

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

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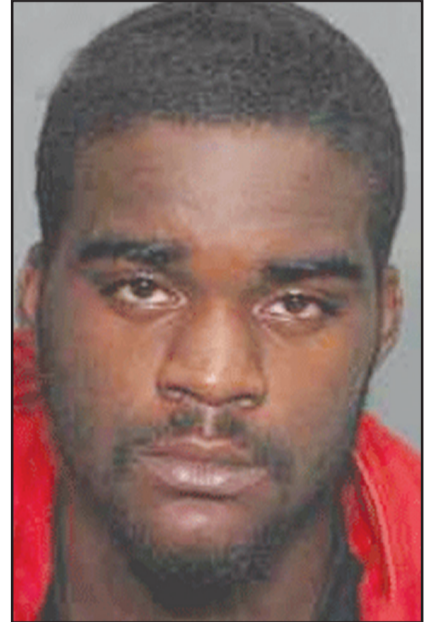
Wednesday, Wake Co. District Attorney Lorrin Freeman released a report stating that the DNA and other physical evidence supported the account of the shooting of Akiel Denkins, 29, given by Officer D.C. Twiddy provided shortly after the tragedy.

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 Lorrin Freeman has reviewed all the evidence collected through the independent investigation of the SBF 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 located any shell casing in the area where these witnesses reported seeing Officer Twiddy fire



AKIEL DENKINS

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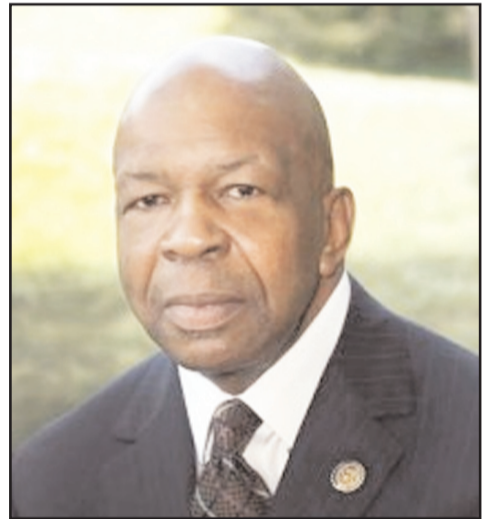


Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Psi Omega Chapter attends North Carolina Central University with ASCEND students

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)etworking 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 Josephus 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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ANNIE JINWRIGHT SMALLS



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 a 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 restate 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.

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.

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


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.

Because the maximum number of weeks of unemployment is tied to the statewide unemployment rate, the system doesn't account for parts of the state hit harder than others by economic downturns.

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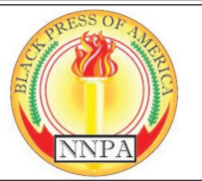

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Our Voice The Clinton crime bill in context

(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.

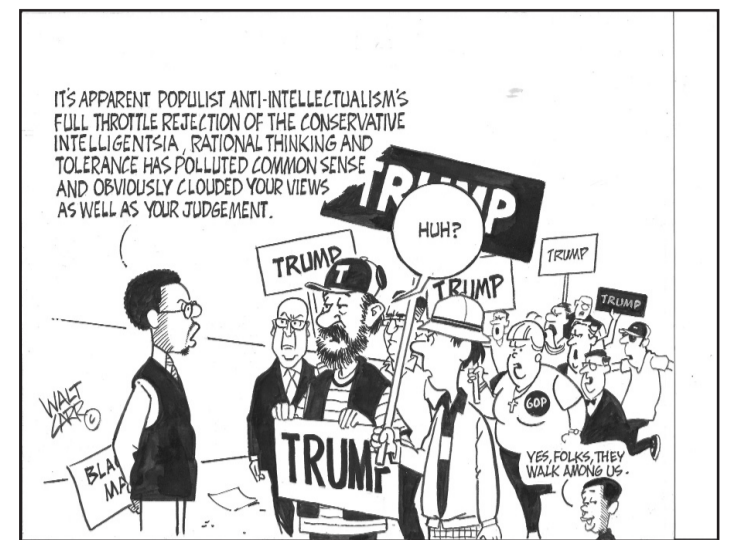
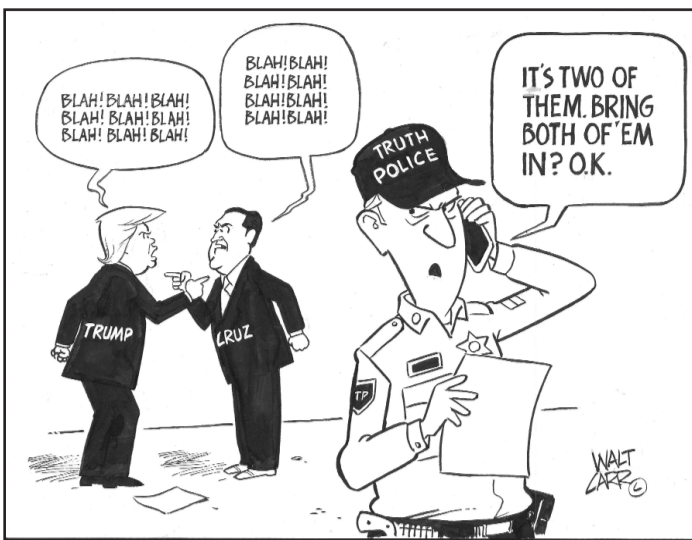
More importantly, the drugs that flooded black communities muted the righteous black rage that might have been directed toward social change. The Black Lives Matter activists are right to raise pointed questions about the Clinton crime bill. President Bill Clinton could "do the right thing" if he put 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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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 to 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.

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



George Curry

The voter suppression laws include requiring a photo ID for voting, a measure that may impact an estimated 300,000 voters, disproportionately older, younger, poor and people of color. They reduced early voting times from 30 days to 12 days and eliminated it on weekends and evenings, discriminating against workers who can't get leave to go to the polls. They eliminated statewide certification of registrars, so registrars can only enroll voters the country where they are certified, making registration more difficult. They eliminated faxing and emailing of absentee ballots except to military and overseas voters, making absentee voting more difficult. They eliminated straight ticket voting, except for military and overseas voters, ensuring that waiting times and lines will be longer when people go to vote. They made it harder to use student ID as proof of residence, even as they required proof of residence to vote.

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.

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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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.capefearchorale.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 Marshall, 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. Vernell Crummy Burns and Rev. Gary W. Burns. The sister of Arvella B. Roberson and the granddaughter of Mrs. Norma M. Crummy 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 county, state, and the United States. We can do this by reading the newspaper, using our smart phones, watching television and using our computers.



Verniece Stanley

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 to take a stand for the truth now. It is important that 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.

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

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



2015 BEACH BOCCÉ BALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

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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@brigadeboc.org.

Hoggard student named State ACT College Readiness Scholar

BY NHCS PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Dedreon "Dee" Davis, a senior in the STAE (Striving To Achieve Excellence) program at Hoggard High School, was recently named the ACT College Readiness Scholar for North Carolina. He was recognized at a special event as part of the fourth annual ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign. Only one exemplary student in each participating state received an academic scholarship from ACT. Dedreon will be now be considered for the ACT national scholarship award in June 2016. "Dee exemplifies the ACT college readiness award because he set a goal of college acceptance and did not give up until he achieved his goal. He planned strategies, and despite some setbacks and struggles, he worked hard and kept his focus on his dream. He utilized the resources of the STAE program, taking advantage of tutoring support to ensure success in honors and AP level classes. He took the ACT a second time, striving to post his best score for college admission and scholarship consideration," said Catherine Coleman, English

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

members 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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to the late James and Ester 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. 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, Carlous Little of Wilmington, NC and George Little, Jr. of Roanoke, VA; sisters, Pamela and Eddie Holmon of Pamplin, VA, Shaunnette Little of Richmond, VA and Faye Elliott of Baltimore, MD; aunts, Patricia and Beck Vaughn of Hampsidney, 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, Zakyiah 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 McLaughin 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), Audrea 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 Sneid'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 any and every where 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, Quanzia James, Dinazia Ellerby, Antanzia 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 pf 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-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Phoebe 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
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