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Attorney Charles Lyons holds a document from a national black law officers group (NOBLE) which says that five Waynesboro officers who endorsed a local candidate for sheriff on behalf of the organization were not members of the organization and that the organization does not make endorsements.
Advance primary voting has begun

On Thursday, July 19, 2012, the Augusta Branch NAACP will host a Sheriff’s Candidates Political Forum and Voter Education Workshop at New Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church at 3257 Drakes Bridge Road. The presenter will be Mrs. Lynn Bailey, Executive Director of the Buckingham County NAACP and Board of Elections. She will help educate the Augusta community about the official lines that have been drawn by federal Judge Randall Hall which changes to some degree a few voters and precincts around. Also, she will explain the notification cards that were sent out and let the public know what the laws are regarding the restrictive ruling. She will bring hands-on for the audience to read regarding these changes.

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Four under consideration for library director

The Director’s Selection Committee for the East Central Georgia Regional Library System will interview four candidates for the position of Director. The candidates are:

- Ms. Darlene Price: Ms. Price is currently an Administrative Librarian at the Rutledge Library. She is the Board of Elections Office either by mail or fax. The request must contain the voter’s party preference, the mailing address for submitting a request to vote by mail is: Board of Elections Office, 706-394-2400. The Board of Elections Office will continue through Friday, July 27, 2012. The hours for early voting will be from 8:30 AM until 6:00 PM daily from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM daily, except that during the week immediately preceding the date of the Primary, voting hours will be extended until 9:00 PM.

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So, if there is a racial angle to the Great Endorsement Scandal, what part does it play? Just this.

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No, it’s not about Scott Peebles and it certainly is not about Richard Roundtree; both are the bit players in this drama.

It is about black police officers who attempted to pass themselves off as representatives of a national organization. These officers compounded their error by fabricating documents and a conceiving a “poor us” narrative to smooth their local political careers.

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Attorney blasts officials’ ‘endorsement as a lie’

By Frederick Benjamin Sr.
UrbanProWeekly Staff Writer

AUGUSTA

7 June, 6 it was 96 degrees in the shade.

Lyons was hot for another reason. The local attorney who represents sheriff’s candidate Richard Roundtree branded triple digit temperatures duing a press conference he had blasted Alphonsus Williams, the police chief of Waynesboro and the purported mastermind of the Salvage House law enforcement endorsement.

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“Through the efforts of several persons this endorsement was proven to be a fraud. Since this time Mr. Williams has decided to go to the airwaves and claim victimhood, mistake and misrepresentation,” Lyons said.

Lyons and others in the Roundtree camp took the Baldwin County officers to task for (1) Not doing their home- work and realizing that a 904 orga- nization such as N.O.B.L.E. does not endorse candidates. (2) For claiming to be members of the organization when they were not. For claiming to be officers in the organization and even producing documents fraudulently displaying the organization’s logos and symbols for a fee.

“Mr. Williams and the Waynesboro 4 to our city and lied to the citizens of Waynesboro. Through Putnam said. “the fraud was discovered from the organization’s legitimate letterhead and (4) After the ruse was discovered which was inartfully scanned from the N.O.B.L.E. endorsement. Lyons however, criticized the Peebles camp for their “person- al support but distanced themselves from the N.O.B.L.E. endorsement.

Lyons didn’t mince words in express- ing his displeasure with the endorse- ment.

Officer 5: “Noble, what’s that?”

Officer 1: “Nah, they won’t even care. Anyway, scott’s got all the money. And anyway, Scott’s got all the money. Can you imag- ine how good it can be for us if they get out.”

Officer 4: “Yeah, I bet he can’t get to the hospital anywhere. Officer 2: “Well, I know. Our endorse- ment will carry more weight if we tell them we’re part of the N.O.B.L.E. organization.”

Officer 4: “You know that national organization of black cops. I think that’s defin- itely the way to go. That was…”

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Waynesboro’s finest from page 3

“N.O.B.L.E. officials in Georgia said they have launched an investigation.

Community Activist Recognized: Roadway named “SAMMY SIAS LANE”

The entrance to the Jamestown Community Center in south Augusta is now officially known as Sammy Sias Lane. Members of the Sandridge Community Association (2) and Richmond County Recreation Department, along with the long-time resident and community advocate in a special Street Dedication lun- cheon on Friday, July 6, 2012. Ms. Sias and friends and family were on hand to honor her. Richmond County Sheriff’s candidate Scott Peebles was on hand as well.

Community Activist Sammy Sias (center) is presented with ceremonial street sign named in her honor. He is assisted by Maurice McDowell (left) and Joyce Downs of the Augusta Recreation Dept.

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Jamestown Community Center
3647 Karleen Road
Hephzibah, GA 30815

Start Date: 21 May 2012 End Date: 10 August 2012

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- Swimming (Days 4 & 5)
- Field Trip (Days 4 & 5)
- Breakfast/Lunch (Days 4 & 5)
- Snack (Days 4 & 5)

- Grades K-6th
- Two sessions, Mon - Fri
- June 18 - 22
- August 6 - 10

- Office hours: Mon - Fri 9 AM to 5 PM
- Bus:
- Lunch: $3.50
- Snack: $2.50
- Camp: $125
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The Peebles camp issued a statement thanking the officers for their “person- al support but distanced themselves from the N.O.B.L.E. endorsement.

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Artist Lauren Peicha displays her original artwork “Lost In Thou”, in front of Odd Fellows Art Gallery on 8th Street during the First Friday event. The art piece was created with acrylic paints on wood.

Photo by Vincent Hobbs

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keep first friday real we’re not afraid accentuate the positive politicians are clueless police are clueless where are the real artists it’s called life ✯
Commentary

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

Our recent experience at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., was an unexpected and exceptional treat. With all intentions set on witnessing one of the all-time great teams— as he efficiently and professionally provided me with a birds-eye view for taking photos and had a keen conversation flowing as he effortlessly and professionally tended to his role of escorting fans to their assigned seats.

Upon informing Bailey that I was at the stadium to write a special column, he responded, “It really depends on what you are around here.” We’re trained to treat people the same, no matter what they do or who they are. It’s our intention for you to enjoy the game and make a return visit. I mean you to tell your friends about us and make your way back to us.”

In August, the Rays have 65 Fan Hosts on staff. “This is our love of pride in being a Fan Host,” said Vaughn. “First of all, we want to make sure people with respect. We want repeat customers and it’s just the right thing to do.”

Vaughn said Fan Hosts are trained at what’s called Rays University, where training courses present various scenarios and drills to provide Fan Hosts with options to professionally resolve problems and situations that may unfold — especially when some fans consume alcohol beverages and could be unruly. Vaughn said customer service became a team focus when current owner Stuart Sternberg, assumed ownership of the club in October 2005. Since the start of the 2006 season, the Rays and Fan Host have become a competitive job position in the region. Currently, John Bailey, a longtime Fan Host, enjoys his work as a customer service rep for the Tampa Bay Rays.

Vaughn added that although the scan does not keep official feedback data to gauge fan feedback, “It’s not uncommon for us to receive positive feedback,” in the form of phone calls, letters or e-mails — testament that Tampa Bay’s fan-friendly-focus is a successful venture.

EDITOR’S NOTE: We would not remit to credit Tampa-St. Pete powers-that-be who chose to communicative pressure or fan feedback, but positive fan feedback remains the status quo of the ball club is annually required to be practiced by the sport.

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The People's Park chapter is the climax of “Subversives,” a book bristling with information. Rosenfeld also reveals Hoover's role in covering up the friendship of Reagan's son, Michael, with the son of mobster Joe Bonanno; the FBI chief's hiding of details about his daughter Maureen's love life; the way California's informer-soldiers, right-wing media built support for Reagan against incumbent Governor Edward Brown; Reagan's character assassination of Clark Kerr; Reagan's propaganda machine. "The People's Park was a university-owned parcel of the sixties would begin." People's Park was a university-owned parcel UC Berkeley wanted to develop as a soccer field. But city residents and widespread media coverage of campus protests led Berkeley University to the end of the sixties would begin. "It was all right to break the laws of the Sixties; in 1996. He was 53. He was 93. He died in 1996. He was 53. He died in 1996. He was 93. He died in 1996. He was 53. He died in 1996. He was 93. He died in 1996. He was 93.

Rosenfeld calls a “showdown,” settling law against demonstrators. By the end of the day, at least 169 people had been injured; 51 by police tear gas – or buckshot, which killed San Jose laborer James Hector and blinded Berkeley carpenter Alan Blanchard. Reagan put Berkeley under martial law. Subsequent probes by state author-...
Elaine Creed Johnson is a native Augustan. She began her career in the Clerk of Superior Court Clerk’s office in 1973, was elected in 1992 and assumed her official duties as the Clerk of Court in 1993. She has 39 years of continuous experience.

Elaine is married to Major Gene Johnson with the Richmond County Sheriff’s Office. They have one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Shane Prince, and one granddaughter, Ella Grace.