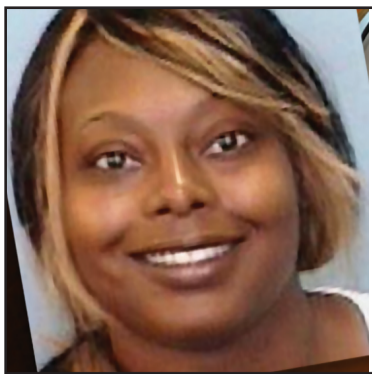


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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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

**CANCELLATION**

Wilmington Southside Community Development Corporation community gathering has been rescheduled until further notice due to The City of Wilmington improvements.

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

A service will be held in memory of those killed by law enforcement since 2013. "Sadly, many of the police officers responsible for killing these unarmed men, women and children have not been held accountable," according to the leadership of the NBLC, NHC Chapter and Black Lives Matter, Wilmington, NC. The service entitled "Wilmington, We Will Never Forget" will held on Monday, October 24th at 5:00 p.m. at the downtown main library, 301 Chestnut Street, in the New Hanover Room.

The program is sponsored by the local chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus, NHC Chapter and Black Lives Matter, Wilmington, NC.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**SOME WANT TO GO BACK**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we, as a people, have made great strides in race relations in the last twenty-five years. We have jobs, churches, homes that we want along side people who don't see skin color as a problem. However, now we find ourselves with people who want to go backward. They have found hate through our system of government, which teaches hatred through political talk and

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**MCCRORY REFUSES SESSION TO HELP PRINCEVILLE, FLOODED COUNTIES**



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AERIAL SHOT OF PRINCEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, THE COUNTRY'S OLDEST AFRICAN AMERICAN INCORPORATED TOWN

**Governor and Republican legislators claim adequate funds while some disagree**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As massive pumps displaced 4 million gallons of flood water per day from the Edgecombe County town of Princeville and, as hundreds of evacuated families from there and other impacted communities continue to worry about where they are going to live next, state lawmakers are strongly urging Governor Pat McCrory to convene a special session of the NC General Assembly as soon as possible to appropriate the critical recovery funds thirty-one central and eastern North Carolina counties need in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

"I do think there should be a special session at some point," says Democratic House Minority Leader Larry Hall (D-Durham), "which should be as soon as reasonably possible."

However, the governor and Republican legislative leaders refuse, saying there is enough in the State Emergency Fund to tide the impacted flooded areas over until state lawmakers reconvene in January, pointing to the projection that swollen rivers will recede by Oct. 24th.

Indeed, McCrory seems to literally contradict his own remarks from Oct. 11, in a press release from the Governor's Office online, when he was quoted as saying, "Our State continues to make progress responding to the devastation from Hurricane Matthew, but dangerous conditions persist. We will continue doing everything possible to fight for all available resources to help people recover."

However, later on that same webpage appears the sentence, "The State Budget Office and emergency management officials do not expect those funds to be exhausted before early 2017," and further down, in that

same press release from the Governor's Office, appears, "...if needed, the state's rainy day fund is at an all-time high of \$1.6 billion."

Apparently Republican leaders in the NC General Assembly convinced the governor that the small disaster relief fund, which is reportedly under \$20 million, would be quite enough for now

"[It would be] imprudent to try to determine long-term needs until floodwaters recede and immediate threats to safety are controlled," a joint statement from House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate Leader Phil Berger said.

Democrats wholeheartedly disagree. Last week, as flood waters and power outages continued to ravage homes, businesses and farms, State Senate Minority Leader Dan Blue [D-Wake] and other Senate Democrats called on McCrory and Republican leaders to move quickly to address the emergency.

"...We, as state leaders, need to act now to provide immediate relief and assistance to communities directly impacted by the storm," Blue wrote in an Oct. 12th letter to McCrory.

Senator Blue ended his missive to the governor with this cautionary, "To wait on federal assistance without taking immediate action at the State level puts people's safety and livelihoods at further risk."

State Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram (D-District 3), who represents many of the areas affected, including Edgecombe County, also wrote Governor McCrory, urging quick action.

"Now that President Obama has declared a state of disaster for almost a dozen eastern

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**N.C. African American Heritage Commission spearheads drive to support flooded Princeville**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

RALEIGH, N.C. - Princeville, the oldest town incorporated by African Americans in the United States, is struggling under heavy flooding from Hurricane Matthew. The N.C. African American Heritage Commission is initiating a drive to gather needed supplies for a community where the majority of homes are flooded and many have lost everything.

"My heart goes out to this community," said N.C. Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources Secretary Susan Kluttz. "I applaud the African American Heritage Commission for identifying a need and working to solve it."

Hurricane Floyd submerged Princeville in 1999, putting the historically significant town in jeopardy.

Primary needs have been identified as the following:

- handtools
- toiletries
- non-perishable food items
- cleaning supplies
- new toys and books for children

"As we keep those in impacted communities in our prayers we should also keep in mind that our fellow North Carolinians, in being displaced from their homes, are also displaced from their networks and communities," said Dr. Valerie Ann Johnson, chair of the N.C. African American Heritage Commission and member of the N.C. Historical Commission. "The N.C. African American Heritage Commission, in soliciting donations for Princeville residents, is also supporting their efforts to remain a community. We urge those who can provide assistance in this effort to do so. Princeville is an important part of our state's heritage as are communities across North Carolina affected once again by record-breaking floods."

Donations can be delivered to the N.C. Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources lobby at 109 East Jones St. in Raleigh and at the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Historic Site at 6136 Burlington Rd. in Gibsonville.

For more information, please contact Michelle Lanier at (919) 807-6518 or michelle.lanier@ncdcr.gov.

**Larry Price scheduled for home**

BY BEVERLY SMALLS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Williston Junior High School Band's famous jazz composer, alto sax player, vocalist, arranger and album producer, Larry Price is scheduled to perform at home, October 28 at Burnt Mill Creek.

After a twelve year stint in Finland, music workshop residencies in Spain and Kenya, and numerous professional performances while living in New York and Philadelphia, the Wilmington native returns to the city of his start.

"I'm really looking forward to connecting with everyone again," Price said.

His last hometown performance was in 2004 as a guest artist for the Williston Alumni. Fittingly, the jazz artist credits his initial interest and music training to that school's band director, Adolph Green.

Price wanted to play the saxophone because he liked the way it looked. His parents, Kirby and Louise Price tried to get him involved with piano lessons from the late "Miss Lee," (Emma). He was five and stopped trying at age six.

Mr. Green, and later Hugh Jones became his local music mentors. Price never gave up the alto sax.

"When I was in the seventh grade, about age thirteen, I was so good at it until Hugh Jones tried to get my parents

to let me join a professional band, The Chargers. They played rhythm and blues and traveled on weekends all over North and South Carolina," Price said.

After turning fourteen they let him participate. He remembers playing a lot of Otis Redding, James Brown and other African American legends' songs. During that era, the only blacks in Myrtle Beach venues were on stage or cleaning up, he joked.

Price enlisted in the Army and served three years after graduating from John T. Hoggard in 1973.

Promoting his return to the Port City is musician, Benny Hill. Jazz and

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African-American Historian, Larry Thomas will serve as emcee.

"I also play sax," said Hill who picked up the instrument at age twelve. "When another jazz organization was unable to successfully plan a return by Larry I thought it would be a good idea to try having him come anyway."

Larry will be playing with Doug Irving on bass, Jerald Shynett on piano, and Jon Hill on drums.

"I think I may be playing a tune with him too," Hill said. Like Price, his parents, the Rev Benton Hill (Blondell) had deep appreciation for music. They allowed their residence in Creekwood to become a safe haven for musically inclined youths "to jam" in their home.

Hill emphasizes having a jazz artist like Price in concert is very special. Price agrees that he is excited about seeing friends, relatives and jazz lovers' faces when he performs. "You always notice ... and feel the audience response."

Of the twelve countries Price has performed or lectured in, Russia had the most appreciative responsive audiences, he said.

Ukrainian classical pianist, Viatceslav Novikov and Price presented workshops and performed together often. Theirs was a unique blend of soulful and classical melodies, he said.

For ticket information, see Benny Hill's web page; call, 910-297-4727; or come to Burnt Mill Creek, 2101 Market Street. Doors open 7 p.m., Friday, October 28. Concert hours are 8 p.m. until. Seating is limited.

# NC NAACP encourages early voting now for the November 8th election

The NC NAACP has sent out nonpartisan "Talking Points" for voters and prospective voters taking part in the November general election, reminding all about what changes in North Carolina election law since the recent US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals decision striking down parts of the 2013 voter ID law that sought to suppress the African-American vote.

Early voting begins today across the state until Saturday, Nov. 5th, the last Saturday before the November 8th election. You can find information about your County's Early Voting plans by calling your county, or going to NC NAACP's website: NC NAACP.org, or to NCVoter.org. During the entire Early Voting Period "Same-Day Registration" will be available, which allows voters to register and vote on the same day. If you are an eligible voter, it is your right to be heard in this election. Go during the Early Voting period to make sure your vote counts. NOTE: If you are registering for the first time, bring a document to confirm your identity and current address, such as bank statement, utility bill, paycheck, document from a government agency, or driver's license. All voter's voices should be heard this Election.

First, there is NO PHOTO IDENTIFICATION requirement in North Carolina this election.

Back-Up Safeguard for Votes Cast on Election Day - If you go to the wrong precinct on Election Day (Nov. 8th) or have a problem at the poll, you have a right to vote with a provisional ballot and to make sure that it is counted.

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actions. They have voted in bad bills and passed unjust laws for the purpose of dividing our people, Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, etc. This has been done for control but causes all kinds of trouble from the backlash of bad judgment and propaganda.

We must never forget from where we've come and that the path to freedom was paved with blood, sweat and tears. If we are to stay on that path, we must continue to fight and speak out about the issues that affect us. There should be no such thing as forgetting the past. We can't live in the past, but we can use the past to live by!!

Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

On Election Day, Tuesday November 8, polls are open 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. If you are in line by 7:30 pm, you must be allowed to vote. You should vote at your precinct, not an early voting site. For help: Call 1-866-OUR-VOTE!

Voting by People with Fully Served Felony Sentences - In NC, you can register like a new voter after serving a felony sentence, including all probation or parole. No extra documents or process is required. A civil fine, restitution or misde-

meanor does not block your right to vote.

Assistance - A near family member may help you vote! Voters with a disability or reading hardship can receive assistance from anyone who is not an employer or union agent. Curbside voting is available for people with disabilities.

Straight Party Voting is not available this election. Voters will need to mark their choice for every race and flip the ballot over to indicate your choice for local races. If you make an

error on your ballot, ask for a new one!

You Can Review the Ballot In Advance & Write Down Your Choices - You can review your ballot ahead of time, and bring a written aid to help you in the voting booth or an electronic aid on your phone. Just remember: no photographs are allowed within the voting area.


Sunday Voting: At least 22 counties currently will offer at least one day of Sunday Voting. Those counties include Anson, Buncombe, Catawba, Craven,

Cumberland, Durham, Greene, Guilford, Hoke, Hyde, Lenoir, Mecklenburg, Person, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Rowan, Sampson, Vance, Wake, Wayne, and Wilson.

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Thursday, October 20, 2016

**VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MIKE PENCE VISITS BOMBED GOP SITE**



**STATE BRIEFS**

[HILLSBOROUGH] Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, the Republican nominee for vice president, took time from the campaign trail this week to visit the site of a firebombing of the Orange County Republican

Party, calling it "an act of political terrorism." Pence toured the charred interior with blackened walls and burnt campaign signs. Authorities say someone threw a Molotov cocktail through the window, and then scrawled something on the wall of an adjacent building calling Republicans "Nazis". GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump has also condemned the attack, as has Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. A group of

Democrats have raised \$13,000 to help with cleanup and rebuilding. Gov. McCrory has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the rest and prosecution of the culprits.

**DONALD BUIE, CANDIDATE FOR NC APPELLATE COURT, DROPS OUT**

[WINSTON-SALEM] *The Winston-Salem Chronicle* reports that local attorney Donald Buie, a candidate for

the NC Court of Appeals, "...is ending his unaffiliated run..." The paper continues, "In an email to *The Chronicle*, he said he has suspended his campaign "due to unforeseen personal and family issues." Voters will still see Buie's name on the ballot and even in their mailbox, since his departure comes after the ballots have been printed and after information about judicial candidates was mailed out by the N.C. Board of Elections."

**THIRD GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE FEATURES SHARP EXCHANGES**

[RALEIGH] Even though he said he would be willing to have more debates before the Nov. 8th Election Day, Tuesday night was probably the last time Gov. Pat McCrory will faceoff against Democratic challenger Roy Cooper. The two engaged in a feisty, and at times fiery back-and-forth arguing about everything from Hurricane Matthew

disaster relief to the lack of transparency in state government. McCrory defended his support for the controversial HB2 transgender law, while Atty. Gen. Cooper defended his management of the troubled State Crime Lab. Libertarian Lon Cecil was also in the debate, but stayed mostly above the fray.

**COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS**

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counties, I urge you to call the General Assembly for a Special Session for the purpose of putting additional appropriations in place to expedite and begin the long road of recovery, disaster clean-up, rebuilding, and relief efforts."

Senator Smith-Ingram goes on to state that, despite approval of federal storm assistance, "...the impact of Matthew was so significant, and state aid is imperative [now]." She further stated that "...preliminary estimates already exceed the balance in the state Emergency Response Fund..."

That "balance," legislative sources say, is just \$12 million (the Governor's Office placed that figure closer to \$18 million in its Oct. 11th press release), and Democrats like Senators Blue and Smith-Ingram say that amount is clearly nowhere near what is needed in eastern North Carolina counties like Nash, Robeson, Cumberland, Bertie, Chowan, Tyrell, Washington, Wayne, Columbus and Edgecombe, among others that were hard hit with massive flooding, downed trees, and crumbling roads.

According to North Carolina Statute 166A-19.42 under the State Emergency Management Act, the Governor has authority over that fund to give financial assistance based of Type I, II, and III classified disasters.

In Type I, the Governor can render emergency assistance to disaster victims by way of grants to individuals and loans to businesses for temporary housing, repairs to dwellings, replacement of personal property, and other associated losses, including funeral expenses and public assistance.

In Type II and Type III, the Governor can render emergency assistance up to \$25,000 per family in housing repair, replacement or relocation grants. The fund also allows the governor to cover the start-up costs of first responder teams and whatever supplies and equipment that are needed. However, again, in the aftermath of Matthew, Democrats say \$12-\$18 million isn't nearly enough.

If a reference point is needed for state lawmakers to determine what the possible total

cost could be, they need look no further than Hurricane Floyd in 1999, which caused massive flooding and destruction in Edgecombe and other counties, costing North Carolina \$836 million in disaster relief funding, even with federal assistance.

A special session was called to appropriate that funding, albeit three months after Floyd hit. Democrats say, given the high level of suffering, loss of homes, businesses and farms, in addition to lives (at least 25 at press time), in the aftermath of Matthew, faster action is required now.

"... [T]he effectiveness of the relief will ultimately be the ease with which it can be delivered or accessed by those in need," says House Minority Leader Larry Hall.

During last week's gubernatorial debate with Democratic challenger, Attorney General Roy Cooper, Governor McCrory proudly touted that over \$1.6 billion was budgeted away in the State's "Rainy Day Fund," but it takes legislative action by the NC General Assembly to touch any of that fund because it's deliberately unallocated to any agency or program. Thus, the call for McCrory to immediately convene a special session as soon as possible to determine how much more beyond the emergency fund is needed now.

Based on news reports and interviews with officials involved in the disaster relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, that price tag will be considerably more than Floyd.

What also has not been said is that federal assistance will cover up to 75 percent of what the State spends in recovery efforts, according to that same State Emergency Management website that also quoted Governor McCrory. So there's little reason not to use Rainy Day Funds.

"In the days and weeks ahead, it is critical that our state leaders thoroughly document the needs in these communities and pursue innovative approaches to meeting those needs. There will be gaps in available federal assistance, and it will be incumbent on North Carolina to come up with the ways to provide relief to those that may be initially left out of the recovery," said Bill Rowe of the NC Justice Center, a Raleigh-based progressive think tank.

The population of the small

town of Princeville, considered the oldest incorporated town founded by African-Americans in the nation, is more than weary of the flood waters Matthew has brought. Many of them experienced the same dire dilemma in 1999 when Hurricane Floyd dumped heavy rains on an already swollen Tar River that separates Princeville from neighboring Tarboro. The subsequent flooding forced the town's 2,000 residents to flee for their lives for emergency shelters in schools and nearby hotels, or out of the area with relatives, with little more than the clothes on their backs.

History has repeated itself 17 years later with Matthew. Senator Smith-Ingram says that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is imploring impacted victims to file with the agency as soon as possible, noting that they have 60 days from the disaster declaration (roughly Dec. 9th). They should call 1-800-621-3362, but many of the survivors are poor and elderly and don't have bank accounts into which FEMA can automatically deposit needed funds. They normally go to check cashing places with whatever public assistance they get.

Tarboro High School has

served as an emergency shelter for many. Those who have been able to afford to, have stayed in area hotels and motels, afraid that, when their money runs out, they and their children will be kicked to the streets.

Princeville Elementary School was found less than six feet of water. Classes have been relocated to a different facility.

The Salvation Army and American Red Cross are working with NCDisaster Relief.org ([www.ncdisasterrelief.org](http://www.ncdisasterrelief.org)) to collect donations for all in need who have been affected by Matthew, but various church

organizations, including the General State Baptist Convention and affiliated churches, are in the process of collecting donations to help the people affected throughout the region, including Princeville.

On Tuesday, Princeville town leaders, led by Mayor Bobbie Jones, walked into their town for the first time in a week, holding hands, to survey the damage. They vowed that Princeville will be rebuilt again, based on the hard work their community is known for. "And we'll do it together," Mayor Jones said.

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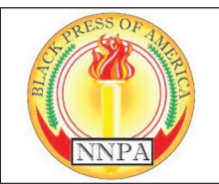
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## Our Voice

### CASH IN THE APPLE Who did it?

I think all freedom-loving people can agree that the firebombing of the NC GOP headquarters in Hillsborough last weekend was a dastardly act of terrorism. If anyone has bad things to say about the Republican Party, make no mistake that the line forms behind me. But that doesn't mean that blowing up the place just because it is associated with the GOP justifies throwing a Molotov cocktail in the place. Deadly violence of this nature for any reason outside of a declared foreign war is abhorrent. It's also cowardly.

Black people know all too well how cowardly, having experienced white supremacists firebombing the homes and businesses of civil rights workers and their supporters. Ask that NAACP field office in Colorado in January 2015 that was set ablaze suspiciously.

I'm like other folks...I want GOP ideas fairly defeated at the polls, not through violence and bloodshed. We still have to live together in the long run, folks, so whatever fights we have should be fierce and hardhitting, but not violent.

And one more thing....not enough is being said about that group of Democrats. Independent of the state party, who went online and raised thousands of dollars to help the NCGOP repair the damage to their office. That was something I was proud to read, that in the midst of a hardfought and pivotal general election, their decency overcame their partisanship. That's the way most of us used to be. I hope we can return to those kind of values.

MATTHEW - Needless to say, while the world of politics is going crazy around us, the real world beckons for our undivided attention.

The extraordinary flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew that has destroyed homes, businesses and whole towns, has dramatically changed the lives of thousands of people, forced to evacuate their homes for the high, safe ground.

Specifically we're thinking about the Edgecombe County town of Princeville, the oldest town incorporated by African-Americans in America. We almost lost Princeville in 1999 when it was flooded when the Tar River broke through the levees after Hurricane Floyd. That was 17 years ago.

Now, in the wake of Matthew, Princeville has been flooded again, and all of the town's residents have been evacuated. They are temporarily living in hotels and emergency shelters, their money running low, their prospect for finding a new place to live even lower. Their homes and businesses are underwater. All they have is hope, and us.

Let's certainly do what we can to help all of the victims throughout eastern North Carolina impacted by Matthew, but let's pay particular attention to what's happening in Princeville.

The community stood by them once in 1999, and we can do it again.

Cash in the Apple - honored as the Best Column Writing of 2006 by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Columnist Cash Michaels was also honored by the NNPA for Best Feature Story Journalist of 2009, and was the recipient of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP's President's Award for Media Excellence in Sept. 2011.

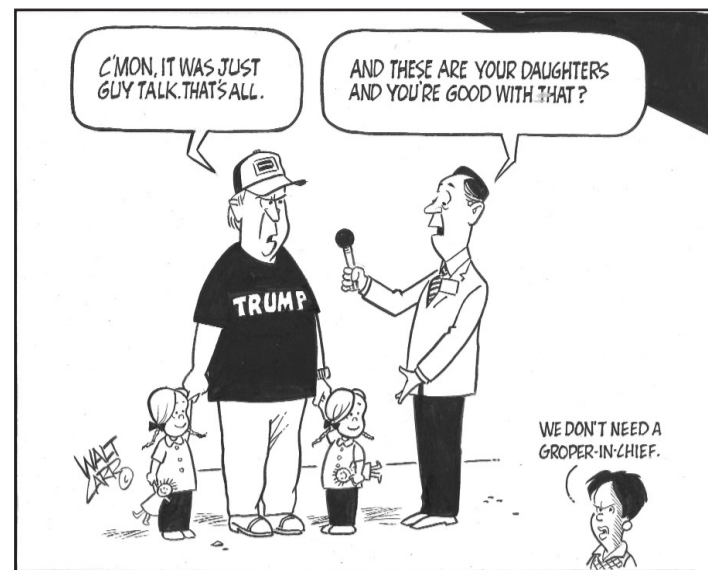
Until next week, keep a smile on your face, GOD in your heart, and The Wilmington Journal in your life. Bye, bye.

## REGISTER! THEN VOTE!



## A VOTELESS PEOPLE IS A HOPELESS PEOPLE!!

## Visual Voice



## Matters of Opinion What's going on?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Every woman and every Black person in this country must be asking, "What's Going On?" Forty-three times, white men have held dominance in consideration and representation of the position of President of the United States. With two elections, President Barack Obama has shattered that stereotypical image of the "elderly, white male president" and, as we stand on the verge of electing the first female President of the United States, he's opened the door to diversity in the Presidency. This fact has driven some people out of their collective minds!

We find that haters of Black people (even a few self-haters) and haters of women (of which, more than a few are women) have gone over the cliff with their self-induced madness. Their vitriol against a well-qualified

woman who has torn down, and continues to tear down, traditional barriers to women's equality is absurd. First Lady Michelle Obama laid it out more clearly than anyone in the campaign has yet done, but were any of the haters listening? If so, will they allow themselves rational judgment for the remainder of the campaign or even a moment?

Of Secretary Clinton, the double-standards are obvious. I don't recall anyone questioning whether the first 43 white males were qualified, healthy or were enablers/responsible parties for actions or statements of their wives. Nor have I seen any criticized for not smiling enough, for being overly-prepared for debates or threatened with imprisonment for matters already settled.

As with President Obama, none spent years having his citizenship and legitimacy questioned, nor did their opposition make their number one goal the failure of their President's administrations. The haters didn't succeed against President Obama, who will be regarded as one of history's most successful Presidents; and they will not succeed against

Secretary Clinton. Her resume is more than exceptional. She has been a successful attorney, First Lady of Arkansas and the United States, a successful leader of a healthcare movement for children, a U.S. Senator, a Secretary of State and more. What does it take for a woman or a Black person to be qualified? As both a woman and a Black person, I have asked myself this question many times. For years, this same question has been asked by highly-qualified, highly-regarded members of our society. There is no rational answer. Most recognize and agree that ruling-out a person based upon their color or gender is plain and simple ignorance, jealousy, insanity and hatred without just cause.

The so-called patriots, who deny the continuing "greatness" of America because a Black man is President and a woman may soon be President, need to ask themselves, "Other than someone who appeals to my basic bigotry, who can I reasonably expect to manage the affairs of government as effectively as Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton?" If there is someone,

line up their accomplishments with President Obama's or Secretary Clinton's. The comparisons would be illuminating. With the many obstacles thrown in his path, President Obama is most qualified to evaluate Secretary Clinton as "the most qualified candidate ever to run for President." With record high popularity, President Obama is leading the way for his successor. His endorsement of Hillary is good enough for me. Even in these crazy times, both have shown that you can't keep a good man or woman down.

As we move closer to Election Day, we must remind people that, in the words of our First Lady, "When they go low, we go high!" We can save our GREAT nation with our votes. We must vote in numbers matching or exceeding the past two elections. Let there be no doubt who was most responsible for electing the first Black President or who'll be most responsible for electing the first woman President.

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## TO BE EQUAL

### Exercise your rights: VOTE!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"In a democracy such as ours, the vote is precious, it is almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have. Those who sacrificed everything - their blood and their lives - and generations yet unborn, are all hoping and praying that Congress will rise to the challenge and get it done again." - Congressman John Lewis.

But plans on paper, written in the most compelling prose, with the most prescient rationale, mean nothing if we do not put in place responsible, forward-thinking governmental representatives with the power to put these plans into action.

The responsibility to put these plans into action lies with this generation. That responsibility boils down to just one almighty action: We must vote. The National Urban League is part of a nonpartisan Election Protection coalition formed to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process. Election Protection provides Americans from coast to coast with comprehensive voting information on how they can make sure their vote is counted through a number of resources including a voter helpline 866-OUR-VOTE.

If you or anyone you know experiences any irregularity while trying to register or vote, please call 866-OUR-VOTE. But please, vote. If injustice outrages you, if this recent cycle of violence grates at your inner core as a human being, then we must vote.

If we want to fund urban infrastructure and build schools instead of juvenile detention facilities, build libraries and community centers instead of prisons, we must vote. If we want universal early childhood education ... we must vote. If we want a federal living wage, tied to inflation, we must vote.

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instead of prisons, we must vote. If you want to see our tax dollars go to rebuilding West Baltimore and Inglewood, Chicago and Athens, Ohio, and Boone, North Carolina, as they have in Baghdad and Kabul, we must vote.

If we want to see our urban youth working at summer jobs instead of floundering in hopelessness, we must vote. If we want to see the dream of a college education within affordable reach for every student in America, we must vote.

everything we have to protect our vote.

This is the first Presidential election in more than 50 years to take place without the full protection of the Voting Rights Act. This year, 14 states will have new voting restrictions in place for the first time in a presidential election. The new laws range from strict photo ID requirements to early voting cutbacks to registration restrictions. Those 14 states are: Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

It's no accident that the states most likely to pass new voting restrictions were those with the highest African-American turnout in 2008, those with the highest Hispanic population growth between 2000 and 2010, and those formerly covered under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act before it was struck down by the Supreme Court in Shelby County v. Holder.

Of the 11 states with the highest African-American turnout in 2008, six have new restrictions in place. Of the 15 jurisdictions previously covered by Section 5, nine have new restrictions in place and four of them enacted restrictions directly after the Shelby County decision: Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas.

Make no mistake, there are people in power who do not want African-Americans, young people, senior citizens and other vulnerable populations do vote. We cannot let them stop us.

"Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

And if we are to achieve all this, through our vote, we must continue to fight with

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WHAT WE BLACKS NEED TO DO

Let's do it again in 2016!!!

We made positive history in 2008 and 2012 and we will make it again in 2016. Let us take a brief look at what can and will happen when we vote in record numbers as if our lives depended on it because it does.



James Hankins

First on the local level. We must vote for every position. Soil and water conservation district supervisor, Board of Education, City Council, County commissioner members and others. These are people we may see in our bank, ABC store, place of worship, the mall and even our favorite fish market on Friday. They will make decision that can make our life easy or hard. We must get to know them and attend their opened meetings because "out of sight, out of mind".

Second on the state level.

The last three years and nine months under the "leadership" of Governor Pat McCrory, United States Senator Richard Burr and the extreme conservative's majority in The NC. General Assembly has been disgusting. I could make a long list of what need to be changed, but I will paraphrase a familiar scripture I learned in Bible school that sums it up. "changing a few things will not make them whole, they must be born again". We can't change what they have done to us, but we can change their occupation by voting for their opponents.

The General Assembly passed, and Governor McCrory signed, a bill to transfer \$500,000 from the disaster relief fund to pay out of state lawyers to appeal the HB2 ruling in federal court. If you have any hurricane damage from Matthew and they are penny pinching you on flooding and clean-up, you know we are short one half million dollars thanks to our "leader" Governor McCrory.

# NOTE-Deductive

Reasoning-If the people (Koch brothers and Art Pope) and industries (Insurance and Duke "cold ash" Energy) are helping Governor McCrory and Senator Burr maintain a luxurious life style are referred to as "pimps" ---then what are McCrory and Burr referred to as?

Third-The judges. We sometimes skip over voting for the judges and that is a big mistake. We are blessed to have "some" good Judges. Many of our local judges will move up the ladder all the way to the Supreme Court. Governor McCrory had us beaten down and was counting us out after he and his extreme conservatives General Assembly members passed gerrymandered districts, voter suppression, HB 2 (bathroom bill) and other discriminatory laws.

And then along came Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II and a diverse group of freedom fighters marching, singing, sitting-in and saying "not this time". We followed the "old slow" NAACP (smile) way by

going to court. Federal Judges said, in so many words, "Governor McCrory, you violated the U.S. Constitution and in some cases your intentionally used race to stop people from voting or put them in a district where even if they voted 100% together they still would not have enough votes to win". We won all three cases because we fight in court, not in the streets.

Fourth - The President. With Hillary Clinton in the White House with a Democrat Senate majority, she can appoint judges who will put our country back on the right track. For those of you Bernier Saunders supporters you must come back home and vote so our, brother, Senator Sanders can become Senate Majority leader and our, sister, Elizabeth Warren can chair the Committee on Banking. If we take back the House too,

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BLACKONOMICS

The cost of living

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Since our political discussions are now X-Rated, so much so that we must ask the children to leave the room before we watch the news, the speeches, and the debates, we need to add another concern to the X-Rated list: Social Security. Silly me, that pales in comparison to what's really important, doesn't it?

Hillary's emails, Bill and Donald's dalliances and sexual conquests are obviously far more critical (and titillating) than a small issue like our disabled and elderly being able to live out their lives without having to worry about silly things like eating, breathing, and paying for life-saving medicines and treatments.

Yes, the cost of living is increasing every day, but cost of living allowances (COLA) for those on Social Security are non-existent or ridiculously and embarrassingly low. The latest COLA "increases" for those most in need were cited in an article on CNN Money.

"Checks for 66 million beneficiaries will rise between 0.2% to 0.5% in 2017. That works out to between \$2.61 and \$6.53 a month more for the typical retiree, according to the American Institute for Economic Research, a nonpartisan think tank." Say what?!!

The article continues, "The average retirement benefit check is currently \$1,305.30, according to government figures. This is by far the smallest percentage increase of any year in which benefits did rise. But it's better than 2016, when Social Security checks didn't increase at all. There have only been three years without any increase at all since Social Security's cost-of-living adjustment was put in place in 1975 -- 2010, 2011 and 2016."

Someone said a nation is judged by how it treats the least among its citizens. There is also something that was said by a very special person once: "...what you did not do for the least of these, you did not do for me." (Matthew 25:45)

If this nation does not come to its senses and get its priorities properly aligned, it's not going to matter in the least who is the next resident of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The ethical and moral slide we are on right now is reprehensible and so detrimental to our young people. Moreover, we are standing by while our elders are dying for lack of essentials, having to make choices between food and rent, oxygen and heat or cooling and life-saving medicine.

The EpiPen controversy, where the cost was raised over 400% to an outrageous \$608.00 for two Epinephrine pens that, according to industry experts cost no more than \$30.00 (some say \$20.00) to make and only \$2.00 for the medicine inside the needles, is a prime example of the true cost of living for those with medical issues. I am told that a drug for debilitating Rheumatoid Arthritis cost as much as \$2,000.00 per month for two injections! This is shameful, and it speaks to our condition in this country, our greed, and our willingness to get as much profit as we can without regard for who it hurts. Money first and people second, maybe even third or fourth.

We should be outraged and appalled at this situation as we watch our parents and grandparents struggle to pay the ridiculous cost to maintain their lives. The cost of living for them is beyond their reach, and many are dying because of it. So what will we do about it? Will we continue to be entertained, mesmerized, and embarrassed by the politicians and their operatives who are too busy trying to find more dirt on one another, or will we turn our attention to the much more important problem of our disabled and elderly and the day-to-day problems they face. Our politics should go from X-Rated to Rx-Rated.

I believe we can do much better by the least among us. Do you? If so, get involved and make their cost of living decrease and their Cost of Living Allowances increase.

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the sky is the limit.

Please vote so we all can celebrate election night by dancing to the song written by Curtis Mayfield and sung by the Staples singers. "Do it again".

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Hillary Clinton should not endure snoter debate with Donald Trump

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Hillary Clinton should not endure another debate with Donald Trump. He has already shown himself as bigoted against immigrants,



Barbara Reynolds

Mexicans, Muslims, Blacks, and prisoners of War, such a U.S. Senator John McCain. He is also a man who calls women "pigs" and gloats over his deftness at grabbing their private parts. This may be a titillating resume for a reality TV star, but certainly not for the president of the most powerful nation on the planet.

This entire year instead of being inspired as I watched the election debates, I have felt that the American public, politicians and the press have been dragged down into the depths of a dark, dank sewer with the manhole slammed shut. The stench has overshadowed real issues, such as the poisoned population of Flint, Michigan, the Black men murdered by police for walking or running while breathing, the carnage of murdered little children piling up in our bloody inner cities and the homeless families increasing because of builders like Trump pricing the poor and middle class out of the housing market.

As a shining example of what one group the Donald caters to is the new Trump hotel in the nation's capital where one night's lodging starts at \$800 and soars into the thousands. If you are not a millionaire or someone who delights in demeaning, despicable conduct, why else would you follow Trump?

Historically our democratic system based on a living and expansive Constitution has allowed us through much toil and pain to rise above the base, selfish, ugly acts of dangerous extremists. As shown in the recently released video tape, what Trump stands for we don't need; in fact, his values demean us here at home and in the world.

Groping women is not normal. It is unnatural. It is brutish. It is sexual assault. To pass this off as just "locker room" talk sends a message that the foulest vulgarity is fine as long as it is shared behind closed doors. Instead of encouraging the public to cleanse ourselves of hateful, demeaning behavior his solution is to offend and assault those you deem vulnerable and of little value.

The kind of language Trump uses provides comfort to tyrannical male supervisor, abusive husbands, those who delight in bullying girls and young boys who would see men like Trump as role models. Trump's words, however, are also demeaning to "normal" men-fathers, husbands, friends who value women as

undeserving of scorn and do not find vulgar locker room talk as acceptable.

In the last debate Trump continued his race to the bottom by dragging into the debate hall, a cast of alleged participants in the sex life of ex-President Bill Clinton. Whether Clinton's accusers are right or wrong, Bill is not running for president. Hillary is and she should not be blamed because she happens to be in the midst of men who have or are acting badly.

In fact, maybe all this misplaced testosterone may be one more reason why we should elect a woman president. Yet, when I look at this pathetic muddy mess, I am inspired that when I look at President Obama, I see a man who honors his wife, dotes on fatherhood and whose life-both private and public-has not been touched by sexual scandals.

With me, I have been fired up and angry with Trump from the onset over his dogged determination of trying to prove that President Obama was unfit to be President by accusing him of not being born in America, even after Obama showed his birth certificates. This habitual actions of the privileged class trying to force Blacks to prove the obvious that water is wet and the sky is blue profiles us as outsiders, unworthy of belonging in whatever space we occupy, whether it is as a journalist, wife, or

even president of the United States.

Yet, while president Obama has served his term with excellence as commander in chief, restoring the sick economy left by his GOP predecessors, the Trumpeters are still trying to tarnish his legacy..Days after the debate, Hillary is leading in some polls by double digits. I see no reason why she should allow Trump to rub more sleaze on her by participating with him in any more public forums.

We know enough about Donald Trump. Let Trump be Trump and stand alone and continue to embarrass himself while the rest of us prepare to elect someone to the White House who can bring us together and continue an honored career as a public servant. And that of course is Hillary Clinton.

From this point on, Hillary should stand on a stage by herself and let her experience, temperament, character and knowledge of the issues shine through. Let Trump star in his own X-rated series alone... The rest of us have had enough of him and we have better things to do like preparing to go to the polls Nov. 8 and taking someone with us.

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

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB



## THE PEOPLE'S CLINIC

## African Americans and Breast Cancer: Healthier women, healthier communities

**B**reast Cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of death among women, particularly minority women, in the United States. It is estimated by the American Cancer Society (ACS) that more than 246,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer, and 61,000 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2016. Approximately 40,000 women will die from the disease this year. Did you know that 33% (one-third) of cancer diagnoses in African American women are for breast cancer? The ACS estimates that more than 27,000 cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among African American women in 2016, and more than 6,000 African American women will die from the disease. This means 1 out of every 9 AA women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in their lives.

Although overall (for all women) the number of breast cancer deaths has gone down steadily in recent decades, African American women still have a significantly higher death rate from breast cancer compared to whites, and unfortunately, the rate of breast cancer in AA women has continued to rise. Although less African American women are diagnosed with breast cancer [compared with white women], they are often diagnosed at later stages of the disease. This is partially due to differences in access to and use of early detection (mammograms) and treatment. However, research has also shown that African American women often have different types of breast cancers/tumors than white women, which often do not respond as well to traditional breast cancer treatment. It is essential for African American women to educate each other about their increased risk and the importance of early detection of breast cancer.

**What causes breast cancer?**

Breast Cancer is the most

common type of cancer diagnosed in women, but it is important to know that men can also suffer from breast cancer. Breast cancer is the uncontrolled growth of cells in the breast tissue. 80% of breast cancers arise from the mammary duct, while 20% arise in the milk producing lobules of the breast. Breast cancers are usually defined as invasive (started in the lobules/ducts of the breast but have invaded the surrounding tissue of the breast) or in situ (confined within the lobules/ducts). Specific causes of breast cancer remain unclear. Current efforts to understand the development of breast cancer include family history and genetic risk. These assessments can be used to help detect high-risk individuals.

**What are the risks for breast cancer?**

Because we do not know the precise causes of breast cancer, no one can tell who will develop it. However, a number of controllable and uncontrollable factors may increase the risk of developing breast cancer. Controllable risk factors include:

- Use of oral contraceptives for five years or longer,
  - Never having children,
  - Having a first child after the age of 30,
  - Having more than one alcoholic drink per day,
  - Obesity and high fat diets, and
  - Decreased exercise
- Recent studies have also indicated that use of combined estrogen and progesterone hormone replacement therapy is considered a controllable risk factor for breast cancer.

**Uncontrollable risk factors include:**

- Being female,
- Advancing in age,
- Family history of breast cancer,
- A previous biopsy that shows a pre-cancerous condition,
- First period before the age of 12,
- Having menopause after the

age of 55, or

•A mutation of breast cancer genes. Two genes, BRCA-1 and BRCA-2, are associated with breast cancer risk, but not all individuals who develop breast cancer have this gene.

**What are the current screening recommendations for breast cancer?**

One of the most important first steps for screening and detection is being familiar with your own breasts so you can note any changes. The best chance for curing breast cancer is early detection and treatment. All women should perform monthly self breast examinations beginning at age 20. The ACS suggests the following steps for a self-exam:

1. Lie down on your back and place your right arm behind your head. The exam is done while lying down, not standing up. This is because when lying down the breast tissue spreads evenly over the chest wall and is as thin as possible, making it much easier to feel all the breast tissue.

2. Use the finger pads of the 3 middle fingers on your left hand to feel for lumps in the right breast. Use overlapping dime-sized circular motions of the finger pads to feel the breast tissue.

3. Use 3 different levels of pressure to feel all the breast tissue. Light pressure is needed to feel the tissue closest to the skin; medium pressure to feel a little deeper; and firm pressure to feel the tissue closest to the chest and ribs. It is normal to feel a firm ridge in the lower curve of each breast, but you should tell your doctor if you feel anything else out of the ordinary. If you're not sure how hard to press, talk with your doctor or nurse. Use each pressure level to feel the breast tissue before moving on to the next spot.

4. Move around the breast in an up and down pattern starting at an imaginary line drawn straight down your side from the underarm and moving across the breast to the middle of the chest bone (sternum or

breastbone). Be sure to check the entire breast area going down until you feel only ribs and up to the neck or collar bone (clavicle).

5. Repeat the exam on your left breast, putting your left arm behind your head and using the finger pads of your right hand to do the exam.

6. While standing in front of a mirror with your hands pressing firmly down on your hips, look at your breasts for any changes of size, shape, contour, or dimpling, or redness or scaliness of the nipple or breast skin. (The pressing down on the hips position contracts the chest wall muscles and enhances any breast changes.)

7. Examine each underarm while sitting up or standing and with your arm only slightly raised so you can easily feel in this area. Raising your arm straight up tightens the tissue in this area and makes it harder to examine.

Current clinical screening recommendations include:

•Mammography (a breast x-ray) every year starting at age 40;

•Your healthcare provider should also complete a clinical breast exam at least every three years between ages 20-39 and yearly beginning at age 40.

•Women younger than age 25 years with BRCA-1/BRCA-2 mutations should have clinical breast examinations every year.

•Women with BRCA-1/BRCA-2 mutations or with strong family histories of breast or ovarian cancer who are over age 25 years should have a clinical breast examination every 6-12 months and mammography every year.

•The ACS also recommends using annual screening with Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI, a type of Xray) in addition to mammography for women at high risk.

Talk to your provider about your risk factors to determine the best screening plan for you.

**Breast Cancer Treatment**  
There are multiple differ-



**Breast Cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of death among women, particularly minority women.**

ent types of treatment for breast cancer, and the appropriate treatment should be determined by you and your healthcare provider based on the type of breast cancer, current stage, your overall health and other personal factors. The treatment may be local (treats a tumor at one site without affecting the rest of the body) or systemic (given by mouth or intravenously - through the veins - to reach anywhere in the body). The most common types of treatment are: Surgery, Radiation Therapy, Chemotherapy, Hormone therapy, Targeted Therapy (drugs that are used in combination with chemotherapy that target certain proteins, and/or antibodies in the cancer cells) and Bone-Directed Therapy (drugs that help reduce the risk of bone pain and fracture when cancer has spread to and/or causes bone weakness).

**Important questions for your doctor**

When you or someone you love is diagnosed with breast cancer it can be very stressful and frightening. It is important, and can be very helpful, to create a list of questions to ask your healthcare provider to make sure you have all the information you need, such as:

•What type of breast cancer do I have? How does this affect my treatment and prognosis?

•Has my cancer spread to lymph nodes or internal organs?

•What is the stage of my cancer and how does it affect my treatment options and outlook?

•What treatments are appropriate for me? What do you recommend? Why?

•What are the risks and side effects that I should expect?

•What will my breasts look and feel like after my treatment?

•What should I do to get ready for treatment?

•What are the chances my cancer will come back with the treatment programs we have discussed? Will I go through menopause as a result of the treatment?

•Will I be able to have children after my treatment?

•What type of follow-up will I need after treatment?

After your active treatment is complete, your healthcare provider will watch closely for a recurrence of cancer. This can involve follow up appointments, screening (such as mammograms) and treatment of side effects, if any. It is important to go to all follow up appointments and talk to your provider about any problems, concerns or questions you have.

*Do you need further information? Please visit the American Cancer Society website at <http://www.cancer.org/>. For information about the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity, please visit: <http://www.wakehealth.edu/MACHE>.*

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# Civil rights leaders and lawmakers say court is wrong to weaken CFPB

(TriceEdneyWire.com)- After returning billions of dollars in restitution that helped more than 25 million consumers plagued with financial struggles, the Consumer

Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) was dealt a judicial low blow. Swift and strong reactions to the decision came from civil rights leaders, consumer advocates and lawmakers who vowed to continue fighting for fairness in consumer finance.

In a 2-1 decision on October 11, a panel of three judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ruled that the CFPB's governance by a single director was unconstitutional. The court also rejected a \$109 million fine assessed for mortgage-related violations. Petitioning the court was PHH, a non-bank mortgage lender. Formally supporting PHH by filing court briefs were the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Realtors and

the American Land Title Association. "This is a case about executive power and individual liberty," wrote Judge Brett Kavanaugh in his opinion. "The U.S. Government's executive power to enforce federal law against private citizens - for example, to bring criminal prosecutions and civil enforcement actions - is essential to societal order and progress, but simultaneously a grave threat to individual liberty."

What Judge Kavanaugh and his colleague did not seem to recall are the millions of consumers who, through no fault of their own, lost their homes and their jobs during the foreclosure crisis that drained more than \$13 trillion from the country's economy. And while positive economic signs have emerged across the country, the very communities targeted by predatory financial practices - Blacks and Latinos - continue to feel as if the economic recovery has left them behind.

Nearly two years ago, CFPB fined PHH a total of \$109 million for mortgage insurance kickbacks that began as early as 1995.

Despite the hefty fine, what PHH and other financial interests really sought was a shuttering of the Bureau. Multiple legislative efforts have fortunately been stymied. More recently, those who opposed CFPB's creation alternatively sought judicial relief.

The district court did not go as far as the industry had hoped. PHH will not pay the CFPB ordered fine. However the split decision, did hold that the CFPB Director could be fired at will by a sitting president. The decision, which may be appealed, runs contrary to the original intent in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act: removing partisan shenanigans from financial regulation and creating an independent federal office to have financial fairness as its sole focus.

Dodd-Frank created CFPB as an independent agency led by a single director serving a 5-year term. The Bureau's funding was also removed from the annual congressional appropriations process. While the President nominated CFPB's Director, Senate confirmation was required for the full term and before much of the regulatory efforts could begin.

After President Obama's nomination of Richard Cordray languished for more than a year without a confirmation vote, his Bureau service began with a congressional recess appointment, before he was eventually confirmed by the upper chamber.

Many civil rights leaders and consumer advocates, who championed financial reform in the aftermath of the Great Recession swiftly reacted to the court decision.

"Conservative members of Congress have consistently tried to weaken CFPB's authority for meritless and political reasons", said Mike Calhoun, president of the Center for Responsible Lending. "If the 2008 financial crisis showed us anything, it's that consumers need an independent regulator to look after the interests of consumers...Any efforts to change CFPB's structure would reduce its effectiveness and harm hard-working people across the country."

"For years, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has cracked down on payday loan sharks, for-profit college scams, robo-filing debt collectors, shady overdraft charges, predatory home loans, and

just several weeks ago, bank account fraud on a staggering scale," said Wade Henderson, president and CEO, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

"It's not clear to us why this court chose this moment to side with those interests and against American consumers, coming so soon after the Wells Fargo scandal and so soon before the election," continued Henderson. "But today's ruling, as poorly-timed and wrong as it is, will help Americans understand just what is at stake."

On Capitol Hill, two leading financial reform lawmakers also offered strong reactions.

"This split decision - which bizarrely relies on a mischaracterization of my original proposal for a new consumer agency - will likely be appealed and overturned," said Senator Elizabeth Warren, who is largely credited with the idea of a consumer cop-on-the-beat. "The CFPB has been, and will remain, highly accountable to both Congress and the President."

If an appeal is pursued, two options are available to CFPB: one to the full D.C.

Circuit Court or a petition request to the U.S. Supreme Court. In either case, the decision does not overturn past CFPB actions, nor does it reduce the CFPB's authority moving forward.

Congresswoman Maxine Waters of California, the Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee expressed similar views to those of Senator Warren.

"The CFPB is a critical part of the Dodd-Frank Act and has returned nearly \$12 billion to more than 27 million consumers by going after fraud at large banks like Wells Fargo," said Congresswoman Waters. "[I]t's no surprise that a small panel of the country's most conservative judges has made such an anti-consumer ruling...We will continue to watch closely as this case proceeds, but Americans know that the CFPB continues to do its important work on behalf of all consumers, regardless of special-interest efforts to dismantle it."

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**Snipes Academy**, 2150 Chestnut St., will hold their Fall Festival on Saturday October 29th from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The **New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group** meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level, NHRMC. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at [info@lupusnc.org](mailto:info@lupusnc.org) or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit [www.lupusnc.org](http://www.lupusnc.org).

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Brunswick County

The **City of Northwest Parade** has been scheduled to Saturday, October 22nd. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Crimes today and yesterday

I am taking another look at crimes. It's everywhere in our neighborhoods, near and far away. We are in the process of finding more about the gangs and how destructive they can be in our communities. Keeping up today with helpful information is a necessity. We must be more helpful to our young African American males. Our friendship can be helpful many different ways.

We get helpful information through the newspaper, television, telephone, computers, mail and other means. There are many important things

happening in neighborhood that is not in the daily newspaper. Some of its news is not important to the daily readers.

North Carolina Crime is a guide book on the elements of crime, the main purpose of which is to help law enforcement decide which offense should be charged. It also helps them decide what evidence, if any,

they should gather to prepare a case for trial. An attorney or judge might well use this book also. Crimes have been committed in America ever since its discovery. Crime is increasing among the older and younger generations. We are all welcome to visit Brunswick County Community College Library to get a clear picture of past and present criminal activity. You may visit the library for more up-to-date information.

*Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in*

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

Verniece Stanley

Alpha Psi Omega donates healthy snacks for "Childhood Hunger Awareness"



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of Alpha Psi Omega and Omicron Phi delivering healthy snacks to Snipes Academy of Arts and Design.

BY WALTRINA BARNETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. donated 798 healthy snacks to the 400 students at Snipes Academy of Arts and Design on October 18, 2016 for Childhood Hunger Awareness

This is part of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s 2014-2018 International Program platform which includes Community Impact Days. Members implement International Community Impact Days annually to highlight the organization's collec-

tive impact in program target areas. Alpha Psi Omega member Waltrina Barnett served as chairman.

Snipes Academy of Arts & Design is a magnet school for the visual and performing arts in New Hanover County. Most of the students come from low-

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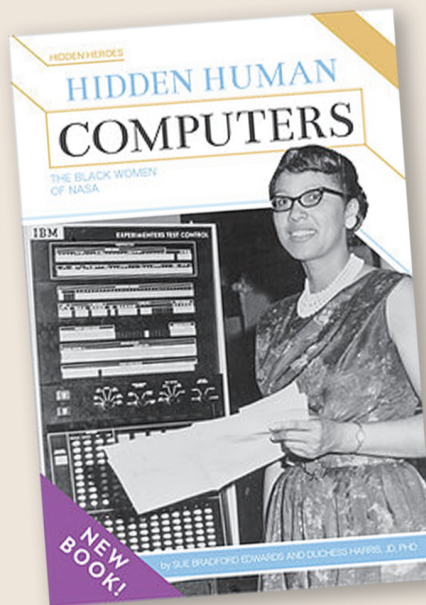
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Dr. Miriam Duchess Harris is the chair of the American Studies Department at Macalester College. She co-authored *Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA*.

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# 18 examples of racism in criminal legal system

BY BILL QUIGLEY  
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Racism may well be the biggest crime in the criminal legal system. If present trends continue, one of every four African-American males born this decade can expect to go to prison in his lifetime despite the fact that the Census Bureau reports that the U.S. is 13 percent Black, 61 percent white and 17 percent Latino.

When Brown v Board of Education was decided in 1954 about 100,000 African Americans were in prison. Now there are about 800,000 African Americans in jails and prisons: 538,000 in prisons and over 263,000 in local jails. Black men are nearly six times as likely to be incarcerated as white men and Hispanic men are 2.3 times as likely, according to the Sentencing Project.

Why? Because our country has dramatically expanded our jails and prisons and there is deep racism built into every step of the criminal legal system. Some think the criminal legal system has big problems that need to be reformed. Others think the racism in the criminal legal system is helping it operate exactly as it has been designed to incarcerate as many Black and brown people as possible.

Here are 18 examples of racism in parts of different stages of the system. Taken together, the racism in each of these steps accelerates the process of incarceration of African-American and Latino males. Together, they demonstrate that racism may well be the biggest crime in the criminal legal system.

## 1. Racism in Police Stops

Who is stopped by the police, either in cars or on foot, continues to be highly racialized as proof of racial profiling continues to accumulate. University of Kansas

professors found the police conducted investigatory stops of African-American males at twice the rate of Whites. A Black man in Kansas City 25 or younger has a 28 percent chance of being stopped, while a similar white male has only a 12 percent chance. In New York City, police continue to stop Black and Hispanics at rates far higher than whites even though they are stopping many less people due to a successful civil rights federal court challenge by the Center for Constitutional Rights. One of the most illuminating studies is in Connecticut which showed racial disparities in traffic stops during the daytime, when the race of the driver can be seen, but not at night.

## 2. Racism in Police Searches

Once stopped, during traffic stops, three times as many Black and Hispanic drivers were searched as White drivers, according to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. According to the same U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, White drivers were also given tickets at a slightly lower rate than Black and Hispanic drivers.

## 3. Racism in Police Use of Force during Arrest

A recent report by Center for Policing Equity found that police are more likely to use force like tasers, dogs, pepper spray and physical force against Black people than White people in making arrests.

## 4. Racism in Juvenile Arrests

Black youth are twice as likely to be arrested for crimes in school as White kids, over 2.5 times as likely to be arrested for curfew violations as white kids, twice as likely as white kids to be arrested for all crimes, and much more likely to be held in detention than white kids, according to the Sentencing Project.

## 5. Racism in Transgender

Arrests Hundreds of thousands of gay and transgender youth are arrested or detained every year and more than 60 percent are Black or Latino according to the Center for American Progress.

## 6. Racism in Arrests for Drugs

Start with the fact that Whites and Blacks use and abuse drugs at about the same rates. This is proven by the 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This study found drug and alcohol abuse among Whites and Blacks nearly the same with Blacks reporting one percent higher on drug use than Whites while Whites have three percent higher rates of binge alcohol and one percent higher rates of substance abuse or dependence.

But when it comes to drug arrests, Blacks are arrested at a rate more than twice their percentage in the population. Twenty-nine percent of drug arrests, according to FBI statistics, are of African-American people.

## 7. Racism in Police Arrests for Marijuana

While marijuana use is similar in Black and White communities, Blacks are 3.73 times as likely to be arrested for possession of marijuana as Whites.

## 8. Racism in Pre-trial Release

The National Academy of Sciences found that Blacks are more likely than Whites to be incarcerated while awaiting trial.

## 9. Racism in Prosecution Charges

Federal prosecutors are almost twice as likely to file charges carrying mandatory minimum sentences for African Americans than Whites accused of the same crimes according to a study published by the University of Michigan Law School.

## 10. Racism in Prison versus Community Service



Racism may well be the biggest crime in the criminal legal system. If present trends continue, one of every four African-American males born this decade can expect to go to prison in his lifetime.

The National Academy of Sciences stated that Blacks are more likely than whites to receive prison terms rather than community service. Black people are imprisoned at twice the rate of white people in the U.S. according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

## 11. Racism in Length of Incarceration

The National Academy of Sciences stated that, after conviction, Blacks are more likely than Whites to receive longer sentences.

## 12. Racism in State Drug Incarceration

The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports 208,000 people are in state prisons for drug offenses. Of this number, 32 percent are White and 68 percent are African-American or Hispanic.

## 13. Racism in Federal Drug Convictions

More than half of all federal prisoners are there for drug offenses. The U.S.

Sentencing Commission reported 25 percent of all federal drug convictions in 2014 were of African-Americans and 47 percent were Hispanics versus 24 percent of Whites. In federal prisons, 22 percent are white and 76 percent are African-American or Hispanic.

## 14. Racism in Federal Court Sentencing

African-American men were sentenced to 19 percent longer time periods in federal courts across the U.S. than White men convicted of similar crimes in a four-year study conducted by the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

## 15. Racism in Incarceration of Women

Black women are incarcerated at a rate nearly three times higher than White women.

## 16. Racism in Sentencing to Life Without Parole

Over 65 percent of prisoners serving life without parole for nonviolent offenses are Black.

es are Black.

## 17. Racism in Hiring People with Criminal Record

Having a criminal record hurts a person's ability to get a job. But it hurts Black men worse. In fact, White men with a criminal record have a better chance of getting a positive response in a job search than Black men without a criminal record. This has been confirmed by a study of 6,000 applications in Arizona and an earlier study in Milwaukee and New York City.

## 18. Racism in Eliminating the Right to Vote

The impact of this is devastating. For example, one of every 13 African-Americans has lost their right to vote due to felony disenfranchisement versus one in every 56 non-Black voters.

Taken together, these facts demonstrate the deep racism embedded in the criminal legal system. None dare call this justice.

## Black women's roundtable launches national vote effort

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The Black Women's Roundtable (BWR) and the Unity'16 Campaign of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP) recently announced a nationwide "Get Out the Vote" campaign. BWR is the women and girls empowerment arm of The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation.

A plan called "State of Emergency #PoweroftheSister Vote" will focus attention on key battleground states in the race for the White House. Those states include Georgia, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia and Florida. The goal of the campaign is to maximize the African American voter turnout for November 8.

The three-week push will include several "get out the vote" activities in the above states. The volatility of the election cycle that has given rise to a reality TV star and real estate mogul, Donald Trump, has made the turnout strategies for both parties of vital importance. No one expects the turnout percentage to be what it was in 2008 and 2012 when a historic candidate like Barack Obama, was on the top of the ticket.

To complicate the effort further, there has been a noteworthy "enthusiasm gap" between the Clinton campaign and the Trump campaign, with Trump speaking to consistently larger crowds than his competitors and Clinton sticking with relatively safe talking points on her stops. Even though (BWR) and the Unity'16 Campaign effort is non-partisan, the constituencies targeted in their campaign are African Americans likely to vote for Democratic candidates — particularly with Donald Trump on the scene.

President Obama's back-to-back victories showed the power of minority voters. Soon after President Obama was elected, new voter ID laws popped up in states with Republican Governors and legislatures.



PHOTO BY FREDDIE ALLEN/AMG/NNPA  
Melanie Campbell, the president and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, said that Black women are powerful force when it comes to getting our families and friends out to vote. This photo was taken during an NAACP rally on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. in June 2015.

Political analysts wonder if the same constituencies will turnout at the same levels as they did four and eight years ago. African American women have maintained the highest voting percentage of any group in the American electorate for the last two presidential cycles.

"Black women are a powerful force when it comes to getting our families and friends out to vote and we are the 'secret sauce' to who gets elected to the White House, Congress, state and local elections," said Melanie Campbell, the convener of the Black Women's Roundtable. "We are working to encourage our millennial Black women to take the lead in ensuring that they use peer-to-peer interaction to encourage young people to vote and to get their communities to vote."

In lieu of new laws that make it harder to vote implemented over the years, voter suppression will be a key

focus. "It is vital for Black millennials to seize our voting power in order to hold elected officials accountable to win on the issues we care including criminal justice and policing reform," said Tamika Mallory, a board member of Justice League NYC.

The "Get Out The Vote" efforts will include four town halls: Georgia, North Carolina - October 17-23; Ohio, North Carolina, Alabama - October 23-29; Florida, North Carolina - October 30-November 5; Virginia & Pennsylvania - Blitz Weekends - October 30 and November 5

A detailed calendar can be found at [www.unitycampaign.org](http://www.unitycampaign.org).

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# #BLACKOUTBR Protests boycotts continue in Baton Rouge over Alton Sterling shooting

BY MEGHAN ELLIS OF THE DRUM

BATON ROUGE — As shootings continue to plague cities across the country, frustrated citizens are continuing their fight for justice. With each shooting, dashcam and other forms of surveillance footage have been released to ensure complete disclosure. Unfortunately, that hasn't been the case with the deadly shooting of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge.

After nearly three months, only the cell phone videos filmed by spectators have been released. In addition to the withholding of dashcam footage and other surveillance videos, Baton Rouge police officers Blane Salamoni and Howie Lake II are still on administrative leave. No charges have been brought against the officers and citizens are wondering why.

Now, citizens and protesters are demanding answers. Monday, Sept. 26 was declared #BlackOutBR, a day where local citizens wore black clothes and did not work, go to college, or shop. A rally was held at the steps of City Hall calling for information on the Alton Sterling case. After the rally, protesters entered a police reform meeting to hear the committee's plans and to demand answers and action.

"The problem is, with an exception of a few, we don't see these people in the community," businessman Cleve Dunn Jr. told the committee. "When you look around and you don't see the community, there should be no meeting."

The committee included District Attorney Hillar Moore, councilmembers Tara Wicker, Donna Collins Lewis and Erika Green, Baton Rouge

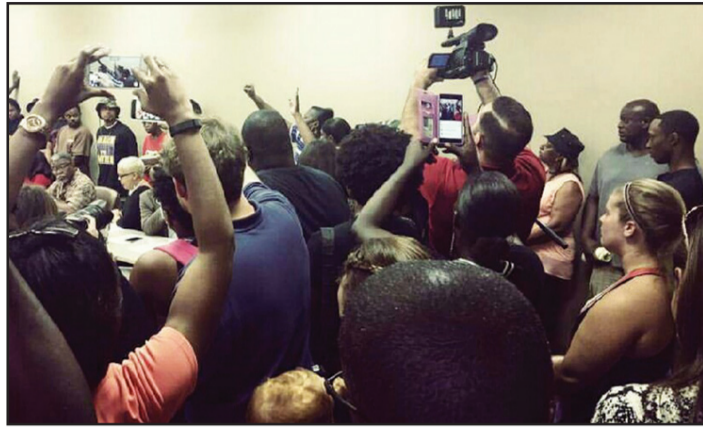


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Protesters line the walls of a conference room at city hall during a police reform meeting in Baton Rouge, La.

Police Department Chief Carl Dabadie Jr., local pastors and residents.

"What happens when leaders and protesters disrupt a meeting on police reform? Things get uncomfortable, they get real, and then they get a seat at the table, alongside the chief of police, the DA, & the DOJ," wrote artist Walter Geno McLaughlin on Facebook.

More than 30 protesters lined the walls of the small meeting room, including Sterling's aunts.

"We want to press upon our local government but also go all the way to feds that we want a decision on the investigation, said Dunn who explained the reason for the gathering and expressed protesters' demands.

"This issue of Alton Sterling has been divested from the people in this room as much as we hate to hear that," said Will Jorden, who is an assistant district attorney and prosecutor. "We hear the frustration. I am frustrated. These pastors are frustrated. But what this [committee] does is give the people a sense of legitimacy and to be able to move forward with positive change."

Wicker said that the group wasn't charged with coming up with solutions.

"That's not our job. That's not what we are doing here," said Wicker. "Our charge is to setup an infrastructure so that what you are saying can actually be heard, documented and put into a policy paper that will be submitted as the voice of the community."

Protesters presented a list of demands which included a request for changes to be made to city and state flood contracts. The change to contracts would require the cancellation of current contracts in order to include Black-owned firms in renegotiations. The third demand is in reference to police reform. With incidents of alleged injustices resolved with internal investigations, community leaders and local citizens adamantly believe there needs to be a task force in place on state and local law enforcement levels to reform police departments across the city and state.

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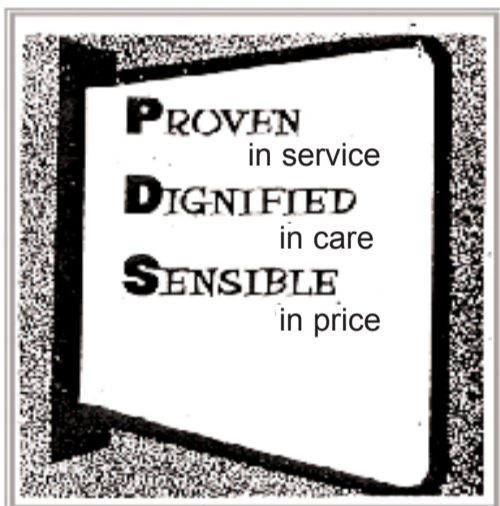
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**New Hanover County**

**Church Women United** will hold World Community Day program on Friday, November 4th at Cape Fear Presbyterian Church, 2606 Newkirk Ave. Coffee and registration will be at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:00 a.m.

**Mt. Zion AME Church** will hold Fall Revival Wednesday, October 19th- Friday, October 21st with praise and worship at 7:00 p.m. and worship at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Samuel Hayward, III, senior pastor of Hemingway Memorial AME Church, District Heights, MD.

**Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church**, 719 Walnut St., Beautification Ministry will present Soup for the Soul, "Fall into the Spirit" by Carl Newton, and Lee Jamison on Friday, November 4th. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. For further information please call 910-228-7178 or 910-520-5827.

**The Men of St. Stephen AME Church** will celebrate their Men's Day on Sunday, October 16th at the 10:15 a.m. service. The guest speaker will be Rev. Ronald Boykins.

**United Methodist Women** will hold Antiques On Grace 2nd Annual Antique Appraisal Fair on Sunday, October 16, 2016, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church Corner of Grace and 4th in Downtown Wilmington.

**Bladen County**

**Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Clothes Closet** will be open Saturday, October 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Their food pantry, "From His Table to Yours" will be open the same day 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Personal transportation is required, identifications are waived due to the recent storm. Household objects, personal toiletries, non-perishable food items and clothing are available in an abundance supply. Everyone is welcomed. No fee is involved in either ministry. Also Sunday, October 23rd is "Wear Pink Day." The church is recognizing October as breast cancer awareness month. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. The Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

**Brunswick County**

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church** will celebrate their annual homecoming service on Sunday, October 30th at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Joseph Nixon and church family of Bethel AME Church will render service.

**Life Ministries Inc.**, 5051 North Side Dr. will be holding Sunday evening services weekly at 7:00 p.m. with Emmanuel Sounds of Praise. Also the church is accepting gently used clothes, coats and toys for their free clothing giveaway on Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 a.m. - until at House Hold of Faith, corner of 1290 Dennison Ave., Myrtle Beach. Drop off locations for donations are 507 N. Oak St., Myrtle Beach, SC and 1757 Stanley Rd., Supply, NC. For more information call Michael and Latarsha Smith at 321-361-9913 or John and Utrillia Johnson at 910-294-0656.

**New Hope Freewill Baptist Church**, 88 Snowfield Rd., SE, will hold their 2016 women's conference, "Where did our love go" on Friday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. for adult women 17 and older. This will be a round table discussion. Panelist will include Co-Pastor Faye Richburg of Salvation & Deliverance Ministries, Evangelist Brenda Freeman Johnson of Faith Temple COGIC and Minister Dorothy Caldwell, chaplain for WNBA Chicago Sky. On Saturday, October 22nd workshop classes will be held from 10:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. for adult women 17 and older. Facilitators will teach on obedience, prayer and words of wisdom. The facilitators include Pastor Apostle LeTonya McLaurin Harris of Death to Destiny Outreach Ministries, Inc., Minister Dorothy Caldwell and Mother Barbara Anderson of Faith Temple COGIC. Register by phone at 910-620-0424. Please wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. On Sunday, October 23rd the morning worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m. for everyone. Elder Cleo Goodman of Hope and Deliverance Ministries will be the guest speaker.

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

*Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff*

**CNHA is in need of your help for The Williams Hayes Community Center**

Creekwood North Homeowners Association is incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 2002 with the mission to promote health, safety and welfare for the community. The Creekwood North community, better known as "Turn Key", was developed in 1972 with the construction of approximately 180 individually owned homes managed by the Wilmington Housing Authority. Turn Key located next to the public housing development Creekwood South has experienced a decrease in owner occupied residences. In 2002, WHA deeded the Creekwood North Community Center built in 1972, named William Hayes Community Center and adjacent smaller office building to the CNHOA. For approximately 10 years, the William Hayes Community Center held various programs for the benefit of surrounding neighborhoods. Programs such as after school tutoring, senior citizen activities, Head Start and many others.

Today the community center is in need of a facelift as most 44 year old poorly maintained buildings are. The Creekwood North Homeowners Association is working diligently to reenergize the community to support the development of an active Neighborhood Watch Program and homeowner's association. They recognize the need for safe spaces for school aged children, senior citizens and all other healthy community activities and they are asking for your assistance in creating this. They are in need of materials and services to restore the center such as roofing materials, drywall, insulation, tile flooring, paint, grass, shrubbery, playground materials, mulch, electrical wiring, plumbing, windows, doors, weather stripping, etc. Please contact Michelle Jones, vice president of Creekwood North Homeowners Association for further information or to make a contribution at 910-770-827-2255 to make a contribution.

**SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP**

**The fruit of the spirit**

BY SHEILA ROSS AND FANNIE ALLEN CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a very fall day, but it didn't stop our seniors from coming to our meeting. As usual, we were all glad to be here one more time. Our meeting was called to order by our President Eloise Purdie. In the absence of Mr. George Hill, Mrs. Purdie took over for our devotionals. We gave

thanks for staying safe during the storm. Prayer was led by Mr. William Sidberry. Our speaker for today was Mrs. Margie Robinson. Her message was on the Fruit of the Spirit. They are love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self control, found in Galatians 5:22. The fruit of the spirit is meant to show our godly character. The fruit of the spirit is meant to be a list of qualities

we strive to have. God calls us to strive for perfection. That was the purpose of Paul's testing out the fruit of the spirit. We thanked our speaker for an uplifting message. Then we had expressions. We had three visitors, who were welcomed by Minister McQuillian. We then had roll call. Information was given about the anniversary by Mrs. Frances Burney-Matthews. Mrs. Burney-

Matthews was the winner of the Callers Report, with 10 present. The announcements and the Sick Report were given by Mrs. Mary Martin. We had great laughs by Mrs. Mary Martin. Our circle was formed and we sang "Bind Us Together." Our prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillian. The meeting adjourned, and forty-eight were present.

**SENIOR MOMENTS**

**"Faith can move mountains"**

My Fellow Seniors:

Many, many years ago, I heard a preacher say, "Faith can move mountains." I didn't know whether to believe him or not, but, anyway, since there were no mountains near our house, there was no way I could put it to the test. Another time he said that a man named Joshua had made the sun stand still.



Ruth Johnson

He said it was in the Bible, but I couldn't find it. And then one day, when the radio said that a storm was coming our way, my dad prayed for sunshine. I heard him with my own ears. He said, "Lord, please don't let the storm come until we finish picking our cotton." Believe it or not, it didn't rain for two whole weeks. By that time, we had finished picking cotton and were ready to go to school. Since that day, I have always believed in miracles. I still do. However, God is not a bell boy. We can't just tell Him what to do and expect Him to

"hop to it." He does not obey my slightest whim, but He warms my heart and He soothes my deepest pain. When Hurricane Matthew was coming our way, I didn't ask God to turn the storm around. I just said "Lord, you know best, so let your will be done." My daughter insisted that I spend the night at her home in Love Grove. I stayed two days. Her lights went out, but mine did not, and now I am just grateful to God that it is well as it is. I hope the people in every community are reaching out to help whoever stands in need. We are our brothers'

keepers. So we must do for others what we would want done for us. God is able to answer a million calls a minute, but, evidently, He doesn't want to do everything Himself. He wants us to reach out and help one another. So instead of saying, "Lord, please make this world a better place," we need to say, "Lord, show me the way, and I will help my neighbor." If we prayed that simple prayer, this world would be a better place tomorrow. Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

**TELL SOMEBODY**

**Signs of His coming**

*"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Mathew 24:3*

War, Trouble and Tragedy! Trouble - Danger, affliction, distress Tragedy - An extremely sad or fatal event, or course of events



Sylvia Hooper

*"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." Matthew 24:*

should be obvious by now, that our world is not in the hands of man, but in the hands of God. The things that are occurring are in no way accountable nor controllable by man. They are signs of his coming. Tragedies are common place these days. Right now, according to Wikipedia statistics, there are 27 or more wars going on somewhere around the globe. A declaration of war is formal perforative speech, act, or signing of a document by an authorized party of a government in order to initiate a state of war between two or more nations.. The ravages and realities of war are affecting countless numbers of people around the world right now. Some of these wars are major military conflicts and some of them are smaller scaled armed conflicts. War, in and of itself, brings trouble and tragedy to our society. Everyone who has lost his or her life in war, was somebody's father, mother, sister, brother, son or daughter. Countless casual-

ties or shall we say countless souls, have been called into judgement, and the sobering reality of war is, ...It's not over! It is a sign of his coming! Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him. That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. II Thessalonians 2:1-2 Jesus said in St. John 14:1, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1 If you do not know God in the pardoning of your sins through His Son Jesus Christ, now is a good time to seek him and be found of him! If we ever needed the Lord before, we surely do need to know him now! We are all witnessing, right before our very eyes, the signs of his coming. Don't be fearful. Don't be afraid. Be encouraged! Prayer: Father, we pray

that you prepare our hearts and minds to be ready, as we see the signs of your coming. Help us to live a life that is pleasing in thy sight. Save us, and we shall be saved. In Jesus'Name, Amen. Tell Somebody!!! Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

**Support The Port Foundation, Inc. presents : SupportFlix & Chill**  
*The Official Red Carpet Premiere for "Aimee's List by CR VISIONS*



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**PATRONS WATCHING PREMIERE OF AIMEE'S LIST**

Wilmington, NC- On Friday Oct. 14th, Support The Port Foundation, Inc. Presented supPORTFlix & Chill: The OFFICIAL Red Carpet Premiere for "Aimee's List" The movie by Cr Visions at Morning Glory Coffee House. Guest enjoyed free food, popcorn, and live music provided by Volume, and U.N.I.T.Y, two of the dopest bands on the east

coast. Before The feature presentation "Aimee's List" aired, the Exec Director of Support The Port, Cedric Harrison gave the audience a brief introduction about the non profit organization. After the movie attendees were able to enjoy a Q&A with the Cast & Crew. A few guest even walked away with prizes from the raffle drawing.

About Aimee's List: Aimee has received the worst news about her tumor. It can't be removed!! In the midst of her personal battle, her siblings are dealing with parallel issues that are also life threatening. In This journey, she learns to uphold strength while facing the curveball that life has given Aimee and her family.

"Aimee's List" Directed by Chris Robinson. Runtime is 1 hour 21 mins. Special thank you to: Morning Glory Coffee House, Let Ty Tell It, I Am Enough, New Beginning Christian Church, The Resource Guild, Creator's Print House, Queensboro, Volume, U.N.I.T.Y. and Janice Barfield with Mary Kay Cosmetics.



LEGAL NOTICES

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, October 26th at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

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

Mike Kozlosky  
Executive Director  
Wilmington Urban Area  
Metropolitan Planning  
Organization

October 20, 2016

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This the 17th day of October, 2016.

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I Hate the way my husband kisses, but I don't want to hurt his feelings

Dear Alma,

My husband and I have been married for two years. He's a great husband. He takes care of everything and keeps me very happy. Here's the catch, I just hate how he kisses. It is just too much spit, wild lips and heavy breathing all over the place. I have tried on many occasions to discuss this with him, but it never seems like the right time. Not to mention he is a very, very sensitive man. His feelings are easily hurt and I don't want to make him feel bad. He takes everything to heart. At our recent anniversary dinner when we were having a very romantic moment, I said, "Slow down, baby. Let's practice a bit and make our kisses really, really great. Of course all he heard was, "I don't like your kisses." Now, three weeks later, he's still upset. When I try to kiss him, he won't even kiss me back. I think this is so crazy, but what can I do. Should I apologize and tell him everything is just fine? I love my husband and I just want things to be right again and I want both of us to enjoy when we're kissing each other. I don't want to hate his kisses for the rest of my life.

Signed, To Kiss or Not to Kiss

Dear Kiss,

And uhhrruhhh, I see nothing wrong with that request, as it will affect the rest of your life. I'm sorry to hear your hot lips hunk-of-a-man has hoisted himself into such a hissy fit. Especially, because his reaction isn't what you'd expect when you're looking to make a constructive improvement pertaining to intimacy. His inability to be open enough to hear you, tilts my head towards a bit of concern. He needs to apologize. You said you've been married for two years; you guys are really just getting started. You've got a long road ahead to unravel those untruths that didn't get mentioned or get on your nerves at the start of this lasting romance. That's a lesson for another time.

Hard conversations don't have to be rude and there's no need to attack, but they are an important part of a relationship. Your words were sincere enough, in my opinion. And again I say, no, no way do you deserve a cold shoulder: Let me pause here while I have your attention and reiterate, don't you apologize. The two of you are required to talk openly and honestly to each other; that's nonnegotiable. Mr. "takes-care-of-everything" needs to tame his time-outs and grow up!

Every fool knows experience is the best teacher. When he finds his way back and he's ready to act like an adult - you should drop, rock and roll. Don't hold a grudge or never again speak your peace. Put one hand on each cheek and pull him in easy. Teach him! Show him what ya' working with (kiss emoji), LOL, and lets just end this rightchea! That's all I can say because you know, this is a "PG" publication (wink emoji).

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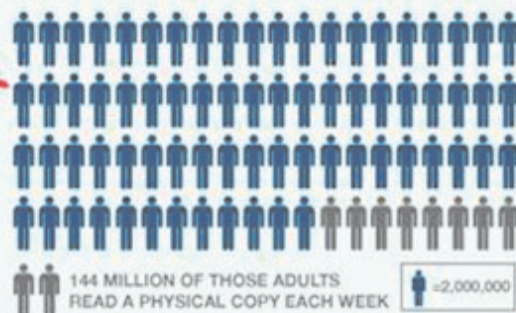
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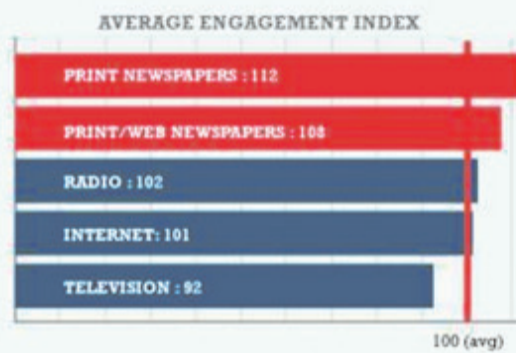
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