

The Nubian News

Loving the Black Perspective

Higbee/Nixon School, Owned and Operated by Black People

TNN-Higbee/Nixon School belongs to Black people in general and the Black people of Trenton NJ in particular by virtue of the unique experiences of the little Black boys and girls who attended the school now embodied in their progeny. Local Black scholars agree this fact lies within the realm of true, tangi-

cultural appropriation and outright theft. Furthermore, they argue the bureaucracy and partners wielding the apparatuses and ownership designed by a dominant disenfranchising culture, have not, and will never serve the grassroots Black community's best interests, apparent in the current violently dangerous



The Higbee School the first school built especially for Trenton's Black children at 20 Bellevue Ave. in 1857.

ble and practical self determination and any resultant reparations. They submit that the position is the stuff of a viable sustainable legacy for Black people. Therefore, Black People are to own and operate Higbee/Nixon School and all other such sites.

The scholars also posit that the unique Black experience overrides any technical apparatus of bureaucracy as regards the definition of ownership in this case, because acceptance of which, is self defeating and does not guard against disenfranchisement,

state of the quality of life of Black people in the city and nation.

It is being reported that grassroots cultural workers have the where with all to collectively own and operate Higbee/Nixon School and the like, for the collective benefit and development of the Black community. Black professionals and laypeople have worked diligently over the years to achieve physical, food, income and health security, and equal distribution of generational wealth and the

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The Nubian News: Trenton's Black Institution

TNN-On September 9, 1989 The Nubian News publisher Kamau Kujichagulla and a group of like minded Black community writers established The Nubian News at his print shop at 1482 West State St. in Trenton NJ.

The group of dedicated individuals endured many long nights of

that people would not have known about, he added. Furthermore, he offered, in the past and especially now, the Black press is important in the age of increased misinformation designed to deliberately harm people of color. Misinformation such as that currently facilitated by the Internet,



A young Carlos Avila one of the early Nubian News Family, 1989

principled information gathering, reporting, discussion and debate, to print the only local paper that addressed the aspirations, interests, issues and concerns of the Black community. This was all done painstakingly as publication was being done before the advent of the use of computer programming to do research and produce newspapers.

The paper that is distributed freely, would boast publication of over 20 pages of robust reporting in its heyday and then add a television broadcast to its compliment of ways to disseminate news relevant to Black Trentonians and the extended Black community. While resumption of a television broadcast, as well as development of film reporting is in the works, in keeping with the times, The Nubian News is now available online and submits posts to the various social media platforms.

TNN writer Al Alaturji who joined the paper over two years ago, remarks that The Nubian News is significant as the Black church is as a Black institution because the Black press historically served the Black community when white owned news outlets simply did not. The Black press, more importantly, documented the history of the Black race

to thwart the attempts to suppress Black voting and confusion about how to respond to a deadly pandemic. Among people of color, the Black press has stories that gain an element of trust in a source that has paid its dues over and over

again.

TNN's El Latino News Editor Carlos Avila found out about The Nubian News through a mutual friend in 1990. Since he met publisher Kamau Kujichagulla they have become dear friends and brothers. "We (the community of people of color) have different needs. The Nubian News plays a crucial role regarding our topics." "(TNN)...is a strong voice to cover issues." he said.

He added that, "Latino population is 35% of the population in Trenton." That percentage is not reflected in coverage by local news outlets.

Publishing The Nubian News continues to be a labor of love proved by the people who have worked on the paper and remain undeterred by personal challenges from the mission to serve and represent Black people.

The Nubian News stands as a Black institution demonstrated by unwavering commitment, integrity, courage and leadership to be elevated and preserved.

Look for more details in upcoming publications about the people, the events and experiences that sustained The Nubian News all these years as an invaluable Black institution for Trentonians and all people of color and how it will remain so for years to come.

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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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means of services and production. The development and elevation of sites like Higbee/Nixon School by Black people would serve to institutionalize the work that encompasses elements vital to fortify Black culture. The ranks and network of these cultural workers includes Black Trentonians who are degreed community development experts, historians, doctors of international psychology who studied in South Africa, young people with solar and cocoa farm businesses in Ghana who conduct business meetings in Dubai and Europe, individuals fluent in Spanish who interned in South America, artists, social servants, builders and contractors and ordinary community loving neighborhood people who have sacrificed much as regards their livelihoods and reputations to better conditions for themselves, families and the Black community. This group of people have been identified to have an accurate and powerful self image with values and belief systems rooted in factual, detailed, accurate and strategic love for themselves and Black people.

The scholars point out that what appears as a well connected and

entrenched countervailing group, with the usual compliment of Black colluders, has always been the case. They explain that, given that, instituting real collective Black grassroots ownership and operation of Higbee/Nixon School and other such sites may seem insurmountable because the opposition created and rigged the game that many Black people have accepted. Yet they are quick to counter and note too that, Black people got game. Game that is admittedly negative and positive, and has been skillfully implemented by Black Trentonians. Though they conclude emphatically that Black people would not have survived over 400 years if not for this particular survival prowess.

All there is to do is seize the present time to evolve. Black people can call the game and choose who they want to join to play according to those familiar with the matter.

One cultural worker, while summing up the issue of ownership of Higbee/Nixon School with another exclaimed, "Even if we make mistakes, and mess it up, it's our right to do so. And it will be our right to fix it." "We got this."

Black Political Power 2021

BY AL ALATUNJI

In 2020, two issues gained widespread public attention regarding the state of Blacks in the US. The coronavirus pandemic highlighted the vast disparity in health treatment afforded Blacks and other people of color as compared to others. As a result, Blacks and other people of color had a disproportionate number of cases and deaths related to the pandemic.

The other issue which became part of a national dialogue, at least for a moment, centered around the criminal use of force by law enforcement against Blacks, as highlighted by the police executions of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd.

There was a lot of media and public attention given to both issues and there was considerable hope that systemic and structural change would come to America. Both issues were on the minds of Black voters when they went to the polls and cast their overwhelming votes for then candidate Joe Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris. Biden is now President Biden and Harris is now Vice President.

It would be a huge mistake, a colossal mistake, if Blacks believe that President Biden and Vice President Harris

can and will wave a magic wand and make everything right.

President Biden and Vice President Harris may be good, decent people, who have the interests of Blacks, other people of color, the less affluent and others in their hearts and souls. However, they are just two of 537 others who hold power in the nation's capital out of, 100 US Senators and 435 members of the House of Representatives. All 535 of them believe themselves to be less than gods but more than mere men and women.

Will they do the right thing about the disparity in healthcare for Blacks, other people of color and the less affluent? Will they stand with Black parents, grandparents and other family members and family friends to protect the lives of Black men and women? The answer is no, unless they are pushed, pulled and dragged kicking and screaming.

If Blacks want healthcare disparity and policing addressed, then they will need members of Congress to do more than make speeches and engage in political posturing. They will need for them to pass meaningful legislation for President Biden to sign.

There needs to be legislation that

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COMPENSATORY-FUNCTIONAL DEFINITIONS

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

Quotations for Thought, Speech, and/or Action

"Everything that a Racist (White Supremacist) says, and everything that he, or she, does, is intended to help establish, maintain, expand, and or refine, the practice of racism white supremacy."
- 1971

"There are many problems in the known universe. But no major problem, in the relationships between the people of the known universe, can be eliminated; Until Racism (White Supremacy) is eliminated."
- 1970

"Many 'white' people 'hate' 'Black' people. Those 'white' people who 'hate' 'Black' people do not 'hate' 'Black' people because 'Black' people are 'black'. They hate 'Black' people because 'white' people are not 'Black'.
- 1964

"In racial matters, many 'look' but few 'see'. 'See' what? 'See' what they are 'looking' at."
- 1967

"Nothing has 'meaning' unless it has 'meaning' - if you get what I 'mean'.
- 1967

"The seeds of the destruction of Racism (White Supremacy) exists, the only people in the known universe who are 'experts' on the practice of Racism are the Racists (White Supremacists) themselves."
- 1978

"As long as Racism (White Supremacy) exists, the only people in the known universe who are 'experts' on the practice of Racism are the Racists (White Supremacists) themselves."
- 1979

"The most important question in all 'racial matters' is 'Why?' - One should always ask it."
- 1962 Neely Fuller Jr.

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Vigilance

BY AL ALATUNJI

Less than 24 hours after an historic election in Georgia that resulted in the first Black elected to the US Senate from that state and Democrats taking control of the US Senate, domestic terrorists stormed the Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The action by the domestic terrorists forced both the House of Representatives and the US Senate to temporarily halt affirming President-elect Joe Biden's

domestic terrorists seizing government buildings, destroying houses of worship and physical assaults and assassination attempts of political and government officials and other notables prior to the assault on the Capitol Building.

These images of terror and violence are not limited to just federal buildings in Washington, DC, but also include state capitals throughout the US. State and local law enforcement agencies were on alert to a domes-

which keeps track and monitors the actions of hate groups, identified 334 militia groups at their peak in 2011. It identified 276 in 2015, up from 202 in 2014. In 2016, the Southern Poverty Law Center identified a total of 165 armed militia groups within the US. These domestic terrorist groups have existed as early as the 1980s. The movement gained momentum after standoffs with government agents in the early 1990s like the FBI shootout at Ruby Ridge in Idaho in 1992 and

Almost overnight the ranks of the domestic terrorist groups along with the crazies in the Tea Party movement and other assorted rightwing extremist elements grew in reaction to the election of President Obama.

Under the current regime, domestic terrorist and white supremacy groups have become more emboldened, active and violent. The individual who previously sat in the White House, did not create the domestic terrorist groups, but he definitely has given them breath. He has encouraged violence against protesters at his rallies and has refused to condemn violent white supremacy groups. Such hate groups heard his words not as a rebuke, but as a rallying cry, a call to action.

FBI and other law enforcement agencies fear some militias are becoming more violent and dangerous due to the rise of social media facilitating increased collaboration with white supremacy and conspiracy groups, and fueling fears that the presidential election may not be legitimate, something the previous president has been relentlessly and irresponsibly stating. Perhaps the biggest concern that the FBI and other law enforcement agencies have with the rising rightwing radicalization and recruitment is the risk that lone wolves would emerge from within the domestic terrorist and white supremacy groups to commit acts of violence. The fear is that a lone wolf, trained and indoctrinated for war, will grow tired of waiting.

The specter of the lone-wolf terrorist can be seen in the deranged fanatic who bombed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995, killing 168 people. That fanatic, whose name does not deserve to be spoken, cycled through several white supremacy groups and militias. In the end, he decided to act alone, abetted by his friend, whose name also deserves not to be spoken.

If history is any guide, we can foresee a significant increase in political violence in the US. This is particularly true since the Vice President of the US is none other than a Black woman who one day might be the president. You can best believe the domestic terrorists and white supremacists are not happy about that.

Blacks, Latinx and other people of color must stay vigilant and monitor those who have vowed to attack them. Stay vigilant, stay safe, stay strong.



Electoral College win. Five people lost their lives in the mob violence, including one woman who was shot in the Capitol Building and later died. Some people were shocked by the images of people in battle fatigues, some armed with guns and others waving Confederate flags, knocking down barriers, breaking windows, pushing in doors and rampaging through government offices and chambers.

However, there are others, in particular the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, who were not surprised, but expected it. They are concerned that the January 6th domestic terror attack is just one of more to occur. They are predicting an apocalyptic scenario of violent protests and counter-protests, street and gun battles between rightwing and anti-government militia, white supremacists, klan members, nazis and fascists on one side. Those who would oppose such groups are on the other side.

The FBI and other law enforcement representatives warned of images of

tic terror attack on January 17th in Trenton, NJ.

They describe scenes and images often seen on television screens depicting political rebellion and violence in some distant lands or distant time. However, these images will be commonplace in the coming days in the US, and will represent the most dangerous upheaval since the Civil War.

Such an environment will be a dangerous and deadly one which must be taken seriously. Blacks, Latinx and other people of color in particular, must be vigilant and monitor the activities and actions of such groups since many of the domestic terrorist groups view Blacks and other people of color as the enemy.

Some of the militia and other paramilitary groups, have been training for years for a race and civil war. Their recruiting, planning, training and explicit calls for a shooting war are on the rise.

The Southern Poverty Law Center,

in Waco, Texas in 1993. Such groups were active in all 50 states, with membership estimated at between 20,000 and 60,000 by the mid-1990s. Many of the militia and other domestic terrorist groups were in sharp decline at the end of the 1990s. That was until there was a tectonic shift in American politics that allowed a Black man with a foreign-sounding name and a Muslim-born father to reach the White House.

Threats against then US Senator Barack Obama's life brought him Secret Service protection in May 2007, by far the earliest on record for a presidential candidate. Between June and December of that year there were at least four alleged assassination plots by militiamen in Pennsylvania, white supremacists in Denver, skinheads in Tennessee, and an active-duty Marine lance corporal at North Carolina's Camp Lejeune, that led to arrests and criminal charges before Obama was even sworn in as the 44th President.

This shouldn't be how we say hello...or goodbye.



It's our reality right now. But it won't be if we do what it takes to beat COVID-19. Vaccines are coming, but until enough of us are vaccinated, we all still need to wear our masks, stay at least six feet from others, and avoid indoor social gatherings. The more we slow the spread, the faster we'll return to normal hellos ... and fewer goodbyes.

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Staying Safe During The Pandemic Is EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it's important to remember that some of the most effective steps we can take to prevent its spread begin right at home.



Wear a mask that fits properly and covers your mouth AND nose (no scarves or gaiters).



Practice social distancing and stay at least six feet from others when possible.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place. When soap and water aren't available, use a hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol.



Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into your elbow if tissues are not available. With either method, thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water afterward.



Limit or avoid indoor gatherings with people outside of your household and host outdoors when possible. This is important for adults more than 65 years of age or people with underlying medical conditions, who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces daily. This includes tables, light switches, sinks, countertops, and bathroom surfaces. Most common household disinfectants work, but be sure to follow instructions on the product label.

IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19, CALL YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

You can find the most up-to-date information on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). Helpful information is also available from the New Jersey Department of Health online at [covid19.nj.gov](https://www.nj.gov/health/covid19) or by phone at 1.800.222.1222.



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Joven quiteño que a los 18 años migró a Estados Unidos para reunirse con su familia.

El idioma, la cultura, los costos de la educación y sobretodo su estatus migratorio no fueron impedimentos para lograr sus objetivos.

Trabajó y estudió paralelamente porque sabía que era la única forma de superarse, por ello, lo primero que hizo fue aprender inglés.

Posee el título de Asociado de Justicia Criminal por Hudson County Community College; Licenciado en Ciencias Políticas y Estudios Internacionales de la Universidad de New Jersey City University; Master de Ciencias en Asuntos Globales.

Su espíritu altruista y el compromiso con la comunidad lo ha convertido en voluntario del modelo de Naciones Unidas y Director Ejecutivo de Juventud Ecuatoriana (JUVE) una organización sin fines de lucro que promueve la educación en los jóvenes migrantes.

Ha trabajado en diferentes instituciones públicas, privadas del Ecuador; y, en organismos internacionales. Se desempeñó como vicecónsul del Ecuador en New Jersey.

BLADIMIR QUITO
 Candidato a asambleísta por los migrantes de Estados Unidos y Canadá

Su experiencia, capacidad de **liderazgo**, **diálogo** y sobretodo su **honestidad** son cualidades que rigen en todos los aspectos de su vida.

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Proyecto de ley en favor de madres embarazadas

TRENTON - Para ayudar a las madres de Nueva Jersey a prepararse para sus necesidades posteriores al parto, las asambleístas Gabriela Mosquera, Lisa



embarazadas tengan la oportunidad de desarrollar un plan de atención posparto integral y personalizado. Si el paciente aún no tiene un plan, el proveedor se ofrecería a consultar con él para ayudarlo a desarrollar uno. La medida también requiere que las instalaciones médicas, como hospitales y centros de maternidad, garanticen que las

nuevas madres reciban información sobre la atención posparto antes de que sean dadas de alta después del parto.

“El parto es un proceso complejo y desafiante que puede seguir impactando a las madres mucho después de que hayan traído un nuevo bebé al mundo. Anotaron las asambleístas Mosquera, Swain y Murphy en declaración conjunta.

Según el proyecto de ley (A-3633), los profesionales de la salud, como médicos, enfermeras y parteras, deberían asegurarse de que ciertas pacientes

ELECCIONES EN ECUADOR

Bladimir Quito candidato a la Asamblea Nacional visita Trenton

POR CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON-Bladimir Quito joven ecuatoriano candidato a la Asamblea Nacional del Ecuador por EEUU y Canadá visitó el pasado domingo 24 de enero la ciudad capital de Nueva Jersey.

En entrevista con este medio de comunicación manifestó que a los 18 años cruzó la frontera junto a dos hermanas y desde esa época a trabajado y estudiado paralelamente para salir adelante en este país. Estudió Justicia Criminal, obtuvo el título de licenciado en Ciencias Políticas y Estudios Internacionales en la Universidad de New Jersey City y además dijo tener una Maestría en Asuntos Globales. El joven de origen quiteño se comprometió en legislar en bien de la comunidad ecuatoriana y mejorar los servicios de los consulados que hoy por hoy dan mucho que desear.

“Conozco de cerca los cambios que necesita las oficinas consulares” manifestó Quito, ofreció que implementará los sistemas telemáticos que permitan tener acceso a los datos en tiempo real y así poder facilitar el trámite de pasaportes y documentos consulares de una manera más eficaz. Con respecto a la candidatura y proselitismo de otros candidatos que buscan ocupar el mismo curul no quiso entrar en polémica.

“Dejemos de pelear, la democracia requiere un refuerzo de todos los movimientos de todos los líderes para trabajar en unidad” sentenció Quito

quien participa bajo la bandera del partido político Alianza País Lista 35. Quito finalmente pidió a sus compatriotas que todos los que puedan salgan a votar el próximo domingo 7 de febrero 2021.

Hasta el momento 16 candidatos buscarán la presidencia de la República de Ecuador en los próximos comicios.

Ahora hay que esperar que el Consejo Nacional Electoral CNE garantice que las elecciones se lleven a cabo con transparencia y normalidad, con el fin de mantener y reforzar la DEMOCRACIA en Ecuador.

Con respecto a los protocolos de bioseguridad para evitar el contagio del COVID-19, EL Comité de Operaciones de Emergencia (COE) ubicará funcionarios en todos los puntos de votación para guiar al público durante este día cívico que vivirán los ecuatorianos tanto en el territorio nacional como en el exterior.

NEWARK: Los recintos electorales en Nueva Jersey son: 90 Parker St. Newark, NJ 07104

PLANFIELD: 1030 Central Ave. Planfield, NJ 07060

HIGHTSTOWN: 140 Main St. Hightstown, NJ 08520...(Edificio de los Bomberos).

“Esperemos que los nuevos representantes de nuestro país hagan la diferencia apoyando al pueblo y sus necesidades y si en algo estoy de acuerdo es que necesitan gente preparada y nueva, no los mismos corruptos de siempre”, señaló Lucy Reinoso a través de las redes sociales en referencia a esta entrevista.



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Eric Vazquez un ejemplo de estudiante para los niños y jóvenes de Trenton

POR CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON-Eric Vásquez Reyes (19), nació en Huehuetenango-Guatemala, actualmente es estudiante de la Trenton High School, ha sido seleccionado para estudiar en la prestigiosa Universidad de Harvard en



Cambridge Massachusetts, una de las universidades de mayor prestigio a nivel mundial.

“Desde que conocí sobre esta universidad, me propuse ir a estudiar allá, me sacrifique dejando a un lado las invitaciones de mis amigos” dijo el joven soñador.

Señala que muchas personas le decían que estaba soñando en vano, que era una idea loca, sin embargo, él continuó trabajando en su afán de alcanzar el objetivo.

“No dejé que las personas me convengan que era un sueño loco” indica que durante la primaria y

para estar entre los mejores estudiantes, sabía que tener buenas calificaciones era importante.

Su Papá y su Mamá siempre estuvieron apoyándole y motivándole para que no decaiga. Señaló que el programa de Preparación de la Universidad de Princeton PUPP, fue crucial para ayudarlo a prepararse y guiarle durante el proceso de solicitud de ingreso en dicha universidad establecida en 1636.

Eric Indica que el próximo mes de septiembre ya ingresará en la universidad y para esa época tendrá claro que va a estudiar.

“Me gustaría estudiar cine, economía o a su vez ingeniería”, indicó durante la entrevista que se realizó en el sur de Trenton donde vive en gran cantidad la comunidad hispana, principalmente de Centroamérica, que dicho sea de paso enfrenta un sin número de barreras sociales, políticas y sobre todo económicas como para acceder a prestigiosas universidades que garanticen el desarrollo intelectual de los niños y jóvenes de nuestras comunidades.

Tras la entrevista publicada en las redes sociales no faltaron los mensajes de apoyo y felicitación para este joven no se hicieron esperar. Seguro que Eric dejara el nombre de la comunidad hispana de Trenton muy en alto. Por eso le pedimos que cuando alcance sus primeros logros en este prestigioso centro universitario nos comunique para compartir

Adquirir vacunas contra el COVID-19: una lucha desigual entre países

LAURA LUCÍA RODRÍGUEZ PEÑA

Desde el inicio de la pandemia COVID-19, científicos de todo el mundo se concentraron en el desarrollo de una vacuna. En noviembre del 2020 Pfizer publicó que los esposos científicos Ugur Sahin y Ozlem Tureci habían creado una vacuna del COVID-19 con 90% de efectividad.

Esta noticia le dio esperanza al mundo que había sufrido ya dos millones de

de adquisición y no la necesidad global para acabar con el virus?

Una vez más son los países más pobres, en su mayoría en el sur global, quienes sufrirán las consecuencias. Según datos oficiales de la Oxfam 9 de cada 10 personas de países pobres no van a recibir la vacuna.

Esta situación es evidente en América Latina donde hasta el momento sólo 6 países han podido empezar a vacunar (Brasil, México, Ecuador, Panamá, Costa Rica y Chile). Esto se debe a



muerdes a causa de la enfermedad letal.

Desde entonces han salido otras versiones con alta efectividad, tales como las vacunas Astrazeneca, Janssen y Novavax. Frente a esto, los países han empezado a negociar el precio de estas vacunas y han empezado a adquirirlas para sus ciudadanos. No obstante, no hay ningún tipo de regulación o autoridad que monitoree la equidad en la adquisición de estas, esto ha significado que países con los recursos económicos como Canadá, Estados Unidos, Reino Unido, estén acaparando estas vacunas. Diferentes medios de comunicación han publicado que los países más ricos del mundo, con tan sólo 14% de la población, tienen actualmente el 53% de las vacunas (hasta el momento) contra el COVID-19.

Esto es verdaderamente preocupante pues el 80% del suministro de vacunas Pfizer previsto para el 2021 ya fue vendido a las naciones con más dinero para negociar con la farmacéutica. Esto quiere decir que regiones como América Latina, África y algunos países de Asia tendrán que esperar, adquirir otras versiones y en algunos casos pagar a más altos costos por las vacunas. ¿Cómo es posible que ante una pandemia que amenaza la salud de todo el mundo prevalezca el poder

la mala gestión de los gobiernos y en algunos casos la falta de recursos económicos para comprar las vacunas. Lo mismo ocurre en África, región que carece de la infraestructura y los recursos financieros para vacunar a su población, así lo ha afirmado Phiona Atuhewbe, responsable de OMS África, como respuesta la Unión Africana ha creado un plan de vacunación regional financiado por donantes como el Banco Mundial. Lo cual podría traducirse en mayores deudas a largo plazo para África y no garantiza la adquisición de las vacunas si los países de la Unión Europea y Norteamérica siguen acaparando las dosis.

Mientras tanto continúan las jornadas de vacunación en Reino Unido, Canadá, Estados Unidos, quienes al contar con estas vacunas también van a poder reanudar sus actividades económicas y consecuentemente recuperarse de la crisis financiera que trajo consigo el COVID-19. En contraste, regiones como América Latina, África y algunos países de Asia, continuarán a pasos de tortuga la adquisición de vacunas en contra de la pandemia, lo que ralentizará la recuperación económica y terminará agigantando la brecha de desigualdad ya existente entre el Norte y Sur global.

CUIDADO CON LOS ESTAFADORES QUE OFRECEN VACUNAS PARA EL COVID-19

POR CARLOS AVILA

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información personal como la fecha de nacimiento, número de teléfono, correo electrónico, dirección domiciliaria, entre otros aspectos que podría ser usado por estafadores que trataran de fabricar una trampa para engañar y de ese modo conseguir

festividades es común escuchar a personas de la comunidad hispana quejarse de haber sido víctimas de fraudes o engaños en diferentes situaciones. En este medio personas han denunciado que fueron estafadas cuando buscaron propiedades de alquiler en las redes sociales, donde encuentran sitios que ofrecen casas o apartamentos a precios muy por debajo de otras viviendas que están en el mismo sector.

Hoy en día, con el tema de las vacunas contra el COVID-19 en Estados Unidos que ya están distribuyéndose desde el pasado lunes 14 de diciembre, seguro los estafadores estarán preparándose para aprovecharse de las circunstancias y tratar de engañar y 'vender' este medicamento a personas que estén afanadas en conseguir. Por eso en este sentido las autoridades piden a la comunidad en general que tengan mucha cautela en aceptar ofertas que parecen buenas bonitas y baratas.

“Los estafadores pueden intentar robar su dinero e identidad enviando comunicaciones falsas a través de llamadas telefónicas, correos electrónicos y mensajes de texto. Si un extraño que dice ser un experto en coronavirus lo contacta, ignórelo,” señala la Asociación Nacional de Fiscales Generales.

Por el momento, solo hay dos fabricantes de vacunas Pfizer y Moderna y son la únicas aceptadas y autorizadas por la Administración de Alimentos y Medicamentos (FDA).

Por su parte el FBI ha señalado que los estafadores se están haciendo pasar por recaudadores de fondos para entidades benéficas y los estafadores piden donaciones para supuestamente ayudar a personas y familias afectadas por el virus, lo cual no es verdad.

Muchas familias no son conscientes de los riesgos de la sobreexposición en las redes sociales y comparten

un benéfico económico.

Para obtener la información médica más actualizada sobre la prevención y el tratamiento del coronavirus, comuníquese con los Centros para el Control de Enfermedades (CDC) o la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS). Mientras tanto se recomienda tener precaución ante los intentos de estafadores que estarán tramando estrategias para aprovecharse de la situación.

Aquí se ofrece información que tiene que saber para evitar una estafa relacionada con la vacuna:

Probablemente no tengas que pagar nada de tu bolsillo para recibir la vacuna durante esta emergencia de salud pública.

No puedes pagar para colocar tu nombre en una lista para recibir la vacuna.

No puedes pagar para acceder antes a la vacuna.

Ninguna persona de un sitio de distribución de vacunas ni ningún prestador médico privado, como una compañía de seguro privada, te llamará por teléfono para pedirte tu número de Seguro Social ni los datos de tu tarjeta de crédito o cuenta bancaria para inscribirte para obtener la vacuna.

Ten cuidado con los proveedores que ofrecen otros productos, tratamientos o medicinas para prevenir el virus. Antes de pagar o recibir cualquier tratamiento relacionado con el COVID-19 consulta a tu proveedor de atención médica.

Si recibes una llamada, mensaje de texto o email — o incluso si alguien golpea la puerta de tu casa diciendo que te pueden ofrecer un acceso temprano a la vacuna, no es verdad, eso es una estafa.

Para reportar un incidente o una estafa de esta naturaleza lo puede hacer a través de la FTC en Reporte-Fraude.ftc.gov o presenta una queja ante la oficina del fiscal general a través de consumerresources.org

Take The Vaccine

By AL ALATUNJI

I will be one of the first in line to take the vaccine when it is available. No hesitation on my part, no second thought about it.

I want the opportunity to be able to hug my daughter and son again. I want to be able to hug my grandchildren again. I want to be able to see my family and friends without a glass petition between us.

I want to get back to watching every baseball, basketball, football and tennis game and match as well as the practices that my grandchildren have. I even want to get back to the three-hour dance recitals for my granddaughter.

I also want to get back to coaching middle school baseball and basketball.

I will not be doing any of those things until I have taken the vaccine. When I take the vaccine, I will be taking it for my health and life and also the health and life of my family, friends, players and others.

Black people are disproportionately getting sick and dying of the coronavirus, but surveys suggest they are more hesitant to get a vaccine than other racial and ethnic groups in the US

I understand the concern.

There has been a history of experimentation on Blacks and dismissal

at the hands of medical professionals which has resulted in many Blacks being skeptical of the medical field and wary of taking the vaccine.

This history begins with enslaved men and women being subjected to surgeries without anesthesia in the name of medical research and advancement. The history includes gynecological operations performed on Black women unable to oppose the treatment. This history includes stories such as that of Henrietta Lacks, a Black woman who went to a segregated Johns Hopkins Hospital for cancer treatment in 1951 only to have her cells taken and used in medical research without her consent for decades after her death.

Then there is the Tuskegee experiment which is widely cited on internet sites as a reason Black people should not take the vaccine. The Tuskegee experiment, which was conducted in Alabama with approval of the US government, tracked 600 Black men, 399 living with syphilis and 201 without the disease; none of the unsuspecting men received any treatment. Instead, medical researchers observed the men for decades as they struggled with health complications related to the disease, infected others, and died. The study did irreparable damage to the men and their loved ones according to research published

in 2016. The atrocious act scarred a generation, with life expectancy among Black men over 45 falling in the years immediately following the revelation of the experiment.

"We've been hoodwinked so many times with vaccines," is repeated over and over again on popular internet sites visited by members of the Black community. "We've been experimented on by the government, by the scientific community and the hospitals." The conclusion is that Black people should not take the vaccine.

The problem with such thinking is one, that this is not the 1930s or 40s and that a significant number of the medical personnel and scientists involved in developing the vaccine have been Black and other people of color. Two, Blacks were invited to participate in trials used to develop the vaccine. Such participation was voluntary and not secretive. Third, and perhaps most important, is the argument being pushed on Black websites encouraging Blacks and other people of color not to take the vaccine may very well be arguments not created by Blacks and other people of color but by those who would enjoy seeing Blacks and other people of color die because they did not take the vaccine. Just as there were numerous articles and posts placed on social media sites pushing misinformation to confuse and frustrate Blacks and other people from

not voting during the recent presidential election, similar attempts may be being used to have Blacks and other people of color refuse to take the vaccine. We cannot, we must not fall victim to the hoodwink.

Blacks make up 13% of the U.S. population but account for more than 20% of the deaths from COVID-19. Blacks are disproportionately burdened by this pandemic. It will be a double tragedy if Blacks refuse to take the vaccine.

The approval and distribution of the vaccine while it gives us hope, should not be mistaken for the end of the road. The next few months will be incredibly challenging with cases continuing to rise.

We have to continue acting responsibly and do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 until these vaccines become widely available and adopted. That means wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, avoiding large gatherings, cooperating with contact tracers, and doing your part to keep people safe.

The Black Lives Matter declaration must be more than just a hashtag. It must be a commitment and reality. We must do all we can to protect and safeguard Black lives. To that end, my people, take the vaccine.

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will bring about systemic and structural change to healthcare and law enforcement. Legislation that addresses racial inequity, voting, civil and human rights is urgent. Nothing less will do.

People of color, in particular Blacks, were given credit for the election of the Biden/Harris team and the two Democrats elected to the US Senate from Georgia. However, it would be

a huge mistake for Blacks to bask in that accomplishment. Now more than ever is the time for Blacks to put the petal to the metal, to force the new administration and the Democratic controlled Congress to act decisively for the betterment of the race.

Blacks cannot sit back and wait and watch the Congress act. We must be all over the Congress, like white or rice, pushing and pulling those in power to use that power on behalf of Blacks. Politics is like a baseball

game: there are spectators and there are players. Blacks must be players.

Blacks must find a way to exert pressure on all 535 members of Congress even those in conservative so called red states. No one gets a free pass, especially those we have voted for.

It would be a huge political mistake to believe that elected officials, including those of color, automatically have our back. Those are the ones who most need to be held accountable for their action or lack of action everyday

throughout the year.

We can no longer make the mistake that just because an elected official might look and sound Black when they run for election or reelection that they will work in the interests of Black people. Especially, if their true color is no color, as in being invisible. Meaning that they are not seen until the next election and their true political philosophy is "me, myself and

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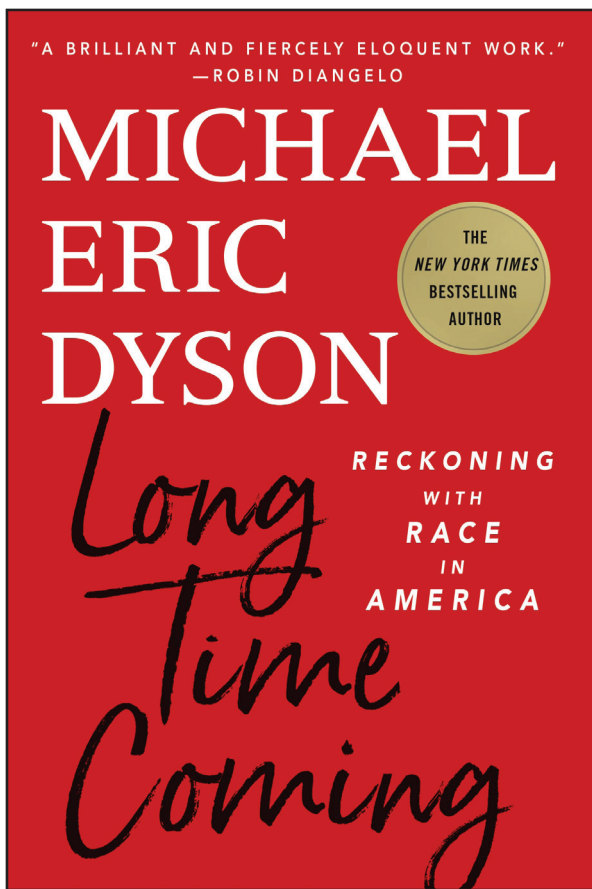
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“Long Time Coming: Reckoning with Race in America”

BY MICHAEL ERIC DYSON

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You've got mail.
No, *real* mail, delivered by a carrier



in a mailbox outside your door. It doesn't happen very often and it's rarer if there's a letter in those envelopes because everybody you know texts or emails and a hand-written, lick-the-envelope, put-a-stamp-on-it letter is so old-school. Who even writes letters anymore? Author **Michael Eric Dyson**, that's who, and in “*Long Time Coming*,” you'll want to read them. “Dear Elijah McClain...” he begins. When the grief of history is a part of a burden, the pain of *now* becomes keener and the action more urgent. “Black death” has been in this country for more than 400 years. We know how *Elijah* died and the knowledge is unbearable. It's time for a “reckoning.” “Dear Emmett Till,” it hurts to know that if you were a boy today, your life could be taken as easily as it was in 1955. Maybe not the same way, but taken nonetheless and the fact that it happens is something most white folks don't see. We need all eyes opened. When George Floyd died, it echoed

what happened to you, “dear Eric Garner.” You said you couldn't breathe; Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Neither of you were real troublemakers, but both of you called out in pain to the “blue plague,” and lost your lives anyhow.

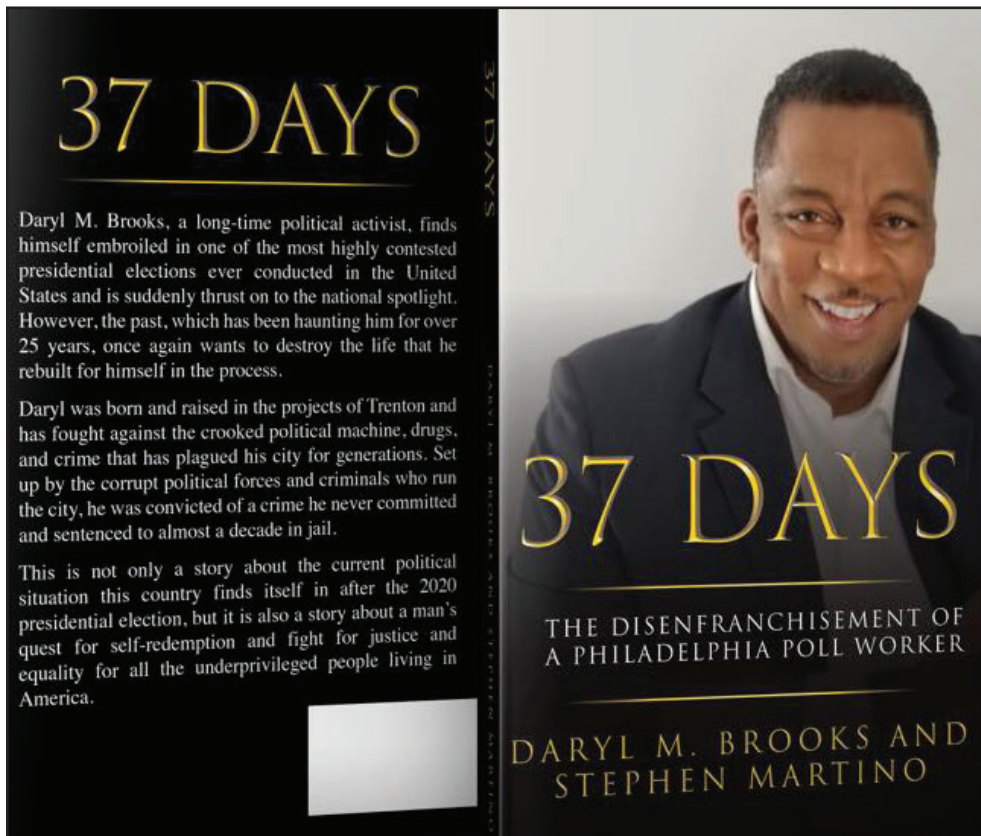
Why is it that Black women are victims, too, but we don't talk about them quite as much as we do Black men? “Dear Breonna Taylor,” there's irony in the fact that you served as an EMT but the city you served gave you no justice after you died. “Dear Hadiya Pendleton,” we can't use “cancel culture” as justice. No, “dear Sandra Bland,” we must eliminate “white comfort” before we can end the lack of knowledge that contributes to the end of Black lives.

As you may have guessed – especially if you've read any other works by author Michael Eric Dyson – there's a lot to unpack inside “*Long Time Coming*.”

It starts without preamble, as Dyson dives straight into his series of letters written to Black Americans whose deaths demand a reckoning with racial issues. This abruptness is unusual in a work of nonfiction, and it forces readers to pay immediate attention.

Though there's a lot of repetition from story to story here, each chapter examines a separate aspect of racism by speaking directly to a deceased individual while also referring to another. There's an urge embedded in this, to understand each issue before dismantling it, and to see how it matters. Readers may also find Dyson's choice of subjects to be interesting; there are other victims of racial violence he could've picked, as evidenced by his long list of names, each of which begs to have their own stories told.

Perhaps the most crucial thing about this book, though, is that it's not so much for Black readers as it is for White ones who metaphorically started school late last May. Respectful discussion, soul-searching, urgency: if that's what you need, “*Long Time Coming*” delivers.



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Daryl M. Brooks is a former three times U.S. Senate/Congressman candidate. On a historical note, he is the first African American from Trenton, NJ to run for Congress. Also he is the first person from Trenton, NJ to run for US Senate. He is the host of the On Fire Show. He has been featured in the New York Times, The Daily Beast, NY Daily News, USA Today, Twiggs Café Radio.com, PoliticIt.com, IQ 106.9 FM, Philly Channel 6, WZBN News 12, Comcast Newsmakers, NJN, Trentonian, Trenton Times, Star Ledger, National Korean Newspaper, Ernest Hancock on LRN,FM, the Philly Tribune and The Nubian News. Brooks is in the Library of Congress. He is rated in the top 100 on “Top Talk Radio Conservative Radio Host”.



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Marie's Life Story

Marie Elaine Lozer was born in Kingston, Jamaica on July 12th, 1953. She was the daughter of Edna Anderson and the late Stanley Lozer. She departed this life into God's infinite care at Capital Health System in



Hopewell, New Jersey on January 4th, 2021.

Marie, who was also known as "Ms. Elaine Anderson," immigrated to the United Kingdom in 1965. She was educated in the Manchester England School System. She loved to travel and she crisscrossed the globe with style and flair. Her love of the Arts soon brought her to America in 1972. Marie regularly performed in stage plays as a part of the Titus Walker Ujamaa Black Theater at the Carter Theater in Times Square, New York. Marie was a social worker and Life Coach as helping others was her life-long passion. She was always looking to help, feed, and uplift someone in need. Her generosity helped to improve the lives of those she met. Most recently, she was employed as a home health aide/caretaker with Griswald Home Care of New Jersey. Marie was also known for being a talent scout and hosting talent shows, directed at keeping youth out

of trouble. She served the Trenton community and immigrants with tireless devotion and fortitude during her work with many non-profit social service initiatives and programs. She was a leader and companion regarding issues related to women and community development and created an initiative called Raise A Village.

Her love of building community led to many annual events, like Solidarity Day at Cadwalader Park in Trenton, New Jersey and the pilgrimage to the West Indian Parade in Brooklyn, New York. She was a marvelous cook, FIERCE Mama Bear, and the most loving grandmother imaginable.

Marie was predeceased by her father Stanley Lozer; brother Trevor Lozer; her grandparents Rebecca Knight and Ted Lozer; Aunt Eulalee Clarke, Uncles Joseph and Cyril Lozer.

Marie leaves to cherish her fond memories to her devoted children, daughter Fiona "Boogie" Perry (Shawn) and son Derrick Watts; sisters Sonia Steele, Donna Chedda, and Valerie Rashford; brother Donald Lozer; grandchildren Marquis Masai Johnson, DK and Damauri Watts, Shezrae and Shaheed Slaughter; great-granddaughters Nalani, Autumn, and Brooklyn Slaughter; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; and several very special friends Steven Watts, Tanya Henry Turner, and Roxanne McElroy White.

Elaine manifested the Jamaican symbols of hope and abundance, natural beauty and wealth, strength and creativity. She lived up and elevated the Jamaican motto of "Out of Many One People" to extend to all people.

May we honor her memory by attempting to rise to, and exceed, her level of the best and beautiful of our cultures together. As was always her salutation may we say, Blessed Love.

Black Power continued from page 9 staying in power."

The Black community must begin to hold those they vote for on election day at the federal, state and local level far more accountable. The community must require that elected officials hold meetings with the community on a regular basis and not just at crisis time.

Elected officials must actively involve and engage Black voters in the governmental and political process. Black people need elected officials who will hold town hall meetings, seminars and training to discuss and

inform the community about what is happening. Black officials are needed who will educate the community on how to lobby federal, state and local lawmakers and legislators. They need to advise the community how to deal with the federal, state and local bureaucracies and the paper pushers who staff those bureaucracies. Such seminars and training should also include information about political campaigns.

Black voters need elected officials that will seek innovative and creative measures to educate the community about issues and concerns that impact

New Director of Health and Human Services

BY AL ALATUNJI

Dr. Adela M. Ames-Lopez will be the third Director of Health and Human Services in the last three years if she



is confirmed by City Council.

Dr. Ames-Lopez would replace James Anthony Brownlee who became Acting Director when Shakira Abdul-Ali resigned in October 2020 to pursue other professional opportunities. Brownlee had served previously as the Trenton Director of Health and Human Services until he retired from the position in July 2018. He agreed to take over the role of acting director until a new director was confirmed.

Dr. Ames-Lopez is a professional public administrator with more than two decades of child welfare, social work, and public-health experience. She most recently served as an Assistant Area Director for the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection &

Permanency.

Since early January she has been serving temporarily as Acting Director of Health and Human Services while waiting for Council's final approval.

Acting Director Ames-Lopez has 25 years of experience in public administration, state government, and the nonprofit sector.

She provided operational oversight for more than 500 employees who manage the Department of Children and Families DCF's various programs in her role as Assistant Area Director for the Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection & Permanency's Hunterdon/Mercer/Somerset/Warren region.

Dr. Ames-Lopez is considered an expert in providing services for vulnerable populations, including people

with disabilities, juvenile offenders, individuals struggling with addiction and mental health, domestic violence and sexual abuse victims.

She was also an adjunct professor in Fairleigh Dickinson University's Public Administration program and has been involved in various social service and mentoring programs with the Trenton public school system, the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program, and the Trenton Police Department.

Acting Director Ames-Lopez was an active member of the NJ Child Fatality/Near Fatality Board and she is also a member of the Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected, and Missing Children.

Examples of such measures include one on one meetings with elected officials and committee, sub-committee and legislative meetings in the community at times and places more convenient to the community.

In addition, Black elected officials must effectively communicate with the community not just at election time. Newsletters, e-newsletters, public access television shows and other forms of communications must be made available to the community so it can more fully exercise Black political power.

The political development of the Black

community should be and must be a major criterion when evaluating the effectiveness and commitment of an elected official. Just because they may look Black does not mean they are for the community. Hold them accountable.

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