

# The Nubian News

Loving the Black Perspective

## Vote Only For Those Who Will Help You

Even earlier than 1619 Black people began the long journey of working to enrich white people.

This didn't happen only in the United States but all around the world.

Whether it was the Caribbean, Africa, India, Australia, China or wherever else non-white people lived, financial exploitation, in the form of labor abuse, was what made white people rich beyond comprehension.

Four hundred years later the results of this situation in America can be seen but not as clearly as you would think.

There is a huge wealth gap between white people and Black people.

This is usually expressed in the form of white family wealth compared to Black family wealth.

In this comparison white families come out ahead. The average white family's net worth in 2014 was \$130,000. The average Black family had \$9,590. That's about a 13 to 1 white family advantage.

That's bad for Blacks but it sounds like something which can be over-come with some hard work and planning.

That's the way the wealth gap has been spun. They say if Black families want

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to catch up then all we have to do work really hard, educate ourselves and our children and budget what money we have.

It's a large gap, but 13 to 1 isn't unmanageable.

That a crock! White people are lying to us and have been for centuries.

The wealth our free labor gave to white Americans is staggering. This family wealth comparison is designed to keep us reaching for something which is not there.

Let's compare real wealth examples.

Harvard University has an endowment of \$38B - this is more than every Black college and university -- in -- the -- world! Not just America, The World. This means all the white US college endowments are thousands of times bigger than total Black college endowments. How do you compete with that?

Looking at business wealth, take one white business such as Amazon or GE or J&J or Apple or Microsoft. Just one of these company's total valuation is greater than all the Black businesses in the country. Just one business has more wealth than every Black business in the country.

They have trillions of dollars more than the entire Black population.



Trillions!! How do you compete with that?

They have so much more wealth, money, than us because they stole everything we created with our labor for 300 years.

Then 50 years ago they said - we're going to make everything equal now, we are going to level the playing field so everybody has an equal opportunity.

But how can things be equal, how can there be a level playing field when you are starting with hundreds of trillions of dollars and we only have a some billions? There can be no equity there.

They're deceiving us.

And everyday the gap between Black and white gets bigger and bigger.

Functionally white people control everything. As I say to the Freeholders at the Mercer County Freeholders meetings, it's up to them to ensure county tax dollars are spent to help close this horrid wealth gap.

But they don't. Every meeting they give millions of dollars to white companies and virtually nothing to Black and/or Latino companies. Just as bad, they do not enforce equal opportunity compliance laws. So the white companies which get county

contracts, are not made to comply with the equal opportunity laws.

We have to realize just how far behind we are and ask for help. We cannot make up this 300 year gap. Especially when de-facto policy keeps making sure the gap is still getting bigger.

We have to beg, borrow, steal - do whatever we have to do to get those who represent us to help us.

Trenton is in worse shape now than it has ever been. We've voted Democrats into office for many years and the conditions we live in have not improved.

We have to hold those we vote for, accountable and responsible for these conditions. If they are not going to help us there is no reason to vote for them.

It is better to withhold your vote than it is to support people who are complicit in your family's destruction. Use wisely your power of 'choice'.

On Tuesday, November 5 you can vote on the Public Question, but not for any of the Democrats, who will win anyway. This way you show you voted but not for those who have done little for you and yours.



<-- Karen Avila y Raquel Rivera, dos únicas latinas en el equipo de básquetbol que obtuvo el Campeonato en el año 2002 a nivel de todo el estado de Nueva Jersey.

Mykeema Ford, star player on the Trenton High School 2001-2002 Girl Basketball Championship Team -->

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If you do not understand White Supremacy (Racism) --- what it is, and how it works --- everything else that you understand, will only confuse you."

Neely Fuller Jr. [1971]



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Explanation: Respect is not something that one 'has', as much as it is something that one does. Respect is something that one participates in.

### Reverse Racial Discrimination

(1) a meaningless, and/or confusing term off-times used by white supremacists [racists] to pretend that white people are the victims of Black supremacy. Such pretending is, in turn, used as an excuse to refuse to compensate for the practice of white supremacy [racism] in one, or all areas of activity, including economics, education, entertainment, labor, law, politics, religion, sex and/or war.  
(2) a non-existent form of racial discrimination.

Explanation:

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- (1) white supremacy [racism] over, and/or against, non-white people, and/or
- (2) counter-action [compensatory action] against white supremacy by the victims of white supremacy [non-white people].

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## Once Upon A Time In Trenton

BY AL ALATUNJI

Years ago in Trenton men were men and women, Blacks and children knew their place. Women sang in the church choir or served on the usher board but they did not sit in the pulpit. Blacks could go anywhere they wanted but they stayed out of Chambersburg and Hamilton Township.

It was a time when consenting adults in their bedrooms or closets did what they wanted and it was nobody's business but their own. No one cared and no one felt the need to proclaim, post, photograph or publish what they did.

It was a time when there was a unit a very important unit called a family. A family usually consisted of an adult male, an adult female with one or more children. Often times there would be a parent or two of the adult male and female, maybe a sister or brother of the adult male or female also living in the same household. The adult male and female were joined in an institution called a marriage in which they vowed to live together and engage in a concept called love of each other in sickness and health until death caused them to part. They took that vow seriously even if their actions were not always perfect.

When schools were committed to teaching children to learn and church were more than social clubs and entertainment venues.

The children had first names that not only could be spelled but also pronounced.

Always on a Sunday and most days of the week, the entire family would sit around a table and have dinner together. Prior to the eating of the dinner a short prayer of thanks, called grace would be offered and after one finished their meal they would ask to be excused from the table. Some families used the family gathering to talk and discuss issues of the day or whatever was felt important. Other families enjoyed their meals in silence. Whichever model was used it was a very special time of family bonding.

Most people during this period believed that there was a place above the clouds called heaven. Hell unlike today existed somewhere deep below the ground and evil people people were exposed to a punishing fire.

It was a time when everyone in Trenton who was not born in Trenton were immigrants from some backwater town in a far away country called the South. Everyone seemed to know each other and everyone seemed to be either a Williams, Hedgepath, Jenkins, Bertha or Carmicheal.

An entire family would sit before the one television in the house and decide what they all would watch together. Compromise and negotiation ruled the day.

Children had respect for their elders and both had respect for themselves and others.

They were allowed to be children and as such were not included in adult business. Children were more than happy with that arrangement.

Children were allowed to have something called fun during which they engaged in something called play. While playing and having fun children absence of adults constantly hovering over monitoring, interfering and dictating their every move and action enjoyed themselves laughing, horsing around, discovering and learning.

A time when children enjoyed being outside playing ball, making up games, riding bikes and other activities and never knew or utter the word bored.

While playing and having fun, children learn important lessons of socialization and communications with other children. Conflict resolution, negotiation and diplomacy skills were learned by being with other children. Such lessons were sometimes acquired at the end of another child's fist. But it was a lesson learned which would lead to the child becoming a productive member of the larger society as an adult.

Adults also enjoyed being outdoors taking walks in the park, having picnics in Caldwater Park and BBQs in their backyards. They enjoyed listening and singing songs with words one could clearly understand.

A group of Black males in iridescent pants and wearing high boy shirts could stand on a street corner and no one thought about calling the police as they sang Doo Wop and Motown. Men opened doors for women and gave up their seats to women, in particular pregnant women and old folks. It was considered good

manners not sexist.

Blacks enjoyed dressing to the nines and took pride in their appearance. Perhaps it was a holdover from an earlier age when they were unable to look their best.

A time when a Black person passed another acknowledged him or her respectfully with words of brotherhood, sisterhood or flashing the Black power fist.

When Blacks and others flocked Caldwater Park standing room only crowds to see the best basketball players from Trenton and surrounding area showcase their skills. A time when Blacks would go to Hazel Park and watch Black baseball players and others sharpen their skills on their way to the major leagues. When Blacks packed the War Memorial to see the likes of a Mahalia Jackson lift her voice and their spirit in praise.

It was a time when Trenton had a vibrant robust downtown business area. People from the city and surrounding areas shopped in Dunhams, Cressage's, the Five and Dime and watched movies in its movie theaters.

When Trenton High was a perennial basketball powerhouse each year producing another phenom who would find a way to make themselves ineligible to play becoming another would of, could of, should of not making their way to the next level.

No Trenton was not Shangri La, however it was a golden age when the city had a vibrancy, pulse, character and attitude and its people were industrious with hopes and dreams.

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## Food Waste

KELLY RAMOS

Locally and nationally food waste causes damage to the environment and the economy. The

U.S. Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.) reports, “The United States wastes around 40% of the food it produces which costs, \$160 billion annually. In



addition, food waste releases greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere. When food is thrown out, it ends up buried in landfills and eventually decomposes under anaerobic conditions (without oxygen present).

Methane-producing bacteria drive this anaerobic decomposition, unlike decomposition in nature, creating and releasing methane. Methane gas traps heat 25% more effectively than carbon dioxide, contributing to global warming. Our local community is actively fighting food waste.

I visited the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen or T.A.S.K. to talk about food waste in the city. I met with J. Steinhauer, Development Manager, and Paul Jensen,

Food Services and Facilities. Food waste is a major concern to them as well, and it is the only place in Mercer County where hungry people can eat. “Our goal is to always be able to feed more people,” said J Steinhauer. “It’s called a soup kitchen, and at one time we were just serving soup, but thanks to all of the donations we receive, we now serve restaurant quality food. Most of the food donations would have been wasted, but we turn it into good food to be eaten,” said Jensen.

According to both Jensen and Steinhauer, “It all starts with the farmers or “growers,” who produce the food. Then purchasers like the U.S.D.A. buy first from the producers. These purchasers sell the food to other, smaller buyers, and then give any food that’s not sold to regional food banks for free. This really decreases the odds of unsold food becoming wasted. The food banks then give away and also sell food to local food assistance programs, who directly feed hungry people in need.

Jensen also told me that local food stores like Shoprite, Stop & Shop and Whole Foods also donate food items to T.A.S.K. These establishments give food that is close to its “Sell by date.” It’s still good food but the stores usually don’t sell it, so they give it away, while it’s still usable. The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen uses it immediately and turns it into a food medley. They also give away take home bags of food to kids everyday, so they can eat healthy meals in school and at home. This service also ensures that more food is not wasted.

Everything the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen does to feed people also has food waste prevention in mind. They feed as many people as possible, with nutritious, high calorie meals, while maximizing food usage and minimizing food waste. They stretch their budgets to make a lot of things happen to help hungry people and the environment as well, by being mindful and very resourceful in not wasting food.

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TRENTON-El Departamento de Atletismo de la escuela Trenton Central High School organizó el pasado viernes 25 de octubre una ceremonia de reconocimiento a los mejores deportistas y equipos que han logrado triunfos importantes en la vida de este centro educativo. La ceremonia incluía cena y entrega de certificados y placas de reconocimiento para deportistas, entrenadores y dirigentes deportivos.

Algunos de los honrados que han hecho historia y que quedarán sus nombres grabados en la lista del Salón de la Fama son entre otras: Mykeema Ford, Andrew Baker, Raamiah Bethea, Minee Blamo, David Bond, Cora Caver, Narcis Crook, Daniel Grady, Tara Hollowell, Pam Huntley, John Stillitano, Almondo Sewell, nuestro amigo y compañero periodista George O' Gorman.

También los equipos de Atletismo y Básquetbol.

Girls Track Team

2001-2002

Nikkia Barret, Cierra Darby, Ayeshia Ellis, Shabaka Malik, Kenesha Mitchell, Kendra Owens, Nicola Wilson, Alena Weldon Smith, Crystal Yon, Shareese Weldon, Marlysha Vaughn.

Girls Basketball

2001-2002

Shawn Encarnacion, Tanyall Law, Raquel Rivera, Mykeema Ford, Karen Avila, Zahiyah Anderson, Tonya Canty, Asia Downing, Kendra Owens, Cierra Darby.



## LIDERAZGO, DEFENSA Y EMPODERAMIENTO PARA HOMBRES

Por Carlos Avila

TRENTON-Un buen número de jóvenes y adultos asistieron al taller de Liderazgo y Empoderamiento que ofreció el sábado 12 de octubre en la Universidad Thomas Edison de Trenton. Entre los panelistas invit-

Shakira Abdul-Ali, Carter Patterson entre otros. El alcalde Reed Gusciara también tomó la palabra para resaltar y apoyar este tipo de reuniones educativas para la comunidad en general. Excelente iniciativa por parte de la Universidad. Algunos



ados estuvieron presente: Senadora Shirley Turner, Asambleísta Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, Ángel J. Onofri Fiscal del Condado de Mercer; Dr. Eric Schwartz, Dr. Joseph Youngblood, Concejal Jerrell Blakeley,

miembros de la comunidad Latina señalaron que reuniones de este tipo, debería también proyectarse en español para educar a hombres y mujeres de la creciente comunidad hispana de Trenton.



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## ISHMAEL Y SU GOLAZO ANTE NORTHERN BURLINGTON

POR CARLOS AVILA

HAMILTON-- Ishmael González (17), es uno de los pocos jugadores latinos que juega en el equipo de football americano de la escuela Hamilton High West en Hamilton Township.

Gonzalez hizo noticia el pasado mes de octubre al marcar un importante



gol de campo de 39 yardas de distancia, que le dio el triunfo a su equipo frente a Burlington High, justamente cuando ya faltaba segundos para terminar el juego que iba empatando a 14 puntos. Nuestro medio de comunicación le visitó en sus prácticas y ahí nos contó su hazaña que dijo le dedica a su madre Ana Lucia Crespo, quien siempre está ahí para alentarle y apoyarlo.

“Estábamos en una situación muy difícil, íbamos perdiendo el partido, sin embargo nuestra defensa hizo una espectacular defensa pero no

podimos hacer un “touchdown” sin embargo logramos llegar hasta las 39 yardas y ahí vine y convertí el gol que nos dio 3 puntos, con eso alcanzamos la victoria” dijo Gonzalez muy emocionado.

Con esos 3 puntos el marcador final fue de 17 a 14 favorable para Hamilton High West. Gonzalez emocionado manifestó que ama lo que está haciendo y que agradece a sus dos mejores amigos que le apoyaron para ingresar en este deporte y por su puesto a su madre que siempre está en cada uno de los juegos donde quiera que sea, aunque a veces le cuesta llegar por cuestiones de trabajo.

“Mi hijo no es el mejor estudiante pero tampoco es una persona dejada” dijo su madre Ana Lucia explicando que su tarea como madre es apoyarle a su hijo para que logre sus sueños. También dijo que ella está siempre pendiente de que Ishmael cumpla sus tareas escolares y sobre todo que aprenda buenos valores que le hagan ser un buen muchacho, dijo que en su tiempo libre sale

con sus amigos que también son del mismo equipo.

Gonzalez antes vivía en Trenton donde practicaba el futbol soccer pero tras moverse a Hamilton le entro el gusto por el football americano deporte en el que quiere dejar una huella que esta consiente será con mucho sacrificio y entrenamiento diario que requiere una práctica deportiva para alcanzar el triunfo.

Esperemos verle pronto incursionando en alguna universidad donde pueda continuar sus sueños.

## Gobernador Murphy en contacto con la comunidad hispana de Nueva Jersey

NEW BRUNSWICK-La Oficina del Gobernador Phil Murphy organizó una Feria de Recursos del Estado exclusivamente para la Comunidad Latino en el Centro de Capacitación NJDCF en New Brunswick. Este evento está en línea con la prioridad del Gobernador de conectar a

la comunidad latina con la variedad de oportunidades y recursos que existen para las familias hispanas tanto a nivel estatal como a nivel local. "Este es uno de los eventos más importantes que he hecho", dijo el Gobernador Murphy en su visita a la feria que se organizó el pasado lunes en New Brunswick.

## Latinoamérica, un pueblo sin piernas pero que camina. Protestas en Ecuador

LAURA LUCÍA RODRÍGUEZ PEÑA

El título de esta columna es una frase del cantautor René Pérez Joglar, más conocido como “Residente”, y es una descripción muy acertada para la región. Latinoamérica es un subcontinente extremadamente rico (pensaría que el más rico en recursos naturales), que históricamente ha sido saqueado por extranjeros y actualmente es atropellado por los gobernantes y las clases altas de su propio pueblo.

Los latinos se han mal acostumbrado a la opresión y al abuso de quienes

concentró en contener las manifestaciones con fuerza militar agresiva, esto solamente agravó la situación y dejó como consecuencia a varios heridos.

Ante la represión policial diferentes líderes han afirmado frases contundentes como: “Con la sangre de nuestros hermanos, no vamos a negociar. No vamos a negociar con este Gobierno nefasto y mentiroso” y “Sean humanos, compañeros. No sean cínicos. Nosotros luchamos por nuestra causa, por nuestros hijos. ¿Qué les pasa? Ver morir a mi gente me ha indignado, vamos a radicalizar



la protesta con mayor fuerza”<sup>1</sup>.

Adicionalmente, los ciudadanos han exigido la salida del Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI) del país, pues consideran el recorte de los subsidios se dio en parte como respuesta ante la deuda de más de cuatro

mil millones de dólares, que tiene Ecuador con esta organización. La gota que sobrepasó el vaso fueron las sugerencias del FMI de además de recortar los subsidios aplicar una reducción del salario y de las vacaciones de los sectores públicos. Como si esto fuera poco, la más reciente alocución pública del presidente ecuatoriano Lenín Moreno hace referencia a ataques contra la seguridad nacional, pues asevera que la población está adquiriendo armas gracias a injerencia extranjera. Incluso, la ministra de gobierno María Paula Romo menciona que existen sospechas sobre un supuesto entrenamiento guerrillero o por parte de extranjeros a la población responsable de las protestas.

En este momento es prematuro decir que puedan existir agentes internacionales que estén infiltrados o estén sacando ventaja de la inestabilidad ecuatoriana, por lo pronto lo único de lo que se tiene certeza es el gasto público que también ha significado la paralización del país, se estima que este ya asciende a dos mil millones de dólares. Esto solo empeora la situación crítica que ya vive el país, solo resta decir es en vez de estar buscando culpables fuera de las fronteras es momento para que el gobierno nacional tome cartas en el asunto y se siente a dialogar y a encontrar soluciones con el pueblo ecuatoriano.

tienen el poder. Sin embargo, desde finales del siglo XX se ha sembrado la semilla de la protesta social, la cual poco a poco germina y cada día se hace más fuerte en la región. Lo anterior se evidencia en las manifestaciones que en los últimos dos años hacen parte del pan de cada día en Venezuela, Nicaragua, Colombia y más recientemente en Ecuador y Chile. En estos países se evidencia la inconformidad por parte de los ciudadanos, quienes no encuentran mayor opción que salir a las calles para, al menos, ser escuchados por los medios de comunicación. Un ejemplo reciente de esta situación es Ecuador, puesto que desde inicios de octubre este país sufre una crisis política que se ha trasladado a las calles en forma de protestas y manifestaciones. El detonante de la crisis fue la finalización de subsidios al combustible, medida que el pueblo rechazó de manera inmediata. El gobierno afirma que esta estrategia se aplicó debido al déficit fiscal y al endeudamiento. No obstante, los ciudadanos no están de acuerdo con estas medidas y no tardaron en salir a las calles. Las protestas han sido lideradas por comunidades indígenas, las cuales sienten que esta y otras reformas atropellan sus derechos. Lo más grave es que durante casi 10 días el presidente ignoró estos reclamos y la respuesta estatal se

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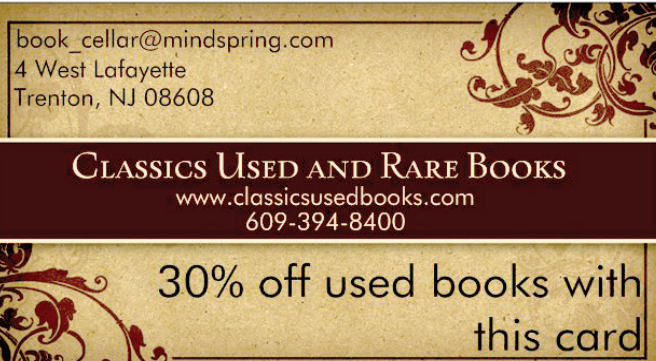
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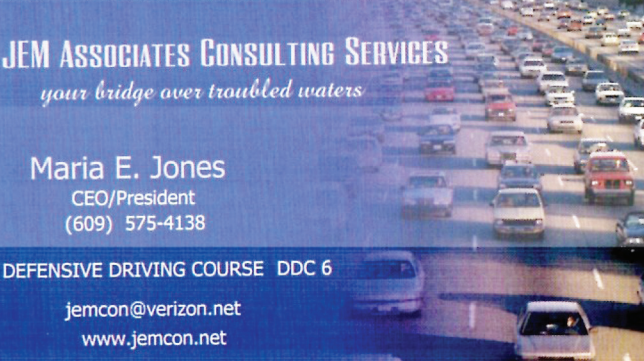
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RELAX ON THE PLAYGROUND OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS







# Once Upon A Time In Trenton

BY AL ALATUNJI

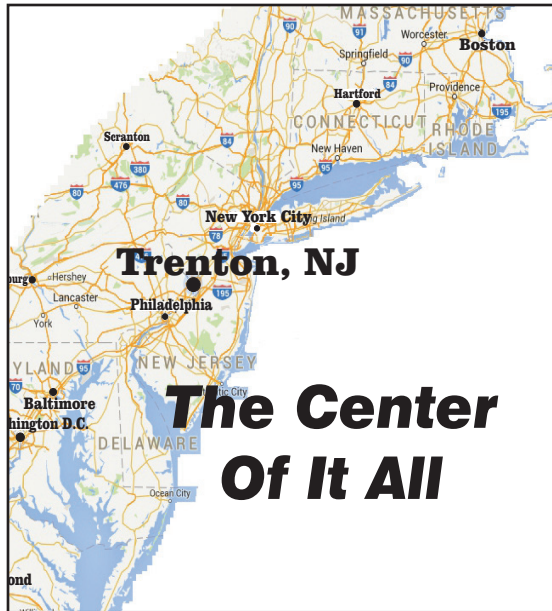
Years ago in Trenton men were men and women, Blacks and children knew their place. Women sang in the church choir or served on the usher board but they did not sit in the pulpit. Blacks could go anywhere they wanted but they stayed out of Chambersburg and Hamilton Township.

It was a time when consenting adults in their bedrooms or closets did what they wanted and it was nobody's business but their own. No one cared and no one felt the need to proclaim, post, photograph or publish what they did. It was a time when there was a unit a very important unit called a family. A family usually consisted of an adult male, an adult female with one or more children. Often times there would be a parent or two of the adult male and female, maybe a sister or brother of the adult male or female also living in the same household. The adult male and female were joined in an institution called a marriage in which they vowed to live together and engage in a concept called love of each other in sickness and health until death caused them to part. They took that vow seriously even if their actions were not always perfect.

When schools were committed to teaching children to learn and church were more than social clubs and entertainment venues. The children had first names that not only could be spelled but also pronounced.

Always on a Sunday and most days of the week, the entire family would sit around a table and have dinner together. Prior to the eating of the dinner a short prayer of thanks, called grace would be offered and

after one finished their meal they would ask to be excused from the table. Some families used the family gathering to talk and discuss issues of the day or whatever was felt important. Other families enjoyed their meals in silence. Whichever model was used it was a very special time of family bonding.



Most people during this period believed that there was a place above the clouds called heaven. Hell unlike today existed somewhere deep below the ground and evil people were exposed to a punishing fire.

It was a time when everyone in Trenton who was not born in Trenton were immigrants from some backwater town in a far away country called the South. Everyone seemed to know each other and everyone seemed to be either a Williams, Hedgepath, Jenkins, Bertha or Carmicheal.

An entire family would sit before the one television in the house and decide what they all would watch together. Compromise and negotiation ruled the day.

Children had respect for their elders and both had respect for themselves and others.

They were allowed to be children and as such were not included in adult business. Children were more than happy with that arrangement.

Children were allowed to have something called fun during which they engaged in something called play. While playing and having fun children absence of adults constantly

hovering over monitoring, interfering and dictating their every move and action enjoyed themselves laughing, horsing around, discovering and learning.

A time when children enjoyed being outside playing ball, making up games, riding bikes and other activities and never knew or utter the word bored.

While playing and having fun, children learn important lessons of socialization and communications with other children. Conflict resolution, negotiation and diplomacy skills were learned by being with other

children, Such lessons were sometimes acquired at the end of another child's fist. But it was a lesson learned which would lead to the child becoming a productive member of the larger society as an adult.

Adults also enjoyed being outdoors taking walks in the park, having picnics in Caldwell Park and BBQs in their backyards. They enjoyed listening and singing songs with words one could clearly understand.

A group of Black males in iridescent pants and wearing high boy shirts could stand on a street corner and no one thought about calling the police as they sang Doo Wop and Motown. Men opened doors for women and

gave up their seats to women, in particular pregnant women and old folks. It was considered good manners not sexist.

Blacks enjoyed dressing to the nines and took pride in their appearance. Perhaps it was a holdover from an earlier age when they were unable to look their best.

A time when a Black person passed another acknowledged him or her respectfully with words of brotherhood, sisterhood or flashing the Black power fist.

When Blacks and others flocked Caldwell Park standing room only crowds to see the best basketball players from Trenton and surrounding area showcase their skills. A time when Blacks would go to Hazel Park and watch Black baseball players and others sharpen their skills on their way to the major leagues. When Blacks packed the War Memorial to see the likes of a Mahalia Jackson lift her voice and their spirit in praise.

It was a time when Trenton had a vibrant robust downtown business area. People from the city and surrounding areas shopped in Dunhams, Kresge's, Yard's, Cheap John's and watched movies at the Capital, Mayflower, Trent, Rialto, Olden, and Greenwood movie theaters.

When Trenton High was a perennial basketball powerhouse, each year producing another phenom who would find a way to make themselves ineligible to play becoming another would of, could of, should of not making their way to the next level.

No Trenton was not Shangri La, however it was a golden age when the city had a vibrancy, pulse, character and attitude and its people were industrious with hopes and dreams.

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# Nubian News Book Review

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

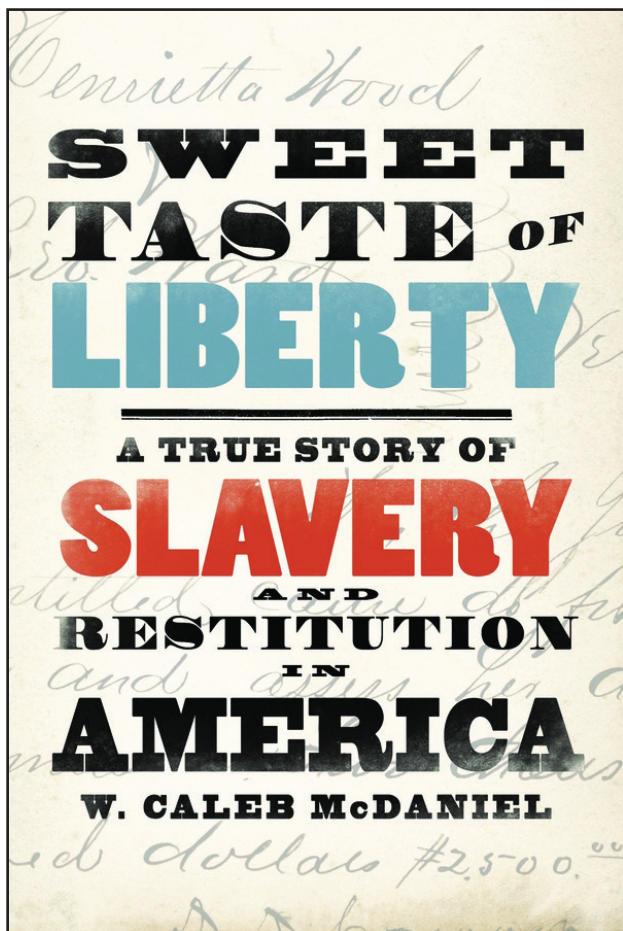
## “Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America”

BY W. CALEB MCDANIEL

c.2019, Oxford University Press  
\$27.95 / \$30.95 Canada 340 pages

### Home Sweet Home.

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like it. It's where your family is, where you hang your coat, where you keep your stuff. Even the word “home” equals safety and comfort, and in the



new book “Sweet Taste of Liberty” by W. Caleb McDaniel, getting home could mean payback, too.

For many years, Zebulon Ward bragged about being “the last American... to pay for a slave,” but that wasn't quite true.

He paid her, not *for* her, and Harriet Wood made sure he did.

Born in a small town in northern Kentucky, Wood guessed that she entered the world in 1818 or 1820, but no one knew for sure. Moses Tousey owned her then and when he died in 1834 after a series of misfortunes, she was sold to a Louisville man named Henry Forsyth. She toiled two years for him, and when Forsyth's business fell on hard times, he sold Wood to William Cirode, a French immigrant who was living “a version of the American dream.”

Cirode purchased Wood in Lexington and, because he was “restless,” he

moved to New Orleans shortly afterward, taking her with him. Although he seemed to prosper there for a time, Cirode found himself in dire financial troubles in early 1844, so he abandoned his family and sailed to France. His wife, Jane, took the slaves she'd retained and returned to Kentucky, and then she took Wood to Ohio, which was a free state.

Agreements between Kentucky and Ohio meant that Harriet Wood was still a slave until Jane Cirode freed her, which happened at some point in 1848. Finally, Wood was free and she had the papers to prove it. She didn't have them with her, though, when Zebulon Ward conspired to kidnap her and take her to market to sell back into slavery. The papers never surfaced during a lawsuit challenging Ward's ownership of Wood. She didn't have them when he sold her down the river to Natchez. And for seventeen years, she burned at what he'd done...

Don't be surprised if, as you're reading “Sweet Taste of Liberty,” you begin to feel rather overwhelmed. There's a lot going on inside

this book.

The names, firstly, may cause you to page back and forth to remember who's who; that this is a highly-peopled account is only a part of the issue, never mind the similarity of some surnames. You'll truly have to take your time here – which you won't wish to do, since it's a story you'll want to gobble up.

Author W. Caleb McDaniel tells a breathless tale with an ominously dark feel through many of its pages, because the monsters here were real. Yes, it's a complicated tale that races from north to south, but the righteous audacity that ultimately occurred in Ohio in 1870 makes it worthwhile, fist-pumping, and satisfying.

Historians, of course, will want “Sweet Taste of Liberty.” Feminists shouldn't miss it. Folks with an opinion on reparations should find it. All of you will want to take it home.

## Ohpra Winfred Donates \$1.5

BY AL ALATUNJI

### Brothers [and Sisters] Gonna Work It Out

In a new version of “You get a car, and you get a car,” Oprah Winfrey



stunned an audience in Charlotte, North Carolina with “Your college loan is paid off and your college loan is paid off” by announcing she would donate \$1.15 million to help Black students attend and succeed in college. Winfrey was speaking at the 17th annual Maya Angelou Women Who Lead Luncheon, where the United Negro College Fund was hoping to raise \$1 million for North Carolina students.

After the video screen showed that \$1.15 million had been raised, Winfrey announced: “So here's what I'm going to do, I'm going to match that number!” The crowd erupted in cheers, screams of joy and applause.

The donation doubled the total raised to \$2.3 million, vastly exceeding the United Negro College Fund's fund-raising goals.

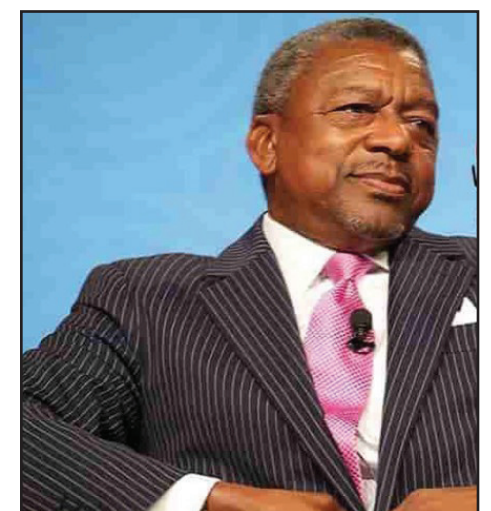
Winfrey has long campaigned for children's rights and education, having founded in 2007 the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa,

“I'm also here today because I believe in the power of education. There is nothing better than to open the door of opportunity for someone,” she said.

Oprah Winfrey became the second Black billionaire to donate money to pay off the student loans of Black college students and graduates. In May, Robert F. Smith, the billionaire investor who founded Vista Equity Partners and became the richest Black man in America paid off the college student loans of the 2019 graduating class of Morehouse College.

In these troublong, dismal times there is hope with actions such as Oprah Winfrey, Robert F. Smith and so many others big and small as Willie Hutch sang:

“Now, on the for real side:  
All the answers to your problems you can find  
Yet you stay locked behind defeat  
Yet the key is in your mind  
Brother to win your brother's trust  
These five things you must



Stop your robbing, stealing, killing, cheating and lying  
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The sisters too.





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- Every Monday, Bible Conversation Group, 12 Noon to 1:15p.m., Starbucks Community Room, 102 S. Warren St., Trenton - For the non-religious, the spiritual, and everybody in between 609 836-1403
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**SandyK & Partners' African American Breast Cancer Survivors Yoga Program Celebrates 5th Successful Year as founder Sandy Kimbrough receives National Cancer Treatment Centers of America "Medical Classroom" Award for the program.**



CAPTION: Sandy Kimbrough, founder of the African American Breast Cancer Survivors Yoga Program, standing center in pink, with the staff and students from Innovate Salon Academy of Ewing, NJ who provided complimentary spa facials October 29th to the breast cancer survivors in the African American Breast Cancer Survivors Yoga Program in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the yoga program's 5th Anniversary. Kimbrough is also the recipient of the 2019 Cancer Treatment Centers of America "Medical Classroom" Award for her traditional yoga and therapeutic Laughter Yoga programs for those impacted by cancer.

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