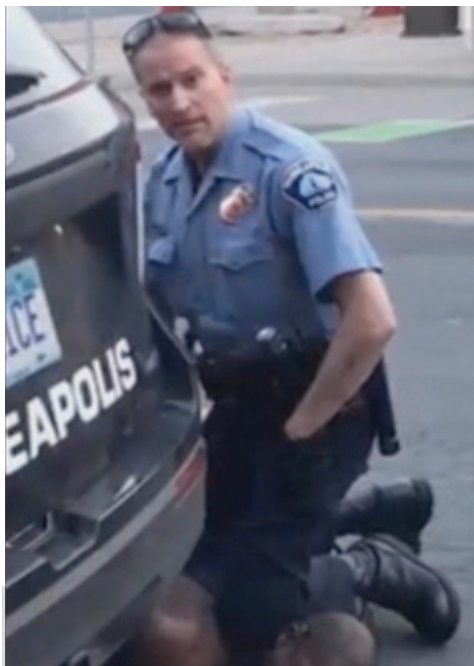


# The Nubian News

Loving the Black Perspective

## A Cold Hearted Murderer



Derek Chauvin is a low down, snake in the grass, murdering, bastard. He swore an oath to protect and serve every member of the community he supposedly worked for. He lied. His word is worth nothing. He is as contemptible, as despicable, as reprehensible as any human being who ever walked the earth.

He knelt on the neck of a man, George Floyd, until he was dead. He did it with the help and support of his brother police officers and the justice system of Minneapolis and the United States of America. This is nothing new. What Derek Chauvin

did has been the norm in America for over 400 years. That he was held accountable for this murder is the exception to the rule of law in this country and many others around the world.

The murder he committed was heinous but what makes it worse is the fact that most police officers and members of the so-called judicial system in this country think what he did was just. This country has devalued the lives of Black and Brown and Yellow and Red - non white - people since it began. White people refuse to change. They have done every

lowdown, corrupt, dastardly, thing to us, imaginable.

So many ask "When will it stop?" It hasn't and it won't. White people act like this and accept these kinds of actions because they want it like this. You have to look no further than the long list of the recent murders committed by unindicted so-called police officers to see and know this is the plan.

If we want salvation we have to make it. We've waited and pleaded for 400 years to white people. They obviously don't care.

*See George Floyd on Page 3*



# Asian American And Pacific Islander Brothers and Sisters,

## We Support and Stand With You

BY AL ALATUNJI

The month of May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. During that month Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are recognized for the contributions and influence they have provided to the history, culture, and achievements of the US. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration

Germany government rounded up Jews and put them in concentration camps.

In the last year there has been a sizable increase in physical and verbal attacks against Asian American and Pacific Islander Americans. These attacks have been generated in part from the reckless and irresponsible comments of the last loser of the presidential election's Bozo-the-



of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

Just as other groups of people who came to the US have made onerous contributions to the culture of the nation, its growth and prosperity, Asian American and Pacific Islander Americans have experienced their share of inhumanity, discrimination and racism. Their experience in the US has not been unlike Blacks and other people of color.

In 1871, one of the worst lynchings of our nation's history occurred in California when 18 Chinese men were lynched at the same time. Not one of the 500-member mob responsible for those lynchings was convicted. No one could be convicted since the California Legislature earlier in 1863 passed a statute prohibiting Asian Americans from testifying in court as witnesses or victims. The statue left them without legal protection.

During World War Two, the US government rounded up Japanese American citizens and placed them in internment camps, the US government's euphemism for concentration camps. Similar to how the Nazi

clown-in-chief, in an attempt to place blame on others for his gross failure to address the pandemic while playing to his white supremacist friends before he was sent packing. Nevertheless, the attacks and hatred continue to be experienced by Asian American and Pacific Islander Americans. Such horrible and racist treatment of our Asian American and Pacific Islander American brothers and sisters cannot and must not go unaddressed. We must stand with them and fight racism wherever its ugly head rises.

Malcolm X often spoke and taught about the importance of the Third World and how people of color in the US and around the world needed to stand together and fight together against the common enemy of white supremacy and racism. It was not just the smart thing to do politically but more important it was the morally right thing to do.

To that end, The Nubian News celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans. We also denounce the racist and inhumane attacks Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans have recently experienced.

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Why not eliminate the other major problems, and, by doing so, through that process, dismantle the "need" for people to practice racism?

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*Next month some Initial Answers*

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# No Justice for George Floyd

BY AL ALATUNJI

Minutes after the jury announced its guilty on all counts verdict in the murder of George Floyd people around the US danced, raised their voices in praise, took to social media and made comments on television expressing joy, celebration, happiness, satisfaction, even surprise. Such reactions were sincere and expected. "George Floyd had received justice," they proclaimed. "The law had finally worked," they exclaimed.

Do not be fooled, George Floyd did not receive justice and clearly the law did not work. George Floyd was a man, a man who deserved justice, grace and mercy. He was denied it.

George Floyd did not deserve to be slowly tortured and murdered on a street in the US.

True justice prevents an American from dying over possession of a counterfeit bill. True justice forbids a representative of the state from kneeling on an American's neck for over nine minutes and requires his colleagues to step in to halt the abuse. If there was justice in the US, George Floyd would still be alive today. If there was justice not only would George Floyd be alive today, but so would many others who were murdered by police. Because there is no justice, the murderer of George Floyd and those responsible for the deaths of so many Blacks and other people of color, believe they can and will continue to get away with murder.

The murder conviction of a police officer in the US is an exceedingly rare event. There have only been seven murder convictions of police officers for fatal police shootings since 2005 according to studies. That suggests the chances of a killing by police leading to a murder conviction

are about one in 2,000.

It would be a mistake to believe that the conviction of the murderer

police officer who murdered George Floyd. That video led to weeks of protests that were among the largest in US history.

The video was so damaging at the

— that is, many officers' willingness to protect colleagues, regardless of their misbehavior — crumbled.

"For so many, it feels like it took all of that for the judicial system to deliver just basic accountability," President Joe Biden stated after the guilty verdict was announced.

The goal is not to have trials that hold police accountable after the fact but to have a criminal justice system remade in a way that finally dismantles the effects of institutional racism. Until then, there will not be full justice for George Floyd.

Let us not be fooled, when they put the handcuffs on the murderer of George Floyd, it was not just the murderer, but the US system of justice which for the moment was led out of the courthouse.

Next time, and there will be a next time, the video may not be so clear and gut-wrenching, even though the harm being perpetrated might be just as devastating.

True justice, real justice, requires true reform which involves completely re-imagining what public safety looks like in this country *and prioritizing investment in robust community resources over police forces*. It includes passing the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which enhances law enforcement transparency and accountability. It involves withholding federal funds from police departments if they do not adhere to the Civil Rights Act of 1964's anti-discrimination requirements.

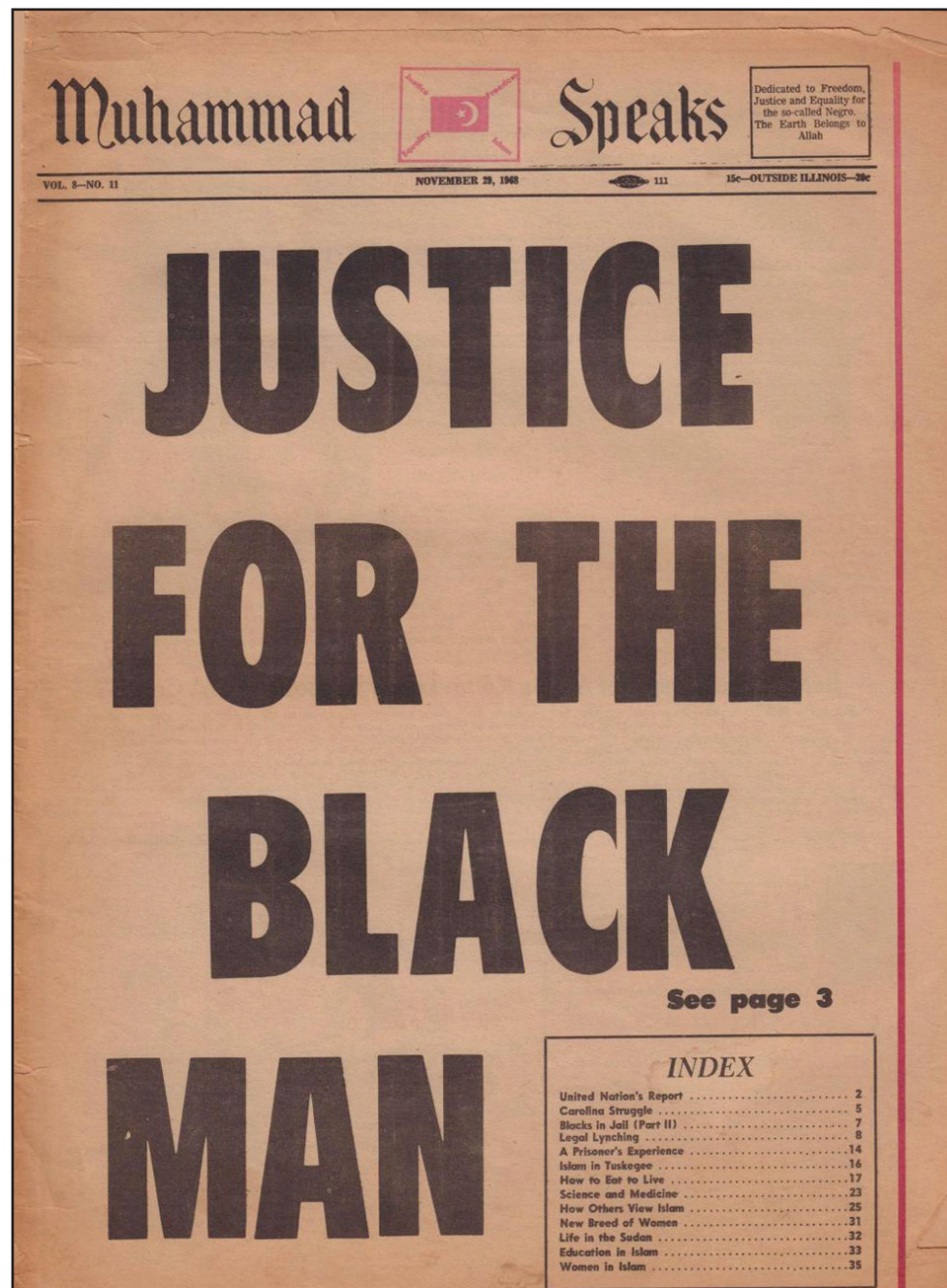
Justice for George Floyd requires that Congress and state legislatures throughout the US act now and pass measures to outlaw systemic racism and injustice in law enforcement.

The preference for the use of violence by the police when it comes to the lives of Black people has been glaring. As a community, we have often felt defeated, rightfully incensed, and frustrated with a system that has reminded us time and time again that our lives can easily be taken away. Despite this reality, we persist, we shout and we remind the world that Black lives matter.

We demand justice for George Floyd. We demand justice for all of us

Since the time of "The Father of this Country" George Washington raped and misused his slaves, this country has abused Black, Brown, Red and Yellow - non white people. It's time to stop asking white people for justice and take it.

**No Justice - No Peace.**



Not much has changed concerning Justice since this newspaper front page from Muhammad Speaks in 1968

of George Floyd will automatically signal a new era of police accountability. The George Floyd murder case was the exception of all exceptions. It took a video, watched around the world, that forced the conviction of a

trial, the evidence so overwhelming and clear, even his former boss and colleagues testified against the murderer of Mr. Floyd. The video was so compelling and disturbing that the so-called blue wall of silence



## How Black Are You?

By AL ALATUNJI

Researchers at two prestigious universities are currently conducting research into an individual's perception of how Black a person may be. They are seeking to gain such an understanding by presenting certain select criteria and from such criteria have a person select which of the two

neighborhood or predominantly white neighborhood. The profiles also include if the individual had ever been incarcerated, the degree a person had experienced discrimination and political party affiliation, Democratic or Republican.

An individual taking the survey is presented with two profiles with

forced to do the same work and lived in the same quarters with the same amount of freedom or lack thereof?

Was the dark skinned overseer who whipped and drove the other slaves often worse than the white slave owner viewed as being less Black by the slaves he beat despite their identical skin color?

Does having Black ancestors make a person Black or is being Black less

could vote for his opponent and/or was unsure who to vote for? Implied in the question was how could anyone who was Black vote for his opponent after witnessing the last four years of the racist policies and actions of the soon departing occupant of the White House?

Some political pundits, talking heads, Republican operatives and others tried to create a political storm

# ARE YOU BLACK ENOUGH?



profiles given the individual was the most Black.

Similar research projects have been conducted. However they were limited to photos and features without any additional selection criteria. For this study however, researchers are asking individuals to rank which of two profiles are most Black based on profiles and no photos.

The two contrasting profiles might have one profile in which both parents are Black and the other profile only one of the parents is Black and the other is white. The profile states if the white parent is male or female.

Also included in the criteria is the individual's class status - upper, middle or lower economic class. If the individual is dark skinned or light skinned and if the individual is married or not and if so if their spouse is Black, Latinx, Asian or white.

Also included in the profiles is if the individual lives in a predominantly Black neighborhood, equally mixed

various combinations and is asked to select which one of the two profiles was most Black. Survey respondents are also asked to rank on a scale of one to ten with ten being the most Black where a profile fits on the one to ten scale in terms of being the most Black.

A survey respondent is given approximately ten different comparisons each with two different profiles to rank in terms of which was the most Black. How the researchers at the two universities plan to use the research obtained is unknown.

However, it does raise an interesting question as to can a Black person be more Black than another. If so, what makes a Black person Blacker than the next?

It is a question which probably has been around since slavery. Were the offspring of the rapes of the white slave owners viewed as being less Black then their dark skinned counterparts even though both were

about skin color and more about conduct, behavior and other subjective criteria?

Can a Black transcend the "limitations" of their dark skin through education, wealth, celebrity or fame? If they could, would they want to if they were Black?

Who is more Black a dark skinned youth who never knew their parents, who ends up killing another Black and eventually is incarcerated? Or a light skinned individual whose father is Black and mother is white; who goes to college and earns a master's degree; marries a white person; lives in a predominantly white neighborhood and teaches in a predominately white school; wears a Black Lives Matter t-shirt and paints Black Lives Matter on the sidewalk in front of their home?

During the past presidential election President-elect Joe Biden when he was candidate Biden had the audacity to ask the question if a Black person

around Biden's statement despite him only just repeating what he had heard from other Blacks that a person could not be Black if they supported his opponent. They could be an opportunist or have mental challenges but they could not be Black regardless of their skin color.

What determines if an individual is Black or not? Is there something which determines if one individual is more Black than another?

Are there degrees of Blackness based on skin color, attitude, experience, conduct or behaviour? Or is it like Malcolm X asked so profoundly years ago, "What does a white man call a Black man with a Ph.D.?" Malcolm X answered: "A nigger with a Ph.D." That is clearly how some non Black people view Blacks. The question today is do Blacks have a similar all inclusive view of being Black or are some Blacks more Black than others? Inquiring minds want to know.

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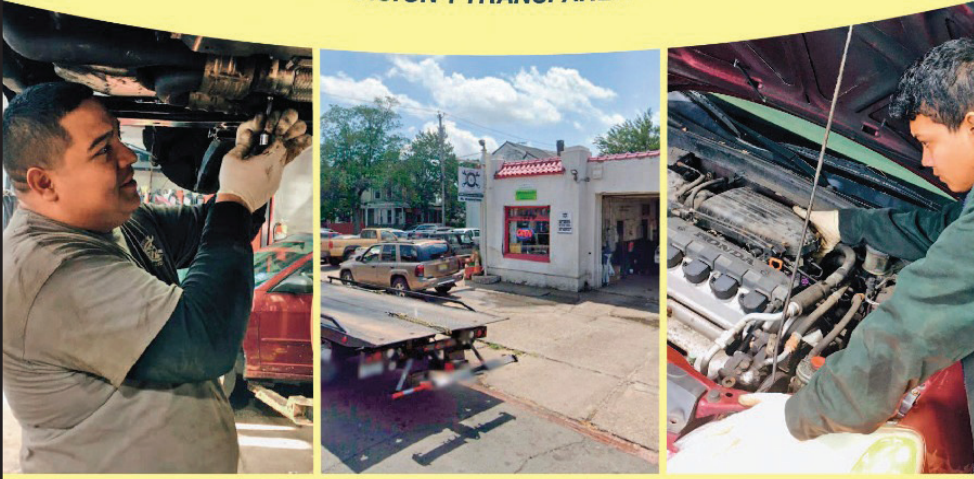
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## CONCIERTO AL AIRE LIBRE

Por CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON-La Philharmonic Orchestra de la Capital de Nueva Jersey, presenta el 29 de mayo a partir de las 4PM el "Concierto al Aire Libre" y para que nadie se pierda será gratuito. Este evento es en parte

entran y salen del espacio de la audiencia. "Creemos que Trenton merece inversiones en liderazgo cultural para nuestros niños y adultos mayores" señala el comunicado de prensa. La Filarmónica de la Capital fue establecida en el año 2013 y se ha puesto la meta de poder realizar presentaciones



musicales que sean dignas de la ciudad Capital de Nueva Jersey. Su misión es "cambiar vidas y mejorar la calidad de vida proporcionando a

para honrar el "Memorial Day" de los soldados caídos en las guerras. El día preciso del evento es sábado 29 de mayo, pero si llueve la fecha será el 30 de mayo a las 4 pm. El concierto es en el Pabellón del Cadwalader Park de Trenton.

Trenton y las comunidades circundantes una orquesta sinfónica profesional de alta calidad a nivel local", manifiesta en su mensaje Daniel Spalding quien es director musical. Spalding confirmó vía telefónica que todos los músicos están listos y preparados para este evento al aire libre dedicado a la comunidad de todo el área de Trenton.

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## Ley CARES permitirá proporcionar más fondos para apoyar a bancos de alimentos en NJ

Por CARLOS AVILA

TRENTON – Como respuesta a la

comparación con los niveles previos a la pandemia.



La ley (antes proyecto de ley A-5405) asigna \$10 millones para ayudar en el “Alivio y Seguridad Económica por Coronavirus”. La ley se denomina (Ley CARES) del Departamento de Agricultura para apoyar a los bancos de alimentos

demanda de alimentos para familias de bajos ingresos económicos, por causa de la pandemia COVID-19, se convirtió en ley un proyecto patrocinado por los asambleístas: Craig J. Coughlin, Shanique Speight y John Armato para asignar fondos federales a fin de apoyar a las organizaciones de bancos de alimentos.

Un estudio de octubre del 2020



proyectó un aumento de más del 50 por ciento de necesidad de alimentos para familias alrededor de todo el estado de Nueva Jersey, en

otras organizaciones sin fines de lucro que colaboran en la lucha contra la inseguridad alimentaria en Nueva Jersey.

“Demasiadas familias están luchando por poner comida en la mesa en este momento debido al impacto financiero de COVID-19. A lo largo de esta crisis, los bancos de alimentos han brindado un apoyo fundamental a los miembros de la comunidad que lo necesitan” señalaron en un comunicado conjunto los patrocinadores de la propuesta que ahora se convierte en Ley CARES.

Esto permitirá que haya mas fondos para adquirir mas alimentos y que a su vez se pueda repartir a través de organizaciones sin fines de lucro para aliviar la necesidad de alimentos a miles de familias que están en necesidad durante estos tiempos difíciles que vive la humanidad en general.

## Licencias de conducir para migrantes con o sin papeles en New Jersey

Por LAURA LUCIA RODRÍGUEZ PEÑA



adquirir un número de seguridad social, obtener una identificación

Al llegar a un país desconocido los migrantes encuentran diversos obstáculos, uno de ellos es poder realizar trámites que les permitan

o una licencia de conducir. Estos documentos pueden ser necesarios para la integración económica, pues en algunas ocasiones los exigen los empleadores y, pueden ser requisito para trabajar en ciertos sectores laborales. No obstante, muchos migrantes deciden nunca adquirir estos documentos por miedo a evidenciar un estatus irregular y ser denunciados a autoridades migratorias.

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*Licencias - continúa de la página 7*  
Nueva York, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington DC. El Estado más reciente en sumarse a esta lista es Nueva Jersey, en donde a partir del primero de mayo, los migrantes podrán presentar el examen de conducción. Los únicos requisitos son presentar un documento que certifique su identidad (ejemplo: pasaporte, acta de nacimiento, certificado de matrimonio, cuenta de

inescrupulosas que han querido aprovecharse de los extranjeros, en especial de los latinoamericanos. Estas personas han difundido información en la que ofrecen asesoría de 400 dólares para adquirir la licencia, además cobran 40 dólares por el libro de preparación, el cual es completamente gratis y está disponible en la página de internet de Motor Vehicle. Una de estas organizaciones fraudulentas es Licencias de Conducir



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## Governor Murphy Proposes Gun Violence Reform

BY AL ALATUNJI

Governor Phil Murphy recently proposed a series of gun reforms to cut down on gun violence by putting millions in funding toward community programs and even banning certain firearms to address an alarming homicide rate in NJ.

The state has seen a 23% increase in homicides in 2020. Currently, the state is dealing with a string of shootings over the last several weeks. In Newark, a one-year-old was recently fatally shot. The suspect was only 16 years old. In March, a 63-year-old woman celebrating her birthday was shot and killed near her home. Two people were injured during a shooting recently in Jersey City. Two sisters were found shot to death in early April at a restaurant in Hillside, a town just south of Newark. Trenton has not escaped this increase in gun deaths and set a record for homicides last year.

“We cannot sit back when we know there is more to do to address the danger of gun violence in our communities,” Governor Murphy said. “By taking the steps we are announcing today, we will further commit to making every block and every street in our state safer.”

The gun violence that NJ is facing is not just a Jersey thing but part of a disturbing trend sweeping the nation, in particular the number of mass shootings. According to the nonprofit research group Gun Violence Archive the US has witnessed 156 mass shootings in 34 states and the District of Columbia in the first 110 days of 2021. This time last year there were 87 mass shootings. Mass shootings saw a sharp increase in 2020 with 610 incidents; 2019 saw 417.

The FBI classifies a mass shooting as a gun violence incident where three or more people are shot not including the shooters.

In the last six weeks, the US has seen a shooting at a supermarket in Boulder, Colorado leaving 10 dead; shootings at Asian-operated spas in Atlanta, Georgia leaving eight dead; a workplace shooting in Orange, California leaving four dead; and a murder-suicide at a FedEx facility leaving eight victims dead before the shooter took his own life in Indianapolis.

In April, members of the U.S. House

and Senate reintroduced the Keep Americans Safe Act to ban the sale, manufacture, transfer, possession or importation of high-capacity gun magazines that are capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition. The bill was first introduced in 2019. The use of the weapons has enabled perpetrators in recent mass shootings to fire dozens of rounds of ammunition before having to stop and reload, allowing them to kill more people in less time. A Ruger AR-556 Pistol, which can hold up to 30 rounds, was used in the Boulder, Colorado shooting in March.

“In America, there is a familiar and disturbing pattern that occurs every time another horrific mass shooting occurs—when people are killed in



their grocery store, their workplace, their house of worship, the crisis of gun violence punctuates our national consciousness, but all too quickly we move on,” said NJ US Senator Cory Booker. “The truth is that every single day in America, people are killed by senseless, preventable gun violence, and the majority of those deaths don’t make the national headlines.”

Unwilling to wait to see what, if anything, the Congress will do, Governor Murphy has proposed \$10 million for community-based violence intervention, raising the minimum age to purchase long guns to 21, banning .50 caliber firearms and establishing electronic ammunition sales record keeping.

“Everyday gun violence is a constant burden and threat to the public health and well-being of our communities. To solve this problem, we need actions that are informed by research and data,” said Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver. “The Gun Safety Package that Governor Murphy has set forth lays the groundwork for interventions and programs that are designed to save lives and are backed by the necessary funding to help them succeed.”



## Congresswoman Barbara Lee announces FEMA funeral assistance funding

BY ALEX KATZ

Oakland, Calif. – Congresswoman Barbara Lee recently announced a new development for families seeking assistance with funeral costs for loved ones who have passed away as a result of COVID-19. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

deliver this critical relief to families.”

The applicant(s) must provide the following documents:

Official death certificate attributing the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and showing that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.



of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will begin providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020.

Starting Monday, April 12, those who lost loved ones to COVID-19 will be able to apply for retroactive reimbursements for burial costs of up to \$9,000 per burial. There is no citizenship requirement for eligibility for this relief. If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should apply under a single application as applicant and co-applicant.

“Families across this country are living on the edge because of this public health and economic crisis,” said Congresswoman Barbara Lee. “On top of facing unimaginable hardship and loss, the last thing they should have to worry about is how to pay for funeral expenses.

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Hot Line: 844-684-6333 or TTY: 800-462-7585

“That’s why Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez and I introduced the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Act last Congress to help ease the burden caused by the virus. I applaud the leadership of Majority Leader Schumer for making this a priority, and I’m pleased to see the Biden administration is taking action to

Funeral expenses documents, such as receipts or a funeral home contract, that includes the applicant’s name, the deceased person’s name, the amount of funeral expenses and the dates the funeral expenses were incurred.

Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies or other sources.

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In May 2020, Reps. Barbara Lee and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez introduced the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Act, which would instruct FEMA to disperse \$10,000 to cover the funeral expenses of those lost to the pandemic. Additional information on the program can be found here: [www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance](http://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance).



## BOS President Shamann Walton leads Reparations plan for Black San Franciscans!

BY NATALIE GEE

In a historic vote, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed 15 members to the African American Reparations Advisory Committee. Over the past two years, District 10 Supervisor and Board President Shamann Walton led the efforts to create the first of its kind advisory committee to create a comprehensive reparations plan for African Americans.

African Americans were enslaved in the United States from 1619 to 1865, when slavery officially ended with the ratification of the 13th Amendment. However, the trauma of slavery remained in generations throughout the African American community

community to achieve a comprehensive and true reparations plan.

“We are a first in San Francisco! I just want to thank all my colleagues, Mayor London Breed and all advisory committee applicants for stepping up to ensure that we not only improve outcomes for Black people in San Francisco, but also that we repair the damage of the past and make compensation tangible in order to overturn negative outcomes and create generational wealth. We had an extremely difficult decision narrowing the committee down to 15 and now the real work begins!”

“San Francisco has the opportunity to lead the way in addressing the harm that far too many African American families have experienced,” said Dr.



and exists today.

Prior to the enslavement of African Americans, this land was stolen from Native Americans, their families were torn apart. Soon after the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, Chinese were excluded from this country through the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.

In recent history, Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps during World War II, Arab Americans have been targeted since 9/11 and, currently, Latinx immigrant children have been torn away from their families and locked in cages. The United States has a history of inflicting trauma on communities of color and that trauma continues to exist in all of our communities.

“The appointment of this reparations advisory committee is an historical event, as I am unaware of any other legislative body in place to prioritize injustices and create a true reparations plan in a package for Black people,” said Board President Shamann Walton.

The African American Reparations Advisory Committee will gather input from the African American

Sheryl Davis, director of the Human Rights Commission.

“When my family looks over our family tree, we see the descendants of slaves. We don’t have to look very far to see our ancestors who were slaves. That trauma and history was passed down, but not the wealth or income they generated on the plantations. I look forward to working with this committee to explore how to restore, repair and transform the damage from the past. Thanks to President Walton for his leadership and courage to advance this work.”

The African American Reparations Advisory Committee will gather input from the African American community on prioritizing areas on education, housing, violence prevention, workforce development, economic opportunities, financial stability, small businesses, transportation, health disparities, food insecurity and over-criminalization to achieve a comprehensive and true reparations plan to alleviate the residue of oppression and slavery that continues to plague the African American community in San Francisco.

# Nubian News Book Review

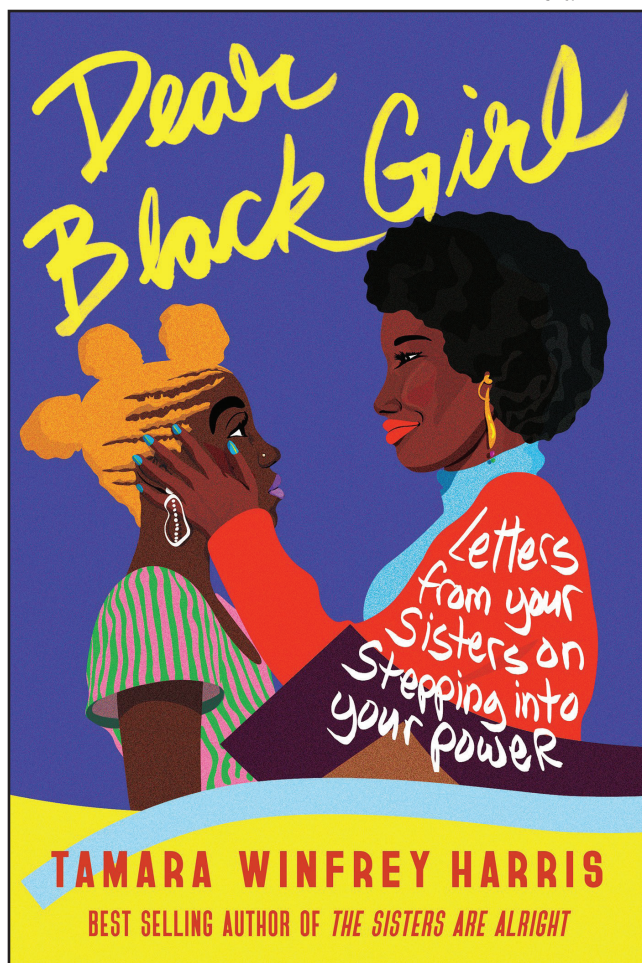
BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

## “Dear Black Girl: Letters from Your Sisters on Stepping Into Your Power”

BY TAMARA WINFREY HARRIS

c.2021, Barrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc.  
\$16.95 / \$22.95 Canada 185 pages

There's some mail for you. And it's not the e-variety, either; it was brought by a human, carried



girls' hopes and wishes, and “lies can start to feel like facts.”

But: “Dear Black Girl...”

“Sometimes, it's hard to remember that you are a star,” says one letter-writer. Another reminds girls that melanin is “an asset!” Others write acknowledge the issues of being a Black girl in a white family or foster situation.

“... love your body beyond how appealing it is to others,” says one writer.

Remember that “there is no single definition of family.” Love your mother but know that “daughtering ain't easy,” either. You will attract close friends when you “learn to love, honor and value yourself...”

Know that there's “no shame” in working to pay the bills but life is better if a job is “a thing you really love and that suits you.” There's also no shame in making your own path, in asking for help, or in surviving.

“You are hope and promise for tomorrow in Black girl skin.”

Don't you wish there was a book like this around when you were a teenager? Nobody'd blame you if you did; even Grandma probably wished she'd had “Dear Black Girl.”

Bottom line: it's *time* for a book like this that doesn't feel high-horsey or superior or preachy. No, author Tamara Winfrey Harris pulled together letters that are relevant and everyday, and that don't make harsh demands on its readers. Instead, there's empathy in here, a been-there-done-that tone, and a sense that a girl is about to be taken under someone's wing for awhile. Letters are loosely categorized, they're accompanied by drop-in “Know This” pages of explanation, and there's room for a girl to write a letter to herself to sort her feelings now, or note-taking for later. Beware that some of the letter-writers dive deep into raw subjects, making this book best for ages 13-and-up. Give “Dear Black Girl” to your favorite teen, and envelope her in all its love.

down the street and left at your home. It's in an envelope with a stamp, and the good news is that it isn't a bill. It's a letter for you, and in “Dear Black Girl” by Tamara Winfrey Harris, it could be important.

Well over a year ago, in anticipation of a workshop she was giving for a group of Black girls, Tamara Winfrey Harris asked a small group of Black women to write letters of support and positivity to give the girls. She wanted the letters to be “loving, truthful... feminist, anti-racist...and pro-Black girl.” She figured she'd receive twelve letters to hand out.

She got “more than fifty from all over the world.”

There's a history behind the need Harris sees for these letters. For four hundred years, she says, Black girls have been laboring under myths that belie their vulnerability; that make them more “grown” than they are, physically and emotionally; and that steal the opportunities they have to love their bodies, their hair, and themselves. The lies ignore Black



Civil rights activist Yuri Kochiyama was present at the assassination of Malcolm X in 1965. Kochiyama held the movement's visionary hero in her arms, attempting to help him pull through. Kochiyama endured the racist incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII, which set her on a path of seeking justice for all marginalized communities, leading to her becoming a major champion of civil rights for Black and all Americans. – Photo: Rea Tajiri and Pat Saunders, “Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice” (1993)

by Raymond Nat Turner

Now, I wasn't Yuri Kochiyama amidst toppled chairs, gun smoke scented chaos, cradling Malcolm's heavy head on the Audubon Ballroom floor as his double ought buck shot pocked chest oozed ruby rivulets ...

I arrived at the Asian elder split second after the unmusical thud of his head hitting concrete – after he'd missed the curb, stumbled and fallen on 14th and Broadway I didn't worry whether or not scarlet streaming from his temple was HIV or Hep C tainted; I didn't worry whether or not some right turn-making, out of control driver would wipe us out; I didn't worry about an out of the blue lawsuit; I didn't worry about Blu klux klansmen seeing me; seeing blood; seeing me; seeing blood; seeing me kneeling beside the Asian elder –

My magic gun – seeing me rifling his pockets robbing him ... I worried about napkins and band-aids in my backpack being sterile – or not sterile

I worried about speaking softly as I stanchied crimson streaming from his temple

I worried about being in over my head – and just then I spotted EMT and asked an onlooker to flag them down He did. And they came; they saw; praising preliminary work and taking over. No sirens. No flashing red, white blue and yellow party lights. No yellow tape theater. No surly sauntering for overtime. No gruff barking. No disrespect. No baton blows. No frame-up. No dead samaritan. No violence workers – I could breathe and leave High ...

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## Trenton Students Back In Classroom: Science Or Insanity

By AL ALATUNJI

The Trenton Public Schools District wants Trenton public schools to resume in-person learning in May despite a new surge of covid-19 infections occurring in NJ and other parts of the US. Students would return to classrooms with a month and a half school remaining until summer break.

Such a decision would not only appear at odds with the science but more importantly with the incompetent track record of the district prior to and during the pandemic.

In the district's Restart and Reopening Plan adopted by the Trenton Board of Education, students, parents, teachers and others were promised that a decision to return to in-school learning would be based solely and exclusively on science. This does not seem to be the case.

"The decision to have students back in the classrooms is (not based on) the education and well being of students, teachers and others but an attempt by the current leadership of the district to impress people in believing it is doing something. No one is fooled. This is about blind ambition and nothing else," stated a Trenton public schools teacher wishing to remain anonymous so they would not be subject to retaliation.

The district has proposed in its Restart and Reopening Plan an A/B hybrid schedule. Under the district's A/B hybrid schedule some students would attend in-person schooling and others would learn remotely during the week or certain days of the week. The following week the roles would be reversed.

From the outset of the pandemic, when schools were forced to close and use remote learning, there has been

a push in some districts, primarily white affluent districts, to have students return to in-school learning so parents could return to work. Having students return to in-school learning so parents could return to work, has been far less an issue in urban districts with large numbers of students of color where the chief concern of parents and teachers has been the health and safety of the community.

Teachers and others are not certain how Trenton's hybrid schedules for elementary school students with revolving days or weeks of remote learning and in-person schooling helps parents to go to work.

One thing these teachers and others are certain of, is that students, particularly those in elementary school, their parents and teachers will find the hybrid system beyond confusion. "Before one student is let back into the schools for in-school learning the Board of Education must show students, parents, teachers and others the science it is using for opening back schools for in-school learning. If the Board cannot produce such science then it needs to cease and desist as well as go back to sleep," stated another Trenton public school teacher who also requested to remain anonymous.

On April 20, at the request of the Trenton teachers' union, teachers called out sick in mass to protest an attempt by the administration and the board to force teachers to return to the classroom.

According to union representatives, the administration and the board responded to the sickout with threats of firings, misinformation and retaliation. They maintain that school principals were directed by the

administration to contact teachers, in particular those without tenure, and threaten them with suspension, pay withholding and termination.

Despite such threats and bullying efforts, over 85 percent of the district's teachers stood in solidarity with the union. Union representatives maintain the administration has created a hostile work environment.

If the administration and the board can make the case that it is safe for students to return to in-class instruction which is questionable, then it is hoped that the district does everything possible to ensure a smooth transition from remote virtual learning to in-school learning. Hopefully, such a transition will be far more successful than the virtual learning experience has been for Trenton students. Six whole months into the school year there are students who still do not have working laptops to participate in day to day virtual learning instruction. Six whole months, this is unconscionable.

Now the district wants to start back in-school learning in May with students, parents and teachers to confront what will be nothing short of chaos. Students, parents and teachers will be forced to deal with scheduling nightmares as to what classroom a student is supposed to be in on any given day and/or any given week.

Seems like a lot of confusion will result not only in frustration, but no less than six to eight weeks of lost learning time. If the district is incapable of making sure after six months that all students have working laptops to do work, what makes anyone feel confident that the district will be able to run a complex hybrid schedule of classroom and in-home learning?

By the time students, parents, teachers and others finally get comfortable with the rigors of hybrid in-school

learning the school year will be over. Days will have been lost and the school district will have failed Trenton students once again. Trenton students and parents deserve better. "The district leadership receives a grade of "F" and the sleeping school board gets an "I" not for incomplete, but for indifference and incompetence," stated the school teacher.

*Already many District teachers have refused to come back into their classrooms. For days after they were required to staff their rooms they stayed home in droves.*

*Knowing the Board has many times said certain systems would be in place only to find out much had been done in an haphazard way, they were afraid, with their health in jeopardy, this would be the same.*

*Some who did return found a hostile environment from at least one West Ward principal. From our understanding accusations of misconduct and other falsehoods were thick in the air.*

*Students throughout the district stayed home in droves. Whether it was because parents opted out or bus routes were messed up or many kids just lost interest they weren't in school.*

*When teachers tried connecting through the internet, many found the district's website failed. So there were not many students in school and because the internet was down there wasn't much instruction all the way around.*

*It was reported precautions had been taken at most schools, if not all. There were plastic barriers surrounding desks and air filters and purifiers were in place. Also many new custodians were hired to do deep cleaning throughout the day.*

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