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

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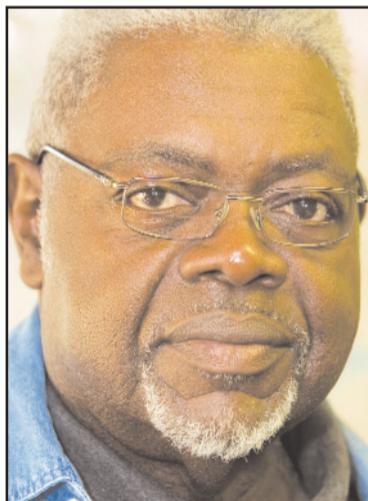


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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



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BLACK LIVES MATTER

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, I was asked about the "Black Lives Matter" movement and why most of my people are against House Bill 2. Brunswick County, surrounding counties, and the United States, "Black Lives Matter" is a movement that came together to bring attention to the beatings, shootings, and killings of people of color by our legal system, from police to the court system. It also brings attention to the "Stand Your Ground" offenders who murder and then say they felt their lives were being threatened. It did not say that White lives didn't matter because it also put the spot light on police brutality on both

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**SPECIAL
FROM THE CAROLINIAN**

Wednesday, Wake Co. District Attorney Lorren Freeman released a report stating that the DNA and other physical evidence supported the account of the shooting of Akiel Denkins, 29, given by Officer D.C. Twiddy provided shortly after the tragedy.

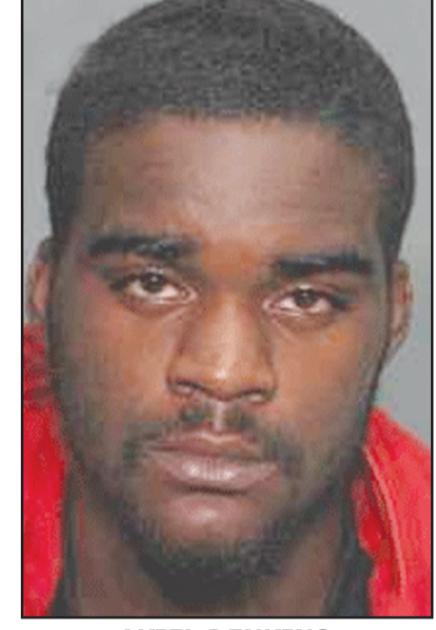
The District Attorney's analysis went on to say, "It is the conclusion of this office that Officer Twiddy shot Mr. Denkins in self-defense and as a matter of last resort and only because he reasonably believed his own life was in danger. This belief can be shown by the fact that Mr. Denkins was armed and grabbed Officer Twiddy's gun during a struggle in which Officer Twiddy was attempting to lawfully arrest Mr.

Denkins. Officer Twiddy's decision to use deadly force was a lawful response to the situation and deemed necessary to defend himself. With the assistance of senior staff, District Attorney Lorren Freeman has reviewed all the evidence collected through the independent investigation of the SBFI and the applicable law and has determined that no criminal charges in this matter are warranted based on the evidence available."

However, in that same report out of those people who came forward to be interviewed by the SBI stating that they had witnessed the incident, only two individuals stated that they saw Officer Twiddy when he fired his weapon. The statements of these two witnesses were reportedly inconsistent with the statements of the other witnesses. These

witnesses indicated that they were located on Bragg Street near PJH's store facing north. They identified a different fence that Officer Twiddy and Mr. Denkins jumped over than the majority of the other witnesses reported. Other witnesses interviewed who were also on Bragg Street near where these witnesses indicated they were standing reported a different version of what happened. Most importantly, the physical evidence at the scene did not match the statements of these two witnesses. Additionally, the crime scene search of 1117 S. East Street did not locate any shell casing in the area where these witnesses reported seeing Officer Twiddy fire

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AKIEL DENKINS

OFF TO COLLEGE

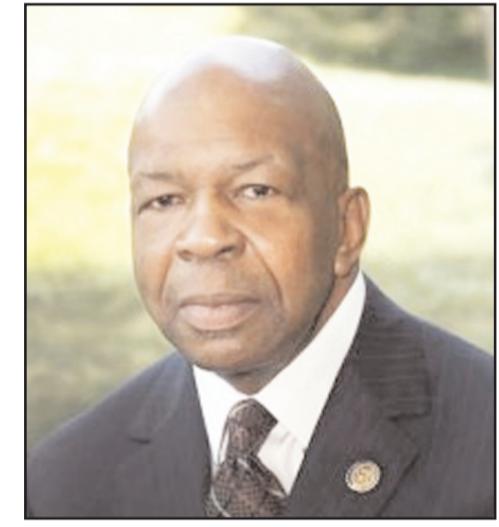


Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Psi Omega Chapter attends North Carolina Central University with ASCEND students

Since 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has implemented programs of service impacting countless lives. April 2, 2016, members of Alpha Psi Omega Wilmington Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated escorted the ASCEND students to North Carolina Central University. ASCEND, one of the Signature Youth Enrichment Programs, is designed to motivate, engage and assist high school students in reaching their maximum potential. ASCEND focuses on (A)chievement, (S)elf-Awareness, (C)ommunication, (E)ngagement, (N)ecking and (D)evelopmental Skills.

This activity allowed the students to experience life on a HBCU campus and gave them the opportunity to receive academic enrichment and life skills training to support their journey to college and employment.

Mrs. Lynore Young serves as Chairperson.



CONGRESSMAN ELIJAH CUMMINGS

**Congressman
calls on
Black Lives Matters
to make Flint
a priority**

BY TATYANA HOPKINS
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON -- Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings, whose merciless interrogation of Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder at a recent congressional hearing on the ongoing Flint water crisis has drawn over 100,000 viewers on YouTube, said the Black Lives Matter movement needs to be in Flint because Snyder,

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Homegoing service held for Mrs. Annie Jinwright Smalls

COMPILED BY STAFF

The celebration of the homegoing of community and church leader Mrs. Annie Jinwright Smalls was held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Missionary Church with Rev. Tommy Duren officiating and delivering the eulogy.

Other participating in the homegoing service included Rev. Leroy Bunting, Rev. Dr. Terry L. Henry, Rev. Richard Robinson, Rev. Durwood Murrill (Maternal Cousin), Deacon Jocephus Satterwhite, Rev. Kojo Nantambu, Rev. John O. Veasley, Jr., and The Jinwright Singers.

The Obituary

Annie Jinwright Smalls was born in Winnabow, N.C., February 10, 1928, the daughter of Samuel and Louise Gillespie Thomas Jinwright, both deceased. Her Brunswick County family churches, St. Mary and Bethlehem Baptist played a major role in her life. She accepted Christ at Bethlehem Baptist and enjoyed attending Sunday School

Conventions, and learned much Bible from missionaries who traveled from other states to rural communities where African-Americans lived. Reading became her favorite activity.

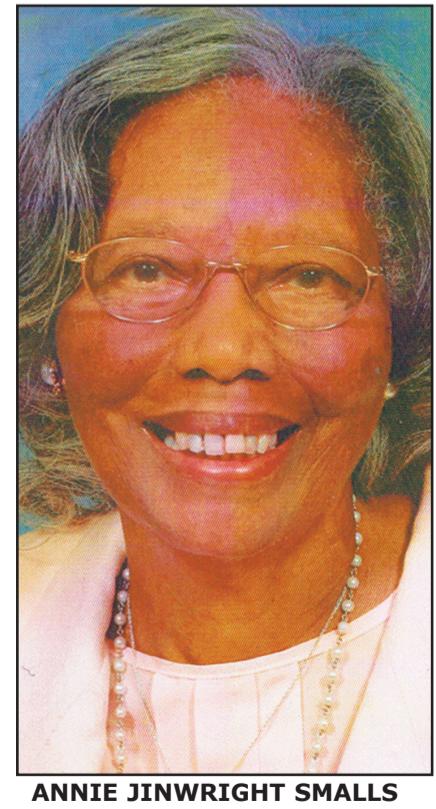
She attended Brunswick County Schools prior to coming to Wilmington to work as a, "salad girl," at the Woolworth Lunch Counter. There she met a handsome Willistonian, Buster Z. Smalls. After marriage she became the loving mother of two daughters and one son. Her children were also reared in the Christian faith, and attended Church, Sunday School, evening Junior Church, Junior Missionaries, Junior Choir, and Junior Usher Board activities as requirements, not options.

A lover of music she served as director for Youth and Junior Choirs in her Wilmington family church, Mt. Nebo. Her coordination of fund raising concerts featuring "The Angelic Four," (The Murrills), and operatic tenor, the late Bob Aikens were always successful. As a mem-

ber of First Missionary Baptist she enjoyed singing in the Senior Choir, working in the Missionaries, Pastor's Aide, Floral Club, and February Birthday Month Committee.

Friendly and talkative, many parents and youths loved to gather around her. "Miss Ann," became a founder and president of the Robert Strange Community Organization to represent families of young black males who after the 1963 Civil Rights Act could walk to their neighborhood tax-funded Second and Ann Streets Community Center for basketball and other games, and were routinely asked to leave when others drove from suburbs with their children who wanted to play. With the support of an aggressive Ministerial Alliance, the late Attorney Tom Jervay Jr., Parks and Recreation's Derrick Davis, William Murphy, and Wilmington Journal publisher, Tom Jervay Sr., the organization flourished, ended such practices, and par-

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Whites and minorities. In the last six years or so, the senseless arrests, beatings, and systematic oppression have gotten worse. We have had Blacks killing Blacks and Whites killing Whites. It used to be that we could depend on our legal system and elected officials for just action, but the system has changed. We must be ever on alert so that we don't become a country of another civil war because of this type of violence and oppression.

When an unarmed young Black man is shot and killed going to his father's house and an all white jury finds the White man who killed him not guilty because of self-defense, there is great cause for concern. When a White man goes into a Black church and kills several Black congregants for no apparent reason other than

UNEMPLOYMENT

Jobless rate for blacks climbed in March

SPECIAL TO
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BY FREDERICK H. LOWE
 OF NORTHSTARNEWS

The unemployment rate for African-Americans was 9.0 percent in March, higher than the 8.8 percent recorded in February, although the nation's non-farm businesses added

215,000 jobs, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported this morning.

The jobless rate for both, Black men and Black women 20 years old and older climbed last month.

For Black men, the unemployment rate was 8.7 percent in March compared with 8.6 percent in February. BLS reported that the unemploy-

ment rate in March for Black women 20 years old and older was 8.0 percent, up from 7.9 percent in February.

The unemployment rate for African-Americans remained higher than other ethnic and racial groups. The jobless rate for Whites was 4.3 percent, Hispanics 5.6 percent and Asians 4.0 percent.

The nation's overall unem-

ployment rate was 5.0 percent. Job losses occurred in manufacturing and mining. Employment increased in health care, retail trade and construction.

The ADP National Employment Report, which monitors private sector job growth, said small businesses employing 1 to 49 employees added 86,000 jobs in March.

Medium-size companies, employing 50 to 499 workers, added 75,000 workers in March. And large businesses, employing 500 to 1,000 or more workers, hired 39,000 workers.

The goods-producing sector added 9,000 jobs in March and the Service-providing sector added 191,000, reported ADP, which is based in Roseland, N.J.

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ticipated in the writing of the successful HUD Grant to build a multi-purpose center in Robert Strange Park, to be operated by and for blacks.

Caring about neighbors also led to her being recruited to serve on the board of Opportunities Inc., which had oversight of inner city anti-poverty programs, including

Head Start. Her love and support of family, church and community are honored today and always.

Memories are cherished by her children, Sylvia Ghee, Charles and Beverly Smalls, four grandchildren, Charles Smalls Jr., Ypsilanti, Michigan, Pascale and Yah el Ghee of Leland, and Crystal Smalls of Capital Heights, Maryland; three sisters, Ruth Pierce and Margaret Bryant of Wilmington, and Reatha

Davis, Bronx, New York. She was predeceased by six siblings, Mary Joyce Jinwright, Louise Chiles, Mammie Eddie, Edith Brown, James and Anthony Jinwright. She is also survived by twelve nieces (with special affection for and from Ruth Mathews, Jeanene Dillard and Gail Eddie), seven nephews; twenty-seven great nieces and nephews; many beloved cousins including the Jinwright Singers, and Lois Hollis of Brunswick County, the Alfred Jinwright Family of Macon, Georgia, family genealogist, Dr. Linda Gillespie Murakata of New Jersey and Southport, Gurthel Pridgen and Nurse Marva Brown of Wilmington; God-daughter, Angela Rogers Cottle, Newark, N.J.; two adopted grand-daughters, Isha Selby Bunting and Evelyn Adger Bryant; many relatives and friends, three long-term family supportive

friends, Geneva Payne, Annie Goodson, and Bertha Forden.

She was also professionally supported by staff of Wilmington Health Associates, Well Care, Senior Helpers, and NHRMC's Carolyn Wilson. Much gratitude from family and friends are reserved for son, Charles who resided with her as Chief Cook, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Troubleshooter. God Bless each of you.

CUMMING

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Michigan Republicans and the governor's supporters do not care about the lives of the residents of the mostly black city.

"When we talk about black lives matter, that's another place they need to be" Cummings said during an interview last week. "It's nice to interrupt Hillary Clinton's rallies, but they need to be all up outside of this."

Cummings is the ranking Democrat on the Congressional Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the congressional panel hearing holding hearings on the Snyder adminis-

tration's decision to switch the source of the city of Flint's water and their response to the health crisis that ensued as a result.

Cummings said it was clear to him during the meeting and after the meeting that Snyder and his fellow Republicans just don't care about the people of Flint, which is 57 percent African American.

"They don't value their lives," Cummings said during the interview at Howard University. "I don't know why. They don't seem to have any remorse. They want to blame everybody else."

Cummings said documents subpoenaed by the committee from the Snyder administration showed that they were

aware of the full extent of the lead contamination in Flint's water, and they disregarded it.

"His chief of staff knew that there was a major problem for more than a year," Cummings said.

"There is nobody else between a chief of staff and the principal, nobody. He is either a poor administrator or he has poor staff, either way he shouldn't be governor."

Cummings has called for Snyder to resign and said during the hearing, "Gov. Snyder's administration caused this horrific disaster in poisoning the children of Flint."

Apparently, his voice and others are being heard among Michigan residents.

An EPIC MRA Poll released last month revealed that the governor's approval ratings have plummeted. The poll found that 41 percent of voters believed he should resign, which is up from January's 29 percent.

It also found that 75 percent of voters believed Snyder didn't handle the Flint water crisis well.

"If the federal government was not in there helping out, the state would be doing almost nothing," Cummings said. "To this day, Snyder and his administration have not bought the people of Flint one single bottle of water."

A majority of recovery efforts in Flint are supported by volunteers and the federal government, he said.

Several lawsuits have been filed against Snyder, including a federal racketeering lawsuit by hundreds of Flint residents that alleged the city's water crisis was intentional and created to balance the city's budget. The governor has used nearly \$1 million in taxpayer money to hire a law firm to help him maneuver through the civil and criminal complaints against him.

Though Snyder cannot run for re-election in 2018, he is also facing recall efforts. The Rev. David Bullock, a Detroit

pastor and activist, is one who has begun a petition to ask voters to end his term sooner by recalling the governor this November.

Bullock has 60 days to amass 790,000 signatures to be in accordance with state law that requires a petitioner to collect the number of signatures equal 25 percent of the number of voted cast in the last general election.

According to one newspaper, Bullock, who began his efforts Easter, has already collected an estimated 108,000 signatures.

"I haven't seen this kind of momentum in a long time," Bullock told "The Guardian."

"The energy and animus, at least a week out, is very encouraging. I think we ought to massage this energy and allow it to continue to grow. I think we got a great shot."

If the recall is successful, Michigan Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley would serve the remainder of Snyder's term.

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ATTORNEYS CLAIM NEW EVIDENCE IN JAMES JORDAN MURDER

[CHARLOTTE] According to the *Charlotte Observer*, attorneys for the man convicted of killing Michael Jordan's father in North Carolina in 1993 and dumping his body in South Carolina say they have new evidence to bolster their request for a new trial.

Court documents claim misleading testimony and misconduct by the prosecutor and jury helped wrongfully convict Daniel Green of murdering James Jordan, 56, in botched carjacking, according to *The Charlotte Observer*.

Green's attorneys have long argued their client helped get dispose of Jordan's body, but that he didn't participate in the carjacking.

They're seeking a hearing on their evidence, which they say includes a sworn statement from the jury forewoman that she conducted her own murder probe, which violated a judge's order, the *Observer* reported.

SUPREME COURT RULING ENSURES EVERY PERSON COUNTS

[RALEIGH] Almost a third of North Carolina House seats and 29 percent of state Senate seats now are protected from having any constitutional issues. A U.S. Supreme Court ruling earlier this week rejected a conservative challenge to the "one person, one vote" rule in how states draw their legislative districts. In a case that originated in Texas, the court ruled that districts must be drawn according to the total population, not just the voting-age population.

Michael Li, senior redistrict-

ing council for the Brennan Center for Justice explains what might have happened if the justices hadn't reached the decision they did.

"Had the Supreme Court ruled the other way, every legislative map in the country would have had some constitutional problem, some a lot more than others, and every map would have had to be redrawn and that would have been a messy, costly process," he said.

The case was a 2014 challenge by a Texas-based conservative group, the Project on Fair Representation, which sought to change the way districts were drawn in the Texas state Senate. The group issued a statement saying it is disappointed in the ruling.

Kathay Feng, national redistricting director for the watchdog group Common Cause, said Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's majority opinion reinforces the premise that, under the Constitution, every person counts.

"You can't base whether or not you're going to give police services or assistance from the fire department based on whether you're old enough to be eligible to vote or to register to vote," she stressed. "It's got to be based on thinking about the total population."

Feng said the concept of including every person, and not just registered voters, in drawing political boundaries should not be a partisan issue.

"There are a lot of people in all parts of the political spectrum who fundamentally believe that this is not a red-blue fight. This is something that's fundamental to our democracy," she said.

Feng added that the court challenge could have disproportionately affected the nation's growing Hispanic population. One advocacy group

for Latino political involvement estimates that more than half the nation's Latino population would be excluded if only eligible voters were counted in political districts.

NC MEDICAID PROGRAM MUST COMPLY WITH FEDERAL COURT RULING

[CARRBORO] North Carolina's Medicaid program must change some of its policies after a federal district court approved a settlement in a class-action lawsuit.

In the case, Pettigrew vs. Brajer, attorneys challenged the denials and terminations of Medicaid-funded personal-care services provided to North Carolinians in their homes. The original case was filed in 2011 after the state added more restrictive criteria to receive personal-care service for people living at home versus those in institutional settings.

Elizabeth Edwards, a staff attorney with the National Health Law Program in Carrboro, explained the problem with that policy.

"If it's easier to get the same exact service in an institutional setting," she said, "that, we allege, was a violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act and the decision in the Olmstead case about it being unlawful to discriminate against people with disabilities by making them live in segregated institutional settings."

The Olmstead case refers to a 1999 Supreme Court ruling that requires public agencies to provide services in the most integrated setting possible. The settlement requires the Medicaid agency to use comparable practices and procedures for assessing a person's need for the service, as well as reinstate or reassess some class members who were previously denied or lost the service.

In the original lawsuit, the

court found that plaintiffs faced the threat of having to go to institutions to get the care they needed. Edwards said it's important to remember that many people living with a disability benefit from their home setting.

"They don't want to live in an institutional setting," she said. "They want to live in their own home, have their own space, be involved with their neighbors, and there are a lot of studies and other things that show that living in the community is so much better for a person than living in a facility."

More than 10,000 people were denied or terminated as a result of the policy change. The state has 90 days to make changes to written materials in the Medicaid program and 120 days to provide training to staff.

NC UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: EXPERTS SAY STATE HAS WORK TO DO

[RALEIGH] Lose your job in the Tar Heel State and you have just 13 weeks to find a new one before your unemployment benefits run out.

Supporters of the benefit reduction say it's a way of making sure citizens don't lose the

On top of that the average weekly benefit is just \$237, putting the state 46th in the country.

While the changes that brought this about were made in 2013, Patrick McHugh, economic analyst with the North Carolina Budget and Tax Center says the impact of the benefit reduction has compounded over the last three years.

"We've gone from a system that was designed to help you weather that storm and get back on your feet within a reasonable amount of time to a system that gives you very little time to find a new job, and will have you living below the poverty line during that period," McHugh says.

Statewide, the unemployment rate stands at 5.5 percent, but that doesn't account for workers who have given up finding work.

As of the third quarter of last year, 11 percent of jobless North Carolinians received unemployment, compared to 39 percent three years ago.

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incentive to find a new job.

McHugh says it's important to note that unemployment is funded by payments made by state employers on their employees' behalf over time.

He emphasizes it's not a system based on "handouts" to people who don't want to work.

"The benefits through the unemployment insurance system are really based upon the work that you have already done when you had a job," McHugh says. "So this is really a system that's designed to help folks that are actively contributing to the economy when they hit a rough spot in their lives and through no fault of their own, lose a job."

In addition to the impact on individuals, McHugh says the state's unemployment benefits don't do enough to stabilize local economies impacted by large-scale layoffs.

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Our Voice The Clinton crime bill in context

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Former President William Jefferson Clinton mixed it up with Black Lives Matter activists as he defended his Presidency, and his 1994 crime bill, when he was campaigning for candidate Hillary Clinton in Philadelphia last week. Hillary fans will say it isn't fair that the Black Lives Matter folks keep raising issues from the Bill Clinton presidency, but since the Clintons campaigned in 1992 by asserting that they were a "two for one" Presidency, raising those issues is at least somewhat fair.

It would be a dull and static world if people's positions did not evolve, and Hillary Clinton has certainly indicated that she has changed her mind about some aspects of the 1994 Omnibus Crime Bill; she has apologized for her distasteful use of the term "super-predator" as she lobbied for the legislation. Both she and her husband missed an opportunity to put the crime bill, and issues of race and crime, in context. If they would do so, they might shed light on the ways, historically, that our nation has used the nexus between race and crime to incite white fear and to demonize black people.

Consider George W. Bush's use of the Willie Horton ad to beat Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis in 1988. Or, taking it back nearly two decades earlier, consider the ways that then-President Richard Nixon began the "War on Drugs" as a way to target black people and leftists. Writing in this month's Harper's Magazine, journalist Dan Baum quotes Nixon aide John Ehrlichman, about the ways the so-called drug war served other purposes. "By getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities," John Ehrlichman told Baum in a 1994 interview. While there is no way to verify the remarks - Ehrlichman died in 1999 - they are entirely consistent with the ways that Mr. Nixon chose to behave.

The Clinton crime bill was consistent with the Nixon war. From the Harper's article, quoting Ehrlichman, "You want to know what this was really all about?" he asked with the bluntness of a man who, after public disgrace and a stretch in federal prison, had little left to protect. "The Nixon campaign in 1968, and the Nixon White House after that, had two enemies: the antiwar left and black people. You understand what I'm saying? We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did."

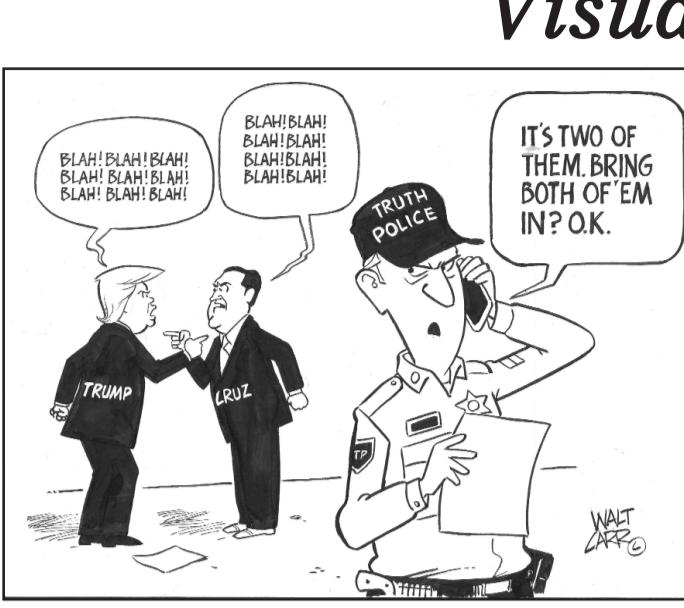
The Nixon drug wars made it easy for already over-eager police officers to do just that. The so-call war also made it acceptable for dirty cops to plant drugs whenever they wanted an excuse to fabricate an arrest. Then came the cocaine and crack epidemic, and the flooding of African American communities with these drugs. The San Jose Mercury News journalist Gary Webb wrote about the ways Nicaraguan cocaine played a major role in the 1980s crack epidemic. Webb alleged that crack flooded African American communities, perhaps with the cooperation of the CIA. While the Mercury News eventually wrote that his assertions were "only one interpretation of complicated, sometimes-conflicting pieces of evidence", many give the Webb reporting significant credibility. Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) was among those who held hearings and call for action against the ways government may have conspired against black people.

Crack caused rising crime rates. Crack came from profiteers who operated with the acquiescence, if not full cooperation, of the CIA. The extremely imperfect Clinton crime bill, good intentioned though Bill Clinton says it was, was also part of the continuum of government attacks on black people that used crime as a weapon. Instead of responding defensively to attacks on his crime bill, Bill Clinton might have taken the high road and used his rhetorical leadership to talk about the ways government has historically attacked black people and the reasons why this must change.

Our nation has an ugly legacy when it comes to the structural treatment of African American people. Black folks have been used as a profit center for the prison-industrial complex, for the Nicaraguan drug cartel, for the Wall Street bankers who benefitted when they laundered drug dollars to increase their profits.

More importantly, the drugs that flooded black communities muted the righteous black rage that might have been directed toward social change. The Black Lives Matter activists are right to raise pointed questions about the Clinton crime bill. President Bill Clinton could "do the right thing" if he put his flawed crime bill in context and stopped fighting with the Black Lives Matter folks who are telling nothing but the truth.

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Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

Struggle for voting rights justice goes on

(Via George Curry Media)

On April 4, we celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King even as we marked the 48th anniversary of his assassination. On April 5, voters went the polls in the Wisconsin primaries, but a new raft of voter suppression laws insured that the results were skewed.

One of Dr. King's great legacies - the Voting Rights Act - is now under assault across the country.

In Wisconsin, voter suppression laws were passed by a conservative Republican legislature despite the fact that there was no evidence of voter fraud to justify them. The legislature seemed intent on passing the most restrictive laws. They passed the whole passel of conservative model laws and invented a few more. The laws were challenged in court, but the Supreme Court refused to review a lower court decision leaving them in place.

The thrust of these laws is clear: They are designed to make it harder to vote, particularly for working people who can't take time off, for

students, for the elderly who may not have the right ID, for the poor and people of color. No wonder Bernie Sanders denounced the suppression laws as "truly un-American." Hillary Clinton's legal counsel challenged them in court. Key constituents of both candidates will be impacted. The Wisconsin primary results were distorted - and that was the intent.

In the general election, these laws will be most destructive to the Democratic voting base, not the Republican base. And that is intentional also.

This is a disgrace. Forty-eight years after Dr. King's death, we witness how much of his agenda remains unfinished, how much is being reversed. He marched against inequality and poverty, but inequality is worse, and childhood poverty in the United States is the worst of any major country. He marched for equal protection under the laws, but our system of racial injustice continues to discriminate, particularly against young Black men. He marched for voting rights, and now across the country conservatives are systematically passing laws

to making voting harder. He protested against the endless war in Vietnam that robbed the funds needed for the war on poverty at home.

And now we seem stuck in endless wars without victory on the other side of the world, even as our own neighborhoods suffer from the lack of public investment in everything from clean water systems to public schools.

Dr. King will be remembered for helping to make America better. But he always taught us that justice can't be inherited. Equal opportunity can't be taken for granted. "Human progress," he wrote, "is neither automatic nor inevitable. ... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle, the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

And as Wisconsin has shown, the struggle must continue simply to guarantee every American the right to vote.

Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH Coalition. You can keep up with his work at www.rainbowpush.org.

CURRY'S COMMENTS

U.S. banks shortchange justice

(Via George Curry Media)

While our attention was focused last week on Bill Clinton becoming unhinged while defending his indefensible crime bill and insulting the Black Lives Matter Movement in the process, Wells Fargo and

billionaire casino magnate Sheldon Adelson were demonstrating how the wealthy escape personal responsibility when they misbehave badly.

In the case of Wells Fargo, bank executives agreed to pay a \$1.2 billion fine for hiding their bad loans leading up to the 2008 housing market debacle. The bank admitted certifying that thousands of faulty home mortgage loans were eligible for Federal Housing Administration insurance when, in fact, they weren't.

"Wells Fargo enjoyed huge profits from its FHA loan business, the government was left holding the bag when the bad loans went bust," Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said in a statement Friday announcing the settlement. "Today, Wells Fargo, one of the biggest mortgage lenders in the world, has been held responsible for years of reckless underwriting."

Not really. What the settlement does is extract a large fine, but let the culprits personally responsible escape punishment. For example, Wells Fargo executive Kurt Lofrano acknowledged hiding bad loans, but was not fined and will not face

any criminal charges.

We can safely infer that the deal cut with Wells Fargo was done to get the case resolved. I get that. But despite former presidential candidate Mitt Romney's claim that corporations are people, a corporation did not commit these crimes - people did. And those people should be held accountable for violating the law.

As part of the settlement agreement, Lofrano, vice president of credit risk and quality assurance for Wells Fargo, admitted his team identified 2,900 problematic loans between 2005 and 2010, but reported only 300 as troublesome.

Sadly, Wells Fargo was not alone.

The subprime mortgage crisis that caused many Americans to lose their homes involved some of the best known brands in the U.S. Earlier, JPMorgan Chase agreed to pay a fine of \$13 billion, Goldman Sachs settled for \$5.1 billion and Morgan Stanley was fined \$2.6 billion.

Again, no criminal charges have been brought against the "banksters" themselves.

Meanwhile, in a press release, the Securities and Exchange Commission announced,

that Las Vegas Sands Corp. has agreed to pay a \$9 million penalty to settle charges that it violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) by failing to properly authorize or document millions of dollars in payments to a consultant facilitating business activities in China and Macao.

An SEC investigation found that LVS kept inaccurate books and records and frequently lacked supporting documentation or proper approvals for more than \$62

million in payments to a consultant in Asia. The consultant acted as an intermediary to obscure the company's role in certain business transactions such as the purchases of a basketball team and a building in China, where casino gambling isn't permitted."

The investigation was launched more than five years ago when a former Sands executive Steve Jacobs alleged improprieties in Macao, a Chinese territory that is the world's largest gambling center. The SEC and the Justice Department were looking into whether the company had violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which prohibits U.S. companies from bribing officials of foreign governments.

In the end, the SEC didn't directly accuse Sands of paying bribes, but said it violated provisions of the law that require companies to maintain proper financial controls.

The SEC stated: "LVS consented to the SEC's order without admitting or denying the findings that it violated the books-and-records and internal controls provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934."

In case after case, other companies strike similar deals. It's not like they are making a donation to charity. They have clearly violated the law, but officials don't have to acknowledge any wrongdoing. Instead, they pay the fines, in the words of the SEC, "without admitting or denying the findings."

It's tough to see low-level drug users being over prosecuted while companies such as Wells Fargo and the Las Vegas Sands Corp., owned primarily by Sheldon Adelson, take a corporate financial hit,

but their leaders have no fear of being personally prosecuted for their misdeeds.

We also see how the high and mighty cut special deals in other situations.

Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert, for example, has acknowledged sexually abusing at least five Illinois boys when he was their high school wrestling coach. He paid one of them nearly \$2 million in hush money. Hastert pleaded guilty in October to a single felony count of illegally structuring cash withdrawals to evade federal bank currency reporting requirements.

Despite that clear misuse of power as a teacher and coach, Hastert's plea agreement with prosecutors recommends a sentence ranging from probation to up to six months in prison, the lowest possible sentence under federal guidelines for a felony conviction. The maximum is five years.

In addition to seeing Black and Brown people disproportionately imprisoned, looking at how banking officials and political figures are extended undeserved leniency are reminders that our criminal justice system is anything but just.

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*Matters of Opinion***Black lives and drug addiction**

(Via George Curry MediA)

I find it difficult to listen to all of the outpouring of concern for the phenomenon of opiate drug addiction, with politicians expressing their desire to find help for those young

people before they overdose, and to keep them from destroying their lives, their families' lives ...and their communities.

There was never such an outpouring of concern for those addicted to crack cocaine, no expressed worry about what incarcerating non-violent drug offenders would do to individuals, families and communities. No, in contrast, politicians declared a "war" on drugs, intimating that it was the duty of "the law" to defeat the



Rev. Susan K. Smith

enemy. That enemy was not the drugs, per se, but those who were unfortunate enough to become addicted. Unfortunately, most of the people who were thrown into prison for crack cocaine addiction were Black, Brown and poor people.

Drug addiction has always been a part of society - all societies. People resort to drug use when they feel hopeless, when poverty overwhelms them, when they see no way out. There are certainly physiological factors that go into becoming addicted, but it seems that the threat of drug addiction is highest when individuals feel like there is no way out of their despair.

Richard Nixon declared the "War on Drugs" in 1971 and one of his top aides' (John Ehrlichman) admission that the "war" was devised to fight against "Blacks and hippies" comes as no surprise. Nixon wanted to be president, and he had to find a way to cap-

ture the Southern White vote. It was unpopular to use racist terms outright, and so politicians had to find a way to cater to White voters' fear of Black people without using overtly racist words.

The "Southern Strategy" helped them do that. There were words with which white people would resonate, including "entitlements" and "welfare" and "law and order." In order to keep "law and order," the "bad people" had to be identified. Drug users would be those people. Street drug users would be criminalized and anyone who pushed for their arrest and incarceration would be hailed as being tough on crime.

That failed "War on Drugs" has caused immeasurable damage to individuals, communities and families. This country incarcerates more people than any other modern nation in the world, largely because of the inordinate arrests made by law enforcement officers empowered to

lock away Black, Brown and poor people who used drugs.

Although Whites used and continue to use drugs more than African Americans, they were not demonized. They were, in fact, given slaps on the wrist for offenses that earned Black and Brown people literally years in prison. Black people's lives were considered dispensable and disposable. The sentiment of the majority population was that Black people were bad and "belonged" in prison.

But now things have changed. Now the problem of drug addiction in the White community can no longer be hidden. Now White people, many of them young, are dying of heroin overdoses. The situation has caused a stir; the majority population has been shaken into reality, that drug addiction is not race-specific, and that it kills good people. Now, politicians are upset and are crying for drug policies that emphasize drug addiction as a public

health problem.

Meanwhile, far too many Black people are locked up because of their drug use and many who are finally released from prison are so unable to "make it" once released that they end up back in jail.

Yes, I am angry.

But there are people on the ground, in this nation and all over the world, who are working to change drug policy. There will be a gathering of faith leaders in New York at the United Nations General Assembly Special Session April 18-21, who will work to draft statements and initiatives to be presented to legislators. The faith leaders, convened by the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc., and other drug policy advocates and activists, believe that current drug policies are racist, draconian and inhumane. They are pushing for lawmakers to abandon their resolve to make drug users criminals - which most are

not.

The fact that there is an outcry about the inhumanity of making those addicted to drugs criminals has come at a propitious moment. In this country, issues become "problems" only when the majority population is adversely affected - or when the majority population can no longer hide its participation and complicity in major social problems. Drug use is a social problem from which the majority population can no longer run. I, for one, am glad.

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OBITUARY**Ms. Barbara Hill James**

Barbara Hill James was born on December 30, 1935. God granted her wings on March 29, 2016. The service was Monday, April 4, 2016 at Mt. Olive AME Church. Burial at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory her two daughters Edith Michele Hill and Wilhelmina Kaye Martin-Harper both of Wilmington, NC; one step-daughter Wanda James of Wilmington, NC; four grandchildren, Nakia Hill Robbins, Cedric M. Age, Daryl S. Scott and Carla I. Harper; six brothers Charlie Holden (Ernestine) of Wilmington, NC; William Holden (Roberta) of Wilmington, NC; Harold Holden (Jennifer) of Camden, NJ; Miller Trottie of Wilmington, NC; Arthur Hicks (Louvenia) of Wilmington, NC and James R. Hicks, Jr. of Fayetteville, NC and one sister Ruth Marie Hillian, Wilmington, NC; 3 aunts, Eloise Hill of Wilmington, NC; Edith Hill Graham of Durham, NC and Rev. Evelyn Manson of Bowie, MD; one uncle, George Hill of Wilmington, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Ms. Beulah Roberts

Beulah (Jackson) Roberts was born on August 28, 1921 in Conway, South Carolina. God granted her wings on March 30, 2016. The service was Monday, April 4, 2016 at Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Internment at Calvary Cemetery.

Beulah leaves to mourn all those who loved her; her children; her brother; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, several other relatives, her church family and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Mrs. Peggy A. Sanders

Peggy A. Sanders was born on June 3, 1954 to the Late Alonso Feaster, Sr. and Juanita Davis-Feaster in Wilmington. God summoned one of his angels, to Eternal Rest on Monday March 28, 2016. The service was Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Peggy is survived by her beloved husband of 33 years, Allen M. Sanders; daughter, Valencia Sanders; two grandchildren, Miss Taylor L. Sanders and Master "Cash"

Davis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to cherish her memory. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

John Herbert Shaw

John Herbert Shaw died Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at Silver Stream Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral service was Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

John Herbert Shaw, son of the late Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw and Mary Ardell Shaw, was born May 13, 1944, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Reverend Shaw attended Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia, North Carolina, Cheshire Academy in Cheshire, Connecticut and Livingstone College (Hood Theological Seminary) in Salisbury, North Carolina. He was ordained a minister in the AME Zion Church under the leadership of his father and served many years in the Cape Fear Conference and the New England Conference. Reverend Shaw traveled the world with his father in the 70's. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two daughters, Nicole Shaw of Marlboro, MD and Desirée Hagood of Greenville, SC; five grandchildren, Briana Givens and Ariana Watkins of Marlboro, MD and Jazmine Moore, Kiana Hagood and Ronald Hagood, all of Greenville, SC; one sister, Maria Shaw Sloan of Wilmington, NC; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Joseph Farrow, Jr.

Joseph Farrow, Jr., son of the late Joseph and Evelyn Wade Farrow, was born on December 3, 1925, in Wilmington, North Carolina. He departed this life on Friday, March 25, 2016, at the Duke University Hospital, Durham, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his wife, the late Dora Isabel Lowe Farrow. Joseph was affectionately called "Papa Joe", "Joe Jr.", "June", "Papa" and "Captain". He gave his life to Christ on one Easter Sunday morning at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, and later joined his wife at Hanks Chapel AME Church; where he served as a dedicated Steward. In 1967, "Joe Jr." was employed as a Longshoreman and worked with ILA Local 1426, until his retirement in 1988. As an avid commercial fisherman, provider, and a lover of the water, he continued with his passion of fishing, shrimp-ing, raking and digging oysters and clams until October

2015. A highlight moment in his life was when he was featured in the city paper as one of the last fisherman, along with his friend, Mr. Luther McQuillan. During his downtime, he enjoyed the drive to Seabreeze at "the barrel" with the fellows, talking and laughing about old times, and departing his wisdom.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two daughters, Vonzella (Darryl) Jones of Wilmington, NC and Sheila Olds (Edd) of Laurel, MD; granddaughter, Sherwan Jones, affectionately called "Boo Boo" of Charlotte, NC; grandsons, Alston and Aaron Olds; heart adopted daughter, Deborah Harper of Riegelwood, NC; four sisters, Shirley Hill, Dorothy McQuillan, Frances Elder (Freddie) and Betty Davis, all of Wilmington, NC; two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Lofton of Wilmington, NC and Maggie Bryant of Charlotte, NC; two brothers-in-law, Rev. David P. Lowe (Sandra) of Bahama, NC and James E. Lowe, Jr. of Wilmington, NC; many loving and adorable nieces, nephews, great nephews, great nieces, god-children, other relatives and a host of friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Vendell "Fennell" Rogers

Vendell "Fennell" Rogers died Friday, March 25, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 1, 2016 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Doretha Young Bellamy Thrower

Doretha Young Bellamy Thrower died Saturday, March 26, 2016 at home. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Evergreen AMEZ Church, Delco, NC. Doretha, the second of eleven children was born to the late Charlie and Catherine Freeman Young, in Delco, North Carolina. She was ninety three. She received her early education and training while growing up in Delco. Additionally, she acquired a keen sense of the importance of family obligations and love that would serve many others in the family in years to come. During the 1940's, she travelled to New York City with a friend in search of a better life. She found employment and housing immediately in Harlem.

She married Harry J. Bellamy and later, William Thrower, both of whom preceded her in death. Doretha was the mother of three daughters. Although Harlem is where she called home during the 1940's and early 1950's, she moved to the mid 1950's to Brooklyn, where she lived until the spring of 2015. In Brooklyn, she was active for decades at the John Wesley Methodist Church and various other organizations throughout Brooklyn and

Manhattan. She spent nearly 40 years collectively working for Millcraft, and the Salvation Army. She came out of retirement to work part-time for the old NYC Board of Education for another 10+ years. Quick-witted and fast with a whip, Ms. Doretha was equally comfortable in the midst of an afternoon tea party or traveling to the State Capital to lobby for causes for which she was passionate.

Meanwhile, the Bellamy house was an "Ellis Island" for many family members who elected to leave the south, looking for an opportunity in New York, offering them a safe haven. She was a tough strong-willed woman. Doretha is survived by: three daughters, Golda Beard, Mary E. Robinson and Bonnie Bellamy-Watkins (Johnnie), all of Delco, NC and Bonnie Bellamy Watkins (Reginald) of Mint Hill, NC; two brothers, Foster Young of Burgaw, NC and Robert Young (Patricia) of Claremont, NC; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loved ones and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Corddel Stokes

Corddel Stokes died Sunday March 27, 2016. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Navassa, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Benjamin Hunter, Jr.

Benjamin Hunter, Jr. died Sunday March 27, 2016. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Benjamin Hunter, Jr. affectionately known as "Ben" was born on September 6, 1965 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Mrs. Evelyn Mack Hunter and Benjamin Hunter. He departed this life on March 26, 2016. Ben was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He worked several jobs throughout the city and never met a stranger. Ben attended and joined many churches, but he was a devoted member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church where he sang in the Rev. A. A. McRae Gospel Choir. Ben loved riding city buses, attending basketball games at UNCW, eating at fast food restaurants and he really enjoyed the company of children.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: four brothers, Julian Robinson Dowd (Helen) of Wilmington, NC, John Dowd (Sharon) of Chester, VA, David Dowd and Lawrence Dowd (Lena), all of Wilmington, NC; one sister, Debra Ann Dowd of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews and many

many friends, including his pastor, Rev. Terry L. Henry and the Macedonia Church Family. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mamie Cheathem

Mamie Cheathem died Monday at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 3, 2016 at St. Matthew MB Church, Rocky Point, NC. Mrs. Mamie Cheathem was born on September 13, 1929, in Rocky Point, North Carolina, to Annie Mae Williams and Timothy Smith. She was one of five children. She attended Rocky Point Elementary School. Mrs. Cheathem was employed domestically throughout Pender County. She was an active member of Saint Matthews Missionary Baptist Church where she sang on the choir, ushered and taught Sunday School, until her health declined. She was a avid and devoted lover to her garden and plants. She was married to Carlise Cheathem Sr., who preceded her in death. In addition to her husband and her parents, Mrs. Cheathem was also preceded in death by her son, Carlise Cheathem, Jr.

Survivors include: children, Mrs. Annie Rose Grissett (Frank Sr.), Wilmington, NC and Ms. Willie Ree Cheathem, Rocky Point, NC; grandchildren, Linwood Murphy (Wanda), Wilmington, NC, Glenn Cheathem, Winston-Salem, NC, Bonny C. Ogunjobi (Edward), Raleigh, NC, Brian Cheathem (Melissa Graham), Leland, NC, Frank Grissett, Jr. (Tara), Wilmington, NC, Shawn Brown, Jacksonville, NC and Troy Matrice Everett, Rocky Point, NC; great-grandchildren: Nike R. Ogunjobi, Newark, NJ, Frank Grissett, III, and Jade Icyss Pearl Grissett, Wilmington, NC, Indiana Graham and Chyna Graham, Leland, NC; sisters: Mrs. Fannie Simpson, Patterson, NJ and Ms. Lela Campbell, Queens, NY; special nephews: David Brinson (Hattie), Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including a special friend Mary Morrison. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Julia Brown

Julia Brown died Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, April 4, 2016 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church.

Julia, daughter of the late Lillian Nixon Hansley was born on June 1, 1933. She had a wonderful step-father, the late Eugene Hansley. She was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey J. Lee; two step-sisters, Mendell Brown and Jackie Brown and one grandchild, Donesha Lee. Julia lived with her mother and

step-father in the Scotts-Hill Community in North Carolina. She attended St. Stephen AME Church, attending Sunday School, participating in many activities, programs, and developing her faith and believing in Almighty God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

She came to Wilmington, North Carolina at an early age to attend the New Hanover County Public Schools, where she could receive the best education. Julia lived with her late maternal grandmother, Delia Sidberry Nixon for whom she had the deepest admiration for and loved. Julia attended Williston School, graduating in the Class of 1951. Upon graduation, she entered DeShaze Beauty College. She loved music, the fashion arena, hats, shoes, jewelry and purses. Julia met the love of her life, Oscar Brown and they were united in matrimony on May 9, 1975. Together they began a new life, which lasted forty-one years. Julia found Christ as a young lady and joined St. Andrew AME Church where she was active in the choir, kitchen committee, RW Johnson Club, and the Senior Citizen Club. She traveled and enjoyed her very special friends and was a faithful advocate of prayer meetings. She believed in prayer and her life reflected her love, caring, support, encouragement and acknowledgements for all.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving husband, Oscar Brown; son, Alfred T. Lee; daughter, Caroline Smith; five step-children, Marvin Brown, Oscar Brown, Jr., Reginald Brown, Marilyn Beatty (Donald) and Darryl Brown, Jr. (Tia); two special grandchildren, Dayyan Jerome Lee and Channel Lillian Lee; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bill McIntyre (Mary) and Eugene McIntyre (Bessie); brother-in-law, Carlton Brown; sister-in-law, Doretha McIntyre; god-children, Sherita Bell, Jacob James and LaTarsha Canty Holley; aunts, Margaret Nixon Simmons and Eloise Nixon; special nieces, Mercedes Spicer and Angela Walker; special cousins, Thomas Nixon and Delma Nixon Brown; a host of step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Pauline Murray

Pauline Murray died Wednesday at Kitty Atkins Hospice Care, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Pauline Murray was born on November 9, 1940, in Wilmington, North Carolina

New Hanover County

Hot Topics, a monthly gathering sponsored by The League of Women Voters Lower Cape Fear, will meet at McAlister's Deli on Monday, April 25, 2016. Members and guests who are interested in what the League is all about are welcome. Come for lunch at 11:30; the meeting will be from noon-1:00pm. Guest speakers will be members of the Advocacy Roundtables, including Voter Services, Education, Environment and Women's Issues. If you are not a member of the League, this is an excellent opportunity to hear what we are doing in the community and consider becoming a member.



Community Briefs

The Cape Fear Chorale will present "Requiem" by W.A. Mozart with orchestra on April 17, 2016 - 4:00 p.m. at the CFCC Humanities and Fine Arts Center. The Chorale will be holding auditions for adult singers in all voice parts on May 2, 2016 Previous choral experience and the ability to read music will be helpful. Monday evening rehearsals begin August 22, 2016 at Grace United Methodist Church in downtown Wilmington. To schedule auditions please go to www.capecfearchorale.org and click on Membership.

The Democratic Women of New Hanover County will meet Thursday, April 14th at McAlister Deli, 740 S. College Rd. We will "meet and eat" from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at which time the meeting will be called to order. Our program, "School-to-Prison Pipeline" will include new student dropout and suspension information. All registered Democrats are welcome. If any questions, please call 910-395-4502.

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 or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

The Saint Augustine's University Alumni Chapter will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, April 16th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Covil Farms Club House, 7100 Covil Farms Rd.

The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHEC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 17th Street, Wilmington, NC. Invited are men-and their partners-who are newly diagnosed and researching treatments, those previously treated, those who are experiencing a recurrence, and those who are undergoing advanced treatment for prostate cancer. Support is available from those previously treated and formal programs and literature supply information about all stages of prostate cancer and recovery.

Brunswick County

Farmers, Gardeners, and Homeowners. A Pesticide Disposal Collection Day is scheduled for Brunswick County Saturday, April 16, 2016 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The collection site will be at Shallotte Middle School, 225 Village Road, Shallotte, NC. There is no charge to the public for this service. Call Ms. Micki Bozeman, HHW Coordinator (910)253-2524 or Sam Marshall 910-253-2610 for more information.

The Board of Elections meeting originally scheduled for April 18th has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Elections Office. This meeting will include the preliminary consideration of an election protest that was filed.

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ILM Airport now certified car seat checking station

Wilmington, NC - ILM's Public Safety Office is now a Permanent Child Passenger Safety Seat Check Station!

ILM's brand new Permanent Child Passenger Safety Seat Check Station is a partnership between the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Office of State Fire Marshal, The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program and Safe Kids North Carolina. Because the safety of our visitors and community is of utmost importance, ILM aircraft rescue fire fighters have completed the intensive training required that enables education in proper car seat installation. This required training includes a Child Passenger Safety (CPS) certification class that combines classroom instruction, hand-on practice, and a community car seat

event where students teach parents how to properly use their seat belts and car seats. "Because safety is always one of our primary concerns, we are proud to be an official car seat checking station," Gary Taylor, Operations Manager, stated. "Lt. Dustin Stream, one of ILM's senior aircraft rescue fire fighters, has worked very hard to obtain this certification and offer the program as a courtesy to our passengers and community!"

To have your car seat checked at ILM, please visit ILM's Public Safety Office located at 1851 Dolan Drive during the hours listed below. For questions about having your car seat checked, please call 910-341-4336 Sunday & Monday from 5:00am to 1:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Burns to receive Master of Science in Criminology



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BRITTANY DAWN BURNS

The Board of Trustees, President and Faculty of Regis University are pleased to announce the graduation of Brittany Dawn Burns and will confer to her the degree of Master of Science in Criminology at the Spring Commencement Exercise on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Regis

University, Denver, Colorado. Brittany is the daughter of Ms. Vernel Crumby Burns and Rev. Gary W. Burns. The sister of Arvelia B. Roberson and the granddaughter of Mrs. Norma M. Crumby and Louise Burns. Brittany resides in Fuquay-Varina, NC.

Congratulations Brittany!

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

It's time to fight for your life

As an American citizen, one has the right to speak freely within the laws of man. Studies have shown that the progress made in society today is based

on freedom of speech. We want to know what is going on in our country, state, and the United States. We can do this by reading the newspaper, using our smart phones, watching television and using our computers.

We have a deep interest in the campaigns for President of the United States. We want to make sure that Hillary, as well as the other candidates, is a very strong supporter of

education for all children. We all can make our voices heard. We can get with groups in our community. As parents, we must be heard at every campaign stop and debate forum.

I have a strong feeling that Hillary Clinton will stand with us on key issues in education. It has been stated in public places many times that private schools are very expensive. Many of the poorer schools have cut off all the extracurricular activities for the children. They have taken away school bands in so many places. Clinton supports the idea of charter schools but not as a substitute for the public schools. We must learn what has worked in these schools, take those ideologies and methodologies, and apply them in the public schools.

We Americans are to create a more inclusive nation in

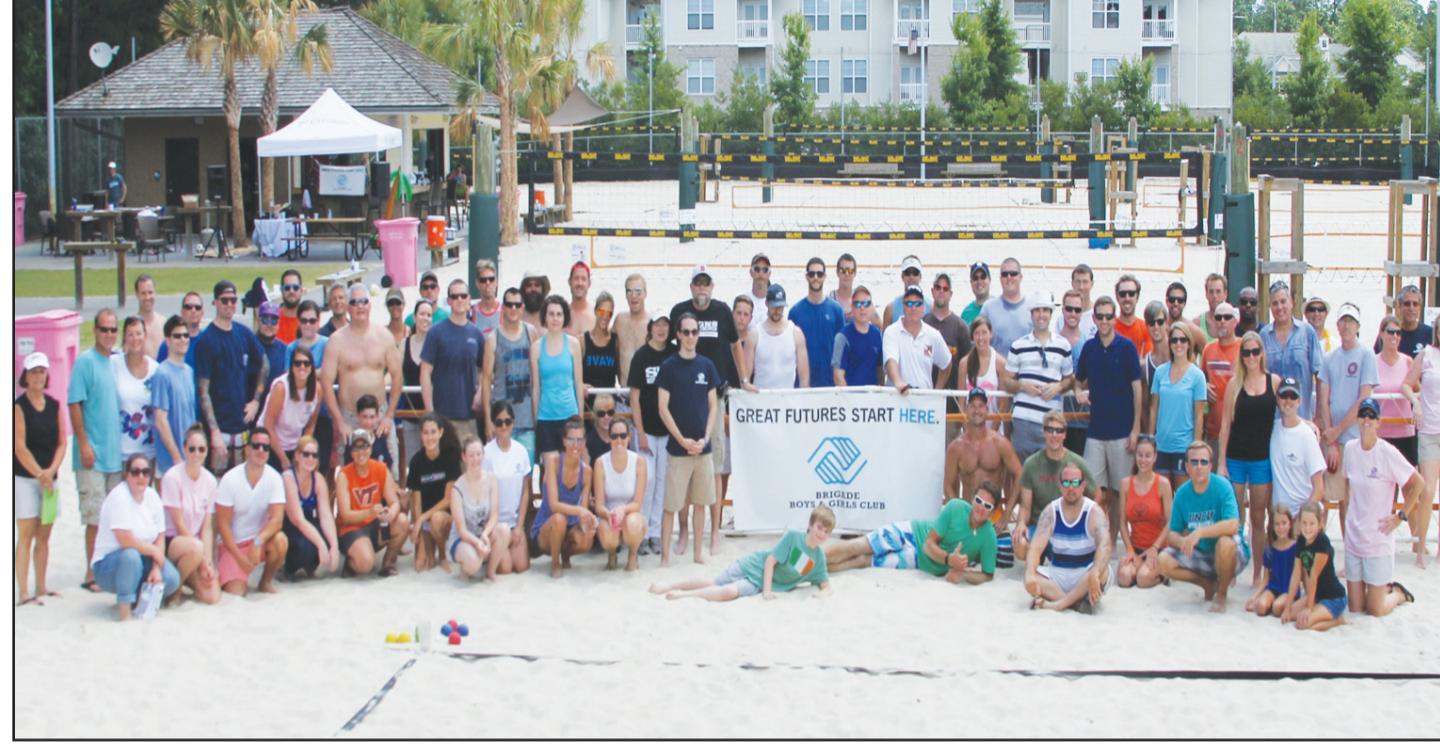
which every American has equal opportunities. We must still preserve the same firm conviction and passion with which we have led in this ongoing battle for civil and human rights.

We will not be moved, and our "wins" have been many. We will be bold and aggressive in fighting for the younger generation. That is why it is so important for citizens living together in the community get the best possible education for all children. I know you understand why our young men are involved in gang activity and other situations promoting violence with guns and other weapons. There are some schools that will help these young people, but it is not enough because the jails are overcrowded. We

can do more to help our young people. We are not fighting hard enough for the things that are right for our people.

Verniee 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.

Brigade Boys & Girls Club 10th Annual CORPs Bocce Ball Tournament



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2015 BEACH BOCCIE BALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

WILMINGTON, N.C. - The Brigade CORPs (Club of Rising Professionals) is gearing up for their 10th Annual Beach Bocce Ball Tournament to be held, Saturday, April 16th at Dig & Dive. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Brigade Boys & Girls Club, which serves over 2,400 youths annually, providing after-school and summer programs to children and teens

in grades K-12.

"The Bocce Ball Tournament is one of our most successful fundraisers," said Tournament Chair Andy Mitwol. "This event brings together Brigade supporters and bocce enthusiasts of all ages for an afternoon of fun team play and rivalry."

Last year 89 teams competed in the tournament. This year-the Brigade Boys & Girls Club's 120th

Anniversary-we hope to see the event grow even larger. John Anderson, CORPs President an attorney at McGuireWoods, in collaboration with CORPs members Jeremy Wilson, attorney with Ward & Smith, and Thomas Varnum of Brooks Pierce, have put out a challenge to area law firms to come out and play, support a great cause and see who can take home the trophy.

Flights are at 10 am or 2 pm flight. With more than 150 players participating in the tournament, the day promises to be one filled with excitement, great prizes, friends and all for a wonderful cause.

For additional information on the Bocce Ball tournament or Brigade Boys & Girls Club, please contact Angie Hill at 910-392-0747 or email her at ahill@brigadebgc.org.

Hoggard student named State ACT College Readiness Scholar

BY NHCS PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Teacher and S.T.A.E. Coordinator at Hoggard.

Dedreon is planning for a career in business marketing. He has been accepted to multiple schools and plans to attend Winston-Salem State University in the fall.

About the ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign

Established in 2013, the annual ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign celebrates achievement and creates awareness around the goal of college and career readiness for all. The Campaign recognizes exemplary efforts by students in participating states. There are phenomenal students across the country and they are all worthy of praise. ACT developed the Campaign to shine a light on the individuals and institutions doing more with less, overcoming personal or community obstacles, and serving as examples to others working to improve the condition of college and career readiness for all.

In evaluating applicants, selection panels consider:

- Growth toward college and career readiness, as demonstrated by assessments, grades, and other indicators

- Success outside of the



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DEDREON "DEE" DAVIS

classroom, including extracurricular activities, leadership experiences, community service, and jobs

- Personal progress towards becoming ready for college and career

- Students must be mem-

bers of the graduating class of 2016 who have taken the ACT. Special consideration will be given to students from low-income families."

For more information about the ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign,

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OBITUARIES

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to the late James and Esther Hankins Murray. She was preceded in death by two brothers, James Murry, Jr. and Troy Murray. Pauline, affectionately called, "Paubeanie", was educated in the New Hanover County School System. She attended Cape Fear Community College, receiving her GED and her CNA license. Pauline was employed with the New Hanover County School System. She joined St. Andrew AME Zion Church at an early age and worked faithfully until her health began to fail.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Denise Reed (Abdul Mack) of Fayetteville, NC; three grandchildren, Nathaniel, La'Risha and Willie IV; one sister, Betty Murray of CT; six first cousins who were raised as sisters and brothers, Velma Burnett, Horace Hankins, Robert Hankins, Earla Davis, Ethel Walker and David Johnson; nephews, Walter Murray and Terrance Murray; niece, Tracie Murray; special nieces, Shebra Crummy and Ramona Burnett; special cousins, Amelia Batts, Louise McNeil; best friend, Mary "Cookie" Scott; special friends, Mr. and Mrs. Willie (Francis) Boynton, Danyell Hamby, Francis, Sheryl, Cocoa, Carolyn, Gene and Ramona Owens; a host of other relatives and friends, including her St. Andrew Church Family. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Johnnie Holden

Johnnie Holden died Wednesday at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at St. Mary MB Church, Winnabow, NC. Johnnie Leon Holden, son of the late Alexander R. Holden and Coretha G. Holden of Winnabow, North Carolina, was born February 13, 1961. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara McMillan Holden, a sister, Annie Louise Joseph, and a brother, Cordell Holden. Johnnie grew up and was educated in Brunswick County public schools. He graduated from South Brunswick High School in 1979. After graduation he earned a living doing construction work. Johnnie loved to help people everywhere he went. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Coretha G. Holden, a son, Jonathan Leon Holden (Crystal), grandchildren, Jonya Holden, Johnathan Holden, and Malcolm Driver; Sisters, Quilla M. Holden (William), NC, Willa D. Clarida both of Bolivia, NC, Barbara A. Holden of Southport, NC, Dianne Vereen of Winnabow, NC, and Luzina Hines (John) of Charlotte, NC; Brothers, Fred Billy Moore (Lillian) of Irvington, NJ, James R.

Holden (Lucinda) of Loris, SC, Calvin H. Holden of Mobile Alabama, Pastor Bobby Holden of Hampton, VA, Alphonso Holden of Bolivia, NC, Carl A. Holden of Durham, NC, James G. Holden of Southport, NC and adopted son Minister Simon Hicks of Newport News, VA; Sisters-in-law, Gayla Galloway and Yvonne Wise, Brothers-in-law, Ricky McMillan and Willie McMillan all of Leland, NC; Special Cousin, Samuel Jenkins, Special Friends, Lynn Reynolds, Herbert Simmons, Delmar Holmes, Charles Mishoe and William L. Holden. Special Nieces, Maria Hemingway, Ruby J. Holden, Latisha Holden, Detra Holden, Victoria Holden, Latia Clarida and Vereece Holden. Special Nephews, Kenny Holden, Melvin Mason, Joshua Clarida, Tyshawn Bellamy, Knovell Jones, Calvin Holden Jr., and Mark Holden. A host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lateisha Little

Lateisha Little died March 27, 2016. Memorial services were held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. La'Teisha Denise Little better known as "Tee", was born on October 17, 1983 to George and Katherine Little. She was preceded in death by her mother and Marcus Little.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her father, George Little, Sr. of the home; brothers, Cornell Little of Pamplin, VA, Cartlous Little of Wilmington, NC and George Little, Jr. of Roanoke, VA; sisters, Pamela and Eddie Holmon of Pamplin, VA, Shaunette Little of Richmond, VA and Faye Elliott of Baltimore, MD; aunts, Patricia and Beck Vaughn of Hampstead, VA, Edith Green of Farmville, VA, Doris Green "Marie" of Pamplin, VA, Virginia Zee of Rice, VA, Loulia Little of Baltimore, MD, Barbrane and Lynwood Williams of Farmville, VA and Gladys Thompson of Wilmington, NC; uncles, Billy Green and James Green both of Pamplin, VA, Cornell and Roberta Moore of Prospect, VA and Jackie Moore of Richmond, VA; nieces, Zakyyah Little and Mytyra Little of Atlanta, GA and Des'rea Little of TX; nephews: Evan and Crystal Little of Alexandria, VA, Shauivar Little of Wilmington, NC, Haroun McLaughlin and Dejaun Little of Pamplin, VA and Cornell Little, Jr. of Farmville, VA; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Franklin Randolph

Franklin Randolph died Sunday at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held 12 Noon Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church, Bolivia, NC. As the fourth child of the late

Julius and Mary Randolph, Frank grew to be a very goal-oriented, hardworking young man with a God-given ability to lead. His leadership skills were honed by early life experiences and eight years of service in the military. After serving his country, he returned to Brunswick County and rolled up his sleeves to help improve his community, his church, and the school system. Frank was the first African American to be elected to the Brunswick County Board of Education. During his tenure, he was instrumental in securing funds for the construction and renovation of nine schools. He played a critical role in establishing Brunswick Community College and the first hospital in the county. More importantly, he effectively addressed the racial disparity that existed in Brunswick County, by paving the way for more African American teachers to be hired. The impacts of his tireless efforts are still felt today and they spread beyond the borders of Brunswick County. He was chairman of the Sencland Community Action Agency, which included five counties in North Carolina and he was appointed to the Ports and Railways Commission by Governor James B. Hunt. The list of Frank's accomplishments both locally and abroad is simply too extensive to include here. However, we can sum it all up by saying that for Frank, charity began at home. He was never at a loss for encouraging words or scripture to uplift anyone in need. The memories of his many acts of kindness and generosity will remain in the hearts of family, friends, and the members of Piney Grove FWB Church, where he was a deacon and faithful member for over sixty years.

Left to cherish his memories are: his wife, Catherine Randolph; children, Franklin Randolph, Jr., John A. Randolph (Jane), Audreia C. Randolph, Sumona J. Randolph, Shaunna Randolph, Turjah L. Hicks, Edward Hicks, Jr. (Kim), Mitchell Wayne Griffith and Murray Griffith; sisters, Daisy McBroom (Johnnie and Glenda Barbout); brothers, Cleve Bruce Randolph and James Randolph; twenty-eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

David Lee Ellerby

David Lee Ellerby died Monday at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Friday, April 8, 2016 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. David Lee was born in Kelly, North Carolina on March 4, 1929, to the late David Lee Roy Ellerby and Annie Hawes Ellerby. He was the youngest of five children, all of which preceded him in death. David Lee attended Bladen County Public Schools and upon completion of his schooling,

he enlisted in the United States Army in 1950, for two years. After his release from the Army, he married Doris Sampson, who preceded him in death. Three children were born from their union; one son, Darrell, who also preceded him in death and two daughters, Davida and Diera Ellerby. David Lee was a hard-working man. His employment with Babcox and Wilcox lasted thirty years, from 1953 until 1983. After B&W, he was employed for four years with Sneed's Plumbing and five years with Corning, Inc., where he retired in 1994. In 1961, David Lee became one of the original founders of the Wilmington Sportsmen's Club, better known then as the "White House", at 9th and Castle. This was his home away from home. He was faithfully dedicated to the mission of the club, remaining very active, until his death. David Lee, on several occasions, received many Certificates and Awards from the club, including the Certificate of Honor he was given on August 16, 2008, for being one of the original founders of the Wilmington Sportsmen's Club and for his true love and dedication to the club. No one enjoyed life any more than David Lee. At age 87, he continued to go anywhere he wanted, always smiling and giving big hugs. David Lee was truly an amazing man and full of fun.

He leaves to mourn his passing: two daughters and sons-in-law, Davida Ellerby Nixon (Julius) of the city and Diera B. Fletcher (Dorrel) of Boston, MA; three grandchildren, Anestashala Ellerby, Aquana Ellerby and Arquan Ellerby; four great-grandchildren, Quanazia James, Dinazia Ellerby, Antanazia Ellerby and Tirez Ellerby; two sisters-in-law, Eleanor Henton of Detroit, MI and Helen Gaines of Charlotte, NC; a special nephew, Charles Hand; two special cousins, Andrew Brown and Charles Mishoe; a very dear and special friend, Herman Broughton; his

Sportsmen's Club Family; numerous other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mable Barnhill Rogers

Mable Barnhill Rogers died April 6, 2016 at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 10, 2016 at Mt. Olive AME Church. Mable Barnhill Rogers was born on May 2, 1934, in Wilmington, North Carolina, to the late Tymon Blue and Beatrice Barnhill. Mable gave her life to Christ and joined the family of Mt. Olive AME Church, for many years. Sister Mable was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Her kind heart and goodwill towards others made her a friend to all she came in contact with. She enjoyed dancing, and was the life of the party. There was nothing on earth that she couldn't grow. The thing she enjoyed most was singing along with her choir at Mt. Olive. In addition to her parents, Mable was preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah Barnhill Garvin and grandson, W. Carlton Sellers, Jr.

Sister Mable leaves to cherish her memories: four daughters and one son: Alexis Carr (Pete), Gladys Sellers, Mable Jones (Zeke), Darryl Rogers (Mattie) and Janice Chestnut, all of the city; son in law, Tyrone Garvin; eighteen grandchildren; thirty-eight great-grands; two great-great-grands; sister, Phoebie F. Fennell of Philadelphia, PA; three nieces; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Cecil Moore

Cecil Moore died April 7th at home. Memorial services were held Wednesday, April 13th at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Patricia A. Auld

Patricia A. Auld, 47, of Wilmington passed away Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Memorial Services were held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. Davis Funeral Home.

Catherine E. Lewis

Catherine E. Lewis, 77, of Wilmington passed away Sunday, April 10, 2016 at Wilmington Health & Rehabilitation Center. Funeral Services were held Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Davis Funeral Home



Ms. Gertrude M. Daniels
Sunrise: April 13, 1904
Sunset: April 21, 2009

The sweetness of your smile is what we treasure most. You are now our shining star in heaven. Loving, compassionate, beautiful. You were truly God's gift to one and all. Your spirit lives on forever in our hearts.

Love,
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Jacqui (Frank) Brown and
family

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New Hanover County

Bowen's Chapel AME Zion Church, 3826 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold "Women to Women Fellowship Conference (Keeping It Real) on Saturday, April 16th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All women are asked to come dressed in jeans. Lunch will be provided.



Religious Briefs

First Baptist Missionary Church, 520 North Fifth Ave., Robert J. Floyd Male Choir will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with a Gospel Explosion on Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 p.m.

Guests will include The Bradleys, the Dixon Brothers, Chestnut Street Presbyterian Male Choir and Pleasantview Male Chorus, The Jinwright Singers, L & M Gospel Singers, PC and Perfect Praise Salt of the Earth and others.

The Choirs of St. Phillip AME Church, 815 N. 8th St., will present "Believers in Beauty Fashion Show" on Saturday, April 30th at 4:00 p.m. Please call 910-762-3573 for more information or tickets.

The First Annual Project Fairy Godmother's Prom Dress Giveaway, providing high school students no cost for formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and more for their prom, will be held Friday, April 29th from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr. First come first served. There will be a drawing for a free prom hairdo and free manicure and pedicure. For more information or to donate gently used prom gowns, dresses, shoes, etc., contact Audrey Clark at 910-200-8030.

The Gertrude Daniels "Crowns Fit For A Queen" Hats on Parade and Reception will be held Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Andrew AME Zion Church, 1201 South 9th St. Wear your most beautiful, or largest, or smallest, or most unique hat

Brunswick County

By His Grace Ministries will hold "Friday Night Fire" on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at 5285 Main St. Suite 18, Shallotte, NC. The guest speaker will be Apostle Timothy Johnson and New Joy Ministry of Dunn, NC.

Moore's Chapel will hold their church anniversary on Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Lorenzo Edge and Faith Temple Church will be the guest.

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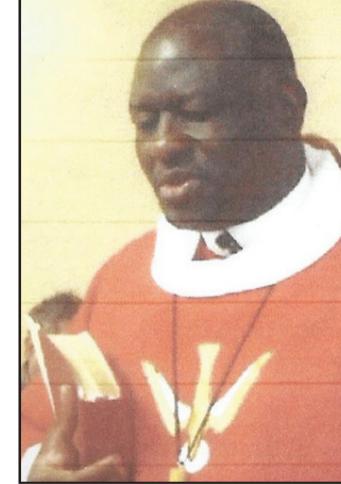
St. Mark's Episcopal Church to celebrate 147th Anniversary

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

On April 24 at 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's Episcopal Church 600 Grace street will celebrate 147 years of service to its community with Dr. Wilmot Merchant, guest speaker. He is the minister of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in North Myrtle Beach. Dr. Merchant will speak on "Moving Forward In the Jesus Movement". All are welcome.

Dr. Merchant is a native of Liberia, West Africa; one of those described as the "bridge" of the Liberian society. His paternal great-great-grandparents were among the freed slaves who were returned to Africa from the United States during the 1800's. His maternal ancestors were indigenous of the land that became Liberia. He is a 1986 graduate of Cuttington University, Liberia, with a BA in Theology. Ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia, Deacon 1986, and Priest 1987. He received (1987) a Certificate from St. George's College, Jerusalem, Israel. He received his Master of Divinity (1992) from the Episcopal Divinity School; his Master of Theology (1993) from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology; and his Doctor of Ministry (2000) from Drew University.

Dr. Merchant has served churches in Liberia and the United States. Since November 1999 he has served ST. Stephen's in North Myrtle Beach in various positions. Beginning April 2001 he served as their full time pastor and in August 2002 he was installed as their rector. He had been an active mem-



DR. WILMOT MERCHANT

ber of Diocese of South Carolina until the disaffiliation of the Diocese. He is an active member of the

Diocese of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina; first serving on the Steering Committee and now serving as President, chairperson and Chairperson of Faith Leader Advisory Council of the South Carolina Coalition against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. In 2009 he was honored as the Volunteer of the year by the South Carolina Victims Assistance Network for his work in the area of domestic violence in the State. In June 2014, he was appointed Priest-in-Charge of Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. He is serving these two congregations as an experiment of the changing times of the "Church" today.

Dr. Merchant is married to Eugenia G. Cooper-Merchant, MD. They have two sons and a daughter, Wilmot, III, Charles and Victoria Ann. He has two older children, Wilma Sackor and Wilbert.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

A place in the midst of a storm

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLIA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a dreary but great day for the Senior Citizens' Fellowship to be with friends at our usual meeting place. President Eloise Purdie greeted us and asked Mr. George Hill and the choir to come forward. We opened with "Pass Me Not." Prayer was given by Mrs. Shirley

Drye and our chant was "Thank You, Lord." Our next selection was "Blessed Assurance."

Mr. John Green was our speaker for the day. He spoke on "Peace in the Storm." He shared that we have all gone through our own storms in our lifetimes. He said that storms are a part of life and that we just need to find peace while in them. He also said that following Jesus does not exempt us from going

through storms, but at the same time, God tests us with a storm. He will give us peace during that same storm. We thanked Mr. Green by giving him a round of applause.

We then had many expressions which were testimonies of what God has brought them through. The minutes were read and approved. We had a financial report by Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow. We then had roll call, and our money for our trip to Myrtle

Beach on May 19, 2016, was collected. We then went over our by-laws.

The Callers' report was given. The winner was Mrs. Frances Matthews, with 12. The sick report was given by Mrs. Annie Haskins. Announcements were then read. Smiles and laughter were given by Mrs. Mary Martin. Our circle was then formed as we sang, "Bind Us Together."

There were 57 present.

SENIOR MOMENTS

The Wilmington Journal: The chain that links us together

My Fellow Seniors:

This is supposed to be a place where senior citizens come together and share information about healthful living. *The Wilmington Journal* is the chain that links us together. If you would like to write an article about aging well, living alone, or scaling some of the hills we have to climb, you would be uplifting other seniors. At the same time, you would be giving me a break.

After we reach a certain age, we become concerned about memory loss. It happens to little children, but we don't even

think about it. My earliest memory is about playing with matches when I was just 2 ½ years old. I started a fire in the kitchen. I was not a senior, but I have never forgotten it. I remember nothing else until my first day of school when I was six years old. Yet, I remember nothing at all about the second day. Some things just seem to stick with us, while others fade away.

When the brain gets over-



Ruth Johnson

crowded, it begins to kick out the small stuff. The truth is that young people forget more things than we do, but for them, it's no big deal. The best way to combat forgetfulness is to start keeping notes like professional people do. At the end of the day we should make a list of things to do tomorrow. God bless the person who created the medicine cup because if we didn't have them, we would probably take an overdose.

If you don't want to spend a lot of time making notes, just stay focused on what you are doing at the moment. Don't let your hands get ahead of your mind. Whenever my husband

finds something out of place, he demands to know who put it there. I tell him, "Maybe my hands did it, but I didn't." Right now, he is being treated at the Silver Stream Rehabilitation Center. I hope he can come out in time to see my play, which will be staged at Thalian Hall on April 16, 2016. It's called "A Room with a Double Bed." The Willis Richardson Players will be performing "The Chip Woman's Fortune." We hope to see you on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Deception Part II, Sign of His Coming"

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

Deception: The act of misleading and causing one to believe an untruth

One of the signs of the coming of the Lord in these last days is the increase in volume of deception. There are



Sylvia Hooper

people even now, who come in the name of Jesus for the purpose of premeditated deception. The target may be a novice, new convert, or may be one of the very elect of God. That is why we must all pray and study to show ourselves approved unto God. Deception can be avoided, if one has knowledge and understanding of the Word of God and is able to spiritually discern truth from untruth. Matthew 4:4 says, "But he answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

God has set in the church the fivefold ministry of the

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The Word of God is quick, sharp, and more powerful than a two-edged sword! When you hear it, your faith will be edified, uplifted, illuminated, and encouraged. At other times, the Word of God will be used to instruct, correct, and reprove the people of God.

The Word of God should not be used to beat people down, but instead to build up the people. Its message is sent to convict, not to condemn. It should always reflect the grace, the mercy, and the love of God, which passeth all understanding.

Matthew 7:15 says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

We cannot assume without knowing the life of a person that everyone wearing a cross and a clerical collar is a righteous man or woman of God. If someone approaches you in the name of the Lord, but their conduct and char-

acter are contrary to the teachings of Christ, consider them to be modern day deceivers.

Matthew 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." If someone preaches or teaches against the Word of God, eliminate his or her influence in your life. If this relationship compromises your walk with God or weakens your faith in Jesus Christ, take heed that you be not deceived.

Matthew 7:22, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Deception, Signs of His coming. II Timothy 4:2-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the

truth, and shall be turned to fables."

Prayer: Father, in Jesus name, please deliver me from the spirit of deception. Give me the strength and the courage to resist any effort to twist the scriptures or misinterpret the Word of God. Keep me with a sound mind.....able to discern Truth from untruth. 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!

Tithes vs. Taxes

BY DR. E. FAYE WILLIAMS, ESQ.
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There was a time when I didn't tithe. I, like many people, dropped my few dollars in the collection plate when it came around or when I was on my way out of church. In my mind at the time, tithing was never mandatory, but I always felt good when I was able to listen to the song called "You Can't Beat God Giving." I reasoned, logically, that the lyrics were correct and that my good feeling came in the confirmation that God had a lot more to give than I had. Then I studied the ministry, received an academic Doctor of Ministry and was blessed with an honorary Doctor of Divinity for my community service.

I already had a Juris Doctor and a Doctor of Public Administration, and a few other miscellaneous degrees. I was feeling pretty blessed in my achievements and, contrary to my previous beliefs, came to learn that tithing was an obligation and a matter of

personal commitment. As one who was always serious about meeting my obligations, I began tithing and, before long, I began receiving and enjoying significant blessings! In the spirit of complete disclosure, I will be honest and say that when I wasn't making much money, tithing wasn't too bad. I gave my "little" tithe, hardly missing it.

As my blessings increased and I made more money, it became more intellectually difficult to tithe. Although I knew it was the right thing to do, thinking or speaking the amount my commitment required me to offer seemed to be an awfully large amount! However, in faith, I gave to the level of my commitment and began to receive even larger blessings in my life. Now, I look forward to earning more money so I can get closer to what you pay!

Knowing that taxes are due on April 15th and recognizing that you may have second thoughts about paying, I don't expect you to be happy with the prospect. The best I can offer is, like it or not, it's an obligation for which you may not receive blessings. And, it's far worse if you don't pay when taxes are due. That's when you have interest and penalties added!

You don't have to pay tithes in church when you don't have money to give. The IRS doesn't care that you aren't making enough money this year to pay last year's taxes. They expect you to figure out a way to pay anyway! If you do tithe, you can at least use what you gave for a tax deduction; but, again, when you pay your taxes, you may not see the benefit.

Which would you prefer? Tithing or paying more taxes? You'll know that your titling at the church will help someone who has little or nothing to pay tithes or taxes.

Consider yourself blessed if you earn money enough to pay both your tithes and your taxes!

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This 7th day of April, 2016.

Debra Lynn Amon
Thomas Lee Amon
Co-Administrators
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MOORE & KENAN Attorneys at Law
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April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the estate of **Linda P. Nance**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **14th day of July, 2016**, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of April, 2016

David L. Nance and Susan Nance Callaway, Executors of the Estate of Linda P. Nance
2807 Wrightsville Avenue
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Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 14 JT
48,49,50,51

IN THE MATTER OF:
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Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following April 14, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, June 6, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 14th day of April, 2016.

Dean W. Hollingsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New
Hanover Co. Dept.
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650 Greenfield Street
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April 14, 21, 28, 2016

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
JUVENILE SESQUIUB
File No. 15 JT 89IN THE MATTER OF: **J.B.V.** (DOB 10-28-13)

To: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Termination of all parental rights you have to the J.B.V.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than 40 days following **April 14, 2016**, which date is the date of the first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

You are hereby notified that a Hearing on the Petition to Terminate Your Parental Rights is scheduled for **MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.** or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 North Fourth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

The public meeting will be held from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at the New Hanover County Public Library's Main Branch at 201 Chestnut Street in the Harnett Room on the 3rd Floor.

This, the 12th day of April, 2016.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.
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April 14, 21, 28, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
IN SUPERIOR COURT
DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
16 SP 0068

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed Of Trust executed by Howards S. Seidel and Robin I. Seidel, Trustor s) in Deed of Trust recorded in Book 4938, at Page 946, New Hanover County Registry, NATALIA SEIDEL, Petitioner.

PETITION FOR PAYMENT OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM FORECLOSURE SALE

TO: HOWARD S. SEIDEL

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled special proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

In accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 45-21.32, Petitioner prays the Court that an order be entered determining that Petitioner Natalia Seidel is the owner of the surplus sale proceeds in the total amount of \$449,520.94 resulting from the foreclosure of real property previously owned by Howard S. Seidel, being held by the Clerk of Superior Court in File No. 15 SP 82, and awarding same to Petitioner.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from April 14, 2016 and, upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 30th day of March, 2016.

MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
Attorneys for Petitioner
By: Andrew K. McVey
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-763-2426

April 14, 21, 28, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Ricky W. Simpson, having qualified on the 24th day of March, 2016, as Executor of the Estate **Mary P. Schickert**, deceased, is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **1st day of April, 2016**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This 24th of March, 2016.

Ricky W. Simpson, Executor
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2016

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will conduct a Public Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 to discuss the MPO's Certification Review.

The public meeting will be held from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at the New Hanover County Public Library's Main Branch at 201 Chestnut Street in the Harnett Room on the 3rd Floor.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Ph: 910-341-3258

April 14, 2016

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF
GLOBAL ANALYTICS, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to 57D-6-11 of the North Carolina General Statutes, Global Analytics, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (the "Company"), has elected to dissolve and has filed Articles of Dissolution with the North Carolina Secretary of State.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED THAT, if you have a claim against the Company, you present it to the Company in accordance with the terms of this notice as follows:

- Notify the Company in writing of your claim setting forth the name and address of the claimant (or agent) and a detailed statement of the nature and amount of the claim (a "Claim").

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Roger A. Rains
3107 Greenhouse Drive
Wilmington, NC 28409-2564

- UNLESS A PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE THE CLAIM IS COMMENCED WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR CLAIM WILL BE BARRED BY LAW.

This 17th Day of December, 2015

GLOBAL ANALYTICS, LLC
By: Roger A. Rains, Manager
Dated: April 5, 2016

April 14, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Dorothy H. Howard**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **31st day of June, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 31st of May, 2016

Terry L. Jones, Sr., Executor
93 Ridgefield St.
Hartford, CT 06112

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Mollie Rogers Johnson**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of July, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 7th of April, 2016

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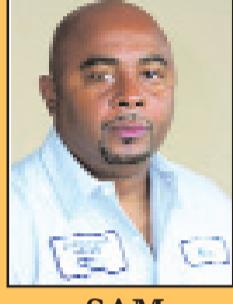
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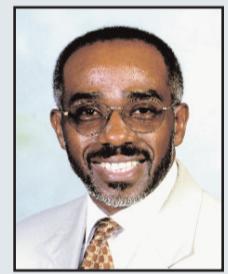
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