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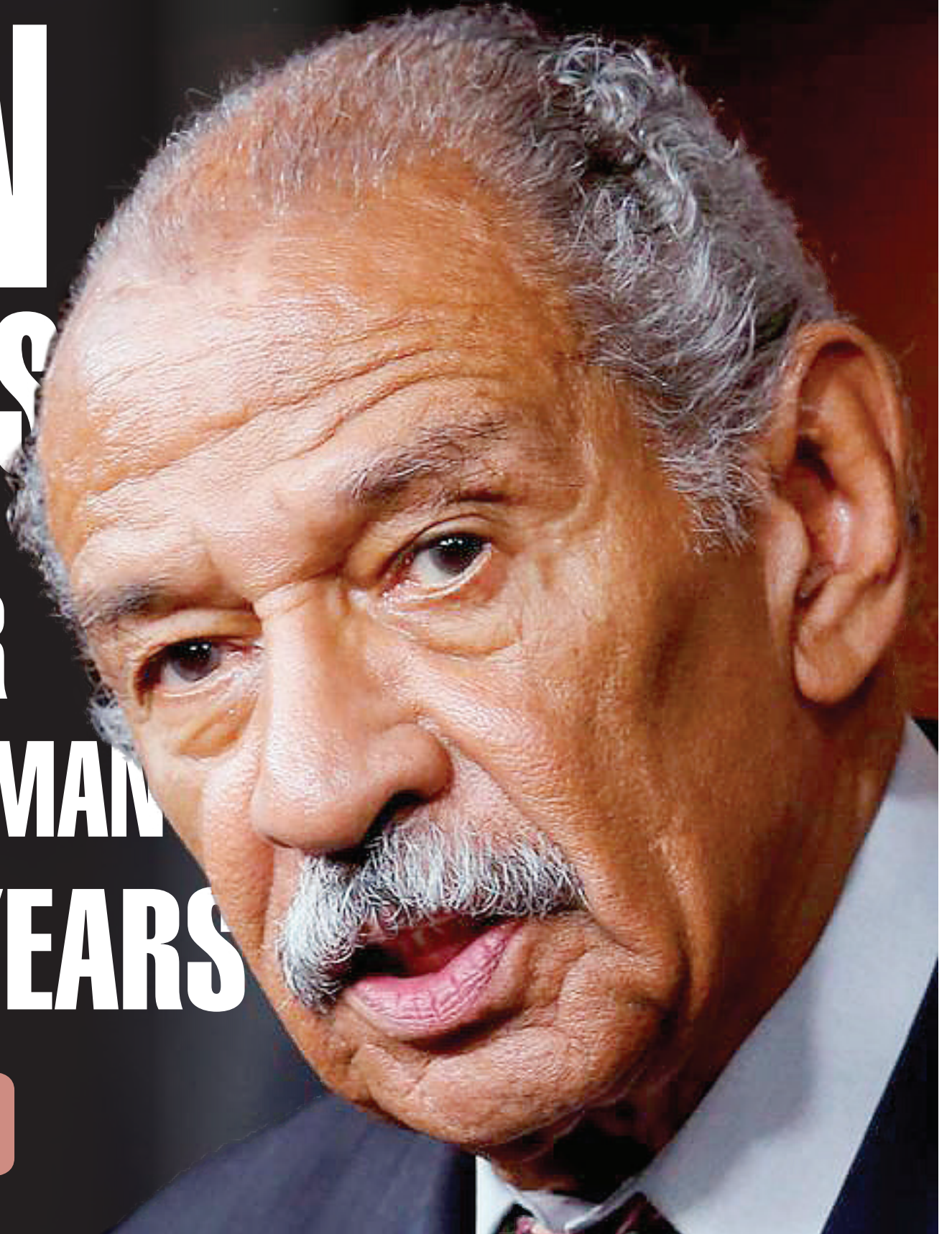
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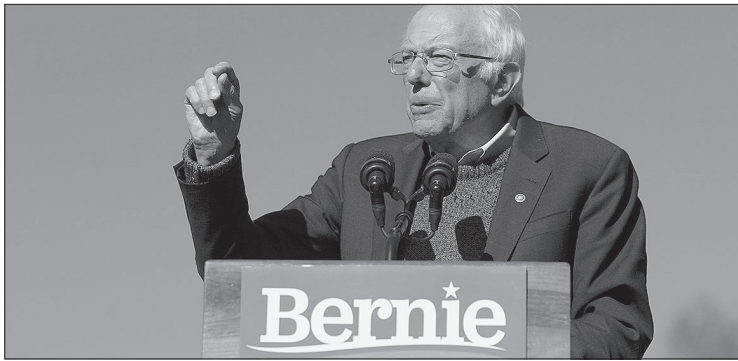
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Icon of the civil rights movement, Conyers co-sponsored the Voting Rights Act, co-sponsored the Congressional Black Caucus and fought for 15 years to have Dr King's birthday declared a national holiday, page 3



How Bernie Sanders would legalize marijuana

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Sen. Bernie Sanders announced his marijuana legalization plan on Thursday, taking aim at the “destructive war on drugs” and large cannabis corporations.

Marijuana legalization has long been part of Sanders’ policy platform. He introduced the first stand-alone marijuana legalization bill to the Senate in 2015 and also was the first major presidential candidate to call for marijuana legalization in 2016. His plan proposes criminal justice reform measures such as expunging past cannabis convictions and proposals to give people with convictions financial help to launch cannabis businesses.

“[The war on drugs] has disproportionately targeted people of color and ruined the lives of millions of Americans,” Sanders said in a statement. “When we’re in the White House, we’re going to end the greed and corruption

of the big corporations and make sure that Americans hit hardest by the war on drugs will be the first to benefit from legalization.”

How does he plan to legalize marijuana?

Sanders’ proposes to de-schedule marijuana, which would completely remove it from its classification under the Controlled Substances Act as highly dangerous and without any medicinal value.

Marijuana is now classified in the most restrictive category under federal drug laws — Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act — along with heroin and LSD.

Sanders would remove marijuana from the Controlled Substances Act through the attorney general by an executive order within the first 100 days of his presidency. He would also nominate agency leaders for the Justice Department and Health and Human Services who would work toward this goal.

Evangelicals have stuck by Trump—but polls hint at trouble ahead

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President Donald Trump is on a rescue mission to preserve his grip on the religious right.

In call after call over the past two weeks, Trump has sought counsel from prominent evangelical figures on how to protect his relationship with conservative Christians amid mounting criticism over his withdrawal of U.S. forces from Syria.

Some of the leaders urged him to reverse course after he announced that American troops would no longer be operating near the Turkey-Syria border. They warned of religious persecution in the region and the threat to civilians in Kurdish-held territory. Others advised him of the danger his decision could pose to U.S. allies like Israel, whose security and sovereignty white evangelicals care deeply about.

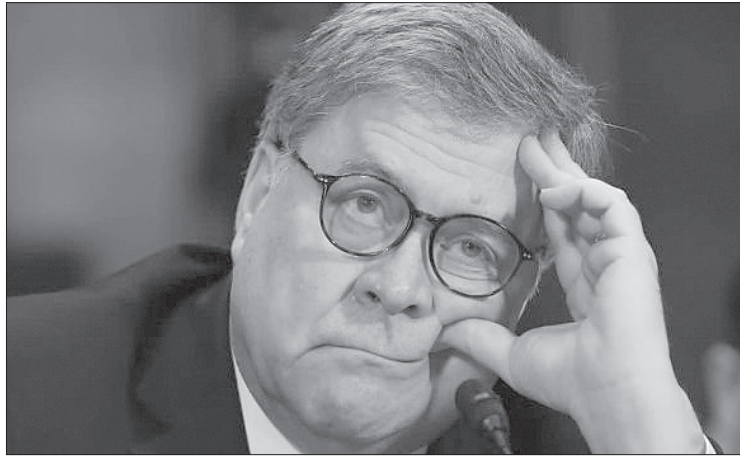
“This gives evangelicals pause because now they’re wondering, ‘Hmm, that was not a good move. What’s next? Does this mean he’s going to throw Israel under the bus if he threw the Kurds under



the bus?” a longtime friend of the president said. Another evangelical Trump ally told the president he was offended by a comment the president made about Kurdish fighters having “plenty of sand to play with,” according to a person briefed on the conversation.

It’s a first for Trump’s presidency: The same evangelical leaders who’ve been notoriously unmovable through prior controversies have spoken out forcefully to condemn his policy toward Syria. Televangelist Pat Robertson said Trump was “in danger of losing the mandate of heaven.” Family Research Council head Tony Perkins described the move as “inconsistent with what the president has done” previously.

DOJ is making its review of how Russia probe came to be a criminal matter



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Donald Trump has long derided as some “hoax” the Mueller probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election that put Trump into the Oval Office. But, now, the Justice Department that has informally reviewing the origins of the special prosecutor’s probe has turned it into an official criminal investigation.

That’s according to sources to the the New York Times; and it’s news that’s sure to conjure up concerns that such an investigation will allow Trump to go after those

he deems his political adversaries.

As a criminal investigation, rather than an “administrative review,” the Justice Department will be able to subpoena witnesses, put together a grand jury, and could ultimately bring federal criminal charges.

The Associated Press notes:

The revelation comes as Trump is already facing scrutiny about a potential abuse of power, including a House impeachment inquiry examining whether he withheld military aid in order to pressure the president of Ukraine to launch an investigation of former Vice Presi-

dent Joe Biden and his son Hunter. And this latest turn of events regarding the Justice Department, headed by Trump fave U.S. Attorney General William Barr, may further fuel Trump critics concerns that Trump is abusing the power of his office.

The Times points out:

Mr. Trump has made clear that he sees the typically independent Justice Department as a tool to be wielded against his political enemies. That view factors into the impeachment investigation against him, as does his long obsession with the origins of the Russia inquiry.

According to the Times, the Justice Department criminal probe will be headed by John Durham, the U.S. attorney for Connecticut.

It’s not clear what exactly Durham is to be looking into, but as the Times points out, his boss, Barr:

expressed skepticism of the Russia investigation even before joining the Trump administration. Weeks after being sworn in this year, he said he intended to scrutinize how it started and used the term “spying” to describe investigators’ surveillance of Trump campaign advisers.



Republicans storm secure room in Capitol to delay impeachment hearings

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Dozens of House Republicans on Wednesday stormed the secure facility inside the Capitol where impeachment investigators have been deposing witnesses, forcing a delay to the proceedings on the heels of damning new revelations that could further imperil President Donald Trump.

The two sides were still trying to work through the standoff by the afternoon, with Republicans who do not sit on the committees leading the inquiry refusing to leave the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) in the basement of the Capitol, and Democrats insisting those lawmakers had no right to be there.

According to people familiar with the matter, some GOP lawmakers brought their cell phones

into the secure area — a significant violation of House rules. Another person said the room had to be fully swept for potential security breaches, and Democrats said the Republicans compromised national security by bringing electronics into a secure area.

Republicans said House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) was threatening GOP lawmakers with ethics violations. Schiff was also consulting with the House’s sergeant at arms, while Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Laura Cooper — who appeared for her deposition Wednesday morning — was still waiting to testify behind closed doors.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy appeared to excuse the lawmakers who brought their cell phones into the secure area, telling POLITICO: “These are individuals

who have never been in Intel Committee before or anywhere else. So it’s nothing serious from that matter.”

Democrats were visibly frustrated and vowed that the Republican effort would not throw their impeachment inquiry off course. They said the stunt showed that Republicans were reeling from Tuesday’s testimony by William Taylor, the top American diplomat in Ukraine, who directly tied Trump to a quid pro quo with the eastern European nation involving critical military aid.

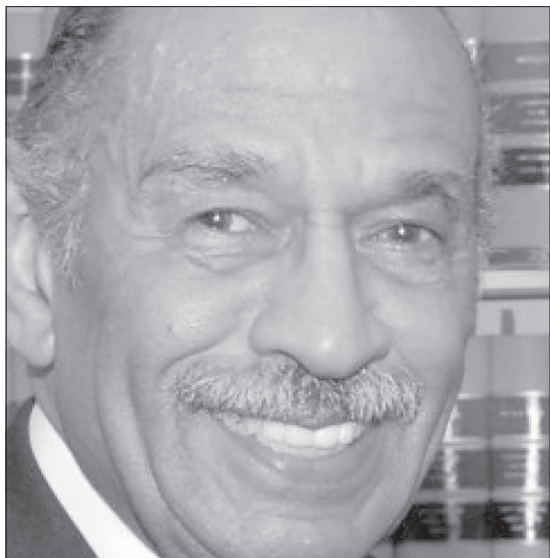
“It’s completely inappropriate. When the facts are against you, the law is against you, the president clearly committed a crime, you’re left with arguing the process,” said Rep. Harley Rouda (D-Calif.), who witnessed the chaos unfold behind closed doors.

Former Congressman John Conyers has died at 90

By Frederick H. Lowe (TriceEdneyWire.com) –

John Conyers, Jr. the longest serving African American member of Congress and co-founder in 1969 of the Congressional Black Caucus, died Sunday in Detroit. He was 90 years old. The cause of death has not been revealed.

Mr. Conyers served 53 years in Congress and was once fondly known as the dean of the Congressional Black Caucus which he helped found in 1971. He was the sixth longest serving member of Congress before he resigned in 2017 amid sexual harassment allegations. During his tenure, he represented the 1st, 14th and 13th Congressional Districts in Detroit and the suburbs.



A graduate of Wayne State University and Wayne State University School of Law, voters elected Conyers to Congress in 1964. He took the oath of office in 1965 during the Civil Rights struggle. He befriended Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and he hired Rosa Parks to work in his Detroit congressional office when no one else would give her a job.

Parks sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, one of the great civil rights victories, when she refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus to a White man. Her refusal sparked the more than one year long Montgomery Bus Boycott that ended segregated seating on the city's buses. Conyers introduced the 1965 Voting Rights Act under President Lyndon Johnson, and he succeeded in establishing a national holiday honoring the birthday of Dr. King.

Conyers was chair of the House Judiciary Committee from 2007-11. And he led the powerful House

Oversight Committee as its chair from 1989 to 2004. As the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, he joined other committee members in 1974 submitting Articles of Impeachment against President Richard M. Nixon. However, Nixon resigned from office before he could be impeached.

Conyers was also chair House Oversight Committee from 1989 to 2004. The late Elijah Cummings held the same position when he died. In addition, Conyers introduced in every Congress starting in 1989, legislation that would set up a commission to examine the institution of slavery in the nation and its colonies. The legislation recommended appropriate remedies.

He also pushed for a single-payer or government-directed health care system.

Conyers was the son of John Conyers, Sr., a labor lawyer. He was born in Highland Park, Michigan, on May 16, 1929. He served in the Korean War. He is survived by his widow and two sons.

Tributes from civil rights and Democratic leaders had begun to pour out this week.

"From co-founding the Congressional Black Caucus, to advocating for the creation of Martin Luther King Day, some of the most important civil rights victories of the last half-century would not have been possible without the enduring leadership of Rep. Conyers in Washington," said Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP. "As a Detroit native, I can attest to what John Conyers meant to his beloved Detroit community, and we are eternally grateful that he fought for justice on behalf of the entire nation with the same commitment and perseverance he showed his beloved hometown. Today we have lost a trailblazer for justice, a titan of the movement, and a true friend and ally to the NAACP."

NAACP Board Chairman Leon W. Russell said, "I am moved by the dedication of John Conyers' to the fight for social good and his fearless pursuit to tear down barriers of injustice and racism. He will forever be remembered as a giant that gave his life to advance democracy."

Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez said, "Congressman John Conyers was a civil rights warrior, a lifelong public servant, and a stalwart Democrat. Over the course of his public service career, which spanned more than half a century,

Rep. Conyers led groundbreaking fights that advanced the course of history, including introducing the first bill to establish the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. As a co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, he changed the face of leadership in the halls of Congress and blazed a trail for future leaders of color."

The Trice Edney News Wire contributed to this article.



AOC grills Zuckerberg on whether Facebook will allow ads that lie to Black voters

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New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez—aka the Notorious AOC, aka key member of the House's progressive "Squad"—set Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg back on his heels Wednesday when she grilled him about the social media giant's potential to manipulate marginalized communities in next year's elections.

The exchange came during hearings for the House Financial Services Committee, according to Fox Business. Lawmakers brought Zuckerberg before them to discuss Facebook's desire to start its own cryptocurrency, Libra. But the discussion soon expanded to other issues they had with Facebook, including its influence on the voting public by allowing politicians' ads to appear on the site without proper vetting or fact-checking.

Ocasio-Cortez grilled Zuckerberg about how far afield from the truth a political ad could be before it would possibly raise red flags or be taken down from the site.

"You announced recently that the official policy of Facebook now allows politicians to pay to spread disinformation in 2020 elections and in the future," Ocasio-Cortez said. "Under your

policy ... could I pay to target predominantly black zip codes and advertise them the incorrect election date?"

Zuckerberg responded in the negative, but seemed to backtrack when pressed by the congresswoman about whether that then meant that Facebook would indeed be fact-checking ads.

"So there is some threshold where you will fact-check?" Ocasio-Cortez pressed. "Could I run ads targeting Republicans in primaries saying they voted for [the progressive-Democrat-backed] Green New Deal? ... If you're not fact-checking political advertisements, I'm just trying to understand the bounds here."

"I don't know the answer to that off the top of my head," Zuckerberg responded.

"So, you don't know if I'll be able to do that," Ocasio-Cortez said. "Do you see the potential problem here with a complete lack of fact-checking on political advertisements?"

"I think lying is bad," a seemingly exasperated Zuckerberg answered.

"So you won't take down lies, or you will take down lies?" Ocasio-Cortez said. "I think that's just a pretty simple yes or no?"

In memoriam: John Conyers dies at 90

Conyers, who was the first African American to chair the powerful House Judiciary Committee, also helped spearhead the 1994 Violence against Women Act. Conyers and 12 other African American members of the House of Representatives founded the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971.

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

Former U.S. Congressman John Conyers, whose 15-year fight to pass legislation that would make Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a federal holiday, has died. He was 90.

The longtime Michigan Democrat represented what is now the state's 13th Congressional District (which includes parts of western Detroit) for more than 50 years. Conyers resigned in 2017.

Conyers was born in Detroit in 1929. He was elected to Congress in 1965 and immediately became a forceful voice in the Civil Rights Movement, co-sponsoring the Voting Rights Act of that same year.

Conyers was the first African American to chair the powerful House Judiciary Committee and helped spearhead the 1994 Violence against Women Act.

Conyers and 12 other African American members of the House of Representatives founded the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971.

"We always knew where he stood on issues of equality and civil rights in the fight for the people," Rep. Rashida Tlaib, who now represents Conyers' district, tweeted.

"Sad to hear of the passing of former Congressman John Conyers," the Rev. Al Sharpton stated. "He worked with us on many civil rights cases as Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and helped lead the fight for the Martin Luther King [Jr.] Holiday."

"Most of us from Michigan loved our congressman. He was idolized and was absolutely an icon. Not only was he an icon of the civil rights movement but we looked to him for leadership. This is a massive loss. All of us in business, the clergy, the community, respected, admired and aspired to be like John Conyers," said



Hiram Jackson, President and CEO of Real Times Media.

"Congressman John Conyers decades ago held the first U.S. Congressional Hearings on Racially-Motivated Police Brutality; led the House Judiciary Hearings on Criminal Justice and Prison Reform in America; was co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC); and was a leading congressional advocate for the freedom of Angela Davis, the Wilmington Ten, and all political prisoners in the United States," remarked Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

"Conyers was a constitutional scholar and political visionary whose longstanding vision for freedom, justice and equality was unparalleled in the Congress of the United States," Chavis continued. "May God bless the freedom-fighting memory and legacy of The Honorable John Conyers." Chavis stated.



White court reporters inaccurately transcribe Black people's testimonies

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According to a Vice report, a new study shows that court reporters frequently fail at correctly transcribing the testimony of Black folks, which can have a devastating impact on individuals during a trial.

The new study, which will be published in the journal *Language* next month, highlights and expands on previous research that found court reporters find it quite challenging trying to decipher and transcribe testimonies of Black Americans who speak slang or broken English and Ebonics.

For the study, called "Testify-

ing while black: An experimental study of court reporter accuracy in transcription of African American English," researchers tested already-certified court reporters based in Philadelphia by asking them each to transcribe 83 sentences in everyday AAE.

The recordings featured nine different native AAE speakers recruited from West Philadelphia, North Philadelphia, Jersey City, and Harlem, who each have had contact with the criminal justice system.

On average, the 27 court reporters who took part were only able to record AAE speakers with 82.9 percent accuracy.

Trump delivers 2019 second step presidential justice forum keynote at HBCU Benedict College

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent

President Donald Trump delivered the keynote address at the 2019 Second Step Presidential Justice Forum on Friday, October 25. The forum was held at Benedict College, an Historically Black College (HBCU) in Columbia, South Carolina.

Hosted by the 20/20 Bipartisan Justice Center, a nonprofit founded by a bipartisan group of African American leaders from across the country who advocate for criminal justice reform, the event includes a host of Democratic presidential hopefuls, local officials, and other stakeholders.

Many are scheduled to speak over the weekend while Trump kicked off the three-day forum by receiving the 2019 Bipartisan Justice Award.

The award is given annually to a public servant who has demonstrated the ability to work across the aisle to achieve meaningful progress in reforming the criminal justice system.

With HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson, South Carolina Republican Sens. Tim Scott and Sen. Lindsay Graham, and Jared Kushner in attendance, Trump reiterated a familiar and controversial call to African Americans.

"What the hell do you have to lose?" he stated to a mostly partisan crowd at the college.

He claimed African American unemployment has reached historic lows. Criminal Justice Reform wasn't on his initial presidential



agenda, but Trump said Blacks in particular have suffered from mass incarceration.

Under his watch, the First Step Act was passed, and much has improved, Trump stated.

"There's still work to do but what I can say, on this day, a change has been made and we are looking forward to things to come," he said.

"As a result of our tax cuts, our regulatory cuts... the energy reforms, our economy is booming," Trump said. "Nothing better for former prisoners that are coming home, when there's very low unemployment."

"Maybe our economy is the best criminal justice reform of all.

Jobs are helping keep offenders from reoffending."

The president also invited several individuals whose long prison sentences were commuted by him, including Alice Johnson who was released after serving 22 years of a 50-year sentence that followed a first-time drug offense.

Trump also pledged to continue to help HBCUs like Benedict College.

"Our support has been unprecedented," Trump stated. The president's remarks took place in front of a capacity crowd of about 300 people. Pool reporters noted that only nine Benedict students attended while many protested Trump's appearance outside.

Inside, supporters chanted "Four more years!" as Trump praised his administration for the First Step Act.

"This landmark legislation enacted commonsense criminal justice reform that is helping prisoners gain a new lease on life while making America safer," Trump stated.

"The positive effects of this revolutionary legislation will be long-lasting."

The historic First Step Act is providing prisoners with a second chance through rehabilitative programs, fair sentencing, and smart confinement.

Trump said he would continue to work to ensure that Americans have opportunities to get training while they are incarcerated and to succeed when they leave prison.

"We've done so much more than anyone else," Trump stated.

Striking GM workers Celebrate new contract

DETROIT (AP) — On the picket lines at a General Motors transmission plant in Toledo, Ohio, passing cars honked and striking workers celebrated a tentative contract deal by munching on 10 pizzas dropped off by a supporter.

They had carried signs for 31 days and demonstrated the muscle the United Auto Workers union still has over Detroit's three manufacturers.

Details of the four-year pact weren't released, but GM's latest offer to end the monthlong strike included wage increases and lump-sum payments, top-notch health insurance at little cost to workers, promises of new products for many U.S. factories and a path to full-time work for temporary workers.

That's a big difference from what GM wanted going into the talks: to slash total labor costs at its factories, which are about \$13 per hour higher than at foreign automakers in the U.S.

Terry Dittes, the UAW's chief bargainer with GM, said the deal offers "major gains" for 49,000 union workers who have been walking picket lines since Sept. 16. They'll stay off work for at least a couple more days while union committees decide if they will



bless the deal. Then workers will have to vote on it.

The deal shows that the union, with less than one-third of the 1.5 million members it had at its peak

in 1979, still has a lot of clout with GM, Ford and Fiat Chrysler.

"I think economically the UAW will do just fine in this agreement," said Art Schwartz, a former GM

negotiator who now is a labor consultant in Michigan. "The union certainly still has power in this industry."

President Donald Trump

called UAW President Gary Jones on Wednesday night, but union spokesman Brian Rothenberg said he did not know what the men discussed.

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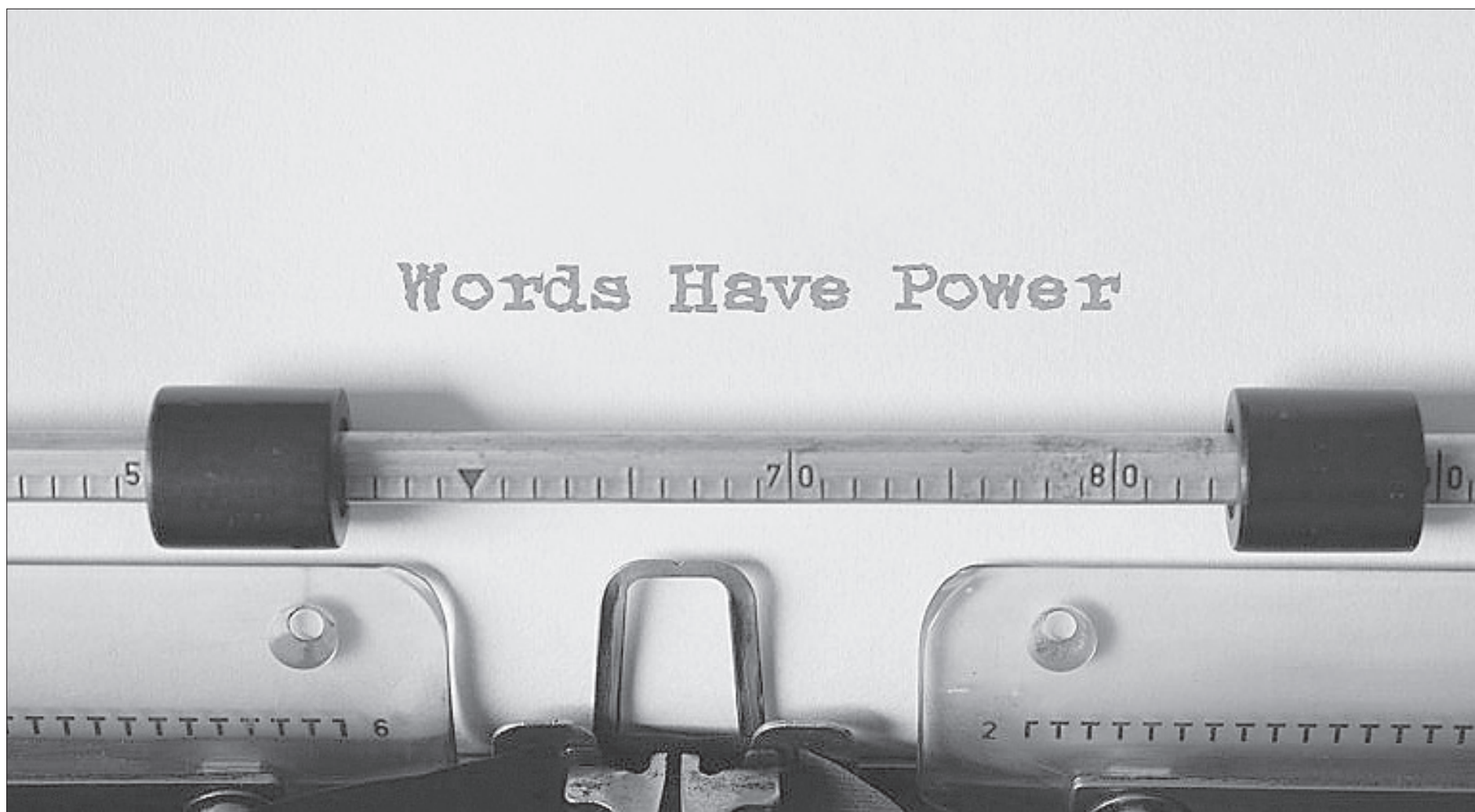
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In defense of fair investigative journalism

By Stacy M. Brown,
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Fair and balanced journalism remains under attack from those who do not adhere to publishing truth and facts as a result of objective and non-prejudicial investigation.

A recent Daily Beast article written by Sil Lai Abrams is the latest example that in the age of social media, factchecking and accuracy are no longer criteria to getting a story published.

In her exposé in the Daily Beast published this week, Abrams revisits her unproven sexual assault accusations against hip hop and business mogul Russell Simmons.

Abrams also accused former Extra! Host A.J. Callaway of assault. She claimed that NBC News buried her story.

However, a spokesperson for NBC has said when the network "pursues any investigative story, our mission is always to be as thorough as we can, to scrutinize sources and corroborate information before we report. Anything else falls short of our journalistic standards."

Because Abrams said it happened, doesn't make it fact. It also doesn't make it a lie.

But journalistic standards must consider that anyone can make an accusation – and when publishing and reporting allegations, there should be concrete basis to do so.

Just the mere allegation of sexual misconduct, particularly in

the #MeToo era, seriously injures the accused even if he or she is later exonerated.

Journalists have been trained to, and must, ask probing questions – similar to what a prosecutor might ask, including whether the accuser has made false allegations against others.

Has the accuser changed his or her story? What might have motivated the individual to make allegations? Was financial gain a motive?

Has she accused someone else? In this case she's accused both Simmons and Callaway, both of whom have denied the allegations. In Abrams' book, she also accused another man whom she suggests had to register as a sex offender for 10 years.

Any journalists who were to read her book would see the multiple contradictions, and that alone should give them pause.

"To accuse someone who was doing the kind of work Mr. Simmons was doing – using his money and fame to raise more to help those who needed it, you have to wonder why?" said Barbara Mealer, author of the novels like "The Jillian Factor," and "Abilene: No Place to Hide."

"The media must ask these questions before running with a one-side story: Did he reject them? Were they trying to get even with him for some slight? Were they jumping on the bandwagon so they could get notoriety?" Mealer emphasized.

"Did they even care that they were destroying a man who essentially was helping thousands by ac-

curring him without any proof from thirty years ago? What was their agenda other than being on the bandwagon of women accusing notable people of rape or assault?"

The hit Showtime Network drama, "The Affair," currently depicts its lead character, Noah, under attack by six women who are using the #MeToo movement to bolster their claims.

In the most recent episode, Noah's life is in shambles as his wife and children follow reports on television and in the media about him. But it turns out, all the allegations were false.

It's a cautionary tale of why untested allegations shouldn't receive unquestioned acceptance by news organizations.

In Abrams case, she claimed Joy-Ann Reid was prepared to both air her story and present it as an article for New York Magazine.

Earlier this year, The Black Press of America began investigating claims made against Simmons by multiple women, including Abrams.

During the investigation, found individuals, who were familiar with Simmons and Abrams' past relationship. They said the Def Jam founder categorically did nothing wrong.

An ordained minister spoke to the accuser two days after the alleged incident. The minister signed a statement under penalty of perjury, but was threatened by a reporter when she backed Simmons.

"[Abrams] told me that she was mad at Russell because she felt he was using her and never took her

out on a date," the minister said.

The reporter threatened to expose a decade-old accusation against one of the minister's family members that was unproven and would only serve to destroy the child's future. Because of that, the minister withdrew from the story.

The fact that an ordained minister with a clean record could be threatened by a reporter who wanted to tell the story of someone with a criminal record should be viewed as shocking by anyone who reads or views the news.

The Black Press investigation also discovered that Abrams admitted in her memoirs to having "sex with as many celebrities" as she could.

Following her alleged encounter with Simmons, Abrams wrote in her book that she "couldn't wait to get home to Simmons' bed."

She had claimed that Simmons' driver kidnapped her. The driver, Kenneth Jennings, signed a letter under penalty of perjury that he had never kidnapped anyone and that in 25 years he had never seen Simmons abusive to anyone.

At one point, Abrams claimed she was "too drunk to remember," but on the night in question, a witness said they could place her at the home in the late afternoon.

Several people claim that Simmons and Abrams shared a long sexual relationship that included at least one orgy.

While all of this doesn't make Simmons innocent, it simply should, at least, prompt responsible journalists to review the credibility of any accuser.

The Black Press also learned that CNN had turned down a chance to air Abrams' story.

When contacted, Simmons declined to participate.

He did offer that he had taken and passed nine lie-detector tests. He stated: "I refuse to get in the mud with my accusers."

Simmons had previously claimed he never saw her the night in question.

Several of Simmons' current and former show business acquaintances were also contacted by The Black Press and offered their insight.

However, in the end, and because Simmons declined to participate, also decided at that time not to run the story.

Now, NBC News is under fire because of its refusal to air Abrams' story two years ago.

NBC appears to have done what most would expect in journalism, which makes the Daily Beast decision to dedicate a full column to Abrams to re-publish unproven allegations both surprising and disappointing.

"Every accuser should be heard, but their rights should be no more substantial than the accused, a fact that separates the United States from every other country," New York-based marketing strategist Tracey Campbell said.

"The press must be above that and must recognize that the burden of proof can't be found in one corner or the other, even when a reporter is convinced the accuser is telling the truth," Campbell concluded.



Students wear boxes on their heads during exam

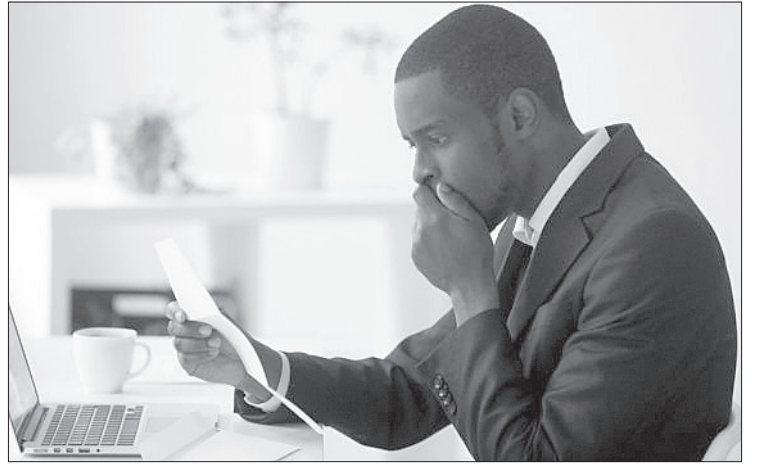
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A school in India has apologized after photos emerged of students wearing cardboard boxes on their heads during an exam to discourage cheating. The Bhagat Pre-University College in Haveri, in India's southwestern Karnataka state, implemented a trial run of the new measure last Wednesday, according to school management head M.B. Sateesh.

A staff member photographed the students sitting in neat rows, their heads obscured by cardboard boxes. The front of the boxes had been cut out, allowing students to see their desks and exam sheets but restricting their vision, similar to blinkers used on a horse. The students were at the Bhagat Pre-University College in the town of Haveri, in India's Karnataka state. The photos were posted on

Facebook by a staff member and promptly went viral, according to CNN affiliate CNN-News18. Before long, the school was facing widespread criticism on social media. Even government officials weighed in — S. Suresh Kumar, the state education minister, said in a tweet that the school's practice was "unacceptable." "Nobody has any right to treat anybody more so students like animals," Kumar wrote. "This (perversion) will be dealt with aptly."

Churches band together to wipe out over \$5m in medical debt for thousands of families



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Close to 6,000 families in the Chicago area will be getting a life-changing gift just in time for the holidays: the clearing of their medical debts.

A group of churches serving the Cook County community has banded together to buy and then forgive the medical debt of 5,888 families in need, according to the Chicago Tribune.

Families receiving the gift will find out in the coming days when bright yellow envelopes with "RIP Medical Debt" written on them appear in their mailbox, the Tribune explains.

Statistics show such a gift can be life-altering.

As CNBC reported earlier this year, a study by the American Journal of Public Health found that two thirds of all bankruptcies in the U.S. are due to medical expenses—either the cost of actual care or the impact of time spent

out of work.

"People don't know that they're going to receive this," one of the organizers of the debt forgiveness effort, the Rev. Otis Moss III of Chicago's Trinity Church, told the Tribune. "And it's my imagination that there will be 5,888 families in Cook County that will be shouting and thanking God that their debt has been forgiven."

And the only criteria for the gift? That a family be in need of having the debt paid off. Families that were helped did not need to be a member of a particular church, or even a faith.

"We see Cook County as our parish," Moss said. "So you will receive debt forgiveness whether you are Christian, Muslim, Jewish, humanist, secular, agnostic, atheist, whether you're black or you're white. The only criteria that we laid out is that we want to make sure the most vulnerable are in line. Or as Scripture says, 'The last shall be first.'"



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On the scene

NAN's Triumph Awards honor phenomenal notables at Apollo

HARLEM, NEW YORK — The **Triumph Awards** was started by The Reverend **Al Sharpton** and the **National Action Network (NAN)** in 2010 and honors luminaries in the arts, entertainment, education, sports, politics, and the corporate sector who have made a positive impact on Black culture by utilizing their talents and resources to help those within disadvantaged communities. Today, Rev. Sharpton and NAN are celebrating their 65th birthday and over 50 years in activism of Rev. Sharpton! With this current administration and their continuous efforts to reverse the progress of the civil rights movement, NAN's activism is needed today more than ever.



Rev. Al Sharpton (Photo courtesy Judith Davis)



Host Cheryl Wills (Photo courtesy Judith Davis)



Alicia Garza



Dominique Morisseau, Rev. Sharpton



Rev. Sharpton, Isaiah Thomas and NAN Board Chairman Rev. Dr. W Franklin Richardson



Naturi Naughton, Rev. Sharpton



Van Jones, Rev. Sharpton



Rev. Sharpton, Rev. Gwen Carr, Korey Wise

Ivy McGregor, Rev. Sharpton

The 2019 Triumph Awards recognized a range of leaders who are influencing Black culture at the annual Triumph Awards on

Monday, October 21, 2019, at the world-famous **Apollo Theater** in Harlem. This year, in addition to honoring luminaries in the arts

who've made exemplary strides to break barriers and make a huge impact on community and culture beyond their celebrity, the event

also honored images that have helped to shape Black culture and legacy such as the civil rights movement, and gospel music.

performances followed by the inspiring award ceremony presided over by Rev. Sharpton.

Winners included: **Naturi Naughton**, award-winning actress, singer, and songwriter; **Alicia Garza**, co-founder of Black Lives Matter and a leading organizer, writer and the Special Projects Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance; **Van Jones**, a criminal justice leader who continuously sheds light on injustices through his work as CEO of REFORM Alliance and his CNN show "The Van Jones Show"; **Ivy McGregor**, a licensed ordained minister, author and CEO of Ivy Inc. & Social Responsibility/ BEY-GOOD; **Dominique Morisseau**, an actress and playwright whose work reflects and highlights the lives of individuals and communities grappling with economic and social changes; and NBA Hall of Famer **Isaiah Thomas**, a businessman, philanthropist and one who dedicates his free time enhancing youths' access to academic enrichment programs and recreation through his non-profit Mary's Court named after his mother. All these individuals who recognized the power in their voice utilized it to impact and engage their communities positively. For more information go to www.nationalactionnetwork.net. (Photos by Antoine DeBrill)

This year's honorees include leaders in civil rights and social justice, the arts, entertainment, education, business, and sports and all share a divine purpose to help those less fortunate. Each recipient was honored for the positive impact they've made on society by utilizing their talents and resources to help change humanity in their respective fields. In their honor, Rev. Sharpton shared their personal stories and how the honorees used their platforms to further the Black community's social justice agenda. This event was well attended and attracted celebrities, business and civil rights leaders, local notables and dignitaries. In addition, **Korey Wise**, the oldest of the so-called "Central Park Five," added more fervor to the amazing evening.

The 2019 Triumph Awards was hosted by award-winning NY1 anchor and author **Cheryl Wills** with a special performance by award-winning gospel singer-songwriter **Le'Andria Johnson**. The **Greater Allen AME Cathedral Ensemble**, **Grace Baptist Church Choir**, and the Cast of **Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of The Temptations**, opened the night with stellar



Rev. Sharpton poses with honorees and guest performers (L-R) Van Jones, Alicia Garza, Naturi Naughton, Rev. Sharpton, Isaiah Thomas, Ivy McGregor, and Cast Of Ain't Too Proud

Health

Urine tests and antibiotics in the elderly

By Glenn Ellis

Regardless of how healthy you may be otherwise, the most common infection that affect seniors and the elderly are in the urinary tract.

This can range from urinary incontinence; bladder infection; to even increasing the risk of kidney problems.

Now, before you get carried away, please keep in mind that we are talking about issues associated with aging...in other words, it only happens if you live long enough. Sure, people can have urinary issues at any point in life, but, again, we're talking about aging and the elderly.

In fact, the urinary tract isn't the only thing that comes along with aging. As you grow older, you will have other changes, including: the bones, muscles, and joints; the male reproductive system; the female reproductive system; and in most of your organs, tissues, and cells.

Specifically, I'd like to address new finding that look at the problem with urine tests that result in elderly patients being prescribed and antibiotic. It seems that we are now finding out, that in most cases, this is not only of little to no benefit, it can actually cause problems.

It's no secret that we have a serious problem with the over-prescribing of antibiotics in this country. In some situations, when a goes to the doctor, and before the test results are back, they are already prescribed and taking an antibiotic. The problem has gotten so out of hand that the

Center for Disease Control (CDC) says that more than 70% of the bacteria responsible the 2 million infections you can get while in a US hospital are resistant to at least one commonly used antibiotic. It gets worse; 20% to 50% of antibiotics prescribed in hospitals are found (after the fact) to be unnecessary or inappropriate.

With the overuse or overprescribing of antibiotics, we can not only increase our resistance to antibiotic's when you really need them, but can increase the severity of the condition you first complained about, how long you'll be sick, increasing your risk of complications, and most importantly, prevent a situation that may have resolved itself on its own without an antibiotic.

Which leads me to the original point of this column.

The latest research on the topic has found that seniors and the elderly are asked to provide and urine sample for are routinely prescribed an antibiotic. In the past, when a urine specimen tested positive—even when no symptoms of infection were present—doctors were taught that treatment with antibiotics was the right approach. We know now that is wrong.

As first reported in the New York Times, a task force concluded last month that for virtually everyone except pregnant women, screening for and treating asymptomatic bacteriuria provides no benefit and has potential harms.

What we are learning now is that many urine samples will reveal results showing the presence of bacteria, but this does not mean



there is an infection. This practice happens all too often in the elderly, especially those in nursing homes.

It doesn't help when most of us, like most doctors, expect to use an antibiotic on the slightest hint that there could be an infection of any kind; whether it's a cold, sinus infection, rash, and yes, a urinary tract infection.

Urinary tract infections happen when germs get into the urethra and travel up into the bladder and kidneys. When you have a UTI, the lining of the bladder and urethra

become red and irritated just as your throat does when you have a cold. The irritation can cause pain in your lower abdomen pelvic area and even lower back, and will usually make you feel like urinating more often. Burning or pain when urinating is the most common symptom. You may even feel a strong urge or need to urinate but only get a few drops. This is because the bladder is so irritated that it makes you feel like you have to urinate, even when you don't have much urine in your bladder.

At times, you may lose control and leak urine. You may also find that your urine smells bad and is cloudy.

Further complicating things is the fact that somewhere between 40 percent-60 percent of all women will experience at least one urinary tract infection during their lifetime. Add to that, is the connection between urinary tract infections and dementia.

Often, a senior or elderly person may suddenly become confused, hallucinate, or have a drastic change in behavior. Mistakenly, this can be considered to be dementia or Alzheimer's. even though urinary tract infections can make dementia or Alzheimer's worse, it is not necessarily the case.

In a younger person, the urinary tract infection would likely reveal itself with painful symptoms. In older people, it shows up as confusion, agitation or withdrawal.

So, as you can see, there is a plethora of reasons why the medical profession, as well as patients and families can find themselves on an antibiotic to treat a "urinary tract infection".

The takeaway is to know that we have reached a point in routine healthcare where we have to ask questions; even when it comes to being asked by a doctor to "pee in a cup".

In addition, you want to make sure that the next antibiotic that you really need will work, and you work experience antibiotic resistance. Taking unnecessary antibiotics is a problem for many reasons. Not the least of them being that it could be harmful to your health.

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African leaders, Russians sign nuclear deals in a 'winning week' for Putin



(GIN) –

Taking advantage of the Russia-Africa summit and the presence of dozens of African leaders, Russian President Vladimir Putin advanced his goal of expanding Moscow's geopolitical clout.

At the two-day summit in the Black Sea resort city of Sochi, the Russian president resurrected old bonds forged by the Soviet Union with the result that arms shipments are now flowing from Moscow to Algeria to Mozambique. Consultants are assisting embattled strongmen with election strategies and development plans for natural resource projects.

As the summit opened, Russia landed two nuclear-capable bombers in South Africa on a training mission. The two Tupolev Tu-160 strategic bombers touched down at Waterkloof air force base in Tshwane, the South African National Defense Force confirmed.

Praising what it said were strong diplomatic links between the countries, the South African body added: "Our relations are not solely built on 'struggle politics,' but rather on fostering mutually beneficial partnerships based on common interests."

Rwanda is the latest African country to sign a nuclear deal with the Russian state atomic company

Rosatom.

The deals between Russia and several African countries have raised concerns among environmentalists who say nuclear energy is not always clean and does not come free.

"Rosatom is prepared to help our African partners in creating a nuclear industry," Putin declared, with "the construction of research centers based on multifunctional reactors."

The nuclear pacts come despite an African Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone Treaty – also called the Pelindaba Treaty – which obligates Parties not to develop, manufacture, acquire, or possess any nuclear explosive device. Parties may engage in peaceful nuclear activities but must conclude safeguards agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Opened for signature in 1996, it came into force in 2009 with 40 countries signing on.

Other new military deals include Nigeria which will receive 12 Russian-made Mi-35 attack helicopters, according to the RIA Russian news agency.

Rosatom is also in talks with Ethiopia to build a nuclear power station there, Interfax quoted the Russian company as saying.

Putin has called for trade with African countries to double over the next four to five years, adding Moscow had written off over \$20 billion in African debts.

Michael Gatari, the head of nuclear science and technology at the University of Nairobi, said African countries can pursue nuclear technology but must get their own people to manage the nuclear reactors.

Russia was seeking business in Africa, not giving away gifts, he observed.

"Africa is not going to get a free reactor... They're selling their technology... Of course, there is a component of 'we will train your people, we'll do this,' but if you calculate the cost, it's we who cough. So the African countries should move into it with a business vision."

Russian Tu-160 bomber arriving in South Africa

Old enemies tear up peace pact after elections 'Tarnished by fraud'

(GIN) –

Hopes for a lasting peace between longtime rivals Frelimo and Renamo are fading fast as a recent vote for president of the southern nation of Mozambique has been muddied by claims of fraud, unjustified use of state resources, as well as sporadic violence including the murder of an election observer.

"An unlevel playing field was evident throughout the campaign," a member of the European Mission was reported to say.

"The ruling party dominated the campaign in all provinces and benefited from ... incumbency, including more police escorts and media coverage than opponents."

Opposition parties say that bullying tactics and corruption should invalidate the elections of

Mozambique are cause for alarm. This corruption is a symptom of democratic and governance weaknesses in the country, and these structural weaknesses amplify a threat that has the potential to undermine Mozambique's future development progress.

"As a consequence, Mozambique's nascent democratic government and the significant success of the country's development efforts are at risk."

And in December 2018, a four-count indictment was returned by a grand jury in the Eastern District of New York, charging three former senior Mozambican government officials, and three former London-based investment bankers for their roles in a \$2 billion fraud and money laundering scheme that victimized investors from the United States and elsewhere.



Oct. 15 that returned Filipe Nyusi, Frelimo's candidate, to the presidency. But adding gunpowder to the mix is the prospect of a massive \$50 billion investment by the American oil giant Exxon Mobil and the French company Total SA.

Exxon is planning to produce 15.2 million tons of liquefied natural gas (LNG) per year, while Total SA, developing in the same region, will produce 12.9 million tons.

Mozambique is counting on the projects to boost income in what is the world's 7th-poorest country by gross domestic product per capita. But available oil billions may prove a dangerous temptation in a country that has earned below grade marks for corruption in numerous ratings.

GlobalSecurity.org wrote: "The scale and scope of corruption in

Even Pope Francis, ending his September visit to Mozambique, took the time to scold political and business leaders who allow themselves to be corrupted by outsiders.

But at a rally in the capital Maputo, Nyusi assured supporters that his new regime would be different and better. He pledged to further develop Mozambique and hasten the implementation of the two-month-old peace deal with Renamo — a rebel group turned opposition party.

"I will work so that we can have a prosperous, equitable and fair Mozambique," he told the crowd, who were in attendance with vuvuzelas. "In these elections, the Mozambican people won." w/ pix of Nyusi campaign posters

Nyusi campaign posters

How fake refugees from Kenya got settled in the US, Europe

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For decades, the chaos in Kenya's troubled neighbor, Somalia, pushed wave after wave of refugees across the border. They came in buses, on donkeys, and sometimes by foot.

But as the number of people moving to what was once the world's largest refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya swelled from thousands, to tens of thousands, to hundreds of thousands — there were many who registered as refugees who didn't qualify.

"We have had Kenyans that have been caught in the refugee database over the last 25 years. Some of them were looking for food, for shelter, for opportunities,"

said Mohamed Dahiye, a Kenyan member of parliament for Dadaab.

He said many people in nearby communities saw the free services and free food and registered at the camps, saying they were from Somalia. Often these Kenyans were a similar ethnicity to the people streaming across the border. Sometimes they were just as desperate for help, many arriving during times of drought and hunger in northern Kenya.

MP Mohamed Dahiye says his government needs to do more to de-register the thousands of fake refugees still in the system so they can claim back their Kenyan identity.

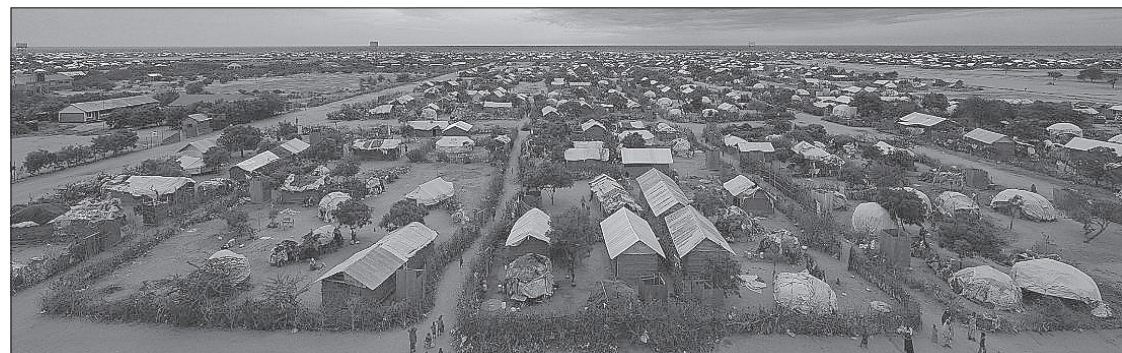
All told, there are at least 40,000 Kenyans registered as

refugees in the Dadaab camps alone, according to both UNHCR and government numbers, in what officials euphemistically term "double registration."

"The 'double registration,' as we call it, or the Kenyans registered as refugees in Dadaab, is an issue we know about and the government knows about as well," said Fathia Abdalla, the UNHCR representative in Kenya.

She doesn't blame the Kenyans who registered as refugees.

"I think as a human being you want to survive. You want to survive, and you don't have a bad intention. These services were available in the refugee camp, but not available to you in the village," she said.



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Culture

African American couple creates new social media platform for students worldwide



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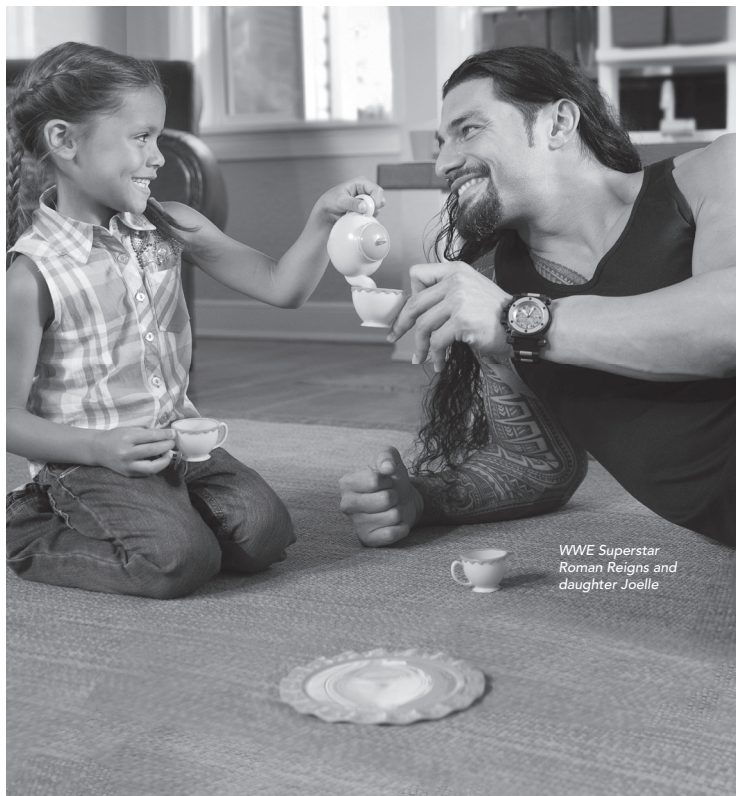
Dwight & Angelique Morrison, are the co-founders of PS Remember, a new social media platform that connects students in over 100 countries. Through its unique and powerful search engine, PS Remember allows students currently attending or who have previously attended high school or college to find each other. With over 2.5 million schools in its database, students now have the ability to communicate like never before.

For example, a student currently attending Howard University can now connect with others students currently attending the University of Oxford in England or the University of Lagos in

Nigeria... absolutely free! Users can register to find their former classmates from many years ago in various countries including Mexico, USA, Brazil, Australia, France, India, Ghana, Nigeria, Jamaica, Columbia, South Africa, and many more.

Angelique holds a degree in biotechnology and is a former researcher at the University of Guelph, where she assisted other scientists in a search for a cure for cystic fibrosis. Dwight is a former music producer and record label executive.

Both Dwight & Angelique aspire to connect all the students in the world on one platform. Subsequently through their efforts, they also hope to inspire the next generation of young people – especially Africa



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Little known Black history fact: 1921 Tulsa race riots

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The 1921 destruction of Tulsa, Okla.'s "Black Wall Street" district, also known as the "Tulsa Race Riot," remains one of the most explosive racial incidents of the early 20th Century. Angry white rioters destroyed Tulsa's Greenwood neighborhood, then considered the most affluent all-Black district in the nation.

The riots were sparked by unconfirmed reports of an assault of a white teenager by a Black man. Dick Rowland, a 19-year-old Black shoe shiner, had an encounter on May 30, 1921 inside the Drexel Building elevator with a 17-year-old white operator named Sarah Page as he was headed to a restroom. A clerk in the building

heard screams and alerted police, who launched an investigation.

Although Page did not press charges, the next day, a local newspaper accused Rowland of assaulting Page. Rowland was arrested that afternoon. Whites demanded that the sheriff release Rowland so they could lynch him. When Black citizens on Greenwood Avenue heard word of a potential lynching, they took up arms to defend Rowland from the mob. Around 30 men headed to the Tulsa County courthouse but were ordered home by the sheriff and a Black deputy.

Over a thousand white men, angered by the sight of armed Black men, attempted to raid a nearby armory. By nightfall, around 2,000 people were gathered at the courthouse. Another

group of 75 armed Black men returned to the courthouse but were again ordered to leave.

By the afternoon of June 1, martial law was declared and thousands of Black citizens fled the city or were detained by armed forces. In a recent study, The Tulsa Race Riot Commission estimated that nearly 300 people died.

Last year, Republican Mayor G.T. Bynum reopened an examination of the race riots, calling it a murder investigation. The Washington Post also recently published a story highlighting the work of scientists and forensic anthropologists who are using updated technology to uncover evidence of mass graves at the Oaklawn Cemetery, which rests near the Greenwood section.

Simone Biles flips out with spectacular first pitch

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Olympic champion gymnast Simone Biles threw out a ceremonial first pitch with a twist for Game 2 of the World Series.

Well, a standing backflip with a twist.

The Houston area native pulled off the spectacular move before throwing the ball to Astros outfielder Jake Marisnick ahead of Wednesday's game against the Washington Nationals at Minute Maid Park.

Fans on Twitter dubbed the move "legendary," "awesome" and "impressive."

Biles earned similar praise in 2016, when she threw out the first pitch at the Astros game on the Fourth of July. Check that out here:

"Gymnastics is the only sport I've ever done, so when it comes to anything else, I'm literally terrified," NBC Sports reported Biles as saying ahead of Wednes-



day's pitch.

"So I get more nervous doing this stuff than competing, which

is really weird," she added. "So, yeah, hopefully I don't end up on celebrity fails."

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By Dedra N. Tate

Meet New Jersey's newly consecrated and youngest Bishop...De'Andre Salter



Dedra N. Tate

Bishop is the latest moniker added to pastor, entrepreneur, certified financial educator and author **De'Andre Salter's** titles. At forty-seven years old, he became the youngest Bishop in the state New Jersey when he was officially consecrated into the **Joint College of African-American Pentecostal Bishops** and the **Macedonia International Bible Fellowship (MIBF)**, a global fellowship of churches under his mentor and presiding Bishop, **Kenneth C. Ulmer**. "Being the youngest Bishop in New Jersey is prophetic and symbolic," said Salter. "I believe it's a signal that God is doing something in the hearts of younger generations."

Salter's mission has always been to intentionally train people to use their time, talent and money to make a *Christ* impact. At age twenty-one, he learned the difference between making money and building wealth, which ended with him filing for bankruptcy. This caused him to take a hard look at himself, pray more and shift his behaviors to become a better person. According to Salter, "I grew up in an area where most people I knew where the prototypes for financial instability. It was a terrible setback and grace that caused me to commit to breaking that cycle."

After building a stellar nineteen-year career as senior vice president with three different Fortune 100 insurance companies, Salter's faith served as inspiration for building a multi-million-dollar company by age thirty. He holds a Master of Theology from



Bishop Neil C. Ellis, Bishop Kenneth C. Ulmer, Bishop De'Andre Salter, Bishop George C. Searight

Kings University, is pursuing his doctorate and serves on many boards, including a recent term on the board of trustees at his undergraduate alma mater, **Drew University**. Salter married his childhood sweetheart, **Lady Terri**, and they have four children. He teaches Christians everywhere of God's desire for them to leave both a spiritual and financial legacy to

their children and believes, "every good investment you make in your life will render extraordinary returns."

Born and raised in a tight-knit family in Newark, New Jersey, Salter's spiritual influences were undeniable. His maternal grandmother, **Josephine Byrd**, was the Pastor and overseer of **Joy Tabernacle Church of God** in Newark's central



Bishop De'Andre Salter's Consecration Ceremony

ward. In 1993, Byrd's daughter, **Reverend Emma Salter**, took over the reins and changed the name of the church to **Joy Tabernacle Christian Ministries (JTCM)**. After being a staple in the Newark community for decades, Reverend Emma passed the baton to her youngest son De'Andre, -aka-Pastor D, and in 2006, JTCM was replanted into South Plainfield, NJ as **The Tabernacle**.

Pastor D immediately started making an impact in the community, attracting younger parishioners and never losing sight of his relentless passion to help others to strengthen their faith, families and

communities. Three years ago, The Tabernacle was rebranded and renamed **Impact Church (IC)**. Salter has boldly accepted the challenge of what he labels as the civil rights issue of our day, financial literacy, and has been invited to speak at churches, non-profit and corporate events, where attendees benefit from his practical, biblical and relatable style of teaching about God, faith, leadership and legacy.

As he prepares to embark on a global mission to Israel, Salter can rely on his family to hold down the fort, as they are seamlessly incorporated throughout IC, ensuring that his goal to educate and empower stays on track. Reverend Emma serves on the board of trustees, providing spiritual direction and counsel, sister **Dr. Cynthia Salter** serves as worship director; sister **Nancy Salter** is the children's pastor and sister-in-law **Sheri Jones** serves as marketing director.

Bishop Salter is also the author of soon to be released *The Culture of Money (TCOM)*, with sister **Cordelia Donovan** overseeing branding and public relations. TCOM is an ideology for creating Black wealth and Salter is coming to you with a different type of alter call, he's calling you to the alter of financial healing. Part of his mission is to give a financial education to 10,000 participants as he reminds us about the scripture, "A righteous man passes down wealth to his children and his children's children." (Photos by: Keith Major, Oliver Collier & Impact Church)



Bishop Salter with Impact Church members



Bishop Salter teaching financial workshop



Financial workshop attendees



Davin, Dorian, De'Jahn, Lady Terri, Bishop Salter, Destiny

Audrey's reel whirl

By Audrey J. Bernard

Angelina Jolie brings her children to premiere of 'Maleficent: Mistress of Evil'



Maleficent: Mistress of Evil Poster

From Disney comes *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil* starring Angelina Jolie as the wicked character she portrayed in the first installment of the global box office hit, "Maleficent" in 2014. The sequel premiered nationwide on Friday, October 18, 2019, to box office glory! Fans are in for a treat as the costumes and cinematography and special effects were over the top!

The beautiful megastar brought five of her six children from her ex-husband Brad Pitt — including Pax, Zahara, Shiloh, and twins Vivienne and Knox — to Disney's World Premiere at El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles, CA on Monday, September 30, 2019. Jolie stunned in a gorgeous black gown with sequins and a silver crab-like design on the waist. And the fans let her know how much they loved and adored her with wild applause. This was one of the happiest red carpet celebrations ever! In addition to her beautiful family, Jolie was also joined on the red carpet by her co-stars Elle Fanning, Michelle Pfeiffer, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Sam Riley, Harris Dickinson, Ed Skrein and Jenn Murray, along with director Joachim Ronning, screenwriters Noah Harpster and Micah Fitzerman-Blue, and producers Joe Roth and Duncan Henderson.

STORY: In Disney's *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil*, a sequel to the 2014



Angelina Jolie stars as *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil* (Production Photo courtesy Disney)



Walt Disney Studios President Alan Bergman, actors Harris Dickinson, Sam Riley, and Jenn Murray, President of Walt Disney Studios Motion Picture Production Sean Bailey, actors Michelle Pfeiffer and Angelina Jolie, Chairman of The Walt Disney Studios Alan Horn, actor Elle Fanning, co-screenwriter Micah Fitzerman-Blue, actor Chiwetel Ejiofor, co-screenwriter Noah Harpster, actor Ed Skrein, soundtrack artist Bebe Rexha, director Joachim and producer Joe Roth attend the World Premiere of Disney's *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil* at the El Capitan Theatre on September 30, 2019 in Hollywood, California.

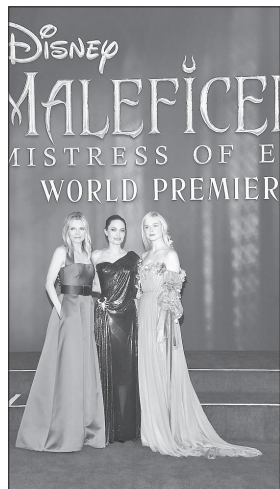


Angelina Jolie and her children (L-R) Pax Jolie-Pitt, Shiloh Jolie-Pitt, Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, Zahara Jolie-Pitt, and Knox Jolie-Pitt attend *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil* World Premiere

global box office hit, *Maleficent* and her goddaughter Aurora begin to question the complex family ties that bind them as they are pulled in different directions by impending nuptials, unexpected allies and dark new forces at play. The years have been kind to Maleficent and Aurora. Their relationship, born of heartbreak, revenge and ultimately love, has flourished. Yet the hatred between man and the fairies still exists. Aurora's impending marriage to Prince Philip is cause for celebration in the kingdom of Ulstead and the neighboring Moors, as the wedding serves to unite the two worlds. When an unexpected encounter introduces a powerful new alliance, Maleficent and Aurora are pulled apart to opposing sides in a Great War, testing their loyalties and causing them to question whether they can truly be family.

DEETS: *Maleficent: Mistress*

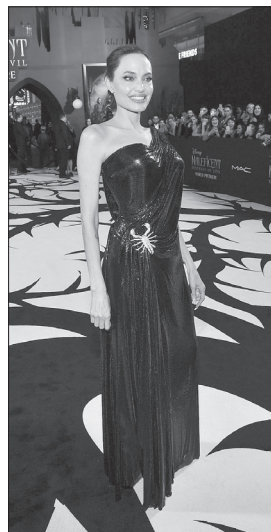
of Evil based on characters from Disney's *Sleeping Beauty*, La-Belle au bois dormant by Charles Perrault is directed by Joachim Ronning and stars Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Sam Riley, Ed Skrein, Imelda Staunton, Juno Temple, Lesley Manville, and Michelle Pfeiffer; Joe Roth, Angelina Jolie, Duncan Henderson (producers); Linda Woolverton, Noah Harpster, Micah Fitzerman-Blue (screenplay); Linda Woolverton (story); Ellen Mirojnick (costume designer); Geoff Zanelli (music); Henry Braham (cinematography); Laura Jennings, Craig Wood (editors); Walt Disney Pictures (production company); distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures on Friday, October 18, 2019. (Photos by Alberto E. Rodriguez/Getty Images for Disney)



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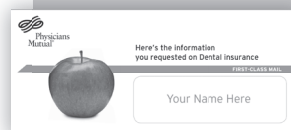
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