

The Nubian News

Loving the Black Perspective



ADIOS A 'RAFY' EL HOMBRE QUE ORGANIZABA LA LIGA ROBERTO CLEMENTE EN TRENTON

POR CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON-El conocido y siempre alegre Rafael 'Rafy' Rodriguez, (76) ha fallecido en Trenton, ciudad a la que tanto quiso. Deja nostalgia entre esposa, hijos, hija, nietos, familiares y amigos.

Rafy Rodriguez, originario de Adjuntas-Puerto Rico, fue conocido en la comunidad hispana de Trenton por su don de gente, por ser el coordinador principal por años de la Liga de Baseball Roberto Clemente, y por haber trabajado 37 años en el Departamento de Agua de la ciudad.

"Desde hace unos meses, tenía un tumor raro en el cerebro, le daba muchos dolores de cabeza, a veces no reconocía a la gente, no se acordaba su nombre, eso era yendo y viniendo, eso al fin le quitó la vida" señaló su hija Cristal Rodriguez, de 33 años de edad. Cristal anotó que se trataba de un tumor en el cerebro, que también le quitó la vida a su hermano Héctor, a artistas y políticos, como al mismo hijo del presidente Joe Biden. Se trata de una enfermedad hereditaria y en su estado avanzado ya fue difícil de tratarle con cirugía, indicó. Rafy Rodriguez falleció el pasado viernes 29 de octubre 2021.

Cristal su única hija manifestó que su Papá deja un legado. "Era un hombre que le gustaba que sus amigos se sientan felices, en momentos duros encontraba la fórmula para traer ambiente positivo entre la gente". Manifestó que su padre estuvo dirigiendo la liga de baseball desde los

90s'. "Yo iba con mi padre a todo lado, yo era la niña de sus ojos, su estrella". Rafy Rodriguez, a más de ser un hombre dedicado a organizar a los muchachos de la Liga de Baseball



Roberto Clemente, también le gustaba, hacer de DJ con sus equipos de música y participar y apoyar a los políticos. "Mi Papi trabajó con Palmer, Jackson, Ken Seda, y otros políticos de la ciudad, tu sabes dedicaba su tiempo a ayudar a la gente" advirtió Cristal. "Quisiera que le recuerden a mi Papi como una persona que nos dejó un legado". Rodriguez, estuvo casado con Daisy Rodriguez por 27 años. Rafy tuvo 4 hijos Eddie, Franky, Joey, Cristal y 7 nietos.

El servicio fúnebre será es en Chiacchio Southview Funeral Home. Las visitas será hoy jueves 4 de noviembre desde las 4 pm hasta las 8 pm. Su sepelio será mañana viernes 5 de noviembre en el cementerio de la Greenwood en Hamilton Township.

NJ Activist Marches 67 Miles For Passage Of Police Review Board Bill

BY AL ALATUNJI

Longtime New Jersey activist Lawrence "Larry" Hamm, (in yellow)

of misconduct. Review boards around the state with the ability to subpoena, would be able to obtain



founder and chairman of People's Organization for Progress since the 1980s, marched 67-miles from Montclair to Trenton in mid-October, to call on lawmakers to pass a police reform bill that has languished in the New Jersey legislature for a year.

Mr. Hamm passed through 22 municipalities with a goal of walking 10 miles a day, while meeting up with representatives of other activist groups like Black Lives Matter Paterson and Newark Communities for Accountable Policing.

Protesting is nothing new for Mr. Hamm and the People's Organization for Progress which has rallied in Newark every Monday for years in support of different social issues.

The focus of the march was to move and bring attention to legislation that would give municipalities the authority to create civilian complaint review boards with full subpoena power, a tool Black activists and others say is needed to investigate police accused

police records that are shielded from public view and hear testimony from officers in order to keep an eye on the police and stem the possibility of another George Floyd police murder. The legislation Assembly Bill 4656 and Senate Bill 2963 is sponsored by Assemblywoman Angela McKnight (D-Hudson) and Senator Ron Rice (D-Essex). The legislation was introduced September 17, 2020 and favorably released by the Assembly Budget Committee on June 21, 2021. However, the legislation still has not been posted for a vote before the entire Assembly and Senate.

"During 2020, because of George Floyd, all the people in power were saying how terrible it was and we need police reform," said Mr. Hamm, who is also marching in support of the federal George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. "But the truth of the matter, is that it has been pushed back from the headlines, from the front pages."

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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]



Bloomfield College Gets \$3M Grant To Educate Black Students

BY AL ALATUNJI

Bloomfield College is the only college in New Jersey recognized as a Predominantly Black Institution and Hispanic Serving Institution. The college in Essex County, has been awarded a \$3 million federal grant that will help the school recruit and graduate Black students. More than half of its students identify themselves as "first-generation," and are the first in their families to enroll in college according to its website.

Bloomfield College, founded in 1868, has more than 85 percent people of color that comprises its approximately 1,598 students; 48 percent are Black, 33 percent are Latinx and 2 percent are Asian. Nearly 71 percent of the students attending Bloomfield College are Pell Grant eligible and the median family income is below \$32,000.

Bloomfield College is nationally ranked for the impressive social mobility achieved by its graduates. The US News & World Report 2022 Best Colleges listings of Top National Liberal Arts Colleges ranked Bloomfield College the highest in New Jersey for Social Mobility, 27th nationally; Campus Ethnic Diversity, 25th nationally; and Economic Diversity, 1st in the Northeast and 13th nationally, among 223 national liberal arts institutions in the US. The school boasts vibrant fields of study, including nationally recognized

undergraduate programs in nursing and creative arts and technology.

Congressman Donald Payne Jr., who represents New Jersey's 10th Congressional district and whose father was New Jersey's first Black Congressional member, said the five-year grant from the US Department of Education was "great news" for the entire region.

"Bloomfield College does an exceptional job educating African-American students to prepare them for high-paying jobs in the future," Congressman Payne said. "But studies have shown that we are not getting enough African-American males to attend college and get degrees. This grant will help the school get more of these students into college, encourage them to stay and graduate, and give them a top-notch education so they can have fulfilling careers."

Congressman Payne said the grant will be used to fund Bloomfield College's Coaching Habits for African-American Male Students to Promote Success (CHAMPS) program. The program increases the retention and graduation rates of Black men who attend the school.

In addition, the funding will support a variety of programs and activities to help students succeed, such as academic coaching, peer and online tutoring, and leadership workshops, Congressman Payne said

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

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1. White people
2. Non-White people
3. White Supremacists (Racists)

Explanation:

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Four (4) Basic Motivating Factors in People Behavior in the Known Universe

1. Racism (White Supremacy)
2. Re-action to Racism
3. Sexual Expression
4. Re-action to Sexual Expression

Explanation:

Racism, in the form of White Supremacy, is the greatest motivating force, by people, that exist among the people of the known universe.

Every person in the known universe is either practicing White Supremacy (Racism), or, he or she is compelled, at all times, to re-act to those persons who are practicing it.

Both the practice of White Supremacy, and the re-action to it, affects all people, in all areas of activity, including economics, education, entertainment, labor, law, politics, religion, sex, and war.

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Cousins Rule



Sisters Zaria (l) and Zadah (r) hug their cousin, Messiah (c). Messiah is from California and met and visited his family in Jersey this summer.

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Missing While Black, But Not Forgotten

BY AL ALATUNJI

The widespread national media attention over the killing of 22-year-old Gabrielle "Gabby" Petito has led



Asia Wilbon, 16: Last Seen Going To Bed At Home In 2020

white compared with those involving Black and Latinx people.

When a Black woman goes missing, it doesn't even get a mention on the nightly news. According to the Black and Missing Foundation, 64,000 to 75,000 Black women and girls are currently missing in the US. There is no consistent outrage or press conferences from law enforcement and city officials to say 'we're gonna find the roots of this.

Compounding the lack of attention given to the cases of missing Black and other women of color is the the lack of attention by law enforcement, media and others of the widespread cases of sex trafficking and sex slavery in the US. Young women of color are often abducted and forced into sex slavery right here in the US. NJ is behind only 11 other states in the incidents of human sex trafficking. It is a multi-million dollar business.

Despite their unique vulnerability, Black women and men are often too easily erased when people talk about the missing. The stories of hundreds and thousands of women, men and children of color get blacked out by the news media. Since most of them barely get local coverage, the chances of them ever being found are

to renewed interest in other missing person cases that have received far less coverage.

The renewed interest comes amid wall-to-wall national media coverage of the Gabby Petito case, as well as criticism of news outlets for not covering similar cases involving people of color.

The wave of interest sparked by Gabby Petito's disappearance and death illustrates the disparities in cases where the missing person is

as limited as the reporting on their stories have been.

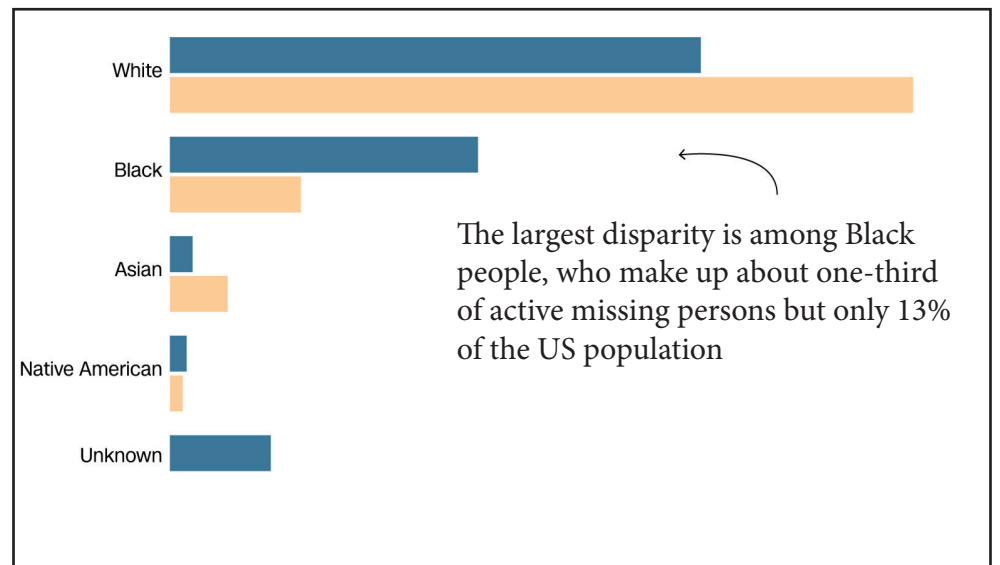
Black people were forced to wonder out loud how things would have been different if Gabby and her boyfriend had been Black.

If Gabby's boyfriend had been Black, the Utah police personnel who interviewed her and her boyfriend when they were traveling through that state after reports were called into police headquarters of an alleged domestic violence incident probably would have led to him being detained and locked up, leaving her to have to continue to travel by herself.

Then there was the temper tantrum her boyfriend allegedly had in a restaurant while traveling through

Utah where he berated restaurant staff. Pretty certain if he had been Black he would have been detained, booked and charged for being an angry Black man with a white woman.

The story of Gabrielle Gabby Petito is heartbreaking. But we would not be honest if we didn't say we felt some kind of way about the around-the-clock media coverage dedicated to Gabby's life and tragic death. It is obvious that her life mattered. No parent, grandparent, brother or sister should have to experience what her parents and family were put through. But all lives matter including the lives and possible deaths of thousands of Black and other women of color.



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Continue To Seize The Time

BY AL ALATUNJI

The murder, the execution of George Floyd at the hands of four police officers in Minneapolis in May, 2020 unleashed protests throughout the US and around the world. Such protests denounced George Floyd's death, proclaimed that Black Lives Matter and called for an end to police criminality and lawlessness.

Both the size and intensity of the marches as well as the diversity of the marchers forced many to wonder if things would be different this time. That the unquestionable brutality, savagery and torture captured in an eight minute 46 second video would finally force the US to confront its long and ugly history of police brutality and injustice against Blacks and other people of color. Perhaps this time George Floyd's name would be the last name on a long, too long list of Black men and women who had their lives snuffed out in a string of senseless state-acted and sanctioned Black deaths at the hands of the police.

People were forced to question whether this moment of national and international outrage led to an acknowledgment and exorcism of America's unholy soul. Despite the hopes and desires of many that this time would be different, it is not. Their dream has once again been deferred. Dried like a raisin in the sun, they have been made to feel lifeless again.

Federal legislation named in recognition that George Floyd was a man,

his life mattered and his death was barbaric, is stalled in Congress due to partisan politics and unrepentant racism. The experience at the state level where similar legislation has been introduced, including in New Jersey, has basically been the same.



The memorial in honor of the late George Floyd was vandalized by a skateboarder, Micah Beals, 37 in Manhattan, who authorities said doused the statue in silver paint over the weekend.

Police unions and others opposed to real police reform and accountability have muddied discussion of the issue with the red herring of defunding police. The idea of defunding the police, perhaps sincere and well intended, advocated by people who

live in ivy towers and wear \$1,000 plus dresses and suits with their \$1,000 plus pumps and wingtips as they sip their drink of choice at cocktails parties before they head home to their gated communities, may seem progressive. However, people who live in communities where crime and gun deaths are escalating and understand that police are a hostile occupation force filled with racists, psychopaths and criminals are not interested in getting rid of all police, just the many bad ones.

President Joe Biden and his administration will receive a generous amount of criticism from political commentators, pundits and other talking heads who are paid to stir the pot. Others will try to remind Black voters that Joe Biden as candidate promised Blacks that he would have their back. Unfortunately, not only did he inherit a 50-50 split US Senate in which Republicans will do everything they can to ensure his failure, there are some members of his own party who might as well join the Republican caucus.

Even in states with Democratic majorities, like New Jersey for example, there has been a failure to enact meaningful legislative measures to produce systemic and transformational change the way police, prosecutors and others police themselves. New Jersey has failed to enact police accountability measures such as allowing for civilian community review boards with subpoena power, full public transparency of internal affairs records, and the end of the practice of qualified immunity which

shields officers from liability for even the most egregious acts.

Unfortunately, when the history of this moment is written about by future historians they will be forced to write that those who were most committed to substantive police and criminal justice reform did not agitate, organize, mobilize, push and lobby enough for change.

The marchers have basically vanished. The people have left the streets. The protests have become invisible. The raging anger has all but vaporized. Like young children with limited attention spans, the focus of the nation has gone on to other things. They voted, they expressed anger, they marched and protested and then they went back home and took a nap, a long nap. They failed to keep the petal to the metal.

The injustice, inhumanity, violence, discrimination, hate, racism and just pure evil directed at Blacks cannot, must not be forgotten or dismissed. Such would be worse than the injustice and evil. At the same time, elements of backlash and reaction to the moment of reckoning are on the rise.

If what was thought and hoped would be a new day of justice and humanity in the US turns out to have been just a fleeting moment in time, history will have repeated itself. George Floyd who was a man, a man whose life mattered, a man who should not have died as he did and whose life desired justice would have died in vain. He will be just a hashtag. He deserved better than that. Continue to seize the time.

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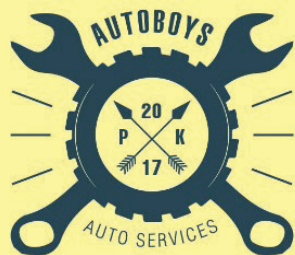
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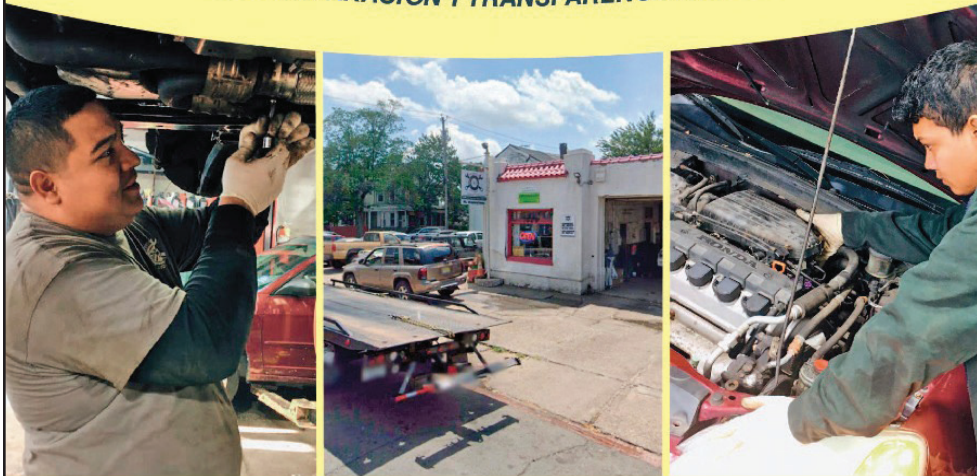


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Por CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON-Habitantes de la cuadra



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300 Hewitt St. en la ciudad de Trenton desde hace días, piden apoyo para que la municipalidad les ayude con el tratamiento de un gran árbol que, con sus raíces, no solo está afectando el asfalto y la vereda pública sino también las instalaciones subterráneas y además la seguridad de los peatones.

Manifiestan que este y otros vecindarios hay personas mayores y niños que caminan por las veredas y se tropiezan durante la noche sin darse cuenta del peligro que esta ocasiona.

Sin duda hay necesidad de mantenimiento de los árboles en la ciudad,

LATINONEWS

NICARAGUA-Celebra este 7 de noviembre elecciones presidenciales con decenas de miles de ciudadanos exiliados en la vecina Costa Rica, donde la situación es ya para muchos de "crisis humanitaria". La presidenta de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos (CIDH) advierte que el gobierno de Daniel Ortega ha suprimido las condiciones democráticas en su país de cara a las elecciones de este domingo 7 de noviembre 2021.

GUATEMALA- El joven guatemalteco Ariel Pérez, (27), está luchando por sobrevivir a una afección crónica de los riñones que se ha cobrado la vida de más de 60.000 centroamericanos, la mayoría hombres jóvenes, y cuyas causas los expertos aún no han podido determinar.

muchos de estos necesitan podar sus ramas y cortar raíces, para que no dé un mal aspecto y además por seguridad.

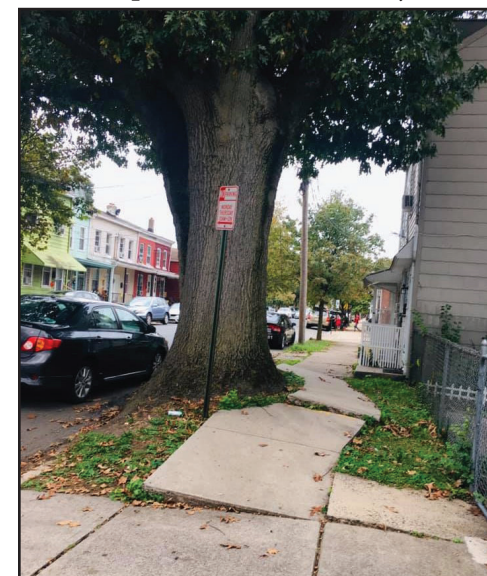
Hay algunos árboles de la ciudad que han crecido demasiado y están tocando los cables eléctricos de las viviendas. Esperemos que el personal encargado del Municipio de Trenton tome acción en esta necesidad que presentan los residentes del sur de Trenton.

Opinaron al respecto:

Rolando de Leon: Si hablamos de ese tema y hacemos un pequeño recorrido por la ciudad, nos vamos a encontrar con cientos de casos iguales o peores! Laura Mora: LASTIMOSAMENTE ES UN HERMOSO ÁRBOL. Pero nunca la ciudad ha prevenido eso.

El mal estado de calles y de aceras en la ciudad no es noticia nueva...

Juana Lopez: Excelente mensaje...



MEXICO-Hay dudas por la muerte del actor Octavio Ocana quien murió la tarde del pasado viernes en medio de una persecución policial. Las circunstancias en que ocurrió el hecho han causado incertidumbres sobre el accionar de las autoridades.

ARGENTINA- El acercamiento entre Argentina y China incluye planes para un observatorio espacial chino en la Patagonia, una nueva central nuclear y la producción a gran escala en territorio argentino de carne porcina para el mercado chino.



ADIÓS MATEO ESTRADA

POR CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON- Mateo Estrada (65), hace pocos días se tomó una fotografía junto a su hija Sandy quien celebraba sus 'Quince Primaveras'. Ahora ya

deportivo de la comunidad hispana de Trenton.

"Se sintió mal del pecho y fuimos al hospital el miércoles pasado y el sábado ya falleció" aparentemente de



no está más, solo tristeza y nostalgia ante una foto en su casa. Sorpresa ha causado a los amigos y familiares la inesperada partida de Mateo un líder

derrame cerebral, señaló su esposa Aracely Soc que estaba triste por la súbita partida de su esposo con quien compartió más de 30 años,

procrearon 3 hijos, la menor de 15. Mateo "Paloma" era conocido por ser el principal dirigente de la Liga Guatemalteca de Fútbol del Condado de Mercer. "Era un líder, tenía su carácter. Su partida nadie lo esperaba, cuando me dijo que iba al hospital. Qué iba a creer que ya no lo volvería

equipo 'Novatos' luego America. Hoy tras su partida todos se preguntan quién va a tomar la posta en La Liga. "El era un padre y amigo cariñoso le gustaba que todos se distraigan, que la pasen bien, pues. Le gustaba que los niños jueguen. Le encantaba el día de Pascua, nos íbamos al campo



y ahí escondía los huevos y hacía que los niños y jóvenes busquen" dijo Sara Garcia una de las amigas. Sin duda este personaje hará falta entre los amigos y conocidos que tuvimos

a ver" manifestó Salvador "Chava" de León, uno de los compañeros que colaboraba en el desarrollo del campeonato de fútbol. Chava señaló que conoció a Mateo desde su niñez, crecieron juntos en Salcaja-Guatemala. En su juventud jugaron para el

la suerte de compartir momentos agradables. Paz en su tumba. El velorio de sus restos se realizó el pasado viernes 29 de octubre en Chiacchio Funebre Home en 990 S. Broad Street, según informó la familia.

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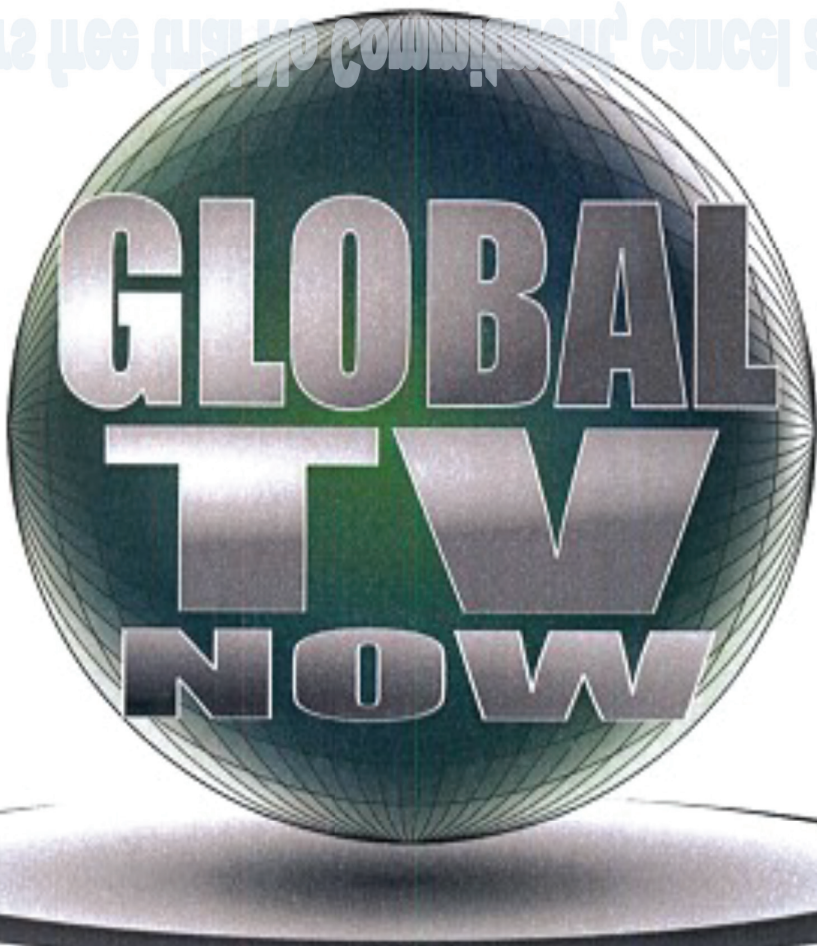
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Activists speculate that the bill hasn't gone through the New Jersey legislature because of the November legislative and gubernatorial election. Many of those running for state office were looking for endorsements from police unions. The issue of police union support was one of the issues that came up in the first gubernatorial debate.

"It's not an accident that we don't have civilian review boards," said Mr. Hamm. "Police organizations pressure legislatures to keep them from creating them. They simply don't want people to have authority over the police."



Atalaya Armstrong a strong supporter of the work of Larry Hamm and POP speaks truth at the rally.

Police in the US kill 1,000 people per year, a disproportionate number of whom are Black men.

"We have the epidemic of COVID-19, and we also have the epidemic of police brutality," Mr. Hamm noted. "After George Floyd, all our elected officials said what happened was terrible but since then very little has been done concrete so that we don't have future George Floyds."

Mr. Hamm said he marched to meet the countervailing pressure from police organizations.

He suspects the leadership in the legislature believes that if they "hold something back long enough, community interest support will wane." He stressed the need to continue to pressure, bring attention to the issue and demand New Jersey legislators and the governor to do the right thing.

The march was endorsed by Newark

Communities For Accountable Policing, Black Lives Matter of NJ, Black Lives Matter Paterson, Atlantic City Chapter of the National Action Network, Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition, Our Revolution of Trenton-Mercer County, New Jersey Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign, Salvation and Social Justice, Latino Action Network, American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey (ACLU NJ), Showing Up For Racial Justice New Jersey (SURJ-NJ), Northern New Jersey Jewish Voice For Peace, New Jersey Peace Action, Equal Rights and Justice Radio Show (on WBAI Radio 99.5FM), New Brunswick Area Branch NAACP, Block the Boat NY/NJ, Montclair Citizen For Equality and Fair Policing, Irvington Branch NAACP, December 12th Movement, the Ironbound Community Corporation, the Palestinian American Community Center, the Phillip Pannell Foundation, Newark Branch NAACP, Our Revolution New Jersey, and Black Community Watchline.

The Nubian News encourages individuals, families and organizations who want justice for George Floyd and in end to the murder of Blacks and other people of color by police to write,

email, text and call and demand Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin to post (A4656/S2963) without any more delay. Senate President Sweeney's contact information is: Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney, NJ Senate President, Office of the Senate President, State House, 125 West Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, telephone number 609-847-3700, email: sensweeney@njleg.org.

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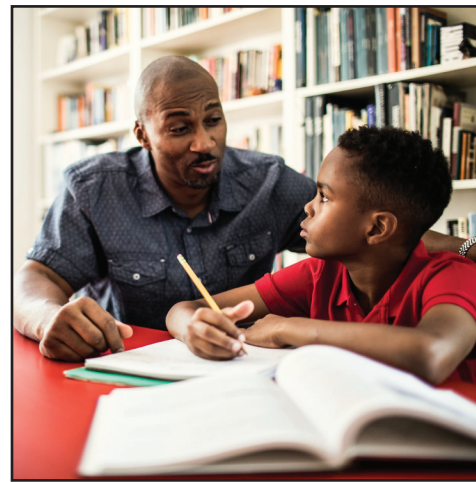
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Black and Latinx Parents There Is Another Choice It Is Called Homeschooling

BY AL ALATUNJI

Urban public schools continue to fail Black and Latinx children. Charter schools despite the hoopla are not that much better if at all.

After 12 years of such schooling the overwhelming majority of Black and Latinx children will barely have the skills to work at anything more than



a fast food, supermarket, possibly a retail job. Many of those jobs are already beginning to be phased out by automation for self checkout registers.

Private schools for too many Black and Latinx parents is not an option due to cost unless their children receive scholarships. As for religious and parochial schools, despite the opportunity given to such schools to possibly flourish as a result of the federal No Child Left Behind law, there are very few schools nowadays. The hope as parents regardless of what type of school your children attends is that they will have good teachers who care about seeing children learn and grow. Teachers who are excited about the subjects they teach and the children they are teaching.

Unfortunately, such is not the case. Too many teachers, regardless of race or ethnicity, do not see themselves in their students. If they did, despite the obstacles that are placed in teachers' way by self serving stuff shirt administrators and paper pushing state education bureaucrats they would find a way to overcome the bastardized system.

Is it any wonder with such "support" and "care" that Black and Latinx children are moved along a carrier belt from one grade to the next in a daycare system where the students are basically invisible.

So what can Black and Latinx parents do? They can do what more and more Black parents have started to do since and because of the pandemic, home-schooling.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of households that home-school more than doubled from March to September 2020. Black homeschooling families specifically experienced the most growth from 3.3% in the spring to 16.1% in the fall. While these numbers include households engaged in remote learning due to COVID-19, many parents are opting to continue home-school as in-person learning has resumed.

Black parents are deciding to home-school their kids for a variety of reasons. There are concerns of their child contracting the coronavirus along with bullying, anti-socialization and violence, in particular having some crazed individual with a gun full of bullets and brain full of rocks acting out some movie or video game or other perverted fantasy. Though parenting in a pandemic was no easy task, a lot of parents were exposed to the benefits of home-school. Many parents when remote learning was used saw their children's learning improve despite the rhetoric of right wing commentators and politicians playing to crazed right wing lunatics. Not all parents will have the luxury of homeschooling. However, with more employers allowing their employees to work from home, homeschooling becomes an attractive option with the technological advances in communications as well as the wide ranges of educational type programming on television and the internet.

Parents fortunate to have older parents and relatives nearby may be able to recruit them to assist with the education of their children. It will be how it once was when the elders provided learning and traditions passed from one generation to another.

As Black and Latinx parents we must find innovative and creative ways ourselves to teach our children. We can not, we must not allow others to continue to fail our children.

For those parents who may be interested in homeschooling for their children you are encouraged to find out NJ's requirements for homeschooling. Such information can be found at Frequently Asked Questions: Homeschooling (nj.gov). Additional information can be found at the website of the New Jersey Homeschool Association.

Nubian News Book Review

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

“The Redemption of Bobby Love”

BY BOBBY AND CHERYL LOVE WITH LORI L. THARPS

c.2021, Mariner Books /HMH Books
\$28.00 288 pages

Not a whisper.

Don't breathe one word of what you're about to hear, not to anyone living or dead. This is Top Secret information, for your eyes only. Keep it quiet. And in the new book “The Redemption of Bobby Love” by Bobby and

At fifteen, he was sent to a “Training School” from which he walked away and headed to Washington DC, where he couldn't stop stealing; caught again, he was sent to a facility for juvenile offenders. Shortly after his release from there at age seventeen, he robbed a bank and that was it.

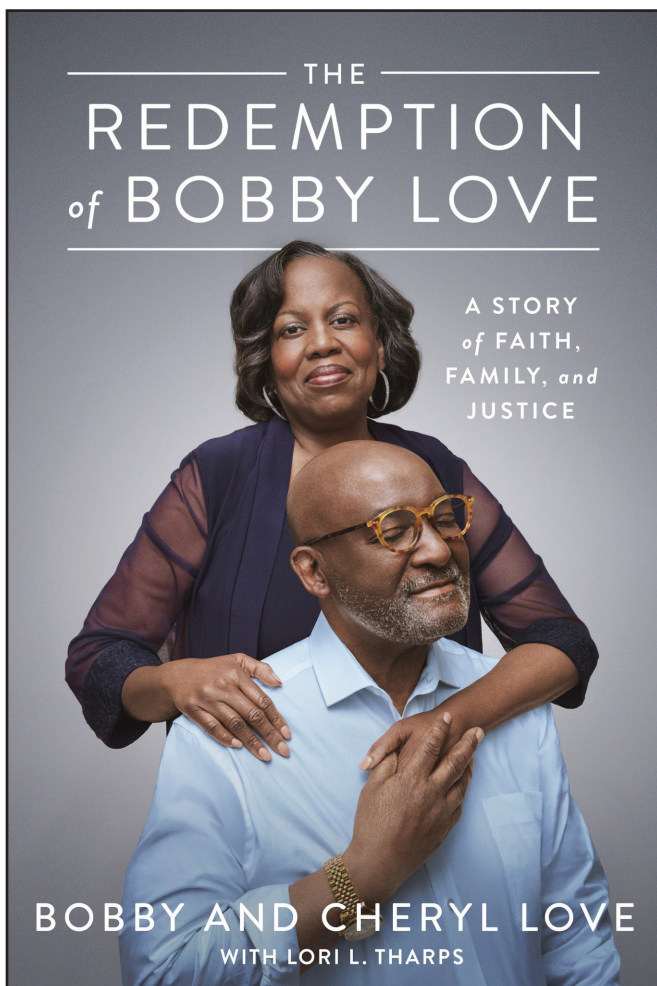
Miller went to prison with a twenty-five year sentence.

But Buddy Miller couldn't do that kind of time and he made plans to run when he could. He jumped off the prison bus, changed his name to Bobby Love because it was the first thing that came to mind, and he sneaked off to New York. As Love, he kept mum about his past, settled down, got a job, fell in love and married, volunteered in his community, helped folks, and raised four good kids. His family never knew about Buddy Miller.

Until forty-some years after Miller's “one big heist,” and there was a rap on the door...

Seems like a movie plot, right? Like you'd catch this on your big-screen with some popcorn, but no, “The Redemption of Bobby Love” is a true story and it's incredible.

Part of that is because half of this book belongs to author Cheryl Love, whose tale accompanies Bobby Love's in all its tumultuousness. Together, they make a breathless story, told with no apparent desire to keep it all under wraps anymore – and that'll knock the breath out of you, too. It has a *Catch Me If You Can* feel, as you race through this account with an empathetic feeling of doom, the urgency of being one step ahead, and the terror of waiting for that hand on your shoulder. Whew, the grace that eventually comes is sweet relief. Fans of *Humans of New York* will recognize this tale, and be glad it's finally fully told. Anyone who wants a good book needs to read “The Redemption of Bobby Love.” Truly, it'll make you shout.



Cheryl Love with Lori L. Tharps, hope that everyone else does so, too. At that time of day, a rap on the door was never good.

It was 6:30 a.m. and Cheryl Love was just finishing up her morning routine, preparing to wake her husband, Bobby, for work, and their son for school.

She looked through the door's peephole and saw several policemen...

Walter Curtis Miller was born in the fall of 1950 in North Carolina, his mother's “lucky number seven” of eight children. The family was poor but young “Buddy” had a good childhood until his father died in 1959 and that changed everything: his mother took any job she could to feed her brood and with little supervision, Buddy started acting out, fighting, stealing.

By twelve, his light-fingered habit turned into major theft and taking cars.

“Change Sings: A Children's Anthem”

BY AMANDA GORMAN, PICTURES BY LOREN LONG

c.2021, Viking Penguin \$18.99
\$24.99 Canada 32 pages

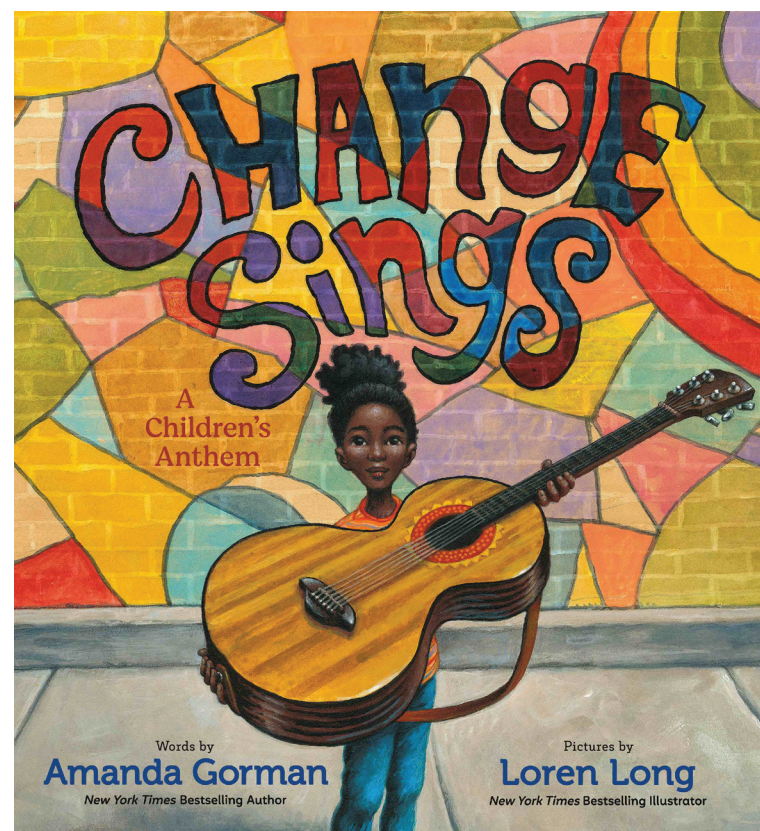
You don't like that.

It wasn't what you wanted. You didn't ask for it and you're not happy. Things shouldn't be that way. It's not right, and you don't like it. Somebody needs to fix this, so why not you? Why, as

your time. Bring your friends along and make it “a hundred hearts, each of us lifting a hand.” Do it today, tomorrow morning, the next day or the next, even when no one else knows about it.

Make change, even if you aren't around to see it and the good that comes from it. Make your change into music that anyone can play, even if they're different than you. Make it

something fun. Make the change that's inside you, to see the results you want to see. Then watch what happens: when you start to do good, someone else is inspired and they want to do something good, too. Two people become four and more and more and that's “just what the world needs.” So what will you do? Where will you start? Who will you ask? Won't you jump



in the new book “Change Sings: A Children's Anthem” by Amanda Gorman, pictures by Loren Long, don't you reach for a different kind of music?

One thing you can count on for the rest of your life: things won't always stay the same. You were once a baby and now you're grown. Your room changed when you were too big for your crib. Look around and your neighborhood changes all the time! Change happens every minute of every day, it hums like a guitar string, and if you listen, you can “sing along.” You won't be the first one, you know; many of America's most beloved heroes screamed and spoke and speched and sang for change to come.

That's because with change comes hope.

Change doesn't have to be big, of course. You can make change by picking up trash in the park near your home, or asking for cleaner air or better playground equipment or better schools. You can volunteer to help others by being generous with

on the bandwagon, too?

When everybody around you is doing something that looks like fun, you naturally want to jump in and join them. Your 4-to-8-year-old may feel shy about that, or they may feel excited when they see people doing something for the world; either way, “Change Sings” shows why it's important to get involved, especially if you're a kid.

Grab this book to read aloud to your child, and you'll notice two things: the illustrations are lush and colorful, but artist Loren Long doesn't over-stimulate. In this book are gentle, quiet pictures to accompany the second thing: a story that consists of relatively few words, as author-poet Amanda Gorman tells the tale simply but in a way that truly calls kids to action.

This book is a good start to a current-events conversation, or you can just enjoy it for its musical prose. “Change Sings” is a joyous book, and your child will like that.

Why Democrats Will Lose the Black Vote

Democrats came very close to losing the governor's race in New Jersey on election day. And it would have served them right. They have continued taking their most loyal supporters for granted and treating them with disrespect.

Black people have given their loyal support and vote to democrats at all levels for almost 80 years. What have we gotten in return?

To answer that you need look no further than "Trenton".

Trenton is a disgrace. And it has been the democrats who have lorded over the making of this city. Everything this city is has been orchestrated by the Democratic Party of Trenton, Mercer County and the state of New Jersey.

When jobs left Trenton the democrats were in charge. When Trenton schools went from some of the best on the East Coast to some of the worst, it was the democrats who claimed all the leadership roles. When poverty and lack of monetary resources became what Trenton was, it was the democrats who installed those policies and managed them.

Through all of this Black citizens have consistently voted for democrats because we thought one day the democrats will give back to us what we have so generously given to them. Now we are beginning to see that is not going to happen.

This election saw Black voters stay home in droves. Some people call it voter apathy but it's more like reacting to constant and consistent snub by the democratic party.

We see what goes on around us. We may not say anything or do anything but we know what hell is thrown our way.

This is a picture of the NJ State House on State St. in town wrapped in scaffolding during repairs. The democrat controlled legislature approved a three hundred million dollar bill to renovate this building. At the same



time they approved \$11 million for the City of Trenton. \$300 million for 500 hundred, mostly white, people and \$11 million for 85,000 Black and Brown people. And they think this has gone unnoticed. Justice is ensuring those who need the most help, get the most help.

Those 500 people do not need as much help as the 85,000 people in Trenton do.

Wherever you go in New Jersey you see public service vehicles and other utility vehicles along the street and with them are state, county or muni-



ple police vehicles to protect them. Where are these police in Black and Brown high crime communities? The democratic controlled legislature has



the will to find the money to protect utility workers but don't have that same will and resources to protect us from murder and mayhem.

How does that make you feel? Knowing those working men are protected by our tax dollars while our men, women and children are left defenseless in these same streets.

Around Cadwalader Park on Parkside Ave there has been a growing sinkhole and broken sidewalk

for almost fifty years. Right by the canal bridge, on the sidewalk most West Trenton kids walked to get back and forth to Junior High #3, this hole has claimed many of embarrassed



and sometimes hurt butts. When it rains and especially when there is snow and ice this spot has caused a lot of pain and hardship. But do the democrats who have controlled the Freeholders Board care? I don't think so. They, nor the City have not done anything about this problem - this Black problem - in three generations. How much can they care if we're talking about this abuse in the form of 'generations?' They don't and that's why democrats will lose the Black vote. They don't really care about us. Governor Murphy has done nearly nothing involving more Black businesses getting state contracts. In 2018 he promised to look into improving Black participation in State contracts, which would improve our economic standing. But here it is four years later and the promised Disparity Study has not been completed. A study which could improve how Black businesses work alongside state government thus empowering us and our communities.

There are less than 4% Black male judges sitting in all of New Jersey's court systems. While a huge percentage of cases adjudged by the courts stand on the necks of Black men. The slow roll-out of decriminalizing cannabis resulted in thousands more Black and Brown men and women being harassed by police.

There has been no progress made in curtailing the murderous violence that goes on day and night around our homes. No successful programs or policies that has lessened the killing of our children. The democrats have controlled NJ for a long time. They control Mercer County and the only thing they've seen fit to do is purchase armored vehicles to intimidate us.

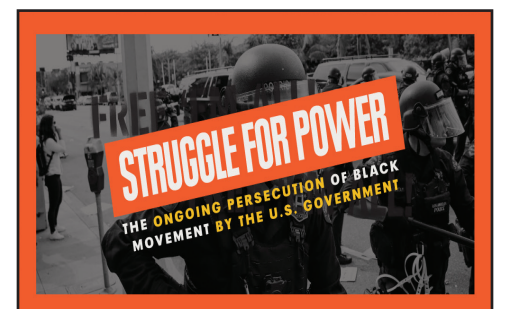
Is there a Violence Hotline as there is an hotline for so many other ills? No! Black people showed their contempt for democratic policy by staying home this election cycle and scaring the hell out of the democratic machine.

Will it be enough to cause democrats to meaningfully engage Black and Brown communities with programs which will effectively change the environment of their neighborhoods? I doubt it, they really don't care.

But, sooner or later, people get tired of being shit on. And when Black and Brown people do get really tired of being really tired, they will find other ways to protect themselves from democrats and republicans.

Ways like planning and adopting alternative ways to ensure their votes go towards ways that will improve their standard of living. Ways that will draw them together and unite Blacks and Browns in cities, counties and throughout the state. Even forming our own political party or a coalition demanding definitive results in our communities for our votes.

Things are going to change, the only question is - when.



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