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Best Headlines Honorees At Black Press Breakfast

In honor of Black Press Month and Women's History Month, The Seattle Medium Newspaper Group and the Z-Twins Radio Stations (1420 KRIZ, 1560 KZIZ, and 1620 KYIZ) will honor 50 Women from the community as trailblazers and role models at their Annual Black Press Breakfast this Fri., Mar. 20 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seattle.

The sold out event will not only honor the legacy of the Black Press, but it will also highlight the achievements and trailblazing efforts of the honorees who come from diverse industries including media, education, health, civic engagement, community service, business, government and law enforcement.

"Since its inception in 1970, The Seattle Medium has been a partner with freedom fighters, equal and civil rights activists, and people who just make a difference in the lives of others," said Chris H.



Seattle Police Deputy Chief Carmen Best

Bennett, chairman of The Seattle Medium and Kris Bennett Broadcasting. "The inalienable rights that we enjoy today are a direct result of community organizations and people working collectively for the greater good of our community, so it is only fitting that we honor 50 women from all walks of life and professions that have and will continue to have a positive impact on our community."

"All of these women are remarkable as individuals, and collectively they are very powerful," continued Bennett. "I'm excited to see all of these women in the same room at one time. This is going to be a very engaging and powerful event."

This year's Black Press Newsmaker of the Year award will be presented to Seattle Police Deputy Chief Carmen Best. Best, who has worked for the Seattle Police Department since 1992, currently oversees patrol operations, criminal

investigations, special operations bureaus, and the community outreach section with the department.

"This is the first time that we've honored this many women from our community at one time," says Bennett. "But when you look at people and organizations that are making a difference in our community, you will find, more often than not, that women are the backbone of these efforts. And the fact that this event sold out so fast is a testament to honorees, the work that they do in the community, and the connection that the Black Press has with our community."

A complete list of bios of all recipients is available in a Special Black Press Supplement inside this week's edition of The Seattle Medium and Tacoma True Citizen newspapers. The information will also be available online at seattlemedium.com.

Major Data Breach Of Premera Blue Cross Affects Millions In Washington, Oregon And Alaska

OLYMPIA — On Tuesday, Premera/Blue Cross announced it has been the target of a major data breach.

The breach affected Premera Blue Cross, Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska, and its affiliated companies, Vivacity and Connexion Insurance Solutions, Inc. It impacts millions of individuals in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

According to Premera Blue Cross, it is unclear at this time what information was taken, but it may have included Social Security numbers, dates of birth, mailing and email addresses, telephone numbers, member identification numbers, bank account information and claims information (which includes medical information). The Federal Bureau of Investigation is working with Mandiant, a cybersecurity firm, to find out more about the attack and who was behind it.

"I'm very concerned about this and other data breaches that put Washingtonians at risk," Attorney General Bob Ferguson said. "My team is looking into what happened, and we will do everything we can to protect consumers."

The breach was discovered Jan. 29, 2015 and Premera has determined that the breach was the result of a May 5, 2014 cyberattack. The source of the attack is not yet known.

The company is offering two years of credit monitoring to all customers, ID theft restoration services and ID insurance through Experian. Customers can visit www.Premeraupdate.com to sign up for the services.

Premera/Blue Cross reports it is in the process of setting up a dedicated call center to handle breach-related questions. Affected consumers will also receive notices.

For more information, visit www.Premeraupdate.com.

Record Number Of Former Workers Without Benefits

By Freddie Allen
NNPA Senior Washington
Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — With no federal unemployment insurance and rapidly disappearing state coverage, the percentage of people benefiting from unemployment insurance is at its lowest level in more than three decades, according to a report by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), a Washington, D.C.-based think tank focused on low- and middle-income families.

EPI said the unemployment insurance reciprocity rate tumbled to 23.1 percent in December 2014, beating the previous record low of 25 percent set in September 1984.

State lawmakers continue to slash jobless benefits, enacting policies that make it harder for the programs to work effectively. The policies have a disproportionate impact on unemployed Blacks who often face greater challenges than Whites, as they struggle to

stay connected to the labor market and make ends meet while they search for jobs.

"Many critics of UI programs wrongly assume that the lion's share of jobless workers get benefits," stated the report. "This is plainly wrong over the history of UI and especially in the more restrictive states. The U.S. short-term reciprocity rate was 34.7 percent in 2014, meaning that over 65 percent of short-term jobless workers did not get state UI benefits."

The report continued: "Some of the difference may be due to workers' choices or preferences, but some may reflect discrimination in hiring and the reported reasons for separation from those jobs, both of which can affect eligibility."

Even though unemployment rates are higher for Blacks than Whites, Blacks are less likely to receive unemployment benefits even when compared to workers with similar characteristics.

"One in 4 unemployed

non-Hispanic white workers with less than a high school education receive UI, while 1 in 8 unemployed non-Hispanic black workers with less than a high school education receive UI," the Urban Institute report explained. "This means many low-wage unemployed African American workers are likely suffering more economic hardship than their white counterparts—an especially adverse outcome given that African Americans likely have fewer assets to fall back on."

In a press release about the report, Rick McHugh, an attorney and policy advocate who works on UI issues, said that a smaller percentage of jobless workers is receiving unemployment benefits than ever before.

"Because there were no federal benefit extensions in 2014, workers who exhausted state benefits had less protection from the harm caused by unemployment than any similar cohort of jobless

workers since the late 1950s—when Congress first began benefit extensions," said McHugh.

And according to a 2012 report by the Urban Institute, an independent public policy and research group, "Black unemployed workers have the lowest receipt of unemployment insurance, 23.8 percent compared to whites' 33.2 percent."

Since 2011, the states that cut how long workers could receive unemployment benefits were primarily in the South where most Blacks live. Excluding Oklahoma, Arizona and South Dakota, 7 out of 10 states with the lowest short-term UI reciprocity rates in 2014 have higher percentages of Black residents than the national average.

"In 21 states, 70 percent or more of short-term jobless workers did not get UI benefits in 2014," stated the EPI report.

The report said that jobless workers in Louisiana (32.4 percent Black population), Georgia (Cont'd. On Page 2)

Bill Would Require Post-conviction Preservation Of DNA

By Rachel La Corte
Associated Press

OLYMPIA (AP) — DNA evidence can be the turning point for a post-conviction appeal, but whether or not it still exists years later is often no guarantee.

A bill that has passed the House and is awaiting action in the Senate would require DNA collected in any felony case charged as a violent or sex offense to be

preserved through the length of the offender's sentence, including post-prison community custody. In cold cases, where no one has been charged or convicted, the DNA would have to be maintained throughout the statute of limitations for the crime.

Under current law, there is no requirement to preserve DNA evidence after a conviction, though defense attorneys can

seek a court order to do so.

"People find it astonishing that this evidence can just be thrown away," said Lara Zarowsky, policy director for the Innocence Project Northwest at the University of Washington's Law School.

Rep. Tina Orwall, the sponsor of House Bill 1069, said she was indeed surprised to learn

there weren't standard protocols across the state. Orwall, a Democrat from Des Moines had previously sought an 18-month moratorium on the destruction of DNA evidence in some criminal cases. The measure she introduced last year would have also created a work group to recommend permanent, statewide standards for preserving DNA material. It was later

amended to remove the moratorium but still never came up for a vote in the House. Orwall said that she and other lawmakers and others met four times for work groups on the issue between June and January to discuss this year's approach.

"At the end of the day, we do want justice," she said. "We don't want innocent people in prison and we don't want

violent offenders on the street."

Zarowsky said most states have varying laws on how long to preserve biological evidence and that Washington is one of several that don't automatically preserve DNA for serious felonies. In Washington, once convicted, defendants must file motions to have evidence preserved for use during possible (Cont'd. On Page 2)

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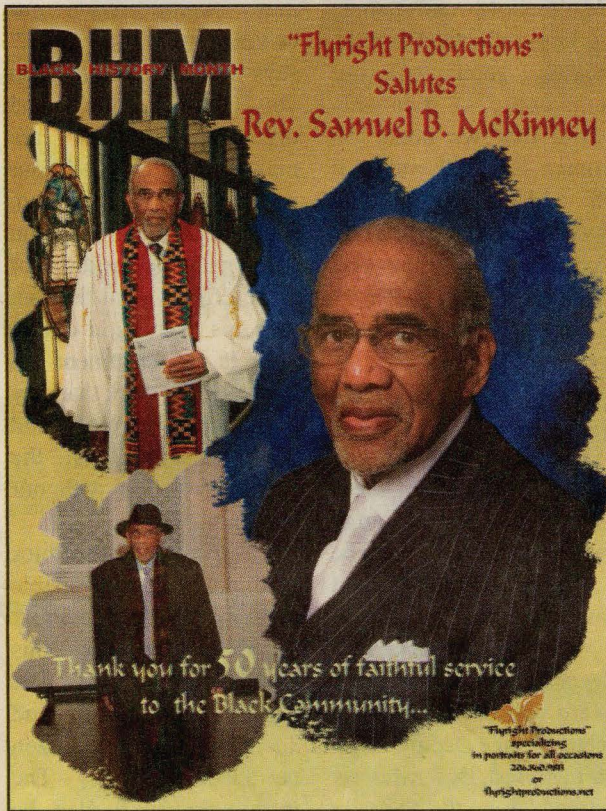
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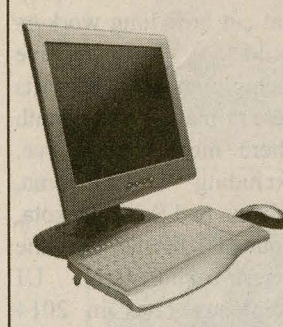
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DNA Evidence

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appeals. Because preservation rules may differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, or even agency to agency, Zarowsky said there is no guarantee that DNA evidence will be available for testing if cases are appealed. She said that her group reviewed about 70 potential DNA cases between 2011 and 2013 and found that in 25, including murder and

rape prosecutions, biological evidence was destroyed in eight cases and lost in one. "This is one of those areas where it's clear that we need state guidance on what the baseline should be," she said. Orwall's measure passed the House on a bipartisan 77-20 vote last month, and has been referred to the Senate Law & Justice Committee, where it will have a public hearing on

Thursday. Mitch Barker, executive director for the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, said that the bill is still a work in progress and that his organization has been talking with Orwall and others on some of the language concerning statute of limitations for cold cases. Barker noted that for some crimes, like murder, there is no

statute of limitations, and he said that the law enforcement community wants to make sure "we're not holding stuff forever." Zarowsky said that new language being considered as the bill moves through the Senate would address that, putting the timeframe for holding the DNA at 99 years or the statute of limitations, whichever is shorter.

Former Workers

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(31.4 percent Black pop.), South Carolina (27.9 percent Black pop.) and Florida (16.7 percent Black pop.) had some of the lowest short-term UI reciprocity rates in the country. The highest short-term UI reciprocity rate in the country was 65.7 percent in New Jersey (14.7 percent Black) and the lowest was South Carolina at 14.8 percent. When lawmakers in North Carolina (22 percent Black) cut the duration for UI and the dollar amount for weekly benefits,

"reciprocity rate fell by 16.3 percentage points, 8.6 times more than the overall national decline, since the cuts went into effect," the report said. Researchers suggested that throwing more federal money at states that want to keep UI programs "as small and stingy as possible" won't fix the problem. They said that UI advocates should focus on setting federal standards for benefits and financing. "The point of unemployment insurance is to help workers who are out of work through no fault of

their own, and give them a chance to support themselves and their families while they look for another job," said Will Kimball, a research assistant at EPI, that specializes in wages, labor markets, macroeconomics, international trade, and health insurance. "When states cut the generosity and length that benefits were available, they failed the workers who need help the most." Earlier this month the Labor Department reported that the Black unemployment rate

increased from 10.3 percent in January to 10.4 percent in February and the labor force participation rate, the share of workers that are employed or looking for jobs, also increased from 61 percent to 61.2 percent over the same period. Even as the economy continues to grow, the Black unemployment rate is still more than double the White unemployment rate, which fell from 4.9 percent in January to 4.7 percent in February. Employers added 295,000 to the economy in February and the national unemployment rate ticked down to 5.5 percent.

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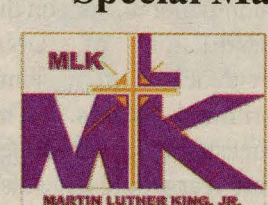
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But for those lucky enough to have jobs, wages largely remain stagnant. In a blog post on wage growth, Elise Gould, a senior economist and director of health policy research at EPI, said that, because corporate profits are near all-time highs, employers can pay their workers more without having to raise prices. "They might even find that workers who are paid more have more company loyalty, leading to better recruitment and retention, and higher productivity," wrote Gould. "It's a reminder that the path we've chosen - one where economic gains are disproportionately enjoyed by those at the top - is a choice." Gould said that increases in the minimum wage across the country (18 states in 2014) show that the right policies can help turn things around. "And this change made a difference: while real hourly wages fell or stagnated across the board last month, low wage workers actually saw a modest wage increase," said Gould. That modest increase is good for Black workers who disproportionately earn low wages. "We're still far enough away from full employment that additional fiscal stimulus would pay big dividends. This is unfortunately not on the table, politically speaking, though economically it would be relatively easy," said Gould. "But it's important that policymakers - particularly those at the Federal Reserve - not put the brakes on the recovery prematurely."

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Tacoma Kappas To Hosts 68th Western Province Council

The Tacoma Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. will host the Western Province Council Meeting, March 26-28 at the Seattle Airport Marriott Hotel. The theme for the Council Meeting is Reaching for the Peak: Achievement, Scholarship, Service. The Tacoma Alumni Chapter and Kappa Alpha Psi promises to reward achievement, promote scholarship and encourage service in the communities we serve.

Since its charter in 1985, the Tacoma Alumni Chapter has consistently awarded



Tacoma Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi

scholarships to deserving students, helped to raise donations for the UNCF, volunteered for youth, and served as sponsors

for various causes. Most recently, the “Shop with a Kappa” served families in Tacoma with gifts for the Christmas Holiday.

The Council Meeting will have Brothers and their guests from Oregon, California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Alaska,

Hawaii and Washington attend to perform business, and enjoy the social events scheduled for all to participate. The Council Meeting will also sponsor a Health Screening on Sat., Sept. 28 at Allen AME Church in Tacoma from 11:00am - 1:00pm. The screenings are free of charge. Kappa encourages the community to be aware of their physical health.

The public events will begin Thursday evening with Klub Kappa, 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm. The Public Meeting will honor Pierce County and City of Tacoma

community contributors and achievers. This free event is a very proud moment of what Kappa represents, and all members of the Divine Nine are encouraged to attend.

On Saturday, the Kappa Foundation will host a luncheon featuring Keynote Speaker, Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Braxton.

The Council Meeting will conclude Saturday evening, with Lady in RED. A Semi-formal to Formal, After Five affair for those Grown and Sexy adults that have what it takes to have a good time and look good doing it.

Seattle Channel For Police Body-cam Videos Draws Attention

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press

(AP) - When a Seattle television station sought copies of patrol-car dashboard videos from the city’s police department, it took four

years and a trip to the Washington Supreme Court for the records to start being provided.

But as a dozen officers have started wearing body cameras in a pilot project to record

interactions with the public, the department has taken a vastly different approach under new Chief Kathleen O’Toole. It’s voluntarily putting blurry, silent versions of the videos on

YouTube, giving the curious a chance to see what they entail while also protecting the privacy of those depicted.

“It’s the way the chief wants us to do business,” says Mike Wagers, the department’s chief operating officer. “It’s her way of thinking: Transparency equals an increase in public trust.”

Communities across the U.S. have clamored for more officers to be outfitted with the tiny cameras since a white officer shot and killed an 18-year-old black man in Ferguson, Missouri, last summer. President Barack Obama wants to spend \$74 million to equip 50,000 officers with them. The shooting of Michael Brown wasn’t filmed, and so evidence

that could have shown whether it was justified was never created.

As the devices’ popularity spreads, though, many departments are struggling with technical questions of how to handle the vast amounts of footage collected, or how to redact the videos if necessary. It has become a key topic in government accountability, at the intersection of concerns about surveillance, privacy and police use of force.

Lindsay Miller, a senior researcher with the nonprofit, Washington, D.C.-based Police Executive Research Forum, said she’s not aware of any departments beside Seattle that routinely publish body-cam videos.

“This is a huge concern, and it’s one of the biggest issues we’ve been hearing from the law enforcement agencies we work with,” she said. “By using the cameras you’re signaling you’re going to be committed to transparency ... But you’re also filming victims, witnesses, inside people’s homes. It’s definitely a balancing act.”

The idea for the Seattle Police Department’s YouTube channel developed from a “hackathon” the department held late last year. The police had received a bundle of broad public-records requests from Tim Clemans, a 24-year-old, self-taught computer programmer who wanted to see more of the videos that television station KOMO had requested years earlier.

Clemans withdrew his requests after the department invited him and others to help come up with a better way to handle videos. Clemans said it took him an hour or two to figure out how to apply code that would blur them — essentially “over-redacting” the videos.

That allows people to see generally what’s on the videos, and to make formal requests for original, clear recordings if they want. While the department still must go through a labor-intensive process to redact the clear videos for formal

requests, Wagers said, the result could be fewer requests or narrower requests in the future, saving the agency time and money.

“You can watch, and even though it’s over-blurred, you may look at it and see there’s nothing there,” he said. “Or maybe you see there’s an arrest at the 2-minute mark _ does that narrow down your request and cut down on the time it takes to respond to it?”

The department is still working with Clemans, as well as Amazon Web Services and others, to improve the software. The department has promised to make it available to other police departments for free, Wagers said. The chief also last week hired an Amazon executive, Greg Russell, to serve as the department’s chief information officer.

Some videos that have been cleared for release under public records requests are also being posted to the YouTube channel.

The department’s handling of the videos has intrigued law enforcement agencies around the country, and Wagers says his voice mail has filled with inquiries. But within Washington state, many departments are waiting to see whether lawmakers in Olympia approve a measure that would restrict when such videos can be released before they adopt policies on the topic _ or even before they start using the cameras at all.

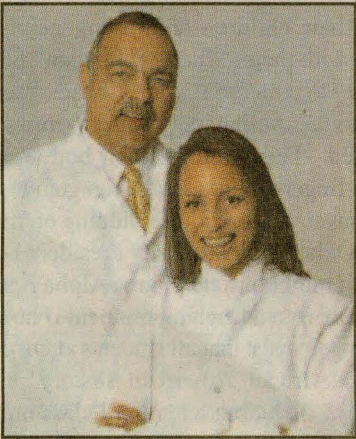
That approach is troubling to Toby Nixon, head of the Washington Coalition for Open Government.

“They see things like Tim Clemans’ big request and just panic,” he said. “Most agencies are not aware of or have not implemented the provisions in the Public Records Act that let them manage their workload.”

Wagers, who received an award from Nixon’s group for his work with Clemans, said departments may want to make the videos available publicly even if the law doesn’t require it. “I think you’re going to see more demand from the public in terms of increasing accountability and transparency,” he said.

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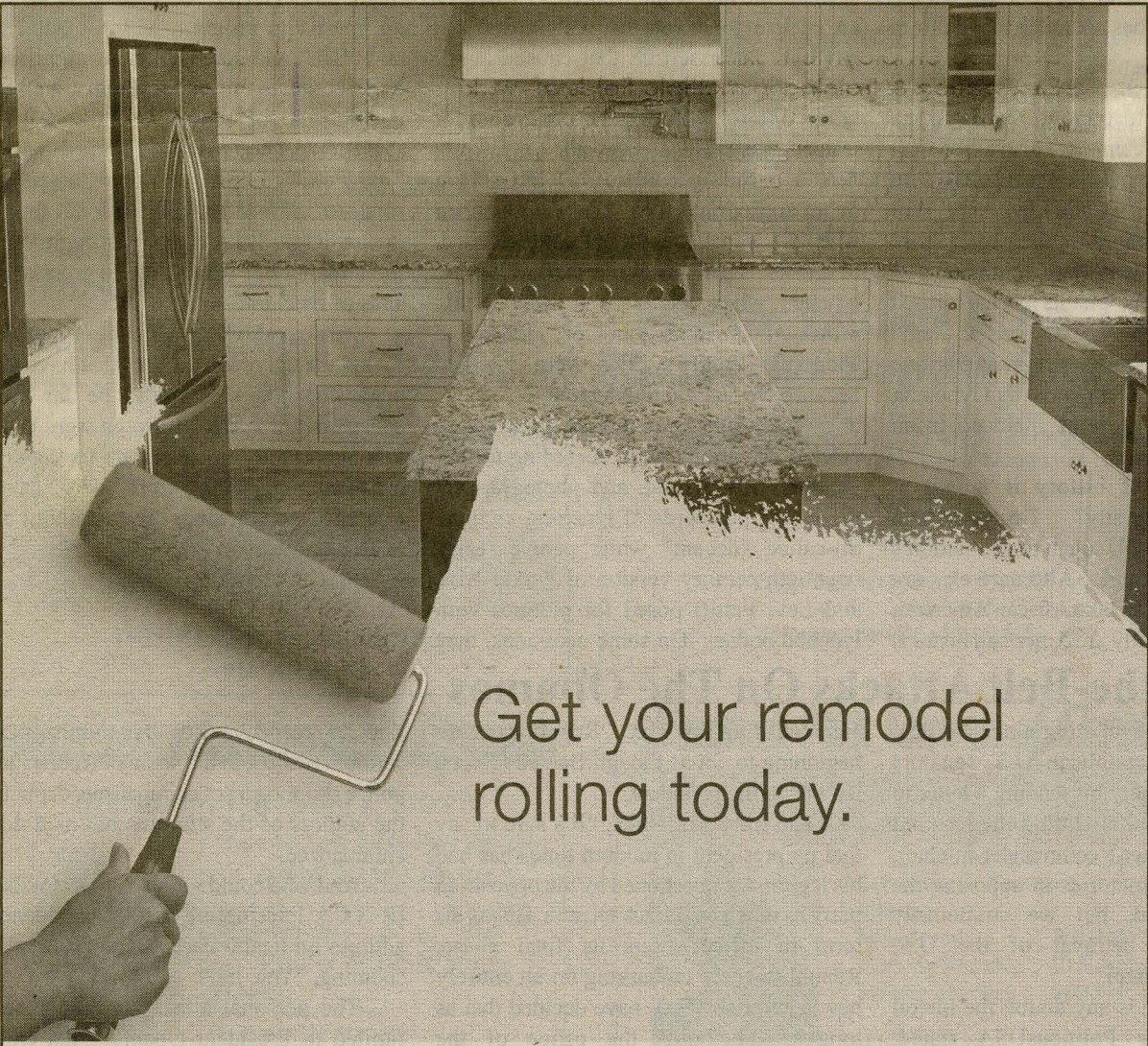
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EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

188 Years Of Black Press Excellence In USA



By Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
NNPA Columnist

In recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), I believe it is important to emphasize both the historical and contemporary mission, value and success of the Black Press in America. For the past 188 years Black Americans have labored diligently and responsibly to publish and distribute Black-owned newspapers in the interests of millions of Black Americans and others who cry out for freedom, justice, equality and empowerment.

What the first Black American publishers and editors of Freedom's

Journal, Samuel Cornish and John Brown Russwurm, worked hard to accomplish began a long and vibrant legacy that still continues today across the United States by publishers who are members of the NNPA. In the first edition of Freedom's Journal published on March 16, 1827 in New York City, Cornish and Russwurm clearly stated, "We wish to plead our own cause...Too long have others spoken for us. Too long has the public been deceived by misrepresentations, in things which concern us dearly."

Freedom's Journal was widely read in the northeast of the U.S. and secretly read and admired throughout the South among those who were fighting the oppression and brutality of the slavery of African people in America. Thereafter over the next 188 wherever Black Americans were concentrated across the nation, the emergence of the Black-owned newspapers came forward with a firm commitment to excellence in journalism and the empowerment of the Black American community.

From the very beginning of the Black Press in America, publishers and editors asserted their Constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of the press, as well as the fundamental human right of self-determination. "Pleading our own cause" and speaking for the rights, news, aspirations and dreams of Black

America all continue today to be the undergirding foundation of the Black Press.

Frederick Douglass was one of our greatest orators and leaders who exemplified the audacity and genius to challenge all who would seek to oppress and deny freedom and equality. Yet Frederick Douglass was also a freedom-fighting newspaper owner and publisher of The North Star. The first edition of The North Star was published on December 3, 1847 in Rochester, New York. Douglass believed that "owning" The North Star gave him a strategic advantage to effectively articulate in the interests of Black American liberation from slavery and poverty.

Concerning The North Star Douglass emphatically stated, "We are now about to assume the management of the editorial department of a newspaper, devoted to the cause of Liberty, Humanity and Progress. The position is one which, with the purest motives, we have long desired to occupy. It has long been our anxious wish to see, in this slave-holding, slave-trading, and Negro-hating land, a printing-press and paper, permanently established, under the complete control and direction of the immediate victims of slavery and oppression." This quote from Frederick Douglass certainly applies to some of the challenges that Black Americans still face in 2015.

The mission and purpose of the NNPA in part states "To promote the interests of the Black Press by securing unity and action and all matters relative to the profession of journalism and the business of publishing...To advance the highest and best interest of all people of African descent."

Today in a growing multiracial, multilingual and multicultural society, it remains a critical necessity for all Black-owned businesses, in particular Black-owned newspapers and other media businesses, to be conscious of how the marketplace is changing and transforming. The point here is that Black Americans cannot afford to understate the value and market impact of our businesses, institutions and communities. The fact that we are trillion-dollar annual consumers in the American economy should translate more effectively and efficiently into strengthening Black-owned businesses.

I am optimistic about the Black Press in the USA because I see greater business development opportunities today than ever before this period of time. Yet we must all learn the lessons from our history and from the shining examples of excellence and determination of freedom-fighting publishers like Cornish, Russwurm and Douglass. From Selma to Ferguson, our struggle for freedom and empowerment continues.

After The Chants



By Dr. Julianne Malveaux

(Trice Edney Wire) - Just a week or so after Black History Month concluded, the civil rights movement experienced a special commemoration. Tens of thousands thronged to Selma, Alabama for a historic march across the Edmond Pettus Bridge, marking March 7, 1965, the fiftieth anniversary of Bloody Sunday when armed police officers attacked peaceful marchers attempting to walk to Montgomery, the state capital. More than ten thousand people were attacked in 1965, including Congressman John Lewis (D-GA), whose powerful eloquence puts the entire protest movement in context.

President Obama was there, delivering one of the best speeches of his presidency, correctly asserting that there has been much change in the last fifty years. Not only is the President correct, but also his speech

reminds us that we spit on our ancestors when we say that things are the same as they were fifty years ago. Still, the YouTube recording depicting members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Oklahoma University gleefully engaging in racist chants, was disgusting, chilling and informative. The fraternity, whose mantra is "The True Gentleman", was founded before the Civil War and brags of its founding in the "Deep South". One of its early twentieth century handbooks limits its membership to those of the Caucasian race. While many in these United States have moved at least a bit from the country's racist foundations, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, at least at Oklahoma University (OU), has not much moved from theirs.

OU President David Boren was absolutely right to remove Sigma Alpha Epsilon from the campus. I also agree with his decision to expel the "ringleaders" in the chant, Parker Rice and Levi Pettit. Will there be consequences for the rest of those on the bus, those who were enthusiastic in participating in the chants? Who birthed these young people? Who raised them? Who instilled no sense of right and wrong in them? Who let them know that lynching is not so funny as to be included in an already-racist chant?

What kind of history is taught at Oklahoma University? Do American history classes at OU touch on our nation's history of lynching? Alternatively, are students required to take African American history (which really are American history)

classes? Has the fact that people in the United States pointedly ignore our collective history of lynching empower young fraternity members to treat lynching casually. As reported in the New York Times in early February, the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama, inventoried the nearly 4000 lynchings that took place in a dozen Southern states between 1877 and 1950. Their report showed a pattern of terrorist intimidation directed at African American people.

These lynchings were an institutional attempt to keep black people in our place. We were lynched because white men feared interracial sex (civil rights leader Ida B. Wells wrote that white women's virtue was an excuse to cover the real reason for lynching, an assertion that caused angry whites to put a price on her head). We were lynched for challenging the status quo, for refusing to yield a sidewalk to a white person, or failing to address a white person by an appropriate title. We were lynched when we were accused, but not convicted, of crimes as petty as minor theft. We were lynched when we were organized and protested mistreatment or demanded economic equity. We were lynched because we had too much money.

White folks treated these lynchings as celebratory affairs with, according to EJI, vendors selling food, and photographers producing postcards of lynching victims. So-called "decent" white people (early twentieth century version of Parker Rice and Levi Pettit) posed for pictures with lynched bodies. On some occasions, they

had their children and young neighbors pose with them. These "Christian" people came together to watch black people tortured, mutilated, dismembered, and burned. They vied for their body parts — toes, fingers, bones, and even genitals — as souvenirs, sometimes bidding on them.

Oklahoma University President David Boren might turn the Sigma Alpha Epsilon incident into a teaching moment if he were willing to insist that all students at OU learn about African American history, either through including a required class on race and resistance in the South, or by expanding and requiring that all students take an African American history class. He might take it a step further by establishing an internship program with OU students and EJI, and providing a significant contribution to the organization. Finally, as a condition of reinstatement to OU as students in good standing, Parker Rice and Levi Pettit could be required to spend a semester or year working with EJI to help document lynchings through the monuments EJI would like to erect at the sites of lynchings in the South.

It is easy to decry the ignorance that fueled the ugly racist chants that have now come to light. It would be far more substantive if President Boren were to use this opportunity to encourage (or require) his community to learn why casual references to lynchings are so heinous and unacceptable.

Below-the-Belt Attacks On The Obamas



By George E. Curry
NNPA Columnist

No United States president has been more disrespected than Barack Obama — and his family.

The hatred for the nation's first African American president is so deep that all but seven Republicans in the U.S. Senate were willing to write a letter to Iran that amounted to treason on a grand scale.

In an effort to derail talks that would limit Iran's nuclear weapons, 47 Republican senators signed an "open letter" to Iran's leaders claiming any deal they reach with the administration won't last after Obama leaves office.

In an issue that caused the Republican senators to be labeled traitors in a *New York Daily News* headline. An editorial said, "Regardless of President Obama's

fecklessness in negotiating a nuclear deal with Iran, 47 Republican U.S. senators engaged in treachery by sending a letter to the mullahs aimed at cutting the legs out from under America's commander-in-chief. We join GOP signatories in opposing the pact as outlined, but we strenuously condemn their betrayal of the U.S. constitutional system."

In case there is any doubt, the liberal political website PoliticusUSA stated, "According to the dictionary definition, a traitor is one who betrays a person, a principle, or especially their country. It is of no consequence why someone, or a group, chooses to work in opposition to their nation, or fellow citizens' well-being, because if their intent and result of their actions is to deliberately damage or cause harm to their country or fellow citizens, they are by definition traitors."

It wasn't all that long ago that Democrats and Republicans observed the rule that while we might have our internal debates, when it comes for foreign policy, we speak with one voice — that of the president.

House Republicans ignored that long-standing custom by inviting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to address Congress, knowing he would be critical of ongoing negotiations by the U.S. and its allies to freeze Iran's nuclear weapons. The White House was not consulted on the invitation, a sharp departure from established protocol.

The disrespect for Obama and the presidency itself has reached such a low point that a headline in the *Washington Post*

summed it up this way: "Republicans are beginning to act as though Barack Obama isn't even the president."

The story explained, "It's safe to say that no president in modern times has had his legitimacy questioned by the opposition party as much as Barack Obama. But as his term in office enters its final phase, Republicans are embarking on an entirely new enterprise: They have decided that as long as he holds the office of the presidency, it's no longer necessary to respect the office itself."

And many argue that the hatred extends well beyond partisan politics.

PoliticusUSA stated, "It is likely that throughout America's short history, except for the traitorous Confederacy, no group of individuals has exhibited the characteristic betrayal of a traitor more than conservatives in general, and Republicans in particular. What makes their actions all the more despicable is that their traitorous actions are founded on racial animus for one man; and allegiance to foreigners and one tiny segment of the population."

The attacks on Obama began when he first ran for president, with some conservatives openly questioning whether he was a U.S. citizen.

Marilyn Davenport, a member of the Orange County Republican Party in California, e-mailed a cartoon in 2010 with the face of President Obama superimposed on a chimpanzee. Also pictured were two older chimpanzees described as "parents." The inscription on the cartoon read: "Now you know why — No birth certificate."

The *New York Post* went well over the

line of respectability by publishing a cartoon in 2009, in the wake of Connecticut police shooting a pet chimpanzee, depicting the authors of the stimulus bill as a dead chimpanzee.

And who could forget Rep. Joe Wilson [R-S.C.], interrupting a 2009 presidential address on health care to Congress in by shouting, "You, lie!"

The personal attacks have not been limited to President Obama — his entire family has been attacked.

Last week, Emmy-winning Univision host Rodner Figueroa was fired for saying, "Michelle Obama looks like she's part of the cast of Planet of the Apes."

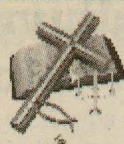
Michael O'Neal, Speaker of the Kansas House, circulated an email referring to the first lady as "Mrs. Yo' Mama."

Even Sasha and Malia have been targets of conservatives. They have been upbraided from everything from taking their spring break in the Bahamas to the clothes they wore when their father pardoned a Thanksgiving turkey.

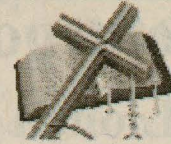
As Media Matters, the watchdog group, stated, "On May 27, [2010] President Obama explained at a press conference that he was reminded daily about the consequences of the oil spill by his daughter Malia who asked him did you plug the hole yet? while he was shaving."

Both Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh saw fit to imitate Malia on air.

No stunt is too low or too vile for conservatives who hate everything about Obama, including his race.



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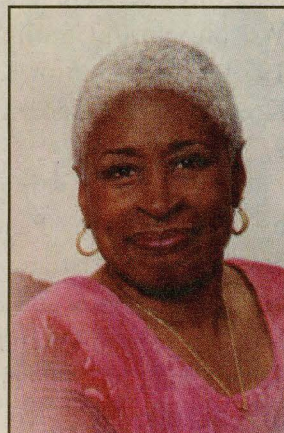
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OBITUARY

Belle Wilson-Boyd

Sunrise:
May 16, 1937
Sunset:
March 12, 2015



Belle leaves to mourn children, Marceline, Karen, Henry, Alia, and Anthony; grandchildren, Alexandra, Simone, Teshay, Kiddus, Spencer, Josiah, and Makalia; great grandchildren, Zoe, expected Zaid and a host of family and friends.

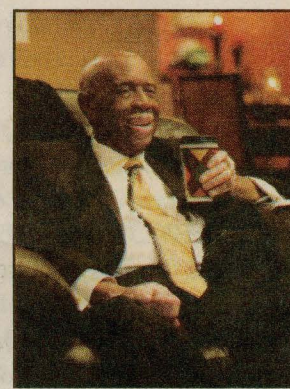
Memorial service for Belle Wilson-Boyd will be held on Fri., March 20, 2015 at 12:00 pm at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Ave. in Seattle.

Interment will be on Mon., March 23, 2015 at Mt. Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA.

OBITUARY

King Emmanuel Rainwater

Sunrise:
Dec. 10, 1923
Sunset:
March 13, 2015



King Rainwater was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend. He was called home to be with The Lord, whom he loved with all of his heart, Friday March 13, 2015.

King leaves behind to continue his legacy, his loving wife of 69 years, Mavis Rainwater, their 11 children and many, many grandchildren.

Services for King Rainwater will be held Saturday March 21, 2015 at New Life Church-Renton 15711 152nd Ave SE, Renton WA 98058 at 1pm.

(See more obituaries on page 6)

Mt. Zion Women's Ministry Presents 73rd Annual Women's Celebration

Mount Zion Baptist Church is celebrating its 73rd Annual Women's celebration with a week of spirit-filled programs and invites the community to celebrate with them. The committee that is being co-chaired by Mrs. Josephine Stokes and Ms. Sarah Marshall, have planned for a glorious occasion beginning with an Intergenerational Prayer Service on

Wednesday, March 25th, at 7 p.m. and, on Friday, March 27th, Rev. Dr. Gina Stewart, Senior Pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, will lead an awe-inspiring Revival Service. Her reputation precedes her and you do not want to miss her message. Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. Samuel Berry McKinney said that she is a dynamic speaker and if you

ever get a chance to hear her, you should not miss it. And, on Sunday, March 29th, the Rev. Cokiesha Bailey Robinson of The Church Without Walls in Houston, Texas, will deliver the message at the 10 a.m. service (*New Time*). Both of these ladies are phenomenal speakers, and the community is invited to hear their messages. Immediately following the

10 a.m. service on March 29th, there will be a delicious luncheon, \$50 cost, and tickets are available for sale after both the 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services on Sundays through March 22nd, at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Ave. in Seattle, where Rev. Aaron Williams is Senior Pastor.

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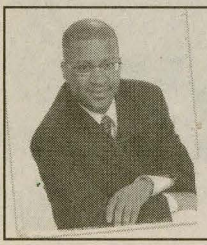
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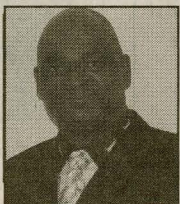


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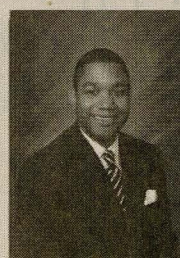
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Lionell
Leonard
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Sunrise:
May 7, 1941
Sunset:
March 9, 2015



Lionell L. "Rex" Hobson, 73 departed this life at 7:00 PM Monday, March 9, 2015 at Terraces at Skyline in Seattle, WA following an extended illness. Visitation will be from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm on Friday, March 20, 2015 at Seed of Abraham, 246 Wells Ave. N, Renton, WA. Visitation will continue from 10:00 am until time of homegoing service at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Madison Temple COGIC, 2239 E Madison, in Seattle. Interment will be at 11am Mon., Mar 23 at Tahoma National Cemetery 18600 SE 240th St. in Kent, WA..

He is preceded in death by his parents Wred and Ida Hobson, his brother Johnnie Lee Hobson and his nephew Johnnie Lee Hobson Jr.

Rex leaves to mourn his wife, Peggy Hobson; his daughters Rhonda Quintanilla and Vanessa Garrison; his brother George Hobson and wife Clem of Snohomish, Washington; his brother Lewis Hobson of Seattle, Washington; his brother Albert Hobson of Atlanta, Georgia; his sister Alverna Hobson of Bellevue, WA; his father-in-law, William Gold and a host of nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers-in-law.

Rest in peace Rex. You are loved and will be missed.

OBITUARY
Minister Veronica King
McRae

Homegoing services for Minister Veronica King McRae were held on Sun., Feb. 8, 2015 in Wilson, North Carolina. She was born Oct. 31, 1979 to John Junior King and Dorothy McGill King. Veronica departed this life on Mon., Feb. 2, 2015.

Loving and lasting memories are cherished by her husband, Pastor Chris McRae; three daughters, Christiana King, Chiyana McRae, both of the home, and Brittany Harris of Wilson, NC; her paternal grandfather, John Henry King, Sr. of Dunn, NC; one sister, Angela Kent (Jasper) of Lucama, NC; two brothers, Lanorris King (Rolanda) and Terrell King of Wilson, NC; six aunts, Eva Darden (Samuel), Earnestine Jackson, Alice Thompson (Russell), Mary Stone (Barry) all of Fayetteville, NC, Betty McGill of Tulsa, OK and Mable Sharpton (Phillip) of Richmond, VA; two uncles, James King (Linda) of Fayetteville, NC and Henry Lee King (Mary) of Dunn, NC; mother-in-law, Vivian Chestnut of Wilson, NC; one sister-in-law, Angela McRae of Wilson, NC; one brother-in-law, Walter Hardy of Wilson, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends, including her caregivers, Lisa Brockington, Shameekia Williams and Wilmed Hospice Staff.

She also leaves to cherish her memories cousins, Timothy King, Anthony King and Christel Murphy all of Seattle, WA.

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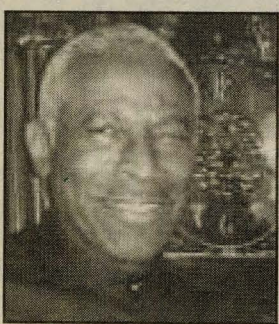
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The County may award up to one (1) contract with a maximum price of \$500,000. The contract will have an initial period of performance of one (1) year. The County reserves the right to amend the contract duration in one (1) year increments up to a maximum of three (3) years, if funds remain.

Contract Title:	Work Order Structural Plan Review Services for the Department of Permitting and Environmental Review
Number:	E00359E15
Proposals due:	April 3, 2015
Time:	5:00 p.m.
Pre-proposal Meeting:	March 24, 2015
Time:	2:30 p.m.
Location:	Room 328 (Dahlia), Chinook Building, 401 Fifth Avenue, Seattle WA 98104

SUMMARY OF WORK: The selected consultant will provide structural plan review for code compliance of construction documents submitted with development permit applications to DPER.

SUBCONSULTANT OPPORTUNITIES: Provided for informational purposes only, following are subconsulting opportunities that may be available on this Contract: Construction Document Review

SCS UTILIZATION REQUIREMENTS: The Consultant shall ensure that at least **10%** of the Total Price for all executed Work Orders, as amended, shall be performed by King County Certified SCS Firms over the life of the Contract. Evaluation points for meeting and/or exceeding the SCS utilization requirements will be provided to each Proposer responding to this requirement. King County will not evaluate the proposal and will not execute a contract with a Proposer who does not commit to meet at least the SCS utilization requirement as stated above.

QUESTIONS: Questions concerning this solicitation should be directed to **Gib Myers, Contract Specialist** at **206-263-9323**, TTY Relay: 711. The Proposer may be requested to submit the question in writing. No verbal answers by County personnel will be binding on the County.

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KING COUNTY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ADVERTISEMENT

King County is requesting Proposals from qualified firms interested in providing multidisciplinary engineering services for wastewater treatment facility modifications, upgrades, repairs, and other discrete improvement projects in the East Section of King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP), Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD).

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Contract Title:	Multidisciplinary Engineering Services Work Order for East Section Wastewater Treatment Facilities
Number:	E00367E15
Proposals due:	April 10, 2015
Time:	5:00 p.m.
Pre-proposal Meeting:	March 17, 2015
Time:	1:00 p.m.
Location:	King Street Center, 201 S. Jackson St., Seattle; 8th Floor Conference Center

SUMMARY OF WORK: Provide multidisciplinary engineering services for the East Section Wastewater Treatment Division facilities, related to modifications, upgrades, repairs, and other improvements to influent pumping, primary and secondary treatment, disinfection, solids handling, auxiliary systems, effluent pumping and discharge, onsite laboratory services, chemical handling, odor control, and biogas management systems.

SUBCONSULTANT OPPORTUNITIES: Provided for informational purposes only, following are subconsulting opportunities that may be available on this Contract: mechanical engineering; electrical engineering; structural engineering; civil engineering; geotechnical engineering; architecture; and professional land surveying.

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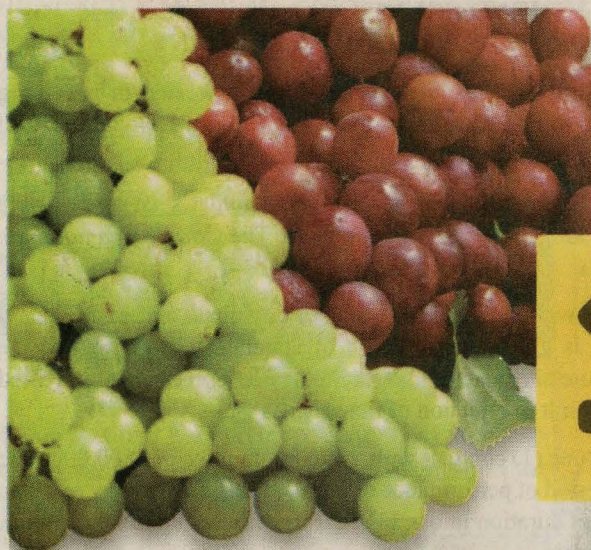
QUESTIONS: Questions concerning this solicitation should be directed to **Ruth Williamson, Contract Specialist** at **206-263-9333**, ruth.williamson@kingcounty.gov, TTY Relay: 711. The Proposer may be requested to submit the question in writing. No verbal answers by County personnel will be binding on the County.

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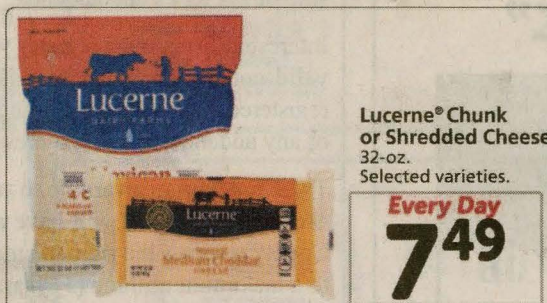
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Black Media, Business and Civil Rights Groups Take Issue With Lawsuit Attacking Sharpton

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(Trice Edney Wire) Three national African-American organizations have issued a joint statement in response to the \$20 billion lawsuit filed by television producer Byron Allen charging Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable, the NAACP, the National Urban League, Rev. Al Sharpton and his National Action Network, and former FCC Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker with racial discrimination.

In the lawsuit Allen alleges that his production company, Entertainment Studios, is "being denied the same opportunity to contract with Comcast as White-owned channels. Comcast is intentionally treating 100% African American-owned media differently on account of race."

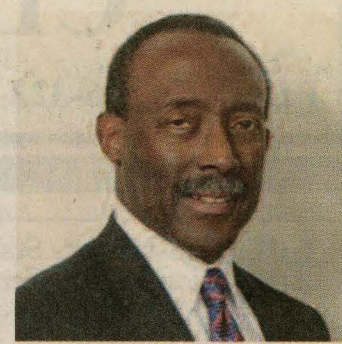
The lawsuit further claims "Comcast has paid Reverend Al Sharpton and the National Action Network over \$3.8 million in 'donations' and as salary for the on-screen television hosting position on MSNBC that Comcast awarded Sharpton in exchange for his signature" on a Memorandum of Understanding saying that Sharpton would not challenge Comcast's proposed merger with NBC Universal in 2010.

In radio and TV interviews, Allen has said Sharpton was "bought off" by Comcast because he was the "least expensive Negro," and that "President Obama was bought and paid for."

The National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters, National Bankers Association and U.S. Black Chambers today issued a joint statement on Allen's lawsuit, urging the producer to "redirect" his criticism of civil rights leadership and focus on encouraging corporations to increase their business commitments to African-Americans. The three groups had come together in 2010 to raise concerns about the Comcast/NBCU merger.

"We have joined together to issue this statement, because we believe this lawsuit needs to be discussed, but not for the reasons it has drawn so much media attention," said Jim Winston, President of NABOB, which for 40 years has represented African-American radio and TV owners. "The media should be focusing on the underlying issue, the lack of business being done with African American owned businesses by major corporations. In particular, Comcast missed a huge opportunity to advance that goal when it failed to sell any of its cable television systems to companies owned by African-Americans."

"Rev. Sharpton and the organizations attacked by Mr. Allen do important and extensive work on behalf of the African-American community," said Winston. "We hope that the Byron Allen lawsuit will get the



Jim Winston

discussion ... focused on business and not personal attacks against the leadership of America's foremost civil rights organizations.

"Our organizations have always worked closely with these civil rights organizations in the past, and we look forward to doing so in the future," said Michael Grant, president of the National Bankers Association. "We hope that Mr. Allen will redirect his attention to the corporate practices he highlighted and not to the civil rights organizations."

Al Sharpton and the National Action Network responded to the lawsuit with the following statement:

"National Action Network has not been served with any papers and considers this claim frivolous. If in fact we were to be served, we would gladly defend our relationship with any company as well as to state on the record why we found these discriminatory accusations made by said party to be less than credible and beneath the standards that we engage in."

Comcast issued the following statement in response to the lawsuit:

"We do not generally comment on pending litigation, but this complaint represents nothing more than a string of inflammatory, inaccurate, and unsupported allegations. We are proud of our outstanding record supporting and fostering diverse programming, including programming from African American owned and controlled cable channels. We currently carry more than 100 networks geared toward diverse audiences, including multiple networks owned or controlled by minorities.

"Diversity organizations from across the country, including numerous diverse programmers, have supported our transaction with Time Warner Cable. That deal will extend our industry-leading commitment to diverse programming to even more homes across America, one of the reasons so many groups in the African American community have supported it.

"Comcast has engaged in good faith negotiations with this programmer for many years. It is disappointing that they have decided to file a frivolous lawsuit. We will defend vigorously against the scurrilous allegations in this complaint and fully expect that the court will dismiss them."

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