

RESPECT FAREWELL TO THE QUEEN OF SOUL



Late Queen of Soul Aretha Louise Franklin

QUEEN OF SOUL **ARETHA FRANKLIN DIES AT 76**

By Stacy Brown, Black Press USA

She will be so missed as a mother, sister, friend, cousin," said longtime friend Roger Friedman, who also covered the Queen of Soul for decades and originally broke the story about her cancer fight on showbiz411.com.

"Her legacy is larger than life," Friedman said. "It's not just that 'Rolling Stone' called her the No. 1 singer of all time, or that she's the Queen of Soul. Long live the Queen."

Franklin passed away at her home on Thursday, August 16.

"The NNPA profoundly mourns the passing of our beloved 'Sister Leader' and Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin," said NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. "Her creative genius was matched by her steadfast courage as a freedomfighting singer and leader for civil rights. Black America and all people of goodwill throughout the world will miss her, but her legacy will never be forgotten."

Dr. Chavis continued: "Long live the spirit and legacy of Queen Aretha Franklin."

Dorothy Leavell, the chairman of the NNPA and publisher of the Crusader newspapers in Chicago and Gary, Ind., said that she was saddened by the loss of the music icon.

and respect for our beloved Queen whose musical genius [shined brightly] and resounded around the world," Leavell said.

The fourth of five children, Aretha Louise Franklin was born on March 25, 1942, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Baptist preacher Reverend Clarence La Vaughan "C.L." Franklin and Barbara Siggers Franklin, a gospel singer, according to her biography.

Franklin's musical gifts became apparent at an early age. Largely self-taught, she was regarded as a child prodigy. A gifted pianist with a powerful voice, Franklin got her start singing in front of her father's congregation.

By the age of 14, she had recorded some of her earliest tracks at his church, which were released by a small label as the album "Songs of Faith" in 1956. She also performed with C.L.'s traveling revival show and, while on tour, befriended gospel greats such as Mahalia Jackson, Sam Cooke and Clara Ward.

Hitting her stride in 1967 and 1968, Franklin churned out a string of hit singles that would become enduring classics, showcasing Franklin's powerful voice and gospel roots in a pop framework.

In 1967, the album "I Never Loved a Man (The Way I Love You)" was released, and the first song on the album, "Respect" an empowered cover of an Otis Martin Luther King Jr. during

"I send a message of sadness Redding track—reached No. 1 on which she paid tribute to her fa-said.



Franklin sings at President Barack Obama's 2009 Inauguration

both the R&B and pop charts and won Aretha her first two Grammy Awards.

She also had Top 10 hits with "Baby I Love You," "Think," "Chain of Fools," "I Say a Little Prayer," "(Sweet Sweet Baby) Since You've Been Gone" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman."

Franklin's chart dominance soon earned her the title Queen of Soul, while at the same time she also became a symbol of Black empowerment during the Civil Rights Movement of the time.

In 1968, Franklin was enlisted to perform at the funeral of Dr.

ther's fallen friend with a heartfelt rendition of "Precious Lord."

Later that year, she was also selected to sing the national anthem to begin the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

In 1987, Franklin became the first female artist to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and was also awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Detroit.

Prior to her passing this week, Stevie Wonder and the Rev. Jesse Jackson were among those who paid a visit to her at her home in Detroit.

"I prayed with her," Jackson

In a statement, former President Barack Obama lauded

Franklin as "The Queen."

"America has no royalty but we do have a chance to earn something more enduring," Obama said. "For more than six decades since, every time she sang, we were all graced with a glimpse of the divine. Through her compositions and unmatched musicianship, Aretha helped define the American experience."

Obama's statement continued: "In her voice, we could feel our history, all of it and in every shade—our power and our pain, our darkness and our light, our quest for redemption and our hard-won respect. She helped us feel more connected to each other, more hopeful, more human."

And, Obama added, sometimes she helped us just forget about everything else and dance.

"Aretha may have passed on to a better place, but the gift of her music remains to inspire us all," Obama said. "May the Queen of Soul rest in eternal peace. Michelle and I send our prayers and warmest sympathies to her family and all those moved by her song."

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NNPA Foundation Chair and Sun-Reporter Publishing Company Publisher Amelia Ashley-Ward said she grew up listening to Franklin.

"My parents and my aunts played Aretha hits every Friday and Saturday night as I was growing up. I grew to love her music and her fight for civil

The queen is truly the greatest singer of all time. I feel as though I've lost a close family member," Ashley-Ward concluded. This article was originally published at BlackPressUSA.com.

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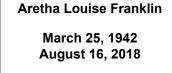


Franklin received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President George W. Bush. It's the highest civilian honor given in the United States.



Franklin won some 18 Grammy Awards







A young Franklin



Franklin in one of her last public performances in 2017

REP. JIM CLYBURN SAYS THE **BLACK PRESS IS ESSENTIAL** TO 2018 MIDTERMS

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

at least a number of Democrats who say they want to replace California Rep. Nancy Pelosi as the Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, South Carolina Rep. Jim Clyburn has emerged as a favorite among his peers to become the first African American to hold that position.

In an exclusive interview with the NNPA Newswire, the 25-year congressman said that, while he's ready for the challenge, Democrats currently have much bigger fish to fry.

"The first order of business is to win the [midterm] elections on November 6," Clyburn said. "That's what I've been concentrating on."

Clyburn and Congressional Black Caucus Chair Cedric Richmond each told the NNPA Newswire that they've identified 37 districts across the country they believe can be won by Democrats this year, which would wrest control of the House from Republicans.

"We feel, with the right kind of effort, we can win," Clyburn said.

Clyburn listed three keys to success this November.

The first key, Clyburn said, is to prioritize the Black vote; Democrats can't afford to take the African American vote for



Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) says that President Trump has a deep-seated hatred for people of color that manifests itself every day. In this photo, ahead of the anniversary of the Affordable Care Act on March 23, 2012, House Democratic leaders held a press conference to highlight the benefits of the Affordable Care Act for America's families and small businesses. (Wikimedia Commons)

granted.

Second, the Democrats shouldn't rely on an anti-President Donald Trump wave to get out the vote. Finally, Clyburn said that candidates must advertise in the Black Press, if they want to win in November.

"We are also talking about districts where Barack Obama won twice and where Hillary Clinton also won, but these voters don't turn out for the so-called 'off-year elections," Clyburn said. "We can't let these voters feel like we're taking them for granted."

Clyburn, 78, said he was recently taken aback by one candidate, who said that he could win the Black vote by running on an anti-Trump platform.

"Wait one second," Clyburn said that he told the individ-

ual. "We can't just go around being 'Republican-light.' We have to be out there putting forth an alternative message, for our base, and we have to reach out to Black voters and let them know we're not taking them or any of our base for granted."

To that end, Clyburn said advertising campaigns must largely include the Black

"It's very, very important... Chairman Richmond and I have had candidates in and we've been telling them that one of the best ways to demonstrate that you're not taking the Black vote for granted is to advertise in the Black Press," Clyburn said.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) is the oldest and largest trade group representing the Black Press, comprised of more than 200 Black-owned

newspapers operating in the United States.

"I've been in [the Black Press]. My daughter and I ran a newspaper down South, so I know that candidates tend to take Black media for granted," Clyburn said. "They tend to judge Black media the same way they do other media and you just can't do that, because the business model is totally different."

Each Sunday after attending Morris Brown A.M.E. Church in Charleston, S.C., Clyburn said he and other churchgoers habitually pick up the local Black-owned newspaper.

"People tend to pay attention to the headlines, the stories and the ads in the Black Press so it's vitally important that candidates know this," Clyburn said.

A former history teacher, Clyburn said Trump's obsession with dismantling

Obama's legacy is reminiscent of tactics employed by Andrew Johnson to demean his predecessor, Abraham Lincoln.

Johnson, who was impeached by House in 1868, had a vision of America as a White man's government, according to historians.

"If you remember, it's the same kind of reaction Johnson had to Lincoln and I remember sitting alone once in the Oval Office with Obama and I told him that this would be the kind of reaction he could expect," Clyburn said.

"[Obama] was never going to get the kind of respect for his presidency that was shown to presidents before him," Clyburn said. "The narrative that exists in this country is that there are certain things that Black folks are not supposed to do and one of those things is becoming the president of the United States and [President Trump] and his administration, feel they have to do whatever they can to wipe out any semblance that Barack Obama was ever president of the United States."

Clyburn continued: "[Trump] has a deep-seated hatred for people of color and it manifests itself every day."

Though he doesn't support or agree politically with former Trump aide Omarosa Manigault Newman, Clyburn said he was deeply troubled when Trump referred to her as a "low life" and a "dog."

"I'm the father of three

daughters and I'm deeply insulted by the president of the United States referring to an African American women the way he referred to her," he said. "Politics aside, I'm insulted that the president of the United States would denigrate the office in this way."

Clyburn continued: "The president asked an important question when he was running, 'What do we have to lose?' Well, we have lost dignity and the respect of the presidency, because of his coarseness in the office. When you lose respect, you've lost about everything there is to lose."

While he still supports Pelosi, Clyburn said that if the Democrats take back the House, he's up for the job as speaker.

"I have always supported her, but I have always remembered a sermon I heard my father give a number of times," Clyburn said. "That sermon stayed with me and he said, 'keep your lamps trimmed and burning to be ready when the bridegroom comes.' My point is, I've never forgotten that sermon so I keep my lamp burning so I'm ready."

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Sen. Harris Introduces Bill Aimed At Reducing Racial Disparities in Maternal Mortality

WASHINGTON, D.C

oday, U.S. Senator Kamala D. Harris and 13 Democratic colleagues introduced the Maternal Care Access and Reducing Emergencies (CARE) Act, a bill to reduce the racial disparities in maternal mortality and morbidity. The United States is one of only thirteen countries in the world where the rate of maternal mortality is now worse than it was 25 years ago. For Black women, the risk of death from pregnancyrelated causes is three to four times higher than for white women, and Black women are twice as likely to suffer from life-threatening pregnancy complications.

"Health equity for Black women can only happen if we recognize and address persistent biases in our health system," said Senator Harris. "This bill is a step towards ensuring that all women have access to culturally competent, holistic care, and to address the implicit biases in

our system."

"We applaud Senator Harris on putting forward this critical legislation and appreciate her commitment to ending racial disparities in maternal health care and outcomes," said Elizabeth Gay, MPH, Co-Director of the Black Mamas Matter Alliance. "Addressing racial discrimination and implicit bias is an important but often overlooked part of improving maternal health in the United States. We are grateful for Senator Harris' brave leadership."

"We are proud to endorse Senator Harris' legislation, the Maternal CARE Act. This bill gives young people entering the medical field access to implicit bias training, as well as establishes a pregnancy medical home demonstration program," said Lisa Hollier, M.D., M.P.H, president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). "We know that racial and ethnic disparities in women's health – including in maternal mortality, an issue I have dedicated my ACOG presi-



dency to addressing -- cannot be reversed without addressing racial bias; both implicit and explicit. That's why, in partnership with the Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care and the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, ACOG is actively involved in educating health care providers on implicit bias to improve women's health. We look forward to working with Senator Harris to ensure this legislation becomes law, so we can work toward realizing an equitable health care system."

"Women of color continue to face disproportionate rates of maternal mortality and morbidity in this country," said Jennifer Jacoby Altscher, Federal Policy Counsel, Center for Reproductive Rights. "This bill aims to address these racial disparities head-on through the creation of programs that have proven to lead to better health for women of color."The Maternal CARE Act:

Creates two new grant programs focused on reducing racial health disparities in maternal health:o Implicit Bias Training Grants: Addresses implicit bias—bias in judgement or behavior resulting from implicit attitudes and stereotypes—by establishing competitive grants directed to medical schools, nursing schools, and other health professionals training programs to support implicit bias training. Priority is given for training in obstetrics and gynecology.o Pregnancy Medical Home Demonstration Project: Establishes a demonstration project to assist up to 10 states

with implementing and sustaining pregnancy medical home (PMH) programs to incentivize maternal health care providers to deliver integrated health care services to pregnant women and new mothers and reduce adverse maternal health outcomes, maternal deaths, and racial health disparities in maternal mortality and morbidity. Directs the National Academy of Medicine to study and make recommendations for incorporating bias recognition in clinical skills testing for U.S. medical schools. Earlier this year, Harris introduced a resolution designating April 11-17 as Black Maternal Health Week in order to recognize the maternal mortality rate among Black women as a public health crisis.

The Maternal CARE Act has received support from the following organizations: American Academy of Nursing, American College of Nurse-Midwives, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, Association

of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, Black Mamas Matter Alliance, Black Women Birthing Justice, Black Women's Health Imperative, Center for Reproductive Rights, In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda, March of Dimes, National Birth Equity Collaborative, National Partnership for Women & Families, National Women's Law Center, Planned Parenthood, SisterSong National Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

In addition to Harris, the bill is sponsored by U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Bill Nelson (D-FL), Doug Jones (D-AL), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Tom Carper (D-DE), Sherrod Brown (D-OH). Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI).

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We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us.

Freedom's Journal. March 16, 1827

OP-ED: AMERICA'S TEACHERS NEED MORE COMMUNITY, PARENTAL SUPPORT

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

he latest data from the Center for American that the average salary for an attorney is more than two times that of elementary and middle school educators. The Washington Post reported last week that nearly their apartments, homes and spaces on Airbnb are teachers. Low salaries, compared with other college graduates, may inhibit highly-effective

ing a career in education; specifically for people of color who currently make up school teachers.

I come from a family of educators. My mother, both of my grandmothers, and one of my sisters were teachers. However, the family tradition of educating children ended after me. None of my daughters, 1 in 10 hosts who rent out nieces, or nephews decided to pursue a career in education. Data comprised from surveys completed during the NNPA's National Black Parents' Town Hall Meeting echoed this sen-

professionals from pursu- timent. When asked what they believed is needed to close the academic achievement gap, respondents selected commujust seven percent of public nity participation and funding over the acquisition of highlyeffective teachers.

> Many reasons have led to frustrations with teaching in the United States. Work-topay ratio, a lack of resources, and an increased focus on standardized testing has made it increasingly difficult for teachers to be highly-effec-

This year, teacher strikes broke out in several states concerning school funding and

teacher pay. Teachers in Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and West Virginia left the classroom for the state house to protest the lack of resources in the profession. NPR reported in April that teachers have begun to seek support outside of the educational bureaucracy; forming "supply shops" where teachers can swap educational materials for free or at a dramatically reduced cost.

A first-year teacher who attended the National Black Parents' Town Hall Meeting in Norfolk, VA, said that she stepped into the role of teaching, initially excited, but found by the end of the year she was extremely drained physically and emotionally. "I stepped into the role, midyear, with no lesson plan. What can be done to keep teachers teaching and encourage new teachers coming into the program? I really want to teach, but there is very little support."

Highly-effective teachers require competitive pay, professional support, and access to innovative resources. President Barack Obama signed the current national education law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in December 2015 with educators in mind. Title II of ESSA provides program grants to states and districts

that can be used for teacher preparation, recruitment, support, and continued learning. ESSA also ends the requirement of states to set up teacher evaluation systems based significantly on students' test scores which should reduce the pressure teachers feel to and School Leader Innovation Program provides grants to districts that want to try out performance pay and other teacher quality improvement measures. ESSA became effective this 2018-2019 school year.

With data compiled from 26 school districts, the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) found that on average there were small differences in the effectiveness of teachers of high- and low-income students, hiring patterns and teacher transfer patterns were consistent, with only minor differences, between highand low-income students, and that in 3 of the 26 chosen districts there was meaningful inequity in access to effective teachers in math. Data showed that access to highly-effective teachers was relatively equal across the board. Yet, inequities in educational outcomes between low-income students and students from wealthier families persist throughout the United States.

As a new teacher, the constant challenge for me was parental engagement. A working parent's schedule often left little time during school hours to participate in their child's education and those who were free during school hours, failed to realize the teach to the test. The Teacher importance of their presence and participation. Today, meaningful parental engagement remains a challenge for educators.

> So, this is a call to action for all parents. Let's listen to teachers. They are calling for more support and increased pay. Let's attend to school meetings to find out how to provide them additional support. Let's attend city and the state meetings to advocate for competitive pay. Let's vote for leaders who support the academic advancement of our children through access to additional resources. We need more teacher support, not new teachers.

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OP-ED: OMAROSA IS NOT YOUR DOG, TRUMP

By Julianne Malveaux (NNPA Newswire Columnist)

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

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 a b-ch, or a female dog. She is, as we all are, a

terribly flawed human being.

ing Congresswoman Maxine Waters "low IQ" is casting aspersion on all Black women.

The civil rights activist Ruby Sales addressed this on a Facebook post that bears sharing.

Ruby Sales' Facebook post said: "Trump called Omarosa a dog. For younger folk let me break it down. His slander is laden with White Supremacist historical slander 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.

The Facebook post continued: "To justify their perverse behavior, desires and the colonization and invasion of the lives and body territory of Black girls and women,

Avenue is inhabited entirely In naming her a dog, as in call-they slandered us as whores ing the covers of magazines. 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.

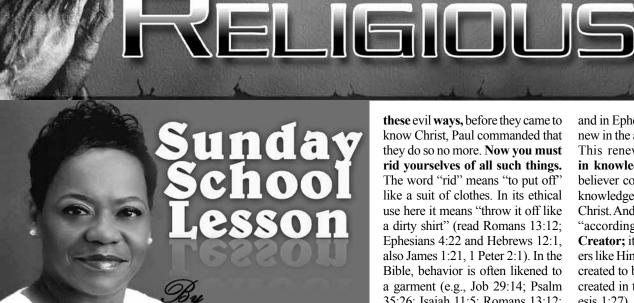
> It is an interesting time to be an African American woman. On the one hand, during this September month, we see eleven Black women grac

Vogue; Rihanna on the cover of British Vogue; Tracy Ellis Ross on the cover of Elle, Zendaya on the cover of Marie Claire; Issa Ray 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 allimportant 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 for 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 Beyoncé is on the cover of 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 magazines send a strong message to the woman-hating, genital grabbing President? Omorosa may be a lot of things, Chump, but she is not your dog, and neither are the rest of us!

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Practicing Godly Virtues

Lesson: Colossians 3:5-17 Place: Rome

Time: A.D. 60

GOLDEN TEXT: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering" (Colossians 3:12)

Paul's imagination moved from death and life to putting clothes on and off. Put to death... whatever belongs to your earthly nature. The Greek tense in this command suggests a decisive action, as if Paul said, "Mortify it! Do it now! Do it resolutely!" Of course, God has already done it, but Christians are to know this, count it to be true, and act accordingly (read Romans 6:5-14). In other words, they are not to go on living as though they are still alive to sin when in actuality they are not. They are to put away that old life, which springs from their earthly natures. "Whatever belongs to your earthly nature" is literally "the members that are upon the earth." These contrast with the "things above" (read Colossians 3:1). This "earthly nature" is the

"old self" (or "sinful nature" or "old man" [KJV]; read Ephesians 4:22 and Colossians 3:9). Some take this to mean the persons Christians were before conversion, whereas others take it (more likely) to refer to the evil tendencies in believers today (i.e., their "old natures"). Even if it means the former, the net effect is the same: they should not live as they did before, because they are new creations in Christ (read 2 Corinthians 5:17). The list of evil activities flowing from man's earthly nature includes **immorality** ("fornication"), impurity (a wider perversion), lust ("uncontrollable passion"), evil desires ("illicit craving"), and greed (or coveting), which is idolatry (because it seeks satisfaction in things below and not above). Similar lists of sins appear often in Paul's writings. Paul added that because of these evils the wrath (divine chastisement) of God is coming. This suggests that God's wrath has already begun (read John 3:36). (see Romans 2:5 and 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). (The Bible Knowledge Commentary) (Colossians 3:5-6). Though the Colossian Christians used to walk [live] in

these evil ways, before they came to know Christ, Paul commanded that they do so no more. Now you must rid yourselves of all such things. The word "rid" means "to put off" like a suit of clothes. In its ethical use here it means "throw it off like a dirty shirt" (read Romans 13:12; Ephesians 4:22 and Hebrews 12:1. also James 1:21, 1 Peter 2:1). In the Bible, behavior is often likened to a garment (e.g., Job 29:14; Psalm 35:26; Isaiah 11:5; Romans 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:8).

Now Repulsive habits include anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language—do not fit or suit Christians. They are unbecoming to believers (read Ephesians 4:17). "Anger" is a chronic attitude of smoldering hatred, whereas "rage" is an acute outburst; elsewhere is rendered "outbursts of anger" (2 Corinthians 12:20), "fits of rage" (Galatians 5:20), and "rage" (Ephesians 4:31). "Malice" the vice that lies below anger and rage as their root) is forbidden, as is "slander", "railing or evil speaking"). "Filthy language" is shameful or abrasive speech. Neither should Christians lie (read Ephesians 4:25) for truthfulness is essential in followers of the One who is "the Truth" (John 14:6). Lying and all other vices are inappropriate for a Christian for at salvation he discarded his old self (lit., "the old man," i.e., the former sinful way of living, characteristic of the unregenerate; Colossians 2:11, 13a) with its practices ("died" in Colossians 2:20; 3:3). (The Bible Knowledge Commentary (Colossians 3:7-9). A Christian is to put on (vs. 12)) the new self (new way of life or disposition). Hence his conduct should be in accord with his new position. This "new self" needs constant renewal or refreshing—it is being renewed (pres. tense), in order to keep it victorious over sin. Paul also expressed this idea of continual renewal in 2 Corinthians 4:16 ("Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day"); in Romans 12:2 (being "transformed by the renewing of your mind"); and in Ephesians 4:23 ("to be made new in the attitude of your minds"). This renewal of the new self is in knowledge, it takes place as a believer comes to a personal, deep knowledge of and fellowship with Christ. And the renewal is **in** (kat"according to") the image of its Creator; its goal is to make believers like Him, for the "new self [was] created to be like God." Adam was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), which included a moral and intellectual likeness to God. Though this image was not erased by the Fall (Gen. 9:6; James 3:9), yet it was corrupted and needs to be repaired and renewed. Christians become increasingly like the Lord as they refresh their new natures, yielding to the Holy Spirit's sanctifying work. And in the resurrection believers "shall bear the likeness of the Man [Christ] from heaven" (1 Cor. 15:49). Then the task of restoring God's image will be complete, for "we shall be like Him" (1 John 3:2). (The Bible Knowledge Commentary) (Colossians 3:10).

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In Christ distinctions are removed. These include national distinctions (Greek or Jew; Jews called all those outside their nation Greeks; read Galatians 3:28); religious distinctions (circumcised or uncircumcised); cultural distinctions (anyone foreign Greek to culture was a barbarian, and a Scythian was a wild, savage nomad); and economic or social distinctions (slave or free). If a Greek, an uncircumcised person, a barbarian, a Scythian, or a slave became a believer, he was a "new creation" (2 Corinthians 2:17), a "new self" (Colossians 3:10)), just, like a Jew or free person who became a Christian. For Christ is all and is in all. That is, normal human distinctions are overruled and transfigured by one's union in Christ. All barriers are destroyed in Christ, and all believers are truly "created equal." So, it is to be expected that each believer—regardless of his nationality, former religion, culture, or economic standing—should do away with his former sinful practices and should live in accord with his "new self." (The Bible Knowledge Commentary). (Colossians 3:11) Because of their new lives in Christ all believers are called on to clothe themselves in virtue, letting Christ's peace rule their hearts. His Word should dwell in them richly. and they should do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary). Again, Paul called on believers to take a decisive action: Clothe yourselves. Because they have "put on the new self' (v. 10), they should live accordingly, with appropriate attributes and attitudes. In verses 8-9 Paul listed six vices (anger, rage, malice, slander, filthy language, and lying). Now in contrast to them, Christians—as God's chosen people (read Romans 8:33 and Titus 1:1), holy ("separated to God"; Colossians 1:2 and dearly loved)—are to have several virtues. These include compassion lit., "tender sympathy of heartfelt compassion"—an unusually touching expression; in Philippians 2:1 Paul joined these two nouns with "and"), kindness (benevolence in action; humility (a lowly attitude toward God; 1 Peter 5:5), gentleness, meekness, a lowly attitude toward others, and patience, self-restraint, a steady response in the face of provocation. The last three of these are mentioned in the Greek in the same order in Ephesians 4:2 and Galatians 5:22-23 in the Greek includes three of them: patience and gentleness, as well as kindness. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary) (Colossians 3:12). Furthermore, believers are to bear with each other (i.e., "put up with each other") with the attitudes. Also, they are to **forgive whatever** grievances (complaints) they may have against others. How? By forgiving as the Lord forgave them, graciously and freely. Grudges have no place in a Christian's life for they may lead to the sins mentioned in Colossians 3:8-9. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary) (Colossians 3:13). But **over all** these virtues Christians are to put on love. As Paul wrote elsewhere, "The greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13). In one's catalog

of virtues love should be the cover, because it is of supreme importance and is the perfect bond, holding them all together in perfect unity. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary) (Colossians 3:14). Believers are also to let the peace of Christ rule in their hearts because they are called to peace as members of one body. The closer believers are to Christ (and His likeness), the closer they are to each other. In interpersonal relationships "peace" (transcendent, God-given tranquility) should prevail. Also, Christians are to be thankful according to Philippians 4:6 and in Colossians 1:12. An attitude of gratitude contributes to an enjoyment of spiritual tranquillity, whereas grumbling makes for inner agitation. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary). (Colossians 3:15). The new life Christians must "put on" is one in which the Word of Christ dwells richly. Christ's words were recorded by Spirit-guided apostles (John 14:26). The words of the Bible, God's written Word, are to **dwell in** believers.

That is, by study, meditation, and application of the Word, it becomes a permanent abiding part of one's life. When the words of Christ become part of a believer's nature, they spring forth naturally and daily in psalms (songs from the Book of Psalms), hymns (other songs of praise), and spiritual songs (as opposed to secular odes) with gratitude. This can mean either (a) God's grace, (b) graciousness in Christian singing, or (c) Christian thanks. As suggested by the NIV it probably has the third meaning. Such joyful singing is not only to please oneself or others but is to be praise to God. (The **Bible Knowledge Commentary)** (Colossians 3:16). Whatever one does whether in word or deed (by lip or life) should all be done in the name of the Lord Jesus. (The **Bible Knowledge Commentary)** An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty. (Colossians 3:17) Be Blessed Saints!!!

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CO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT.

300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California, is advertising for proposals to provide Plaza and Walkway Cleaning Services at BART Stations West Bay, Mission West Bay, East Bay North and East Bay South Locations, Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 6M3405, on or about August 8, 2018, with proposals due by 2:00 PM local time, Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the District Secretary's Office, 23rd floor, 300 Lakeside Drive Oakland, California 94612. DESCRIPTION OF

WORK TO BE PERFORMED The District intends to engage the services of one or more firms to provide plaza steam cleaning or pressure washing services at various BART stations, walkways and/or covered parking. The District presently intends to enter into separate Agreements for each Area location (Area 1, West Bay Locations; Area 2, Mission West Bay Locations; Area 3, East Bay North Locations; and Area 4, East Bay South Locations). Each Agreement will cover up to a five-year performance period which includes a threeyear period and two one-year options for extension of the Agreement. Proposer(s) may submit a proposal price for any one or more Area locations (Area 1, Area 2, Area 3 and/or Area 4) listed in the Scope of Services, Attachment A. Exhibit 1. Agreement for Technical Services. The price proposal for each Area shall cover a 60-month term as described above. BART intends to make one or more, but in no case more than four (4), award(s) resulting from this RFP to the responsible Proposer submitting the lowest Total Proposed Price. It is anticipated that the total amount awarded under this RFP shall not exceed Four Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000.00); however,

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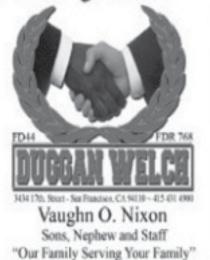


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THREE AFRICAN-AMERICANS **CLAIM RARE ENGINEERING** ACCOMPLISHMENT

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Contributor

he 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.

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 nanoparticlepolymer 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

"It's crucial to encourage minority and African-Ameri-

"I think African-American can youngsters to train their close the racial makeup of its 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, including, where appropriate, significant contributions to the engineering literature" and to "the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, making major advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or developing/ implementing innovative approaches to engineering education."

The academy does not dis-

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 his contributions to semiconductor manufacturing research and for innovations in educational programs for underrepresent-

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.

ed groups in engineering.

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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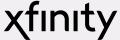
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