon us. I believe there will be a very visceral reaction from voters and our activists to having their right to vote on amendments blocked. That reaction could be re-amending the Constitution, censure, additional positions to the court and/or impeachment. I did state this morning (a constitutional fact), that it takes 61 in the house to impeach and 33 to remove in the Senate. Nobody wants that."

Most political observers interpret Woodhouse's remarks to be directed towards the High Court's Democratic majority, which consists of two African-

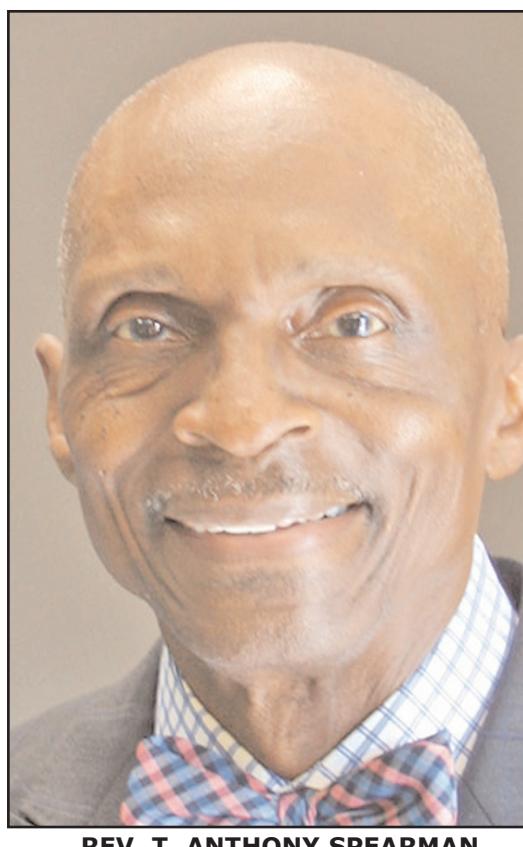
Americans, Associate Justices Michael Morgan and Cheri Beasley.

Wayne Goodwin, Chairman of the NC Democratic Party, was at that same Free Enterprise Foundation event and immediately took Woodhouse to task for his remarks, saying what he proposed was "offensive and wrong and improper."

The Reverend Spearman, of the NCNAACP, agreed.

"This threat of punitive actions against the judiciary by the [Executive Director] of the North Carolina Republican Party is wild west maneuvering that demonstrates this party's continued willingness to go to any lengths to consolidate and maintain political power in this State without regard to the will of the people and represents the erosion of fundamental principles of our democracy," Rev. Spearman said in a terse statement. "To shoot from the hip with a blatant attempt to intimidate a panel of Supreme Court justices is a mockery of justice and overreach of political power."

"The courts serve as an

**REV. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN****DALLAS WOODHOUSE**

independent arbiter of justifiable legal concerns," the NCNAACP president continued.

"That judicial independence, for all people of good will, is morally and constitutionally sacrosanct.

The people must not stand for these intimidation tactics.

"The NC NAACP has stood with integrity for 109 years," Spearman concluded.

"Whatever the outcome, we

will continue to use our well tested methods of litigation, legislation, direct action and political action to resist in power and succeed over adversity."



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OFFICIALS VOW PROBE INTO "SILENT SAM" STATUE DISLODGING

[CHAPEL HILL] Officials

with UNC - Chapel Hill, and the UNC System Board of Governors say they will investigate how demonstrators Monday night were able to yank down the confederate statue of "Silent Sam" from its pedestal, especially while the structure was being guarded. Protesters had long decried what they called a symbol of white supremacy on the UNC campus, and had repeatedly demanded of the school to remove it, to no avail. Many UNC students say they are glad to see Silent Sam gone, adding that it should not have been erected in the first place.

GOP MAPMAKER RESPONSIBLE FOR RACIAL GERRYMANDERING, DIES

[RALEIGH] Tom Hofeller, the Republican redistricting maker responsible for the racially gerrymandered voting maps in 2011 that were ultimately ruled unconstitutional by the US Supreme Court, has died. He was 75.

Hofeller's maps helped NC Republicans maintain their majority in the state legislature, as well as their NC congressional majority.

DR. BARBER

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"She asked, 'Is this really Rev. Barber?'

"When I realized that it was her, I shouted like a kid!" Dr. Barber said. "She asked, 'Will you come and preach for a community service that I'm having at my father's church?'

Immediately my answer

was, 'Yes!'

Dr. Barber adds that, from time to time, he had the opportunity to call her and send texts and recorded messages of encouragement and prayer. "Every call began with, 'Is this really Aretha Franklin,' and she'd respond, 'Is this really Rev. Barber?'" "...a playful exchange that occurred as though we had known each other a long time when in actuality, we had

only recently met."

"Our deep prayers and love are with the family as Sister Aretha sings and dances on the rhythms of grace into the glory of God's presence, where she joins the heavenly choir," The Reverend Barber concluded.

Ms. Franklin's funeral will be held August 31 in Detroit, Michigan, the hometown that she loved deeply and from where she would not move,

according to her publicist. A service for family and friends will be held at 10 a.m. that morning at Greater Grace Temple.

Public viewings will be held August 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, Michigan.

Franklin will be entombed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

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whose recordings dominated the charts for 40 years, died August 16 at her home in Detroit from pancreatic cancer. Publicist Gwendolyn Quinn told The Associated Press that Franklin passed away Thursday at 9:50 a.m.

"Franklin's official cause of death was due to advanced pancreatic cancer of the neuroendocrine type," said her oncologist, Dr. Philip Phillips of Karmanos Cancer Institute" in Detroit.

She sang classics "I Say a Little Prayer," "Respect," "Think", "I Never Loved a Man The Way I Loved You", "Do Right Woman" and "Soul Serenade." She won 18 Grammy Awards and in 1987, she was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In 2009, Franklin sang at President Barack Obama's first inauguration.

Her death had been expected. She had canceled concerts and friends and relatives had visited her at home where she was undergoing hospice care. Pancreatic cancer is an aggressive form of cancer

that develops in the tissues of the pancreas. Located in the abdomen behind the lower part of the stomach, the pancreas aids in digestion. Incidences of pancreatic cancer are higher among Blacks compared to Whites, but the cancer is misunderstood because of its high death rates, according to the book "Minorities and Cancer." The Sol Goldman Pancreatic Cancer Research Center at Johns Hopkins Medicine reported the incidence rate for pancreatic cancer among Blacks is 30 percent to 70 percent higher than other racial

groups in America.

Not only is the incidence rate of pancreatic cancer higher among African-Americans, they also have the poorest survival rates because their cancer is often diagnosed at more advanced stages. Cigarette smoking, growing older, diabetes and obesity increase the risk of pancreatic cancer. Some 37.1 percent of Black men and 56.6 percent of Black women are obese, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest public health philanthropy.

Environment for Women in Higher Education (2006); and **"Precollege Bridge Programs: Lessons learned in preparing students to pursue study and careers in the health sciences"** (2007). Dr. Howard-Vital has published numerous articles in electronic journals, as well as a personal blog (her blog site is michelehowardvital.com).

Dr. Howard-Vital has received numerous awards and recognitions for her service in higher education, including: The Women of Distinction Award by the Philadelphia Business Journal (2012); the Women Cultivating Women Award in honor of Mary McLeod Bethune (2010); the Association for Black Women in Higher Education Award for Leadership for founding its Chicago Chapter (2002); being recognized by the University of Chicago as one of its outstanding graduates; and being given the Distinguished Alumni Award, by the University of Illinois for her contributions to education in the areas of scholarship, teaching, service, and administration (2000). The acknowledgements of service she appreciated most were the notices of exemplary achievements, letters, cards, phone calls, and emails of gratitude from former students of the institutions where she worked or taught.

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Memorial services are being planned for Chicago, IL, and Wilmington, NC. To receive notification of dates and locations, email mrhvital@gmail.com.

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undergraduate degree in English Literature and Language and her Masters of Arts in Teaching English from the University of Chicago, and earned her doctorate in Public Policy Analysis from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Dr. Howard-Vital worked for more than 30 years in various leadership roles in higher education in four states-Illinois, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Florida. Starting at the age of 22 as an English instructor and director of College Without Walls at Central YMCA Community College, she proclaimed about her love of education, "I cannot believe they are paying me so much-\$10,000 to have so much fun."

In addition to these positions, Dr. Howard-Vital dedicated herself to higher education in a broad range of positions in, including: Coordinator of the Biomedical Sciences Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Dean of Continuing Education at Harold Washington College, Dean of Continuing Education and Non-Traditional Degree Programs at Chicago State University, Associate Vice President for Academic Programs and Dean of University College at Edinboro University of PA. Dr. Howard-Vital earned tenure twice-once at the community college level and again at The University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where she earned the rank of full professor.

As an Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of North Carolina General Administration, Dr. Howard-Vital verified the capability and credentials of institutions wishing to function in the state. Further, she served as Interim Chancellor at Winston-Salem State University (2006-2007), a member of the State Board of Education for the State of North Carolina (2001-2007), and successfully led two institutions to reaffirmation of accreditation granted by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Unanimously selected by the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to lead the historic Cheyney University into the 21st century, Dr. Howard-Vital started her presidency in 2007 at the Nation's Oldest Historically Black insti-

tution and worked to help transform the lives of many disadvantaged students. In spite of the institution's history of deferred state maintenance and public image of "struggling," Cheyney's 11th and first woman president recognized its past impact and its great potential for underserved communities. Under her leadership, the university's image improved with unprecedented publications and advertising to promote the institution's impressive accomplishments to the public and stakeholders. Moreover, she helped enhance the Keystone Honors Academy program and host public forums with renowned speakers such as Dr. Maya Angelou, Director Spike Lee, Dr. Cornel West, Pulitzer Prize winning novelist Alice Walker, Mrs. Harriet Tubman (Fulbright Scholars), and Scholar Angela Davis, to name a few. These speakers were brought to the campus to engage the students and community in academic dialogue. Former President Bill Clinton also visited the campus (earlier visited by Jimmy Carter) and interacted with students and community leaders.

Securing the support of the Board of Governors, local legislators, and senior staff, Dr. Howard-Vital was able to secure funding for a new, 400-bed student residence hall-the first such new structure at Cheyney University in over 30 years. In addition, funding was secured for a new cutting-edge, LEED-certified science center and planetarium-the first new academic building in about 30 years-and capital developments, such as the reconstruction of the first building on campus into an honors residence and lecture hall, the renovation of the Marian Anderson Music Hall, achieving the distinction of becoming an "All-Steinway school", the addition of a professional-grade graphic arts lab, professionalization of the campus security department, reconstruction of a wastewater treatment plant for the campus and the surrounding community, and many other needed infrastructure up-grades.

Because of her love for students, Dr. Howard-Vital would regularly be seen planting and tending flowerbeds before work and on weekends to enhance students' experience. She would walk the Cheyney University campus and greet students, engage them in conversations, mentor them, host

Cabinet-to-Cabinet sessions with the student government association to understand their concerns and problems. With improvements in student facilities, common areas, and much-needed redecoration or replacement of aging residence halls, student satisfaction improved. Dr. Howard-Vital also initiated the development of a University College program to help retain and increase students' progress towards graduation. After leading the University to a successful reaffirmation of accreditation from the Middle States Association, an adverse change in state system politics, compelled Dr. Howard-Vital to retire from the presidency and return home to North Carolina.

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"The best part about serving in Spain is being able to experience a different culture and see things I wouldn't see otherwise," said Kennedy.

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While serving in the Navy may present many challenges, Kennedy has found many

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According to the NATO website, many countries have, or are trying to develop ballistic missiles. The ability to acquire these capabilities does not necessarily mean there is an immediate intent to attack NATO, but that the alliance has a responsibility to take any possible threat into account as part of its core task of collective defense.

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While serving in the Navy may present many challenges, Kennedy has found many

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Omarosa is not your dog, Trump!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I am no fan of Omarosa Manigault Newman, the mononymous diva who dominates the airwaves whenever she wants to. Her new book, *Unhinged*, which I won't read, is billed as a tell-all on 45's White House and its shenanigans.

In making the rounds, Omierosie (my nickname for her) has played tapes that seem to corroborate at least some of her allegations about 45. More importantly, her tapes are evidence that the game captured the hunter. In other words, Omierosie took a page from 45's book and trusted fewer people than even 45 did!

Now the 45-defense machine, led by Sarah Huckabee Sanders, has gone out of its way to paint her as all kinds of liars. Surprise, surprise. And folks have run to the airwaves to suggest that the People's House on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is inhabited entirely by liars.

If you elect a clown, expect a circus, but this is more than a spectacle now. It is the systematic denigration of Black people and Black women that must be repudiated and rejected. The dehumanization of Black people allowed Whites to enslave us and then justify enslavement. The defeminization of Black women allowed White men to use us sexually, and shielded them, after enslavement, from any consequences. Legally, it was almost impossible, until recently, to convict a white man of raping a Black woman. Recy Taylor's rapists got away with it, and White women stood by them. Omierosie may be an integrity-challenged lowlife (that didn't start with this book), but she is not a dog.

Calling Omarosa a dog is a sly way of 45 trying to call her an *itch, or a female dog. She is, as we all are, a terribly flawed human being. In naming her a dog, as in calling Congresswoman Maxine Waters "low IQ" is casting aspersions on all Black women. The civil rights activist Ruby Sales addressed this on a Facebook post that bears sharing.

Trump called Omarosa a dog. For younger folk, let me break it down. His slander is laden with White Supremacist historical slanders of Black women in a culture of White male rape and a reign of terror. Their assault against Black women extends back to captivity and enslavement in sites of terror in a strange land where we were hostages to the sexual whims of White men. Moreover, these men were also pedophiles who raped young Black girls. To justify their perverse behavior, desires and the colonization and invasion of the lives and body territory of Black girls and women, they slandered us as whores and immoral sexual predators whose sexual appetites know no limits.

So, when you sit quietly and allow Trump - no matter what you think about Omarosa - to call her a dog, you give him a pass to raise up the White smear of us that your older sisters went to the mat placing our lives on the line to end this culture. Omarosa isn't the only former White House aide who has written about the dysfunctional White House. Sean Spicer did the same thing, yet he has not been called a dog. Instead, he was feted in Washington with a book party that actually charged an admission fee!

No shade and no disparagement from the White House. Censure seems only to come when a Black woman is speaking her truth. It is an interesting time to be an African-American woman. On the one hand, during this September month, we see eleven Black women gracing the covers of magazines. Beyoncé is on the cover of Vogue, Rihanna on the cover of British Vogue, Tracy Ellis Ross on the cover of Elle, Zendaya on the cover of Marie Claire. Issa Rae graces the cover of Ebony, actress and comedian Tiffany Haddish is on the cover of Glamour, Lupita Nyong'o is on the cover of *Porte*, and there are others who show up on smaller publications.

In total, writes Joy Sewing, African-American women graced eleven magazine covers in the all-important September issues, the issues that often attract the most advertising and also set trends for the fall and the rest of the year. The Beyoncé cover on Vogue is especially impactful because Beyoncé used her influence and editorial direction to bring a young Black man in as her photographer. It was the first time that an African-American was the cover photographer for *Vogue* magazine in its history.

On the one hand we are being celebrated, and on the other hand, we are being slammed. Commercial sensibilities are out of sync with the bigotry of this president, but can these commercial sensibilities be used to topple 45's bigotry? Beyoncé brought a Black cover photographer to *Vogue Magazine*. Can her Bey-hive bring change to prevailing racist attitudes? Will the women who pick up these magazine covers send a strong message to the woman-hating, genital grabbing President?

Omarosa may be a lot of things, Chump, but she is not your dog, and neither are the rest of us!

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RAINBOW COALITION

Use of the 'N-word' is far from the only measure of racism

Last week, amid the continuing clamor of Trump's chaos presidency, the question of whether

Trump had used the n-word became a media sensation.

Omarosa Manigault Newman, the president's former aide, claims there is a tape of him using the vile racial slur. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee

Sanders said she "can't guarantee" that a tape doesn't exist. Trump tweeted, "I don't have that word in my vocabulary." The press pursued the question as if this would establish for one and for all whether Trump is a racist.

Say what? Using the n-word has become unacceptable in civilized society, but its use is hardly the measure of racism.

In a brilliant article in *The New York Times*, Steven W. Thrasher puts this diversion to rest by arraying the many ways Trump has consistently and openly displayed his racial bias. His list included calling

majority black nations "s—hole countries," slandering immigrants as more likely to commit crimes, slurring Mexicans as rapists, and claiming that the white supremacists in Charlottesville, Va., included "some very fine people."

Thrasher also details Trump's penchant for insulting the intelligence of African-Americans — calling CNN host Don Lemon and basketball star LeBron James dumb, calling U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters a "low IQ person," denigrating Manigault Newman as a "dog."

We can't allow Trump to dumb down racism, limiting

the standard to whether one utters the n-word or not. There is more than enough repeated evidence of Trump's bias that whether he used the word or not won't change the self-evident conclusion.

Worse, Trump's bias is now implanted in the White House. On the stump, he quite purposefully stokes up his audiences with racial slurs, providing powerful permission for his followers to echo his hatreds.

And throughout his admin-

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Omarosa out trumped Trump!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Isn't it a pity that Americans don't even have to ask if there's anything else that can be just as bad as what we already knew? If Trump would throw his own son under the bus, why should we be surprised

about anything else he says or does? What he does with his family is his business, but when he trashes Black people, he has gone too far.

Not many people in the Black community were happy with Omarosa supporting Trump, and we often gagged when she defended him, but no matter what, we never called her names.

Trump doesn't get a pass calling any woman a dog or a crazed, crying lowlife — especially not when he's used her to advance his gross agenda. His comments about her were racist and sexist. Those terms are more descriptive of her names.

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istration, racial bias is expressed in the systematic rollback of programs to enforce equal rights and justice under the law.

Trump has encouraged the police to get "rough" with suspects, and his Justice Department has essentially gutted Obama's initiative to redress systematic bias in America's urban police forces. His judicial appointees are slowly rolling back affirmative action, furthering the perverse argument that affirmative efforts to overcome racial bias are somehow a violation of the Constitution.

From the Department of Education to the Labor Department and the Environmental Protection Agency and across the govern-

ment, civil rights divisions have been weakened, their authority and budgets cut. Conservative justices gutted the Voting Rights Act, and now Trump's Justice Department has weakened efforts to block voting reforms that discriminate against African-Americans, Latinos and the poor.

Republicans who increasingly are becoming the party of Trump are overwhelmingly expressing approval of Trump's "handling" of race. Weakening enforcement of civil rights is immoral. It is also pernicious. When the rights of African-Americans are weakened, the rights of Latinos, of women, of the young and the disabled are also undermined.

Just as the movement for civil rights led to dramatic advances for women, for the young, for the disabled, the

abandonment of civil rights enforcement will be widely felt.

This puts a particular burden on Democrats and so-called independent voters. Unlike the Republican Party, the Democratic Party is a ship made of diverse planks. If blacks are abandoned, the ship will sink. If women are discouraged, the ship will sink. If Latinos are stripped off, the ship will sink. If women, people of color and the young are weakened, working people are weakened. We float or sink together.

Democrats have no choice but to stand strong against the rollback of civil rights and the stoking of racial fears that have become the signature of Trump's presidency.

Some argue that Trump's racism is longstanding, evident early in his career as a developer. Others suggest

that the racial bias is instrumental, reflecting his political judgment that he prospers by dividing the country. The motivation doesn't matter.

What matters is how we respond. My own firm belief is that Trump is wrong. Americans are better than he assumes. We have overcome slavery and segregation and are building a diverse society that is our strength. We care about equal justice and equal rights. We don't want to be torn apart by those who hate or to be driven by our fears rather than our hopes. Whether he used the n-word or not, Trump is spreading poison.

The only question now is whether citizens of conscience will come together to counter it.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

TO BE EQUAL**Remembering Ron Dellums and his radical devotion to people over politics**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"If being an advocate of peace, justice and humanity toward all human beings is radical, then I'm glad to be called radical." — Ron Dellums, American Activist & Politician, (November 24, 1935 – July 30, 2018)

From the outside looking in, my interest in public service may appear preordained. I grew up during the height of the civil rights movement. I was as familiar with the names and achievements of civil rights heroes as sports fans are of their favorite teams

and players. I was raised by activists. My father, Ernest "Dutch" Morial, who served as the first African-American mayor of New Orleans, and my mother, Sybil Morial, an author and unflagging advocate for justice, made sure to teach and instill progressive social values in our home. And then I met Ron Dellums.

I was 13 years old when I first saw Dellums speak at the Bright Hope Baptist Church in Philadelphia. From that day

on, he became a role model to me, and as I am sure many would attest, Dellums became—and will remain—a role model for many up and coming elected officials. He was a larger than life figure—a former Marine who unwaveringly championed peace. Dellums was infamously relentless in his pursuit of justice and was respected by his colleagues and constituents alike for that powerful combination of passion and principles that guided his decades-long advocacy work.

Ronald Vernie Dellums was born in Oakland, California, and like me, he was raised in a family that was no stranger to social justice. His father, Terry Dellums, once worked as a sleeping car porter before he became a longshoreman. His uncle was an organizer for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, a labor organization founded by civil rights activist A. Philip Randolph.

After joining the Marine Corps, and later obtaining his master's in social work, Dellums began working in the Bay Area's poorest neighborhoods, becoming well-versed in the daily and systemic injustices born from racism and neglect. This experience prepared him for a political career that would span four decades. During that time, he would earn a place on President

Richard Nixon's "enemies list," he would play a critical role in the establishment of the Congressional Black Caucus, and he would witness the dismantling of the brutal regime of apartheid in South Africa.

A successful run for a seat on the Berkeley city council set the stage for his next campaign. Dellums was recruited by anti-Vietnam war activists to run for the House of Representatives. It was during this campaign that President Nixon's White House branded Dellums "an out and out radical"—a badge he wore with honor. Presidential animus aside, Dellums won and served in his seat for an uninterrupted 27 years, making history as northern California's first Black congressman. During his 13 consecutive terms, Dellums chaired the House Committee on the District of Columbia and despite being a well-known pacifist, he chaired the Armed Services Committee, becoming the first African-American and anti-war activist to hold the position.

Dellums' campaign against oppression and his fight for racial justice extended to the plight of Black and Brown people abroad. As a leader in the Free South Africa movement, he wrote and sponsored legislation for the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, which called for eco-

nomic sanctions and trade embargoes against the apartheid regime in South Africa. The legislation passed despite a veto from President Ronald Regan, and South Africa repealed its apartheid laws in 1991.

In 1998, Dellums retired from Congress. He ran a lobbying firm after retirement but returned to politics in 2006. The native-born son of Oakland returned to serve as his beloved city's mayor, serving from 2007 to 2011.

Dellums' public service was guided by a simple philosophy. Senator Barbara Lee, who interned for Dellums and later succeeded him after his retirement from Congress, recalled that when it came time to make any decision, "He would say that the only question we should ask when we made decisions about anything is: Is this the right thing to do? Don't ask about political expedience."

Dellums was a fighter. In his autobiography he recalls a day he fought another student for calling him a slur. He took that fighting spirit and his distaste for injustice to the corridors of power in Congress and City Hall and now may he rest in power.

Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.



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**Jeffrey L.
Boney**

Although Blacks make up roughly 13 percent of the overall population in the United States, Black voters remain a powerful voting bloc that can change the trajectory of any election.

Now, it is no secret that Black people overwhelmingly vote for Democratic candidates in nearly every national election, with identical results being shown in local and state elections.

Even in elections where a race is considered to be non-partisan, such as for a Mayor or City Council seat, Black people have historically voted for the candidates that have self-identified or campaigned as a Democrat.

While this has been the norm for decades, Black people have been on the receiving end of neglect and disparate treatment by candidates who win with the overwhelming support of the Black vote.

It is an interesting phenomenon to watch, as Black people are strategically sought after and courted for their vote, with the hope of securing their collective support for specific candidates or certain issues. Black people are typically courted with the same archaic methods to get them registered and to the polls, while providing limited resources for voter outreach and education.

On the surface, African Americans are marketed to as

if their sacred vote means so much, but historically that often changes once their vote is cast.

The way African American voters are treated, it is as if they have become a political piñata.

You know what a "piñata" is right?

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a "piñata" is "a decorated container filled with candies, fruits, and gifts that is hung up at parties or celebrations and hit with a stick by blindfolded persons until it is broken and the things inside fall out."

As it relates to voting, African Americans are often treated like the treats on the inside of a piñata. They don't care how they get Black votes, they just want that vote no matter how Blacks are treated or handled. Blacks are consistently pounded and beat over the head with political messages during campaign season until they give up their precious and valuable vote. Then once that piñata is finally opened, or in this case when the Black votes are finally cast, Black voters are either forgotten or vilified depending on the outcome of the race.

The routine is simple. When the results don't go the way those who courted the Black vote wanted it to go, they blame the Blacks for the results. However, when the outcome is favorable to those who courted the Black vote, they celebrate the results, reap the benefits and then essentially ignore those same loyal, African American voters after the election is over.

Because Black voters overwhelmingly vote for Democratic candidates, it would make sense for the Democratic Party to avoid treating Blacks like piñatas and taking them for granted.

At a recent plenary session at the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Annual Convention in Detroit, Democratic National Committee Chair Tom Perez emphatically stated that the Democratic Party had become notorious for taking African Americans for granted.

"Shame on us for taking African Americans for granted," said Perez. "We can't allow that to happen again and we won't allow that to happen again under my watch. We can't criticize Black voters for not showing up, because it's not on them. It's on the Democratic Party to show up and put our money where our mouth is to better organize in the African American community."

History shows us that beginning with the Civil War era and through the early part of the 20th century, Blacks voted heavily Republican. One key factor for that was the decision for Republican President Abraham Lincoln to push for and pass the Emancipation Proclamation.

After the passage of the Emancipation Proclamation, the Ku Klux Klan began to terrorize Blacks with threats of violence to discourage them from voting, while strongly putting a fear in Blacks to avoid supporting Republican candidates, unless they wanted to be lynched. The Democratic Party, at that time, did not solicit Blacks to be a part of their party, primarily because the majority of the members of their party were White, segregationist politicians who governed Southern states.

Many Blacks who lived in the South were prevented from participating in the political process. It wasn't until 1924 that Blacks were even permitted to attend Democratic conventions in any official capacity

ty.

That changed in 1948, when Harry Truman received roughly 77 percent of the Black vote. It was at the point that many Blacks began to self-identify as Democrats. However, not all Black people were ready to switch so fast. It took a few more years for Blacks to shift to the Democratic Party in the way they have today.

In 1956, Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower got 39 percent of the Black vote and four years later Republican Richard Nixon got 32 percent of the Black vote in 1960. However, once President Lyndon B. Johnson championed the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, while his Republican opponent Senator Barry Goldwater openly opposed it, the almost full migration to the Democratic Party by African Americans had begun.

Johnson received 94 percent of the Black vote that year.

The following year President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 into law and ever since, no Republican presidential candidate has gotten more than 15 percent of the Black vote.

African Americans are more than just a vote. Blacks have sacrificed and contributed mightily to the betterment of our nation, and to our state and local governments. No political party should ever treat the Black community and Black voters like political piñatas. Black people need to receive the same type of support and political respect as all other groups of people in this country. If African Americans aren't respected and are continuously treated like political piñatas, then they might just become galvanized to the point

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**When praying hands mean nothing**

A day or so ago, I saw an image of praying hands in a Sunday School announcement in an evangelical church, and my stomach turned. I realized that praying hands, or images of praying hands, mean nothing anymore in a world where evangelicals have decided to honor the state over God.

For a while, even though I did not buy into the politics of Evangelical Christianity, I appreciated the fact that they had laid out their values and did not/would not equivocate.

They were for prayer in school, appreciated and preached "family values," and believed in doing mission work for the groups of people whom they thought were in need. They were patriotic, were historically anti-Communist, pro-police and law enforcement and were conservative on social issues.

For those reasons, I expected that when the

issues of morality of the current president became known that there would be an outcry of opposition to him from the Evangelicals. The Billy Bush tape where then presidential candidate Trump bragged about grabbing the private parts of women drew little more than a whimper from the Evangelicals. His overt lying has actually been justified by some in the Evangelical community; his alleged sexual encounters with a few women, including porn star Stormy Daniels have drawn criticism by Evangelicals against the media, which reported the story. Evangelicals were silent for the most part after Charlottesville; they seem disinterested in what seems to be a cyber-attack on this country by Russians and are supporting the president's claim that the Mueller investigation is a witch-hunt.

Historically, evangelical white Christians have worshipped a God who is foreign to me. Their God seems to be okay with white supremacy; their God supported segregation, even in church. Their preachers taught that good Christians who supported civil rights and equal rights for black people meant they could lose their salvation. Their God allowed and supported sexism as well as racism.

I have always been aware of the contradictions between the God of evangelical white Christians and the God who has kept oppressed people alive in spite of the great odds this society has put before them, but as I have listened to report after report of the sexual dalliances of evangelical leaders, some with people of the opposite sex and others with people of the same sex. I have lost even a shred of belief in the authenticity of their claims to morality. The current revelations of even more Roman Catholic priests having sexually violated young children, and the reluctance, it seems, of even the beloved pope to come down on them and take the bold move of removing said priests from their parishes has been the nail in the coffin.

I didn't think morality was based on one's sex, one's gender, one's color or one's race. I didn't think the God of the Hebrew scriptures allowed some people to be treated with utmost respect and sanctioned the discrimination and oppression against others. I grew up believing that the Good News was good for everybody; it was the agape love of Jesus the Christ for everyone that made his ministry so powerful. The God I grew up with and was taught about was not and is not the God that is revered by the evangelicals.

I know I am making a generalization by saying "the evangelicals;" there have been some evangelicals of different denominations who have come out swinging against the apparent hypocrisy between stated allegiances to Christianity and behavior which is completely antithetical to the Gospel. But the huge support of this president and the willingness to look past all of the questionable behavior of the president and his staff and cabinet has been staggering. Had any other candidate been as boldly contemptuous of Christian values, there would have been an uproar. For any other candidate, the Billy Bush tape alone would have been enough to inspire evangelical contempt and non-support.

But that is not what we have seen. Rather, we have seen evangelicals come out supporting and defending this man. The evangelical community apparently has no worries about enemies of America being engaged in a cyber-attack in this country and is apparently unconcerned about the danger our democracy is in as this president moves the country toward autocracy. This evangelical community is more concerned with the preservation of the Second Amendment, even as they are largely silent about the attack on the First Amendment by the administration.

Hopefully, America will survive this administration, but if it does, it will not be because the evangelical community fought what appears to be tyranny in favor of making God's "kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven."

The evangelical community has lost my respect. The God of my weary years and silent tears is clearly not the same God to whom they turn for help, guidance and moral direction. If ever there was a time for religious and moral leaders to speak truth to power, it is now. The evangelicals, to the contrary, have turned their heads and are allowing government to be more important than the will of God.

Before this administration, I respected their determination to stick to their values and beliefs, even though I took issue with many, but since this president has come into power, the "holy community" as I refer to them has shown its true colors.

And I, for one, cannot stomach it. The praying hands of evangelicals are a mere image meant to inspire feelings of the power of prayer and the need to pray in order to get to God. These evangelicals pray to a God whom I do not know, and do not want to know. © Susan K Smith

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in 2018. The NNPA is calling on the Democratic Party, the Republican Party and all of their affiliates to invest in voter outreach utilizing Black newspapers across the country and to join the NNPA's efforts to get Blacks registered and to the polls in November.

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New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Featured speaker is Reverend Jessica Stokes, Eastern North Carolina Regional Coordinator for Partners in Health and Wholeness, North Carolina Council of Churches. Her presentation, "Health and Faith: Together we Can Work Towards Abundant Living" will focus on the importance of connecting faith and health, and offer information about free health resources for churches, including an annual opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 mini-grant through the program to fund health projects. Other important state and community issues will be on the agenda, as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch activities and events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

Williston Last Junior Class of 1968 meetings will be held the 4th Saturday of each month at New Hanover County Museum from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Brunswick County

The Town of Belville is now accepting applications from town residents who are interested in an appointment to the Belville Board of Commissioners, to fill two vacancies. One appointee will serve the remainder of a four-year term that began in December of 2015 and one appointee will serve the remainder of a four-year term that began in December of 2017. Applications are available online at www.townofbelville.com under the Town Forms tab or at the Belville Town Hall, located at 63 River Road, Belville, NC. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday. The submission deadline is Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 4:30 pm. For additional information regarding the vacancy, please contact Athina Williams, Town Clerk, at (910)371-2456.

The Town of Sandyfield will hold its Annual Parade and Fun Day Celebration on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 11:00 am. The parade line up will begin at 10:00 am at the intersection of Hoover Road and Bowen-Blanks Drive. The Fun Day will continue at Sandyfield Town Park located at 1811 Woodyard Road, Riegelwood. There will be food, games, bounce houses, water slides, vendors, and more. Please contact the Town of Sandyfield for additional information, (910) 655-9877.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Different things are happening around us

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It was amazing how parents participated in bringing their youngsters to the dining room of Mount Zion Baptist Church. They were seated comfortably with refreshments waiting for the speaker Gina Dean from Raleigh, NC to arrive. A good number of adults were present also.

She was very sincere in getting responses from each child. Her motivation was very strong in singing a song. You have to fight if you wanted to be free. They would repeat these words in each letter

NAAACP. It was enjoyment with plenty of actions. After the song it was time for listening. The National Association of the Advancement of Colored People was organized February 12, 1909. If they named famous black Americans with the correct answers they would receive gifts. The program continued and they had a better understanding of becoming a member of the youth NAACP organization.

Inger Marlow, the advisor, will continue and complete the youth officers. There will be many activities including a large singing group and a trip to Greensboro, NC to participate in a pageant. Their next meeting will be at St. John Missionary Baptist Church on September 17, 2005 at 3 p.m. We want as many people present as possible. There are big issues we must talk about before it's

too late.

It's very important that you keep up to date on the 5th Annual Fall Festival. Many key events will include a variety of activities such as free gospel singing. Many churches in Brunswick County will be participating. The location is 816 Tucker Road. Look for the signs going south after you pass Brunswick Community College. The Festival will last two days October 8th and 9th starting at 9:00 o'clock.

The BCT class of 1948 will have a Dutch treat to celebrate years of lasting friendship at the Golden Corral Restaurant, located at 5059 Southport-Supply Road, Southport, NC on October 8, 2005 at 1:00 o'clock p.m. Make the two affairs enjoyable.

All members of the Class of 1948 will meet at the BEMC building at 11:00 a.m. Your photographs will be

made for the newspaper and Brunswick Community College. They did not forget the two thousand dollar scholarship funds.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

Presiding Elder Emeritus Aaron Moore's hundred birthday celebration

BY BEVERLY FAISON
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On July 17th 2018, The Reverend Aaron Moore celebrated his 100th birthday.

There was a church service held on July 14, 2018 at St. Andrew A.M.E. Zion church to honor this grand occasion. This event was given in his honor by his family, church family and friends. The birthday message was given by none other than The Presiding Elder Alexander L. Jones of the Wilmington District. Elder Moore was greeted by family and friends from near and far to help him celebrate this milestone in life.

Reverend Aaron Moore is the son of the late James Henry Moore and Amelia Nixon Moore. Rev. Moore was born July 17, 1918 in "Old Towne" community of Brunswick County North Carolina. He received his Bachelor of Theology from

the United Christian College in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Later receiving his Master of Arts Degree In Religion from the Newport University in Newport Beach, California. He also attended The University of North Carolina to study the book of St. John.

After graduating from public school he enlisted in the United States Army, where he fought during the World War II era in Europe participating in the Battle of Normandy. He received an honorable discharge in October 1945.

Upon his return to the United States Rev. Moore worked several jobs in Wilmington, North Carolina. After several years of labor, he answered the call to labor for the Lord on August 12, 1952. In 1954 he was ordained a deacon and in 1956 he was ordained an Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

On April 10, 1971 he married Anna Briggs. They have been married for 47 years.

Reverend Moore is the oldest living member that founded Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. He has pastored on the Wilmington District,

Goldsboro District, Clarkton District, Cape Fear Conference, Southwest Rocky Mount District Conference, and Logan Temple A.M.E. Zion Church in San Diego, CA. While in San Diego he was appointed and served as Presiding Elder for five years. In 1988 he was appointed as Pastor of Rehobeth A.M.E. Zion Church. He also served at Walter Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Bolton, North Carolina and St. Andrew A.M.E. Zion Church of Wilmington, North Carolina. In October of 1993 Rev Moore was appointed Presiding Elder of the Clarkton District where he served faithfully with dignity and honor until his retirement.

Rev. Moore has kept the faith and has been involved in many activities throughout his service. He has received many awards and recognition for his services rendered. He has been honored by California Congressmen Bates. He has been the President of the Grand United Order of Salem, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; he has served as the past Master of Free and Accepted Mason,



REVEREND
AARON MOORE

a member of the Senior Citizens Fellowship and a very faithful member of St. Andrew A.M.E. Zion Church but most of all he is a born again member of the body of Jesus Christ.

Reverend Moore is a blessing to his family and all who know him. He is full of wisdom and knowledge. Blessings on top of blessings continue to be showered upon him as he continues his journey to please God realizing that "He Can't Even Walk Without Him Holding His Hand."

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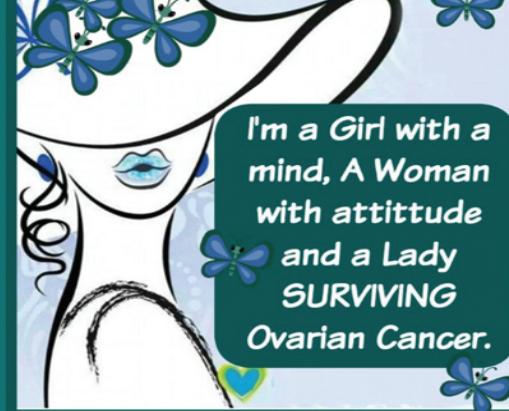
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Three African-Americans claim rare engineering accomplishment

BY STACY M. BROWN
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The National Academy of Engineering has 83 new members this year, including a rare three African-Americans who are scheduled to be inducted in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on September 30.

Lynden A. Archer, a James Friend Family Distinguished Professor of Engineering in the Smith School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; Gary S. May, chancellor of the University of California, Davis; and Gabriel C. Ejebe, the senior project manager for energy trading and markets for Open Access Technology International in Minneapolis; are the three African-American fellows.

"I think African-American participation in engineering is crucial," said Archer, who joined the faculty at Cornell in 2000.

Archer has earned recognition by the academy for "advances in nanoparticle-polymer hybrid materials and in electrochemical energy storage technologies."

A graduate of the University of Southern California where he majored in chemical engineering, Archer holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Stanford University.

"We basically live in an era where engineering and science are essentially at the forefront of both human advancement and creating wealth," Archer said.

"It's crucial to encourage minority and African-American youngsters to train their creativity in this field ... it prepares you for so many things," he said.

Election to the National Academy of Engineering counts among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer.

Academy membership reportedly honors those who have made outstanding contributions to "engineering research, practice, or education,

The academy does not disclose the racial makeup of its membership, but past Journal of Blacks in Higher Education (JBHE) research has shown that Blacks make up about one percent of the members.

According to an analysis of the new membership list by JBHE, it appears that there are three Black engineers among the 83 new members. Two of the three – Archer and May – have current academic affiliations.

The new members bring the total number of U.S. members to 2,293, according to JBHE.

"I am honored to be included in the National Academy of Engineering Class of 2018," said May, the seventh chancellor of UC Davis and one-time dean of the College of Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

"It is gratifying to be recognized for my research in semiconductor manufacturing and for creating programs to encourage underrepresented groups to pursue STEM careers," said May, a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology who earned selection to the academy for



L-R, Gary S. May (Courtesy of Georgia Tech College of Engineering), Gabriel C. Ejebe (Courtesy of National Academy of Engineering), Lynden Archer (center) (Courtesy Cornell University)

his contributions to semiconductor manufacturing research and for innovations in educational programs for underrepresented groups in engineering.

A St. Louis, Missouri, native, May holds a master's degree and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and computer science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Despite his success, he said there's still a glaring need for more individuals of

color in engineering.

"We need more diversity in engineering so that we solve problems that take into account all experiences and perspectives. I encourage young people who are interested in engineering to seek mentors who can help them get on a path that works for them," May said.

"My early experience with the National Society of Black Engineers was invaluable, and I'm still involved with them. All of us can and

should play a role in inspiring people of all ages to find ways to follow their dreams," he said.

The third African American in this year's cohort of new members is Gabriel C. Ejebe, the senior project manager for energy trading and markets for Open Access Technology International in Minneapolis.

Ejebe could not immediately be reached for comment.

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Shayla Alexandria Everett

Shayla Alexandria Everett was born on March 26, 1991, in Wilmington, NC to Lisa Renee Bell and the late Rodney Alexander Everett. She departed this walk of life on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

Shayla was raised under the rules of a loving and caring family and was taught at an early age the value of loving God and family. She graduated in 2008 from John T Hoggard High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. Shayla enjoyed Sims games and loved animals. She loved animals and her favorite meal was a Hardee's two-piece white meat snack. But, despite all of her illnesses and challenges, she always put others first. She would never leave you without giving you a hug and a "I Love You." Shayla was a devoted and loving mother, daughter, sister, and friend who will truly be missed and always loved.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Shaniya Noelle Everett of Wilmington, NC; mother, Lisa Renee Bell (James) of Wilmington, NC; maternal grandmother, Lizzetta Adams of Wilmington, NC; maternal grandfather, Lucious Dickey (Aida) of Valdosta, Georgia; paternal grandfather, Leon Earl Carr of Wilmington, NC; maternal great-grandmother, Catherine "MeMe" Grantham of Wilmington, NC; sisters, Shacoya Nade' Everett, Shalena Lore Everett (Sebri) and

Sharonda Marie Everett, all of Wilmington, NC; one brother, Tyler Leon Everett of Burgaw, NC; aunts, Christina De La Torre (Michael) of Homer, AK., Yolanda Smith (Daniel) of Pensacola, FL., Maria Young (Jodie) of Kissimmee, FL. and Marla Erskin Carr (Daniel) of Las Vegas, NV; uncles, John Dickey (Xenia Dickey) of Valdosta, GA., Leonard Dickey (Marjorie) of Wilmington, NC, Fabia Leon Carr of Wilmington, NC, Larry Harrison (Jamee) of Fayetteville, NC and Gregory Adams of Wilmington, NC; four nephews; one niece, other relatives and many friends, including special friends, Greg Pampell, Kristen McKeithan, Ms. Holly, Helena King and her many friends in her Campbell Street neighborhood.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mack Lester Rowell

Mack Lester Rowell died August 9, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Mack, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend was born in Dillon, South Carolina on September 16, 1940 to the late Monroe and Edna Martin Rowell. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sisters Brenda Rowell, Kim Rowell, Eunice McKoy and Joane Stafford and his brother, Ronald Rowell. He worked in the construction field for over 30 years and retired as a highly valued employee of S&G Prestress Company. Mack was last employed as a supervisor at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He studied the Bible with Jehovah's Witness up until his death. On April 28, 2007 he married Rosa Frink "Rose". She affectionately called him "Old Folk". There were no children from this union.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Rose; six children, Ronald Sr. (Deborah), Claretta, Michael, Calvin Sr. (Valerie), Sylvia (Gerald) and Joyce; four step-children, Andre Moore (Monica), Edward Frink (Pat), Alex Little and Ella Frink; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Leander Rowell (Brenda); three sisters, Edna Mae Skinner, Jacqueline Rowell and Angela Roberts (Feldon); one brother-in-law; 7 sisters-in-law; one aunt, Edith Martin and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Harry Ballard, Sr.

Harry Ballard, Sr. funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at St. Matthew Church. Burial followed in Robinson Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Queen E. Lucas

Queen E. Lucas memorial services will be held 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 24th at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Brenda Ezell

Brenda Ezell funeral services will be 12:00 noon Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Price Cathedral AME Zion Church. Burial in Greenlawn. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

King Troy

King Troy died Sunday, August 19, 2018. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Bettie Keeling

Bettie Keeling died Monday, August 20, 2018. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be

announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ralph J. Johnson

Ralph Johnson, 69, passed away on August 2, 2018. He was the son of the late Lila Marie Johnson and James Richburg, of Horry County South Carolina. Born on July 12, 1949, he was the first of seven children. A celebration of Ralph's life was held on Friday, August 17, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

Ralph attended high school at New Hanover High School of Wilmington, NC. As a student, he had aspirations of becoming a lawyer, was a member of the ROTC program, and played softball.

Ralph was a proud veteran of the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam Era as a respiratory therapist. Ralph served in the US Navy from 1970-1972. While serving, Ralph was noted for several accomplishments to include being recognized as the first Wilmingtonian Hospital Apprentice to receive the Honor Man Designation. After his discharge from the U.S. Navy, Ralph continued his path in the medical field as a respiratory therapist by attending Daytona Beach Community College while working at Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach, FL. He was also recognized as the first Black American Respiratory Therapist at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC.

Ralph was known for his infectious laughs and corny jokes that he would tell and laugh louder than anyone in the room. He never met a stranger and he was never a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law Charles Edmonds; one brother, John Earl McDonald and one sister, Valdorsa Johnson.

Left to cherish his memory are two daughters, Regina (deceased Charles) Miles-Edmonds and Nicole Rawlins; one son, Terrence Campbell; two sisters, Jane (Perry) Lewis and Pearl Batts; two brothers Harry (Cheryl) McDonald and Sylvester (Maggie) McDonald; four grandchildren; one aunt, Dorothy Mae Chauncey and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and other devoted and loving relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Harlee B. Evans, Jr.

Harlee B. Evans, Jr., more commonly known by family and friends as "Barboo", was the third child born to the late Harlee B. Evans Sr. and Katie Nixon Evans on June 14th, 1922. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System until the 10th grade, when he had to leave school to help with family obligations. Harlee later completed his secondary education at Cape Fear Technical Institute in November of 1964, and also took a course in basic blueprint reading where he received a certificate of completion that same month. On February 25, 1950, he was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, the late Margaret Harris Evans at St. Stephen AME Church. They enjoyed 59 years of

wedded bliss. Throughout their married life, they traveled the United States with the Retired Teachers' Association, and you could always find him documenting his travels with a camera, as evidenced by the number of photo albums in his home.

Professionally, he was taught and mentored by his uncle, the late John Nixon, to become a master plasterer. He honed his plastering skills in the homes of the most prestigious Wilmington families, and at one time, he was the only plasterer in the city of Wilmington. He was also a member of the ILA for many decades, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Harlee was always an advocate for education. He was instrumental in providing financial support for family members and others in the community. He knew that without a solid education, our young people would not be successful.

Within the community, he was recognized by Elderhaus because of his generous contributions, and as Man of the Year in 2009, presented by St. Luke AME Zion Church Sons of Varick. Although he had been unable to attend church for many years, he always made it a point to drop his offering by every Sunday morning for his niece, Gloria, to take to church. Often, when asked, "How are you feeling, Uncle Barboo?" his regular reply was, "Like my daddy used to say, I'm fair to middling!"

A humble and independent man, Harlee departed this earthly life on August 14, 2018. He was pre-deceased by sisters, Evangeline Evans Martin, Janie Evans McGee, Catherine Evans Reams and Carrie Evans. We are so grateful that God blessed him to live 96 years. Memories will forever be in the hearts and minds of his brother, John Evans of Washington, DC; his sister,

Ann Ballard of Wilmington, NC; special extended family members, Dr. Eugene Wright, James Harris (Gisele) of Washington, DC, Gaynelle Devaux (John) of Las Vegas, NV, Bertram Harris (Wanda) of Washington, DC, and Emmanuel Harris (Linda) of Hopewell, NY. In addition, many loving nieces and great-nieces, nephews and great-nephews rejoice because of the life he lived and shared with them. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Jessie J. Gore

Jessie James Gore, age 90, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, August 16, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Gore's life was conducted on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

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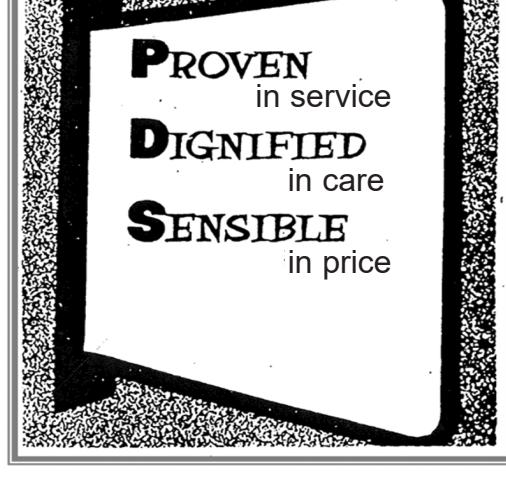
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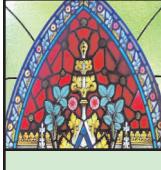
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New Hanover County

Antioch United Holy Church will hold the 20th Pastoral Anniversary and Retirement Celebration/Banquet honoring Elder Henrietta McGlenn on Saturday, August 25th at 5:00 p.m. at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 2711 Princess Place Dr. Tickets \$30.00. Please contact Renetta McGlenn at 910-540-3017 or Dianne Artis at 910-471-1627.

Bowens Chapel Church will hold a musical program at CHAPEL 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Bowens Chapel AME Zion Church, 5826 Carolina Beach Road on the hill across from the zoo; Featuring local gospel choirs, vocalists, and musicians. Everyone welcome.



Religious Briefs

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 South 10th St., will hold revival from Wednesday, August 22nd-Friday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Jerry Ganus will be the revivalist for the week. On Sunday, August 26th during the 10:45 a.m. service the church will celebrate 107th Founder's Day. Bishop Staccato Powell will be the guest minister.

The Southern District Chapter of the Sons of Allen Ministry (AME Church) will hold its 4th Annual Celebration Weekend on August 24th-25th. On Friday, August 24, the annual worship service will be held at St. Phillip AME Church, 815 N. 8th Street, Wilmington, NC. The guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Cesar Richburg, Senior Pastor of Bethel AME Church in Columbia, SC. Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Southern District Men of the Year will be recognized. On Saturday, August 25, the annual banquet will be held at the Brunswick Center at Leland, 121 Town Hall Drive, Leland, NC. The guest speaker will be Bro. Monroe Miller, the newly elected Connectional President of the Sons of Allen. The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Rev Ronald Davis at 910-352-4794 if you need additional information.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church will hold their "First Biking for Christ" celebration on Sunday, September 2nd at 8:00 a.m. Rev. Charles Jacob of First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church of Riegelwood, NC will render service. Fellowship breakfast immediately after worship service followed by a 15/20 mile ride. All bikers are welcome. Everyone is invited.

Pender County

Full Gospel Christian Church of Burgaw, Pastor Javon Hankins will be holding a Back to School community outreach on September 8th at 12 noon. Located at 307 South Vann St, Burgaw. There will be a bounce house, free food, games, and back to school supplies. Inviting everyone to come out and participate. For more information call 910-259-1638.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

The National Black Church Initiative Consumer Division launches nationwide boycott against Hilton and activates an emergency consumer alert on Hilton add-on products

All Hilton clients check your bill

Washington DC - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, launches nationwide boycott against Hilton and all of their brand names. The National Black Church Initiative Consumer Division believes that Hilton intentionally misleads the public when they add on costly items like the internet even when Honors members are promised the internet for free.

About NBCI
The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino Churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, Churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting-edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science-based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltBlackChurch.com.

These kinds of add-ons are usually missed when the guest checks-in. This is why we are launching a nationwide boycott. Our first action against the Hilton corporation was in Washington, DC at the Capital Hilton on 16th and K street. We

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Margie Armstrong at 910-675-9260 or Bernadine Fulton at 910-264-8818 for further information

TELL SOMEBODY

"Eyes on the Prize"

"I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 3:14*

Prize - Something offered as a reward for excellence or superiority. Something worth striving for

Press - To advance eagerly; to go forward

Focus - A center of interest or activity

The Apostle Paul is recorded in biblical history as one of the most fervent and foremost defenders of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He came to the conclusion that in order to gain the victory, he was going to have to stay focused on Christ! He said at one point, "I am set for the defense of the gospel!"

He understood distraction so well that he prioritized the need for focus. His first hand experience in peril and persecution uniquely qualified him to mentor and motivate many of the Servants of the Lord. He warned believers not to be "terrified by your adversaries." For unto you it is given in the behalf of

Christ! He said at one point, "I am set for the defense of the gospel!"

Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

Again I want to paraphrase these verses for clarity:

Isaiah 1:2-7, (ERV) 2 "Heaven and earth, listen! This is what the Lord says: 'I raised my children (Black children) and helped them grow up, but they have turned against me.' A bull (dumb beast) knows its master, and a donkey (domestic animal) knows where its owner feeds it. But Israel (black America) does not know me. My people (Black people) do not understand."

4 Oh, what a sinful nation! Their guilt is like a heavy weight that they must carry. They are evil, destructive children (black children). [a] They left the Lord and insulted the Holy One of Israel (Black America). They turned away and treated him like a stranger.
5 What good will it do to keep punishing you? You will continue to rebel. Your whole head and heart are already sick and aching.
[b] 6 From the bottom of your feet to the top of your head, every part of your body has wounds, cuts, and open sores. You have not taken care of them. Your wounds have not been cleaned and bandaged".

The question should be ask, does black lives matters in the Black community among Black people. To the honest thinker! I will say no it does matter or it look like it does matter because there is no outcry from the Black leadership against black on black homicide within our community. Black lives must first matter in the womb of its mother; if it will have value on the streets of our cities.

Romans 15:4, (KJV) 4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Gal. 6:7, (KJV) 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked:

for whatsoever a man soweth,

that shall he also reap". (ERV) 7

"If you think you can fool God,

you are only fooling yourselves.

Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;" He told them to "work out your own salvation." He told them to keep their eyes on the prize!

Paul knew that the work of the Lord must not cease, noting that for this reason the workers in Christ were constantly under attack. He admonished them to beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision, but do not focus on them. He reminded them of who they were and why their lives were in jeopardy. He said in Phillipians 3:3, "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." Don't allow trials and tests to stop your worship or to block your praise. "Keep your eyes on the prize!"

Apostle Paul lived the life he preached about. He was genuine and sincere in giving first hand advice. He said "I press" toward the mark." It wasn't easy, but it was worth it! He embraced endurance while continuing to follow Christ Jesus. He pressed. He pursued. He progressed under pressure and despite the odds that were against him, he went forward. His

life was an open book. Yes, he had a past. He was not ashamed to embrace his present, and he knew he had a future! He had many reasons to quit. He had several opportunities to give up. He chose to hang in there because his eyes were not focused on his enemies and his foes. He was not blind to the reality of living for Christ in a hate filled world. He was not deterred by the threat of danger and potential bodily harm. He was human and he did not enjoy being beaten and stoned, but he continued to rejoice in the Lord his God and Christ his Saviour. He knew he had something that the world didn't give him and that the world couldn't take away. His eyes were on the prize!

He was a marked man. He knew he was called by God to preach the gospel. He made his calling and election sure. His steps were ordered by the Lord. He kept the faith, by keeping his focus on the "prize" (promised reward) of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. He had a fixed heart and a made up mind. "But he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." Mark 13:13b

There is a lot going on in

the world today. Don't get caught up in the chaos! Servant of the Lord, don't be distracted by what you see and hear going on all around you. Don't be moved by distractions. In case you have lost focus temporarily, ask God to forgive you, then get back in the race, and do what God has called you to do! When Jesus returns, excuses just won't do.

Keep your eyes on the prize! Tell somebody!!!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, NC. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International.

She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

God's call to the Nation of Israel, depicts his call to Black America!

You will harvest what you plan't.

Matt. 23:24, (KJV) 24 "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel".

Is their hope for Black America? Yes and Amen to the glory of God! Psalms 107:20, (KJV) 20" He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. V. 28 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses".

2 Chronicles 16:9 (KJV) For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

Isaiah 59:1-9, (ERV) "Look, the Lord's power is enough to save you. He can hear you when you ask him for help. 2 It is your sins that separate you from your God. He turns away from you when he sees them. 3 That's because your hands are covered with blood from the people you murdered. You tell lies and say evil things. 4 You can't be trusted, even in court. You lie about each other and depend on false arguments to win your cases. You create pain and produce wickedness. 5 You hatch evil, like eggs from a poisonous snake. Anyone who eats the eggs will die. And if you break one of them open, a poisonous snake will come out. Your lies are like spider webs. 6 They cannot be used for clothes, and you cannot cover yourself with them. 7 Your hands are always busy sinning and hurting others. 8 Your feet run toward evil. You are always ready to kill innocent people. You think of nothing but evil. Everywhere you go you cause trouble and ruin. 8 You don't know how to live in peace. You don't do what is right and fair. You are crooked, and anyone who lives like that will never know true peace. 9 All fairness and goodness is gone. There is only darkness around us, so we must wait for the light. We hope for a bright light, but all we have is darkness".

Deu. 30:10-16, (KJV) 10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and

his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. 11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? 14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. 15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; 16 In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it".

Vs. 19-20, 19 "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: 20 That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them".

Martin Luther King Jr. "Cowardice asks the question - is it safe? Expediency asks the question - is it politic? Vanity asks the question - is it popular? But conscience asks the question - is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular; but one must take it because it is right.

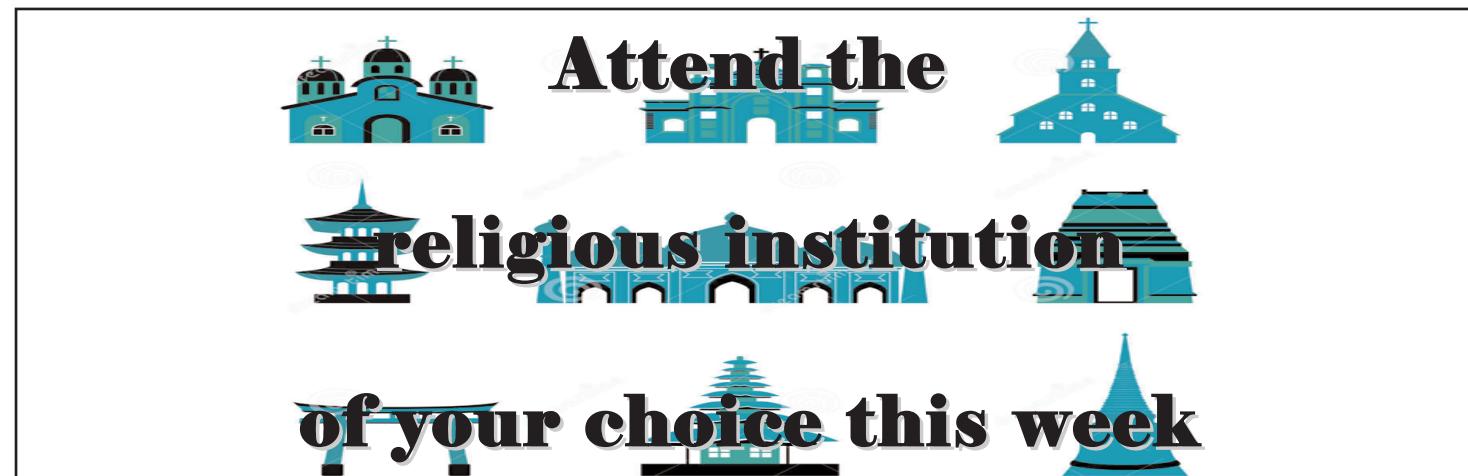
We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there "is" such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and

positive action. So I have tried to make it clear that it is wrong to use immoral means to attain moral ends. But now I must affirm that it is just as wrong, or even more so, to use moral means to preserve immoral ends

Any religion that professes to be concerned about the souls of men and is not concerned about the slums that damn them, the economic conditions that strangle them and the social conditions that cripple them is a spiritually moribund religion awaiting burial. If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. God is not interested merely in the freedom of black men, and brown men, and yellow men; God is interested in the freedom of the whole human race.

So often the contemporary church is a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. So often it is an arch defender of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is soothed by the church's silent - and often even vocal - sanction of things as they are. Violence never really deals with the basic evil of the situation. Violence may murder the dishonest man, but it doesn't murder dishonesty. Violence may go to the point of murdering the hater, but it doesn't murder hate. It may increase hate. It is always a descending spiral leading nowhere. This is the ultimate weakness of violence: It multiplies evil and violence in the universe. It doesn't solve any problems".

Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.



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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **William J. Bordeaux**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of July, 2018

Marsha Corbett, Administrator
4804 Otis Drive
Leland, NC 28451

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Thomas Lee Shepard, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of July, 2018

Teresa L. Shepard, Executrix
908 N. Madison Avenue
Goldsboro, NC 27530

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Lorena Breeze McBroom**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of July, 2018

Randy E. McBroom, Executor
1218 Dotson Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **George Lafayette Barger, Sr. AKA George L. Barger**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of August, 2018

Peggy Smith Barger, Executrix
3808 Mayfield Court
Wilmington, NC 28412

August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES EVERETTE MCADAMS

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **James Everett McAdams**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **November 16, 2018**, or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, the 9th day of August, 2018.

Donna Brooks McAdams
Personal Representative
C/o Law Office of Jason Vaughn, PLLC
By Dawn M. Oxendine, Esq.
Attorney for Personal Representative
4932 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 397-7979
Fax (910) 338-3218

August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **Shelby Jean Pepper**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of August, 2018

Pixie Jesus, Co-Executor
4074 Overview Dr.
Canonsburg, PA 15317
Bobbie Perdue, Co-Executor
4524 Telsa Prk Dr. #102
Wilmington, NC 28412

August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Herman Charles Hossfeld, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of August, 2018

Betty Jean Hall Hossfeld, Executor
c/o Andre C. Brown
PO Box 814
Wilmington, NC 28402

August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JA 125-126

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.N.B. (DOB: 10/11/2005)
B.A.B. (DOB: 03/28/2004)**
**TO: SHELBY ANNE DEESE,
RESPONDENT-MOTHER
STEPHEN ANTHONY BUCK,
RESPONDENT-FATHER**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Adjudication of a Juvenile Petition filed on July 5, 2018, alleging that the above-referenced Juveniles are neglected and dependent Juveniles.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, August 9, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Shelby Anne Deese has been assigned Attorney Alexis Perkins. Attorney Perkins may be contacted at (910) 343-5415, 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401. Stephen Anthony Buck has been assigned Attorney Margaret Jennings. Attorney Jennings may be contacted at (910) 762-0850, 1501 South 3rd St, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATION/ DISPOSITION HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR October 11, 2018, at 9:30 A.M. or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 9th day of August, 2018.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co.
Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615 (phone)
(910) 798-3772 (fax)

August 9, 16, 23, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA COPIER & PRINTER SERVICES AUTHORITY-WIDE

Sealed proposals will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below. Proposals will be opened at the Central Office, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

• Proposal Deadline: Monday, September 17, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

• Download packets: www.wha.net beginning Monday, August 20, 2018 and can be picked up at the address mentioned above between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

• Questions: E-mail to Ms. Chauntrell Burns, cburns@wha.net no later than 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 10th.

The WHA does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

August 23, 30, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 18CVD1041

PRISCILLA LOUISE CRANDLE v. MARKUS A. TEMONEY TO: MARKUS A. TEMONEY, DEFENDANT

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief as follows: Complaint for absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty(40) days after the first date of publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to this Court for the relief sought.

This the 13th day of July, 2018
Priscilla Louise Crandle
153-202 Halyburton Memorial
Pkwy.
Wilmington, NC 28412

August 16, 23, 30, 2018

M E E T I N G N O T I C E

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

The Board is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The Board sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Tracy Manning at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Attorney Emily Jones has been appointed to represent Marcus McCain and she can be contacted at 110 N. 5th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or 910-762-7771.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR September 17, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 2nd day of August, 2018.

Karen F. Richards,
Contract Attorney
New Hanover Co.
Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615 (phone)
(910) 798-3772 (fax)

August 9, 16, 23, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Michele D. DiPiano, having qualified on the 2nd day of August, 2018, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Anne T. Donovan (18-E-735)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at Graves May PLLC, c/o Attorney Kevin T. May, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina 28403, on or before the **9th day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of July, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator of the Estate of Jack Warren, Jr.
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Jack Warren, Jr. (18-E-490)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401, on or before **November 2, 2018** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of August, 2018

Mary Elaine Booth
Executor of the Estate of Jason Daniel Booth
Alley, Register & McCaughen
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Jacqueline Rubinstein (18-E-607), late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401, on or before the **9th day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of August, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator of the Estate of Jacqueline Rubinstein
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **James Lee (18-E-602)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401, on or before the **9th day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

EMPLOYMENT

PPD Development, L.P. seeks a Senior Programmer Analyst (Bioinformatics) in Wilmington, NC to perform advanced bioinformatics programming activities. MS & 3 yrs or BS & 5yrs. Duties can be performed remotely. To apply send resume to global.recruitmentSM@ppdi.com and reference Job ID: 149352

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joyce Brane Montgomery**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of August, 2018

Delores T. Milliken, Executor
305 Spartan Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 23, 30, September 6, 13,
2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
18 CV 000915

CHARRI RAYE DILLEHAY,
PLAINTIFF
v.
CALVIN LEE DILLEHAY
TO: CALVIN LEE DILLEHAY,
DEFENDANT

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief as follows: Complaint for absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty(40) days after the first date of publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to this Court for the relief sought.

This the 23rd day of August, 2018

Charri Raye Dillehay

August 23, 30, September 6,
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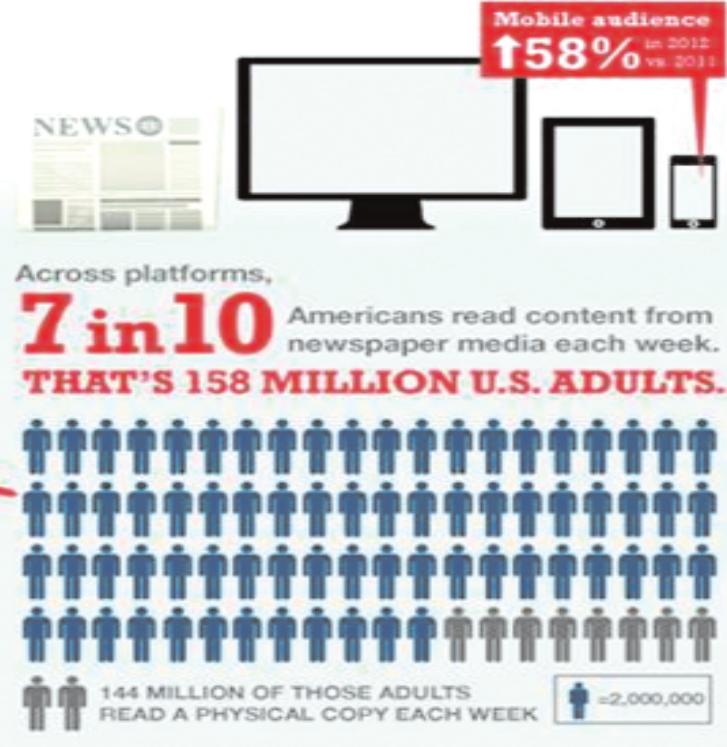
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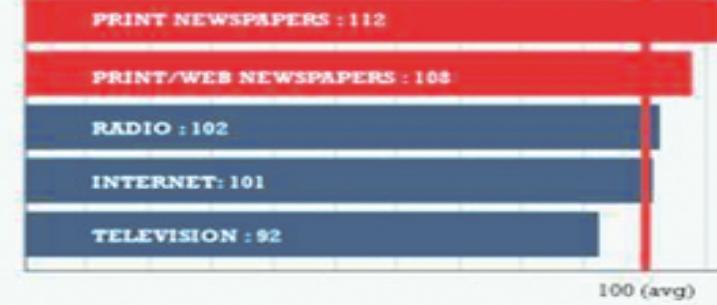
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Newspaper media reach a **HUGE AUDIENCE**

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT INDEX

Not only do newspaper media reach a **HUGE AUDIENCE**, they also reach an **ENGAGED AUDIENCE**

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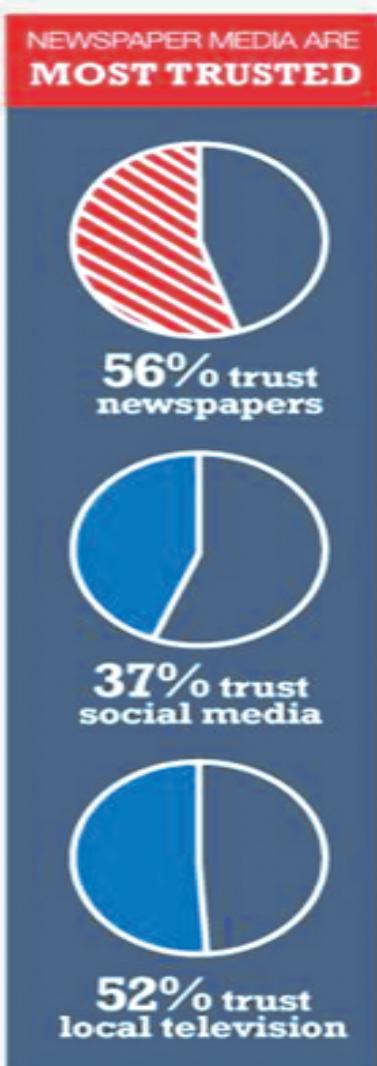
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Newspaper print ads drive the **highest purchase intent—a 35% higher score** than local television, cable television & local music radio.



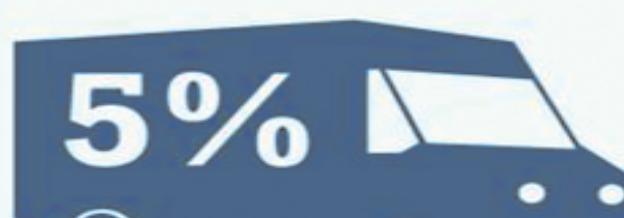
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Sources:

Across Platforms, 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2013)

The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013)

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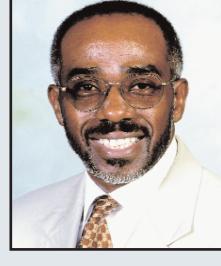
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