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## Wait and see after N.C. voter ID ruling



Linda Sutton



Eric Ellison

BY CASH MICHAELS FOR THE CHRONICLE

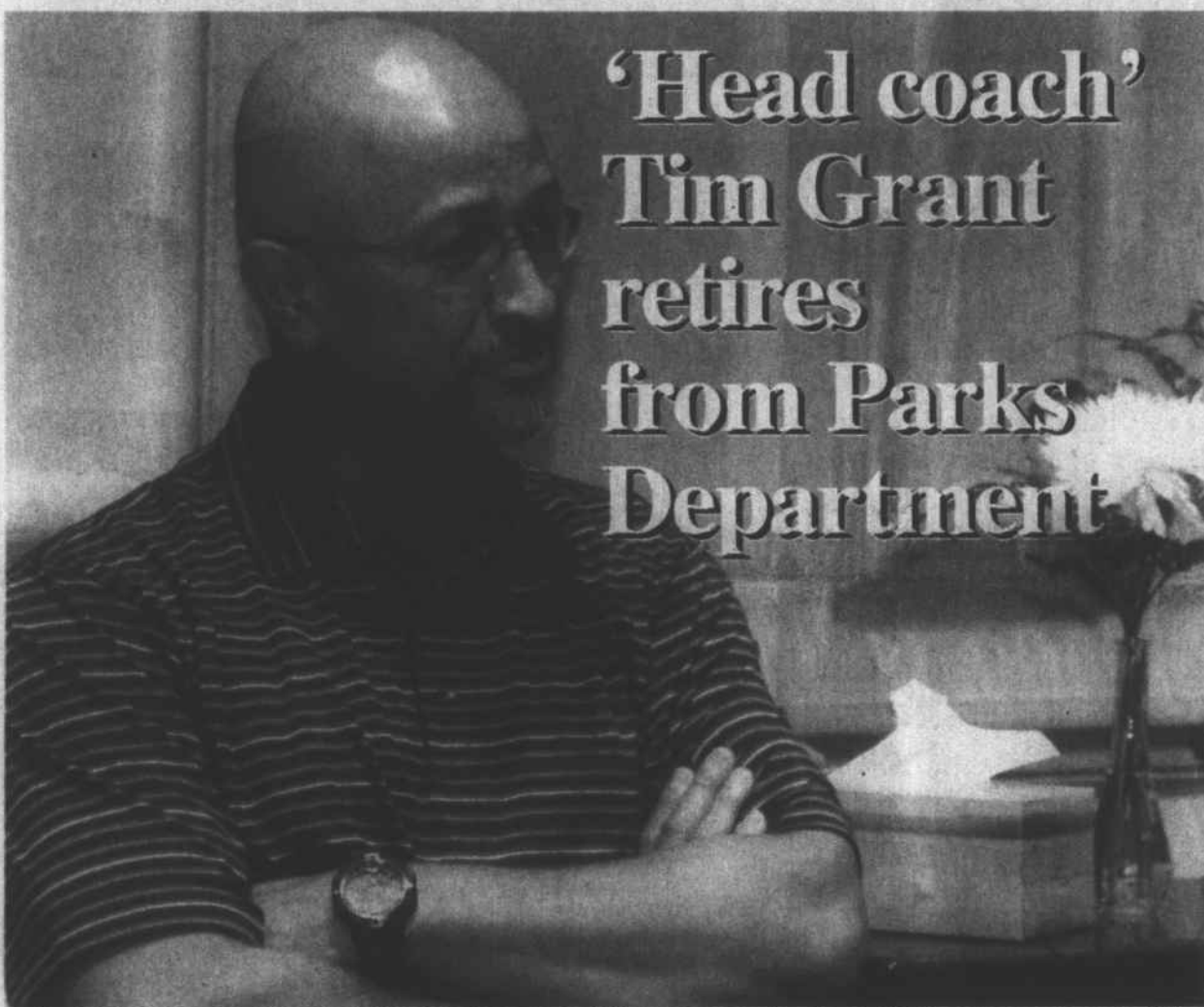
Eric Ellison, chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party, is "overjoyed," anticipating an even better GOTV (get out the vote) effort going into November. Linda Sutton, interim secretary for the Forsyth County NAACP and field organizer for the non-partisan advocacy group, Democracy North Carolina, is also very pleased, but in a holding pattern like

everyone else. Sutton and Ellison, like most activists who supported efforts by the N.C. NAACP and others to legally overturn parts of North Carolina's "Monster Voting law," were certainly thrilled to hear last week that a three-judge federal appellate panel indeed struck down key elements of the 2013 measure, effective immediately. "The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court [of Appeals] ruling [Friday] is a people's vic-

tory and a victory that sends a message to the nation," said the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP. "The court found — under the sensitive inquiry required by law — that how the law was enacted and its impact made crystal clear that discriminatory intent impermissibly motivated this General Assembly. "Under our Constitution, and under the core principles and dictates of the Voting

Rights Act ..." Barber continued, "... these provisions have no legitimacy under the law." In its ruling, the federal appellate court stated that the Republican-led N.C. General Assembly was racially motivated with "discriminatory intent" in passing the 2013 voting restrictions, saying, that African-Americans were targeted "... with almost surgical precision."

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## 'Head coach' Tim Grant retires from Parks Department

Photo by Todd Luck

Tim Grant listens as a string of speakers talk during his retirement celebration last week.

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Just because Tim Grant is retired as Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks director, doesn't mean you won't be seeing him around local parks.

"I've encouraged everyone else to get out and use the facilities, now I'm going to use them," Grant told friends and co-workers at a well-attended retirement celebration held at City Hall on Friday, July 29.

Grant, a native of Martinsville, Virginia, attended Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) where he played basketball under Coach Clarence "Big House" Gaines. He graduated from WSSU with a physical education degree and got his master's degree in sport management from U.S. Sports Academy in Daphne, Alabama. He would go on to be a coach and athletic administrator at WSSU.

Grant said it was working as a life

guard during the summer at city pools that made him change careers to public recreation. In 1995, he became a district supervisor with Recreation and Parks. After a few years as assistant and interim director of the



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Durham Parks and Recreation Department, he came back to Winston-Salem, where he became the interim parks and recreation director. In 2003, he became director of the department, where he would supervise 17 recreation centers and 76 parks.

Ben Piggott, supervisor at Carl Russell Sr. Recreation Center, likened what Grant did with Recreation and Parks to what Coach Gaines did with WSSU basketball.

"Tim was like a coach," said Piggott. "Tim was the head coach for all the different recreation centers. All we did was follow his lead."

Piggott said Grant allowed each recreation center supervisor to use his or her individual creativity to develop his or her own programs. Piggott developed many successful and long-running programs at his recreation centers under Grant's supervision, like Peace Toys for War Toys, the Happy Hill Reunion and Bingo for Turkeys.

There were many who had kind things to say about Grant during the retirement event. Assistant City Manager Derwick Paige praised him for his calm demeanor, even in the most stressful situations, and his passion for his work. Paul Norby, direc-

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## Black Dollars app helps keep money in community

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY THE CHRONICLE

Statistics show that the lifespan of a dollar in the Asian community is 28 days and in the Jewish community the lifespan is 19 days. For the African-American community, the lifespan of the dollar is about six hours.

To help keep the dollar in the black community longer, Winston-Salem businessmen Victor Davidson II and Lewis "Buck" Green have created a phone application named Black Dollars. The Black Dollars app lists black owned businesses for African-Americans to patronize.

"I am real big on generational wealth, so I wanted to build something that my kids could one day own," said Davidson. "We feel this app is a way for small business owners to build wealth as well. Our goal is to have the black dollar stay in the African-American community for at least a month by recycling the dollars within our own businesses."

According to a recent Nielsen Co. statistic, African-Americans will have \$1.2 trillion in collective buying power in 2016. Davidson and Green seek to steer some of those dollars toward black-owned businesses. They currently are attracting businesses to the app by going door to door and using social media. They are starting with local businesses but plan on going nationwide as the app grows.

Davidson went on to say, "Our hope is for every African-American, prior to purchasing any goods or services, check their Black Dollars app. We want to be on every African-American smart phone in the nation. Before they spend a dollar anywhere, we want them to see if there is a black-owned business to patronize."



Submitted photo

The Black Dollars app lists black-owned businesses for African-Americans to patronize.

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## 'Surviving the Stop' aims to change the narrative of police-black community relations

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

At a place in time, where it seems like every day black men lose their lives during routine traffic stops, Winston-Salem native Bobby Kimbrough is looking to change that narrative by arming the African-American community with knowledge on how to deal with police.

After serving more than 30 years in law enforcement on local, state and federal levels, Kimbrough has used his years of experience to write a handbook on how to deal with law enforcement, titled "Surviving the Stop."

The book provides readers with valuable information that fosters an improved relationship between law enforcement and the community to ensure

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