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Loving the Black Perspective

Almost a Year But No Police Director



Pastors John Harris and John Taylor lead those who support John Day for Police Director. The group also included Ms. Jessie Tossie, Dr. Al Page and Jonette Smart, President of the Trenton Branch of the NAACP.

It been nearly a year since new Trenton Mayor Reed Gusciora was elected to his post and so far there is still there has been no one named to be the City's Police Director.

On Wednesday, members of a broad range of organizations and community leaders came out to address that situation.

Rev. John Harris, Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church and Rev. John Taylor, Pastor Friendship Baptist Church lead this group as they pushed the mayor to make a selection.

They brought forth the name of

John Day, a retired State Police Lieutenant, for the position.

Rev. Harris said we needed new leadership in the City. He said Mr. Day was the best candidate because he "knows how to reach into the community".

Mayor Gusciora is the one who will choose whomever he decides to present to City Council. Pastor Barry Vasquez of the Living By Grace Church and Rev. Edmundo Lopez, President of the Latino Pastors Association also urged the mayor to make a decision, preferably, Mr. Day.

No one could say why it has taken

Mayor Gusciora so long to name someone to such a important position in the City. The mayor and those around him have said there are good applicants being considered but to date no one has filled the job.

It would seem a department in need of so much leadership and structure would have gotten a director long ago. For whatever reason the mayor is dragging his feet to the detriment of the City.

At Large Councilman Jerelle Blakeley held a forum in the East Ward this evening, he said Council is also waiting on the mayor selection. When it happens, the mayor will present his choice to City Council and then Council will decide whether to approve his pick or not.

Councilman Blakeley said it didn't matter to him if the choice was

a THS graduate or a longtime Trenton resident. He wants the best person for the job regardless. This was in direct contrast to this mornings group who stood for Day because, among other things, he was a THS grad and his reach into and connections with the people of the city, where he grew up.

So even if he is selected by the mayor, getting pass Council seems to be still up in the air.

At the end of the day, the most important message sent out by the group was the City needs to get better. Joining hands with the Latino community and other civic groups, bringing people together with the express purpose of making life better for all is an idea which leads to making everyone in the community stronger.

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Sit Down with Mayor Gusciora

BY BERNARD SHABAZZ

TNN - When will Trenton Central High open and when will parents and citizens be allowed a walk through of the new school building?

Mayor - The high school is scheduled to open this fall. We just had Principal Grant here to talk about the various academies. We're gonna bring

marijuana possession charge? Mayor - Absolutely. There is an expungement aspect to that legislation so those possession charges will automatically be expunged and will not preclude an applicant from having a job with the city. Because everyone makes mistakes.

TNN- In New Jersey we're experiencing a water crisis in Trenton, Newark, Jersey City, Paterson and Camden. Newark has an 8 year project to replace all lead pipes throughout their city to reduce and hopefully eliminate the lead in their water.

Water is our lifeline, therefore I hope the Trenton Water Works has a trustworthy staff of chemical engineers devoted to revealing the truth about the condition of our water. We do not need another Flint, Michigan.

Mayor - Absolutely, we are not Flint, Michigan. We do not have lead in our water. Our water is clear. The problems are in the delivery systems of the pipes like those in Newark. It's the old lead pipes leaking lead into the water.

Our water is very good. For example, we intake the water above Trenton from the Delaware River. After we process it and it comes back into the filtration plant we discharge water below Trenton and that water goes to Philadelphia. We

have clearer water than Philadelphia. We are serious about conforming to DEP regulations and every time we test our water it becomes clearer and clearer.

We are working on system upgrades and working on personnel. We're in the process of hiring 70 additional people and concentrating on making sure the majority of them are Trenton residents.

TNN - Congrats Mayor Gus. I saw on social media you met La Keisha Sutton of the Harlem Globetrotters.

Mayor - She's a Trenton native, she is a wonderful person and she wants to help with recreational programming for girls in the city of Trenton.

We are working with her, and good for her for remembering her roots. She said she could have gone on to better places, but she really has a commitment to Trenton. Helping out young people with recreational alternatives and education are important to her.



back Vo-tech, and have Stem Project Science Technology and Hospitality Academy there.

Students will learn skills in the hospitality industry and food production as well as the academic track.

A world class gym and laboratories are there. It's gonna be an exciting venture because we're gonna have 1300 students back in one central location. Also there is a state of the art cafeteria that has a glass wall that overlooks a court yard with other performance space. Students can go out there lunch time and do various performances. It's actually a good idea to have a parents walk through, so thanks for the idea. Because I'm sure the parents are just as excited as the kids to have a new state of the art high school that the state spent \$150 million to build.

TNN - Upon the legalization of marijuana in New Jersey, will the city of Trenton's human resource department consider applicants who have a

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Have You Seen Us?

BY TANGELA WRIGHT

Congratulations to all the women being celebrated this month.

But, let us recognize another group of women that exists in the shadows of the community. We are the women of Auto Clubs and Social Clubs. Allow me to take this time to introduce you to a few of the women who continue to support the village in which we live.

Shanell & Sharell Lane (High Rollaz Social Club), Mz Sunshine (High Rollaz Social Club), Jahiera Torres (Crown Vic Boyz Auto Club), Mega Shane McKoy (K.O.D. Whipz Auto Club) and Tangela Wright (Jerzey Gurlz Social Club).

We have all been drawn to the secret world that allows us to complete/support our community through community service in many different events such as the following: feeding the less fortunate, clothing drives, sponsoring community cookouts which are free to the public, sponsoring Easter egg hunts free to all that attend, book bag drives, blanket the streets, trunk or treats free to the public and a host of other events.

High Rollaz does a meal every second Sunday of the month on South Clinton Avenue from noon until the food is gone.

We all have partnered with other or-



Tangela Wright

ganizations to help with the contribution of our time to be on hand to provide extra help and community support. We have worked with One Simple Wish, Trenton Half Marathon, Hope for My City, The City of Trenton, American Cancer Society and a host of other organizations. We have all fell in love with committing to support our community in a different way with other like-minded

people. We love the smiles and hugs we received in return from all the great works that have been completed for families and the community. As Shanell Lane aka Delightful put it, "It's nothing like when you are cooking and spending time with the families at the Ronald McDonald House and you see the smiles on the faces of the children and parents. The feeling that you get inside is more than enough thank you that makes it all worth while."

Jahiera Torres gave her account that she has gladly given her last \$5 to feed a person that wasn't able to do for themselves. She has given freely when others would not and would just pass that person by.

We (Motorcycle Clubs, Auto Clubs and Social Clubs) come together to do the unspeakable for the community in order to be a better village for the children of the future. We love what we do, we give love, get loved on, and feel the love from the love that we give to the community in which we live.

We understand that some people in the community see us and think that we are a gang but we aren't. We are regular people that work nine to five jobs, have families, attend church and live normal lives. Nich-

ole Csizmadia aka MzSunshine says, " We would like the community that we live in to understand that we are so much more than what they may see on social media. Yes, we come together to celebrate togetherness and networking but the real work is done behind the scenes when we are rushing from church to feed the less fortunate a good meal and not just during the holiday."

We have all agreed that networking on this platform for the community has allowed us to become a part of a larger family among our separate clubs as well as an extension of other clubs in other areas and across the globe. We share common goals of helping our communities function on another level but we need the people of the community to be more open to receive us and not think of us in terms of the shows they have seen on television. Those are just for entertainment and our cause to help the community is heart felt and personal.

The next time you're out in the community look for us. We are always around taking care of our community and supporting the children of the future.

Celebrating Women

BY DAWNE WASHINGTON

We celebrate women during this month for who they are and what they stand for. I was asked to write on one woman that I perceived as a phenomenal woman yet I remain clueless.

There are so many great Black women in our community who should be celebrated and may be overlooked because I may not know their names. From taking their children to school, to being a sole provider, makes these women phenomenal. A woman who shows dedication to her family selflessly, with a genuine smile, is the type of woman I would like to discuss.

As a mother, but as a woman first, I celebrate the pure hearted women who take the time to nurture their families, provide for them on a regular basis, and still find the time to be a great support to others.

This specific woman often feels that her tireless contributions are not recognized. I am here to say, I may not know your name, but I feel your presence. I see your strength, brilliance, patience and endurance even if it is not spoken. A woman may not

be the video vixen, runway model, or the perfect image that is projected on Housewives of Atlanta, but she is perfect in her own unique way.

From the top of her head to the soles of her feet, she is to be celebrated, not during just this month but every month.

We often forget to support and praise women for their unique abilities and valuable contributions in our communities no matter how big or small. It is important that women are united for we are the heart and soul that nurtures our communities and our children.

The matriarchs of the family; our mothers, grandmothers and aunts, give us a shoulder to cry on, a stern talking to when we are wrong, and support through our each and every accomplishment.

The woman in our lives may be a neighbor who watched out for us while our parents worked long hours to provide our basic needs. Whomever you are and whatever role you have played, just know that you are truly appreciated!!

Honoring you... we do just that!



Pastor Hazel M. Morgan of Kingdom Mercy Ministry, Inc. is a woman whose works shine through; with Councilman Jerrell Blakeley.

The Brookshire Socal Club, presided over by Ms. Esther Harris, celebrated the life and times of their 90 years old and over residents on March 16. Brookshire Senior Apartments has 24 seniors over 90 but only 13 very special ladies were at the affair. Mrs. Lulu Maddox is the senior senior at a robust and beautiful 100 years old. Mother Maddox was seen driving her own car as recently as two years ago. What a lovely group of women. The Nubian News was very proud to be a part of this affair. Brookshire is in Lawrence Township.

Our Gold



Ms. Theresa Ciosek - 90



Ms. Eleanor DiBella - 91



Ms. Marion Eklund - 96



Ms. Esther Harris
Club President



Ms. Mary Harrison - 91



Ms. Christine Wisniewski - 90



Ms. Blanche Harmon - 95



Ms. Jeanette Smith - 90



Ms. Geardine Lau - 90



Ms. Harriet Kramer - 90



Ms. Claire Levitz - 96



Ms. Lulu Maddox - 100



Ms. Margaret Dixon
Hostess

Ms. Ruth Gibson
Hostess



Ms. Mary Smith - 92



Ms. Rose Tella - 92



They Are Our Brothers and Sisters Too

BY AL ALATUNJI

The families, men, women and children attempting to immigrate across our southern border are our brothers and our sisters. They have come to the United States like so many others before them seeking a better life. They too seek freedom, justice and equality. They too seek a better day for their children and their children's children. They are our brothers and sisters, and we are our brothers' and sisters' keeper.

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" beckons the quote of America's Statue of Liberty.

So they come by boat and raft. They come after walking hundreds, sometimes thousands of miles, only to be abused, mistreated, placed in cages and have their infant children ripped from their arms. They come to be discriminated against, brutalized and worse, often times by people whose parents and grandparents are not that far removed from being

immigrants.

"Go back to your own country! Stay in your own country we don't want you here. This is our country, our land! Build a wall, keep them out, build the wall" other Americans scream. Mexico will pay for the wall they are told.

With the exception of Blacks who were brought to the US as slaves and Native Americans who were already here, most everyone else came from somewhere else because they sought a better life, a better day.

Our brothers and sisters from Mexico, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean or anywhere else must not be prevented from seeking what we seek for ourselves and our children; freedom, justice and equality. Our humanity demands that if one of us is not free than none of us are free. There is still another compelling reason we must support our brothers and sisters from south of the border and the Caribbean. That reason is that not only are they our brothers and sisters in the struggle, we are joined by blood.

An often overlooked fact is that the same ships that brought Africans in chains to what is now the US, also dropped Africans in chains to what

is now Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Barbados, Brazil, Mexico and other Central and South America countries. The following story illustrates the point. Seven brothers and sisters, all having the same father and mother and ranging in age, were captured, chained and forced to board two slave ships to the Americas. Four of the seven were on one ship and the other three were on the second ship. The ship with the four siblings on board landed in what is now modern Brazil. Three of the siblings were left in Brazil to be traded as slaves and the other taken to what is Mexico and Central America to be sold as a slave.

The second ship with the remaining three siblings, after landing on what is now the Island of Puerto Rico, where one of the siblings was dropped off to be sold, continued to the Island of Hispaniola which contains the nations of Haiti and the Dominican Republic where a second sibling was dropped off to be sold into slavery. The final of the siblings was taken to what is now South Carolina and put into slavery.

The descendants of the seven siblings would eventually be taught to speak Portuguese, Spanish, French and

English depending where they lived. However, they all had a gene pool and DNA makeup tracing back to the parents of the seven siblings.

Of the 11.2 million Africans who survived the Middle Passage only 388,000 arrived in the US while the rest ended up in Latin America. Roughly 35% of the 11.2 million ended up in Brazil.

If the current administration in Washington, its allies in the Congress and the other armies of ignorance and evil insist on building a wall on the southern border to keep out people longing for freedom and a better day, we must defeat those efforts by any and all means necessary. If such a wall is built than the Statue of Liberty, with its embracing words, needs to be dismantled and given back to the French.

The chant must become, "Tear down this wall!" "No wall at all!"

We support our brothers and sisters seeking freedom and a better life. Our history mandates it; our experience compels it; our humanity requires it and the legacy of our fore-parents confirms it.

FIRST DAY OF SPRING AND FUN URBAN & SENIOR GARDENING

(Trenton, NJ. Wednesday, March 20, 2019.) Since St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, fell on a Sunday this year, the 5th Annual "St. Peas Day" spring planting season kickoff celebration was held instead on Monday, March 18th with the seniors of Trenton NJ's Reading Senior Citizens Center. The "St. Peas Day" celebration is traditionally held annually on St. Patrick's Day, and gives a nod to popular agricultural folklore reminding growers to kick-off the spring planting season by PLANTING PEAS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY. 'SandyK' Kimbrough, a Rutgers Master Gardener from the

Trenton NJ area created the "St. Peas Day" observance and pea-planting celebration as a fun and educational way to remind folks of the St. Patty's Day spring growing season kickoff date and to encourage anyone to have fun getting started by planting peas that day -- even if they have to sow the seeds indoors as seedlings until the cold weather and frozen grounds subside. Hundreds of "pea-partyers" have pea-participated since 2015, starting their spring by growing not just peas but healthier lives and healthier connections to the earth.



Shown are Trenton's Reading Senior Citizens Center pea-planting-partyers who officially kicked off the spring planting season according to agricultural folklore by "planting peas for St. Patrick's Day" as part of SandyK & Partners' 5th annual "St. Peas Day" spring planting season kickoff celebration... LET THE SPRING PEA-PLANTING BEGIN!

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RECONOCIMIENTO A LAS MUJERES LATINAS

POR CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON –Con el fin de resaltar la importante labor que realiza la organización Latinas Unidas para el Empoderamiento Político (LUPE), las

LUPE, Sara Peña, así como a pasadas presidentas, miembros de la junta y co-fundadoras.

“La misión de LUPE fue fundamental en la campaña que me convirtió en la primera senadora estatal puertorriqueña en la historia de Nueva Jersey”, dijo la Senadora Ruiz (D-Es-



Mujeres Latinas de la organización LUPE junto a senadoras recibieron un reconocimiento. La resolución se presentó a la organización como parte de la celebración del Mes de la Historia de la Mujer, por su extenso trabajo en defensa de temas que son importantes para los derechos de las mujeres.

senadoras Nellie Pou, la Senadora M. Teresa Ruiz y la Senadora Nilsa Cruz-Pérez, presentaron una resolución en el marco del mes dedicado a la mujer. “Todos los días, LUPE educa, involucra y capacita a las latinas a través de todo Nueva Jersey para que se presenten, se postulen para cargos públicos y, en su esencia, se fortalezcan y se mantengan activas en nuestra democracia”, dijo la Senadora Pou (D-Bergen/Passaic).

La resolución fue presentada ante la Presidenta de LUPE PAC, Patricia Campos, a la Presidenta del Fondo

sex).

La resolución se presentó a la organización como parte de las honras durante el Mes de la Historia de la Mujer, por su firme apoyo específicamente a las mujeres latinas y por su extenso trabajo en defensa de temas que son importantes para las mujeres, tales como: el salario mínimo de \$15 la hora, salario igual y licencia familiar pagada, entre otros. Su misión es empoderar y alentar a las latinas a postularse para cargos públicos, así como aumentar su participación cívica en general.

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Los niños son bienvenidos

POR CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON-El lunes 18 de marzo se realizó la rueda de prensa en la sala

tendrá el ambiente de la comunidad puertorriqueña.

Hay que destacar que para el día 8 de junio se ha gestionado una invitación



algunos líderes de la comunidad que apoyan esta iniciativa: Rosa Rosado, Carmen Garcia, John Padilla, Idamis Margicin, Pedro Medina, Damian Malave and Carlos Avila, entre otros.

de conferencias de Arm & Hammer Park, (Sur de Trenton) en la que se dio a conocer sobre la organización de “La Copa de la Diversión” que se llevará cabo el próximo mes de junio en el estadio de baseball de Trenton. Los organizadores Trenton Thunder o mejor dicho Trueno de Trenton quieren que la comunidad latina sea parte de esta actividad deportiva que se realizará en 3 diferentes sábados durante el mes de junio del 2019.

El sábado 1 de junio será dedicado a la comunidad dominicana, el sábado 8 de junio será para Centro y Sur America y el sábado 29 de junio

especial para la Banda Punta de Lanza, quienes ya han confirmado su participación e interpreten melodías propias de Guatemala y Centro America. Distintos medios de comunicación local y regional asistieron a la rueda de prensa, luego en ese mismo día a partir de las 6:30 continuó con este lanzamiento en el Club Boys & Girls de Trenton.

Aprovechamos esta nota para invitar a alguna persona que sepa y que tenga buena voz para cantar el Himno Nacional de Guatemala en la apertura de la noche, en el estadio de baseball de Trenton. (Por favor comunicarse al 609-364-0977).

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TRENTON-- Una legislación patrocinada por la Presidenta del Comité de Educación del Senado, Senadora M. Teresa Ruiz y por la Senadora

nuestros planes de estudio reflejen con precisión la vivacidad y el mosaico cultural de Nueva Jersey". El proyecto de ley, S-3327, esta-



Nilsa Cruz-Pérez, que establecería una Comisión de la Herencia Latina e Hispana en el Departamento de Educación, fue aprobada hoy el Senado. "Es hora de que hagamos un esfuerzo genuino para enseñar a los estudiantes las maneras en que la comunidad Latinx ha influido en la historia de nuestro país", dijo la Senadora Ruiz (D-Essex). "Esta comisión tendrá la tarea de educar a nuestros jóvenes sobre la herencia de Latino para ayudar a garantizar que

establecería la comisión para encuestar los programas culturales y educativos latinos e hispanos existentes en el estado. Este ayudaría a crear nuevos programas y a coordinar eventos, así como a compilar una lista de posibles oradores invitados.

"Ahora, más que nunca, es crucial que enseñemos a nuestros alumnos más pequeños el valor de la diversidad y a respetar otras culturas", dijo la Senadora Cruz-Perez.

LEGALIZARIAN EL USO DE LA MARIHUANA EN NJ

TRENTON - Una legislación que legalizaría el uso de marihuana en adultos en Nueva Jersey obtuvo anoche la aprobación de un comité del Senado. Patrocinado por el Senador Nicholas Scutari y por el Presidente del Senado Steve Sweeney, el proyecto de ley, S-2703, legalizaría la posesión y el uso de cantidades limitadas de marihuana para adultos de 21 años o más y crearía un sistema organizativo y regulatorio para supervisar las operaciones del negocio del 'cannabis'.

"La prohibición de la marihuana ha fracasado", dijo el Senador Scutari (D-Union), quien también es autor de la ley que crea el programa de marihuana medicinal de Nueva Jersey. "Ya es hora de ponerle fin al efecto perjudicial que tienen estas leyes arcaicas contra las drogas, sobre nuestros residentes y sobre nuestro estado. Este proyecto de ley creará un sistema estrictamente regulado que permite a los adultos comprar

cantidades limitadas de marihuana para su uso personal. Este sacará a la marihuana del mercado subterráneo para que pueda ser controlada, regulada y sujeta a impuestos, tal como lo ha sido el alcohol durante décadas".

El estimado de \$127 millones de dólares que se gastan ahora en Nueva Jersey para hacer cumplir las leyes de marihuana, podrían ser utilizados por agencias del cumplimiento de la ley, para combatir crímenes serios, añadió el Senador Scutari, quien sirve como Presidente del Comité Judicial del Senado.

Bajo el proyecto de ley, el 'cannabis' estaría sujeto a un impuesto especial de \$42 por onza, impuesto cuando se cultiva la marihuana. En adición, los municipios que albergan a un cultivador o fabricante pueden elegir recibir los ingresos de un impuesto del dos por ciento, un impuesto del tres por ciento para las operaciones minoristas y del uno por ciento para las instalaciones mayoristas.

¿Está en peligro la paz en Colombia?

POR LAURA LUCIA RODRÍGUEZ PEÑA

Colombia atraviesa un momento decisivo en su historia, pues se encuentra en el tránsito entre las negociaciones de los acuerdos de paz a la implementación de los mismos. Para judicializar a los grupos armados que entregaron las armas, reparar a las víctimas y reconstruir el tejido social en todo el país, se crearon tres instituciones que son el pilar de la justicia transicional en Colombia, estas son: la Comisión para el Esclarecimiento de la Verdad (CEV), la Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz (JEP) y la Unidad de Búsqueda de Personas dadas por Desaparecidas (UBPD).

Sin embargo, la paz parece enfrentar varios obstáculos con el gobierno actual de derecha, liderado por el

la verdad es que este seguirá ejerciendo su labor y la misma corte constitucional permite que la sala de amnistía o indulto de la JEP pueda incluir a las personas o los hechos que considere se quedaron por fuera, es decir, todas estas instituciones trabajan de manera coordinada para implementar una justicia transicional completa.

Por lo anterior (y muchas más razones), se cuestiona que estos cambios propuestos por el presidente ponen a la paz en la cuerda floja y amenaza la construcción de paz que con tanto esfuerzo se venía logrando en los últimos años. Además, el hecho de que la rama ejecutiva se sienta en el poder de objetar algo ya decidido por la corte constitucional amenaza las bases del país como un



presidente Iván Duque y su mentor el senador y ex presidente Álvaro Uribe. Lo más reciente fueron las seis objeciones que hizo el presidente a la ley estatutaria de la JEP, estas amenazan la implementación y las condiciones bajo las que se entregaron los miembros de los grupos armados. Un ejemplo de esto, es la propuesta del presidente de la extradición de quienes han cometido ciertos crímenes durante el conflicto, no obstante, esto impediría conocer toda la verdad de lo ocurrido en tiempos de guerra, por lo cual se estaría violando el derecho a las víctimas de escuchar a sus victimarios y de ser reparados por ellos.

El presidente también alega que no se determina el alcance del alto

Estado social de derecho, en otras palabras, Colombia critica a Maduro en Venezuela por tomar decisiones que afectan a todas las ramas del Estado y parece que el presidente Duque está haciendo lo mismo, con lo que a la paz respecta.

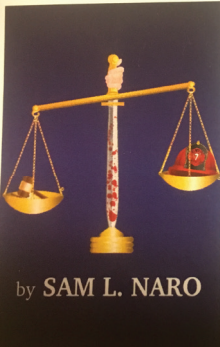
Frente a esto, la oposición apoyada por gran parte de la población no se quedó callada y decidieron salir a marchar mostrando su inconformismo y su compromiso para seguir construyendo paz en un país que ya está cansado de la guerra. La marcha se realizó el día 18 de marzo a las 6 de la tarde, miles de personas caminaron con banderas blancas y mensajes de apoyo a la JEP, desde el planetario hasta la plaza de Bolívar.



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Giayana Feliciano-Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year.

Trenton Thunder will celebrate Latino Heritage in June 2019

BY CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON--As a celebration of Latino Heritage and in conjunction with Minor League Baseball's "Copa

all Hispanic and Latino community members this summer at ARM & HAMMER Park." said Jeff Hurley Trenton Thunder's General Manager.



Trenton Thunder Front Office Staff at Boys & Girls Club.

de la Diversion" initiative, the Trenton Thunder will become "El Trueno de Trenton" for three games this June 2019.

"Trenton is home to approximately 30 thousand Hispanic and Latino residents, which accounts for about 35% of the city's population. I am thrilled to welcome and celebrate

The Press Conference at ARM & HAMMER PARK in the morning and the event on afternoon on Monday, March 18 at the Boys & Girls Club on Centre Street was a great success. Trenton Thunder put over 100 Trueno T-Shirts on the kids. Boomer made an appearance. Trenton Thunder gave away free tickets to

Thunder games and all had a really great time. The Trenton Thunder will transform into the Trueno de Trenton with specialty uniforms for games on Saturday June 1st, Saturday June 8th, and Saturday June 29th 2019.

El Trueno de Trenton will be on Saturday, June 1 Copa night will celebrate

the Dominican Republic, Saturday, June 8 will celebrate Mexico and Central America, and Saturday, June 29 will celebrate Puerto Rico. Each of the three dates will feature Trueno merchandise, live music, fireworks, and local restaurateurs selling their food in the ballpark. Saturday, June 8 will have an added bonus for

fans, the Trueno will giveaway Player Card Strips featuring Gary Sanchez, Luis Severino, Gleybor Torres and Miguel Andujar to the first 1,500 fans ages 6 and over.

About 30 percent of Trenton's population are native Spanish speakers and many of them like baseball but have not yet had the opportunity to enjoy the games that are played in the Trenton Thunders stadium.

Bill Eliminating Discrimination against Cash-Paying Consumers Signed into Law

(TRENTON) - Prohibiting discrimination against consumers paying for goods or services with cash, legislation sponsored by Assembly Democrats Paul Moriarty, Verlina Reynolds-Jackson and Angelica M. Jimenez was signed into law by Governor Phil Murphy.

The bill (A-591) specifically makes it an unlawful practice under the consumer fraud act for a person to sell or offer for sale any goods or services at retail if the person requires the buyer to pay with credit or prohibits the buyer from paying with cash. The bill is applicable to any retail transaction conducted in-person, and excludes telephone, mail, or internet based transactions.

"Credit card companies providing incentive to small businesses if they commit to updating their digital payment technology and not accepting cash transactions is simply unfair to those who prefer to pay in cash," said Reynolds-Jackson (D-Mercer). "The intent of this bill is to ward off any potential discrimination and allow consumers to pay in the method of their choosing."

"Many people don't have access to consumer credit and any effort by retail establishments to ban the use of cash is discriminatory towards those people," said Moriarty (D-Camden/Gloucester). "The U.S. dollar is legal tender and should be accepted at any retail establishment in New Jersey."

The sponsors also referred to an article written last year regarding how Visa had pushed for more small businesses to participate in a program that would offer up to \$10,000 each to 50 U.S. based small businesses if they were to make their payment technology completely digital.

Any person in violation of this bill would be subject to a civil penalty up to \$2,500 for a first offense, \$5,000 for a second offense, and a third or subsequent offense would be an unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud Act.

Companies in the business of renting motor vehicles will be exempted from this bill. Motor vehicle companies would not be required to accept cash, provided they accept cashier's checks or certified checks.

The new law takes effect immediately.

Nubian News Book Review

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

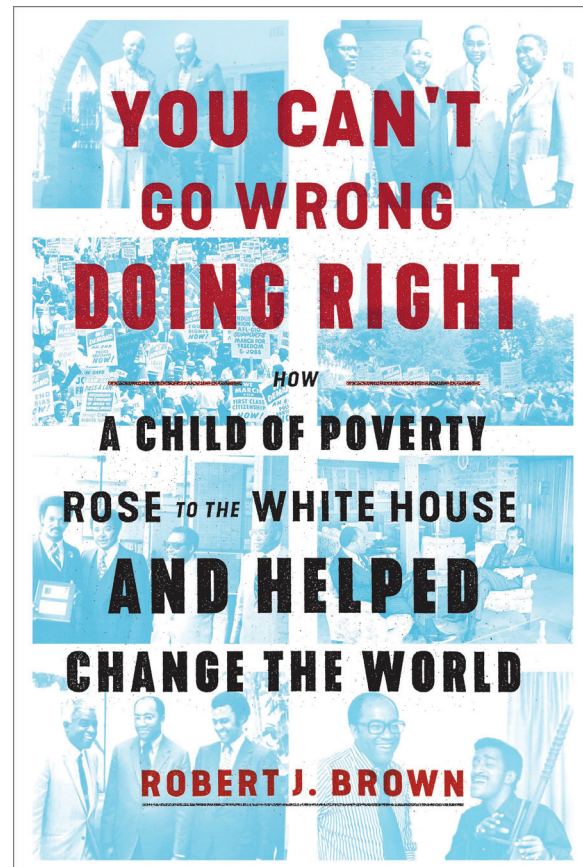
“You Can’t Go Wrong Doing Right:

How a Child of Poverty Rose to the White House and Helped Change the World”

BY ROBERT J. BROWN

c.2019, Convergent
\$26.00 / \$35.00 Canada 237 pages
Do unto others.

Three words that are a shorthand reminder to be nice and treat people



Brown attempted college but his grandparents’ health pulled him back home, where he ultimately joined the police force. There, he scaled the department through undercover work, and caught the eye of officials at the Federal Bureau of Narcotics; they offered him a job in New York City. Brown’s wife loved it there, but for Brown, the Big Apple wasn’t home

and besides, he’d been thinking of changing careers. He returned to High Point, North Carolina, and opened a PR firm, B&C Associates.

This was during the early years of the Civil Rights movement, and opening a business was difficult for any Black man in the South. Brown had determined that his firm would stand on problem-solving and there was no bigger problem than Jim Crow, so he set his sights on working with corporations that needed his negotiating skills to avoid protests and boycotts. Emboldened by small successes, he ultimately requested a meeting with the head of Woolworth’s – and he got the job!

Fifty-some years have passed since that time, so you can well imagine that there’s more to author Robert J. Brown’s story. The rest involves names you’ll recognize and a lively historical point-of-view that’s truly unique.

Indeed, what you’ll read inside “You Can’t Go Wrong Doing Right” isn’t your usual Civil Rights eyewitness report. As a business owner and a Black man, Brown had a one-of-a-kind position within the movement: it was his fight, too, but “Woolworth’s was my main client...” The tight balance he shares also keeps readers on their toes.

As for the rest of the story, you’ll surely appreciate the quiet grace and faith that Brown offers in its telling. His stories of Martin Luther King, Richard Nixon, and Nelson Mandela are incredible, both in scope and in personality.

Overall, this is a humble, gracious memoir that will speak to readers who love uncovering history, and to businesspeople needing inspiration. “You Can’t Go Wrong Doing Right” could be the exact right book for you.

in the manner that you’d want to be treated. Do unto others and make life smoother. Be good, and be of service because, as **Robert J. Brown** reminds readers, “You Can’t Do Wrong Doing Right.”

Almost from his moment of birth, “Bobby” Brown was the recipient of kindness: his mother was an impulsive teen who’d already had one son she didn’t want, so Brown’s grandmother took both boys in and raised them at a time when she and her husband should’ve been thinking about retirement.

“We were raised in faith...” says Brown, and it was by example: nobody in need was ever turned away at Miss Nellie’s house, even though the Browns had little themselves. For Brown, that included medical care; he was a sickly child and because he couldn’t run or jump, he assumed a “role of peacemaker” instead.

“It’s funny,” he says, “how our childhood ways offer preview into our adult lives.”

After graduation from high school,

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NCAA Sports: Pay to Play

BY AL ALATUNJI

If it is March than there is madness. March Madness is that wonderful, magical time of year for followers of the NCAA Final Four College basketball tournament. College basketball junkies who cannot go a day without watching a game, never watchers and all in between, will follow college basketball games to see how well the teams they selected to win various games during the tournament are doing for the next two and a half weeks. They will watch Goliaths fall to Davids; real life Cinderellas dance until their shoes fall off and sweep out to the darkness; titans devour other titans, and of course they will bet.

Hundreds of millions of dollars will be waged over the course of the next two and a half weeks on NCAA Final Four tournament games with casinos, online gambling sites, bookies and thousands of other office pools. It is not surprising though that even without the betting there is big money surrounding college basketball like most college and professional sports. How well a college's sports team does, can result in millions of dollars flowing to the college throughout the school year. Colleges reward successful coaches with million dollar annual salaries. However, their student-athletes are not only not paid to play, they are prohibited from receiving any kind of compensation or gifts for playing sports regardless how small. The college receives millions, the coaches receive millions and the

student/players receive broken legs and arms, blown out knees and fractured ankles.

This is about to change however, if a bill moving through the US Congress is passed and enacted into law. The Student-Athlete Equity Act introduced in the US House of Representatives would require the NCAA to allow student-athletes to use their name, image and likeness, opening the door for players to profit while in school. The bill if enacted would penalize the NCAA if it restricts athletes from earning money on their own time. Such a restriction would jeopardize the NCAA's tax-exempt status, a substantial penalty given that college sports rakes in roughly \$1 billion in revenue.

Just in terms of the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament, CBS and Turner Sports are in the middle of a 22-year, \$19.6 billion television contract, which includes an eight-year, \$8.8 billion extension signed in 2016, to broadcast the event through 2032.

Among NCAA men basketball players, 45% are Black and among football players, 39% are Black. Sponsors of the bill maintain that these Black athletes and others generate enough revenue to pay for state-of-the-art athletic facilities, massive coaching salaries, and even contribute to the endowment at their respective colleges and universities. These young men and women who stimulate the economics of the NCAA should also be able to secure their own economic well-being.

Grown Vegan Apothecary Open Mic Night

BY: TANGELA WRIGHT

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XTREME WORLD MUSIC

BY SHAKUR TOWNS

LaMar Rice is the owner of Xtreme World Music a record label right here



in Trenton, NJ.

LaMar started his company last year. He began his foray into the music industry as a manager of artists. He started out with one artist. "We were doing so good, that other artists came up to me and said, 'hey could you manage me, too?' So, I decided to start a management company called Xtreme Music Management."

LaMar said he ran the management company for three years. "I started progressing so fast over the course of those three years and found myself doing things that a record label should be doing. I figured why not start my own label. As a manager your job is to get your artists' music where they can get the most exposure. The manager is not supposed to book shows or find talent agents, etc. That's the label's job." LaMar found himself doing everything for his artists and decided to switch from management to starting a record label.

Xtreme World Records was started January 2, 2018. LaMar has been working very hard to become a major independent record label. His label provides for everything that the artist needs. LaMar talks about the music industry with the advent of streaming, downloads, YouTube, etc. and how it takes lots of work to get the music to the public.

"Using streaming companies like TuneCore we load the music up with the art work and everything. Once the song is released, TuneCore gives

me an update every 3 months to track how the song is doing and where the music is getting the most play/exposure. This helps us to identify our fan base and popularity. The music is released to all digital streaming platforms."

Lamar says the nature of the music industry in Trenton is great. "Trenton is really rare when it comes to music; we're like a young Atlanta right now, a young LA, a young New York. We are right there. It's just that we don't have one person spearheading yet (Think Jermaine Dupree in Atlanta, Dr. Dre in LA, Puffy in NY).

Right now, you have three people in Tren-

ton signed to major record labels. I recently started working with Jay Z's nephew, Mel Carter and we are bringing people with us. Helping each other out. It's not so much you have to leave Trenton to be successful. Now, Trenton is the place you need to be." It seems that Trenton is the place to be for young entertainers looking for a place to develop and grow. Every second Saturday of the month at Championship Bar and Music Club 931 Chambers Street in Trenton there is 'Barz All Night', the longest running music showcase in the city. Each artist gets to perform 3 songs and some freestyle cypher during intermission breaks. "At Barz All Night, LeeAnn and Kon help build artists stage presence. They take the time to tell the artist how to perform and develop their style. People do not always have that help to get the kinks out of their performance. Thank God for LeeAnn and Kon because they don't have to do that. It's all out of love for the music and the city.

I have an artist Sunny Perez who has a single being released April 19th on all Digital streaming Platforms.

My company's Instagram is @xtreme_world_Music. Also you can check us out on Twitter @xtreme-worldmusic

The music scene is alive and well in the city and Trenton appears to be the place to be right now for young artists!

What's Happening

- Every Tuesday, Open Mic with Benny P, 8:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Trenton Social, 449 South Broad Street, Trenton
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- Saturday, April 20th, 9:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt at Cadwalder Park, Trenton, NJ. Free for all, ages 3 to 12.
- Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 4 PM - 8:30 PM - Alphas Derby Day Party 2019 - Rho Waterfront, 50 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey · Hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Zeta Iota Lambda Chapter
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