

# The Nubian News

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## When Only The Ball Was White

BY AL ALATUNJI

This year is the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Negro

Rube Foster and his fellow team owners filled that void when they came together to create the Negro National League.

When baseball first became organized in the 1860s, a small handful of Black players took the diamond alongside their white teammates. But with Jim Crow laws and prevalent segregationist sentiment still left over from the Civil War, the careers of talented Black ball players

### Story of the Negro Baseball Leagues

Leagues baseball. The Negro National League, the first Black major league, was founded by Andrew "Rube" Foster in Kansas City. Negro Leagues operated from 1920 through 1951,

## Sweeney asiste al Foro "Los niños cuentan en el Sur de NJ"

POR CARLOS

AvilaDEPTFORD - El presidente del Senado de Nueva Jersey, Steve Sweeney, instó a los afroamericanos y latinos aquí la semana pasada a

de los residentes de New Jersey, casi 1.9 millones, viven en áreas difíciles de contar. ACNJ trabaja con líderes locales, estatales y federales para identificar e implementar cambios que beneficiarán a la niñez de New Jersey. Debemos saber que el Censo se realiza cada 10 años y nos afecta a todos desde la distribución de los fondos federales hasta los planes para futuros servicios gubernamentales, en nuestras comunidades. Los fondos federales se emplean en escuelas, hospitales, carreteras, obras públicas. En este sentido es importante que se complete el cuestionario del Censo 2020,



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participar en el censo de 2020, mientras el estado se prepara para obtener un conteo completo. El Presidente del Senado, Steve Sweeney, asistió al Foro 'Los niños cuentan en el Sur de Jersey', donde fue informado de los últimos datos publicados por Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ), y cómo New Jersey podrá garantizar un conteo completo en el Censo 2020. "Es imperativo que tengamos un censo preciso con un conteo completo que refleje la composición cultural, racial y económica de nuestro estado, para que podamos proporcionar recursos vitales de manera efectiva a las personas en las comunidades que más los necesitan", dijo el Presidente del Senado Steve Sweeney. "Casi \$23 mil millones en fondos federales para el estado dependen del conteo del censo, y aproximadamente el 22%

este formulario estará disponible a mediados de marzo en todo el país. Una vez que usted reciba el cuestionario, puede responder por internet, por teléfono o por correo regular. Es importante mencionar a la comunidad que la ley obliga a la Oficina del Censo a proteger sus respuestas y mantenerlas estrictamente confidenciales. La ley asegura que su información personal nunca sea publicada y que sus respuestas no pueden ser usadas en su contra. Los resultados indicaran en dónde las comunidades necesitan mejorar sus servicios para los niños ancianos y familias en general. Esta historia fue parte del "Censo 2020: los medios de comunicación de Nueva Jersey", una iniciativa del Centro de Medios Cooperativos de la Universidad Estatal de Montclair.



(top row l-r) James Cobbins (NY Black Yankees), Dennis Biddle ( Chicago American Giants), Ray Knox (Chicago American Giants) (bottom row l-r) William McCrary (Kansas City Monarchs) Roosevelt Jackson-Oldest living player(Junkins Tar Buckets, Center-field) Reggie Howard (Indianapolis Clowns) (Courtesy of Yesterday's Negro League)

four years after Jackie Robinson broke the MLB color barrier. Blacks played baseball – and played the game at a very high level – since the game spread across American during the 1860s. But many of those talented players would likely not have become the legends they are today without the visibility offered by an organized league in which they could play.

On February 13, 1920, Hall of Famer

were short-lived. By the turn of the 20th century, unwritten rules and "gentleman's agreements" between owners had effectively shut Black ballplayers out of big league competition.

Still craving a means to play, Blacks formed their own teams and barnstormed across the country to find competition. It was in this

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If you do not understand White Supremacy (Racism) --- what it is, and how it works --- everything else that you understand, will only confuse you."  
Neely Fuller Jr. [1971]



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Compiled from "The United Independent Compensatory Code/System/Concept by Mr. Neely Fuller Jr.

### Politics

Avoid making comparisons between yourself and other Black (non-white) persons.

Avoid measuring the South by watching what other black people do. Do not seek excuses to nitpick, or gossip, and particularly, do not, for any reason, spend time, energy, or money, trying to "show off".

White supremacy (racism) is the greatest system of Injustice in the known universe. The people (white) who have chosen to practices this system do not allow any non-white people to do anything that definitely seems to lead to the establishment of justice and correctness among the people of the known universe. Under white supremacy, Black people are, directly or indirectly, encouraged to do only those things that help to promote falsehood, injustice, and incorrectness.

They are encouraged and assisted in doing those things that help them to remain pitiful, primitive, stupid, and/or silly.

In a social material system dominated by white supremacist, all major decisions involving non-white people are made by white supremacist.

When a Black person needs serious help, he or she goes directly, or indirectly, to the white supremacists and asks for that help.

Whatever a Black person get, and/or is allowed to keep, is the result of decisions made by white supremacists. This is the functional meaning of white supremacy (racism) that many people ——— particularly non-white people prefer not to acknowledge.

Non-white people prefer not to admit to their own lack of mental ability, and strength of will, to not be dominated by racists. They prefer not to see themselves as they truly are pitiful, and/or comparatively primitive, stupid, or silly. They prefer to hide from the truth. They prefer to "look away" from the racists so that they will not be forced to face the reasons for their lack of power as compared to the power of the racists.

They prefer to "look at" each other. They prefer to compare themselves with each other. This, they should not do. There is nothing to compare. Such exercises are akin to comparing one zero to another zero. Zero plus zero equals zero.

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# Who Really Killed Malcolm X?

BY AL ALATUNJI

February 21, 2020 marked 55 years since Malcolm X was assassinated. Three men were convicted and served time for the murder of Malcolm X as he spoke at a rally of followers at the Audubon Ballroom in New York City. Recently, the New York City District Attorney's Office indicated that it is reviewing the possible reopening of the investigation into the murder of Brother Malcolm. Around the same time, Netflix began streaming its documentary series "Who Killed Malcolm X?"

This must see six-part documentary series details the relentless efforts of one man, historian, activist and investigative journalist Abdur-Rahman Muhammad. Muhammad used interviews and police and FBI documents to examine Malcolm X's murder, and determined that innocent men went to jail for Malcolm X's death while the real killer went free. Some of the following take aways from the documentary series are stunning.

Two of the three men who were convicted and spent over 20 years in prison for the murder of Malcolm X

were not even present at the Audubon Ballroom on the day of the murder. The two men always maintained their innocence.



Talmadge Hayer, who was shot in the leg and captured at the scene and was a member of the Newark, New Jersey Mosque Number 25, confessed to participating in the murder of

Malcolm X. He also maintained the innocence of the other two men. The plot to kill Malcolm X was launched at Mosque Number 25 in Newark and its killers all came from that Mosque. Hayer named his accomplices in an 1978 affidavit as Ben Thomas, Leon Davis, Wilbur McKinley and William X. Bradley.

The documentary series concluded that it was William X. Bradley who fired the fatal shotgun blast that killed Malcolm X. Bradley lived an open secret in plain sight in Newark. Many people knew of his involvement, and yet he was not investigated, prosecuted, or even questioned. Bradley was

also a friend and associate of some of Newark's and New Jersey's highest ranking Black elected officials. Some of those officials were aware of Bradley's role in the murder of Malcolm X and seemed nonchalant and indifferent.

Despite that as many as nine FBI

informants and at least two New York City undercover police officers were present at the murder, none of them were interviewed by prosecutors investigating the killing. One of the New York City police undercover officers had infiltrated Malcolm X's inner circle and served as one of his bodyguards, all the time reporting Malcolm X's every move back to the police.

While the New York City police fumbled the investigation of the killing, the FBI seemed to be very much aware of the killer's identity, but refused to share that information with New York City police or the prosecutors investigating Malcolm X's murder.

It was Black men who pulled the triggers that killed Malcolm X, with the possible blessings, directly or indirectly, of the top leadership of the Nation of Islam. However, the presence of FBI informants and New York City undercover police, as well as the FBI's and New York City Police's constant surveillance of Malcolm X, warrants further investigation into the knowledge or role of law enforcement in his death.

The Netflix documentary series is worth watching.

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# Editorial

## Women of Color: History of Love

Well here we go again. HIStory. You recall last issue we addressed Black HIStory and called for defining and determining OURstory; meaning the story of people of color. Now, in this month designated for uplifting women, we are going to show some love and focus on HERstory; the story of women of color.

All of us, everywhere and, not just for a month a year, but at all times, must acknowledge the beauty, sensuality, intelligence and power of the progenitors of the human species.

Whether a woman chooses, or is able to procreate or not, the fact that her body was designed to do so, endows her with a unique physiological relationship to the rest of humanity. Her body is her own to do with as she will, in line with how she defines herself in relation to creation. Her choices regarding her physical and spiritual place in nature had, and will always have, significant impact on the course and context of civilization.

One can read The Nubian News and search the Internet to get all the facts and information about the social, political, economic, medical etc. accomplishments and struggles of women of color. Or simply observe, talk and listen to grandmom, mom,

sister, auntie, niece and daughter which you probably had no choice in anyway. Just know that our women of color; queens and slaves, whores and virgins, crackheads and candidates for president, were, and remain both subjugated and superior in every aspect of human endeavor.

Let us take time here to express immeasurable gratitude for their ratchet and silent, knowing and unknowing, self-righteous and humble resilience, persistence, compassion, wisdom, generosity, courage, audacity and some damn good advice and food. Let us pledge our undaunted, ride or die, protection and support.

Most importantly, let us convey our unconditional love. Because just to live as a woman, whatever their sexual preference or station in life, living in a world that pretends to be dominated by men, badly dominated at that, every personal and public struggle a woman overcomes, is a victory for all people. And again, be it knowing or unknowingly, her HERstory is a perpetual act of habitual, invincible and uncompromising love.

The Editor

## The Black Vote and the 2020 Presidential Election

BY AL ALATUNJI

As President Barack Obama, one of this nation's greatest presidents, once said, "Elections have consequences." As clearly seen from the 2016 presi-

Blacks in Trenton and throughout New Jersey, will have an opportunity to indicate their preference depending on their party registration, who they would prefer to run in the



dential election, those consequences may not always be beneficial to Blacks and other people of color.

Prior to the November 3rd election,

general election, when the state holds its June 2nd primary.

It is extremely important that Blacks

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## Brossoie Appointed To Trenton Board Of Education

BY AL ALATUNJI

Trenton Mayor Reed Gusciora recently appointed Nicole Brossoie, who serves as Chief of Public Affairs

stated, "This is the honor of a lifetime. I could not be more excited to work with my fellow board members to improve the lives of students who



walk through the halls of Trenton's public schools." In addition to what Mayor Gusciora calls her exemplary work history, Brossoie has helped the philanthropic organizations of Trenton Animal Shelter, Mercer Street Friends and Anchor House, as either a board member or a volunteer.

"Nicole Bros-

soie works and lives in Trenton, volunteers her time in Trenton, and cares deeply about moving Trenton forward. Students within the capitol city will benefit from her input," stated Mayor Gusciora.

Currently, there are twenty public schools in the city of Trenton. Recently, Governor Phil Murphy announced Trenton Central High School as a recipient of a \$200,000 grant that will allow participating Trenton Central High School students to enroll in a dual-degree program, through the Pathways in Technology Early College High School partnership, and pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. "All students deserve a quality education and I am confident that the Board Of Education is moving in the right direction," Mayor Gusciora stated at the time of Governor Murphy's

announcement.

Nicole Brossoie joins the other members of the Trenton Board of Education: Gene Bouie, Gerald Truehart, Addie Daniels-Lane, Yolanda Marrero-Lopez, Sade S. Williams, Taraun Tice, and Jeannie Weakliem.

lies, Brossoie's work history includes a range of public sector roles such as Assistant Commissioner for the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Director of Intergovernmental & Community Affairs for Mercer County Administration, and Communications Specialist for the New Jersey General Assembly.



In response to being appointed to the Trenton Board of Education, Brossoie

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## Delincuentes ya no respetan ni a iglesias ni pastores

By CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON-Los feligreses que asistieron a la misa del domingo 16 de febrero, se admiraron cuando Greys López asistente administrativa de la parroquia dio a conocer desde el púlpito que el sacerdote Cesar Rubiano había sido asaltado por un par de antisociales, que querían robar sus pertenencias. El padre Rubiano, es el párroco de la iglesia San Joaquín en Trenton y aparentemente el pasado jueves 13 de febrero, en la noche, cuando estaba guardando su

se enojaron diciendo que entonces debes tener dinero; lo cual evidencia que los delincuentes ya no respetan ni a curas ni pastores.

La iglesia San Joaquín está ubicada en la Bayard Street, cerca de la South Clinton Ave., donde varios grupos de jóvenes alcohólicos se dedican a reunirse a beber en las calles y veredas de ese sector.

Sin duda en ese y otros sectores de la ciudad de Trenton, urge la intervención de la policía y la creación de un programa o trabajo social, que ayude a frenar tanto la delincuencia



vehículo, fue asaltado justo cuando estaba cerrando las puertas del estacionamiento que queda en la parte de atrás de la iglesia.

"El jueves por la noche cerrando el portón en donde parquea su carro al padre intentaron robarle y debido al incidente se cayó, se lastimó el cuerpo y tiene unas fracturas en la nariz y un golpe en la frente...pero está bien...solo necesita recuperarse", dijo López.

Lo que llamó la atención es que los delincuentes supuestamente eran hispanos, y a pesar que el cura les dijo que era el sacerdote de la iglesia, no pararon el atraco, al contrario

como la propagación de grupos de muchachos alcohólicos y drogadictos. En eso las iglesias, también deben unir esfuerzos para contrarrestar esta crisis que se evidencia en la ciudad.

López, quien dio la noticia en la iglesia, pidió al siguiente día, a este medio a través de una llamada telefónica, que se aclare que el padre Cesar Rubiano está bien que solo necesita recuperarse. Dijo que hace esta aclaración, ya que mucha gente después que la noticia salió en Facebook, le han llamado muchas personas preguntando por la situación del padre.



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Por CARLOS AVILA

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ni iglesias. Los policías por su parte señalan que no hay suficientes oficiales policías para cubrir la demanda

de robos y situaciones que se presentan de día y de noche a lo largo y ancho de la ciudad.

La policía señala, que hay veces que la gente dice que han sido víctimas de un crimen, pero que en realidad denuncian con la intención de aparecer como víctimas y así

tamento de Policía de Trenton, se reunieron el pasado lunes 2 de marzo, con algunos activistas y miembros de la comunidad hispana de Trenton, para discutir y juntos encontrar soluciones para hacer frente al crimen e inseguridad que se evidencia en la ciudad de Trenton.

Los miembros de la comunidad se quejan, que hoy en día los antisociales ya no respetan ni a pastores

aplicar para una visa 'U' y así buscar arreglar su residencia en este país.

Muchas de la veces estas reuniones solo quedan en simples conversaciones, dijo uno de los miembros de la comunidad que tomó la palabra, durante el evento.

La reunión fue coordinada por LALDEF, en el sur de la ciudad, donde un gran porcentaje de la población es latinoamericana.

# IZAMIENTO DE LA BANDERA DOMINICANA

Por CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON- El pasado 27 de febrero



unísono el Himno Nacional mientras se izaba la bandera tricolor en lo alto del edificio de la alcaldía de

Trenton. Este es un acto cívico que se viene realizando desde hace varios años en la capital de Nueva Jersey donde residen miles de dominicanos. El evento fue coordinado por Maria Richardson Directora del Departamento de Recreación de la ciudad, Miguelina Perez, y otros dominicanos que en esta época del año se reúnen para

del 2020 se cumplió 176 años de independencia y libertad de la Republica Dominicana y los dominicanos de Trenton, el día previo cantaron en

resaltar los símbolos patrios de su tierra natal. Entre los invitados especiales estuvo presente el alcalde Reed Gusciora. En un corto pero importante dialogo con los presentes en el evento, se dejó ver la preocupación que tienen, sobre la crisis política que viven sus compatriotas con respecto a la Junta Central Electoral y el fallo de las boletas electorales en las pasadas elecciones municipales del 16 de febrero que fueron suspendidas. En este sentido esperamos que haya transparencia, y que los políticos de turno, sirvan a sus ciudadanos para un mejor porvenir.



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# RECONOCIMIENTO DE LIDERAZGO PARA PADRES

By CARLOS AVILA

EAST WINDSOR - Greetings and nourished breakfast were all parents and mothers who participated in the

Mothers and Hellen Luisa Fernanda Quesada Segura, were recognized by Parents Inc., in appreciation of his



event called "National Parent Leadership" last Friday, February 28 was held in the conference room of the Holiday Inn hotel in East Windsor.

dedication and effort as empowered mothers.

Kathleen Roe, Executive Director of Parents Inc., was responsible for welcoming those present at the event which this year had the theme "Leadership Begins with Me". Among the special guests attended Norbut Christine Beyer, Commissioner of the Department of Children and Family of New Jersey.



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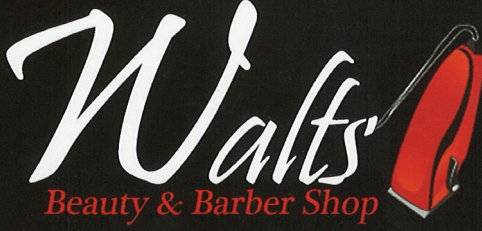


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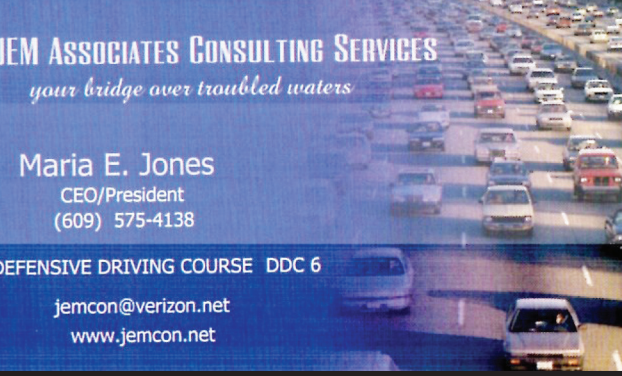
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# Trenton Experiences A Decrease In Violent Crime

By AL ALATUNJI

According to a report recently released by Trenton City Hall, the city saw a significant reduction in property and violent crime in 2019 as compared to the previous year.

Information released by City Hall saw a 27 percent decrease in aggregate property and violent crime during 2019 in the city as compared to data compiled regarding 2018.

The report released was from data compiled by the Trenton Police Department which reported a 6 percent decrease in homicides, 11 percent decrease in robberies, 3 percent decrease in aggravated assaults, and a 10 percent increase in sexual assaults.

In 2018 there were 17 homicides. In 2019 there were 16.

All violent crimes are down except for sexual assaults, which is consistent with national increases of self-reported incidences. According to the US Department of Justice, sexual assaults doubled in recent years and has been attributed to increased empowerment for residents to report historically underreported crimes.

In 2018 there were 29 sexual assaults. In 2019 there were 32.

Additionally, Trenton Police

Department released data on the incidence rate of homicide, sexual assault, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, theft, and auto theft.

There were 330 robberies in Trenton in 2018. In 2019 there were 293.

Between January 2019 and December 2019, Trenton city saw 434 fewer burglaries than the prior year, which constitutes a 56 percent reduction in burglaries. Correspondingly, within the past year, the Trenton Police Department averaged approximately two minutes in their response time for reports of burglaries.

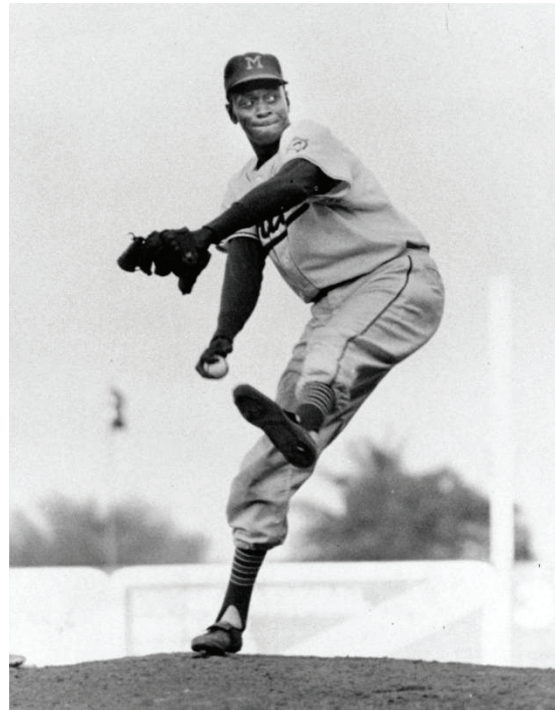
Trenton Police Department's Director, Sheilah Coley, asserted, "Our department is making a serious effort to improve community engagement and outreach. The effort has been impactful."

When compared with 2018 statistics, theft and auto theft both plunged by 13 percent and 35 percent respectively. With regards to the substantial reduction in property crime Trenton Mayor Reed Gusciora added, "Reductions in property crime will increase property valuations for residents and businesses. A decline in crime will also incentivize investment in our local economy, which will benefit our residents and local businesses."

*Negro League - continued from page 1*

environment that Rube Foster made a name for himself as a player and then a manager. A dominant pitcher, he won 44 games in a row for the Philadelphia Cuban X-Giants in 1902 and began a legendary career that inspired fans to call him the "Black Christy Mathewson."

While Black baseball players drew



Leroy 'Satchel' Paige

crowds during the 1910s, their teams' gate receipts were tightly controlled by white booking agents. The agents dictated when and where Black teams could play, and they subsequently passed little of the games' attendance revenues on to team owners. Any team owner who objected to the scheduling practices of the agents ran the risk of losing a venue in which to play.

While Foster was enjoying considerable financial success with his team, he remained frustrated by how fellow owners and players were being treated by booking agents. In 1919, he began writing a series of columns in Black newspapers in which he advocated the need for a Black professional baseball league that would "create a profession that would equal the earning capacity of any other profession... keep Colored baseball from the control of whites (and) do something concrete for the loyalty of the Race."

Foster had to work tirelessly to persuade both his fellow owners, who were reluctant to cede their autonomy, and players who feared organization would negatively affect their salaries. In February 1920, Black team owners convened in Kansas City to discuss the prospect of a Black baseball league.

Featuring teams in Chicago,

Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City and St. Louis, the Negro National League adopted the slogan, "We Are the Ship, All Else the Sea" as a pledge to set its own course. Many teams discovered financial success coming out of the gate; Foster's American Giants drew nearly 200,000 spectators during the 1921 season.

The Negro National League created a forum where many star players could make a bigger name for themselves - especially to white audiences. Future Hall of Famers Cool Papa Bell, Martín Dihigo, Bill Foster, Judy Johnson, Satchel Paige and Turkey Stearnes, Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Ernie Banks, Monte Irvin and Don Newcombe all flourished in the Negro National League along with many others. The league would also inspire rival organizations like the Southern Negro League and the Eastern Colored League, whose teams would square off against Negro National League squads in the annual Negro League World Series.

The Great Depression forced nearly every Black baseball league, including the Negro National League, to shut down.

The league would resurface, however, as the Negro American League in 1937, with many of the same teams from the old Negro National League. The Negro American League would continue full-time and robust operations until one of its own, the Kansas City Monarchs' Jackie Robinson, broke Major League Baseball's color barrier in 1947.

Though Robinson's breakthrough into the major leagues signaled the eventual decline of the Negro Leagues, such leagues undoubtedly pushed the game as a whole into uncharted territory. The Negro National League featured night games far before the big leagues, and introduced its East-West All Star Game during the same year as MLB's Midsummer Classic in 1933.

The Negro Leagues proved that Black players could play on even and often times better terms than white counterparts - and draw just as much interest from baseball fans of all colors.

To learn more about the legendary Black ball players who played in the Negro leagues and the leagues themselves, readers are encouraged to read "Only the Ball Was White: A History of Legendary Black Players and All-Black Professional Teams."

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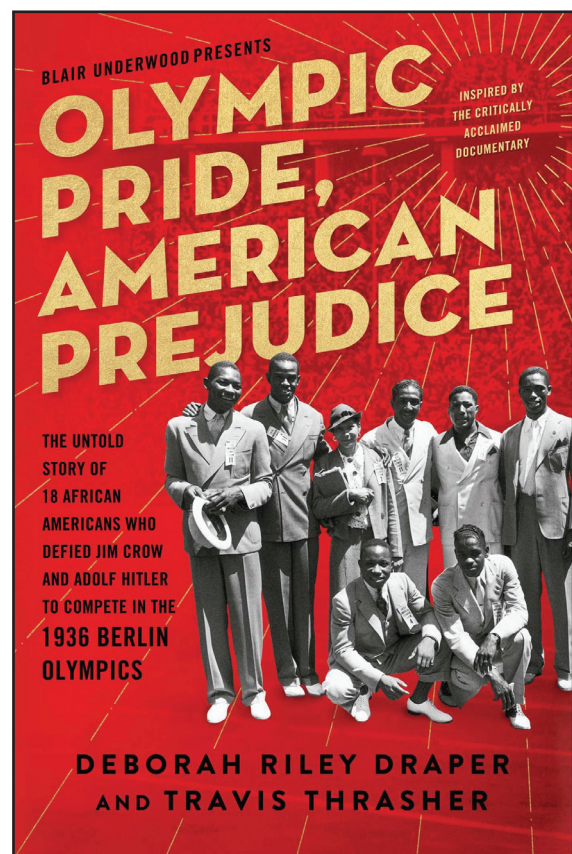
# Nubian News Book Review

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

## “Blair Underwood Presents Olympic Pride, American Prejudice”

BY DEBORAH RILEY DRAPER AND TRAVIS THRASHER

c.2020, Atria \$28.00/\$37.00 Canada 390 pages



You’ve always held such promise. People could see it in you, starting when you were small: you were going to go places, do good, make a mark on the world. They were proud to know you, happy to watch you land until – except – as in “Blair Underwood Presents Olympic Pride, American Prejudice” by Deborah Riley Draper and Travis Thrasher, the promise was broken but not by you.

Although Eddie Tolan was one heckuva runner, and though he’d won two gold medals, by 1933, he was done. The 1932 Olympics were over and so was Tolan’s career because he knew that opportunities for African American athletes were few and “simply getting by may be his best path forward.”

Ralph Metcalfe hated to see that, but it wasn’t entirely bad news. He, too, was a medal winner in ‘32, and he had his sights set on running the 100-meter dash in Berlin in 1936. Competition was bad enough; seeing Tolan literally out of the running was a relief.

Metcalfe wasn’t the only African American athlete hoping for glory in Berlin. Max Robinson knew he’d

that would take some planning. No problem; Max had to set an example for his little brother, Jackie Robinson anyhow. Archie Williams wanted to run, but he wanted an education more; medals were good, but his future held a degree in engineering. Louise Stokes was a record-breaker, and she and Tidy Pickett were fast friends, in part because they were the only two Black women on the 1936 track team and sticking together helped them deal with the racism from inside and outside that team.

Altogether, there were eighteen African American athletes who boarded a luxury cruise ship and set sail for Berlin – but not quickly. Not until officials decided that despite what Germany and its leader represented, America would compete against the Nazis...

Believe it or not, it’s not the descriptions of the competitions that make “Olympic Pride, American Prejudice”

so heart-pounding – although that’s pretty exciting stuff.

It’s not the fact that authors Deborah Riley Draper, Blair Underwood, and Travis Thrasher show the outrageous racism endured by elite athletes of the time, and were then forgotten – although you’ll have to pick your jaw up every few pages, so beware.

No, the thing inside this book that’ll make you catch your breath is something that swims just beneath the story, something so malevolent that the authors don’t, initially, even have to give it a name to scare readers plenty. You’ll absolutely love the stories of these athletes, each of which starts in their childhoods and moves forward to their competitions and beyond. After knowing what they endured, and disappointments they had because of racism, you may feel like righting more wrongs that have already been remedied.

These things are true. But it’s a manic dictatorial that gives this book its chill.

Step up and find this tale, then step back in time. If you need a fascinating history book now, “Olympic Pride, American Prejudice” holds that promise.

## Black History Cinema at City Hall

BY DAWNE WASHINGTON

Kathy McBride, Council President, At-Large, organized an exhibition of

Black historical contributions from the famous sit-in at Woolworth to the movie on Harriet Tubman.

Eastward Councilman, Joseph Harrison, discussed the importance of staying in the city where he was raised to make a valuable contribution in times where it’s needed most. Mr. Harrison stated that he works with Rachel Cogsville-Lattimer in community empowerment events, community clean-up, and ways to return this city back to greatness. Mr. Harrison discussed how he understood what it meant to not be accepted in certain areas while he was growing up, and that is a part of why he can relate to the concerns of the youth today. Mr. Harrison stated he will never forget

that he says he knows will continue through his 11 children with 8 of them being girls. Mr. Blackmon was



Proud Black man, Algernon Ward

proud to speak about his children and having them thrive in this city.

Council President McBride put



how great the city once was and how he would like to see it restored to its former greatness.

Ira Blackmon, 83 year old legend of the city, introduced himself as “The Legend.” Mr. Blackmon made history by being the first Black to own a business in Trenton during a time when all businesses were white owned. Mr. Blackmon reported that his business opened in 1969 and he was friends with most of the contributors to the city’s history in the 1960s. Mr. Blackmon was very proud of his legacy

together a successful Black History event where many historical contributions were placed at one moment in time. Youth helped serve food dressed in African garb. The staff at the Trenton Library stressed the importance of literacy and announced events at the Academy St. location; a location for all ages. The community who attended were not disappointed. It was a job well done by Council President McBride and all of those who supported the Black History Cinema at City Hall.



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*Black Vote - continued from page 5*  
and other people of color proactively participate in the election process. There cannot be a repeat of 2016 when many voters felt the choice they were given was between an uninspiring lesser of two evils. It is important that the issues that Blacks and other people of color are interested in are discussed by the candidates and solid proposals presented to address their concerns. To that end, organizations and institutions whose membership is primarily, if not exclusively, people of color, need to involve themselves in holding forums, conducting candidate interviews, hosting debates and other activities, that allows their members and others to get to know the candidates. Such activities will allow those organizations and institutions to help candidates understand the hopes and dreams of the people and communities they want to represent.

Some of the issues that candidates for president need to address are combating white supremacy, domestic terrorism, racism, criminal justice and immigrant reform, support of historically Black colleges and universities, income inequality and reparations, US government support for the development and growth of Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Haiti, the Caribbean, Africa and Latin American, and normalizing relationships with Cuba, something that President Obama started. They also need to address gun violence, the

murder of people of color by police, education and health issues, in particular those which impact people of color, voting, civil and human right protections, environmental racism and climate change. It was hoped going into the 2020 presidential election campaign that the media would do a much better job than it did during the last presidential election, vetting candidates and educating the public on the candidates' qualifications and vision for the nation. Major media outlets seemed more interested in reporting salacious attention grabbing sound bites and headlines. They were too eager to present a cult of reality show personalities, instead of a comparison of realistic and sincere public policies. Entertaining perhaps, but the final result was that the US ended up with the village idiot. Blacks, other people of color and voters of all stripes must not rely on an irresponsible media to gain knowledge of the candidates for an office with enormous power to impact the lives of individuals and families. Blacks and others must proactively participate in gaining knowledge of the candidates to get the candidates to understand their priorities and of course they must vote. Unlike other media outlets interested in chasing ratings, The Nubian News will continue to inform and educate its readers of the issues and concerns that impact the lives of Blacks and other people of color during the presidential election and after.

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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
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