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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]



Bill Eliminating Certain Juvenile Justice Fines & Fees Passes Assembly Committee

(TRENTON) - To relieve financial burdens of young New Jerseyans involved in the juvenile justice system, Assembly Democrats Raj Mukherji, Adam Taliaferro and Verlina Reynolds-Jackson sponsor a bill to eliminate certain monetary costs and penalties imposed on juveniles in the system. The legislation was advanced by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee on Wednesday.

"This bill will help curb the contribution of New Jersey's juvenile justice system to the cycle of poverty. How do we justify young people being further penalized with fines and fees intended to support the juvenile justice system when many aren't even old enough to get a job?" Assemblyman Mukherji asked (D-Hudson), Chair of the Judiciary Committee. "Their burdens are often taken on by families who are already struggling to make ends meet, which is a miscarriage of justice with no public safety purpose."

Under the bill (A-5507), several fines, fees, costs and monetary penalties that can be imposed on juvenile offenders would be eliminated. These include certain testing and laboratory fees, a penalty for false public alarms, a monthly penalty imposed on juvenile sex offenders, and the cost of

educational or counseling programs juveniles can be diverted to instead of a detention facility.

"The costs associated with our juvenile justice system are far too great for many children and their families to pay," said Assemblyman Taliaferro (D-Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem). " Our youth often have to choose between paying off these debts and paying for necessities which can make staying out of trouble harder due to these excessive financial burdens."

Any outstanding balances for the fines and fees listed in this measure that have already been imposed on juveniles would be vacated, while any warrants based on a failure to pay these monetary penalties would be deemed null and void.

"Not only do these costs take an emotional toll on the young people already caught up in a complicated situation, but it disproportionately affects minority and low-income families in our state," said Assem-Revnolds-Jackson blywoman (D-Mercer, Hunterdon). "It is time to end these unnecessary costs and penalties."

The legislation now heads to the Assembly Speaker for further consideration.

COMPENSATORY-FUNCTIONAL DEFINITIONS

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Racism: Some Initial Answers Two Facts

- (1) The white people of the known universe, are collectively, the smartest, and the most capable, of all people, and,
- (2) The white supremacists (racists) are the smartest, and the most capable of all the white people.

Of all the people of the known universe — both white and non-white — those white people who practice racism (white supremacy) have the greatest ability to use truth, and to use it in such manner as to produce justice and correctness, in all places, in all areas of activity, in the shortest period of time.

The white people who practice racism know that they could, if they chose to do so, produce justice and correctness among the people of the known universe. They are smart enough to do this. They also know, however, that in the process of producing justice and correctness, they would also eliminate white supremacy (racism). Knowing this, they have chosen not to produce justice and correctness. They prefer to continue to practice white supremacy, though they fully understand that in order to practice white supremacy they must do so by promoting falsehood, non-justice, and incorrectness. They apparently have judged that white supremacy is better than revealing truth. They apparently believe that the value of white supremacy is at least as "valuable" as the practice of justice and correctness. To them, the promotion of white supremacy has proven to be, in many respects, "better" than justice and "better" than correctness.

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A Memorial Day of Infamy

BY AL ALATUNJI

This year's Memorial Day weekend is the 100th anniversary of what has been called the worst race massacre in US history.

It was Memorial Day 1921 when the

to use the top-floor restroom, which was restricted to Black people. He encountered, Sarah Page, the 17-yearold white female elevator operator on duty. The two likely knew each other at least by sight, as this building was they could attest, that it was not in him to sexually assault or rape.

Rumors spread through the city that Rowland was indeed going to be lynched.

Upon hearing reports that a mob of hundreds of white men had gathered around the jail where Rowland was

> being kept, a group of 75 Black men, some who were War World 1 veterans, arrived at the jail to ensure that Rowland would not be lynched. Some of the Black men were armed.

The sheriff persuaded group to leave the jail, assuring them that he had the situation under control. As the group was leaving the premises, complying with the sheriff's request, white mob allegedly attempted to disarm one of the Black men.

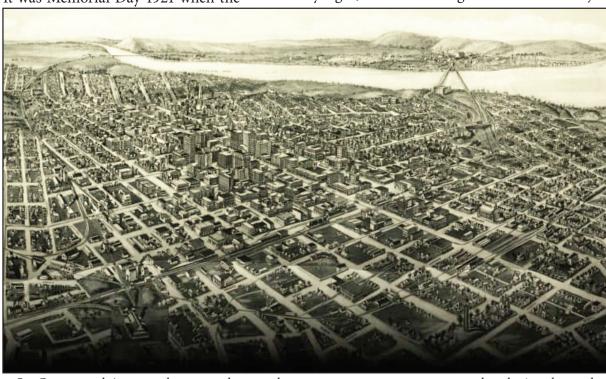
A shot was fired, and then according to the reports of the sheriff, "all hell broke loose."

At the end of the firefight, 12 people were killed, ten white and two Black. As news of these deaths spread throughout the city, mob violence exploded. White rioters rampaged through the Black neighborhood that night and morning killing Black people and burning and looting stores and homes. Around noon on June 1, the Oklahoma National Guard imposed martial law, effectively ending the massacre.

Many survivors left Tulsa, while Black and white residents who stayed in the city kept silent about the terror, violence, and resulting losses for

The story of Black Wall Street and what became of it is one which cannot be forgotten. It is part of America's ugly, degenerate, racist history against people of color. The flag of this nation, in particular the red stripes, do not just symbolize the blood shed by this nation's war dead, but all the other people who also sang "America," only to see their dreams, a member of the hopes and lives crushed by America's racist nature.

> Memorial Day weekend 1921, a weekend which will live in infamy.



On Greenwood Avenue, there were luxury shops, restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, jewelry and clothing stories, movie theaters, barbershops and salons, a library, pool halls, nightclubs and offices for doctors, lawyers and dentists. Greenwood also had its own school system, post office, a savings and loan bank, hospital, and bus and taxi service.

good white Christian folk of Tulsa, Oklahoma went wilding; burning down thirty-five city blocks in Tulsa's Greenwood District, known as Black Wall Street, one of the most affluent Black communities in the US. Three hundred people were reported to have died, and 800 were injured. Mass graves are being uncovered at the time of this reporting that would add to the death toll.

About 10,000 Black people were left homeless, and property damage amounted to more than \$1.5 million in real estate and \$750,000 in personal property (equivalent to \$32.25 million in today's dollars).

Black residents of Greenwood were shot during the riot and had their homes and businesses burned to the ground. The barbaric assault was not limited to on ground assaults but included white pilots using planes to drop bombs and other incendiary devices while also firing gunshots at Black men, women and children. The white rioting lasted until June 1st when the Oklahoma National Guard finally made its way into the town to stop the race riot.

The massacre began during the Memorial Day weekend allegedly because at some time around 4 p.m. on May 30, 1921, 19-year-old Dick Rowland, a Black shoeshiner employed at a shine parlor, entered the only elevator of a nearby building the only one nearby with a restroom which Rowland had express permission to use, and the elevator operated by the white female was the only one in the building.

A clerk in a clothing store on the first floor of the building heard what sounded like a woman's scream and saw a young Black man rushing from the building. The clerk went to the elevator and found Page in what he said was a distraught state. Thinking she had been assaulted, he summoned the authorities. Rowland was arrested the next day at his home.

At least one local tabloid, which had a reputation for sensational headlines and stories, reported that a Black man attempted to rape a white woman. It also suggested that a lynching was in order. Defense of white female virtue was the expressed motivation for such an action the rag sheet proclaimed.

There is speculation as to what really transpired in the elevator on that fateful Memorial Day in 1921. Some believe that Rowland tripped entering the elevator and instinctively grabbed the white female's arm to break his fall causing her to scream in fright.

Others wonder if the two were secret lovers which would have been a very dangerous and serious crime for Rowland as well as the white female. All who knew Rowland, both Black and white, maintain one thing that



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Publisher 's Corner

Before you begin reading this article I want to give you a piece of advice. Considering all the years I've lived and learned, this is one of the gems I have learned along the way and I want to pass it over to you, take heed: Right now go on the internet and go to Mr. Neely Fuller Jr's website https://producejustice.com/ - on this website you will find a way to buy his seminal work - The United Independent Compensatory Code/System/

You cannot be serious about replacing the system of white supremacy/ racism without reading this book. It's just that simple. Not reading this book means you have accepted the system of white supremacy/racism as your way of life. That's ok, it's your

I'm going to give basic information about the system of white supremacy/racism. Call it White Supremacy/ Racism 101.

A primary confusion point when discussing anything is language. Many times we talk about a subject and one person is talking about one thing while the other person is talking about something completely different.

Before you get into a conversation/ argument define the words you are

An example: when talking about racism it is common for one person to talk about bigotry while the other person is talking about discrimination. Both use the word racism but each is talking about an entirely different concept.

Define your words first so everyone is on the same page.

I'll start off by defining what the system of white supremacy/racism is to me. It may not be your definition but for the sake of argument - go with it. Or you tell me your definition and I'll go along with it. That way, at least, we are talking about the same thing. Definition of 'the system of white supremacy" - (by Neely Fuller Jr. in his book referenced above)

first - The System: The sum total of all speech, and all action, by White Supremacists (Racists), that directly or indirectly dominates non-white people in any one or more areas of activity, including Economics, Education, Entertainment, Labor, Law, Politics, Religion, Sex and/or War.

second - White supremacy

(1) The direct or indirect subjugation of all "non-white" people by white people, for the basic purpose

of "pleasing" and/or serving any or all "white" persons, at all times, in all places, in all areas of activity, including Economics, Education, Entertainment, Labor, Law, Politics, Religion, Sex, and War.

(2) The only functional Racism, in existence, among the people of the known universe, that is based on "color" and/or "anti-color" in the physical make-up or physical appearance of persons.

(3) Racism "for the sake of" Racism.

Now that I have defined The System and White Supremacy/Racism any thoughts and/or discussion you have please keep my definition in mind.

Often I have heard Black people say that many white people don't understand racism or believe they have no responsibility for it. And they want to know how to explain to them what racism is all about.

To that I saw poppycock! White people know exactly what the system of racism/white supremacy is and how it affects non-white people. They know because they perpetrate everyday of their lives. This is what happened in an auditorium full of white people when Jane Elliott, a noted counter-racist white woman did this exercise:

"I want every white person in this room, who would be happy to be treated as this society in general treats our citizens, our Black citizens. If you as a white person would be happy to receive the same treatment that our Black citizens do in this society please stand! - You didn't understand the directions. If you white folks want to be treated the way blacks are in this society - stand! - Nobody is standing here. That says very plainly that you know what's happening. You know you don't want it for you. I want to know why you are so willing to accept it or to allow it to happen for others." (watch this video at: https://www.youtube. *com/watch?v=xUlqTNwm-mk)*

White people want you to think the guy down the street is making your life hard or the corporation over there is doing it to you. The truth is that person standing there, looking you in your face, is the person making your lite a living hell.

I contact corporate officers trying to get them to advertise in this newspaper. I ask them if their corporation advertises in white newspapers in New Jersey. They say yes. Then I ask if their corporation advertises in Black newspapers in New Jersey. They say everything under the sun but yes or

Editorial

Juneteenth 2021

Black Freedom/Love vs White who were latent racists will now act Supremacy and Facism

Sadly, any aspect of what can be defined as Black freedom realized from the Juneteenth event in 1865, pales amidst the wave of white supremacy and facism that is sweeping the nation.

It can not be overstated; to serve the best interests of the security of Black families and communities, the 2021 Juneteenth celebration better be commemorated acknowledging the dangerous context of the current murderous rise of racism in the United States.

Black ancestors in the US, who experienced the abolishment of freedom from slavery on paper in 1865, are no doubt rolling in their graves as wage slavery and actual lynching of Black people, and murders by police and white vigilantes, continues unabated today.

There are blatant calls to arms daily on all media outlets by prominent politicians and their cohorts in addition to the acceleration, enhancement and certification of legislative racism. Pay attention! This is not the usual state of affairs of US racism.

Be aware of your surroundings especially when traveling out side the area you live. Be informed about what white supremacist groups may be near where you live; Google it. Racists have become emboldened and those

no. They can't say yes because that would be a lie and they don't want to say no because they would be admitting their corporation racially discriminates.

It's the same with every white person This will be continued next month. you meet. They racially discriminate against you and will pull any act to make you believe it is not them it is you doing something wrong.

Don't fall for the hooky doke.

Black people have 1% as much economic clout as white people because white people set up the system for them to take most of the wealth. There is no other reason for it. It's meant to be this way. And, it is meant to continue on this way. White people have no intentions to replace this unjust system of white supremacy with a system which would be more equal for all.

This system did not work out this way by itself. White people are in superior positions and non-white people are in inferior positions because it was planned this way, by white people.

out verbally and physically. So, it is wise to social distance when out and about for this additional purpose. Keep in touch with distant loved ones and keep family that is with you close. Prepare a defense for you and your loved ones. Plan contingencies for disruptions in everyday life that are taken for granted like food, gas, energy, cell phone service and even your job.

Security from fear is part of what Black freedom in the US should look like. Unfortunately, Blacks in the US, as well as other people of color world over, are far from there yet.

The 2021 Juneteenth celebration must serve as a celebration of the acceptance by Black people of the harsh reality that racism has mutated in the US as sure as the deadly COVID virus that now decimates this country, and that Black people are about to administer the vaccine.

It is reasonable and healthy to lift up occasions like Juneteenth to heal and comfort. However, the festivities must not distort the clear and present danger Blacks currently face.

The only action that will completely overcome this onslaught is to

prepare to keep love present in all things. So, may love be the theme for Juneteenth 2021

They have consciously decided they would rather continue mis-treating non-white.

But that is alright. We got something



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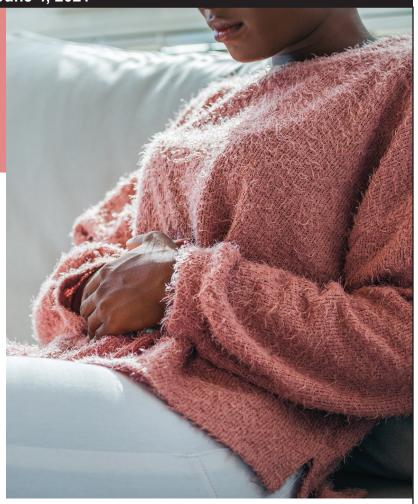
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about the causes of OAB, changes you can make to improve it, and the many effective treatment options that are available. Don't let your bladder run your life—by becoming informed, you become empowered!

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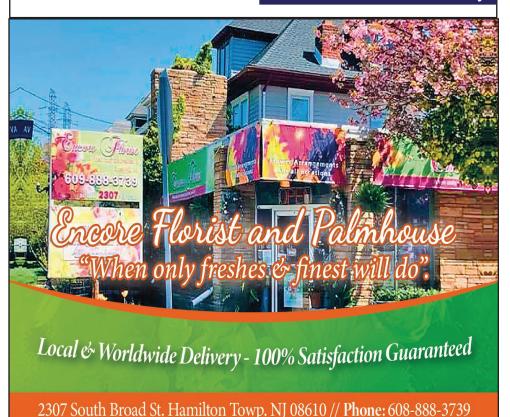
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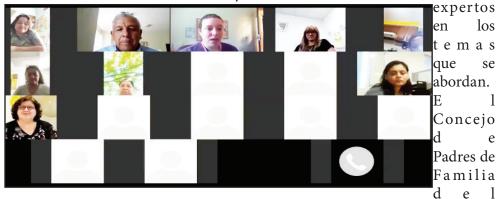
REUNIÓN VIA ZOOM CON MADRES Y PADRES DE FAMILIA

Por Carlos Ávila

TRENTON-Productivas reuniones con padres y madres de familia se vienen realizando cada quince días vía Zoom en la ciudad de Trenton y la educación y la salud de las familias. Las reuniones se realizarán los días martes a partir de las 10:30 am durante una hora.

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Padres de Familia d e l

mayo se presentaron dos importantes temas: "Importancia de la Lactancia Materna Durante la Infancia" y "Nutrición y Estilo de Vida Desde la Niñez". Durante las reuniones las madres de familia tienen la oportunidad de aprender y a la vez de intervenir con preguntas y anécdotas que suman en el aprendizaje de

estado en general. El pasado mes de

Condado de Mercer (MCCYC), invita a todas las madres de la comunidad para que se conecten cada semana a través de Zoom o por teléfono y aprendamos juntos sobre diferentes temas que permite acumular conocimientos en bien del desarrollo intelectual y cultural de la comunidad en general. Para más información sobre estas actividades pueden llamar al 609-364-0977

¿Qué está pasando en Colombia?

Por Laura Lucia Rodríguez Peña Sería inapropiado decir que Colombia vive días de caos y de terror desde el 28 de abril del 2021 porque Colombia experimenta una violencia sistemática desde hace años. El gobierno actual de derecha, liderado por el presidente Iván Duque, parece buscar de forma descontrolada volver a un panorama de guerra interna que parecía haber terminado en el 2016

con la firma de los acuerdos de paz. Podría aquí mencionarles a los líderes sociales, ambientalistas, indígenas que han perdido la vida, o los estudiantes Dílan Cruz y Javier Ordóñez asesinados por la policía colombiana en el 2019 y 2020 respectivamente, pero quiero contarles un poco del panorama reciente del país.

Las centrales obreras de Colombia, conformadas por distintos sindicatos,



COMENTARIO

Inconvenientes que se presentan en envíos y transferencia de dinero

Por Carlos Ávila

TRENTON-Las transferencias de dólares es una activ-

envió de dinero a través de una agencia local y que ese dinero supuestamente nunca fue transferido a su cuenta de



Ovalle afirma que el pasado mes de marzo de este año 2021, realizó tres transferencias y que solamente aparecen los datos dos de primeros envíos.

idad económica que tanto hombres y mujeres trabajadoras de nuestra comunidad realizan permanentemente, ya sea para ahorrar o ayudar a sus seres queridos en sus países de origen. Si estos giros no se realizan con la debida precaución pueden presentarse inconvenientes.

Edgar R. Ovalle asegura que hizo un

Sin embargo, Ovalle no cuenta con alguna evidencia que sustente su denuncia. Ovalle muestra solamente una parte de un recibo sin el nombre de la agencia, ni el número de envió, ni tampoco la fecha que se realizó el giro, datos importantes para poder rastrear e investigar el supuesto dolo que habría cometido la agencia.





Aparentemente Ovalle no guardó el recibo que le da la agencia. En este contexto es importante señalar que los clientes o usuarios deben guardar los recibos o comprobantes correspondientes por un tiempo prudente hasta que el giro haya llegado a su destino. Sin un comprobante con una fecha exacta de la remesa se hace

tarea difícil solucionar tanto para el cliente como para la agencia local que también usa otras agencias para hacer los envíos.

La memoria y olvido puede ser un factor determinante en este tipo de situaciones.

Esperemos que este caso sirva de ejemplo para motivar a todos quienes realizan este tipo de remesas a conservar esos comprobantes o recibos que nos permita recordar exactamente la cantidad y la fecha de los envíos que realizamos. Sobre todo, cuando se trata de altas sumas de dinero.

Este medio se vio imposibilitado de reclamar a la agencia sin un comprobante válido que sustente la denuncia. A pesar de los efectos económicos causados por la presente pandemia las remesas desde los Estados Unidos hacia Latinoamérica continúan en ascenso en las últimas semanas, según estadísticas recientes del Banco Mundial.

PROYECTO DE LEY EN FAVOR DE PERSONAS CON NECESIDADES **ESPECIALES**

Por Carlos Ávila

TRENTON-Las comunidades minoritarias raciales o étnicas tienen menos acceso a oportunidades de empleo, educación, atención médica y otros servicios públicos que son cruciales para una buena calidad de vida. La incapacidad de recibir los mismos servicios que se brindan a la mayoría de los residentes se agrava cuando los miembros de grupos minoritarios tienen necesidades especiales.

Con la finalidad de representar y mejorar la igualdad en estas comunidades, los demócratas de la Asamblea Cleopatra Tucker, Valerie Vainieri Huttle y Benjie Wimberly, patrocinaron la legislación, aprobada por el pleno de la Asamblea recientemente por 76 a 0 votos, para establecer una Comisión de Disparidad en el Tratamiento de Personas con Discapacidades en Comunidades Insuficientemente Representadas (La Comisión).

"Los menores con discapacidades constituyen una gran parte de la población vulnerable de Nueva Jersey", dijo Tucker. "Muchos luchan por tener acceso a los servicios de salud y, a menudo, no se les ofrecen las mismas oportunidades. Debemos asegurarnos de que las minorías con discapacidades tengan acceso a los servicios que necesitan".

El proyecto de ley (A-209) establecería la Comisión y estudiaría las preocupaciones únicas de las minorías raciales o étnicas con discapacidades, y cómo su discapacidad se ve agravada por ser una minoría. Algunas de las disparidades que estudiaría la Comisión incluirían oportunidades educativas y de empleo, atención médica y otros servicios proporcionados por los sectores público y privado.

"Al formar la Comisión y estudiar las disparidades en la disponibilidad de los servicios ofrecidos a las minorías raciales o étnicas, podremos brindar ideas sobre cómo aliviar las limitaciones que enfrentan a diario", manifestó por su parte Vainieri Huttle.

La Comisión estaría compuesta por veinte miembros. Diez serían considerados miembros públicos y serían nombrados por el Gobernador, el Presidente del Senado y el Presidente de la Asamblea. Los diez miembros restantes consistirían en un representante cada uno del Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios, el Departamento de Trabajo y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral, el Departamento de Servicios Humanos, el Departamento de Salud, el Departamento de Correccionales, el Departamento de Leyes y Seguridad Pública, el Departamento de Educación, Departamento de Niños y Familias, Departamento de Banca y Seguros y de la Comisión de Iusticia Iuvenil.

La medida ahora se dirige al Senado.

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han presentado un inconformismo a las condiciones de inequidad, salariales, y la violencia desde el 2019. Este descontento se exacerbó con la propuesta del gobierno de una reforma tributaria que pretendía aumentar los impuestos a la clase media y baja colombiana. Ese fue el gran detonante que causó que se convocara a un paro nacional el 28 de abril, el cual muchas autoridades trataron de persuadir para evitarlo por el alto número de casos COVID-19 que experimenta el país. Con lo que no contaba el gobierno, y creo que tampoco quienes convocaron al paro, es que la marcha sería multitudinaria. Se estima que el primer día salieron más de 5 millones de personas en diferentes ciudades y pueblos de Colombia.

Durante la primera jornada ocurrieron actos significativos en la ciudad de Cali, uno de ellos fue cuando indígenas Misak derrumbaron una estatua de un colonizador opresor, esto junto al descontento frente a la corrupción, el desempleo, la desigualdad, evidencio que el paro tenía unos orígenes profundos que trascendían a la reforma tributaria.

Aunque las marchas habían transcurrido en su mayoría con tranquilidad, el Escuadrón Anti Disturbios de Colombia, conocido como ESMAD y la policía, no tardó en ser convocado por las autoridades, y en enfrentar a los manifestantes con gases lacrimógenos, armas y ataques desproporcionados de fuerza.

También es necesario mencionar que en diferentes ciudades personas ajenas a las marchas han aprovechado la coyuntura nacional para realizar actos de vandalismo, saqueo y robo a diferentes establecimientos. Hechos que le han servido al gobierno para deslegitimar las protestas y para generalizar y catalogar a todos los manifestantes de "vándalos" y "criminales". Este lenguaje de odio fomentado por el mismo gobierno nacional ha creado un escenario de división y polarización nacional en donde ciertos ciudadanos rechazan las marchas. No obstante, se han difundido pruebas en video y en audio de como los manifestantes realizan actos de protesta pacífica y son las mismas autoridades policiales o del ESMAD quienes comienzan los ataques y disturbios.

Autoridades locales, líderes del comité del paro nacional, líderes estudiantiles y barriales han pedido al gobierno espacios de diálogo territoriales en donde se pueda dialogar sobre los reclamos del pueblo, que abarcan: impedir la reforma tributaria, pensional, de salud; garantizar una renta básica por seis meses mientras la sociedad se reactiva económicamente; implantar una comisión de la verdad sobre el abuso nacional; impedir la aspersión de glifosato; no judicializar a las personas que han participado de las marchas y la primera línea. Sin embargo, el gobierno nacional se ha mostrado ineficiente ante el clamor nacional.

Hasta el día 12 de mayo Temblores, ONG de derechos humanos, publicó que se habían registrado 2110 casos de violencia policial, 1055 detenciones arbitrarias de manifestantes, 30 víctimas de agresión a ojos y más de 16 víctimas de abuso sexual por parte de la fuerza pública. Esto sin mencionar la cantidad de desaparecidos, pues no hay una cifra exacta, hay organizaciones que hablan de más de 400 desaparecidos a nivel nacional, pero no existe certeza.

La situación en Colombia es preocupante porque además la salud pública está en riesgo, los hospitales ahora están a máxima capacidad con casos COVID-19 pero también con heridos. Es necesario un alto al fuego por parte de la fuerza pública colombiana e instalar mesas donde se logre llegar a un acuerdo en común. Por ello, la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos ha decidido hacer una visita de emergencia en el país, pues ha recibido una gran cantidad de denuncias por parte de ciudadanos, colectivos de abogados y ONG de derechos humanos.

Esperemos que las cosas se tornen más tranquilas en estas próximas semanas y que los crímenes cometidos en estos últimos días no queden impunes. La sociedad colombiana ha manifestado un descontento con la situación actual de pobreza, corrupción y desigualdad del país, esto debe ser atendido con prioridad, de lo contrario las protestas continuarán y personas inocentes seguirán muriendo mientras luchan por sus derechos. Colombia es un país de gente cansada de la violencia y la guerra, pero con un gobierno que insiste en enfrentamientos armados, incluso contra sus propios ciudadanos. La diferencia con movimientos sociales pasados es que ahora esto está siendo difundido por todo el mundo y las injusticias han podido visualizarse en video y audio por todas las redes sociales, esperamos que esto pueda hacer recapacitar a quienes creen que con metralletas se pueden silenciar los sueños de paz.

Trenton Elections 2022

BY AL ALATUNJI

In November 2022, the voters of Trenton go to the polls to cast their ballots for mayor and council. The election will take place at the same time the general election takes place which should save the city money and increase voter turnout.

November 2022 seems like a long way off. However, in politics it is tomorrow. Potential candidates for



president in 2024 started to position themselves for the 2024 campaign before the ballots were cast in 2020.

It is not certain if the major political parties will field competing slates for mayor and council or if the election is basically nonpartisan with split candidates for mayor and council seeking office. Last time the voters of Trenton were asked to vote for mayor and council there were over ten candidates for mayor and another score for council. Regardless of the number of slates, if any, it is not the number of candidates that run but the quality of those running.

The voters and residents of Trenton were not served well by what they got from the last municipal election. They sure deserve much better.

The citizens of Trenton need a governing body with individuals whose vision, commitment and ambition goes beyond the end of their nose. Clearly, the citizens of Trenton do not have this now.

It cannot and should not be sugar coated, Trenton is a backwater slum of a town. If the state government buildings were not in Trenton, the city would probably be the poorest city in the US. Trenton's downtown shopping area is pathetic.

You probably cannot find another state capital with a worst downtown shopping area. Cities and towns much smaller than Trenton in this state have far more vibrant downtowns than Trenton. We can pretend

that this is not the case, but the reality is that it is. It will remain that way until we decide we want better.

Which brings us back to the 2022 municipal election. Credible candidates run creditable campaigns. Poorly run campaigns, more often, result in individuals elected to office who are incapable of measuring up to what the office and the times require. Case in point, the past Trenton municipal election had over 10 people running for mayor with a total

combined campaign pool of less than \$150,000. In many places a credible, serious candidate running for council will have more than \$150,000 in their campaign coffers to spend on staffing, signage and possible television, radio and newspaper advertisement explaining to the voters and public what

the candidate hopes to bring to the office.

Serious candidates for mayor and council of Trenton should be raising funds now. They should be talking to possible seasoned campaign staff and media gurus about assisting them in their campaign for either mayor or council. They should be encouraging their names to be floated as having a possible interest in running for Trenton's governing body.

Quality candidates run quality campaigns. Since Trenton did not see such at last municipal election, the result has been a municipal government resembling versions of the Twilight Zone, Outer Limits and the Three Stooges all combined in one.

The saying goes that the voters get the government they vote for. Hopefully, after the last four years of confusion, chaos and embarrassment, the voters of Trenton will demand better than they got.

The citizens of Trenton need leaders who have a vision of a better Trenton. A Trenton where anything good is possible. A Trenton where people can say with pride that they live there. A vibrant, robust, progressive Trenton moving confidently into the future.

Trenton needs leaders that believe in Trenton and its people and is committed to the residents' well-being and success.

Trenton can do better. It deserves better. Now is the time to start the campaign for a better Trenton

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National Caribbean American Heritage Month

BY AL ALATUNJI

June is National Caribbean American Heritage Month.

People of Caribbean heritage are found in every state of the union.

Emigration from the Caribbean



region to the American colonies began as early as 1619 with the arrival of indentured workers in Jamestown, Virginia.

During the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, a significant number of slaves from the Caribbean region were brought to the US.

Since 1820, millions of people have emigrated from the Caribbean region to the US.

Similar to the experiences of Blacks and people of color in the US, the Caribbean people faced the obstacles of slavery and colonialism and struggled for independence. Also similar to Blacks and people of color in the US, the people of the Caribbean region have diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds.

independence movements throughout the Caribbean during the 1960s and the consequential establishment of independent democratic countries in the Caribbean strengthened ties between the region and Blacks and other people of color in the US.

Many influential Caribbean Americans have contributed to the rich history of the US, including Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable, the pioneer settler of Chicago; Claude McKay, a poet of the Harlem Renaissance; James Weldon Johnson, the writer of the Black National Anthem; Celia Cruz, the world-renowned queen of Salsa music; Shirley Chisholm, the first African-American Congresswoman and first African-American woman candidate for President; Supreme Court Justice Sonia Maria Sotomayor who became the first Hispanic to serve on the US Supreme Court when she was appointed by President Barack Obama; baseball greats Roberto Clemente and Juan Marichal; political, civil and human

Powell, Eric Holder, Louis Farrakhan, Cicely Tyson, US Senator Kamala Harris and Malcolm X; film, television and theater personalities, Rita Moreno, Jennifer Lopez, Sammy Davis Jr., Andy Garcia, Rosie Perez, musician Tito Puente and Al Roker, a meteorologist and television person-

Caribbean Americans have played an active role in the civil rights movement and other social and political movements in the US.

They have contributed greatly to the fine arts, education, business, literature, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, the military, music, science, technology, and other

Caribbean Americans share their culture through festivals, carnivals, music, dance, film, and literature, which enrich the cultural landscape

The countries of the Caribbean are important economic partners of the US and its third border.

The people of the Caribbean region share the hopes and aspirations of Black and other people of color in the US for peace and prosperity, justice, equality and human rights and an end to racism throughout the Western Hemisphere and the rest of the

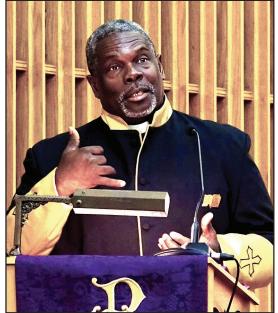
The Nubian News recognizes and appreciates the contributions and achievements of the Caribbean American community and celebrates National Caribbean American Heritage Month.

NJ Clergy Sues for Racial Profiling

BY AL ALATUNJI

NJ faith based leaders including ministers, imams, rabbis and other faith leaders several from Trenton filed a brief in early May, at the NJ Supreme Court, urging justices to take action to end racial profiling. The faith based leaders, represented by the ACLU-NJ, said Black and Latinx residents are experiencing trauma, humiliation and dehumanization.

The case before the State Supreme Court concerns an incident in which police officers in Hamilton Township pulled over three Black men based on a description of two Black men as suspects of a robbery in May, 2011. The police officers claimed the three



Pastor Rupert A. Hall, Turning Point United Methodist Church

men did not visibly react to a spotlight pointed in their direction. The brief filed by the faith based leaders and the ACLU-NJ asked the Court to bar police officers from conducting stops where the only, or predominant basis is that the people stopped match the race and gender of the suspects, without any other additional identifying details.

"While courts typically learn about allegations of racial profiling in the context of the rare police actions that yield evidence of criminal behavior, clergy people see the daily trauma of racial profiling, which unfairly casts the shadow of suspicion based solely on race without leading to any arrest," said ACLU-NJ Director of Supreme Court Advocacy Alexander Shalom. "Clergy serve as daily witnesses to the reality that racial profiling does not simply hurt individuals—it injures entire communities" he said.

According to the ACLU-NJ, 46% of Black drivers are stopped and subjected to consent searches on the NJ Turnpike as compared to only 26%

of white drivers. Data from Stanford University's Open Policing Project reveals that nearly 60% of Black drivers received summons from traffic stops.

NJ has a long history of grappling with racial profiling. In 2003, the State of NJ agreed to pay more than \$775,000 to motorists who were victims of racial profiling to settle lawsuits brought by the ACLU-NJ. The lawsuits were filed on behalf of 12 motorists who were targeted for traffic stops based on their skin color. In 2016, ACLU-NJ released leaked emails from Wyckoff Police Department Chief Benjamin Fox, which said that racial profiling was appropriate when it's applied fairly. He said Black

gang members from a neighboring township burglarize homes and businesses in Wyckoff. Fox also said that Black people from New York City sell heroin to white kids in his town. Fox was suspended from his position and later retired.

Last November, Gov. Phil Murphy signed legislation requiring that by June 1 every uniformed patrol officer in New Jersey must wear a body cam while on duty. Previously, fewer than half of the law enforcement agencies in the state had body cams. Murphy signed another law in January, appropriating \$58 million for grants-in-aid

to support the statewide body worn camera program.

"The clergy members we represent provide pastoral care in and to diverse communities throughout [NJ], and they share a common experience: Each one has served members of their communities who have been stopped by police because of their race," said ACLU-NJ Legal Director Jeanne LoCicero. "The clergy members in this suit have seen the trauma of people close to them after unjustified stops based on their race, and they have counseled people through the fear and psychological wounds that follow them from those encounters" she added.

Among the faith-based leaders who joined with the ACLU-NJ in filing the brief from Trenton were Paston Rupert A. Hall, Turning Point United Methodist Church; Reverend Erich Kussman, Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church: Pastor Faith E. Mack, Greater Mt. Zion AME Church and Pastor Charles Wilkins, Grant Chapel AME Church.

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Nubian News Book Review

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

"Footnotes: The Black Artists Who Rewrote the Rules of the Great White Way

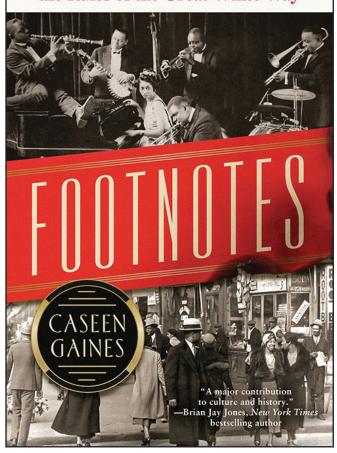
BY CASEEN GAINES

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You can't see where the roar is coming from.

But you can hear it, and that's what matters. The role was made for you,

■ The Black Artists Who Rewrote ■ the Rules of the Great White Way



you hit every line and note, the audience loved you – and now the roar of cheers and applause is yours. How long does the standing ovation last? How hard do they clap? As in the new book "Footnotes" by Caseen Gaines, how long will your star stay aloft?

Growing up in an affluent Black neighborhood in Columbia, Tennessee, Flournoy Miller had everything he could ever want – and when he was nine years old, he wanted to be onstage. It was 1894, and his parents had taken him to see Sissieretta Jones, a famous soprano and "one of the highest-paid Black entertainers of the day."

"Miller," says Gaines, "was captivated."

And yet, growing up, Miller knew that fame was a dangerous reach. Every Black entertainer seemed to know someone who was killed by white folks for no reason, but once Miller met Aubrey Lyles in 1903 and "the two hit it off right away," the danger was ignored. Miller, in fact,

was more determined than ever for fame, and the two developed a popular comedy act.

From the time he was a child, Noble Sissle loved to sing. Few things pleased him more than a chance to perform in church and, while it was

> expected that he would become a minister like his father, he grew more passionate about music. When Sissle took a job in Baltimore, he met Eubie Blake, a talented pianist who grew up in a Godly house as a child and honed his talents at brothels as a teenager. They, too, became fast friends and eventual collaborators.

> It's a small world, and because they worked in the same industry, Miller and Lyles knew Sissle and Blake and there was mutual respect all around. They had kicked around the idea of working together on a show but the idea didn't coalesce until early 1921. And "with nothing but a handshake agreement..."

says Gaines, "the quartet agreed to give it a shot."

The nicest thing about "Footnotes" is this: you don't have to be a Broadway-goer to enjoy it. You don't ever have to have even seen a play. You can love this lively, sparkling book for no reason but just because.

Though it takes awhile to get there and though it may not seem like it, the main subject of this book is the musical, *Shuffle Along. Author* Caseen Gaines seems to use this main feature as a backdrop, as he wraps biographies, history, and everyday life around that century-old show to show how it came to be and why it was so important to Black culture. There's racism in this tale, of course, but also determination and a sense of opulence and grandeur, at times. It can be a feel-good story, but one that hurts, too.

Shakespeare said, "The play's the thing" and so is "Footnotes." If you love Broadway, history, or books on culture, it'll make you roar.

It's Time For Trenton To Return To An Elected School Board

BY AL ALATUNJI

"I supported the efforts for Trenton to have an appointed school board believing that would be best for the children of the city. There have been a few smart and conscientious people appointed to the school board. Unfortunately, it seems for the city's public school students and their families the appointed school board has not produced the results I envisioned it would," stated the longtime Trenton education observer who requested anonymity.

"I have been especially disappointed with the role the board has played backing the acting superintendent in his quest to have students return to in-school learning despite fulfilling the promises the board and administration made that they would follow the science. That all safety and health precautions would be in place before children, teachers and other staff would return to in-school instruction. Clearly, that didn't happen,"continued longtime Trenton education observer.

"Is it any wonder that after being forced back into the school many teachers have only two or three students attending in-school classes? Parents are not stupid. They know the necessary precautions were not in place. Things that were promised did not happening. However, how would the school board be aware what is really happening if they are only willing to listen to the administration. I would bet not one school board member has ever stepped foot inside a city school since they left as students themselves,"added the observer.

In the early 1980's, Trenton switched from an elected board back to an appointed one. Of the more than 600 school districts in the state, Trenton is one of only 15 districts with appointed school boards.

The Trenton public school board of education has seven members who set policy and oversee the fiscal and educational operation of the district through its administration. As a Type I school district, the board members are appointed by the Mayor to serve three-year terms of office on a staggered basis, with either two or three members up for reappointment each year..

The district is comprised of 20 schools and has an enrollment of 14,500 students.

Proponents of the elective process say

it is more democratic and prompts citizens to take a greater interest in their schools. They also contend that elections shield schools from municipal politics and allow board members to act independently and in the best interests of the schools.

Those favoring appointed boards say that many qualified individuals are reluctant to subject themselves to the difficulties and expense of an election campaign. They also say there is more accountability in the system, because the mayor can and should be held responsible for the integrity of the education system.

"Trenton students and the education system do not need the status quo. It needs change, radical change. It needs educators and school board members who bring new ideas to the table. Who can think out of the box and bring new solutions and concepts. Unfortunately, this has not been the case with Trenton's school boards, especially this one," stated a second longtime Trenton education observer who requested anonymity.

"This board sees no evil, speaks no evil, but has done a whole lot of evil by doing nothing. They have been basically invisible men and women. They sit up there like knots on a log and agree to whatever the administration says without taking into consideration what is best for the students and the community," the second longtime Trenton observer added.

"If nothing else they could and should change the names of the schools. You have Washington who was a slaveholder; Jefferson who was a slaveholder and a pedofile rapist; Columbus who was a colonial imperialist, and Wilson who was a straight up and down white surpremacist. Are those the role models we want our children to look up to?" asked the second observer.

Supporters of an elected school board maintain that even if it does not significantly improve the Trenton school system having an elected board instead of an appointed one might allow Trenton voters the opportunity to gauge a person commitment and character from their role of the school board if the individual goes on to seek to serve on the council or as mayor. Perhaps it is time to return the Trenton school board back to an elected one.

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Life After The Pandemic

BY AL ALATUNJI

Although Dr. Anthony Fauci has not declared the pandemic officially over; it seems we may be nearing the end. It has been an experience, which most do not want to have to live through again.

As much as people talk about getting back to normal, the reality is that the pandemic has changed our lives. In many ways there will be no return to what was once normal. There will be a new normal.

Like a thief in the night the coronavirus came into our midst taking hopes, dreams and lives. What was once normal will become history, the good ole days prior to the pandemic. What will life look like after the pandemic? What will be our new normal?

In many ways the pandemic has only served to speed up where society was headed. What would have been ten or 20 years down the road, the pandemic has accelerated certain trends that were inevitable.

Take for example, department store giants. Many department store giants which had been in existence for decades were already floundering before the coronavirus pandemic. People may one day look back and blame the demise of some of these department store giants to the pandemic, however the real culprit of their demise was the acceptance by consumers of online shopping prior to the pandemic. The pandemic did not help those department stores in fact it was the final nail in the coffin for some and made an uphill battle for others already struggling.

Not only can we expect to see the closing of department store giants, but malls and other consumer outlets will become relics of history. They were on their way. The pandemic has accelerated their death. However, it will not have been the pandemic that killed them but Amazon and other online services.

When the pandemic is finally "over," some of the changes in our behavior — whether consumption-related or otherwise — will certainly revert to something like 2019. Popular restaurants and bars will once again attract crowds. Travel will rebound, as should live sporting events and concerts. But attendees at these activities will probably be short lived. After the novelty wears off people will return to the comfort, ease, simplicity and safety of their homes. Why go to the hassle and costs associated with going out when you can enjoy entertainment at home?

Why go through the time, effort and costs of attending church in person when you can zoom the Word and do church in your home?

How about education? Colleges have been offering online classes for years now. Despite blow back from some parents and others about the need for children to attend in-person learning, many parents have enjoyed and felt that their children have learned much more online than in-person learning. Not only did parents have an opportunity each day to see what their children were learning but also to understand and thereby assist their children in their learning. For all the parents that whined about

psychology concerns of their children not being in schools, there were just as many if not more who were relieved of the worry if their child was safe in school.

There is no doubt having a teacher performing in the class excited and committed to opening up new worlds for their students is paramount. However, very few students are so lucky to have one such teacher.

Having children attending kindergarten to fifth or sixth grade may serve a benefit that it allows parents to go to workout outside their homes, but it does not guarantee educational excellence. Educational excellence comes from involvement of a student with parents, grandparents and older siblings. As for educating middle and high school students, the pandemic has accelerated the use of online instruction. It will be a cost saver and more efficient in many ways. It will also be less worrisome for parents concerned about their children being exposed in schools to bullying, drugs, gangs and gun violence among other things.

Many workplaces months ago informed their staff that they would not be heading back to office buildings to work. Employers saw not only were employees working harder and oftentimes longer while at home, but also those employees seemed far more happy and relaxed.

Employers also realized early on that the business was saving good money not having to house employees in office buildings. Employers have saved a bundle on utility cost and electric bills. Once all employees are officially out of office buildings there will also be a saving in terms of insurance and other liabilities to say nothing of rental costs.

Some will bemoan the lack of personal intimacy and closeness, but let's be real, how often are we with other people and are too busy texting someone who is not in the same room we are in? How many times have we spotted youth sitting next to each other not speaking but texting each other? How many seniors find it more comfortable to share information on social media sites than pick up a phone or go over to someone's home and sit down and break bread and talk? This is our new world.

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We can't expect any help from the US, State or County governments.

We haven't gotten any in all these years and we cannot wait on them to have a change of heart now. They talk, they give money to people who do not look like us or live near us. They fund the police to control us, but they don't help us teach our boys not to kill each other. Democrates and Republicans have done nothing to stem the tide of Black on Black murder except to condemn us.

Mothers, young fathers, grandmothers

I know you have a lot on your hands and this is one more thing for you to handle. Everyday tell your son he must never kill another person who looks like him. Let him know you will always love him even if he does make that dastardly mistake. But impress upon him you don't want that weight on his shoulders and you don't want the heartache of his being locked up for years. Tell him you don't want him to miss his freedom and the love of a home, wife and children. Let's save our men - while they are boys.

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