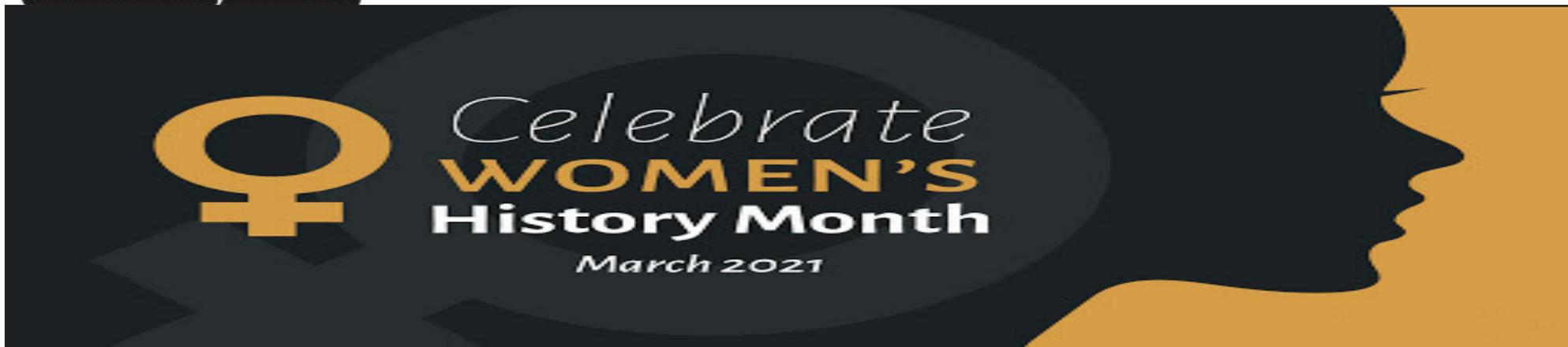


The Nubian News



What Happened To Trenton

Leadership Is Sending Us To Hell

The current administration of Trenton acts as though it is here to take care of the current administration. It isn't!

Trenton's government is here to take care of and represent the people of Trenton. Not just the good people or the tax paying people but all the people.

As can be seen by the pictures this is not happening in far too many instances. One was taken on S. Broad St. in a section with lots of businesses and heavy foot traffic. But the City Administration has allowed some contractor to leave a pile of concrete and other debris blocking the sidewalk for weeks.

We have a Streets Department, a Department of Public Works, Inspection Department, many people whose

job and responsibility is to make sure these situations don't happen. And if they do they don't stay this way too long.

The situation on Broad was addressed on facebook. The focus then was cardboard recycling, but this pile was clearly visible. A longtime city official responded that Mercer County was supposed to pick up the cardboard and that the person who photographed it should contact the County. Well that's not a citizen's job. Their job is to report it the City Administration because the City Administration contracted with Mercer County to remove recyclables. That's a contract between the City and Mercer County. If the County isn't doing it's part then

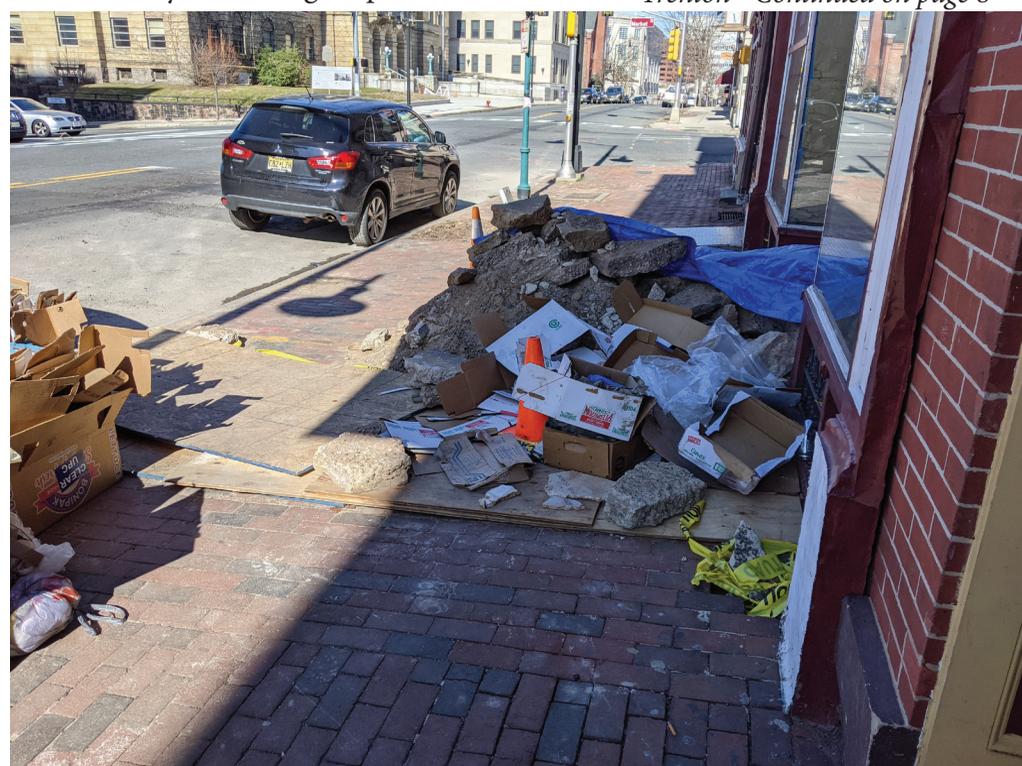
citizens are to contact the City and the City is to make sure the County upholds it's end of the contract.

But none of that has anything to do with this pile of debris. How is it that contractors feel comfortable enough to leave this mess with no fear of being held accountable by the City Administration?

Is it because they know The City Administration has not in the past and will not in the future uphold the laws and regulations governing construction waste on our streets?

Not only is there construction debris but the sidewalk is dug up and only a piece of plywood is covering the hole. This condition has been going on for

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Black NJ Lawmaker's Bill To Decrease Colorectal Cancer Deaths Becomes Law

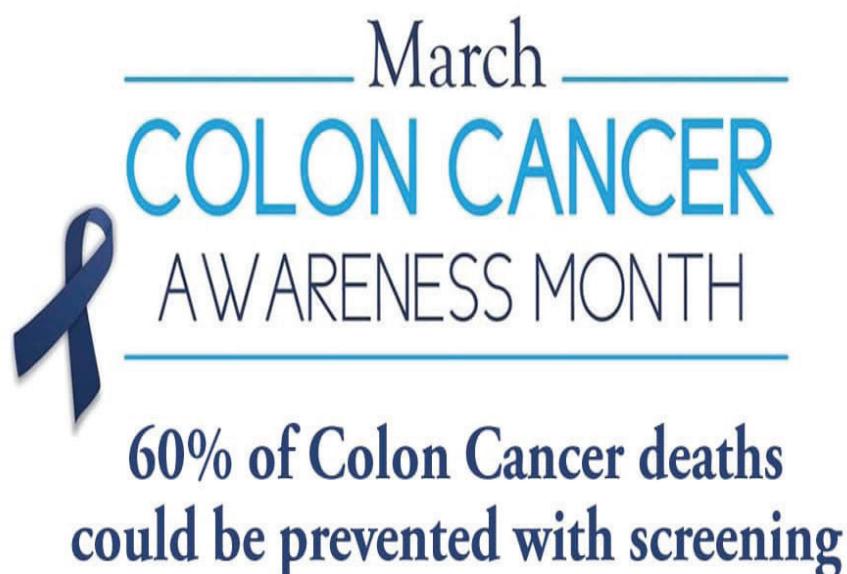
BY AL ALATUNJI

A Congressional measure aimed at decreasing colorectal cancer deaths and increasing cancer screenings nationwide has recently become federal law.

Colorectal cancer is second only to lung cancer in U.S. cancer deaths every year. Yet the survival rate from colorectal cancer is one of the highest for all forms of cancer if it is caught early. Currently, it causes more than 50,000 deaths in the United States every year. It is even more deadly for minorities.

lost my father, Congressman Donald M. Payne Sr., to the deadly disease in 2012. Now that it is the law, doctors have more freedom to improve the health and safety of millions of Americans. I know it will increase the number of Americans who get screened for colorectal cancer now that they will not get a surprise bill after the procedure and help save thousands of lives annually."

The bill, the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act (H.R. 1570), passed with strong bipartisan support as part of the



Blacks are 20% more likely to get colorectal cancer and 40% more likely to die from it compared to other groups.

Colorectal cancer rates have doubled for Americans under 50 years old in the last 30 years.

The sponsor of this important measure was New Jersey's own Congressman Donald M. Payne Jr., of Newark. His father, the late Congressman Donald M. Payne Sr., the state's first Black Congressional Member, died from colorectal cancer. "This is a great day for millions of Americans at risk for colorectal cancer," said Congressman Payne. "I have wanted to pass this bill since I

Omnibus Appropriations and Emergency Coronavirus Relief Act (H.R. 133), an end-of-the-year government funding bill. It was signed into law.

Medicare beneficiaries will be covered when doctors remove cancerous growths, or polyps, during routine colorectal cancer screenings, called colonoscopies. Before the bill became law, Medicare covered the screenings only and patients could face surprise charges for the polyp removals after the procedure.

With the enactment of the bill, Medicare is held to the same standard of coverage as private health insurance companies, which must cover screenings and surgeries to remove growths.

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- Reveal truth
- Produce justice
- Produce correctness

Statement of Intent

To the best of my knowledge and understanding, the basic-initial requirement for establishing justice among the people of the known universe is to [first], eliminate the practice of Racism (White Supremacy).

All person in the known universe, both "skilled" and "unskilled" who have attempted to establish justice, and or who have attempted to eliminate Racism, have, so far failed.

Therefore, as a Victim of Racism, and as one who is both subject to, and a participant in, the overall support of injustice, I intend to use what knowledge and understanding that has been given me, to help develop the correct procedures for eliminating racism, and producing justice.

— submitted by Mr. Neely Fuller Jr. (1/0)
July 23, 1982

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Regardless of all that has been said or done, the quality of the relationship(s) between white people and Black people is, and has been, a total disaster.

by Mr. Neely Fuller, Jr.

Curtailing Criminal Police Conduct In NJ

BY AL ALATUNJI

The State of NJ announced a comprehensive package of policies designed to limit the use of force by New Jersey's 38,000 state, county and local law enforcement officers towards the end of 2020. The changes include the first revision to the state's "Use of Force Policy" in two decades.

State law gives the State's Attorney General the responsibility to establish, monitor and enforce policing policies and practices throughout the state. The State's Attorney General, Gurbir S. Grewal, wants to make sweeping changes to how police use force in NJ.

"We are committed to making New Jersey a national leader in policing reform," stated Attorney General Grewal. "We are building on the important work already underway in the state's best police departments and establishing a new standard of excellence across the Garden State." The changes proposed by Attorney General Grewal include prohibiting

all forms of physical force against a civilian, including chokeholds and strikes to the head or neck, except as an absolute last resort and new guidance on the use of less-lethal force



as an alternative to deadly force and as a tool for de-escalation. According to Attorney General Grewal the "changes are about more than just reducing unnecessary use of force by law enforcement. We are also

restoring the public's trust in the work we do, which, in the long run, makes law enforcement more effective and everyone safer."

The Attorney General's changes would require all law enforcement officers in NJ to complete a two-day

training program on de-escalation and other tactics for limiting the use of force. Within 24 hours of using any physical force against a civilian, the law enforcement officer must report detailed information about the incident to the statewide Use of Force

Portal. The reports on the portal will be available for public review.

Supervisory officers, including police chiefs, are now required to review all uses of force by their subordinate officers, both to determine whether a particular use of force was proper and to identify systemic issues that may require retraining or other remedial measures. Every NJ law enforcement agency must conduct an annual analysis of use-of-force incidents to identify trends, including any racial disparities, and submit the analysis to the county prosecutor for review.

"The public outrage after the senseless killing of George Floyd fueled the national demand for review of excessive force policies in law enforcement," stated Jiles H. Ship, president, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). "We acknowledge the importance of this first step and NOBLE NJ looks forward to continuing our work with the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General to develop a comprehensive policy that will ensure the safety of all New Jerseyans and law enforcement officers."

DAY OF SORROW TO REMEMBER HORRORS OF SLAVERY

BY LAWRENCE HAMM

The People's Organization For Progress (POP) held a virtual Black History Month program on Sunday, February 28, 2021, to examine the damage done to black people by the institution of slavery.

It was titled A DAY OF SORROW: To Remember and Mourn The Suffering, Oppression, and Injustice That The Ancestors of Black People Endured During The Centuries of Slavery In The United States and the Western Hemisphere.

"We are having this program to strengthen the bond between us and our ancestors and to further our understanding of what happened to us during that terrible period," stated Lawrence Hamm, Chairman, People's Organization For Progress, who was the program moderator.

The program opened with the pouring of libation by Queen Mother Imakhu. "We pour libations to let our ancestors know they are not forgotten. We pour libations for all those who lost their lives," she said.

The pouring of libations was followed by a simultaneous live performance by Queen Mother Imakhu and recorded performance of the Black national anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Baba Zayid Muhammad gave an update on political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal who was recently diagnosed with the Covid-19 virus.

"National and international calls must go out to put pressure on the State of Pennsylvania, the governor, the district attorney, and corrections



department to get Mumia hospitalized," Muhammad stated.

He also read a poem he wrote about the enslavement of Africans in this country titled "Blue Fire." He said he was inspired to write this poem after the discovery of an African burial ground in New York City several decades ago.

This was followed by presentations by several scholars and activists.

"The African Holocaust was one

of the more horrific episodes in recorded history. However, the resilience, genius, and strength of African people and her descendants, as evidenced by consistent resistance, should never be forgotten" stated Dr. Kelly Harris, Director, Africana Studies Program, Seton Hall University.

"We remember the horrors of slavery and the unshakable quest for freedom and liberation," Dr. Harris said.

"To fully understand and appreciate the burden of enslavement of Africans in America, we must address the torturous and violent European slavocracy institution with accurate descriptions and analyses that are

devoid of the niceties of the explanations for the past hundred years," stated Dr. Akil Khalfani, Director, Africana Institute, Essex County College.

"This is necessary to create healthy healing space for growth and forward movement," Dr. Khalfani said.

The resistance to slavery and reparations was also discussed by the speakers. Dr. Willa Cofield, writer, activist, and film producer told the

story of William Henry Singleton born a slave in 1843 on a plantation near New Bern, North Carolina.

During the Civil War "Singleton recruited and trained one thousand Black men who eventually became the 35th Regiment, United States Colored Troops," Dr. Cofield said.

"His story showed the fierce resilience with which slaves tried to hold onto family and their deep devotion to the struggle for freedom," she said. Several of the speakers emphasized the need to draw inspiration from that painful chapter of the Black experience to continue the struggle for Black Liberation.

"As we remember the legacy of our liberation journey, we do not mourn as if there is no hope. In truth, we are inspired by the assurance that the commitment to the struggle for freedom continues to live within us to this day," stated Rev Lukata Mjumbe, Pastor, Witherspoon Presbyterian Church in Princeton.

Hamm closed the program by thanking the speakers, performers and everyone who helped make it possible especially the program committee members POP Vice Chairwoman Ingrid S. Hill, POP member Marion Pitts, and Queen Mother Imakhu.

He also thanked Vice Chairwoman Hill and POP member Ian Burrowes for their technical assistance and production of the video broadcast.

Reparations

ARE WHAT WE NEED



Atalaya Armstrong

When most hear the word reparations, they think Slavery, and yes, that is where we start the national demand, but it is by no means the end of the demand. Demanding reparations is not new, Callie House was the first person to demand reparations back in 1898. Reparations is not a new concept as the United States paid reparations to Slave owners and more than eight different groups after.

The institutions of both Slavery and Jim Crow were undergirded by policies, practices, and procedures that ensured in one way or another African Americans would remain tethered to the bottom of any social, economic, and political systems. No other group within the United States has been generationally targeted, intentionally held back, and or purposely neglected, no other group has been restricted from obtaining and transferring wealth, other than African Americans.

Our positionality in the United States is not because of economic failures, innate abilities, and or inferiority in contrast to other groups of people, it is simply because of policies, practices and procedures that have generationally prevented us from obtaining and transferring wealth, and in the United States, wealth is key to socioeconomic survival.

At the recent 2nd Congressional hearing on Reparations, Texas Representative and sponsor of HR40 quoted a Harvard study that suggested had African Americans had reparations COVID death rates would have been cut in half if not more.

There is no amount of resiliency, unification, and or exceptionalism that will produce wealth that has a gap of 225-228 years to close. Economists have now declared that in less than 33 years (some scholars think sooner) African Americans will have ZERO wealth and in this capitalistic game, to have no wealth is to make African Americans a permanent underclass in the country their ancestors built.

If we are to ever move forward as a nation and move beyond our past, we must reconcile it, make amends and be at peace with it. The only way to ensure this happens is to fight for and demand reparations.

We can no longer ignore this issue, we can no longer afford to wait for justice to take pity on us, we must demand it.

There can be no shift in progress or any measure of change if advocacy is not there, front and center, when representation of interests are not at or on the table, they are not in the game. In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "The next time we come to Washington, we are coming to get our check"

The only way to ensure this happens is to fight for and demand Reparations

COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION EXPANDING IN NEW JERSEY



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Who is currently eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine continues to be distributed in phases throughout New Jersey according to prioritization guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New Jersey Department of Health. To find the most up-to-date groups who are eligible for the vaccine in New Jersey, visit covid19.nj.gov.

Previously, the vaccine was available only to health care workers (including Capital Health employees and active and associate medical staff), residents of long-term care facilities and police and fire personnel in New Jersey.

AS OF JANUARY 14, 2021, new state guidelines for vaccine eligibility expanded to include paid or unpaid persons working or volunteering in health care settings, residents of long-term care facilities and other congregate settings, front-line first responders, persons age 65 and older, and persons age 16 to 64 years old who have at least one chronic medical condition that poses a high-risk for severe COVID-19. FOR CURRENT, UPDATED INFORMATION, VISIT [COVID19.NJ.GOV/VACCINE](https://covid19.nj.gov/vaccine).

This includes individuals who have cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Down syndrome, heart conditions, sickle cell disease, and type 2 diabetes mellitus as well as those who are immunocompromised, pregnant, obese, or smokers.

Anyone in New Jersey falling into these eligible groups can register for a COVID-19 vaccine by visiting covidvaccine.nj.gov.

How does the COVID-19 vaccine work?

The COVID-19 vaccine gives the immune system a preview of the coronavirus, so it learns how to stop it if you are exposed. It triggers antibodies in your blood to attack the virus' unique spike protein.

Your immune system learns from the vaccine how to quickly recognize the actual virus and stop it from multiplying. The idea is to stop SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, from getting into cells, replicating itself and making you sick.

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?

Like most new medicines and vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccines are tested for safety in large clinical trials. During the clinical trials, volunteers receive the vaccine and then regularly check in with scientists to report any side effects or illnesses. If the vaccine has data to support its safety and effectiveness, the scientists apply for Emergency Use Authorization from the Food and Drug Administration. Scientists continue to follow the volunteers for at least two years to report any long-term or rare side effects and safety concerns.

Where Can I Get the Vaccine?

Information about open vaccination sites in New Jersey, vaccine registration, and eligibility updates is available at covid19.nj.gov/vaccine.

For information about public vaccination at Capital Health, please visit capitalhealth.org/coronavirus or call 609.537.7468 (SHOT).

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).



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.



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.



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



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.



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. Helpful information is also available from the New Jersey Department of Health online at covid19.nj.gov or by phone at 1.800.222.1222.

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Missing transcripts could ruin his dreams

Por CARLOS AVILA



TRENTON- Fredy Azcona, es un padre de familia preocupado por el porvenir de su hijo, pide al Superintendente del Distrito Escolar de Trenton Alfonso Llano Jr. que ayude a solucionar un problema de notas/ créditos del programa Bilingüe que

Hay que combatir las estafas

hasta ahora no han sido acreditados a su hijo Jeffrey Azcona (19), quien se graduó en la West Trenton High School, y que a pesar de haber sido ya aceptado en la Lincoln University, Philadelphia, aún no le permiten estudiar, ni jugar baseball en el equipo de la universidad por falta de los 4 créditos que ganó en el programa bilingüe.

Azcona manifiesta que entiende la situación que se vive por la pandemia, pero ya espera mucho. Dice que ha llamado en varias ocasiones a la escuela y al distrito pero que nadie responde las llamadas ni los mensajes que ha dejado. “Nadie contesta, no se qué hacer” manifiesta Azcona y por eso acude a este medio de comunicación con la esperanza que esta nota llegue a oídos del Superintendente Llano Jr., o de la profesora Sandra Iturbides y le ayuden a solucionar esta situación.

“Todo padre quiere lo mejor para su hijo” indicó Azcona, sugiriendo que las autoridades educativas deben apoyar a sus estudiantes a que continúen su estudios universitarios.

Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli y Murphy “Stop the Fraud”

Por CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON – Por fin se están tomando medidas contra los estafadores que amenazan a los residentes de Nueva Jersey por teléfono, principalmente a personas mayores, para que realicen

estafas requieren que los residentes lean el código de activación en la parte posterior de las tarjetas de regalo por teléfono o envíen imágenes de este código a los estafadores. La legislación (A-802) exigiría capacitación adicional para los empleados minoristas en



Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D-Mercer, Hunterdon)

N J para identificar a los clientes que han sido víctimas de casos de fraude telefónico con tarjetas de regalo. “Nuestro objetivo es hacer todo lo que esté a nuestro alcance para proteger a nuestros ciudadanos de la tercera edad”, mani-

festó Reynolds-Jackson (D-Mercer, Hunterdon). El afán de crear el proyecto de ley fue debido a un incidente que ocurrió en mayo de 2019 en el distrito del asambleísta Verrelli. Un empleado de CVS reconoció las señales de advertencia de un caso de fraude telefónico e impidió que una anciana enviara miles de dólares en tarjetas de regalo prepagas a los estafadores. El empleado sospechó y preguntó por qué, luego notificó a su gerente y a la policía y se evitó la estafa.

El proyecto de ley fue aprobado el pasado lunes por la Asamblea por 62 votos a favor, 2 en contra y 4 abstenciones. "Este tipo de estafas suelen estar dirigidos a adolescentes, adultos jóvenes y ancianos". Verrelli (D-Mercer, Hunterdon) dijo que las

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¿Cómo va la vacunación contra el COVID-19 en América Latina?

LAURA LUCÍA RODRÍGUEZ PEÑA

Desde el año pasado la prioridad mundial es la vacunación para combatir la pandemia COVID-19. Sin embargo la adquisición y la aplicación de la vacuna se ha dado de forma muy desigual. El Reino Unido fue el primero en adquirir las vacunas y al 18 de febrero llevaba más de 15 millones de personas vacunadas. Mientras en países de América Latina como Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua y Paraguay, al 18 de febrero aún no iniciaban sus jornadas de vacunación.

Esto implica que continúe la propagación del virus, pero además significa que la reactivación

vulnerable en comparación a los estratos altos de la sociedad.

Una transformación digital en una región que no tiene los recursos económicos para hacerlo y que además se caracteriza por la corrupción de sus gobernantes implica que sus ciudadanos estén estancados hasta que se pueda superar la pandemia COVID-19. Organismos como la CEPAL han sugerido a los gobiernos la creación de una renta básica para las personas más afectadas, en especial para las mujeres, pues en el 2020 más de 14 millones salieron del mercado laboral por efectos del COVID, el 56% de la población total de mujeres se encuentra en situación de pobreza.

No obstante, estas sugerencias no han sido aplicadas y lo que se observa son planes de vacunación que avanzan lentamente en la región.

En Colombia la estrategia de vacunación nacional va de la mano de un plan mediático de alto alcance, es decir, un constante seguimiento de cámaras y una logística que



Coronavirus vaccines arrive in Bogota, Colombia, through the World Health Organization's COVAX program. PRESIDENCIA DE COLOMBIA

parece diseñada para congraciarse al gobierno nacional más que para acelerar la vacunación. Mientras tanto, algunas regiones del país, como Amazonas y Vaupés, siguen siendo rezagadas por el plan de vacunación, lo que perpetúa la inequidad y centralidad del país.

La falta de vacunas representa un peligro para la salud pero también es un factor agravante de la brecha de desigualdad que cada vez se hace más grande en el mundo. Grandes compañías como Google y Amazon han podido recuperarse e incluso crecer, pero las medianas y pequeñas empresas han sufrido consecuencias irreparables, muchas incluso cerrando de forma permanente.

Mientras no hayan vacunas y no se pueda sobrepasar esta pandemia las condiciones de desigualdad seguirán aumentando, en especial en América Latina. En esta región un tercio de la población no tiene acceso a internet sino que se dedica a otras actividades como ventas informales o trabajos que implican la interacción con otras personas, por lo que la idea de "trabajo en casa" o "estudiar de forma virtual" se reduce a unos pocos que tienen los recursos para hacerlo. Los más afectados han sido comunidades indígenas, afrodescendientes, campesinos y mujeres, quienes de por sí se encuentran en una condición

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Por su parte, en Perú 487 personas, en su mayoría funcionarios públicos y algunos empresarios, se saltaron la fila para conseguir la vacuna COVID-19 sin seguir la ruta establecida, pasando por delante de médicos y personas de la tercera edad (quienes se encuentran en los primeros grupos de vacunación). Esto evidencia otro gran obstáculo para la vacunación en América Latina, la corrupción, la cual seguramente estará presente no sólo en Perú sino en otros países de la región que empezaron a vacunar.

Las vacunas han traído esperanza a la región y una serie de retos que deben afrontarse para superar todos los rezagos que dejó el 2020 en materia de salud, economía y desigualdad social. El monitoreo internacional, pero en especial de los ciudadanos, es vital para que la vacunación avance de forma transparente y los gobiernos no busquen ventaja de una problemática que sigue cobrando la vida de las personas diariamente.

Presentan proyecto de ley que exige mamografías y ecografías simultáneas para detectar del cáncer de mama

TRENTON – Si el proyecto se convierte en ley, los proveedores de atención médica que diagnostican y tratan el cáncer de mama deberán solicitar mamografías y ecografías simultáneas para las mujeres que

que las aseguradoras de salud cubran los exámenes bilaterales de los pacientes que tienen ciertos factores de riesgo.

“Dado que el cáncer de mama es la segunda causa principal de muerte



tienen antecedentes familiares u otros factores de riesgo de cáncer de mama, según manifiesta la legislación presentada por las asambleístas Annette Quijano y Linda Greenstein. "He conocido personalmente a mujeres que necesitaban luchar contra sus compañías de seguros para cubrir mamografías y ecografías bilaterales, a pesar de que saben que tienen un alto riesgo de cáncer de mama", dijo Quijano (D-Union). El proyecto de ley (A-5414) requeriría

entre las mujeres cada año, es vital que nuestro sistema de salud proporcione ecografías bilaterales a las mujeres que se realizan mamografías”, dijo Greenstein (D-Mercer / Middlesex). Las pruebas de detección del cáncer de mama son muy importantes para la salud de la mujer y no debería haber conflictos entre el proveedor del seguro médico y la paciente, para realizarse este tipo de exámenes médicos

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weeks right in the middle of the City. In the other picture a downed telephone pole has laid on the sidewalk for nearly a month. It was hit by a car. Why hasn't the City Administration demanded PSEG come in and remove and replace the pole. What does it take to get things back to normal.

Normal isn't a good thing in this City anymore, though. The normal now is ugly.

Whatever happened to all the programs we used to have for our kids. Sure Covid has taken its toll, but even before that the City was severely lacking in thing for our kids to do. There used to be Neighborhood Centers in every section of town. After school programs abound for all age groups.

Now they are gone. The Smith Family Foundation has done some work to bring back so activities for our children but that is not enough. The City Administration through the many Departments and Divisions in the City has done very little to occupy the

free time our kids have.

Are there any Zoom programs being sponsored by the City? Is there a website operated by the City which is for our children? I don't know. This City Administration has made limited attempts at outreach to inform us what Programs they have for us and our children.

As I look around the City it is getting dirtier and seedier. The people I meet and talk with are working hard to make their world better. But they can use a lot of help from the City Administration.

Murder and other violence plagues us everyday. Recently groups of concerned citizens have come together to figure out what to do about it, especially the murders. The City Administration complains about these killings but what have they done go get into the minds and hearts of those doing the violence to get them to stop?

I haven't heard of anything they've done. The Administration wants more police but that hasn't solved the murder problem anywhere in

Se fueron de golpes en plena tormenta de nieve

POR CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON-Cuando la madre naturaleza trae una buena cantidad de nieve y esta se acumula en las calles y veredas de la ciudad, como sucedió el pasado mes de febrero, en nuestra área, también trae inconvenientes y problemas en los estacionamientos entre vecinos.

A inicios del pasado mes de febrero una persona que pidió anonimato manifestó que a raíz de la tormenta

para evitar mayores consecuencias en sus reacciones.

Sin embargo, tras la publicación de esta nota en las redes sociales, otra persona, testigo del hecho contó su versión desde otra perspectiva. La persona compartió con este medio de comunicación un video (sin audio) donde se puede observar que un grupo de vecinos discuten y pierden el control del diálogo y se enfrentan a golpes. En el video se visualiza que



de nieve que cayó en la ciudad de Trenton, se originó una discusión entre vecinos de la Southard Street, en el espacio donde limpian la nieve para estacionar sus vehículos.

En medio de la discusión y la riña los ánimos se caldearon y los vecinos se enfrentaron a golpes y puñetazos en la que un señor mayor de 80 años sufrió heridas en el rostro y tuvo que ser trasladado al hospital.

La policía habría llegado al lugar de los hechos, pero según el denunciante no arrestó a nadie, ni tampoco hizo alguna investigación seria sobre la situación.

Señaló que después que la policía se fue, los muchachos que agredieron a la persona mayor salieron con martillo en la mano y más desafiantes que antes. Dijo que es importante que la policía actúe con mayor prontitud y seriedad en este tipo de altercados

un sujeto, aparentemente el hijo del adulto-mayor lanza el primer golpe y ahí se inicia una pelea campal, donde intervienen hombres y mujeres que tras lanzarse puñetes caen al suelo y se levanta a seguir peleando y luchando unos contra otros.

Pudo haber sido peor la situación, si la persona mayor en vez de caer sobre la nieve que estaba acumulada cae en el pavimento, el golpe podía ser fatal. Luego se ve que aparentemente llega un oficial y trata de controlar la situación. Según el denunciante señaló que irán a la corte para buscar justicia.

Es oportuno sugerir que cuando se presentan este tipo de situaciones comunes en nuestros vecindarios, traten de solucionar el impase a través del diálogo y no la violencia, sobre todo cuando hay niños y personas mayores de por medio.

the country. We need an innovative program which will curb the violence in our streets. What has this City Administration done and what is it planning to do?

We have voted for democrats from the president on down and now they control everything in New Jersey. How will this City Administration leverage this power to help us? So far and for many years the only thing which has happened is Trenton gets

poorer and uglier.

We have to hold all these democrats to a much higher standard if we are to continue to vote them into office. We can't afford to put people in positions of power and then find out they have no interest in delivering to us what we need for our livelihood and the well-being of our children.

Mayor Gusciora we expect more and better from you.

PANEL SUPPORTS SLAVERY REPARATIONS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

BY LAWRENCE HAMM

A Black History Month program titled “Reparations For Slavery In The United States” took place on Thursday evening, February 18, 2021. It was held via Zoom and was sponsored by the People’s Organization For Progress (POP).

“We held this program as part of an on-going effort to educate the public about and build support for reparations for African-Americans, and related legislation currently being discussed at the federal and state levels,” Lawrence Hamm, Chairman, People’s Organization For Progress stated.

The panelists assembled to discuss the topic included Omowale Clay, December 12th Movement; Dr. Kelly Harris, Director, Africana Studies Program, Seton Hall University; Dr. Nichole Nelson, Policy Analyst, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice; Atalaya Armstrong, Trenton Branch NAACP; and Dr. Akil Khalfani, Director, Africana Institute, Essex County College.

“POP demands reparations for the descendants of those who were enslaved in this country. We support the federal reparations bill H.R. 40, the call for a reparations executive order by President Biden, and state and local reparations legislation,” stated Hamm who moderated the program.

“It is time to bring the demand for reparations into alignment with the irrefutable crimes against our people. The demand for a Presidential Executive Order for a Downpayment of \$50 Billion reflects the urgency of now,” Omowale Clay stated.

Clay also expressed support for a New York state bill A3080 - A New York State Community Commission On Reparations Remedies, which is sponsored by Assemblyman Charles Barron.

He also called for street action. “They will study us or allow us to study ourselves into perpetuity for chump change if we let them. If we want reparations we have to fight for them...where’s the fight going to be...in the streets.” Clay said.

Dr. Kelly Harris gave a historical perspective. “Interest in reparations has increased over the past 20 years. The H.R. 40 hearings reflect the increasing interest and the push to not only study reparations but to discuss remedies,” Dr. Harris said.

He also reviewed the federal bill H.R. 40 - Commission To Study And Develop Reparation Proposals For African-Americans Act currently sponsored by Representative Sheila Jackson Lee.

The bill was introduced more than 30 years ago by Rep. John Conyers. The House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the bill a week ago.

“Ultimately, success will result on how well we amplify the arguments for reparations and not get distracted by feeble attempts to evade the facts,” Harris said.

Dr Nicole Nelson talked about the connection between reparations for slavery and racial inequality today.

“There is a direct line from slavery in America to the cracks of structural racism in our foundation today, including in New Jersey, where we face some of the widest racial disparities in the country,” Dr. Nelson stated.

She highlighted reparations bills currently before the New Jersey Legislature, A711 and S322 which establishes the “New Jersey Reparations Task Force,” to make reparations proposals for the harm caused by the state’s role in slavery and systemic racial discrimination.

“Passing legislation to form a reparations task force is an overdue and necessary first step for our state to study the generations long impact of slavery in New Jersey, and to propose sweeping policy recommendations to repair the harm,” Nelson said.

Atalaya Armstrong, who has been active on this issue, spoke to the necessity of reparations. “If we are to move forward and be the great nation that we have a desire to be, it is imperative that we right the wrongs of the past,” she stated.

“Not only for the institution of slavery but for all the accrued disadvantages, practices, policies and procedures against African American people in the present day. Reparations is not a gift. It is debt owed. Cut the check,”

Armstrong said.

Dr Akil Khalfani underscored the need for an international perspective on reparations. “We have to push for reparations in the strongest possible terms. However, H.R. 40 needs to be looked at in the global context,” Dr. Khalfani stated.

“There is a global call for reparations (repair) from the enslavement, torture, torment and abuse of African Americans and African people around the world,” Khalfani said.

“To realize the demand for reparations, the U.S. examination and implementation of it must be tied to this wider call for the healing from white supremacy, colonization and enslavement of African people on the African continent and in the diaspora,” He said.

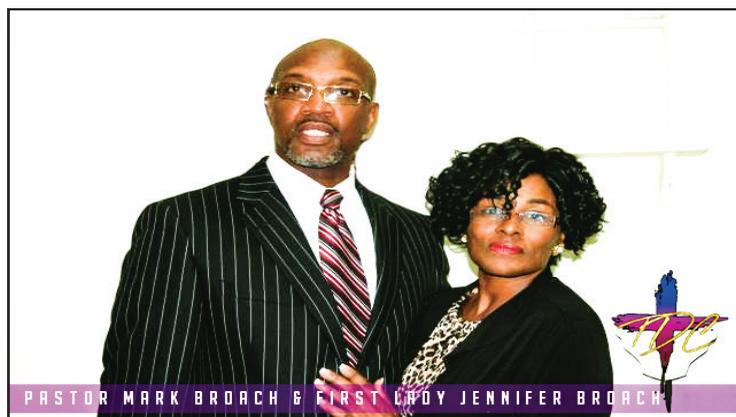
At the conclusion of the presentations the panelists took questions from those who were viewing and listening to the program. There were also remarks from other community leaders that were in the audience.



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Nubian News Book Review

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

“Raceless: In Search of Family, Identity, and the Truth About Where I Belong”

BY GEORGINA LAWTON

c.2021, Harper Perennial
\$17.99 / \$21.99 Canada 304 pages

“Surviving the White Gaze: A Memoir”

BY REBECCA CARROLL

c.2021, Simon & Schuster
\$26.00 / \$35.00 Canada 320 pages
Who are you?



The frustration and the not-knowing sent Lawton on a round-the-world excursion, from Great Britain to Nicaragua to the U.S., South Africa, and elsewhere, in a search for racial identity. This book is the result: a thoughtfully-written, beautifully-told look at Blackness, culture, and love. It’s a story that sometimes reads faintly like a travelogue, but one in which the search is not for interesting sites, so much as it is for *insight*, making this a quietly persistent, personal, and wonderful story to enjoy.

Like Lawton, **Rebecca Carroll** grew up in circumstances that were unique: as a little girl, she was literally the only Black person living in her small New England town. In “**Surviving the White Gaze**,” she writes about a picture-perfect childhood, the beliefs she was raised with, a feeling that there was something amiss, and her ultimate reckoning.

The story of how she was born and entered her family’s lives was something Carroll knew from a very early age. Unlike Lawton’s family, Carroll’s parents never hid anything from her; she was told the names of her birth parents and she knew some of the woman’s close relatives so it’s a bit of a surprise that meeting her (white) birth mother was rather anticlimactic. Still, that meeting and the subsequent relationship they forged left Carroll walking a long, fine line between two mothers, and looking for the identity she craved all along.

“**Surviving the White Gaze**” is good: it’s full of nostalgia for anyone over 50 and it perfectly explains the inner turmoil and delicate balance of straddling two worlds while searching for place. Also, though, it’s heavily peopled and the number of names you’ll need to keep track of can be a challenge. Just beware, and take this thoughtful, thought-provoking memoir as it comes.

Then, once you’ve devoured these two books, there’s good news: in the last few months, many authors have taken this journey of identity and are willing to share, no matter who you are.

That’s a question some people never ask themselves: seemingly intuitively, they know the answer at birth and they don’t think about it again. Then there are those who struggle with knowing until their last breath. Still others have stories to tell about their search to learn who they are. Read on...

One big secret-not-secret lies at the heart of “**Raceless**” by **Georgina Lawton**.

Born after a long labor in a London hospital in 1989, Lawton was the child of a (white) British father and a (white) Irish mother, and with her black hair and deep brown eyes, she “was not the baby they had been expecting.” To save face, her conception, the result of a one-night stand, wasn’t talked about, and her curly hair and brown skin was blamed on a genetic quirk on her mother’s side, end of story. Lawton was raised with love, never questioning anything until four years ago, when she took a DNA test that indicated Nicaraguan ancestry.

Her father had died by then, and her mother refused to discuss it.

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PASSAGE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS AN ONLINE PRODUCTION

OF SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY

TRENTON, NJ- For this year's Theatre for Families and Young Audiences show, Passage is presenting an online production of Surely Goodness and Mercy, by Chisa Hutchinson



Chisa Hutchinson, Playwright

and directed by Marcus D. Harvey. The

production will be available to stream online from March 25-28, 2021. This production is part of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance's 2021 Stages Festival, the state's largest annual theatre festival, which provides free and discounted theatre events for all ages throughout the months of March, April, and May.

Surely Goodness and Mercy follows an odd, but bright little boy named Tino who befriends Bernadette, the lunch lady at his school. Through quick conversations, a few moments of grace, and the help of their sassy friend Deja, both Tino and Bernadette learn about the strength hiding within themselves and what it means to

truly care for another. The cast of Surely Goodness and Mercy includes Layton E. Dickson as Tino, Camiel Warren-Taylor as Deja, Jennifer Fouche as Bernadette, Tamara Anderson as Alneesa/Teacher, and Jamil A.C.

Mangan as Preacher/Principal.

Passage's online production of Surely Goodness and Mercy will consist of a hybrid filming process. A portion of the scenes will be filmed with actors remotely as Passage has done with its previous online shows. The remaining scenes will be filmed in person at Trenton Central High School. All in-person scenes will be

filmed following COVID-19 precautions and with the assistance of our new Company Manager/Infection



Layton E. Dickson, (Tino)

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Upon ticket purchase, audience members will receive a confirmation email including a link to view the video

anytime from Thursday, March 25 at 11am until 11:59pm on Sunday, March 28. The video can also be viewed

on Zoom during the group screening at 7pm on Saturday, March 27. Immediately following the group screening there will be a short post-show discussion featuring Surely Goodness and Mercy cast and creative team.

Questions not answered live in the discussion may be answered by the artists on social media after the screening.

General Admission tickets can be purchased for \$17 at www.passagetheatre.org. There are also Senior and Student tickets available for \$13.

The director of Surely Goodness and Mercy, Marcus D. Harvey, says "For me, Surely Goodness and Mercy is a play about safety and community. How do we create safe spaces for young people to be themselves, authentically and purely without having to apologize? Once the space is created, How do we support the space and build communities? Young people deserve that, we owe that to them."

Coalition of Supporters announces the Bring Sundiata Acoli Home Alliance (BSAHA)

Incarcerated 47 years, 84 year old grandfather battling dementia

New York, NY - A former employee of NASA and a civil rights era Freedom Rider, Sundiata Acoli turns 84 on January 14. The college graduate and grandfather of two has been incarcerated for over forty-seven years. Acoli has been consistently denied parole for more than twenty-five of those

treated for advancing dementia, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, emphysema and glaucoma. The frail senior citizen also lost 30 pounds during a long battle with the Covid-19 virus; he was one of those blessed to survive the health scare. He should be released before his health is further compromised.

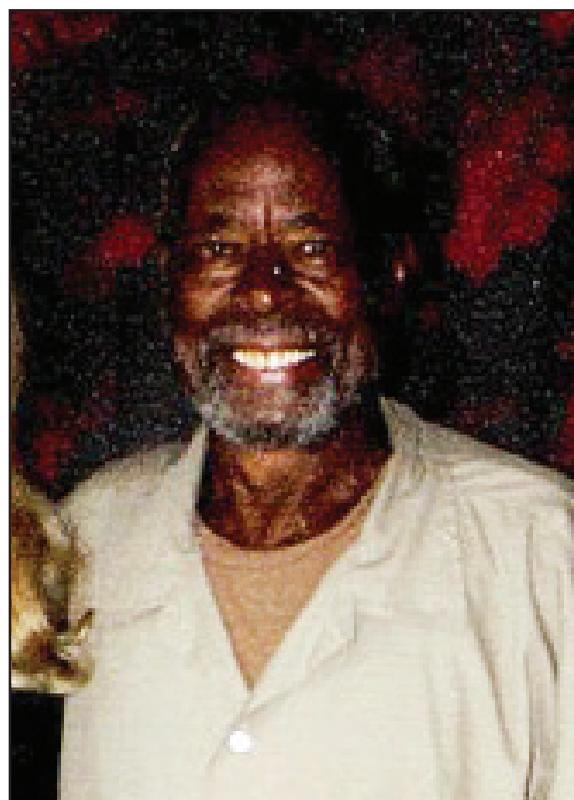
Nearly fifty religious leaders across New Jersey said the following in a joint statement to New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy last June when asking for a commutation of Acoli's sentence:

"Mr. Acoli had to be rushed to a hospital in Maryland when he fell ill from the COVID19 virus. For several days he was maintained on oxygen," said the group of faith leaders across multiple denominations and thirty-nine religious institutions. "Recently, he was bedridden for a week due to intestinal complications. For all of the reasons stated above, we unconditionally call upon you to release Mr. Acoli from prison immediately. When he is released, we pledge to support you and champion your just and humane decision," the statement concluded.

"As his daughter, I can say that the Bring Sundiata Acoli Home Alliance (BSAHA) means so much to me and our entire family," said Sunni Middleton, an executive in finance. "The death of officer Foerester was a tragic event and we grieve for that loss and pray for the healing of all families involved. My dad is in his twilight years and he has paid for that terrible incident while showing us how to be accountable for one's actions.

Our family is so grateful for this outpouring of support from members of the community and the Freedom Campaign," added Middleton. "It gives us the strength, and faith, to see this through and to know that our prayers may one day be answered and my father will be in his family's care to live out the remaining years of his life."

This campaign will last until Sundiata is home with his family to live out his final years. For more information visit our website or head to our Facebook page.



years, going all the way back to 1994. The campaign will use the hashtag #BringSundiataHome and kicked off in mid-January.

Following his conviction in the murder of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerester in 1973, Acoli was sentenced to life. In the Garden State, those convicted and sentenced to life are eligible for parole after twenty-five years.

"Sundiata Acoli has had a near perfect disciplinary record for 40 years, with no violations of any kind for the past twenty-five years," explained Acoli's attorney, Bruce I. Afran. "I have come to know Mr. Acoli well over the past nine years. He has emerged into a useful, law abiding and productive member of the community, albeit while incarcerated. He has evolved so far in his life and thought that he has been approved to teach the Federal Bureau of Prisons's course in Avoiding Criminal Thinking, the program to teach younger inmates how to avoid recidivism."

Sundiata's health is deteriorating in his late stage of life and is now being

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