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Loving the Black Perspective

WEAPON OF MASS INTIMIDATION



The Mercer County Sheriff presented to the Mercer County Freeholder Board a plan to purchase a BALLIS-ARMORED TIC TACTICAL TRANSPORT vehicle. The tank-like armored transport vehicle is to be used by the Mercer County Sheriff's Office 'Tactical Response Team."

defensive vehicle which would only be used in the most dangerous situations, such as homicides, hostage stand-offs or serving warrants.

The specs for the vehicle state there is room inside to carry 10 fully equipped officers. It also has 'optic ready gun ports' and a rotating turret The vehicle was presented as a with a flush mounted sniper step.

This does not seem like a defensive consideration shown to us for it's use. vechicle. The fear is once the Tactical Team has it in its possession it will be used for much more than currently predicted.

Policy and procedures for using the vehicle is being prepared by officers from the Sheriff's Office with assissquad. The problem is there has been no input from any representative from the Black community. The tanklike vehicle will most likely be used mainly in the Black community so it would seem there should be some

At the moment the only Black person having a say in this deployment, by his vote, is Freeholder Sam Frisby. However Frisby, at the presentation, spoke about how helpful the tanklike vehicle could be along streets like Stuyvesant Ave and seemed in favor tance from West Windsor's Tactical of its use in our neighborhoods. We'll have to talk with him and let him know we don't need a mini-tanklike vehicle coming in with even more intimidtion than we already have. A vote has not been taken yet and we will keep an eye on developments.





Local Lawmakers Split on Millionaire's Tax

BY AL ALATUNJI

State Senator Shirley Turner has indicated that she is prepared to support a tax on millionaires which is being pushed by Governor Phil Murphy. Governor Murphy points out that if the State Legislature passes a millionaire's tax, excess revenues to the tune of \$250 million would be dedicated to property tax relief.

Whereas Senator Turner is on board with the Governor's millionaire's tax, Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson and Assemblyman Anthony Verrelli seem hesitant and are currently sitting on the fence. Senator Turner, Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson and Assemblyman Verrelli all represent Trenton in the State Legislature. Reynolds-Jackson and Verrelli are both up for re-election in November.

"I'm still working with the leadership right now. We haven't really formalized coming up where we are with it, so I am still working with them," stated Reynolds-Jackson.

Senate State President Steve Sweeney

and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin oppose the millionaire's tax, which was a core tenet of Governor Murphy's 2017 campaign platform. Murphy, Sweeney and Coughlin, like Turner, Reynolds-Jackson and Verrelli are all Democrats.

The battle over passage of a millionaire's tax is just one of several major battles between Governor Murphy and his allies on one hand and State Senate President Sweeney and his South Jersey Brain Trust on the other that has become nasty and contentious. The conflict has become very personal and political, affecting good public policy. However, it is primarily about power and who will run the state Democratic party and the State government. Enactment of a State Budget by June 30th is shaping up to be another battleground between the two warring factions.

"I'm not done looking at everything to be honest with you," stated Verrelli. Senator Turner however, has demonstrated her independence and is voting for the tax legislation.



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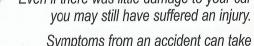
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Business Diversity Summit

BY AL ALATUNJI

The Capital Region Minority Chamber of Commerce held its 5th annual Diversity Summit on May 8th. The Diversity Summit was held at Rider University in Lawrence Township and was attended by approximately 70 corporate representatives and minority and women-owned businesses.

The Capital Region Minority Chamber of Commerce's theme for the Diversity Summit was "How is Public Policy Shaping Business Opportunities in New Jersey?" Attendees at the summit heard remarks from various experts on how diversity and inclusion are essential for business and governmental development and growth.

The keynote speaker was Hester H. Agudosi, Esq., the Chief Diversity Officer of the State of New Jersey. Governor Phil Murphy appointed Agudosi in May 2018 to serve as the state's first ever Chief Diversity Officer to manage the State Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The State Office of Diversity and Inclusion was established to ensure diversity in appointments, recruitment and the implementation of diversity and inclusion strategies aimed towards greater participation of minority, women, veteran and LGBT owned businesses.

In remarks to attendees of the summit, Agudosi stressed the importance of minorities, women and other protected class individuals being proportionally represented in government and business. However, just as important, if not more important, is for diversity and inclusion to be a proactive element of business and governmental strategic thinking and public policy development.

Agudosi used the example of a mobile telephone company's failure to use diversity and inclusion in the development of a product which lead to additional cost and customer dissatisfaction. In her illustration, the mobile phone maker, after putting a new mobile phone product on the market, received complaints from certain users who were unable to read data on their phones. It turned out that when individuals who

were left handed used the phone they were unable to see the data when held in the left hand. Agudosi pointed out that such a problem could have been avoided if the phone maker had used diversity and inclusion in its testing prior to going to market.

Agudosi stated that although minority and women owned businesses make up over 50 percent of businesses in New Jersey, such businesses have received less than 5 percent of all state contracts. The Murphy Administration, however is committed to significantly increasing the number of minority-owned and womenowned businesses to gain state contracts. To that end, Agudosi said the state will be hosting its first ever minority and womenowned business conference on September 20 at NJIT in Newark to allow such businesses to gain the knowledge to more successfully bid on state contracts.

In response to a question from one of the attendees who wanted to know how to do business with the state, Agudosi stressed the importance of minority and women-owned businesses register with the state as a small business in addition to registering as minority or women-owned businesses since the state has a small business sets-aside program with a goal of awarding 25 percent of all state contracts to firms classified as small busi-

Furthermore, Agudosi stressed the need for minority and women-owned businesses aggressively network and build relationships with state agencies since those agencies can award a contract to a business if the contract is less than \$40,000 without public bidding as long as there are three firms considered for the contract.

Prior to becoming the Chief Diversity Officer of the State, Agudosi spent 19 years in various senior management positions with the state. Such positions included serving as the Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Public Contract Assistance at the Department of Environmental Protection and Deputy Director in the Office of Equal Opportunity at the Department of Law and Public Safety

where she was responsible for administering and enforcing the state's anti-discrimination policy while conducting investigations concerning discrimination and retaliation in the workplace.

According to the Capital Region Minority Chamber of Commerce, it is an organizational partner which provides active support, and advocacy and promotional opportunities for minority businesses in Central Jersey. For more information regarding the Capital Region Minority

Chamber of Commerce readers are encouraged to log onto the organization's website at https:// capitalregionminoritychamber. org.

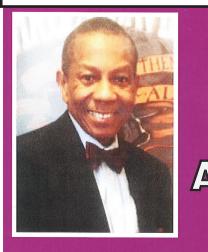
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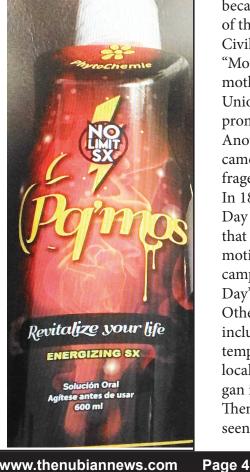
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History of Mother's Day

BY TANGELA WRIGHT

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sun-

It was a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe. This style of celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "Mother Church". The main church in the vicinity of their home for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday,in which children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of love and appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

Ann Reeves Jarvis & Julia Ward Howe, You can say are responsible for the Mother's Day Traditions as we celebrate them today.

The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs later became a unified force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe.

In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873 Howe campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day" to be celebrated every June 2. Other early Mother's Day pioneers include Juliet Calhoun Blakely, a temperance activist who inspired a local Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan in the 1870s.

Then the duo of Mary Towles Sasseen and Frank Hering, meanwhile, both worked to organize a "Mother's' Day" in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some have even called Hering "The Father of Mothers' Day."

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children.

With all this history behind what we are presently celebrating, Some still ponder over the very question,

"Is Mother's Day for your mother? Or Celebrating Mother's?" I feel that it depends on the time that you have been raised in and whether or not your mother is still presently living. 8 out of 10 women that I have spoken with have answered the question "How do you feel about Mother's Day?" when asked the reply has been based on if their mother is presently alive or if they have children. I asked a young women that would like to remain nameless who has lost her mother sometime ago how she felt about "Mother's Day" and she replied, " Mother's Day isn't the same. Although I have children of my own it doesn't feel the same without being about to celebrate with the one that has given me breathe. Although, I am excited to celebrate with my family and my children the feeling just is not the same without being able to share how much love I have and hold for my own mother. I was able to spend time with a circle of women for divorced, married, in a relationship, with children, pregnant, mother's still present and mother's deceased. One thing that remains the same is the love we all share for the memories of our mothers, the lessons taught by our mothers and the old habits that our parents have instilled in us when it comes to parenting. So, I would definitely agree in the the ongoing connection of building and learning from other mothers coming together to be the village to the children.

Living A Powerful Life ~ In Her Shoes

Mother's Remembrance Tribute "Wind Beneath My Wings"

May is a tough time of the year for me and many others who have lost our dear Mother.

For the past 7 plus years My organization Living A Powerful Life - In Her shoes has hosted A Mother's Remembrance Tribute to Honor and remember Mother's who have passed away.

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TENIS PARA LOS NIÑOS Y JOVENES DE TRENTON

TRENTON-Con el fin de proporcionar un ambiente donde los niños y los jóvenes de Trenton desarrollen sus habilidades tanto en la cancha como en el aula, la ciudad de Trenton y otras organizaciones tales como "National Junior Tennis and Learning" NJTL, inauguraron el pasado martes las canchas y el campeonato de Tenis en el Cadwalader Park en West Trenton. El clima tropical con agradable temperatura permitió que los niños de diferentes escuelas y los padres de familia disfruten de un ambiente de fiesta y deporte. Sam Frisby estuvo presente en representación del alcalde de Trenton.



UINCE PRIMAVERAS DE UNA PRINCESA

POR CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON-En la foto la señora Ruth Cuadra abraza a su hija Princess quien celebro este mes de Mayo sus 15 Primaveras. Esta especial ocasión sirvió para reunir a miembros de su familia y sus amistades que residen en Trenton, para en una sola voz cantarle las mañanitas y así alegrar el corazón de su querida hija que también estuvo acompañado de su corte de honor y chambelán. La fiesta se realizó el pasado sábado 16 de mayo en uno de los salones de "Infinity Lounge" en Trenton.

'Quiero darle gracias a Dios por permitirme celebrar los quince años de mi princesa y a la vez agradezco a cada una de las personas que nos acompañaron" dijo emocionada

Ruth Cuadra tras cantar una canción a capela frente a todos sus invitados.







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TRENTON-El próximo día jueves 30 de mayo, 2019 habrá una reunión (rally) frente a la gobernación de Nueva Jersey en la ciudad de Trenton, ahí podrán venir las madres y los padres con sus niños y sus carritos a participar de una manifestación en la que pedirán a las autoridades del estado que se dé prioridad a la educación de los niños pequeños y que además todos los niños reciban las mismas oportunidad de desarrollo a una edad temprana. Esta marcha se hace con el fin de asegurar un presupuesto mayor para atraer mayores recursos y asi garantizar mejores

oportunidades en la educación de los niños.

El día estará lleno de informacion y habrá bocadillos, actividades y entretenimiento para los niños durante todo el día. Servirán almuerzo según han manifestado los organizadores. Cada familia que se registre y traiga un bebé menor de 3 años será elegible para una tarjeta de regalo de \$ 50.00. (Las fotos son de archivo delaño anterior)

Fuga de cerebros

POR LAURA LUCIA RODRÍGUEZ PEÑA

América Latina cuenta con aproximadamente 160 millones de jóvenes (CEPAL, s.f), estas generaciones de jóvenes demuestran un interés por alcanzar la educación superior mayor a las generaciones pasadas y una posibilidad mayor de lograrlo. Sin embargo, aunque lo anterior se traduce a mayor mano de obra calificada esto no ha significado mayores oportunidades para la generación que muchos llaman millenial. Por el contrario, en la actualidad el desempleo sigue en aumento y los jóvenes suelen ser los más perjudicados.

Lo anterior se evidencia según las cifras publicadas por la Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT) que afirmó que "Uno de cada cinco jóvenes de 15 a 24 años de la región —el 19,6 por ciento— busca trabajo y no encuentra, una cifra que casi triplica la tasa de desempleo entre los mayores de 25 años —6,3 por ciento-." (El Tiempo, 2018) Esto es una clara prueba de que contar con una carrera universitaria e incluso estudios de posgrado no es sinónimo de tener éxito en el mercado laboral, y es que entre el 2012 y 2014 el desempleo juvenil se mantuvo en un 14 % y en el 2018 se cerró con una cifra del 19% (El Tiempo, 2019).

El panorama parece ir de mal en peor y es posible que al finalizar el año la cifra de desempleo vaya en aumento debido a la ralentización de la economía en América Latina, ya que la región se ha visto afectada por crisis políticas y sociales que tienden a perjudicar el desarrollo económico.

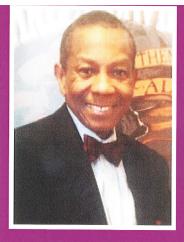
Como respuesta a esta problemática gran parte de la población joven de América Latina decide migrar hacia otros países en donde encontrar

empleo tampoco resulta fácil, en especial si es extranjero, es por esto que muchos de estos terminan realizando trabajo informal o ejerciendo labores que no tienen relación con su campo de estudios. Esto causa gran frustración para las generaciones que están comenzando su vida laboral y que se dan cuenta que es cada vez más difícil tener éxito en un mercado competitivo donde existen cada vez más profesionales y personal capacitado.

Por otro lado, la migración debido al desempleo también es una de las razones por las que se da la conocida "fuga de cerebros", expresión utilizada para denominar el fenómeno de migración de personal calificado al extranjero, ya que los jóvenes desempleados de América Latina prefieren desempeñar labores en países donde puedan ser bien remunerados por su trabajo, lo cual termina convirtiéndose en ganancia para el país receptor, puesto que se beneficiará del trabajo de estos ciudadanos. Mientras tanto, América Latina al no contar con la oferta suficiente para la demanda de trabajo, se ve perjudicada por la fuga de personas calificadas que podrían estar trabajando y trayendo ganancias a su respectivo país.

El 2018 cerró con 25 millones de desempleados latinoamericanos (El Tiempo, 2019) y esto no parece mejorar durante el 2019. Es esencial priorizar esta problemática dentro de la agenda de los países de la región, ya que de no ser así se contará cada vez más con profesionales desocupados y una gran cantidad de estos dispuestos a irse de su país de origen para encontrar el progreso y estabilidad que su país no les pudo brindar.





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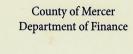
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Impact Magazine Honors Trenton Women

BY DAWNE WASHINGTON

IMPACT magazine honored eight women from Trenton and its surrounding areas for their impact within the community. Six honorees were in attendance of the eight women honorees: Latasha Burke, Bethesda Trenton in 2007. Her magazine has grown from 5 people to more than a million readers through her vision to shed light on positive attributes by Black men and women. Ms. Brown's first job was at Nubian News which influenced her career. She was also in Mayor Doug Palmer's entrepre-



Honorees Bethesda Stokes-Turner, Wendy Dean, Rev. Jamilah Abdul-Raheem, Latasha Burke, Narunj Selh, , Butterfly Holman. Held May 19 at Masonic Hall, Trenton, NJ. Kelly Price and Wanda Austin not shown.

Stokes-Turner, Wendy Dean, Narunj Selh, Rev. Jamilah Abdul-Raheem, Butterfly Holman, Kelly Price and Wanda Austin.

Tunisha Brown, the founder of IMPACT, is a Trenton native who honored the valuable contributions of Black women within various communities. She has honored celebrities such as Queen Latifah for giving back to Newark, NJ. Queen Latifah contributed to a housing development project that provided affordable housing for low-income families in the community where she was born and raised.

Ms. Brown started the magazine in

neur program. Ms. Brown embraces her Trenton, NJ roots and wanted to give back by honoring women who are making a difference. It is a full circle for her to come back to Trenton to honor and shed her national spotlight on those who are doing positive work in the community.

Ms. Brown wanted the honorees to be graced by a brunch full of elegance. Initially she planned on flying the honorees to Atlanta, GA for a day of elegance but decided to have the event in Trenton so the honorees could be supported by their loved ones.

Four of the six honorees in attendance are highlighted below.

Rev. Jamilah Abdullah-Raheem had



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the first African American school in Trenton educating the youth. The school, Timbuktu Day Care, was located on Stuyvesant Ave. Ms. Brown also have homage to APAS, African People's Action School; a private independent school for children of color.

Also honored was Bethesda Stokes-Turner, a Sgt. Detective at the Trenton Police Department, who supports inner-city youth. Mrs. Stokes-Turner is a part of Youth Stat in Trenton. Youth Stat is a hands on program that provides an outlook for inner-city youth who may not feel as if they can advance beyond their current circumstances.

Ms. Brown indicated that honoree Wanda Austin is a woman of an era that took care of the children. She educated Brown, as her childhood teacher, and illustrated the importance of having class and never allowing herself to fail. Ms. Brown stated that greatness walks within her because of Ms. Austin. Ms. Austin

dedicated her life's work to the children who attend Trenton Central High School.

Ms. Kelly Price was also honored and shed light on her humble beginnings in New York City. Ms. Price discussed her success as a singer, but also still feeling like that homeless child inside. She stressed the importance of having an impact on all and giving back to our community. She felt that it is our duty to have a positive effect on our community. Ms. Brown spoke about how she met Ms. Price and how she appreciated their relationship.

Ms. Brown appreciated and honored the eight women who not only have had an impact on the community but also on her life. From the class room



Kelly Price with Jermainem Seay at Impact Magazine's awards presentation

to community events, each individual influenced her one way or another through their positive contributions. She stated that even the smallest words of encouragement has made a huge difference in her life which she will carry forever.



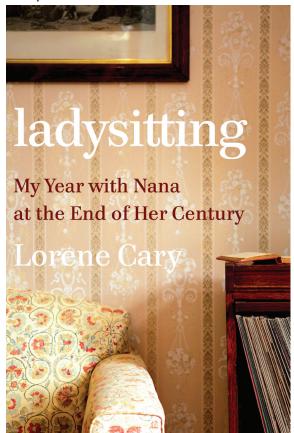
BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

"Ladysitting: My Year with Nana at the End of Her Century" by Lorene Cary

by W.W. Norton

\$25.95 / \$34.95 Canada, 256 pages You were their hope for the future. For your elders, your birth represented things they wished would happen but that they'd never know. It was a joy for them to see you come into the world but for you, as in the new book "Ladysitting" by Lorene **Cary,** it's harder to see them go.

When it comes to children, "spoiling" is a word that Black adults particularly hate to hear, but that's what



Lorene Cary says she got from her

Some of Cary's earliest memories are of Nana's sun-splashed New Jersey apartment, make-believe play, and being cherished. Nana didn't indulge her completely - Cary had rules to follow - but Nana showered love and paid attention, two things Cary needed most.

Back then, Lorene H. Jackson had been a formidable force, a no-nonfeisty and independent, powerful businesswoman who still went to her Philadelphia office well into her nineties. A decade later, the summer she turned 100, a bladder infection set her low and she became frail, sometimes rattled. Because there were complications and family issues, Cary moved Nana into her home, a rectory near the church where Cary's husband was a minister. On both sides, it would take some getting-used-to.

The Cary family was a busy one: there were older children in the household, Cary had founded a growing non-profit to nurture, and there was a congregation to attend to. For her part, Nana could be irascible; she obviously hated being dependent, fretted about her possessions, and she couldn't be alone for long.

Tensions rose. And then Nana began to seriously decline.

Falls and confusion became all too

common. Nana's hearing, which hadn't been good for some time, worsened. And yet, she outlived her allotted hospice time, and her memory remained relatively sharp. She had enough spring in her life to make demands and to keep

Still, there was no denying it: Cary's grandmother was dying...

connections to family and

friends.

Open the cover of "Ladysitting," and you're immediately yanked into a story with an ending you already know. Get past that initial, irresistible pull, though, and it may feel like a challenge to continue: author Lorene Cary seems to lose focus.

Was that done accidentally, or by design?

Doesn't matter, because it works to show readers what it's like to care for someone who's elderly or terminally ill, while trying to do self-care and maintain some amount of control over the uncontrollable. There's linear thought here, but only enough to keep readers awake. Frustration comes roaring through, but not so that compassion slips. Confusion is everywhere in this tale, but it doesn't forsake compassion. Cary adds careful amounts of family history for clarity, even daring to include occasional humorous anecdotes - not inappropriately, but in enhancement of what is one of the more deftly-written, truthful accounts in this genre. The key here is patience because this is a tough story to know. That's especially true for millennials and older GenXers: "Ladysitting" is good, but it could offer a small glimpse into your



Stranded and Abandoned

Growing up in a world so cold that never unfolds, is unpredictable.

Growing up without a Father is Unimaginable. Without a Father there is no relationship, no bond, no trust, maybe not even any love. With a single parent doing single things, is sometimes stressful.

But, they would never be in that situation, if they wasn't as hurtful. You say you love me, but gave me up, You promised me the world,

but you came through empty. And yes, when they ask about you, I tell them that's the woman who broke my heart, that's the woman who lied to me and left me heartless. When I look at you I see a person I've barely known, a person who claims me, but I don't claim.

How could you? How would you? You left me stranded and abandoned

Louise Salley is a 14 year old 8th grade student attending the Trenton school district. She started writing poetry at a young age, while participating in a play at the Passage Theatre in Trenton NJ. Miss Salley has many inspirations that push her towards poetry, she acknowledges her Aunt Patricia McRae and sister Macie Salley as being her main inspiration.

Louise loves to read poets Phillis Wheatly and Alice Walker. Louise is a very intelligent young lady with a bright future in poetry or whatever she decides to do. In her writing, Louise writes of the struggles in her life and those of the world. While, there are many poets to read with many differences, Louise believes she is "different from other people because "I believe everyone has a downfall or struggle but, not every struggle is the same".

Louise is definitely a wonderful young lady. Keep an eye out for her and her future in poetry.

by Michael Harmon

The Current US Political Crisis' Impact On **The Black Community**

BY AL ALATUNJI

The US is facing its greatest political crisis since the Civil War. Some view it as a constitutional crisis. It may just be; a constitutional battle between the executive and legislative branches of government with a judiciary on the sidelines waiting to step in. However, that crisis is rooted in a larger one and is of a political nature. Blacks, other people of color and Americans of all stripes will be impacted by this political crisis for years into the future with negative consequences for all.

The current US political crisis has been in the making for years before the terms of President Barack Obama and President George W. Bush. The root of the crisis can be traced to the days of the Clinton White House when a significant number of Republican Congressional members decided that partisanship, politics and power were more important than patriotism.

It was also the time when 24 hour cable news and the internet became a major influence in how people got their news and information. Cable news outlets chasing ratings and internet websites growth in popularity became an effective mechanism for various special interests to propagandize the true believer.

The resulting dynamics of these and other forces was the dismantling of the political center; an element which provided the essential foundation for governmental effectiveness and compromise. Today the political center is in the shadow of the extreme and with it so goes said governmental effectiveness and compromise.

It would be very easy to lay Washington's gross dysfunction at the hands of the Chameleon-in-Chief who is temporarily occupying the White House. However, it would give him far more credit than he deserves and a false analysis of the origins of the current US political crisis.

The current occupant of the White House is not the architect of the crisis. He is just a bit player who has taken advantage of an opportunity, being an opportunist, in a time of crisis, to make the crisis worse.

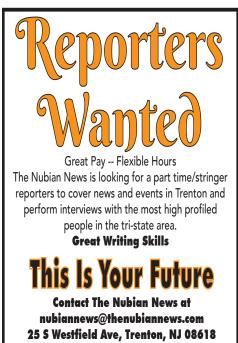
The real architects of the current crisis were the irresponsible voices on the right who were able to misinform and mislead too many people in believing some of the most vile, racist, xenophobic, nationalistic and ethnocentric lies. Filled with poison,

these armies of the right and the night descended on Washington with their tea party hats, klan robes and neo-nazi, white nationalists tattoos.

The Republican party was delighted to embrace this army believing it could control it. But it was the Republican party which ended up being controlled and in the process having its soul, heart and morality ripped from it. The Republican party was left with eunuchs lacking courage, character and morals.

As President Barack Obama has said, "elections have consequences." The 2016 election resulted in the current resident in the White House and the US Senate in the hands of Republican leadership neither of which has the interest of the Black community or other people of color at heart. However, what makes this combination so dangerous is the ability of the Chameleon-in-Chief to nominate and the Republican controlled Senate to confirm federal judges. This is the real consequence of the 2016 election and the real political crisis for Blacks and other people of color which will negatively impact communities of Blacks and people of color for years if not decades.

The Chameleon-in-Chief in partnership with Senate Republican functionaries as demanded by the vile army of the right and far right is busy stacking the federal courts with judges who share the same views and attitudes of the right and extreme right. Many of these judges will serve on the federal bench for 10, 20, 30 years rendering decisions which more than likely will not be in the best interest of the Black community.



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- Every Saturday, Board Game Workshop, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Trenton Free Public Library, 129 Academy Street, Trenton
- 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
- Every second Saturday, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at Championship Bar and Music Club at 931 Chambers Street in Trenton NJ there is 'Barz All Night'. Each artist gets to perform 3 songs and some freestyle cypher during intermission.
- Every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Open Mic Night with your favorite host Cinnamon R. Martin. Get a front row seat to some of the best talent that Trenton has to offer. Items for sale at this unique small business shop. 25 East Bridge Street, Morrisville, PA. There is a \$5 donation for the event.
- Sign up every Saturday,10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. West End LL Girls Softball. West End Batting Cage, 600 Artison Ave, Trenton, NJ. Registration: \$40. More information: Ron Davis 609-817-5062

- Saturday, June 15, 2019, 1:00
 pm 4:00 pm Higbee Street School
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 Street School, 20 Bellevue Avenue,
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- Tuesday, May 21, 8:00 am to 9:30 am Networking Before Nine! Presented by the Capital Region Minority Chamber of Commerce at the United Way of Greater Trenton,3150 Brunswick Ave, Suite 230, Lawrenceville, NJ. All business sizes are welcome. Questions, 609 498-0698
- Monday, July 8th thru August 2nd. Colonial Summer Camp. The Old Barracks of Trenton. information: www.barracks.org/summer-day-camp.html Sign up: www.barracks.com
- May 31, 2019, 8:30 am to 10:30 am - 55+ Breakfast Series: Stroke Prevention and Treatment. Dr. Vernard Fennell, a fellowship trained cerebrovascular and endovascular neurosurgeon at Capital Institute for Neurosciences' Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center, will share the latest in stroke prevention and treatment. Also, Dr. Fennell will review what you can do to lower your stroke risk, what to do if you or a loved one show the signs of stroke, and the latest treatments. Blood pressure screenings will be available. Capital Health Medical Center - Hopewell, One Capital Way, Pennington, NJ 08534
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• June 11, 2019, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm - Navigating Prostate Cancer - One in six American men and their loved ones will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime, but thanks to greater awareness and improved detection and treatment options, more lives are being saved. Join Dr. Timothy Chen, medical director of Stereotactic Radiosurgery at the Capital Health Cancer Center, and Dr. Brad Rogers from Capital Health – Urology Specialists for a discussion of prostate cancer symptoms, screening techniques, CyberKnife® Radiosurgery, and other courses of treatment that are available to you at Capital Health. Capital Health Medical Center - Hopewell, One Capital Way, Pennington, NJ





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