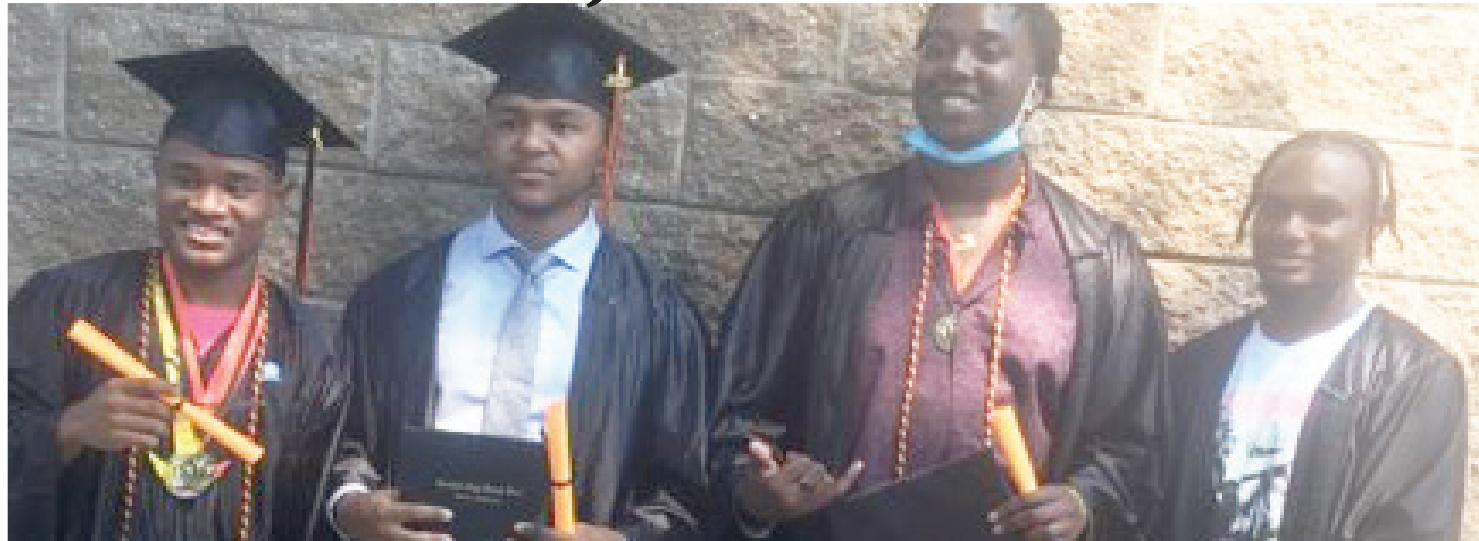


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## Congratulations to Johnathan S. Bell 2nd



George and Vernice Vaughan of Trenton, New Jersey are the proud parents of three children and nine grandchildren.

This year they are beaming with smiles and celebrations. Their oldest grandson Johnathan, the son of Sonja and JB Bell, graduated with honors in Science and Math from the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering High School in Windsor, CT.

As a young lad, Johnathan always talked about becoming an Astronaut, which made him beam with pride. His parents noticed how much enjoyed engineering and his strong passion for aviation and space. They were on board with his dreams and goals.

So, at the age of twelve and 7th grade, Johnathan joined the Civil Air Patrol, an after school Youth development program for boys and girls that nominations to the Army's West Point, the United States Navy Academy and Merchant Marine Academy. Johnathan is interested in majoring in Astronautics.

His six weeks basic training was June 24th to August 2, 2020.

George and Vernice are elated as two grandparents can be.

You guessed it!!!

Grandpa George is a Veteran of the United States Air Force.



### A PESAR DE LA ADVERSIDAD SE GRADUARON

HAMILTON-“Estos jóvenes nacieron cuando las torres gemelas de NY fueron destruidas y ahora se acaban de graduar en plena pandemia del COVID-19”, manifestó uno de los que tomó la palabra durante la ceremonia de graduación de los estudiantes de la escuela Hamilton High West. Señalaron que, a pesar de las adversidades lograron junto a sus familiares, tener su ceremonia de graduación. El evento se realizó en el estadio de baseball Trenton Thunder el miércoles 29 de julio, 2020. . Felicidades, que sigan los éxitos académicos.

usually meet once a week.

Upon graduation from high school Johnathan's rank was Cadet 1st Lieutenant. He rose to be the Royal Charter Composite Squadron of Hartford, CT.

Due to perseverance and academic achievements he applied and was accepted to the college of his dreams, The United States Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, CO.

He received Congressional

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### War, Universal (and/or The War)

- (1) The sum total of all thought, speech, and action by those persons [whites] in the known universe who practice White Supremacy (Racism).
- (2) The practice of Racism (White Supremacy), and the sum total of it's effects in helping to promote falsehood, non-justice, and/or incorrectness.

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- (1) Any non-white person, who, directly or indirectly, depends on Racists (White Supremacists) for anything received, in any one or more areas of activity, including Economics, Education, Entertainment, Labor, Law, Politics, Religion, Sex, and/or War.
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A White person who says or does anything to establish, maintain, expand, and/or refine White Supremacy (Racism).

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# Trenton NAACP Hosts Covid-19 Virtual Town Hall

By AL ALATUNJI

If the concerns and questions raised by Trenton parents and teachers at a recent virtual town hall regarding the safety and wisdom of sending children back to school for in-person schooling are similar to those held by parents and teachers in the district, then school officials have their work cut out if they want to reopen schools with in-person instruction. A virtual town hall was sponsored by the Trenton NAACP and the Trenton Health Team on July 26th.

The town hall was the last of three 90 minute virtual town halls sponsored jointly by the NAACP and Trenton Health Team to educate and inform the public on the coronavirus pandemic. Although the focus of the final town hall was to be the government response in testing, contact tracing and other medical resources to fight the pandemic, from the outset and throughout, the overwhelming majority of questions received from attendees were regarding the reopening of schools this coming fall.

The panelists assembled for the town hall were Marie L. Dossous

MA, Mental Health Therapist with Kwenyan & Associates; Yvette Graf-



Jonette Smart, Trenton NAACP President

fie-Cooper, Health Officer, City of Trenton; and Dr. Philip Bonaparte, MD, physician and pastor.

The first question that the panel received from an anonymous

attendee asked, if restaurants are not permitted to provide indoor eating, how is it safe for children in school to eat their lunches in school? All three panelists indicated that schools can find ways using the Center for Disease

Control guidelines for social distancing, the wearing of masks and adequate air flow for students to eat lunch at school even if it means those lunches had to be eaten outside. However, all three panelists agreed that it is the Trenton Board of Education's responsibility to guarantee the necessary

policies and protocols are successfully in place for in-person schooling including the serving of lunches and the transporting of students.

As with the first question and several others which followed, the panelists

were unable to provide definitive answers because the questions were outside their area of expertise and would be best answered by the Trenton Board of Education. Those policies and protocols have yet to be announced by the Board.

The panelists maintained that the questions being asked were extremely important and it was imperative that the Board provide answers by way of adopted policies and protocols which fully address the questions and concerns raised by parents and teachers before students and teachers return to classrooms.

The next two questions came from teachers who remained anonymous, who wanted to know if they would be given the choice to do remote learning, as students have been given, and if teachers are more at risk than students returning to schools during the pandemic? As for the question regarding teachers having the option to teach remotely, the panelists pointed out that that would be a determination of the Board. The response to the question if teachers were at a higher risk of getting Covid-19 than students, Dr. Bonaparte said, "Yes, especially if those teachers had pre-existing conditions, such as high

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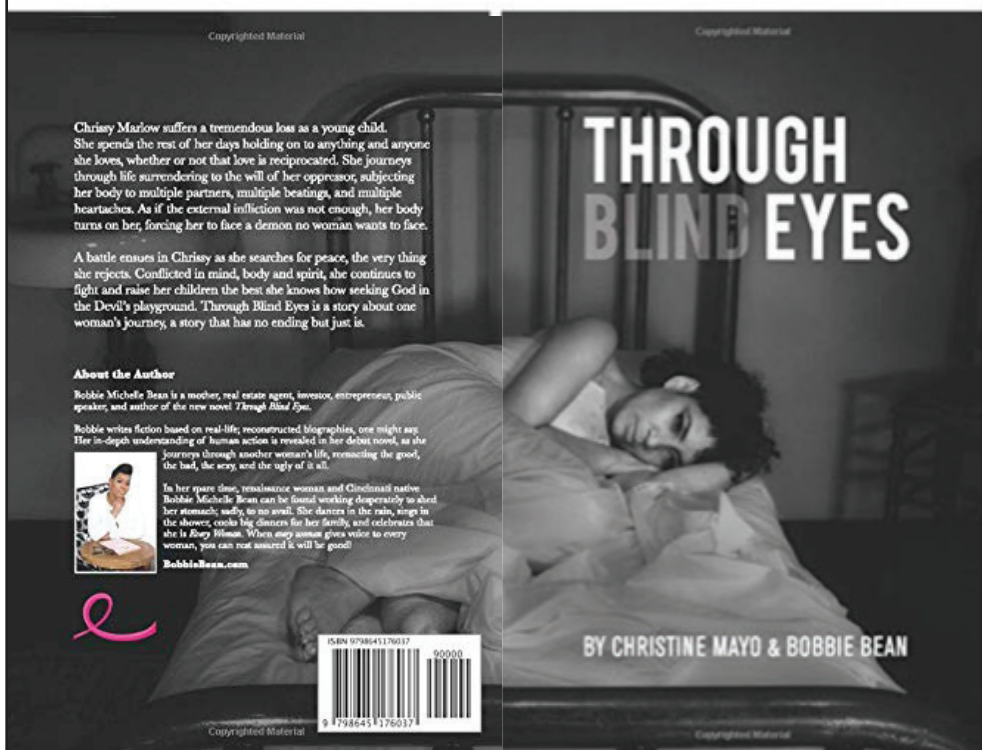
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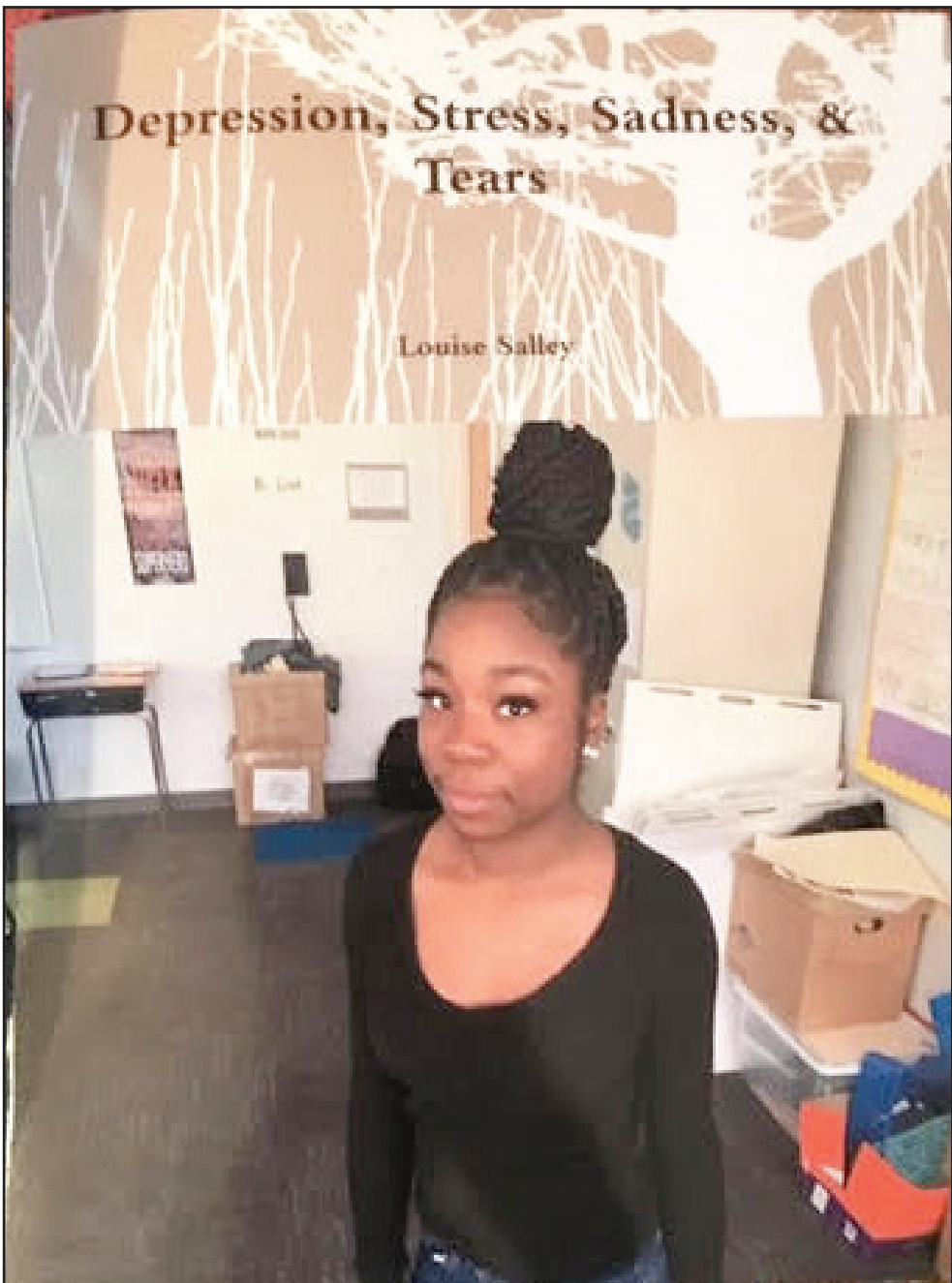
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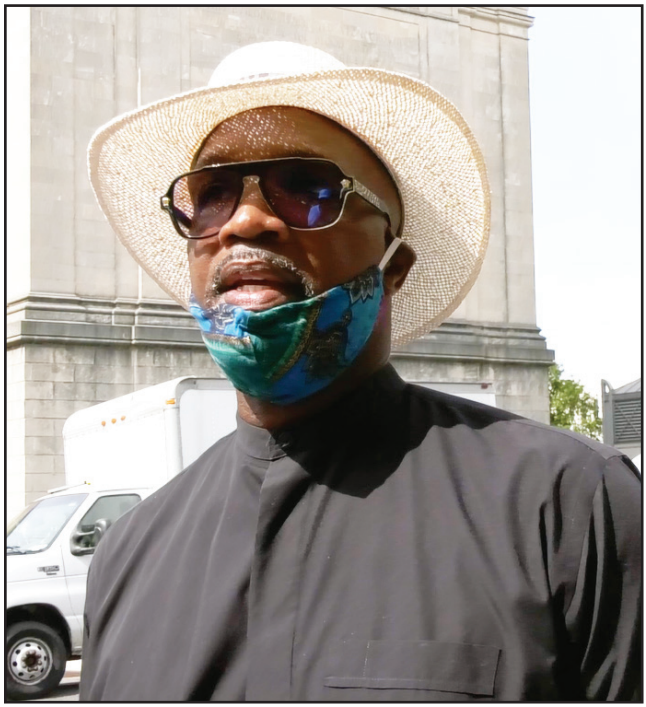


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**"Staying quiet is not the answer."**

Pastor Mark Broach pulled together a march just as he said he would.

Broach lead a contingent of Holy men and women on a march to city hall.



Pastor Mark Broach

Pastor Broach said "If the march were the only things we were going to do that would be one thing, but we also come with a strategic plan, that after the march there are many follow ups".

One of the members out with Pastor Broach is Algernon Ward. Mr. Ward told us this group "had plans of filing a lawsuit against the city of Trenton, Mercer County and the United States for lack of action for Covid 19 testing in predominately Black, Latino and Native American areas."

Trenton so far has had twenty one killings. Pastor Broach issued an ultimatum to Mayor Reed Gusciora's administration to talk to the citizens of Trenton about the crimes and what the city was doing to address them or he would lead a demonstration to city hall. The mayor did not respond. Brother

Pastor Broach went on to say that another area they were looking into through a bi-weekly roundtable of area religious leader, was the build up of communities throughout the Trenton area. So communities should look like what communities should look like. So far in Mayor Gusciora's time in office, many of the woes of Trenton

have gone untouched. "We would just like to hear the city of Trenton, in some way, address its residents concerning all the violence that goes on in the city of Trenton." Even though we've been quarantined since March we are still approaching 30 murders, he said. "And it seems to me as if a murder happens one day and it becomes a cold case the next day." Rev. Broach also has plans to meet with the Mercer County Prosecutor to look further into how murder investigations are handled. The goals of this new resource in the city are to determine that it is safe for our kids if they are to go back to school. They are also in the process of forming a Black Credit Union in the City. And they have tangible plans for the

communities in the city, one community at a time. Asked if the city administration had been responded to his ultimatum, Rev. Broach said they had reached out to him a few time. However, he did not respond to their overtures because he wanted the Mayor to respond to the concerns of the citizens of Trenton. He said, " I refuse to be bought, address the people, not me." So far the mayor has stayed quiet. Pastor Broach is concerned that the Mayor by not addressing many of the ills going on in the city is. He asks, "what happened to the basic discourse - conversation? Talk to us. Don't just act like we don't matter. I believe that if it happened in a white community it would not be the same.

# Heal The City of Trenton Presents the First "Believe and Achieve" Academic Support Award

By STACY HEADING

Heal The City of Trenton, is an initiative of the SEED Male Mentoring Program. From its inception it has emphasized the importance of education for our young people as they prepare for a productive future. We have brought plays to the City of Trenton and hosted film showings. Our Positive Billboard campaign which started in 2015, has highlighted students from the Trenton Public Schools who worked hard to maintain good grades, participate in community service and stay focused on their goals. During a time when many of their peers may have been distracted.

Students who made honor role, were athletic scholars, members of the National Honor Society and students who were positive role models, such as the Trenton Central High School Cheerleaders and the TCHS Basketball team, were seen on billboards throughout the city.

This year due to COVID-19, Principal Hope Grant and her staff did not know whether a traditional

graduation would be possible. In early June, the Trenton High School Alumni Association placed over 400 graduation yard signs on the lawn of



the high school. This was a great tribute, but Principal Grant believed the Class of 2020 deserved even more. To keep the momentum going, Principal Grant and Melda Grant of the School Based Youth Services Program, partnered with Heal The City to have six beautifully designed

billboards placed throughout the city. There is one for each small learning community and a spectacular group shot.

Seniors from the Class of 2020 worked with graphic designer Sabrina McCall to design these dynamic billboards. There is also a Scavenger Hunt for the seniors focused on the billboards

group of students who demonstrated need. "I was inspired by the Adopt A Senior Project, a student led initiative of young people taking full accountability of their education. I said to the team, what more can we do to assist these young people?"

HTC began the planning stages working with the student group called Trenton Student Voice Power Movement (SVPM) and TCHS staff to identify approximately 15 deserving students. Through donations from community leaders and local businesses we were able to provide the first Heal The City "Believe and Achieve" Academic Support Awards for TCHS class of 2020.

A ceremony was held on July 30th on the front steps of Trenton City Hall. The "Believe and Achieve" awards were presented at that time as well as the winners of the Scavenger Hunt. Heal The City was excited to be able to provide this additional support to our exceptional seniors who fought the odds and came out on top!

### AWARD RECIPIENTS

Marrla Ferrer; Ranai Morgan; Theresa Bennet; Shaiday Thomas; Bryan Rivera; Jair Garcia; Destiny Walker; Desire Walker; Kyle Anderson; Fatima Gutierrez; Alanys Cuevas; Na'asia Jeffries; Eduardo Pardo

with cash prizes.

Heal The City recognizes that this senior class has been faced with tremendous obstacles and has persevered.

Mr. Stacy Heading, a founding member of Heal The City, wanted to provide additional support to a

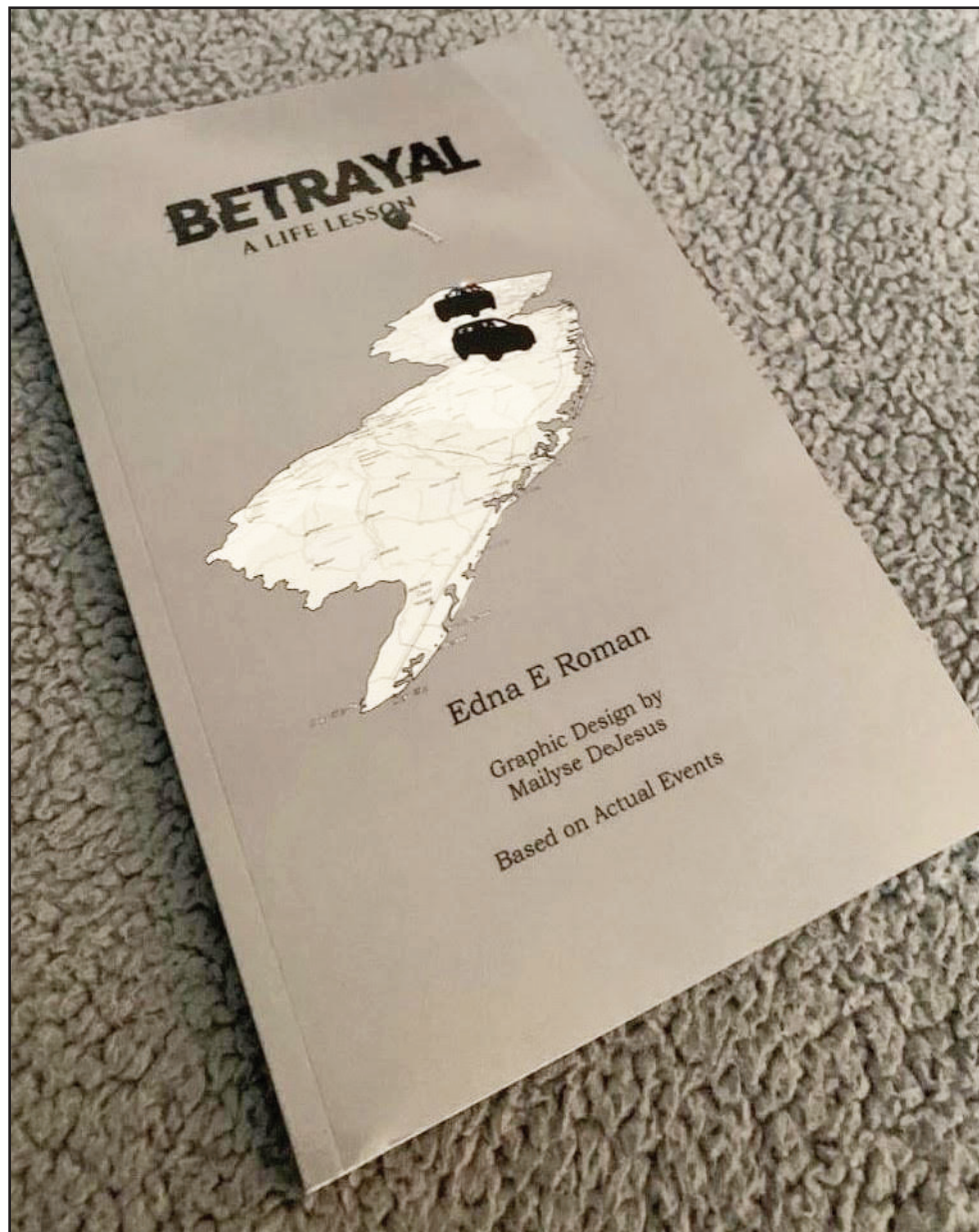
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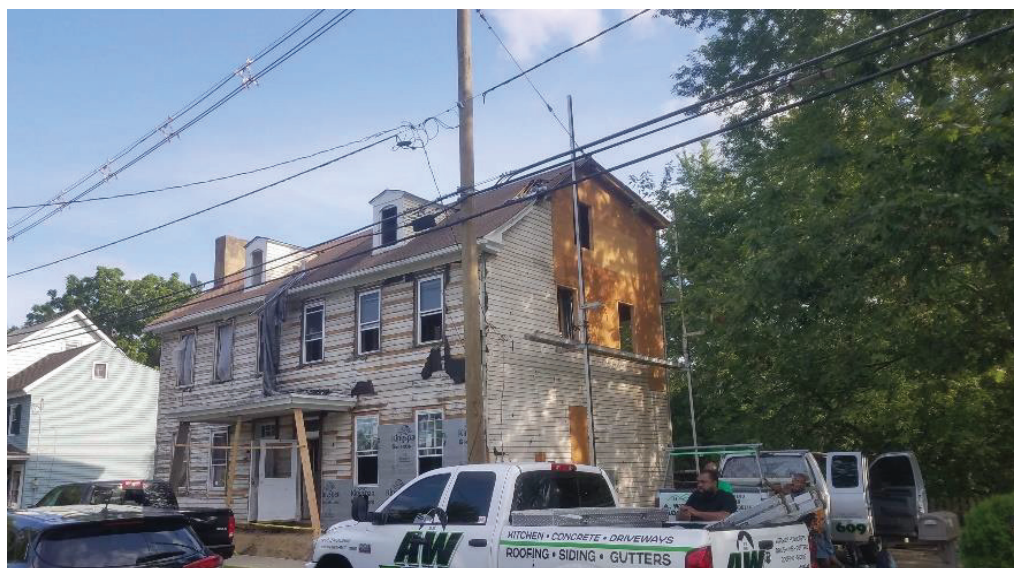
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## EN TIEMPOS DE COVID-19 NO HAY DESFILES

POR CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON- La pandemia del coronavirus, a nivel local, ha tenido un impacto dramático en todo orden, incluso en la organización de los desfiles y festivales culturales que ya eran una tradición celebrar durante estos meses de agosto, septiembre, octubre, y que ahora serán suspendidos al menos por este año 2020.

con respecto a esta clase de eventos cívicos que se organizan en parte para celebrar la independencia de países latinoamericanos y a su vez como parte del "Mes de la Hispanidad" que la comunidad hispana celebra en los Estados Unidos.

Lo que sí hicieron los miembros de la comunidad puertorriqueña de Trenton fue el izamiento de la bandera



frente a la municipalidad, con un aforo no mayor a 50 personas.

La Asociación Ecuatoriana, que celebra el 10 de agosto la fecha de su independencia, ni la Asociación Guatemalteca que celebran el 15 de septiembre, aún no se han pronunciado si realizarán dicho acto cívico.

"Sin duda esto es lo más prudente que se debe hacer para prevenir el rebrote del COVID-19 en la ciudad de Trenton" manifestaron varias personas en las redes sociales.

La comunidad en general espera que el próximo año se pueda disfrutar de estos eventos que reúne particularmente a la comunidad latina, para resaltar las tradiciones, la belleza y las costumbres de los pueblos originarios de Latinoamérica.

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## EN TIEMPOS DE CORONAVIRUS

BY CARLOS AVILA

Otra víctima del COVID-19



Oswaldo Mazariegos

TRENTON-- Después de 46 largos días de hospitalización en el Centro Médico Regional Capital Health de Trenton, Oswaldo Mazariegos de 46 años de edad, es otro de los residentes hispanos del área de Trenton, que pierde la batalla en esta pandemia de COVID-19.

"Fueron 46 días de mucho sufrimiento" manifiesta su actual esposa María Palín Mazariegos, durante una entrevista en la que también estuvo presente Ingrid Urizar la ex esposa con quien Mazariegos tuvo dos hijos.

Mazariegos nació en Guatemala y siendo aún adolescente vino a vivir en Princeton, Nueva Jersey. Su madre Martha Calderón quien vive en Salcajá-Guatemala, al enterarse de la situación que estaba pasando su hijo, no dejó de pedir a Dios por su pronta recuperación. Sus hijos Marcos (20) y Ricardo (19), quienes viven en Hamilton, Nueva Jersey, también estaban muy preocupados y orando por la salud de su padre.

"No sé cómo se contagió. Aquí todos nos contagiamos con el virus, pero a

nosotros no nos dio tan fuerte" señaló Ingrid. "su condición era riesgosa, él sufría de diabetes" aseguró Ingrid,

quien mantiene una buena relación con María que es de nacionalidad dominicana.

"Nos hemos quedado solas. María es una buena mujer, incluso con mis hijos se lleva muy bien" señaló Ingrid quien nació en Guatemala, pero la mayor parte de su vida ha radicado en los Estados Unidos.

María e Ingrid esposa y ex esposa de Mazariegos respectivamente, se apoyan mutuamente, explican que durante estos casi dos meses han compartido mucho el

mismo sufrimiento, sobre todo durante el tiempo que Mazariegos estuvo en el hospital luchando contra el coronavirus.



Oswaldo Mazariegos y Maria Palín Mazariegos

"Le llamábamos por teléfono, hacíamos video llamadas junto a sus hijos y le animábamos para que se mantenga positivo y salga adelante. Oswaldo no podía hablar, estaba entubado, muy débil y en coma" asegura María.

Oswaldo Mazariegos, fue conocido en la comunidad por su generosidad,

era un buen amigo. Hace más o menos un año se comunicó con este medio de comunicación, para pedir ayuda para su amigo Víctor Barrios Flores, quien falleció en Tennessee, mientras viajaba por carretera hacia Guatemala. En ese entonces, antes de la pandemia, se esforzó por reunir un dinero, pagar los gastos fúnebres y así logró repatriar el cadáver de su amigo, como deseaban sus familiares allá en Guatemala.

Hoy en día, por las circunstancias que se vive, no hay forma de enviar los restos de sus seres queridos hacia Guatemala, hay varias familias que aún están con las cenizas de sus familiares en casa, esperando que alguien les ayude a repatriar los restos de una manera decente como se merece un ser humano.

Según Kyle Ledford propietario de la funeraria "Ledford Funeral Home" por el momento no hay el servicio para llevar el cuerpo del fallecido hacia Guatemala. "Los servicios que tenemos son dos opciones: hacer un velorio con un máximo de 20 personas por media hora y luego inhumar los restos en un cementerio local. La otra opción que tenemos es la cremación de los restos y entregar las cenizas a los familiares para que cuando haya como envíen a su tierra" indicó Ledford.

El miércoles 15 de julio, tras perder la batalla contra el COVID-19, Mazariegos fue sepultado en Nueva Jersey. Su madre y los demás familiares allá en Salcajá, entendieron la situación.

Mazariegos era comerciante de autos, le gustaba comprar y vender carros, así se ganaba la vida para ayudar a

sus hijos y a su madre. Su padre Saul E. Mazariegos, murió cuando aún era joven. María visiblemente emocionada señaló que, con esfuerzo, en familia, lograron reunir el dinero para pagar los costos de la funeraria. Los Estados Unidos alcanzó los 155.204 muertos de COVID-19, el más alto del mundo, según la Universidad Johns Hopkins. En el estado de Nueva Jersey hasta el martes 28 de Julio se registró 15776 muertes.

María e Ingrid señalan que pasar por esta situación ha sido un verdadero desafío, hicieron un llamado a la comunidad para que tengan cuidado y se protejan del coronavirus.

"Este virus mata, peor si tienes complicaciones de salud previa". Aconsejan que las familias que atraviesan este tipo de situación no luchen solas, sino que se comuniquen con otras personas que les puedan ayudar.

María e Ingrid ya dieron negativo a la prueba de COVID-19, ahora se espera que encuentren paz en su corazón y como jóvenes que están no se rindan ante la adversidad, sueñen y piensen que lo mejor está por venir.

Esta historia fue parte del proyecto COVID-19 Reporting Fellowship con los medios étnicos y comunitarios de NJ del Centro de Medios Cooperativos de la Universidad Estatal de Montclair.



María Palín Mazariegos, (Izq.) junto a Ingrid Urizar en una entrevista que tuvo que ser suspendida por causa de una fuerte lluvia que cayó esa tarde en Hamilton, Nueva Jersey.

## 'JUNETEENTH' FERIADO ESTATAL

POR CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON – Con el ánimo de conmemorar el fin de la esclavitud en los Estados Unidos y honrar las contribuciones de la comunidad afroamericana el Senado aprobó y envió al gobernador un proyecto de ley que convertiría a Juneteenth en un feriado oficial del estado de NJ. La medida, S-19, está patrocinada por el presidente del Senado Steve Sweeney, la senadora Sandra Cunningham y el senador Joe Cryan. "Juneteenth marca un día de lib-

ertad para los afroamericanos que sufrieron la crueldad de la esclavitud y una oportunidad para honrar la historia y las contribuciones de los afroamericanos", dijo el senador Sweeney.



Juneteenth, también conocido como el Día de la Libertad, el Día del Jubileo, el Día de la Liberación y el Día de la Emancipación, es un día festivo que celebra la emancipación de los esclavos en los Estados Unidos.

"Tenemos mucho que aprender de nuestra historia y desafortunadamente la demora en terminar con la esclavitud y el impacto duradero que aún tiene en nuestro país no se señala lo suficiente", dijo la senadora Cunningham (D-Hudson). "Queremos que todos recuerden que Juneteenth representa la historia de todos los estadounidenses. Con suerte, a

través de esta legislación, así como una educación más profunda y una revisión más honesta de la historia de nuestra nación, más habitantes de Nueva Jersey pueden darse cuenta de la importancia de Juneteenth y comprender los problemas sistémicos que han seguido afectando a nuestro país desde ese día en 1865".

El proyecto de ley fue aprobado por la Asamblea, con enmiendas menores que especifican el tercer viernes de junio como feriado, que fueron aprobadas por el Senado.



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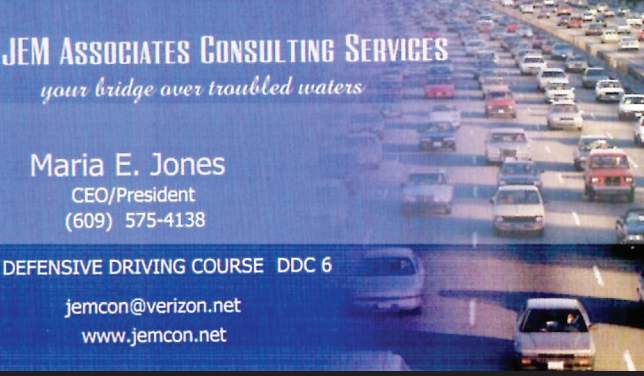
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## Winston “Dramatic” Mills:

The Creator Of The Online Show, “Music and Politics”

By EDNA E ROMAN

If you haven't heard of “Dramatic” you will once you sign onto social media platforms.

“Dramatic”, a native of Trenton, New Jersey, is motivated to promote and support local Black and Latino businesses, in the city, while keeping legendary, hip hop at the threshold of all that he does. He has interviewed everyone from local politicians, musicians, business owners, to local authors and entrepreneurs. I had the privilege of catching up with “Dramatic” and asked him a few questions on the Black Lives Matter Movement and why he has made it his business to support businesses in Trenton.

TNN: In light of the Black Lives Matter Movement why is what you do, important to you?

WDM: Prior to the Black Lives Matter Movement, I wasn't on the “racism tip”. My goal has always been to get everyone in the area on the same page. Regardless, of race or color. We CAN do business, build businesses, recognize good talent, good products and support talented individuals. The Black Lives Matter Movement now gets us recognized on a “corporate

level”. Which means we now have everyone's attention, in the office setting, without getting a backlash. Racism does happen and now is the time for change. Now that everyone



is watching. We now have the public's attention. This now allows us to take a stand, as a people, together.

TNN: Why and When did you decide to dedicate yourself to the Trenton Community in the way that you do?

WDM: Initially, for so many years, I noticed that everyone would be

in small groups, with individual strengths, but no one would join forces. Years came and went and I came up with an idea that would link everyone together. When I go live on social media, people are getting to know each other or at least hear about

each other. With that being done. The outcome is to have people supporting each other and that is part of my goal.

TNN: You've had political figures on your show. What inspired you to have politicians on your show and why is it important?

WDM: The way I started in politics was actually arguing over music with my friends; we called

that “politicking”. Who was the better artist, the best dressed, etc. So eventually we would argue about the “state” of the city. At one time, the state of the city was in good shape, maybe even decent shape, to a poor state, and my friends and I would argue about what was going on in

growth and general economic insecurity.

The economic problems of the Black community will not be solved by spending most of its money with people that live outside of it. It will never control its community as long as others own most of the businesses in it.

At one time, the Black community had Black owned banks, insurance companies, hotels and other business as well as a very successful professional baseball league, the Negro Baseball League, which produced some of the greatest ball players of any race ever to play the game.

There are approximately 2.6 million Black owned businesses in the United States. The number of Black owned firms grew 34.5 percent between 2007 and 2012— from 1.9 million to 2.6 million in 2012, according to the most recent statistics from the Census Bureau. Black women have been leading this charge of Black entrepreneurship. The number of Black female-owned firms climbed 66.9 percent, from 900,000 in 2007 to

the city. Which ultimately turned into politics. We went from debating music to debating on-going issues in our city. It is important, because to me, the local politicians make the rules.

TNN: You're a household name in the social media world. Now that you have everyone's attention what direction is your show headed in?

WDM: Me being modest...I don't think I'm a social media household name “YET”! However, the direction I'm taking is more of a production company that would grow with our local artists and local politicians. We gotta' do it together!

TNN: I, personally follow you on your social media pages. I noticed that you have been visiting and promoting local small businesses in the area. What is your purpose for that?

WDM: I had a small business myself. I remember the work that it entails, it's hard work. That was many years ago. It's different from back in the 80's, when the community was more united. Now, if we don't pay for promotion no one supports you. What I do is I put in a good word out to my listeners ears and I try to give them (businesses) a positive start so they can be successful. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the Winston Dramatic Mills Show please reach out on all social media platforms.

1.5 million in 2012, according to the Census Bureau. Additionally, these 1.5 million Black female-owned businesses accounted for 58.9 percent of the nation's 2.6 million Black owned businesses. Of these 2.6 million in 2012, 109,137 had paid employees.

According to the US Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, annual receipts from Black-owned businesses totaled \$150 billion, 2.5 million Black owned businesses have no paid employees (95.8 percent) and only 109,000 had at least one paid employee. But with a consistent, targeted effort, those numbers and figures can grow.

Black businesses like all small businesses need customers, consumers, clients. They need to let people and other businesses know that they exist and have products and services beneficial to others. It is called marketing. The Nubian News understands the important role Black businesses can play in the economic well being of the Black community and is committed to the development, growth and success of Black businesses. We support Black businesses, we support National Black Business Month.

## National Black Business Month

The coronavirus has severely impacted Black businesses. They need your support more than ever. August is National Black Business Month.

It is said that a dollar circulates in Asian communities for nearly 30

to a lack of Black people to purchase from Black businesses.

Black people spend more money than any other ethnic group, with an annual purchasing power of \$1.3 trillion. Of all these funds, less than two percent is spent within the Black

# Support Black Businesses

days, in the Jewish community for nearly 20 days and in non-Jewish white communities for 17 days. In the Black community unfortunately a dollar circulates for only 6 hours.

Currently, the Black community has the highest rates of poverty, homelessness, joblessness, crime, and imprisonment. Sociologists maintain there is a direct correlation between these systemic and multi generational issues and the lack of successful Black owned businesses.

The lack of Black businesses is not due to a lack of capital. It is however due

community

Studies show that the largest hiring agent for the Black community after the government are Black owned businesses. Black businesses also have the highest rates of hiring their own people compared to other races with more than 85% average Black employees.

Weak business infrastructure in the Black community leads to low wealth creation, high un/under-employment, a lack of financial literacy, resulting in stagnant economic growth, lack of broad based participation in that

## Happy Birthday Mr. President

August 4th is President Barack H. Obama's birthday.

President Obama took office on January 20, 2009 and served until January 20, 2017 after being elected on November 4, 2008. For eight years, 2,922 days, he served with honor and distinction.

He was president because he was presidential. He was legitimate because he was legit. He was able to lead because he was a leader. He was able to show compassion because he was compassionate. He was able to show strength because he was strong. President Obama will go down in history as one of America's greatest presidents not because he was the first Black man to serve as president, an amazing accomplishment in itself in light of this nation's racist history and character, but because after inheriting the worst financial downturn since the Great Depression, President Obama took the country out of the Great Recession with steady leadership and sound economic policies and put the nation on track for the longest economic expansion in US history.

President Barack Obama made us proud from election night in 2008 when he strolled out with his wife Michelle and two young daughters, with music blasting joyfully while people around the world danced in the streets, to the day of his first inauguration, and later that night at the inauguration ball as he danced

with Michelle, as Beyoncé sang holding back tears of joy. Then beyond to Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, when he raised his voice



and sang, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me", as he came to comfort a family, a church, a people, a nation. Continually, to the many times he stood before the nation and the world demonstrating the best of the best.

Blacks as would be expected, were proud and supportive of President Obama, while also anxious and nervous for his success. It was similar to when Joe Lewis was the world's heavyweight champion. Black families and friends huddled around radios listening to blow by blow coverage of his fights.

They felt the joy run throughout their hands, arms and bodies as Lewis successfully attacked his opponent. They doubled in pain as Lewis took a fighter's shot, as if they too had been hit. Many times dripping in sweat,

to succeed.

Blacks did not want any embarrassments. They did not want any scandals, nor setbacks. They did not want him to make any mistakes. They did not want him to take any missteps. They did not want him to fail or fall.

He did not disappoint them. He held himself high and in turn he uplifted the race.

At the end of President Obama's term, Blacks, while happy for his accomplishments were also relieved of the anxiety and stress they felt in support of the brother's success.

President Obama once said, "Hope is not blind optimism. It's not ignoring the enormity of the task ahead or the roadblocks that stand in our path. It's not sitting on the sidelines or shirking from a fight. Hope is that thing inside us that insists, despite all evidence to the contrary, that something better awaits us if we have the courage to reach for it, and to work for it, and to fight for it. Hope is the belief that destiny will not be written for us, but by us, by the men and women who are not content to settle for the world as it is, who have the courage to remake the world as it should be." His words are just as meaningful and true, if not more so, today as the day he spoke them. The Nubian News recognizes and salutes President Barack Obama on his birthday and wishes him many, many more to come.

## SCOTT HARVEY KIA DONATES FACE SHIELDS TO CAPITAL HEALTH REGIONAL CENTER

Donation of Personal Protective Equipment Assembled at Kia's U.S. Plant is Latest Element of Kia Motors' Accelerate The Good Program

To aid in the fight against COVID-19, SCOTT HARVEY KIA has donated more than 125 face shields for medical worker use at Capital Health Regional Center. This delivery is the latest element of Kia Motors' Accelerate The Good program, which includes national and local level initiatives implemented in response to the pandemic. Each of Kia's 757 retailers nationwide are making similar donations to the hospital or medical facility of their choosing, totaling more than 75,000 face shields across all 50 states.

"Kia has really stepped up in this time of need and we are honored to do our

part and by helping Capital Health in the fight against COVID-19 by providing badly needed face shields to medical workers here in Trenton,"

their body ached at the end of the fight, as if they had been in the ring, and in many ways they had. Later, when Jackie Rosevelt Robinson put on the uniform for the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first Black ballplayer to play major league baseball in modern times, Blacks swung, ran and fielded along with Robinson. They recorded every play in their mind, body and heart. They celebrated his highlights and suffered in his abuse and mistreatment.

So it was no different when President Obama sat in the Oval Office and guided the nation. They wanted him

said Scott Harvey, President, Scott Harvey Kia. "We are grateful for the hard work and dedication these frontline medical workers exhibit every day to save lives in our community."

The latest face shield deliveries are the latest in a series of initiatives Kia Motors America implemented in response to COVID-19. The program, called Accelerate The Good, previously saw Kia donating \$1 million to multiple non-profit partners that assist homeless youth nationwide, including Covenant House, StandUp for Kids and Family Promise. The \$1 million donation was designed to help homeless youth in all 50 states receive much needed shelter and care needed during this time. In addition, earlier face shield donations - more than 300,000 thus far - were made to hospitals and medical facilities in hard hit metropolitan areas such as Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and New York City.



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blood pressure and diabetes.” Children are high carriers of the virus although they may be asymptomatic. Being indoors for a duration of five to seven hours for students and teachers is going to be a real challenge as it relates to the coronavirus. The longer a person is indoors with other people outside their household the higher the risk of being infected with the virus. Dr. Bonaparte recommended that teachers with pre-existing conditions “sit it out.”

Dr. Bonaparte stressed the need for children to be six feet in all directions from other students. He also pointed out from research that when a person talks Covid-19 particulates travel distances much greater than six feet and that students may need to be 12 feet or more from teachers wearing masks who are speaking to the class while projecting their voices to students in the back rows of the class.

Both Dr. Bonaparte and Ms. Graffie-Cooper felt it was imperative that before all students return to schools, there should be test runs, drills and role plays as well as educational videos promoting safe practices during the pandemic, provided to students, parents and teachers prior to those students and teachers starting in-person learning. If the district is going to have students in the classrooms, parents and teachers are going to want to have it done right.

Crystal, whose last name will remain anonymous for privacy, had several questions, one of which was, could a person get Covid-19 more than once? Dr. Bonaparte answered yes, but that so far the research shows such cases were rare.

An anonymous attendee wanted to know who would be responsible for evaluating if schools were following the social distancing guidelines? Was it going to be done by an outside

agency? Ms. Graffie-Cooper indicated that it needs to be in the plans adopted by the Board as to who is responsible for monitoring if schools are following the guidelines.

Several parents wanted to know what they could do to help their children and themselves deal with the stress and anxiety of having their children in schools during the pandemic? Ms. Dossous, a mental health therapist, stated that it is extremely important that those who are feeling stress, depression and anxiety may need to seek therapy for themselves and/or their children. Because children may not talk about the pandemic, does not mean they are not worried or concerned about it. In addition, Ms. Dossous stressed the importance of “mindfulness. “Mindfulness as she explained, is living in the present and being in touch with the now as compared to the past or the future. She pointed out that individuals can bring stress on themselves worrying about the future, allowing their mind to race forward bringing on stress instead of focussing and trying to find enjoyment in the present. She added, to help reduce stress and anxiety, a person can practice meditation as well as learning breathing exercises which help relax the body and the mind.

A question was asked how can teachers help students feel safe and comfortable returning to in-person schooling? Ms. Graffie-Cooper stated that before teachers can help students feel comfortable returning to the classroom, teachers themselves need to feel safe and comfortable. She went on to say that it is important for parents to know their children and how they are likely going to handle being back in school. She pointed out that she has a five year old child that cannot keep a mask on for more than a few minutes. That the child is a hugger and is certain once back in school, will be hugging classmates

that her child had not seen in awhile. Therefore because of those reasons and others, she would not be sending her child to school but instead opt for remote learning.

A point raised by Dr. Bonaparte was that if two kids were to get Covid-19 in the same classroom not only would it be necessary to shutdown the classroom and put the teacher and students in quarantine, but more than likely the entire school would have to be placed in quarantine at home as well as other household members. If the two students had a sibling in another school that student’s classroom would need to be quarantined and perhaps all the students and teachers in the other school. This is just one of so many considerations the Board of Education needs to have a plan for before it happens.

Dr. Bonaparte spoke at length and forcefully, that the Trenton Board of Education and boards representing districts throughout NJ and the US are being forced to make decisions about reopening schools with in-person instruction despite those boards not having the expertise to make such decisions. That due to a lack of leadership at the federal and state levels the necessary research to allow for the safe reopening of the schools has not occurred. Forcing

hundreds of school districts in NJ and thousands throughout the US to individually make decisions of the magnitude they are being compelled to make is not only bad public policy, but reckless and irresponsible.

He pointed out that there are too many unanswered questions as to the effect the virus has on children to have children back in the schools. In addition, the necessary resources have not been invested in research to make the reopening of schools for in-person learning safe and sustainable. The decision to reopen schools for in-person instruction should not be based on politics, or the economy, but on science, with infectious disease experts leading the reopening.

Dr. Bonaparte added that this country has the resources to get it right but lacks the leadership to do it right. At the conclusion of the town hall, Dr. Bonaparte demonstrated the correct way that a mask should be worn. He stated that to be effective the mask must cover the entirety of both the nose and the mouth. Having the mask fitted over the mouth but below the nostrils is not the correct way to wear it. He pointed out although wearing a mask may be slightly uncomfortable it is far more comfortable than having to use a ventilator.



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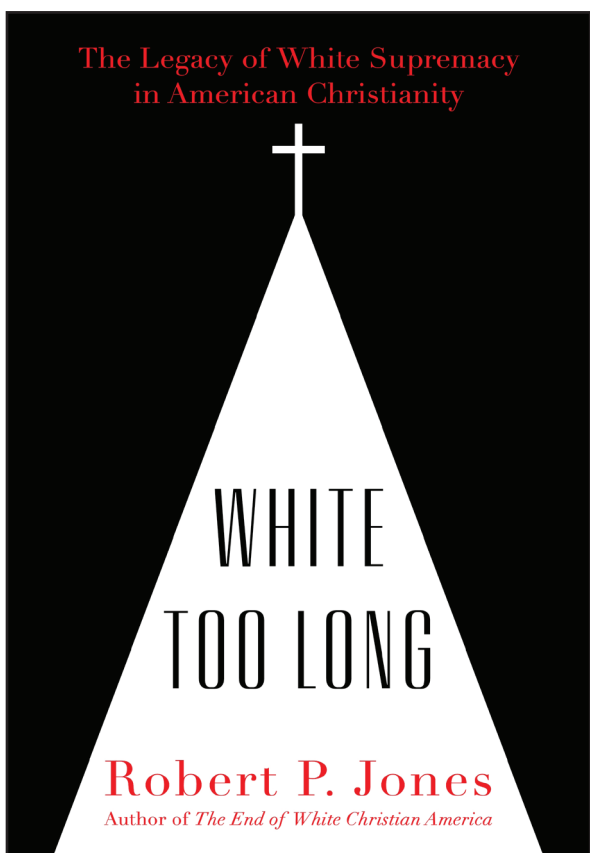
# Nubian News Book Review

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

## “White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity”

BY ROBERT P. JONES

c.2020, Simon & Schuster  
\$28.00 / \$37.00 Canada - 320 pages  
Sundays just don't seem to last.  
You get up, attend church, attend fellowship, rush home for dinner, maybe more church in the evening. And before you know it, Sunday's over



these issues then – at least, not like they are now.

Lest we point fingers unfairly, however, Jones says that racism is not just a Southern Baptist Convention notion: the same issues crop up in Catholicism and other denominations, as well as other areas of the U.S. Overall, he states that white Christianity has been the biggest, 'til-now-unchallenged reason for the propagation of white power and dominance.

So what can be done?

Rather than merely removing or destroying statues honoring white supremacists, many cities are also placing markers honoring integration and Black leaders. We can pay attention to our histories, and recognize our own most complex truths. And, he says, time will also help – it has to, because our nation's souls are at risk.

The first – perhaps only – thing you'll need to know about “White Too Long” is that it's deep. Bottom-of-the-ocean deep. Like, all-thirteen-verses-of-”Amazing-Grace” deep. It's not even close to what you

and you're left trying to remember what you learned, to get you through the week. But maybe, says **Robert P. Jones** in “White Too Long,” it's time to examine what you learned that you don't remember.

Nearly 180 years ago, at a convention of members of the Baptist church, the issue was raised about whether there was room in Christianity for slaveholding. In the days following the gathering, Reverend Basil Manly, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, sent out a letter demanding confirmation that indeed, a Godly man could have slaves. When his group received a swift denial, Manly and other church leaders split and formed their own organization, a move that ultimately led to the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), the country's largest Christian denomination. And until about forty years ago, says Jones, this pro-slavery stance and the white supremacist roots went largely unexamined by white Baptists. Politics were not always mentioned with

might consider to be a casual read.

As the founder of Public Religion Research Institute and a man who grew up in the Southern Baptist church, author Robert P. Jones bases his material here on his own solid studies, as well as theology and personal background. That's all good, but the depth of the content also results in ideas that circle back and back again, and that can make the mind reel in befuddlement. You may have to read a sentence (or a paragraph) two or three times to get the full impact of it, or to understand what's before or after it. This can feel like a very long sermon on a very sleepy Sunday morning.

Beware that there's controversy *all over this book* but in today's world, it's an absolute must-read – as long as you give yourself time for thought. If you are a theologian especially, or are fighting racism, “White Too Long” might not be long enough.

# A Poet's Perspective

## “Up She Went”

EDNA E ROMAN

*Barely noticeable, she opened slightly anyway; It was dark; She struggled. It was an unknown path but up she went anyway. They forgot to water her sometimes and sometimes the rain was just too much, she grew and up she went anyway; was she seeking light or would it always be dark? She didn't know but...up she went anyway; She tried to see, just to see... Was she always alone? She didn't know. Still, up she went anyway...It felt so warm, the soil just right, she wanted to stay...It was oh so right, comfortable; She pushed and pulled and up she went anyway...It felt long but in no time, you see...She stood tall and strong; colorful and beautiful...A flower you just had to see.*



## “Once Again”

*We've had to march, protest and fight to get to where we are today?! We did this before, and here we are, once again; Some things remain the same; but did you see what discord, death, pain and bigotry made us do once again?!*

*We march, protest and fight, to make a difference once AGAIN! We stand tall, we stand united;*

*We're doing exactly what you did not expect or think any of us would do; we stand tall; we walk together; the Black/Latino divided you said, Oh no! We stand united with fellow Americans as a human race; We march, protest and fight, to make a difference ONCE AGAIN! We're in it for the long haul; this ain't over yet... when that gavel comes down; let your words speak the truth or we'll be at it ONCE AGAIN*

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# Police Reform With Algernon Ward- Organizer/Activist

By EDNA ROMAN

In the July 2020 TNN issue, Algernon Ward shared the process of passing new laws and the footwork required to present bills. In the August 2020 we are happy to keep our readers informed of his commitment and journey for a better Trenton.

TNN: Mr. Ward in the July issue you elaborated on the process of passing a bill for new laws. How successful has the process been for you on having a "sit down" with legislators?

AW: While I have not met with the 15th District Legislators individually yet, we have been in

communications with them. They have shared information about several pieces of legislation regarding NJ Police Reform on the state level. Many of the bills were sponsored by Senator Shirley Turner and Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson. TNN: If there is a delay. Why is there a delay?

AW: Passing state-wide laws is an arduous process. The politics are often quite difficult with legislators all trying to please their own constituencies. That is why public support is so critical. If the public is silent on these things, they just simply die in a committee without a floor vote ever being taken. I can't stress enough how important it is to contact your legislators and speak your minds.

TNN: Are you able to share with us

the bills that you are presenting?

AW: I am not a legislator so I can't present bills in the NJ Legislature, but we all can certainly have input on the ones that have been presented by contacting our legislators and expressing our opinions. In fact, if



the public (you) want to help make things happen, take the extra-step to contact your 15th District Legislators Senator Shirley Turner, Assembly persons Verlina Reynolds-Jackson and Anthony Verrelli and let them know you support the following bills: NJ General Assembly Bill A4282: An act to establish a crime of strangulation and chokeholds; NJ General Assembly Bill A4272: Establishes Civilian Review Boards to review complaints against police officers; NJ Senate Bill S-1482: Before accepting an applicant, law enforcement agencies would be required to review internal affairs and personnel files from any law enforcement agencies that previously employed the officer; NJ Senate Bill S-2562: To prohibit the use of a chokehold by law enforcement unless

the life of the officer or another person is in danger; NJ Senate Bill S-1163: To require all law enforcement officers to wear body cameras so if, something does go wrong, we have camera footage of the incident to hold the police officer and the public accountable; NJ Senate Bill S-401: To help address implicit biases, to increase minority recruitment; NJ Senate Bill S-419: To implement cultural diversity training for all law enforcement officers. Law enforcement agencies should reflect the diversity of our communities that they have sworn to serve and protect and every officer should be properly trained to interact with people from all backgrounds.

TNN: Please share any information that would be great for the Trenton community to know.

AW: We've discussed legislation on the state level, where "the rubber meets the road" is right here in the city of Trenton. The city must pass ordinances that affirmatively composes a Civilian Review Board. New contracts with the Police Unions must be negotiated that don't provide "Qualified Immunity" to policemen charged with misconduct. Our entire policing model must emphasize Crime Prevention instead of crime reaction. Then invest real money in the Crime Prevention Programs especially youth-oriented ones. Police culture must entirely change to reflect the demand from the public that we want GUARDIANS NOT WARRIORS, who exhibit the highest level of professionalism. Police training must emphasize de-escalation tactics before the use of force. Finally, we should name the new \$4.5M Police Data Center being built here in Trenton the "George Floyd Police Data Center". These are things we must do for ourselves, there is still a lot of work to do. We need you to stand with us.

Which bills are you supporting? Call your representatives and let them know! Together we can make a difference. Senator, Shirley K. Turner (609) 323-7239 Assembly persons Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (609) 571-9638 and Anthony Verrelli (609) 571-9638.

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