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EBONEE SPEARS

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee 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 Ebonee'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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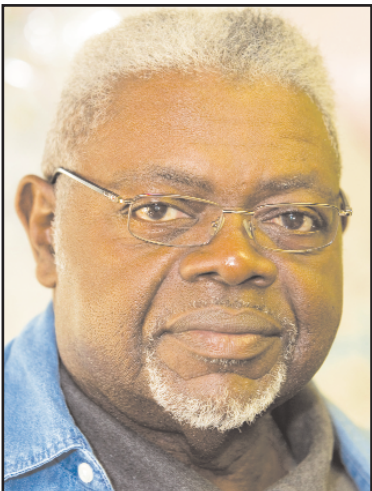


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WORLDLY THINGS HAVE TAKEN OVER

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Through all the times that we are experiencing, I find that there are people who don't take this seriously, people who say it's all political or a Democratic trick, played in an effort to win an election. However, I have some real news for you. God has allowed this COVID-19 to come into our lives and this death of Mr. George Floyd, which started a racial justice uprising at the same time, to get our attention and faith back on track. We have almost quit honoring God as our Saviour and leader. We have let worldly things take over our lives. Leaders who don't believe in God take over the leadership of our country with deceit and deception. We, by the grace of

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Disgraced cops' lawyer: "Tapes will cause violence"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If the tapes of three disgraced White former Wilmington police officers who were heard calling Black demonstrators, Black officers, and even an African-American magistrate the "n" word, are released to the public, there will be violence in the Port City, claimed an attorney for two of them.

That was just one of the arguments used by an attorney for two of the former officers in court Wednesday as the city petitioned to release the racially shocking

patrol car tapes that led to the termination of Officer James Gilmore, Cpl. Jesse Moore and Officer Kevin Piner.

The judge hearing the case has now postponed it until August 27 to allow the attorney for the former officers to gather more evidence for their defense.

N. C. state law requires the court to approve any police video recordings to the public.

Wilmington Police Chief Donny Williams announced their termination on June 24 after a police supervisor discovered the racist conversations during a random audit of patrol tapes. Racial slurs

and talk of a possible Black-White "civil war" wherein Black people would be "slaughtered" were heard, and later documented, in a released transcript.

The City of Wilmington and the police department are seeking to release the actual tapes in an effort of transparency.

However, Attorney Michael McGuinness, who represents Kevin Piner and Jesse Moore, warned Superior Court Judge Josh Willey that doing so would assure harm coming to his clients. McGuinness warned Wednesday that they have already been subjected to threats and have had to move from their

homes to seek safety.

"This recording is the most inflammatory, bad police language that I've heard in 32 years, and, if that is released into the community, we fear that violence already existing in Wilmington - we believe that it is going to continue," McGuinness told the court.

McGuinness then claimed that there was an alleged "...declared war on the police community" in Wilmington.

The police attorney then argued that he needed to call a witness in

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PHOTO: SCREEN SHOT

The casket of Congressman John Lewis is carried by horse and carriage across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.



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U. S. REP. JOHN LEWIS LYING IN STATE AT THE U. S. CAPITOL THIS WEEK

John Lewis crosses Edmund Pettus Bridge for the final time, viewed in U. S. Capitol

BY HAMIL R. HARRIS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - U. S. Rep. John Robert Lewis has crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge for a final time. He made one final trip along Highway 80 from Selma to Montgomery Sunday, where he lay in repose in the Alabama State Capitol. Then, members of Congress received the flag-draped casket of Rep. Lewis at US Capitol Monday afternoon. After tributes from Democratic and Republican leaders, that

was then placed at the top of the East Front of the Capitol for two days of public viewing.

Lewis will always be known as that college student in the buttoned-up trench coat and a backpack who was beaten and bloodied by the Alabama State Police as protesters crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma in 1965.

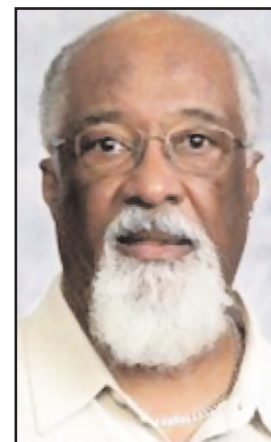
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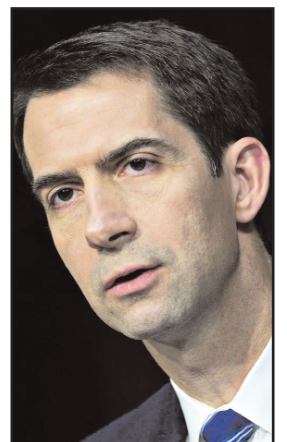
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SEN. COTTON

NC scholars blast Sen. Cotton's slavery "necessary evil" excuse

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Two Black North Carolina scholars criticized U. S. Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) for saying in an interview over the weekend that he agreed with the founders that slavery was a "necessary evil...upon which the union was built."

America should not be seen "as an imperfect and flawed land but as the reatest and noblest country in the history of mankind," Cotton, a right-wing conservative, told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

And if there is any doubt about Sen. Cotton's

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God, need to begin the way back to standing up for that which is right and to love our people (Black, White, Hispanic) whom ever, coming together for a common cause for God and freedom.

We need to voice our opinion in a way that will send the haters a message that will bring about a change to all our lives. We need to vote and vote some more! Together we will stand and overcome all odds! Divided we will surely fall!

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County NAACP.



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defense of his clients and wanted to do so during an

in-person court session. Most court sessions statewide have been relegated to virtual platforms because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wilmington City Attorney Daniel Thurston would hear none of it. He told the court that based on the controversial nature of the police recordings, the city wanted

the case over and the tapes released sooner than later, saying that the citizens of Wilmington "want closure." Chief Williams, officially appointed over a month

ago, says he wants the city to view his department as transparent in releasing the tapes. The court continuance was granted for August 27.

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From early Saturday in his hometown of Troy, Alabama to his final celebration and burial Thursday, July 30, in Atlanta, the Lewis legacy will have sparked moments of racial reconciliation and thoughts among Blacks and Whites across the nation.

The Alabama trek of his final journey began in the Trojan Arena of Troy University and during an hour-long service where his brothers and sisters know Lewis only as "Robert," who loved his family, and they loved him.

As a teen, Lewis couldn't go to the library or attend Troy State because of his color: But on Saturday, people nodded their heads felt emotions as a singer performed Bette Middler's "Wind Beneath My Wings."

In life, Lewis could not check out books as a child after being admitted to Troy State because he was an African-American. In Selma,

on March 7, 1965, an Alabama State Police Officer bashed his head in as he led a match across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

But for two days, Alabama's local, state, and federal leaders talked about Lewis as a son of the country who spent his life beyond Alabama bringing people of all races together, and his home state is better for it.

Alabama US Senator Doug Jones, Martin Luther King III, and Rep. Terry Sewell spoke during the service at Brown Chapel as well as survivors of "Bloody Sunday," told during a service that took place before people got to view Lewis' open casket.

Senator Jones said in the same way that Lewis risked his life in a journey for Freedom, "that ride can't end for us until we make it right" and Rep. Terry Sewell who represents Selma in Congress, said as a child she remembered how Coretta Scott King, Joseph Lowery, Amelia Boyington, and Lewis came back to Brown Chapel and "they sat over

there."

Quoting his father, Martin Luther King III, said men have to ask themselves specific questions when they make decisions, and John Lewis often asked was it is right.

"The ultimate measure was it right," King said. "That's who John Lewis was. He was always doing what was right from his heart. I saw him all of the time touch children. I had the opportunity to lead a delegation to India in 2009. I saw the Congressman there visiting the Gandhi sights because he personified non-violence."

It was "just a few good men and women, the foot soldiers," King III said during his speech. "Dad used to call them the ground crew. Ground crews used to do things you always didn't see, but if it weren't for them, there wouldn't have been any victories."

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Democratic and Republican leaders, that was then placed at the top of the East Front of the Capitol for two days of public viewing.

Rep. Lewis was taken back to Atlanta on Wednesday, July 29, where he will lie in the Rotunda of Georgia State Capitol from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm and from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am Thursday.

The final service for Lewis will take place at 11 am Thursday, July 30, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church Horizon Sanctuary in Atlanta, and Lewis will be buried at South-View Cemetery.

"While John Lewis represented the nation, he was my Congressman," King III said at Brown Chapel. "And so I derived phenomenal inspiration from his example over and over again."

Lewis' hearse arrived at the U.S. Capitol around 1:30 and among the staffers and former staffers were three women."

Sitting out here in the heat can't compare to the sacrifice that Congressman Lewis

made on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, said Choneya Johnson, a policy analyst for Bread for the World, who used to work as a staffer in Congress. "We want to honor the Congressman's legacy get out to vote on Nov.3."

"No matter where he was going he always stopped and talked to the staff," said Andeline Jabbara, who works for Delegate Stacey Plaskett of the U.S. Virgin Island.

Rev. Grainger Browning, pastor of Ebenezer AME Church, offered the invocation during service Lewis in the US Capitol Rotunda.

In an interview after the service at the U.S. Capitol, Browning said "John Lewis exemplifies the non-violent life style that Dr. King possessed more than any other disciple of Dr. King. He was beaten with bats, clubs and chats, but he kept an attitude of forgiveness for his entire life."

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stance, he called the Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times Magazine* "1619 Project" coordinated by UNC-Chapel Hill alumna, Nikole Hannah-Jones, "left-wing propaganda" and "factually, historically flawed."

The much-heralded series examined America's history, starting from when enslaved Africans were first brought to these shores.

Cotton doesn't want the project taught in the nation's public schools, so he is sponsoring the Saving American

History Act of 2020, which, if passed, would "cut federal professional development funds to any school district that teaches a curriculum linked to the 1619 Project," according to the Huffington Post.

On Twitter, Nikole Hannah-Jones wasn't tolerating Cotton's excuse of slavery.

"If chattel slavery - heritable, generational, perma-

nent, race-based slavery where it was legal to rape, torture, and sell human beings for profit - were a "necessary evil," as @TomCottonAR says, it's hard to imagine what cannot be justified if it is a means to an end," she wrote.

Here in North Carolina, Hannah-Jones has supporters at two historically Black universities, Dr. Valerie Ann Johnson, Dean of the School of Arts, Sciences and Humanities at Shaw University; and Irving Joyner, law professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law.

"In response to Sen. Tom Cotton's plan to introduce as law the "Saving American History Act of 2020" is to declare this proposed act to be one of governmental overreach on the federal level," said Dr. Johnson. "It is an attempt to chill academic freedom, one of the hallmarks of American Democracy, in order to espouse a view of American history that is whitewashed and supports White suprema-

cy."

Dr. Johnson continued, "We now benefit from the work of so many scholars bringing to light aspects of American history kept hidden. We are better for the many publications that expand U. S. to include all of its people and their stories. By trying to curtail, through the threat of loss of revenue, the ability of educators to determine from their experience and training what is needed in the classroom, Cotton lays the foundation for fascism. Here again is another hypocritical attempt to impose the views of a few on the American public, despite claiming to do the opposite."

"Tom Cotton seems not to understand a fundamental truth. To quote Shaw alumna, Ms. Ella Baker: "In order to see where we are going, we not only must remember where we have been, but we must understand where we have been." This only happens when we are courageous enough to tell the whole and truthful narrative

of whom and what we are as a nation," concluded Dr. Johnson.

Professor Joyner couldn't agree more.

"It is clear that slavery was a gigantic and sinful exploitation of humanity, and it placed the founders of this country on the barbaric side of history. That "original" exhibition of inhumanity by those who crafted the legal foundation for this country created a system and mentality of racism which have survived the passage of time and is still resident within systems, institutions and the mind-set of today's America. That is crystal clear when you listen to the modern day enslaver class who seek to glorify and reinvent that racist history and mentality."

Joyner, who is also chair of the NC NAACP's Legal Redress Committee, continued, "The United States was born and wrapped up in slavery, and this nation's leaders have endorsed and actively supported this nation's dehumanizing treatment of African Americans

and most other racial minorities. Despite the rebirth and revamping of this nation ethos, which occurred after the Civil War and after the Civil Rights movement, racism continues to guide the philosophy, thinking and interactions of many elected officials and is deeply embedded within this nation's institutions and governing bodies."

"Tom Cotton is just another example of that racially biased mindset who continues efforts to salvage and restore the legacy of this nation's racist founders," Prof. Joyner added. "In response, we need to continue efforts to confront those individuals who hold, express and honor these racist views. A part of that struggle must confront the telling of history and efforts to glorify that racist past along with those who harbor and peddle these racist views. As for Cotton, another elected official with racist views, we must call a "spade a spade" and loudly denounce this latest volley of revisionist racial history."



"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."
 --AN AFRICAN PROVERB



STATE BRIEFS



NO ALCOHOL SALES AFTER 11 P.M. STARTING FRIDAY

[RALEIGH] In an effort to stem the rising tide of COVID-19 cases across the

state, Gov. Roy Cooper Tuesday ordered that starting Friday, alcohol sales will no longer be allowed in restaurants for on-site consumption after 11 p.m.. "People are less socially distant and less sitting at tables and more milling around and more up around the bar," he said. "This is one of the ways that we believe will be effective in driving those

[statewide virus] numbers down if we want to discourage that bar-type scene in a restaurant." All bars in the state remain closed. Restaurants are limited to takeout and operating at half-capacity for dining. Cooper with college students coming back to the state for the new school year, it was important to impose the restriction now.

NEW HANOVER PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD TO ANNOUNCE HIRING OF NEW SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT ON FRIDAY

[WILMINGTON] Apparently the New Hanover County Board of Education has been searching for a new leader for its school system in secret for the past several months. The Board is expected to announce its

selection this Friday. There has been no list of candidates made public.

REP. DAVID LEWIS, VOTER I.D. ARCHITECT, TO RETIRE FROM LEGISLATURE

[RALEIGH] Harnett County Republican Rep. David Lewis, seen as one of the most powerful state lawmakers in the legislature, and the architect of North Carolina's voter I.D.

and redistricting laws as chairman of the House Rules Committee, has announced that he is stepping down after he serves out his current term. Lewis, a Dunn farmer, has been in the legislature since 2003. Lewis will have to be replaced on the ballot for the Nov. election.

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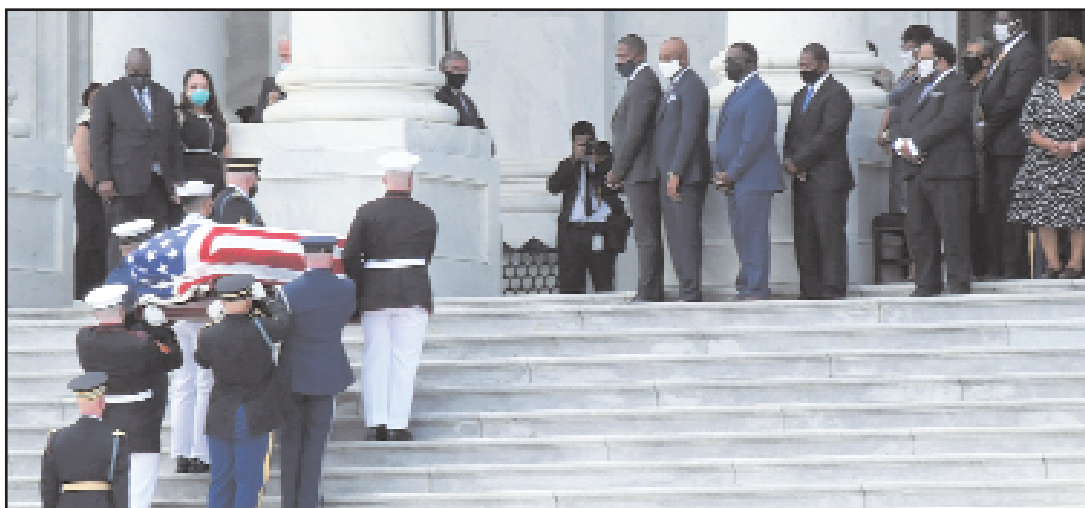


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Military honor guard escorted the flag-draped coffin up the stairs of the U. S. Capitol as his family looks on.



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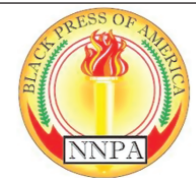
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RAINBOW COALITION

We don't need Trump's thugs in Chicago

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

“Hitler had his Brown shirts and Mussolini had his Black shirts, now Donald Trump has his camouflage shirts.” Thus began a statement signed by 15 distinguished interdenominational religious leaders in Chicago that I joined, including ministers, priests, and rabbis.

Comparisons to Hitler are always explosive, but the comparison is apt. “Hitler’s bullyboys,” the statement continues, “operated on the fringes or outside of the law to violently intimidate Germany’s leftists and finally to exterminate Jews. Trump’s bully boys are operating on the fringes or outside the law to violently intimidate America’s progressives and people of color who are exercising their First Amendment right to protest racial injustice.”

Portland, Oregon, provides the model. Trump dispatched untrained, unidentified, camouflage-wearing, military-uniformed, no name-tagged bullyboys who are literally kidnapping protesters, stuffing them in unidentified vans, taking them to unknown locations without charges — and against the wishes of local law enforcement officers the mayor of Portland and the governor of Oregon.

Trump has announced that he will send similar teams to Chicago, New York, Detroit, Atlanta, Baltimore and other “liberal Democrat-run cities,” to use his phrase. The excuse is to defend federal property. The reality is that this is a cynical re-election ploy. As Portland shows, Trump’s gambit will spark a large, hostile reaction which he hopes to use to scare suburban voters into supporting this law-and-disorder president.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has warned Trump not to try this in Chicago. “[N]o troops, no agents that are coming in outside of our knowledge, notification, and control that are violating people’s constitutional rights.” Lightfoot told CNN’s Jake Tapper on Sunday during an appearance on “State of the Union.” “We can’t just allow anyone to come into Chicago, play police in our streets, in our neighborhoods, when they don’t know the first thing about our city. That’s a recipe for disaster. And that’s what you’re seeing playing out in Portland on a nightly basis.”

We support her resistance — and the opposition expressed by the Pentagon, members of Congress, former U.S. military officials, historians and constitutional scholars — to Trump’s effrontery.

We don’t need the president’s thugs in Chicago, but we would like real federal assistance. While overall crime has decreased compared to last year, violent crime — particularly murders and shootings — has soared.

Chicago has no gun shop and no gun range. The guns come from outside of Chicago, generally across the border from Indiana. We need common sense regulations on guns to stop the pipeline into Chicago. Trump could help because it is Republicans and the gun lobby that stands in the way.

Real federal assistance wouldn’t be dispatching bullyboys to terrorize citizens exercising their First Amendment rights. It would help with jobs and training for the young. It would help with rent and mortgage forgiveness during the pandemic lockdown when people can’t work. If Trump and Senate Republicans don’t act immediately, literally millions will be on the verge of eviction.

We need real investment in our schools, so the savage inequality with suburban schools can be reduced. We need health care to be a right, not a privilege, and at the very least for the federal government to cover all medical expenses related to COVID-19. In a pandemic, we all have a stake in ensuring that the sick can afford to get the treatment they need.

Our sons and daughters volunteer to serve in the military. When Vladimir Putin puts a bounty on the heads of our soldiers, we need Trump to defend them, not to ignore the attack.

Trump scorns real assistance to cities. He scorns meeting with our elected leaders before announcing that he plans to dispatch his thugs to our city. And he disgraces our democracy with this cynical and dangerous campaign ploy.

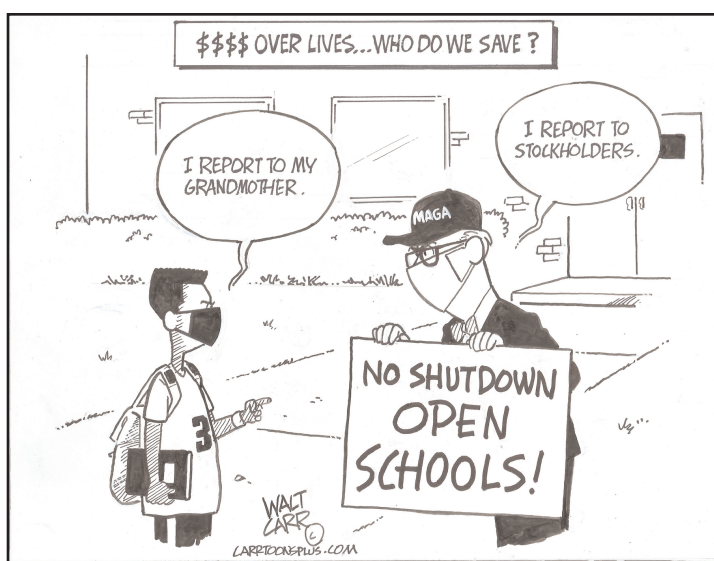
Black Lives Matter Chicago and other organizations are going to court to get an injunction to prohibit Trump’s agents from “interfering in or otherwise policing lawful and peaceful assemblies and protests” in Chicago.

The religious leaders who issued the statement pledged that if Trump dispatched bullyboys to Chicago without the permission of the mayor, they would be met with a “massive, disciplined, nonviolent ... march of resistance.” We will not let the president trample our Constitution, suppress our rights, and terrorize our citizens with impunity.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

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OPEN LETTER TO ALL LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAWMAKERS

Who are the least of these? We all know that 9 out of 10 people with “average intelligence” know what “Black Lives Matter” means but many pretend they do not. If you are tired of explaining the BLM to your friends, family, co-workers, and to be completely honest a few black people, try this. As a teacher, I answer them with a series of questions, deductive reasoning, to help them come up with their own conclusion. If you put 4 people in a lineup, One White, Jewish, Asian, and Black,

which one has always mattered the least yesterday and today in the USA? Who is the last hired but first fired? Which one started out working for less than minimum wages, work the hardest, and may never receive a raise? Who is suspected of stealing any time something is missing? In your school system, who has the lowest percentage teachers, supervisors, administrators, and central office workers? Who makes up only about 25% of the school population, but over 65% of the suspension? Who is sentenced to the most prison time for the smallest non-violent crime? Who is pulled over most by the

police, Scherff and Highway Patrol? Hate is a sin. If you think it was hot today, imagine being in HELL and the world class sinner next to you ask you “what are you in for” (LOL). “It is time for that “change today” that scientists call a metamorphosis and Christians call being born again. Over 2,000 years ago, a white-collar tax collector gave up his top pay, license to steal, position to follow a dirt-poor, but wise, righteous man. He was stepping out on FAITH even though he did not know what faith was at that time. He never attended public school, but his home school education went from pre-kindergarten to

a Doctor’s degree in faith, hope, and love. After that leader of leaders went back home to his Father, Matthew, now a teacher, itinerant preacher, Apostle, and writer wrote a part of the world’s best-selling book about Jesus. In chapter 25 verse 40 (paraphrased) Matthew said, “Whatever you do to the least of these my brother, you do also to me.” In other words, “Black Lives Matter.”

James J. Hankins
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Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Times three

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

From my youth, I can remember many of the elders lamenting that death comes in threes. In fact, when a community suffered the deaths of two elders, most of the others would walk and talk gingerly in wonderment of who would be next. Although rooted in superstition, the idea of Death Times 3 does sometimes seem to be valid, if not in fact, in circumstance. This past week, the occurrence of Death Times 3 seems to be more than mere circumstance with the deaths of Representative John Lewis, the Reverend C.T. Vivian and Mayor Charles Evers — three luminaries of the Civil

Rights Era.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

of history causing all to wonder if this person can ever be replaced. This week, the challenge for the African American Community is to resolve or answer these questions three times.

Throughout my life, I have heard and agreed with the

premise that African Americans are not monolithic in our philosophies and opinions, and that the voice of one person does not represent our entirety. For the past 75 years, WE have been greatly blessed with any number of thinkers and representatives who have expressed our different perspectives with the singular goal of guiding “the race” to parity in the legal, economic and social structures of this nation. Representative Lewis, Reverend Vivian and Mr. Evers are three such persons. Each in his own way has led others toward the achievement of the right of all citizens to equally enjoy the benefits that are Constitutionally guaranteed.

I cannot do justice to a description of the achievements of any one of these men with the limit of words available to me for each of my articles, much less three. To the extent that you may be unfamiliar with them, I encourage you to explore their biographies. With human nature as it is, I am sure one will be able to find much to admire and points with which you may disagree, but no one can argue the past significance of their contributions to “The Struggle” and the influence of their engagement upon the future.

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Embracing youth leadership

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Congressman John Robert Lewis was just 17 when he reached out to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a letter conveying his desire to attend all-white Troy State College (now Troy State University) that was just ten miles from his home. Lewis submitted an application but never heard from the college, and hoped Dr. King would help. Instead, he went to Fisk University. Later, Dr. King reached out to him and invited him to visit Montgomery during spring. That was the beginning of John Lewis’s relationship with King and his 60 plus ms year commitment to the civil rights movement.

Congressman Lewis, who died on July 17, exemplified so many things. Commitment. Resilience. Humility. Goodwill. Good Trouble. He died at 80, and there are photos of him, as a much younger man, marching alongside Dr. King and so many others. One of the things that strikes me about this remarkable man is how young he was when he got involved in the movement. As impressive as John Lewis was, he was one of several very young people who put their lives on the line for civil rights and human rights. There is no wonder that he smiled when he visited Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, DC. That plaza and the protests after the

murder of George Floyd are direct descendants of protests that John Lewis was involved in during the 1950s and 1960s.

Many of the youth of that era boldly challenged the status quo. Consider the Little Rock Nine. They were verbally and physically harassed and, in at least one case, experienced economic consequences. The Nine endured a harrowing year: Ernie Green, the best-known of the Little Rock Nine, was the only African American to graduate from Central High School in 1958. The school was closed the following year, and the Little Rock Nine completed their high school education elsewhere.

Just as it is agonizing to think of John Lewis beaten so severely that his skull was cracked on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965, it is also painful to think of Melba Pattillo one of the Nine who was kicked, beaten and had acid thrown in her face, or Gloria Ray, who was pushed down a flight of stairs. Elizabeth Eckford attempted to walk into Central High School alone, having missed the others because of a communications snafu. She faced an angry and hostile mob and

soldiers who would not allow her to enter the school. Gloria Ray’s mother, Julie Miller Eckford, lost her state job because she would not withdraw her daughter from Central High School. These young people, like John Lewis, had tenacity, commitment, and vision.

Consider Dr. Ron Walters (1938-2010), the distinguished professor who spent most of his career as a political scientist at Howard University. He was president of the NAACP Youth Council in Wichita, Kansas, when he organized a sit-in at Dockum Drug Store in July 1958, just weeks after Ernie Green graduated from Central High School and more than a year before the Greensboro sit-in in 1960. The students who participated in the sit-in ranged in age from 15 to 22. The sit-in lasted three weeks and ended when the store manager said the sit-in was costing too much money.

In 1960, a young Jesse Jackson led a protest at the segregated Greenville, South Carolina library, when he was told he could not check out a book he needed for his undergraduate research. The Greenville Eight, including Jackson, were arrested for disorderly conduct when they visited the library, browsed, and refused to leave. After the arrests, the City Council voted to close both the white and the dilapidated one-room colored library. The libraries

reopened about two months later, available to all citizens. Like Lewis, Jackson has dedicated his life fighting for civil rights and economic justice.

In celebrating John Lewis and his remarkable life, we also honor other young civil rights activists who risked their lives to take a stand. They made a difference in the struggle for justice. And just as we celebrate them, we must also celebrate today’s young activists, those in the Black Lives Matter Movement who have mobilized young people to protest police brutality, the myth of white supremacy, and economic injustice.

As I think of John Lewis, his remarkable courage, and the leadership he offered at every stage of his life, I also reflect on the much-discussed generational conflict in the African American community. This conflict is, in some ways, inevitable. In other ways, it is unnecessary. Black folks of every age want the same thing — social and economic justice. And depending on our age, we approach the struggle differently. Some will put their lives on the line; some will march, others will boycott racist companies and write checks. Some of every age will do nothing. Those of us who are elders must embrace youth leadership

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As leaders representing the interests of thousands of African Americans, these men had an impact that was matched by a rare few. Although their individual approaches differed in many ways, their personal values drove them to self-sacrifice and lives of service to their communities and the nation. Common to them were character traits that enhanced their ability to guide others

and demand results. They were men of Conviction. They identified principles that they consider "right" and worked fervently to achieve that state of "rightness." Each of them understood that certain privileges were universal entitlements granted by God and that those privileges could not be abridged by any human determination or pronouncement. They were men of Humility. Absent from their personas was the display of bravado or arrogance. They

pursued their respective goals with quiet assurance and dedication. They were men of Tenacity and Endurance. Under physical and emotional threat, each of these men persevered with tireless endurance. When others withered and faded, these men could be counted on to continue the fight. Laudatory and critical assessments of these men will continue to be made. Critiques may dispute their effectiveness in the achievement of their stated goals,

but what cannot be disputed is the empty space they leave. Their immediate presence will be missed by all who knew them or knew of them. Others will continue to enjoy the benefits of their achievements. Said solemnly, succinctly and with great admiration and respect, they will be missed!

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
The danger of being too smug

Cable news program personalities keep giving poll numbers jouting numbers that put former Vice-President Joe Biden far ahead of the president as we barrel toward the 2020 general elections.

I wish they would stop. And I wish the Biden camp would spend a little more time concentrating their ads and time talking about Trump's policies which have damaged so many people instead of talking so much about how sorry a human being he is.

The people who want to know that already know it and the people who will follow this man no matter what will never change their minds.

I wish, too, I felt confident that the Democrats are reading the tea leaves and anticipating this man's actions if he loses and how they will deal with whatever he does to try to hold onto power. It won't be enough to react to his shenanigans; the Democrats will need to have a plan in place to counterattack the president's continued attack on America.

A man who has no qualms about forming and activating what is in essence a secret police force to attack nonviolent protesters will think nothing of unleashing his supporters on whomever dares to say his time and term are over. As evidenced by his lack of vocal empathy for Americans who have gotten sick or have died because of the coronavirus has not capacity to care about what people feel if he refuses to leave office.

It is deeply troubling to watch this man in action. He seems to be following the paths of dictators past and present. He likes them. He thinks leaders have to "dominate" the people over whom they have control- something that dictators do. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/06/02/despite-mcnamany-pushback-trump-makes-it-abundantly-clear-what-he-means-by-dominate/) To be strong, says this man who never served in the military, one has to dominate people who are out of control - i.e., using their First Amendment rights to protest and assemble. Being perceived as being tough is very important to this president; in his little boy years he must have looked at dictators with awe and yearning, just as many children looked at Westerns and wanted to be the gun-toting good and rough cowboys who always overtook criminals and Native Americans.

His management of the coronavirus pandemic has been abysmal though he says his administration has done a good job. (https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/01/world/meanwhile-in-america-may-1/index.html) He is pushing for children to go back to school in spite of the pandemic raging out of control. And his latest action- sending secret police into Portland, Oregon to attack peaceful protesters, violating their First Amendment rights.

While he calls Black Lives Matter protesters anarchists and says he believes in the rule of law, going so far as to call himself a "war time president," he has said nothing of note about the killing of American soldiers by members of the Taliban allegedly paid by Russia. (https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/01/world/asia/afghanistan-bounty-middleman.html) He has offered little criticism of out of control police, even in light of the murder of George Floyd by a Minnesota police officer, and has indicated that the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have died from coronavirus is something we will just have to live with. (https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2020/07/trumps-coronavirus-plan-americans-learn-to-live-with-it.html)

His actions are despicable to many, so many, say those who refer to polls, that his loss of his bid for reelection to the presidency is an almost sure thing.

But it is a mistake to underestimate him. It is wrong and foolhardy to believe that it is a definite "given" that he will lose; his base of supporters - as we know them - is steady, and it's not clear that there are not many more closet supporters that he knows about, people who absolutely love what he is doing but dare not admit it. His openly racist reach to white voters is hardly subtle. He moved this week to write off a measure passed by the Obama administration that would end segregation in neighborhoods he believes should be white. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-suburbs-biden-housing-suburban-housewives/2020/07/23/2f269980-ccf5-11ea-bc6a-6841b28d9093_story.html) Though many say his racist tactics will not work, America has never shown herself to be very far from her racist foundational beliefs.

And so I wish the news reporters would hold down their almost smug declarations that he will lose in November. They thought he would lose in 2016, too. Perhaps they have forgotten how wrong they were.

Dr. Susan K Smith is nearing completion of a book, "On the Shores of America: Two Nations, Two Gods" and in November, her book, "Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul" will be released by Whitaker House Publishers. To inquire about booking her, contact cassady2euca@icloud.com.

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**WRITE A LETTER
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TO BE EQUAL

"Speak Out for the Heritage of Equality and Justice"

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Although the court did not deny that voter discrimination still exists, it gutted the most powerful tool this nation has ever had to stop discriminatory voting practices from becoming law. Those justices were never beaten or jailed for trying to register to vote. They have no friends who gave their lives for the right to vote. I want to say to them, Come and walk in my shoes." - Congressman John Lewis, reacting to the U.S Supreme Court's Shelby v. Holder decision in 2013

For those of us whose work is focused on racial justice and voting rights, the Supreme Court's 2013 decision in Shelby v. Holder, which gutted the Voting Rights Act felt like a punch to the gut.

For John Lewis, it can only have felt like a knife to the heart.

When Lewis died last week at the age of 80, every tribute mentioned that his skull was fractured by an Alabama state trooper on March 7, 1965, as he led 600 peaceful marchers out of Selma, Alabama, on the way to the state capitol in Montgomery.

By then, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating

Committee, the organization Lewis led, had been working to register Black voters in the south for three years. He called the Selma Campaign "the single event that gave birth to the Voting Rights Act" - landmark legislation that was seven decades in the making.

The Supreme Court's decision in Plessy v. Ferguson in 1896 enshrined the doctrine of "separate but equal" and unleashed the Jim Crow era of legal segregation across the south. But these laws could not survive unless Black people were prohibited from voting and electing anti-segregation lawmakers. It was the decision Williams v. Mississippi in 1898 that allowed the disenfranchisement of Black citizens through poll taxes, literacy tests, and grandfather clauses that exempted white voters from these restrictions.

Even if they could navigate the nearly impossible restrictions, Black people could be fired from their jobs, evicted from their homes, boycotted and denied loans for registering to vote.

The rise of "Citizenship Schools" that helped Black registrants study for the literacy test prompted Alabama officials to Alabama changed the test 4 times in less than two years. In her memoir, Witness to Change, my mother, Sybil Haydel Morial, described the humiliation of Clara, a woman she had tutored: "That mean man was so ugly to me. He told me I wasn't smart enough to vote. I know I had the right identification, I read the

Preamble [to the Constitution] without any mistakes and I passed that citizenship test. My age in years, months and days was right, because you helped me figure it out. Mrs. Morial, will I ever be able to vote?"

But far more than these onerous literacy tests, it was the threat of violence that kept Black people from voting. "If economic pressure proved insufficient, the Ku Klux Klan was ready with violence and mayhem. Cross-burnings. Night riders. Beatings. Rapes. Church bombings. Arson of businesses and homes. Murder and mob lynchings, drive-by shootings and sniper assassinations," according to the Civil Rights Movement Archive.

John Lewis knew he was taking his life in his hands, not just that day on the Edmund Pettis Bridge, but every day he spent working to register Black voters. But, he told an interviewer in 2015, "We didn't have a choice. I think we had been tracked down by what I call the spirit of history, and we couldn't—we couldn't turn back. We had to go forward. We became like trees planted by the rivers of water. We were anchored. And I thought we would die. I first thought we would be arrested and go to jail, but I thought it was a real possibility that some of us would die on that bridge."

John Lewis paid for the Voting Rights Act with his own blood. The Supreme Court made a mockery of his sacrifice when it gutted the Act, saying the country had changed and states no longer needed

federal oversight to protect Black voters from discrimination. States across the nation wasted no time in showing the Court how wrong it was, enacting a torrent of racially-motivated voter suppression laws. Shelby v. Holder, a blatant violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, will live in infamy among the Court's most grievous mistakes, along with Plessy v. Ferguson, Williams v. Mississippi and Dred Scott v. Sandford.

In December, Lewis presided over the House of Representatives as it passed the Voting Rights Advancement Act, to repair the damage of Shelby. The Senate's continued refusal to pass the bill would be an insult to Lewis' memory.

In his words, "We must confront the fact that there are forces in our society that want to reverse that democratic legacy. They do not want to be subject to the will of the people, but prefer a society where the wealthy have a greater say in the future of America than their numbers would dictate. They want to eliminate checks and balances and pave a route to a freewheeling environment for corporations to make money, even at the expense of the least and most vulnerable among us. All we have to do is say no to this tyranny and begin to stand up and speak out for the heritage of equality and justice most Americans believe in."

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

U.S. Postal Service to review stamp honoring Supremes Florence Ballard

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

Supremes legend Mary Wilson is on a crusade that she hopes will end with the United States Postal Service commemorating her late bandmate and close friend Florence Ballard on a Forever Stamp.

"I get so emotional when I speak about Flo," said Wilson, who received a 2020 NNPA Lifetime Achievement Award during the Black Press of America's recently completed virtual convention.

"I've been working hard to get that recognition for her because she deserves it."

Wilson noted that the U.S. Postal Service has done a brilliant job of issuing commemorative postage stamps about iconic pop culture heroes who have helped shape the world.

In the past, there have been U.S. Postage Stamps to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of several music business legends, including Elvis Presley, Sarah Vaughn, Patsy Cline, Jimi Hendrix, Marvin Gaye, and Janis Joplin.

Wilson's quest to get the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp to celebrate Ballard, a founding star of The Supremes, has gained momentum.

"We have received a proposal from the public, and it will be reviewed at our next Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee meeting," Roy Betts, a U.S. Postal Service spokesman, told BlackPressUSA.

The U.S. Postal Service



STAMP HONORING SUPREMES FLORENCE BALLARD

and the members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) have set specific criteria used in determining the eligibility of subjects for commemoration on all U.S. stamps and stationery, Betts added.

Among them are that stamps and stationery would primarily feature American or American-related subjects. The Postal Service will honor extraordinary and enduring contributions to American society, history, culture, or environment.

U.S. stamp programs are planned and developed two to three years in advance and, consideration would occur if suggestions are submitted three or more years in advance of the proposed stamp.

In 2018, the Postal Service began considering proposals for deceased individuals three years following their death.

Officials noted that the stamp program commemorates positive contributions to American life, history, culture, and environment.

Born in Detroit in 1943, Ballard was the eighth of

Jesse and Lurlee Ballard's thirteen children.

Almost from the start, music played an essential part in her life, according to her biography.

Her father was her first teacher, and a young Ballard displayed a keen interest in his music. Jesse Ballard would play particular songs and teach his daughter to sing them.

Those early lessons made a deep impression, and legend has it that Florence Ballard was soon out-singing her father.

Ballard's musical gift was hard to go unnoticed. As she grew older, she found an outlet for her singing in school music classes and choirs.

While in her early teens, Ballard's career was set in motion.

Two of her neighbors, Eddie Kendricks and Paul Williams, sang in a group called the Primes (later to become the Temptations). They introduced her to manager Milton Jenkins, who was so impressed with the 14-year-old's voice that he asked her to perform as a soloist along with the

Primes. After Ballard appeared with the group for a few engagements, Jenkins knew he had found an outstanding talent, her biography read.

Since groups were popular in the late 1950s, Jenkins suggested that Ballard form a sister group to the Primes.

Immediately she asked her friend, Mary Wilson, to be a member of the group. Betty McGlown and Mary's friend, Diana Ross, were also recruited. After gaining their parent's permission, the four teenagers, in the spring of 1959, became officially known as the Primettes. They began rehearsals with Ballard as the lead singer.

McGlown departed just before the group found fame at Motown with the name, The Supremes. Ballard died in 1976 at the age of 31.

"The memories are so vivid," Wilson said. "Florence Ballard was such a wonderful person. It's my sincere hope that we can get the Postal Service to honor her now."

Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent.

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Working families are WINNING: 100% Financing

This week I want to tell you about some of the 100%, No money down loans available for home purchases.

USDA and USDA Direct are programs you can use to buy in rural areas. Most lenders can offer a USDA loan too you, but the USDA Direct can only be gotten directly from the USDA Government office. There are some areas in New Hanover that are considered rural, but few. All of Castle Hayne is USDA, and there are pockets of areas in the Murrayville Road, Carolina Beach Road, Gordan Road areas. Mostly all of Brunswick County is USDA area and same for Pender County, Duplin, Columbus, etc.. The great thing about this

loan is that if a family is low to moderate low, the USDA Direct loan can extend the loan past 33 years and that gives more buying power for those families. I have seen families with only disability income become homeowners because of the USDA Direct program making some allowances to make the payment affordable.

VA loans are 100% financing to Veterans, and available for use for surviving spouses of Veterans. It is also available to certain people that work in

Natural Disasters but never been in the military and other populations of folks that have never been in the military. Google, "who can get a VA loan" and you will be surprised at that list. It's a great program and especially for the ones that served our Country and so deserve everything they are entitled to. With the VA loan, there is no dictation on where you must buy. You can purchase a home anywhere within your approval price range. City HOP program is a program that gives 100% financing with extra perks. Perks like 30-40% of the loan being interest-free and even though it is 100% financing, you can get some EXTRA money to put towards the purchase price

that will decrease your loan amount further and up your purchase price amount. With the HOP loan, you can buy only in the City limits of Wilmington. That is anywhere that is City limits so not just South, North, Eastside, you can use it in Pine Valley, Monkey Junction, Eastwood Road, anywhere that both City and County taxes are paid on a property. There are credit unions such as SECU, Navy Fed, Marine Federal that also have 100% financing, but you do have to be a member of the credit unions. If you are a member of any of these, it will be worth the call to get the details on these loans. Most do not add PMI insurance which is insurance added to the

monthly mortgage payment just in case you default on the loan, and it helps the banks recoup some losses. Not having PMI added to the mortgage payment gives you more of a loan approval amount to use in finding a home. Lastly, there are a couple of banks that will give 100% financing that says you don't have to be a 1st-time homeowner. There is one bank that says you just can't own a home at the time you close on this new home loan. There is another bank that says you can still own a home, and get this new home for 100% as long as the other criteria meet their satisfaction and as long as you are going to use this new home as your primary residence. That one right there is a huge

blessing to many because it is a way to turn their 1st home into a rental and go buy another one without needing a down payment. There are a few more programs out there but this is enough for you to see that if homeownership is a goal, it is obtainable. Yes, you will still need to have some savings for the homebuying process even with 100% financing so do start saving up for that.

Until next week, share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to reach out for a free game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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Is the postal service slowing mail delivery?

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Already frustrated with late, delayed or lost mail?

Residents who depend on the U.S. Postal Service can expect even more frustration.

As first reported by the Associated Press, mail deliveries could be delayed by a day or more under cost-cutting efforts being imposed by the new postmaster general.

"The plan eliminates overtime for hundreds of thousands of postal workers and says employees must adopt a different mindset to ensure the Postal Service's survival during the coronavirus pandemic," The Associated Press reported, citing a confidential memo circulated throughout the postal service.

Late trips will no longer be authorized. If postal distribution centers are running late, "they will keep the mail for the next day," Postal Service leaders wrote in a document.

"One aspect of these changes that may be difficult for employees is that — temporarily — we may see mail left behind or mail on the workroom floor or docks," another document says, the AP reported.

In a livestream interview, Rep. Val Demings (D-Fla.) told BlackPressUSA that Congress had approved new funding for the U.S. Postal Service and hoped to do more.

Congress authorized a \$10 billion loan to the postal service as part of a coronavirus relief package. Still, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin steadfastly has refused to hand over the money until the USPS turns over much of its operations to him.

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"The Week," an online publication, called it "yet another example of how Trump's authoritarian rot is dissolving the American state — and raising the possibility of interference with the 2020 election."

Trump has voiced strong opposition to mail-in voting.

Additionally, many said the slowdown impacts minorities more than anyone else.

"As a small business owner who utilizes USPS to ship many of our products to customers, this will significantly affect us," Calvin Harris, the

founder and managing director of Reveille Trading Company, a coffee importing operation that offers specialty coffee and single-origin by partnering directly with farms around the world.

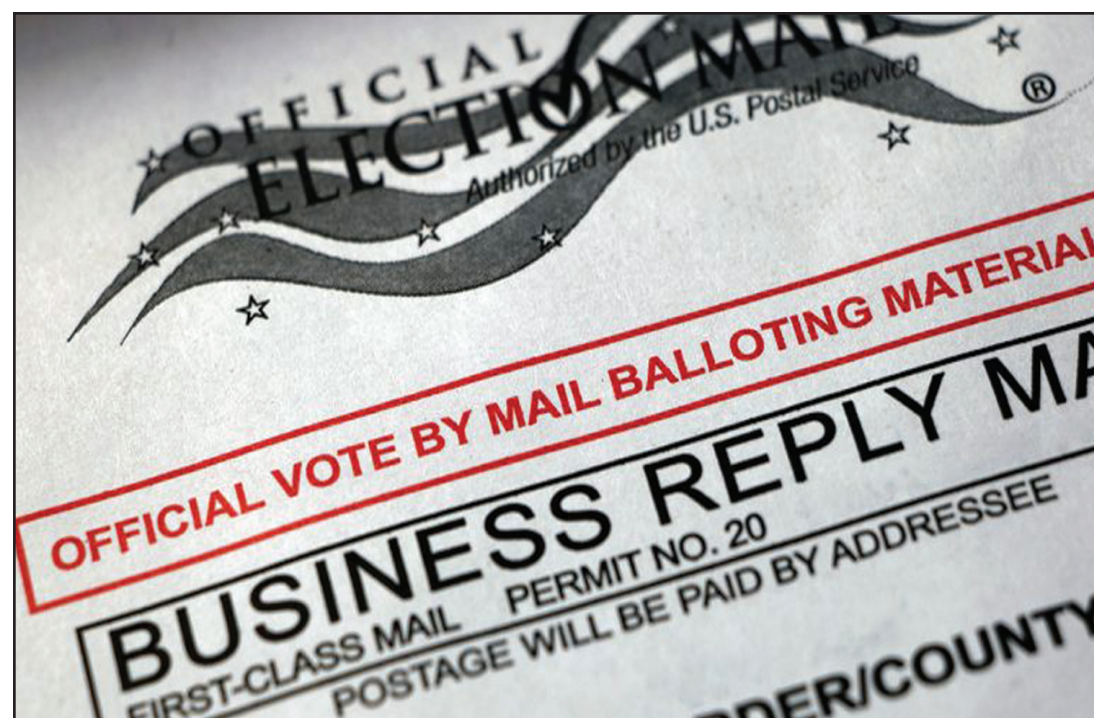
"It is my opinion that it will disproportionately harm minority businesses. Black-owned businesses often have harder times securing financing, and we generally secure financing at higher rates than white-owned companies," Harris opined.

"This means that we run on tighter margins, so many businesses will be forced to either have slower shipping or decrease our already small margins if possible, to offer faster shipping."

Harris added that USPS priority mail had enabled his company to offer free shipping on all orders. He noted that UPS and FedEx are more expensive options and are much slower.

"For many minority businesses, we have to compete with much larger companies, and we need every advantage that we can get. If I can at least offer free shipping, then it's one less customer objection that we have to overcome," Harris said.

Elizabeth Weatherby, who



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works for the integrated marketing development company, Youtech, recanted a recent move across the country from Massachusetts to Arizona.

She said she sent her security deposit overnight via the post office and expected it to arrive long before her week-long journey.

"By the time I had arrived

in Arizona, the check was still not delivered to my housing management company. What's even more strange is that when I called USPS, no matter what number, what office, what location, I could not get through to anyone," Weatherby stated.

"I was waiting on hold forever and couldn't even speak

with a representative. In-person, I had to go to every single post office in my new town to track down my check. I am lucky my housing management still let me move in. I definitely think this could be due to the Trump Administration slowing down the ability to vote by mail."

With 150,000 dead and polls in free fall, Trump seeks a Culture War

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With less than 100 days left until Election Day, President Donald Trump has increased his references to uncertainty around the election results.

Trump responded, "I have to see" after journalist Chris Wallace asked him if he would respect the results of the 2020 election. Trump has disparaged mail-in voting at a time when it looks as if in-person voting may not be possible because of COVID-19.

"If Trump does try to hang on to a presidency he's lost. However, he can't actually do very much all by himself. Running the executive branch requires help. Thankfully, there are laws that stop others from using the authorities of the executive branch on behalf of anyone other than the legitimate president," read an article in the Minneapolis Star

Tribune.

"He's gonna run a racially-tinged campaign unlike anything we have seen before, like George Wallace," said Stuart Stevens of The Lincoln Project on July 26 during a television appearance.

"He's always over promised and under-delivered. That's what he's done his entire life," Stevens added on July 26.

Trump's poll numbers indicate he will have an uphill battle defeating Joe Biden. In 2016, Hillary Clinton lost the electoral college but won the popular vote over Trump by 2.8 million votes. Trump's poll numbers in vital battleground states are in freefall and he continues to ratchet up conflict in the U.S. in what appears to be an attempt to drive bring out Republican base voters.

A Fox News poll from July 23 showed Biden was ahead of Trump in Michigan 49% — 40%, in Pennsylvania 50% to

39% and in Minnesota 51% to 38%. On July 26, with 100 days until the election, President Trump was behind in CNN's polls conducted in Arizona, Florida and Michigan.

In a tumultuous year dominated by a deadly pandemic that has taken the lives of over 150,000 people and created massive job loss and economic uncertainty, Trump is slowly creating an environment of hostility and suspicion around the coming election. States are now grappling with the question of in-person voting vs. mail in ballots. Recent primary day controversies in Georgia and Kentucky have alarmed voting rights advocates.

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Garland Dexter Wilson

Garland Dexter Wilson, son of Walter Wilson Sr. and Bernice Myers Wilson was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on September 15, 1954. His sunset was on July 16, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Wilson's life was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Garland attended and graduated in 1972 from the North Carolina School For The Deaf located in Morganton, North Carolina. Upon his graduation, Garland attended a life skills school located in Charlotte, North Carolina that taught him how to live independently on his own and care for himself, without needing help from others. For the first few years of his life, he worked at Ballentine's Restaurant and later Corbett Timber Company, before eventually having to go on disability due to being born deaf and mute. Garland was raised as a member of First Baptist Missionary Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. He knew and found God at an early age and throughout his life.

Garland was preceded in death by his father, Walter Wilson Sr; his mother, Bernice Myers Wilson; his sisters, Sandra Jenkins, Brenda J. Wilson, and Deirdre Hansley, and his brothers, Walter Wilson Jr. and Cornelius Wilson, all whom we loved and miss so dearly.

Garland was loved by his family and leaves to cherish his memories: his oldest sister, Elsie Clark; his brothers, Warren Wilson (Brenda), Jarvis Wilson, Terry Mallette, and Marvin Wilson; three favorite nieces, Pamela Wilson, Nikita Wilson and Cortney Clark; four nephews, Bryan Wilson (Stacey), Darren Wilson (Lamisha), Corey Jenkins, and Warren Wilson Jr.; three aunts, Francis McCloud, Mary Alice Champagne and Sarah Lewis (Bobby), and a host of other special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whom all mourn his passing. *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.*

Mary Alice Moore

Mary Alice Moore, age 66, of Onslow County (formerly of Wilmington), passed away Monday, July 20, 2020. A celebration of Ms. Moore's

life was held on Saturday, July 25, at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her children, Christine Moore Ross (Jerry) of Beaulaville and Alfred Moore (Shirley) of Durham; grandchildren, Lavelle Moore, Antonio Ross, Alfred Moore, Jayden Moore, Mishayla Moore and Avery Ross; siblings, Charles Pridgen (Annie) of Elizabethtown and Dianne Bryant of Wilmington and a host of other 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.*

Ronald C. Mapson

Ronald C. Mapson, also known as "Ronnie, Carl or Ron," was called to his eternal resting place on July 20, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Mapson's life was conducted on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Meares Cemetery.

Ronnie was born March 13, 1953 to the late Dixie Mapson, Jr. and Gladys B. Mapson of Leland, NC. Ronnie was educated in the Brunswick County school system. He was a member of the graduating class of 1971, Leland High. He was employed with E.I. Dupont for a few years before being injured in a motorcycle accident on April 21, 1973. Carl was always considered to be a free spirit. He lived his life as if each day was his last. After losing his leg due to the motorcycle accident, he never let his disability slow him down. He did just what he wanted to do. Carl accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and joined Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church of Navassa, NC. He faithfully attended Bible Study with his special riding companion, aunt Jackie at Johnson Chapel Church. He rededicated his life to the Lord and was baptized at Bryant Swamp Missionary Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC by Rev. Dr. Thurman Everette on October 5, 2014. Carl was passionate about his arts and crafts. He was forever making macramé hanging baskets and string art. He also had a deep love for music. Carl was preceded in death by two older sisters, Delores G. Chatman, Dorothy V. Thomas "Candie", and his earthly father, Dixie Mapson, Jr.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of

his mother; Gladys B. Mapson; siblings, Linda M. Mosley, Dixie L. Mapson, III (Patricia), Otis A. Mapson (Peggy), Kathy R. Wright (Kenneth Sr.), Cordette F. Dalton and Dana M. Mapson all of Leland; aunts, Nellie Andrews, Jackie Ballard (his special riding companion) and Minnie Brown; uncle, L. Bobby Brown (Ruby); god-mother, Beatrice Kinston; god-children, Damian Jennings and Ronnie Ballard, Jr. and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other 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.*

Keonna Graham

Keonna Tavangela Graham, age 23, of Navassa, passed away Monday, July 20, 2020.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her mother; LaTrinda M. Graham of the home; father, Evangelo R. Bowden of Tar Heel; siblings, Zoey Matthews of the home, Zaonte Bowden of Parkton and Montoia Spraggins of Fayetteville; maternal grandparents, Bernadine Davis (Ernest) of Whiteville and Richard Graham (Wanda) of Riegelwood; paternal grandmother, Lenora Bowden of Tar Heel and a host of other 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.*

Herman Broughton

Herman Broughton, age 85, of Raleigh (formerly of Wilmington) passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2020.

Public viewing will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Graveside services will follow at 11:00 AM at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 1311 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington, NC 28412. *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.*

Yolanda Denise Denham

Yolanda Denise Denham was born on December 19, 1976, to Leroy and Eunice Simmons. Yolanda was the

first born out of four siblings; Erica, Lisa, Joyce and Andre. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Lillian Gram and daughter Ariona Smith. A funeral service was held at 2 PM, Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service.

Yolanda was born and raised in the city of Philadelphia, PA and received her education in the Philadelphia School system. She graduated from Martin Luther King High School and received her High School Diploma. She obtained her Associate Degree from Fortis College in Wilmington, N. C.

Yolanda was known by many as Yoyo. She loved her job and worked for United Health Care Life Insurance Company. She picked up more job opportunities in Urban Illinois, where she once resided. Yolanda moved to Wilmington and began working at Walgreen and continued to work until her passing.

Yolanda received Christ at an early age. She was a Christian and was baptized at Evangelistic Greensboro Church in Greensboro, NC under the leadership of Pastor Lockette.

Yolanda loved arts and crafts and caring for her garden. Her favorite team was the Eagles and the 76'ers. She loved her Afro Centric. Yolanda was a very pleasant and loving person, she had a sweet personality with a bright smile. She opened her doors to anyone who was in need. She loved her children and her cat of whom she adored very much. She was loved and

will be missed by all who knew her.

Yolanda leaves to mourn her passing, her son Mark Smith, and daughter Anora Denham, father Leroy Simmons, mother Eunice Simmons, siblings, Erica, Lisa, Joyce and Andre, granddaughter Haleigh, her grandmother Viola Mines, Godparents Darren and Theresa Sanders, her husband Ralph J. Denham, uncles; Ira R., Charles, Larry, Fee-Fee, Walter, Drake, Davis, Ira D., Marty and Field, aunts; Delores, Theresa, Shiela, Kim, Marie and Sharia, nieces; Chalique and Jaquilla, nephews; Jamaine, Enphanie and Christian and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*



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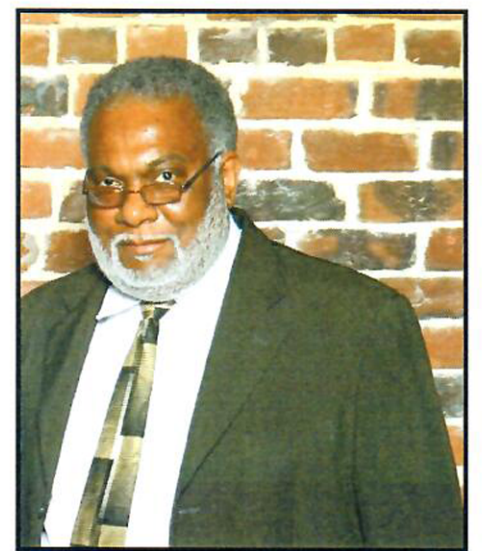
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Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Louise Price Formisano (20-E-418)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 9, 2020** 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 July, 2020.

Lori G. Formisano
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Lofton Merrit Irving**, 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 October, 2020**, 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 July, 2020

Tiffany Irving, Administrator
Po Box 10161
Wilmington, NC 28404

July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of **Robert D. Moore III** (New Hanover County File No. 20 E 613) late of 1107 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 201 N. Front Street Suite 408, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **16th day of October, 2020**, 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.

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20 I N. Front Street Suite 408
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July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Conrad Francis Carrano**, 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 October, 2020**, 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 July, 2020

Carmela Carrano, Administratrix
5630 Old Garden Rd. Apt 104
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2020

**NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Victoria Dewsbury Martenis**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of July, 2020.

Robert W. Martenis, Executor of the Estate of Victoria Dewsbury Martenis
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1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
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July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2020

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carol Lucy Cohen (20-E-681)**, 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 **October 9, 2020** 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 July, 2020.

Ronald Cohen
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Tracy Johnna Williams**, 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 October, 2020**, 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 July, 2020

Valerie D. Williams, Executrix
4006 Live Oak Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27604

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2020

**NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Charles J. Paone**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do 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 October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 23rd day of July, 2020.

M. Jane Paone, Executrix of the Estate of Charles J. Paone
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Sandra W. Cooper**, 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 October, 2020**, 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 July, 2020

Angela Cooper McGuire, Executrix
109 Superior Ct.
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July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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FILE NO. 20 E 0753**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Ollie Marie Teachey Hatcher** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Ollie Marie Teachey Hatcher to present them to the undersigned on or before **October 23, 2020**, that being three (3) months from the first date of publication of this Notice or same shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of July, 2020.

Melanie Hatcher Philip
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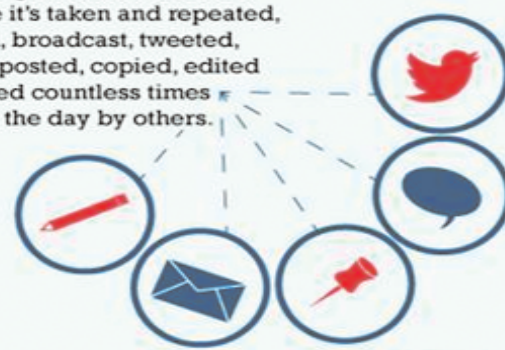
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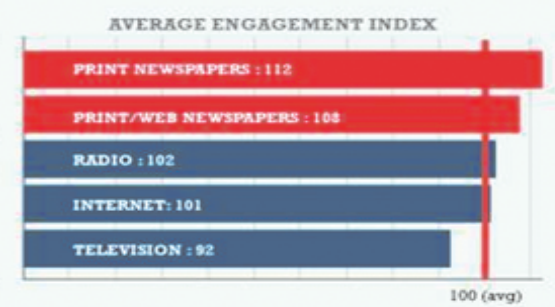
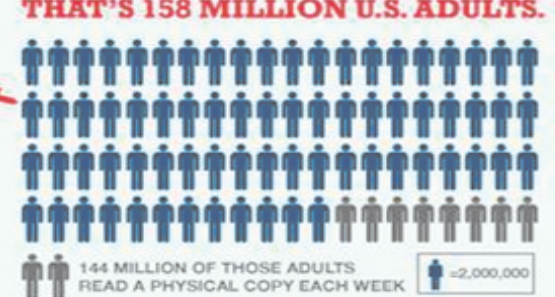


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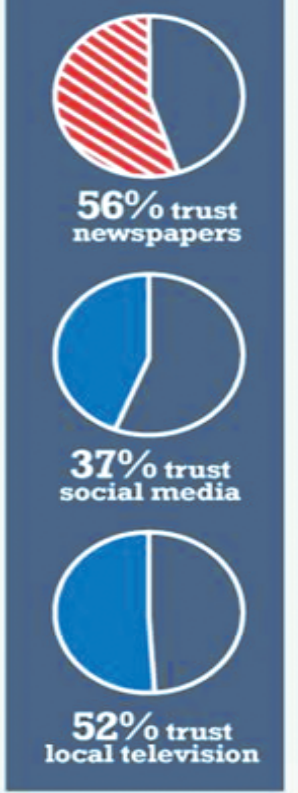
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