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Loving the Black Perspective

NY Mayor David Dinkins: Trenton Homeboy Goin' Home

BY AL ALATUNJI

David Dinkins, the first Black Mayor of New York has passed.

David Norman Dinkins was born in Trenton NJ on July 10, 1927, the son of Sally and William Harvey Dinkins Jr., who had moved from Virginia the previous year. His parents separated when he was in the first grade (they later divorced), and he and his younger sister, Joyce, moved to Harlem with their mother, who worked as a dollar-a-day domestic servant.

The children soon returned to Trenton to live with their father and his new wife, Lottie Hartgell. Dinkins' father owned a barbershop, real estate and insurance office on Spring Street. Dinkins was a good student, particularly in Latin, at Trenton Central High School. After graduating in 1945, he served briefly in the Army, but transferred to the Marine Corps and spent most of his 13-month hitch at Camp Lejeune, in North Carolina. Discharged in August 1946, he enrolled at the historically Black Howard University in Washington on the G.I. Bill of Rights, majored in mathematics and graduated with honors in 1950.

At Howard, he met Joyce Burrows, a sociology major whom he married in 1953 after her graduation. They had two children, David Jr. and Donna Dinkins Hoggard. Ms. Dinkins died in October at age 89.

Dinkins and his wife settled in Harlem, where her father, Daniel L. Burrows, was a real estate and insurance broker with political connections. He had served two terms in the State Assembly and was one of the first Black lawmakers to join the inner circle of Tammany Hall, the Manhattan Democratic machine. A

godfather to a generation of Harlem politicians, he took Dinkins under his wing.

Dinkins was a genuine trailblazer in New York City history. As a member of the "Gang of Four", an informal group that included longtime US Rep.

primary and narrowly edged out Rudy Giuliani in the general election, he became the city's 106th mayor and its first one of color.

Mayor Dinkins inherited a city which like many US cities was experiencing high crime and the effects of a

be credited with playing a significant role in driving down crime. He was ousted from office in 1993 in a close race by his political nemesis, Giuliani. Mayor Dinkins died at his residence on Manhattan's Upper East Side in New York City. He was 93.



Charles Rangel, the civil rights attorney, Percy Sutton and Basil Paterson, New York's first Black secretary of state, he was part of a new wave of Black leadership that came to prominence in the 1960s and '70s and greatly increased Harlem's political influence in the city. When Dinkins denied then Mayor Ed Koch's bid for a fourth term in the 1989 Democratic

national recession. Mayor Dinkins, cool in his double-breasted suit, became the calm voice of reason in the tense city.

He was never really given credit for keeping the city under control during those turbulent times, but it was under his administration that the New York Police Department underwent a major expansion that would

He is survived by his children, two grandchildren and his sister, Joyce Belton.

The Nubian News salutes and celebrates the life and legacy of David N. Dinkins, a son of Trenton, who made us most proud,. May you find peace in the transition and the beyond.

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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]

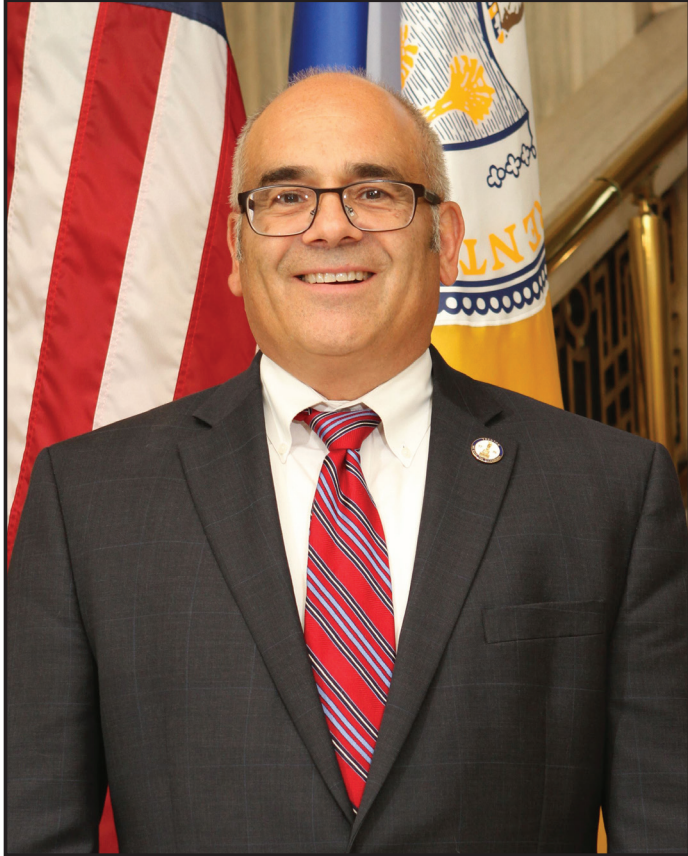


Local Murder and Municipal Mishandling

BY AL ALATUNJI

Not sure if high five or low fives are in order. Trenton has broken its record for the number of people murdered in the city in a calendar year. It took Trenton seven years to break the record. Trentonians can pop open the bubbly and raise a glass to that accomplishment.

After a certain point it was not a ques-



tion of if the record would be broken, but how soon into the year and what the final number would be.

If things do not change and change dramatically for the better, 2021 will see a new record. Followed by the year 2022 with still another record.

The Trenton police union head has called on the governing body to send the police director back to where she came from. Basically, blaming the police director for the record breaking violence. That might be warranted. Maybe she is over her head.

Then again, maybe it is the police union president who needs to take a fast ride out of Trenton due to the union's long standing support of policies and practices which have caused division and mistrust between Trenton residents and police to the point that people of good will want little or nothing to do with the police.

Perhaps it is time to disband Trenton's police department like Camden did and have a county run police department manage policing needs in the Capital city. Or maybe a county and state joint police department.

As a sports fan, I never understood why they fired the manager on a

baseball team when the manager puts his best players on the field and those players don't hit, don't catch and don't score runs. The manager is not the one striking out, making errors or failing to score runs.

Nevertheless, it might be asking too much of a police director or school superintendent, regardless how credentialed, to come into Trenton and wave a magic wind and make everything wonderful. This is especially true if you have administrators, police officers and teachers who will be quick to say, "I was here before that police director or school superintendent and I will be here after that director or school superintendent. I am going to do what I want to do."

Trenton residents must stand up and say enough is enough and go into their broom closets and sweep out the current governing body.

The residents of Trenton cannot wait until 2022. By then the murder rate maybe in the 40s perhaps 50s.

The current governing body took office in July 2018. From the outset they engaged in petty squabbling, personal and character attacks on each other, cat fighting and other conduct normally associated with middle school age students with hormones raging on steroids. Dysfunction, schism, cliques, super egos and confusion reign supreme.

It took a little less than nine months for an article to appear in The Nubian News encouraging the voters of Trenton to begin a recall process so by the time the governing body reached its one year anniversary voters could officially launch a recall campaign.

Several months later the idea was floated once again in an article for voters of Trenton to sweep out the governing body by recall. It was prompted by the monumental malfeasance the governing body inflicted on Trenton residents because they could not come to an agreement on a major redevelopment proposal at the Roebling Complex being handed to Trenton. Roughly 400 jobs

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COMPENSATORY-FUNCTIONAL DEFINITIONS

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White Supremacy

1. The direct or indirect subjugation of all "non-white" people by white people, for the basic purpose of "pleasing" and/or serving any or all "white" persons, at all times, in all places, in all areas of activity, including Economics, Education, Entertainment, Labor, Law, Politics, Religion, Sex, and War.
2. The only functional Racism, in existence, among the people of the known universe, that is based on "color" and/or "anti-color" in the physical make-up or physical appearance of persons.
3. Racism "for the sake of" Racism

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knowing and understanding truth, and using truth, at all times, in a manner that produces justice, and correctness, in all areas of activity, including Economics, Education, Entertainment, Labor, Law, Politics, Religion, Sex, and War.

Worthless people, the

All non-white people in the known universe exist in subjugation to the White Supremacists of the known universe. It is the White Supremacists who determine the "worth" of non-white people in comparison to the "worth" of white people.

Under White Supremacy, it is not possible for any non-white person to be equal to and/or, to be "worth more", than any white person, at the same time that that non-white person is subject to White Supremacy.

Therefore, if a non-white person cannot be equal to, and/or "worth more", than a white person, in a social-material system dominated by White Supremacy (Racism), then it is impossible for that non-white person to be "worth" other than less.

The fact that non-white people do exist in subjugation to White Supremacy makes them "worth" less to themselves than they are "worth" to the White Supremacist (Racists).

Their worthlessness is evident in all areas of activity, including Economics, Education, Entertainment, Labor, Law, Politics, Religion, Sex, and War.

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Why Black Men Voted For Trump

By AL ALATUNJI

Although 80% of Black men voted for President-elect Joe Biden, an overwhelming majority of Black men, support for the Democratic presidential ticket reached a new low among that group according to various 2020 election reports.

According to the election data, 8% of Black male voters were reported to have cast their ballots for alternative candidates. However, most surprisingly, 12 percent of Black men voted for Mr. Trump.

There was an unusual relationship between education and how Black men voted this year. About 26 percent of Black men who had a high school diploma or less supported Trump. But 22 percent of Black men with bachelor's degrees and 20 percent of Black men with advanced degrees also supported him. Black men with some college education broke for Biden at levels comparable to those of Black women.

During the campaign, pollsters talked about Trump's strength with non college educated white voters. However, it seems there was no educational gap as such with Black men who regardless of education basically split evenly for Trump.

So how were there 12 men, to say nothing of 12 percent of Black men, casting votes for a man who even prior to going into politics was a government certified racist as a result of him and his father refusing to rent apartments to Black and Latino renters? How could they support a man who launched his political career by spreading the lie that the first Black president was foreign born and probably a secret Muslim and not entitled to be president? A man who once in office increased his lies and misinformation regarding President Obama and tried everything in his power to erase his legacy including refusing to hang President Obama's official portrait in the White House as every other president had done? A man who not only refused to denounce white supremacy and white domestic terrorism but gave a less than subtle nod and wink to such groups? A man whose racist pronouncements matched the racist policies of his administration?

During a normal presidential election one of the fascinating components of election night is the analysis of the exit polls and interviews of voters to gain insight into what the numbers

reflect. For many political observers it is that complement of election coverage and not the raw numbers which they find so intriguing. However, like so many things in 2020, the year of the pandemic, this election was different and the usual exit polls and voter interviews were restricted to online surveys which are still being collected.

So political pundits and others are forced to wonder why 12 percent of Black men voted for someone who it would seem was not only hostile to their self interest but their very survival?

Some of the fault lies at the root of the Democratic Party taking the Black voters, in particular Black men, for granted. The Democratic Party at the national and local levels have aggressively sought Black votes, but except for a few Black politicians, the Black community has little to show for their votes. For many Black men and others, the Democratic Party has not done enough to combat racism in the US.

At the same, the fault also lies equally with Black voters, in particular Black men for not staying actively engaged in politics beyond election day enough to influence the party's policies which impact their community. If there is one thing Trump was good at, it's making people feel heard. He is a liar who expertly appeals to people's egos, fears and unfulfilled desires, making him an excellent salesman. Witness the millions of poor white people who turn out in droves during a pandemic to applaud him and his policies, even when those policies run afoul of their own interests.

Trump's ability to "swim against the grain" — defying elites in both parties — is a sign of strength.

They find his toxic masculinity refreshing and appealing in the age of the Me Too movement and in which political correctness is used to sap the remaining vestiges of their own masculinity. These men and others see women not just breaking glass ceilings, but blowing them up, and with it, the world of their fathers, grandfathers and heroes.

Some of those men, Black, Latino and white, see Trump's brand of entrepreneurial masculinity and his pursuit of financial success and domination of women as the pinnacle of success for being a man. It is not surprising

when one reflects on the number of mentions Trump has received in rap songs and movies over the last several decades.

After the election, President Obama discussed what he felt might have been the appeal of some Black men for Trump. He mentioned that Black rap lyrics have long had a fascination with big money, grabbing women, bling and the super-successful mogul figure.

"We look at someone like Trump who has expanded his business to make billions ... we look at him and ask how do we get to that level? How did he get from here to there? How can I do this and surpass his wealth," stated one Historic Black College and University student who voted for Trump.



Unfortunately, Black Trump supporters see the meanness, the bullying, the selfishness of Trump and they mistake it for strength, a kind of twisted masculinity.

President Obama was attacked on social media by young-ins still wet behind the ears, for telling the truth because he had the audacity to question their sacred rap music. The same rap music that glorifies killing, objectifying and demeaning women and in which the lack of money is the root of all evil.

Many of the Black Trump supporters and other Blacks are quick to say that President Obama did nothing for Black people. But what would they know since they spend much of their time on social media sites where truth is scarce and misinformation all too plentiful.

"It's a trust issue. I view the Black community's relationship with the Democratic Party, for example, as sort of like a domestic violence relationship," stated one Black youth. The youth indicated that he voted for Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins because he couldn't connect with Democrats or Republicans.

"We've been giving our vote to them loyally for 55, 60 years, and we have got nothing in return," the youth continued. "And as for the Republican

Party, I don't feel as if they care about me at all. It's just more blatant."

Such sentiment and idealism, in particular advanced by youth, although misguided, is quite prevalent on social media sites. It is understandable and if organic, meaning developed by Blacks for Blacks, is to be respected.

However, if such ideas have surreptitiously been planted by people indifferent and or hostile to the plight of Blacks, then they are dangerous, intended to confuse and frustrate Blacks into throwing their votes away or just not voting. We may never know how successful such disinformation and suppression efforts were. However, we are certain such tactics were used and probably quite successfully.

The Black men who voted for Trump and other men found Trump's defiance, resistance, rebelliousness and contempt for established normals appealing. Trump didn't care who he offended. He was the rebel with or without a cause.

For men who found themselves alienated, marginalized and disenfranchised, Trump was their hero. It was not so much about policy but style.

Trump understood their alienation and disenfranchisement, because despite his money and television notoriety he had lived his entire life hoping to be one of the glamorous people. But he knew they would never accept him if for no other reason than his insecurities. The more he tried to break into their society, the more they seemed to resist him and mock him.

His appeal to Black voters and others was not because he listened to their pleas, but that he was one of them.

Trump, by many accounts, is an evil man. However as strange as it may seem, he was a necessary evil. He woke people up and caused a record number of people to vote for and against him. Many who had never voted before.

Over the past four years, people of all ages have been more politically engaged than at any time. If the Democratic and Republican parties are willing to recognize their short fall in connecting with the alienated, marginalized and disenfranchised, and make a special effort to be a voice for this group, then Trump craziness, chaos and confusion may have been the catalysts to save American's experiment with democracy.

Election Winners Support: Almost

BY AL ALATUNJI

The soon departing occupant of the White House almost pulled it off. He almost won four more years. Over 73 million people voted for him despite his handling of the coronavirus pandemic during which over 250,000 people have died.

They voted for him for implementing policies that were racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic and down right inhumane and anti-Christian. The 73 million plus individuals who voted for Trump say a lot about the character of this nation.

He almost pulled it off. If he had an addition to his loyal supporters to thank, he would also have to give a huge shout-out to progressives and social activists. Not all, but way too many.

As one such social activist stated on social media shortly after the election, "We are behaving like fans at a ball game, not independent and informed thinkers." The author of the post continued, "We are rewarding a political party and these two individuals who have given us nothing. This will be Barack on steroids. Obama 3.0. He gets to rule from behind the curtain. He can pull all the strings."

Then there were others during the run up to election day who frequently posted comments on social media websites, wrote letters to the editors, had articles published and gave interviews in Black media outlets, while not outwardly supporting President-elect Joe Biden's opponent, attacked the Biden/Harris ticket. Such attacks ranged from the most sophomoric politically naive to deliberate and intentional falsehoods. If anything was on steroids, it was the misinformation that was spread.

These comments included critiquing Vice President-elect Kamala Harris' perceived opportunistic identity politics (South East Asian mom and Jamaican father), her record as a supposedly harsh prosecutor in California, and even her white husband. They claimed that she was not a real Black woman. It reminds how some very prominent Black commentators and many faceless, nameless, social media talking heads, talked about President Barack Obama during his run for president in 2008 and throughout his presidency.

Then there was the rap about President-elect Biden pushed on various media outlets and on social media

sites, in particular those with significant Black audiences. According to the rap, Biden was responsible for the mass incarceration of Black and Brown people resulting from Biden's support of the 1994 crime bill known as the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

Social media and other commentators failed to mention that the overwhelming majority of Black political, social and religious leaders supported the 1994 crime bill. Such commentators also failed to point out how government prosecutors in counties and states implemented the federal law.

It was as if they were wearing blinders or were either unaware, or just plain refused to acknowledge that the nation in the early 90s was experiencing an historic homicide rate. But that was okay since it was Black on Black crime.

We bury our heads in the sand regarding that issue since it is not white folk killing Blacks. Only when whites kill Blacks do Black lives matter. When Blacks kill Blacks it is just another day in the neighborhood. See no evil, hear no evil.

The politically naive comments of the progressives and the social activists are understandable. They are born from the sincere thoughts of ideologues and true believers. They are born out of revolutionary purity and the idealism of youth as well as old heads who remain stuck in a time warp of living in the 60s.

"Medicare for all, socialism and defunding the police," they chanted

while they marched. Like Jesus breathing life into Lazarus they gave political life for Biden's opponent who was on life support.

It is also such political naivety, revolutionary righteousness, refusal to allow compromise and lessons learned which may result in Black Lives Matter becoming just a hashtag and footnote of history. It will be a generational lesson that each generation of Black activists learn, if at all, after the fact.

So this generation of social activists and their progressive comrades march, demonstration and protest. Like crack, it is a great high and feels wonderful. However there is no legislation enacted, no transferable organization created.

However, far more nefarious and dangerous were the comments and posts found on social media sites and repeated on some Black radio and television shows. These posts and comments raised false issues and intentional misinformation designed to confuse and frustrate Black and other voters of color into not voting. Tested by Russian sponsored operatives in 2016 and used even more effectively by Republican and right-wing groups in 2020, a significant number of Black and other people of color voters were feed disinformation causing them to sit out the election.

The klan and white citizen groups in the 40s, 50s and 60s used the threat of being lynched to keep Blacks from voting. These present day suppressors use social media to do their bidding. They were quite effective, almost.

Ho Ho Ho Christmas Means Sharing



In a collective effort along with the Ewing Twp. Police Department, Scott Harvey Kia & Subaru made a donation to supply jackets to the ones in need during this holiday season! Top photo: Members of the Ewing Township Police Department; bottom photo: Scott and Robin Harvey.



Announcement ALC virtual Kwanzaa Event 2020

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The event includes brilliant entertainment, timely information and a vital working conversation lead by Brother Naim Muslim. Brother Naim is the Inspired Inheritor of Keep L.O.V.E. Present. He is a self proclaimed

Restorian who created his miraculous fatherhood flagship initiative in the early 90's called "Fathers Go Get Your Sons And Don't Forget Your Daughters". In the process, Keep L.O.V.E. Present was born. Naim's work is dedicated to human excellence. Affirmation tools created by Brother Naim have been used for over 30 years in schools, community development organizations and government agencies. Brother Naim's working conversation will require all participants to have three pieces of flip chart paper and magic makers. Thank you for your RSVP for general zoom participation with your tax deductible donation starting at \$25 by Friday, December 18, 2020. Proceeds contribute to support this event and efforts like masks for the homeless, food security and grassroots enfranchisement of Black history in Trenton NJ.

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Realizan trasplante de riñón a niño hispano

Por CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON-Christopher un niño de 8 años de edad, que llegó desde Guatemala a los Estados Unidos junto a su madre en busca de una intervención quirúrgica que le permita superar una insuficiencia renal que sufría desde su nacimiento y que en su pueblo natal casi era imposible realizar, ya salió del quirófano y esta en recuperación.

Tras cuatro años de trámites y espera desde que llegó a Trenton, por fin el pasado mes de noviembre el hospital Robert Wood Johnson de Nueva

su trabajo durante la pandemia, ya que las próximas semanas tendrá que cuidar de su hijo sobre todo en suministrar la medicina de acuerdo a las instrucciones dadas por el médico.

Glenda se emociona y entre lágrimas y alegrías sueña ver la posibilidad de que su hijo pueda crecer y correr con salud, para juntos compartir muchos años más de vida.

El dueño de la tienda donde trabaja se solidariza.

Para Glenda como se dijo, después de la salud y el bienestar de su hijo, la prioridad importante es su trabajo



Glenda aparece junto a su hijo Christopher (8) tras la intervención quirúrgica que se espera permita superar una insuficiencia renal que el niño sufre desde su nacimiento.

que realiza en la tienda de comida rápida McDonald de Trenton, por lo que, según sus propias palabras, pedía a Dios que no le vayan a dejar sin trabajo en plena pandemia, donde muchos restaurantes y negocios se han visto forzados a cerrar sus puertas o reducir el número de empleados.

Pero oh sorpresa... Freddie Rosado propietario del negocio mencionado al enterarse de la situación de su empleada, en una llamada telefónica manifestó su afán de

mantener ese puesto hasta cuando la madre de familia pueda regresar. “Don Carlos tu nos conoces, para nosotros la familia es importante. Que la señora cuide a su hijo y cuando este bien que regrese, aquí estará su trabajo” manifestó el dueño del negocio, ratificando así la calidad humana, y el buen sentido de solidaridad que junto a su esposa Rosa Rosado ejercen en la comunidad de Trenton. Como respuesta a esta manifestación de generosidad Glenda por su parte escribió “Gracias don Freddie gracias doña Rosa por ser unos grandes seres humanos”.

Jersey dispuso de los órganos para realizar el anhelado trasplante.

“Estoy agradecida con Dios y este hospital que nos han ayudado. Todo salió bien” señaló vía telefónica Glenda Salazar, quien en ese momento permanecía junto a su pequeño y único hijo en el hospital de New Brunswick.

Glenda ruega a Dios que los riñones del joven donante se acoplen en el cuerpo de su hijo y esto a futuro permita que su niño pueda llevar una vida saludable y normal como otros niños de su edad. “Agradezco infinitamente a la familia del joven que donó sus órganos, sé que era un joven de 20 años”.

Glenda labora para una tienda McDonald de Trenton y se preocupa de sobre manera que pueda perder

Esperamos en un futuro no muy lejano poder conversar con Christopher, para que nos cuente a qué está jugando con sus amigos.

El huracán Iota destroza el archipiélago Colombiano de San Andrés y Providencia

LAURA LUCIA RODRÍGUEZ PEÑA

San Andrés, Providencia y Santa Catalina son un conjunto de islas pequeñas que han hecho parte de la jurisdicción de diferentes países desde el siglo XVI, han sido parte de Panamá, Guatemala y desde 1803 pertenecen a Colombia. Desde el 2001 Nicaragua reclama que los tratados, que le dan a Colombia jurisdicción de las islas, no son válidos y que por su cercanía geográfica estas deberían pertenecer a Nicaragua. A pesar de esto la Corte Internacional de Justicia

Este desastre evidencia la indiferencia del gobierno hacia esta región del país pues el huracán venía creciendo desde días anteriores pero las autoridades no tenía ningún plan de contención y evacuación para proteger a los habitantes del archipiélago. El presidente nacional rara vez da interés a esta zona y sólo se pronunció después de los hechos para realizar fotos oficiales participando de la ayuda humanitaria. Por si fuera poco el gobierno nacional priorizó en la ayuda a turistas



de la Haya declaró que los tratados son legítimos y que el archipiélago pertenece a Colombia. El gobierno colombiano y sus ciudadanos se ufanan de tener esta joya del caribe que además de contar con gran riqueza cultural es una zona conocida por el mar de los siete colores pues el coral da diferentes tonalidades al océano. No obstante, este orgullo no se ve reflejado en la destinación de recursos públicos. Las islas tienen una gran infraestructura hotelera pero carecen de centros de salud y educativos que den abasto con las necesidades de sus habitantes. Esto es realmente preocupante pues debido a su ubicación son vulnerables a tormentas y huracanes que constantemente amenazan al Caribe. Esto fue lo que sucedió el 15 de noviembre cuando el huracán Iota llegó con vientos de más de 250km por hora, los cuales fueron constantes durante dos días. Este fenómeno climático afectó a los habitantes del conjunto de islas. Según reportes oficiales la isla de Providencia sufre un 98% de afectación, todas las casas quedaron destruidas, una persona murió y hay decenas de heridos, sin mencionar que todos en la isla perdieron sus viviendas y posesiones.

y no a isleños. Las islas han sufrido de cortes de energía y escasez de agua potable. Las personas están en condiciones deplorables esperando la ayuda humanitaria que llega de parte de organizaciones de la sociedad civil y del Estado. Adicionalmente, este huracán afectó el norte del país en los departamentos de la Guajira, Bolívar y Chocó, dejando cientos de damnificados, los cuales son en un su mayoría población indígena y afrocolombiana. Recientemente el gobierno publicó un plan para responder a esta emergencia, pero las personas son escépticas a la gestión de las entidades públicas y siguen realizándose colectas comunitarias en redes sociales y otros medios para ayudar a los afectados de la tragedia. Este tipo de tragedias deja en evidencia la mala planificación de desastres y riesgos que existe en Colombia y muchas veces en Latinoamérica. Lo cual deja miles de ciudadanos en situación de desplazamiento y vulnerabilidad. Es necesario tener planes que prevengan y respondan a este tipo de hechos pues es probable que aumenten debido a los cambios medioambientales.

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TRENTON- El Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios (DCA) ha emitido una guía de orientación para restaurantes y establecimientos similares sobre la utilización del espacio al aire libre durante los meses de invierno.

En junio, la División de Códigos y Normas del DCA proporcionó orientación sobre la expedición de permisos y el uso de carpas, estructuras de material maleable y toldos según el Código Uniforme de Incendios (UFC) y el Código Uniforme de Construcción (UCC, por sus siglas en inglés). Ante las condiciones climáticas invernales, los establecimientos que deseen seguir usando carpas o toldos después del 30 de noviembre de 2020, deben solicitar el permiso del UCC en la oficina local de permisos de construcción. Además, también se debe obtener permiso para el uso de todo equipo y cableado eléctricos, o equipo mecánico que se requieran. Es importante que los

municipios procesen la exención de cargos por permisos a carpas o toldos en uso después del plazo del 30 de noviembre, siempre que se cumplan con los requisitos de carga de nieve o las directrices emitidas.

Además del permiso del UCC, los «artefactos para la operación del servicio», como son los equipos portátiles de cocina usados cerca o debajo de la carpa o toldo, deben cumplir las normas el UFC y ser supervisados por el jefe local de Bomberos. Esta medida abarca el manejo y uso de calentadores de propano portátiles y similares.

«Sabemos que los restaurantes en nuestro estado han sido golpeados en forma extremadamente dura por la pandemia y estamos haciendo todo lo posible para ayudar a estas empresas a que se mantengan a flote hasta que se pueda regresar a tener una mayor normalidad», manifestó el gobernador Phil Murphy.

PEQUEÑOS NEGOCIOS NECESITAN REFUERZOS

TRENTON – El Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de Nueva Jersey (DCA) anunció el otorgamiento de \$1.6 millones en subsidios de ayuda para negocios locales minoristas afectados por la Covid-19 en Nueva Jersey, los que serán destinados a 11 organizaciones de gestión para fomentar la recuperación y revitalización continua frente a la crisis económica y pandémica por la Covid-19. Se usarán los fondos de subvención para diversas actividades y solventar costos de desinfectantes, equipos de comedor al aire libre, capacitación en mercadeo, posicionamiento de marcas comerciales y comercio electrónico, servicios de entrega, actualizaciones de sitios web, y programas de embajadores, entre

otros. Todas las iniciativas tienen como propósito atraer a los consumidores a los pequeños negocios y restaurantes en los distritos comerciales céntricos de sus comunidades.

«El gobernador Murphy y yo reconocemos que los negocios locales minoristas en las calles principales de nuestras comunidades son cruciales para su salud económica y social, y han sido duramente golpeados por la pandemia. Queremos ayudar financieramente a estos negocios durante el año para que puedan superar la temporada de invierno y más hasta que la vida vuelva a la normalidad», señaló a través de un comunicado la vicegobernadora Sheila Oliver, quien también es la comisionada del DCA.

Trisha Williams - Trenton's Author of The Year

Putting your thoughts on paper is not easy. Thankfully for the world there are people like Trisha Williams who has written 17 books, so far, and is eagerly planning to write many more. Trenton has a very talented and interesting author to call its own. And she's been like this from day one. When only a little girl, a very little girl, she became famous because she was reading while still in pampers. She was interviewed in Ruby Reader Magazine and had a

we might be cousins.

“I went back to school for Small Business Management so I could run this thing correctly because I'm very, very good at what I do, Kamau. It's not a brag on me it's just a brag on surviving to do this. This is what I was supposed to be doing all along. But writing and running a business are two different things. I didn't know how to balance my books, got in trouble with the IRS.” She is now learning how to manage her business while writing her books.

Because her talents don't stop with writing she has branched off into not only writing but helping others to write as well. She edits other's writings, making their books read as well as hers. So many people have stories to be told inside them and Trisha helps bring their souls to paper. She did not start publishing her books until 2015. Which means she's written 17 books in only five years. Her first book is entitled “After This”. Her books are fictional but based in Trenton. Throughout her books she talks about different places and streets any



starring roles on Sesame Street, The Electric Company, Zoom and others. “Because I read so early, at about 11 or 12, my Mom and Dad brought me a journal and I started enjoying writing too. I wrote everything I felt, the angst, happy moment, everything. I was a pretty good sketch artist too so I would design my illustrations next to my poetry and other writing.”

She has two sons, both named Josh. “Josh and Josh, I had one biological Josh and then I adopted his best friend, Josh and they are both 23 or will be soon.” I also have two girls who are married. Shea is in Ewing and has two boys 13 and 14 and she had twins who just turned two. She's married to Walt Mason's son. Walt of Masons Auto Service on Passaic Street. Tania, her other daughter married Coltrane Stansbury, son of Wanda and Charles Stansbury. As she brought up these names, they were names of people I have known in town for years. Just goes to show you how small Trenton is. Everybody knows everybody. The more we talked the more we knew each other. Got to the point we almost thought

Trentonian would recognize.

Trisha named her company IreeSky after her grandson Iree and her granddaughter Sky. “IreeSky reminds me to reach for the sky – I reach for the sky!”

She's also very aware of those who haven't had the opportunity to learn how to read. She spends much of her time helping them learn regardless of their age. Intelligence has nothing to do with your level of education. My Mom had a third grade education but she was the most brilliant woman I've ever met.

Trisha surrounds herself with more than writing. She knows the pain of domestic violence and has written four non-fiction books, the Hidden Treasures collection, about the women, children and men who suffer from DV. She is also vice president of a domestic violence advocacy group, The Purple Hightops.

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Blacks Must Win The Election and Change The Direction

BY AL ALATUNJI

Black voters in Motor City, Milwaukee, Philly and in the ATL helped make history for President-elect Joe Biden as part of the 78 million voters who were the most ever won by a presidential candidate. Those Black voters in those four cities were the difference in providing the margin of votes necessary to put the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Georgia into the Democratic ticket and make Her story with the election of Vice President -elect Kamala Harris, the first woman, Black and Asian American to obtain that position.

Despite perhaps the most extensive voter suppression effort ever employed to prevent Black voters from going to the polls, including facing long hours in lines, intimidation and rejection at the polls, and receiving false information, they were not discouraged from voting. The suppression also included self appointed individuals openly carrying guns, supposedly patrolling polling places, to block Black voters in Tennessee and Georgia from voting because they wore Black Lives Matter t-shirts and masks to polling sites. False robocalls were made to residents in majority-Black Detroit saying that if they voted by mail, they could face debt collection and forced vaccination. Similar robocalls were made to voters in New York, Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Some Black voters in Detroit also received literature in the mail falsely telling them they had until November 10 to vote due to COVID-19 concerns. Drop boxes set up across counties to

make it easier for voters to submit their mail-in ballots in California and Massachusetts were set on fire destroying dozens of ballots. Various states also engaged in voter suppression efforts ranging from voter ID laws and cuts to early voting, to mass purges of voter rolls and systematic disenfranchisement.

Some states have enacted voter registration restrictions including the requirement of documents to prove citizenship or identification. Neither the Russians, the Chinese or anyone else comes close to what various states and groups have done to suppress Black voting participation. Notwithstanding those measures and using social media, perhaps the most effective voting suppression tool of all to spread confusion, distrust and misinformation aimed at having Blacks not vote, Blacks in cities in battleground states made the difference.

As one Black social activist stated as President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris prepare to take office, they must remember that Black people won this election.

During his victory address, President-elect Biden stated: "Especially those moments when this campaign was at its lowest ebb, the African American community stood up again for me. You've always had my back and I will have yours."

That is all well and good. However, it would be a colossal mistake for Blacks, other people of color and people of good will throughout the US to think President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris are going to change the direction of the country all by themselves. If so, It

will be no different than when President Barack Obama was in the White House getting hit from all sides and turning around to see who had his back while Blacks, other people of color and the other members of the Obama coalition were busy sleeping. Blacks do not need to have President-elect Biden's and Vice President-elect Harris' backs, they need Blacks, other people of color and others to fight what McConnell, other Republicans, rightwing walnuts and tea party alumni have in store for President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris, especially Harris. As a woman, in particular a woman of color, serving as Vice President who some view as a possible presidential candidate four years from now, Republicans and others will do everything they can, and some, to discredit her. Black people cannot, must not allow that to happen.

If is not enough for Blacks to vote on election day and then become mere observers. Blacks must stay engaged every day of every year. This engagement is not only necessary at the federal level but more importantly at the state, county and municipal levels of government. If the government is for the people and by the people, then the people must be involved in their government.

For Blacks and other people of color to change the direction of the country they must engage in active involvement. Active involvement means analyzing, strategizing and organizing as well as lobbying for the passage of legislation like the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. The act includes a call to end qualified immunity for officers, ban chokeholds and no knock warrants, and requires officers to wear body cameras. Active involvement means

doing the same for the passage of the John Lewis Voting Right Act. In 2013, the Supreme Court virtually gutted the Voting Rights Act when it struck down Section 5 of the act, which required jurisdictions to receive federal approval before making any changes to their election laws. This effectively opened the floodgates to various voter suppression tactics in different states like the elimination of some voting locations, strict voter ID laws, an end to early voting periods and more.

The John Lewis Voting Rights Act is designed to restore full protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The act covers all 50 states and creates a targeted process for reviewing voting changes, especially those that have been used to discriminate against voters in the past. It helps ensure the right to vote as a fundamental principle for all Americans.

The same type of involvement is vital for increasing broadband access in communities of Blacks and other people of color and expanding the Affordable Care Act.

One in three Black, Latino and Native American students lack a broadband connection, according to an analysis published by Reuters. If Black and other children of color have to learn virtually, they must have the proper tools to do so. Because these are also the same communities that have suffered the most from Covid-19, protecting and expanding the Affordable Care Act so that millions have health insurance must be proactively lobbied for.

Black voters won the election. It is up to them in coalition with other people of color and other people of good will to change the direction of their government and their country.

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Nubian News Book Review

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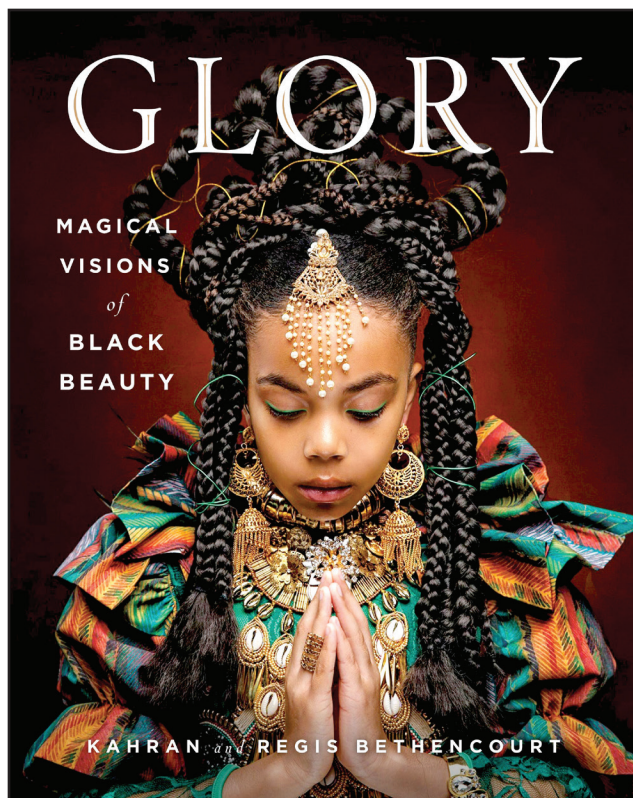
“Glory: Magical Visions of Black Beauty”

BY KAHRAN AND REGIS BETHENCOURT

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To relax, or not to relax?

Why not? Whatever. Your hair has gone through several stages of change: you've braided, straightened, curled, permed, and loc'd, put it beneath a turban, a durag, scarves, wigs, and kangols. It's been shaved, picked, plucked, pulled back, and done up. There were times when you



fought your own hair, and you don't want your children to go through that. So look for “Glory” by Kahran and Regis Bethencourt, and call the kids.

As photographers, Kahran and Regis Bethencourts say that they consider themselves “cultural storytellers” who believe that Black culture has been “under-celebrated.” For far too long, for instance, Black children were led to believe that their hair and skin was “not long enough, not straight enough... too dark or too light.” As the Bethencourts noticed the somberness in their portraits of children, they recalled personal memories of childhood hair issues and decided that “acceptable black beauty was not our natural beauty...” They vowed to change the perception.

The children in these pages “are a recognition and celebration of the beauty and versatility of black beauty and its innate glory,” they said. The kids were chosen because they were change-makers, because they’ve

stood up to adversity, racism, bullying, illness, poverty, loss, or other hardships. Some wear the costumes of Kings and Queens here, while some reflect the dress of their cultures.

Among others, there's Nia from England, who overcame a skin condition that left her scarred. There's Kaylee, a singer from Chicago. Nariah from Maryland is a definite foodie. There's Mbali from South Africa, whose modeling career helped her to overcome shyness.

Darryl from Kenya, who wears his dreadlocks with pride, even though they're frowned upon in his culture. Havana from Germany hopes to be an astronaut someday. Kheris from California founded a clothing company. Bryson in Arkansas is “a kid advocate” for HBCUs. And there's Ava, a fair-skinned, blonde and blind African American eleven-year-old who learned to “appreciate the way God created me.” Pick up “Glory” and flip to any random page. You'll immediately see that the title is apt.

Indeed, much is glorified inside this book, including the no-nonsense strength and do-what-needs-doing attitude of the generation coming up. These kids are pretty incredible, as evidenced by the brief biographies that accompany every portrait. Some will bring you tears, while others are downright empowering.

Speaking of empowering, inspirational quotes are scattered throughout so look for them – that is, if you can take your eyes off the exquisite portraiture from photographers Kahran and Regis Bethencourt. The lighting in each is perfect. The costumes that the children wear are gorgeous. The kids come from everywhere and both boys and girls are elegantly represented in portraits that are nothing but respectful of their essences.

This is the kind of book that anyone of any age can enjoy. Yes, there's a three-year-old here, so show your toddler. There are youngsters, tweens, teens, and an entire school mentioned, so give this book to your kids. Or just grab “Glory” yourself, and relax.

Anti-violence Action

BY LOUIS DEVLUGT

The Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition held a rally November 10 in response to the October 10 West Ward shooting death of city resident Ola Williams. Ola Williams was a well-known neighborhood resident and



gathered to hear the message and some could be seen listening intently. When asked about the rally, one resident said, “There's a lot of hate and the rally provides hope, but I'm not sure if we'll ever unify.” A nearby onlooker, when interviewed, confirmed the connection of the rally with the shooting.

was actively involved in the community. The coalition stated that the shooting, which marked the 31st homicide this year in Trenton, prompted the anti-violence rally at North Hermitage and Boudinot.

The rally started at 2 p.m., with coalition member Divine Allah speaking fervently through a megaphone about the difficulties facing inner city youth and the importance of peace in city neighborhoods. As he spoke, coalition member Maati Sekmet Ra recorded video of the rally, which streamed live on Facebook.

Onlookers, supporters and residents

The Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition maintains a Facebook page and has been promoting anti-violence in the city for many years. There is also a page for the coalition on the website Findglocal.com.

A notable supporter of the coalition is Lukata Mjumbe of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, which maintains a website at Witherspoonchurch.org.

There was also a separate shooting homicide on Girard Avenue in Trenton on October 10.

Most of the city's homicides are by gunfire.

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earmarked for Trenton were lost to Trenton residents. Unfortunately, the only sound that came forth despite the growing chalk markings, yellow cones, yellow tape and body bags on city streets and sidewalks, was the sound of crickets.

Once again the call is being sent out to Trenton voters. You deserve better, much better. The city cannot, must wait another two years until the next municipal elections.

This will be the third such attempt urging Trenton voters to recall the entire governing body of the city. Perhaps, this third time might be the charm.

In 2018, there were a slew of candidates who ran for municipal office. Some articulate, enterprising and sincere. With no lack of audacity they need to reemerge, dust off their shoes and start the recall process.

If you decide not to run after the

recall process is over, all well and good. However, if you or anyone else wants to run make sure you come correct or not at all.

Trenton residents do not need a continuation of what is being described as comedy acts. Some comedy acts are funny, the current governing body is not.

It cannot be about personalities. It cannot be a popularity contest. It must be about progress for the small city on the Delaware. Because of its great challenges Trenton needs a governing body of visionaries, thinkers and pioneers who individually and collectively have a fierce urgency and commitment for change.

Do the right, Trenton. If you can't change the people, then change the people. Make that change for yourself and your children. Until then good people of Trenton bless the children and keep your eyes to the sky.



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