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East Orange Native Jessica Felix Photo Courtesy Keith Munford

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Governor Phil Murphy

WILL PARTY PRIMARIES BE "BACK TO NORMAL?"

By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - Those involved with the election process - from "Local Talk" town halls up to the State House in Trenton - are hoping for at least one return to normality with the June 8 major party primaries.

Essex County Clerk Christopher Durkin and County Elections Superintendent Linda von Nessi, along with their colleagues in New Jersey's other 20 counties, have been preparing voting machine polling stations in accordance with Gov. Phil Murphy's March 22 Executive Order.

Murphy had ordered that all physical polling stations that were open prior to the March 2020 COVID pandemic outbreak reopen from June 8 primary onward.

"All regularly operated polling places," said Murphy, "will be open for all voters who wish to cast their ballots on voting machines."

Murphy's March 22 order further relaxes his March 2020 orders that postponed that year's party primaries to July. That July primaries - along with Nov. 2's General Elections and the combined and delayed April school board and May 2020 nonpartisan municipal elections - were predominantly vote-by-mail.

Essex County's single voting station here was allowed to expand for the Nov. 4 and April 20, 2021 elections. Newark and West Orange got two polling stations each and the other 20 municipalities one station each.

Those polling booths may be open as early as May 31. Murphy, on March 15, signed a bill allowing nine days of early voting.

Durkin and Von Nessi are now more than having to prepare voting machines that Democratic and Republican voters may use June 8 to determine their party's candidates for up to 23 state, county and municipal offices due

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Editorial

Dhiren Shah
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Hello Readers,

COVID-19 is taking its toll on many. Some have lost lives and others are suffering with lung and other problems. They might be in the hospital or staying home under 14 days of quarantine. In the United States of America, President Biden has announced that over 200 million shots were completed, double his 100 days goal of 100. Biden has done more than expected and his approval rating is now 57%.

However, our local area has a very low rate of vaccination, especially in Irvington (11%), East Orange (13%), Orange (15%), Newark (16%). The Democratic administration is very strong at promoting their work to residents, but they have failed when

it comes to vaccination and its importance. People are still hesitant to take the vaccine, as they have no clear information about the side effects, and/or trust issues.

The worst hit country right now is India. Not only do they have an explosion of COVID-19 cases, but they have several different variants. In India, the death ratio has gone up. However, in the last few days, the coronavirus cases are still about 370,000 but the death ratio went down a little. Not great news, but still a hope to get better.

People living in India must observe the guidelines in the true sense. When they are covering with masks, they still have to keep social distancing. They take it too lightly.

Recently, I talked to Kinjal in the city of Ahmedabad, and he said that in April there were many cases within the circle of people he knows - friends, family and acquaintances. But in May, it has been reduced to where there was not a single

case among his acquaintances. Still, an Indian scientist has announced that there may be a third coronavirus outbreak in November 2021.

The Indian Premier Cricket League is the most popular cricket series. Players all around the world play in this premier league. Two days ago, two players from the Calcutta Knight Riders were infected with the coronavirus. All the players are required to be in the bubble system to be part of the IPL. All players cook, clean, and wash clothes in their bubble. The places they stay, were clean and disinfected before they were in use.

Three Australian players announced that they were leaving India. Other players from different countries followed, and finally the cricket control board of India and the IPL board announced a postponement. The hope is that if everything works out, they will play the remaining games later.

The City of Newark's Council is mulling a parking meter

resolution. They want to charge meter parking to 10 minutes for every quarter. This isn't just getting more money by the meter, but in parking ticket revenue too, as many people will shop, but not realize how quickly 10 minutes can go by, and get a ticket. Who will suffer more, the people shopping or the smaller businesses where they might shop? Those who comes for larger businesses, they can afford paying more for parking, and can even go in lots for an extended time.

Meanwhile, the meter companies and the City of Newark will collect more revenue in the short run, but the customers who support the smaller businesses will go to other cities instead, which hurt the Newark small businesses. This could force them out of business, and thus hurt business-related and rent revenue for the City in the long run.

*Have a wonderful week.
I'll talk to you next week.*

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WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy / Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy / Rain	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
HI 66	HI 63	HI 56	HI 63	HI 63	HI 65	HI 70
LO 46	LO 46	LO 44	LO 49	LO 47	LO 47	LO 52

WILL PARTY PRIMARIES

BE "BACK TO NORMAL?"

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Nov. 2.

They now have to have those voting machines, paid election workers and volunteering challengers in position on or before May 31- Memorial Day.

Those planning on using the polling stations may want to check Durkin and Von Nessi's websites and offices to verify station locations. Those same voters will also automatically receive Vote By Mail Ballots.

Voters may mail in those VBMBs or deposit them among 24 designated Essex County drop boxes leftover from last year.

It is hoped that the extra options will help registered voters to choose major party candidates for a Governor-Lieutenant Governor, all 120 state legislators, and an Essex County Sheriff plus a mayor and council/committee members in two "Local Talk" towns.

The June 8 election, like pre-

vious primaries, are only open to registered voters who identify themselves as either Republicans or Democrats.

May 18 is the deadline for online, mailed-in and in-person voter registration for the June 8 primaries.

GOVERNOR

Democratic Party voters have incumbents Phil Murphy, of Rumson, and Sheila Y. Oliver, of East Orange, on their machine or mail ballots. They are asking, by state law, for their second and last terms in office.

Lisa McCormick, of Rahway, is running a write-in challenge. McCormick has not announced a lieutenant governor running mate.

Republican Party voters have four candidates on their ballots to choose from. They are, in alphabetical order: Jack Ciattarelli, of Hillsborough; Brain Levine, Franklin Township-Somerset County; Philip Rizzo, of New Vernon and Hirsh Singh, of Linwood.

STATE LEGISLATURE

State Senate

27th Legislative District (South Orange, West Orange, Five "West Essex," Six Morris County Municipalities.)

Democratic voters have former Governor and Senate President Richard J. Codey on the ballot. The Orange native moved with the district's boundaries to West Orange and, of late, Roseland.

Republican voters have on their ballot Adam Kraemer, of West Orange, to endorse.

28th LD (Irvington, East Orange, Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, Nutley and parts of Newark's South and West Wards.)

Democratic voters have incumbent Ronald L. Rice, of Newark, and challenger Quadir Selby, of Irvington, to choose from. Republican voters have Frank Contella, of Nutley on their ballots.

29th LD (Belleville and the Rest of Newark)

Democratic voters have incumbent M. Teresa Ruiz, of Newark, on their ballots. Republican voters may write in their preferences. The Essex Republican Party Organization has not fielded a candidate.

34th LD (East Orange, Orange, Montclair and Passaic County's Clifton.)

Democratic voters have incumbent Nia Gill, of Montclair. Republican voters have Scott Pollack, also of Montclair.

General Assembly - Two Seats per District.

In the 27th LD, Democratic voters have incumbents Mila Jasey, South Orange and John McKeon, West Orange on their ballot.

Republican voters have Millburn residents Kevin Ryan and Jonathan Sym. (Ryan is not to be confused with the late Assem-

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RUTGERS DOCTOR AMONG COVID-19 DEATHS IN INDIA

Dr. Rajendra Kapila, an infectious disease expert at Rutgers University, recently visited India due to his father-in-law's poor health. He got infected with COVID-19 and died April 28 in India.

Kapila, who was known for his extensive works on HIV-AIDS, was 81 years of age, reported the *Hindustan Times*.

He and his wife Dr Deepti Saxena Kapila had got both doses of the Pfizer vaccine in the US. The couple had returned to India in March and stayed in Ghaziabad. He was supposed to return to the US in the second week of April but had to be hospitalized in Delhi after testing positive for Covid.

After completing his MBBS from Maulana Azad Medical College, University of Delhi, Dr. Kapila pursued his MD from College of Medical Sciences, Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital in 1964.

His profile on the Rutgers University website mentions that Kapila was an intern, resident and fellow at the Martland Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. He was also the assistant chief of medicine for the US Army in Okinawa, Japan, during the Vietnam conflict and a founding member of the New Jersey Infectious Disease Society.

Dr Kapila, who trained many people in the field of HIV-AIDS and practised at the Rutgers University for 50 years, was bestowed with the Excellence in Teaching Award from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). Many famous Indian doctors, who were trained by him, too remembered him with great fondness.

His friends were saddened by his passing and are in disbelief as to how quickly he passed away.

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UNITED STATES

Racing Legend Dead at 87

Funeral arrangements for three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Unser have not been announced as of press time.

Daughter Jeri Unser said, at 10 a.m. Mountain Time Monday that Bobby, 87, had died in his ranch home here Sunday of natural causes.

The brother of four-time 500 winner Al, Sr. had several health issues the last decade, confining him to a wheelchair. "Uncle Bobby," however, had been making several public events, including the wintertime Chili Bowl at Tulsa.

The twice USAC Indycar champion, 1975 IROC and '93 Fastmasters champion and 10-time Pikes Peak Hillclimb winner became for his drive for a technical advantage, outspokenness and sense of humor within his driving and commentary careers.

Robert William Unser, who was born Feb. 20, 1934 in Colorado Springs, CO. the third oldest of four brothers, was a second-generation racer. Uncle Louis was a three-time Pikes Peak winner under AAA and USAC sanction. Father Jerry, Sr. and the late uncle Joe also ran at Pikes Peak.

Bobby, once he got the Pikes Peak bug, left an Albuquerque high school at 15 to run there, Rosewell Speedway and the Mexican Carrera Panamerica. The local track champion was quite content to run there plus in USAC, IMCA and CRA midget, sprint and stock cars until Parnelli Jones asked him to try entering the Indianapolis 500 in the early 1960s.

"Bobby U" became one of a now-precious few Indycar drivers who have driven front-engined roadsters (including the legendary NOVI) and rear-

engined ground effects cars. He racked up 35 career USAC-CART Indycar race victories for fifth on the all-time list. That total includes 1968, '75 and '81 500s.

The Unser who was also a winner in USAC stock cars and competitive in NASCAR now-Cup, SCCA F5000 saw the five-month controversy of his '81 "500" victory first leave the cockpit in the winter of 1981-82. He became a driving coach and a broadcast racing commentator.

Unser, Paul Page and Sam Posey combined with ABC Sports to win a 1989 Emmy for "Outstanding Live Sports Special" for their coverage of the 1989 500.

Unser, by then, had driven and developed an Audi Quattro to his final Pikes Peak victory in 1986. He was a Porsche 962 sports prototype driver in the 1991 24 Hours of Daytona. (Unser ran a BRM P138 in the 1969 Watkins Glen F1 GP until its engine failed.)

He coached sons Bobby, Jr. in the 1980s, Robby in the 2000s and Jeri 1990s-2000s. He was also inducted into the Motorsports and IMS halls of fame.

Third wife Lisa, daughter Cindy and nephews Al Unser, Jr. and Al III are also among his survivors.

This report features a submission from Walter Elliott.

SOUTH AMERICA

Police Clash with Protesters in Colombia

The United Nations human rights office (OHCHR) on May 4 voiced deep alarm over the violence in the city of Cali in Colombia overnight, as a number of people were reportedly killed and wounded when police opened fire on demonstrators.

Spokesperson Marta Hurtado said that the OHCHR office in Colombia is working to verify the exact number of casualties, and establish how the incident came about in Cali.

"We express our profound shock at the events there and stress our solidarity with those who have lost their lives, as well

as the injured and their families," she said.

Ms. Hurtado added that human rights defenders also reported having been harassed and threatened.

The protests, which began last Wednesday with a general strike over proposed tax reforms, continued despite an announcement from the Colombian presidency on Sunday that the reform bill would be removed from Congress. The Finance Minister is also reported to have resigned.

According to the UN human rights office, the majority of the protests so far have been peaceful, but it has received allegations of at least 14 deaths in different parts of Colombia, including at least one police officer, since the demonstrations started.

There were also calls for a "massive demonstration" in response.

"Given the extremely tense situation, with soldiers as well as police officers deployed to police the protest, we call for calm," the OHCHR spokesperson said.

EUROPE

Talks Underway to Resume Travel

Work to enable the safe return to international travel is being discussed at a meeting of transport ministers hosted by UK government Transport Secretary Grant Shapps.

The virtual meeting brought together transport ministers from the US, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the EU Commission to identify common goals and principles that will help develop globally recognized travel standards for when international travel reopens. This includes best practices for sharing scientific data and promoting coordination on universally recognized travel certificates.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said: "If we're to safely and sustainably restart international travel on a global scale, we need a robust, accessible and coordinated approach.

"That's why I've brought together my G7 counterparts to

identify shared goals, address challenges we may face and progress work on a coordinated approach that will allow us to build back better as we look to the future.

At the meeting, the Secretary of State also outlined the UK government's approach to reopening international travel through the recommendations of the Global Travel Taskforce report. Published last month, the report sets out a framework to restart international travel from May 17 at the earliest through the introduction of a traffic light system.

As part of this, the UK government continues to play a leading role in the development of international standards around digital travel certifications. Work continues across the UK government to prioritize a solution to enable passengers to prove their COVID-19 status for vaccines for outbound travel to another country.

AFRICA

Election Agreement Reinstalled

A week after a stunning outbreak of violence, it appears that civility has returned to one African nation.

On May 2, the United Nations Secretary-General welcomed the decision by the Lower House of Somalia's Federal Parliament to nullify a special law and to return to the Sept. 17 Electoral Agreement that will allow for indirect presidential and parliamentary elections.

In a statement issued by his spokesperson, Secretary-General António Guterres reiterated his call on all Somali stakeholders to "resume dialogue immediately and forge a consensual agreement on the holding of inclusive elections without further delay."

"(The Secretary-General) stresses the importance of a broad-based consensus for the country's stability," the statement added.

The UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) also welcomed the Lower House's decision
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NJ GETS CLOSER TO FULL REOPENING

TRENTON - With COVID-19 numbers trending decisively in the right direction and New Jersey progressing toward its adult-age vaccination goals, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy has announced an additional easing of restrictions, including a removal of all percentage capacity limits for indoor and outdoor businesses, a lifting of the prohibition on indoor bar seating, and an end to the outdoor gathering limit.

Some changes will take effect on Friday, May 7, with others taking effect on Wednesday, May 19, in coordination with both New York and Connecticut.

“With our COVID-19 numbers, particularly hospitalizations, trending decisively in the right direction and our vaccination goals within reach, now is the time to take major steps to reopen our economy and loosen both indoor and outdoor gathering and capacity restrictions,” said Governor Murphy. “We’ve done this the right way, in partnership with our neighboring states of New York and Connecticut, and by allowing data, science, and public health to guide our decision-making. Over these next few weeks, I encourage all remaining eligible New Jerseyans to get vaccinated so we can continue fighting back against this virus and move toward a ‘new normal’ for ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.”

“With COVID-19 cases on the decline, more than 7 million vaccines administered and the good weather allowing more outdoor activities, we are able to take these steps to reopen the state,” said Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli. “But, we can’t let our guard down now. Please get vaccinated if you haven’t already, practice physical distancing and wear a mask when in large crowds.”

- Outdoor gatherings limit - The limit will increase to 500 persons, up from 200.
- Large venue outdoor capacity - The maximum capacity allowed will increase to 50% for venues with 1,000 fixed seats or more, as long as six feet of distance is maintained, up from 30% capacity

for venues with a 2,500 fixed seating capacity.

- Increase in maximum capacity for certain indoor activities - Currently, indoor catered events are limited to 35% of the capacity of the room in which they are held, up to 150 persons. The capacity limit for those events, including proms, will be raised to 50%, up to a maximum of 250 individuals. The capacity limit for indoor political events, weddings, funerals, memorial services, and performances will also increase accordingly.
- Dance floors at private catered events - Dance floors would be permitted to open at such events, with masking and social distancing requirements in place. Dance floors would remain closed at bars and other related businesses, such as nightclubs.
- Permit carnivals and fairs to operate at the amusement business capacity - Currently, these events may be treated like a gathering, and thus subject to more restrictive limits. Carnivals and fairs may now operate at the same capacity as large outdoor amusements.
- Bar seating - The prohibition on indoor bar seating will be lifted, with final guidance on necessary safeguards, such as spacing and the use of plexiglass, to follow from the New Jersey Department of Health.
- Buffets - The restriction on self-service food, like buffets, at restaurants, would be lifted, but individuals will still be required to remain seated while eating and drinking.

Additionally, barring an unexpected uptick in COVID-19 numbers, the following changes will go into effect on Wednesday, May 19, largely in line with actions taking place in the neighboring states of New York and Connecticut:

- Complete removal of outdoor gathering limit - Attendees at outdoor gatherings will still be required to

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remain six feet apart from other groups.

- Indoor gathering limit - The general indoor gathering limit will be raised to 50 persons, up from 25 persons. The limit applies to general social gatherings, such as birthday parties and events in people’s homes. Commercial gatherings and gatherings organized and operated by an overseeing entity (e.g. conferences, expositions, meetings of fraternal organizations, job trainings, events hosted by senior centers) will be subject to the 250-person indoor gathering limit that applies to indoor catered events, as long as all attendees can remain six feet apart.
- Complete removal of all percentage capacity limits for indoor and outdoor businesses, and houses of worship - Any business, whether indoors or outdoors, that is subject to a percentage capacity limitation will instead be guided by the rule regarding six feet of distance between persons or groups of persons. This would include:
 - ◆ Indoor dining - Currently, indoor dining is limited to 50% capacity. This change will remove the 50% limitation but maintain the six feet of required distance between tables, except that tables will still be permitted to be closer than six feet where restaurants use partitions that comply with DOH requirements. Additionally, the prohibition on tables of more than 8 persons will be lifted. As a reminder, outdoor dining

has never been bound to a capacity percentage.

- ◆ Houses of worship and religious services, which are currently at 50% capacity. Retail businesses, which are currently at 50% capacity.
- ◆ Gyms, which are currently at 50% capacity.
- ◆ Personal care services, which are currently at 50% capacity.
- ◆ Indoor and outdoor amusement and recreation businesses, which are both currently limited to 50% capacity.
- ◆ Indoor and outdoor pools, which are both currently limited to 50% capacity.
- ◆ Indoor catered events, funerals, memorial services, performances, and political activities - Per the Executive Order, these events will be limited to 50% of a room’s capacity, up to 250 individuals. Beginning on Wednesday, May 19, the 250-person limit will remain in place, but there will be no percentage-based capacity restrictions. Individuals and groups will need to remain six feet apart.
- Indoor large venue capacity - The capacity limit for indoor large venues will increase from 20% to 30% and the definition of a large venue would shift from those with 2,500 fixed seats to those with 1,000 fixed seats. The requirement that individuals or groups of individuals that purchase tickets together remain six feet apart would remain in place.

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stocks, you will become quite knowledgeable and savvy about investing. There are ample sources of information and education about stocks. A simple google search will reveal many sources of information about stocks. Most brokerages have websites where they provide free education about stocks as well.

When you buy a stock for \$100 today, the price could rise and when it does, it presents an opportunity for you to make money when you sell the stock. James bought shares of a company called Orange. James bought 10 stocks at the price of \$10 each in January 2020 of Orange. In effect James owns 10 stocks or shares of Orange and he spent \$100 to acquire those stocks. In December 2020, James receives a notice from the company informing him that each shareholder or investor in the stock of the company is going to receive a payment of \$2 dollar in dividend for every stock they own.

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ESSEX COUNTY COVID-19 CASE TALLY

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Municipality	4-28-2021	Deaths	5-5-2021	Deaths
Belleville	5619	110	5678	110
Bloomfield	5218	118	5287	118
Caldwell	603	16	607	16
Cedar Grove	1520	119	1527	119
East Orange	6914	294	7027	296
Essex Fells	189	2	191	2
Fairfield	868	31	869	31
Glen Ridge	387	13	393	13
Irvington	4518	220	4613	223
Livingston	1794	85	1820	84
Maplewood	1273	36	1283	36
Millburn	812	10	817	10
Montclair	2245	71	2265	72
Newark	36538	947	36775	961
North Caldwell	487	6	487	6
Nutley	2998	63	3039	64
Orange	3481	129	3522	130
Roseland	468	16	470	16
South Orange	835	16	845	16
Verona	981	17	988	18
West Caldwell	1055	51	1057	52
West Orange	4541	227	4567	228
Total	83344	2597	84127	2621

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of May 5, 2021)
NJ: 877,814 cases / 23,067 deaths (Plus 2,640 probable)
United States (approx.): 32.55 Million / 579,200 deaths
Worldwide (approx.): 154.62 Million / 3.23 Million deaths

By May 19, capacity limits in NJ, NY & CT at most businesses will be lifted. Social distancing rules (6 ft. of space, face coverings) will still apply.

each, he stands to earn \$120. That represents a capital gain of \$120 – \$100 = \$20.

The amount of \$120 is how much James sold the stock for in December 2020. The \$100 is how much James bought the stock for in January of that same

year. To get the capital gain amount that James earned, we simply subtract his initial investment on the stocks from the amount he made selling the stocks. James had a capital gain of \$20.

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BIG DEALINGS AT NEWARK BETH ISRAEL

NEWARK - Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is about to begin the largest expansion of its facility since 1967. The \$100 million expansion project will include a new 17,000-square-foot, glass-enclosed main lobby, expanded adult and pediatric emergency departments, new hybrid operating rooms, and a dedicated center for all cardiac services.

Residents can vote on their choice for a new name by visiting: rwjbh.org/nbiexpansion.

"This is such an exciting time for our employees, physicians, and community. This inclusive project will transform our hospital and spark investment in the Southward. We need a name that captures what this means to our neighbors as well as our staff," said Darrell K. Terry, Sr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey.

There are three names to choose from: "Open Doors Project"; "Newark Strong Project"; or "Bright Future Project."

Throughout the construction phase of the project, the hospital will prominently display the name that receives the most votes and will use the name in all communications. The winning name will be announced on May 20th.

Meanwhile, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center was recently awarded an "A" Hospital Safety Score by the Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit organization. This is the hospital's sixth consecutive "A" rating.

"This sixth consecutive A is a testament to Newark Beth Israel's unwavering commitment to the safety of our patients, their families and our employees. Even in the midst of this pandemic our clinicians and staff remained laser focused on

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NEWARK MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSING FIREARM IN FURTHERANCE OF DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME

NEWARK - An Essex County man was sentenced to 60 months in prison for possessing a handgun in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, Acting U.S. Attorney Rachael A. Honig announced May 5.

Ricky Terrell, 24, of Newark, previously pleaded guilty before U.S. District Court Judge John Michael Vazquez via videoconference to a one-count Information charging him with possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, specifically the possession with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine. Judge Vazquez imposed the sentence in Newark federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court: Stephen Crane Village is a public housing complex in Newark, on the border with Belleville. From February 2019 through February 2020, law enforcement officers investigated individuals that controlled

an open-air drug market that operated within Stephen Crane Village.

Through numerous controlled purchases of narcotics, consensually recorded telephone calls and text messages, physical surveillance, and the analysis of telephone call detail records, law enforcement determined that numerous individuals conspired to distribute and did actually distribute narcotics, including heroin, fentanyl, cocaine and cocaine base, in and around Stephen Crane Village.

On Feb. 25, 2020, law enforcement lawfully searched Terrell's residence and found heroin and cocaine, a Smith & Wesson .40 caliber handgun, and numerous rounds of ammunition.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Vazquez sentenced Terrell to three years of supervised release.

Acting U.S. Attorney Honig credited special agents and task

force officers with the ATF, Newark Division, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge Craig B. Kailimai; the Belleville Police Department, under the direction of Chief Mark Minichini; special agents and task force officers of the DEA, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Susan A. Gibson in Newark; the Newark Police Department, under the direction of Public Safety Director Brian O'Hara; the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Acting Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens II; and the Essex County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Armando B. Fontoura, with the investigation leading to the sentencing.

She also thanked the U.S. Marshals Service, the Nutley Police Department, the Bloomfield Police Department, the West Orange Police Department, the Verona Police Department, the Orange Police Department,

and the Bergen County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with this case.

This investigation was part of the Newark Violent Crime Initiative (VCI), where the U.S. Attorney's Office has partnered with state, federal, county, and local law enforcement to investigate crime in Newark and the surrounding cities. This case is also conducted under the auspices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). The principal mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, and money laundering organizations, and those primarily responsible for the nation's illegal drug supply.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracey Agnew of the Organized Crime and Gangs Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office's Criminal Division in Newark.



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WORLD NEWS FLASH

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sion to reinstate the electoral agreement.

A “Special Law on Federal Elections” was adopted by the Lower House in April, allowing for the extension of term of President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed for a period of two years, after the term officially ended in February.

The extension prompted fighting between pro-Government and opposition supporters in the capital Mogadishu as well as in other parts of the country, amid worries that extremist group al Shabaab could exploit the divisions, according to media reports.

Reports also said that tens of thousands of people fled their homes fearing for their safety following the violence.

CARIBBEAN

\$20 Million in Cocaine Seized

The Coast Guard Cutter Richard Dixon crew offloaded nearly \$20 million in seized cocaine at Coast Guard Base San Juan last month, following the interdiction of a suspected drug smuggling vessel, approximately 45 nautical miles north of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

A Customs and Border Protection Caribbean Air and Marine Branch maritime patrol aircraft crew detected a vessel, with three people aboard suspected of drug trafficking. The Coast Guard Cutter Paul Clark and a Coast Guard MH-60 helicopter responded to intercept the vessel.

The Coast Guard Jayhawk aircrew successfully stopped the vessel. Following the interdiction, it was discovered one of the suspected smugglers was injured and needed to be medevaced.

A Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen MH-65 Dolphin aircrew transported the person to a hospital in Puerto Rico to receive further medical care.

The Paul Clark crew embarked the two remaining sus-

pected smugglers and recovered close to 18 bales, which weighed approximately 1,052 pounds and tested positive for cocaine.

The three suspects are two men and a woman, Dominican Republic nationals, who are facing possible federal prosecution on drug trafficking criminal charges.

Department of Justice partners in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Puerto Rico are leading prosecution efforts in this case.

“Stopping illegal drug trafficking vessels like the one interdicted Saturday is inherently dangerous and involves a high level of skill and risk,” said Capt. Gregory H. Magee, Commander of U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Juan.

“These vessels represent a serious threat to the Caribbean region. The professionalism of the interdicting crews and strong partnerships with federal, local and regional law enforcement led to the apprehension of three smugglers and seizure of a major

drug shipment in our shared resolve to protect the people of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands from this threat.”

The interdiction resulted from multi-agency efforts in support of U.S. Southern Command’s enhanced counter-narcotics operations in the Western Hemisphere, the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) programs, and the DEA Caribbean Division Financial Investigative Team (FIT).

“This Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force investigation is one of several cases targeting Transnational Criminal Organizations operating out of South America, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico,” said A.J. Collazo, DEA Caribbean Division Special Agent in Charge.

“DEA will continue to work alongside other federal agencies as more seizures like this one can be expected.”

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The Doctor Is In



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The Mortality Rate Of Children From Corona-virus In India Is On The Rise; Is The U.S. Next?

The United States of America is well and truly still leading the race of COVID cases, but a familiar competitor is threatening the US' lead - India.

When the coronavirus first hit the world, many scientists suggested India would be the world's central hub of the virus. And you can't blame anyone for making those predictions. Seri-

ously, 1.3 billion people in a temperate region in a relatively underdeveloped country sounds like the perfect breathing site for any infectious disease.

Well ... we all thought wrong. The United States is firmly holding onto that lead, with a staggering 13 million more cases than India and 372,000 more deaths. This number certainly looks like India is outperforming the US (it's not a competition, though!), but the last few weeks have been horrific for India.

There's a second wave of the virus in the country, and this new wave is so much deadlier than the first wave, primarily because there's a new, more transmissible strain of the virus. There are horrible sites all around the country, with the sky around cremation centers brightly basking in an orange tint all 24 hours of the day. People are dying.

Reports are starting to suggest that children may be getting infected at a higher rate. There's usually a cloud of uncertainty around COVID data from India and many other relatively underdeveloped countries because, for one, many deaths in India are usually unreported. Unreported, as in, no records whatsoever of



Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com>

the deaths. The same applies to cases, but this is due to poor testing.

Again, many Indian hospitals have a track record of covering up the actual deaths related to the coronavirus. According to the WHO, any death caused directly by the virus or due to complications caused by the virus, even if there's an underlying condition, is a coronavirus death. This protocol isn't always followed in India. As such, it becomes difficult to bank on any data from the country regarding the coronavirus.

Nonetheless, scientists are starting to believe that children are getting infected at a much faster rate. Aside from more children being infected, the in-

fections are more severe in the second wave. In Maharashtra, over 60,000 children were infected between March 1 and April 4. This sounds ridiculous, I know, but wait till you hear that number is likely just a fraction of the actual cases among children.

While children and young people generally aren't at too much death risk of the virus because they usually have a stronger immune system and better health, it's still basic math that more cases will lead to more deaths.

The second wave in India is seeing more symptomatic children and more hospitalizations. This is sad news, considering
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FINANCE *(Continued from page 6)*

Stocks or shares are part ownership claims on companies. In other words, a stock simply represents ownership in a company. Companies get listed on the stock market to raise funds in most cases for expansion projects. For example, Mr. Smith may own a pineapple juice company that packages and sells bottled pineapple juice on the open market to stores and wholesale distributors. Mr. Smith may realize that an expansion of the plant would earn him more money as more people switch from drinking soda to drinking healthy alternative such as pineapple juice.

The demand for pineapple juice is expected to grow significantly over time. Then challenge for Mr. Smith is that he knows that the market will want more of his pineapple juice, demand will rise. But the issue is that to take advantage of that expected increase in demand for pineapple juice, Mr. Smith needs millions

of dollars in investment funds which he does not have. This opportunity may not be available forever. If Mr. Smith does not expand to supply more pineapple juice, clearly, competitors could step in and supply the juice, in which case Mr. Smith would miss out on this opportunity.

Given that Mr. Smith does not have the money to finance the expansion, he can look at different options for raising money. One option would be to borrow money, get a loan from the financial market and use that for the expansion. However, there is a risk and problem with financing a long-term project using loans.

Given the complexity of stocks, we will focus on sharing information that will assist an individual to be able to understand stocks. At the end of the day, the stock market is simply a market. Just as one would go to Walmart or any other store, the stock market is also a place where stocks of companies are

bought and sold.

Unlike other markets though, you and I cannot go to the market ourselves to buy and sell stocks. We have intermediaries, stockbrokers and brokerage firms who have been trained and duly licensed to buy and sell stocks on behalf of the public. The stockbrokers and brokerage firms charge a fee for this service. Each broker or brokerage firm has different fee structures and when one is looking for a broker, that is often one of the key things that you should read on and learn more about. How much does each broker charge for their services? This is the basic question that we must answer to help us select the broker or brokerage firm that would be most suitable for us.

Anyone who wants to invest in stocks must be aware that they could make money, but they could also lose money. Stocks are risky and the reason people take the risk is because of the potential for making high re-

turns. However, we cannot state it often enough, one could also make losses in the stock market!

To give yourself a chance of investing in stocks and making money, it is very important to learn about the market. Information is widely available about stocks. Many people investing in the stock market typically teach themselves about stocks before they start on the journey of investing. There are television programs and radio shows dedicated to stocks. It would be a good idea to adopt some of these and tune in regularly to learn more about stocks. Next week, we will continue to discuss stocks and highlight different aspects of investing in stocks. .

Please feel free to share with me your questions and experiences on stocks and investments. I will do my best to respond, and, in some cases, I will write on some of these questions.

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TOWN WATCH

DISCLAIMER: The following items are primarily drawn from first responders. Responders' accounts may not be their full activity range. Grand juries hand down indictments when evidence presented them warrant a trial. Named suspects/defendants are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

NEWARK - Sanaa Amenhotep's scheduled 5 p.m. May 6 memorial service here at Weequahic High School's Untermann Field would be the second one in four days - and 689 miles apart.

Amenhotep's first memorial was held May 3 at Blythewood, S.C. Relatives and friends left Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel to hold a candlelight vigil and balloon release at nearby Doko Meadows Park.

Mother Saleemah Graham-Fleming, who Amenhotep was staying in Columbia, and father Sharif Amenhotep, an anti-violence activist in Newark.

Sharif left for Columbia upon the April 5 report that Sanaa, 15, was reported missing. He and members of the New Black Panther Party were among the search parties in Lexington County.

Sanaa's body was found, her body shot 11 times, in the woods April 29 near Leesburg. Lexington Sheriff's officers arrested and charged Traevon Nelson, 18, with kidnapping and murder April 30. A male and a female juvenile have also been arrested.

Graham-Fleming and Sharif are advocating, "Sanaa's Law," where law enforcement will treat missing person reports as kidnapping if the parents believe their child had been abducted.

Sanaa was a WHS student and a frequent marcher and attendee of Newark Anti-Violence Coalition.

IRVINGTON - Former history-making mayor Michael Steele has been given a clean bill of health by specialists of a stroke he had suffered six months ago.

Irvington's first African

American mayor said that his physicians and three therapists for releasing him from further work as of April 15. Steele, 65, had suffered a mild stroke that put him in speech and occupational therapy for four months.

"It was my best birthday gift - to get a new lease on life," said Steele. "It's been four months and I feel great. I just have to follow some rules, take my medication regularly and exercise."

Steele said that he became fatigued while out on a deep-sea fishing trip with his brother-in-law a week before his 65th birthday. His wife noticed increasingly slurred speech the next three days and had him go to RWJBarnabas Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Although Newark Beth Israel released Steele, now of Union, on his 65th birthday, the RWJBarnabas hospital assigned him two a pair of occupational therapists and a speech therapist as an outpatient.

Steele was first elected onto the Irvington Board of Education in 1980 and as the township's first African American mayor 1990-94. He was also Irvington Public Schools' business administrator 1986 until his 2008 retirement.

EAST ORANGE - The City Council is scheduling its set of departmental hearings since it has received Mayor Ted Green's proposed \$152.7 million Calendar Year 2021 municipal budget here on April 26.

The hearings are where the department heads and directors try to justify their parts of the 2021 budget before council members. there are 22 departments - from the Alcoholic Beverage Control board to the Tax Collector's office - to report in over a four day period.

The sessions help the council to decide whether make slight to major changes to the Green Administration's budget plan - or leave it as-is towards a mid-year budget hearing and ratification vote.

Although Mayor Green's CY2020 budget is some 100,000 less than 2020's approved outlay, it is coming with a zero percent increase on city property taxes.

The flat, or unchanged, tax rate corresponds to three years of declining tax increases. The increase went down from 1.5 per-

cent in 2018, 1.2 in 2019 and .44 in 2020.

"We understand that this' a difficult time and we wanted to make sure that we don't add to the financial burden our residents already have on their shoulders," said Green in his presentation that Monday night. "This proposed budget reflects what happens when we make sound financial decisions and work towards a common goal of ensuring all residents receive top-quality" city services."

The hearings, like the council meetings, maybe held via Zoom. While the city is also the tax collector for East Orange School District and Essex County taxes, it is not responsible for the latter two's increases or decreases.

ORANGE - Last rites for the city man who was shot dead in Irvington April 24 has been set for May 14-15.

A viewing for Eliimao Maxime, 32, is to be held here at the Cotton Funeral Home 4-6 p.m. May 14, followed by an 11 a.m. May 15 funeral at nearby Bethel Baptist Church. Initial reports for Maxime, who was born Feb. 19, 1988, had his first name as "Eliameau."

The ECPO Homicide/Major Crimes Task Force is continuing the shooting of Maxime, and the wounding of a 23-year-old man April 24 along Union Avenue.

Pot Business Ban Bill Still Tabled

May 4's City Council meeting came and went with Ordinance 14-2021 - which would ban all on-site cannabis-based businesses - tabled. until at least their May 19th meeting

Bill sponsor North Ward Councilwoman Tency Eason was unable to get a second from her colleagues to lift it from where they had tabled it on April 20. 14-2021, that Tuesday night, was poised for a second and final vote.

Most tabled measures may lie dormant for three council meetings before the governing body has to vote on it or kill it.

WEST ORANGE - Essex County's Highlawn Pavillion, when it reopens in late summer, will be run by a new restaurant family for the first time in 35

years.

Harry and Kurt Knowles, Sr., of Knowles Restaurants, announced April 29 that they have turned over management of the Eagle Rock Reservation restaurant to Anthony and Jennifer Frungillo.

The agreement means more than picking up Highlawn's 20-to-30-year lease to Essex County. The Frungillos will also be building an outdoor atrium to double its special events capacity, among other building facelifts.

The Frungillos also inherit the Knowles and Highlawn's legacies of being the county's first public-private partnership and subsequent renovation of the 125-year-old former Casino. The two-story open-air structure's condition had deteriorated to where it became a reservation safety hazard.

Kurt Knowles said that the strain of running Highlawn in the age of social distancing and anticipated Pavillion repairs led to his family ending a 35-year "labor of love." The Knowles knew the Frungillos from meeting here and at other common events.

Father Al Frungillo founded Gourmet Catering to serve Seton Hall, Kean, Monmouth and Rowan universities. So Anthony started a separate Frungillo Caterers, which manages food events at Bloomfield's Oakeside Mansion, among other sites.

The Knowles will continue to run The Manor/Pleasantdale Chateau/Residence Inn at Marriott complex.

SOUTH ORANGE - The investigation of an April 24 one-car crash by Seton Hall University remains under ECPO investigation since April 29.

SOPD Sgt Richard Lombardi confirmed that the county's Crash Scene Investigation Unit took over the probe. The single-vehicle crash at 525 South Orange Ave. left two occupants critically injured and a third admitted to a local hospital in stable condition.

"We're not sure there's any criminality involved," said Lombardi that Thursday. "It's an ongoing and open investigation with ECPO."

Village police, fire and rescue squad units responded to the

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*From
The
Pastor's
Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

**The Celebration
Of Heroines**

A few days ago, I was praying with a young man who lost his mother in the past year, and a heavy burden came upon my heart as I thought about him facing this Mother's Day without his mother. In the prayer with him, I asked that God would pour upon his heart the grace of healing and comfort as he faces Mothers' Day. My mother passed away some nine years ago at age 96. I had the opportunity to eulogize her, and I still miss her.

After the prayer with my young friend, I began to reflect on the many children who have lost their mothers during the pandemic and of the many others who have lost their mothers. I also thought deeply, of the many mothers, at the Southern border of the United States who have had their children ripped out of their arms and separated from them for over a year. The latest count I heard is that there are 1,000 such mothers. And now, while the current administration is making efforts to reunite mothers with their children, it isn't easy because many mothers cannot be found. In the haste of separation, proper record-keeping was not a priority. The

last count I heard was that only four of the 1,000 children are reunited.

Of course, my mind is stretching far, concerning the many mothers who are losing their children to sex trafficking and the sad hearts of mothers whose children are being killed in multiple wars being fought worldwide. Even more touching in my immediate frame are the many tearful mothers whose sons are victims of police shootings. And I do not want to forget the multiple under-reported cases of children killed in gang fights.

The point I make is that while I am celebrating this Mother's Day, asking God to bless the many heroines, I am praying a special prayer that God will heal the hearts of those that are empty, broken, hurting, sad, and troubled.

As I think of the many sad hearts of the heroines, I think of the biblical story, where Jesus was visiting a little city called Nain. On the road, Jesus saw a funeral train. Amidst the mourners, a woman was walking behind the bier. Jesus stopped and gave due attention.

Here is how Dr. Luke tells the story (Luke 7:11-15 NKJV): "Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw

her, He had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.' So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother."

Wow! What a story? As I am thinking of it, I am saying how blessed many mothers would have been if they saw Jesus passing nearby? He would have raised their children killed in the pandemic of COVID-19; the pandemic of the killings of young black men and women by the police; or in the other pandemics of sex trafficking, wars and gang warfare. And in the converse, how many children would not feel blessed if Jesus were walking down a road to raise some of these heroine mothers in the buoyancy of their youth?

I said, in the buoyancy of their youth, because I too would like to have my mother back, but not in the way she was up to the time of her death. Seven years before her death, she became depressed after her two younger sisters, and one of her younger sons died. Then she went into selective mutism, then dementia, and finally total silence.

It was quite painful when we visited her as we would think back on her radiant personality. She who nurtured us, fed us, taught us, came to our rooms with her lamp in the nights to check on us and talk with us, was now in a deteriorated state. She was sitting there looking at

us, while we were staring back at her, in quietness. We were not sure how much she understood what we were saying, so we just remained silent.

The same is true as I watched the journey of my special friend, I mean, my mother-in-law, on her way to death at 95. As she trekked on her journey to the inevitable moment of her death, I often noticed her embarrassment for losing her competencies. And at the moment of her death, we said, "Praise the Lord," not because we were glad for the separation, not because we did not love her, but because we could not stand to see her suffering any longer.

Yes, we were able to say "Praise the Lord," at my mother-in-law's death, as we did at my mother's, and some of you might have done the same at your mothers' and might be apt to do in some future time, not because of the death, but because of the assurance that Jesus is coming again, and has made a promise that he will call our mothers - heroines to life. The same words that Jesus said before the bier on the road to Nain will be heard on resurrection day. (Put your mother's name or your child's name following) "_____, I say to you arise."

I can't speak for all of you who might be reading this, but I am looking forward to the "R" Day. And I know that some of you are saying the same. Whether they are gone before us or whether we will be gone before them, let us celebrate the HEROINES (MOTHERS) and wait for the Day. THANKS MOTHERS.

THE DOCTOR IS IN

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most hospitals are already full to the brim with dead bodies or very sick people. Still on the severity of the second wave, more oxygen is required in managing the condition. This means higher costs, which isn't in any way favorable in a population like India's.

If you just skipped to this part of the article, all I've said is - India and its kids are in a really bad condition right now; they're getting more infected and recording more deaths.

Now to the million-dollar question - is the US next? God, I

hope not. As a pediatrician, I don't even want to imagine a scenario where kids become in even greater danger from the coronavirus. Right now, the mortality rate is about 0.19% in children. That's about 0.19% too high, but it could be far worse - no complaints from me here.

However, this figure could significantly soar if a new and more transmissible variant breaks loose in the country, as it did in India. It's particularly tricky with babies because the vaccines haven't been approved for use, and reports are suggesting it wouldn't be until early to middle 2022. There's little you and I can do about that.

But where we can truly make

a difference is limiting the spread of this virus and its new variants by getting the vaccine as soon as possible and also following COVID guidelines and regulations. If fewer adults get the virus, fewer children will get the virus, and ultimately, fewer deaths. Stay safe.

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SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

The annual National Football League was held this past week in Cleveland, and for Essex County native, it was a special experience.

East Orange Campus High junior Jessica Felix is the captain of the newly formed 7 on 7 Girls Flag Football team at her school, which boasts the New York Jets as one of its sponsors. On May 2, she had the honor of announcing one of the team's draft picks.

Felix was also a member of the East Orange varsity football team and played running back during her freshman season and sophomore years. Although the East Orange flag football squad has started off the season with a 0-2 start, Felix is hoping for more improvement during the seven game season, where every team makes the playoffs.

Back to the NFL Draft, as expected, the Jacksonville Jaguars took Clemons quarterback Trevor Lawrence with the first overall pick, while the Jets took BYU QB Zach Wilson

with the second pick. The San Francisco 49ers took North Dakota QB Trey Lance with the third pick. The fourth QB to go in the 1st Round was Ohio State's Justin Fields to the Chicago Bears, who traded with the NY Giants to get up to the 11th spot.

The Giants decided to move down after the Philadelphia Eagles moved up and took Alabama wide receiver Devonta Smith with the 10th pick. The Dallas Cowboys moved down to #12 and took Micah Collins from Penn State. The last QB in the 1st Round was Alabama's Mac Jones to the New England Patriots at #15. As for the Giants, they picked up WR Kadarius Toney from Florida with the 20th pick.

Last year, the annual Kentucky Derby was held with no fans. This year, over 51,000 fans attended and saw Medina Spirit give trainer Bob Baffert his record 7th victory in the Derby. Meanwhile, race favorite Essential Quality finished fourth.

TOWN WATCH

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address at 7:30 a.m. that Saturday on a report of "a motor vehicle accident with entrapment and ejection."

They found a four-door black late-model minivan with severe front-end damage. Two of the four occupants had to be cut out. Three were taken to University Hospital - a Level 1 Trauma Center.

An initial investigation had the van driving westbound when it lost control and dislodged a utility pipe that fed 525 South Orange Ave. Both PSE&G and NJ American Water were called because first responders were unable to determine the pipe was an electrical or water conduit.

It is not known whether 525 tenant Tech 9 Multi Media was affected by the crash and utility cutoff. The one-story building used to be a SHU bookstore and, earlier a "Bundle of Rubble" restaurant. Traffic, including CoachUSA's No. 31 buses and SHUFLY Shuttles, were detoured onto Montrose and neighborhood streets.

MAPLEWOOD - The Seth Boyden Demonstration School PTA has started a meal train and GoFundMe.com page to help the family of the late Marc Ulysee since April 28.

Sethboyden.com's post described Ulysee, 41, as "a longstanding Maplewoodian who was a school bus driver in Newark who lost his fight with COVID over the weekend (April

24-25.)" Ulysee, who was born April 22, 1980, had died April 24.

He and wife Edmane had two sons in Seth Boyden, a third in Columbia and a fourth in a college. They were also raising a niece.

Ulysee's viewing and Funeral Mass were held May 1 at East Orange's Holy Spirit-Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

BLOOMFIELD - Township police officers assisted their Newark colleagues in locally apprehending a pair of juveniles after a car pursuit and flip on the Garden State Parkway here April 28.

Newark's police backup call came after the vehicle they had pursued some five miles over-turned after speeding past the

GSP's Northbound Exit 148.

NPD officers said they began following the vehicle, suspected of being carjacked, since spotting it at 14th Avenue and Jones Street 4:50 a.m. that Wednesday. Their pursuit entered the Parkway's Exit 144 from South Orange Avenue.

The car flip would have ended the pursuit but two boys and a girl bailed out onto Watsessing neighborhood streets.

BPD officers apprehended the female along Crown Street and a male at Home Depot's parking lot. The other male remains at large.

MONTCLAIR - Township veterans and residents are remembering a recently departed pioneering military aviator and her
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EAST ORANGE MAN CHARGED IN FATAL HIT AND RUN INCIDENT

NEWARK - Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens, II, and East Orange Police Chief Phyllis Bindi announced April 30 that Peter Andrews, 28, of East Orange has been charged in a fatal hit and run incident that resulted in the death of Yahaira Marrero-Marcano, 43, of Newark.

On Wednesday, April 28 at approximately 10:31 p.m. Marrero-Marcano was struck by a white Acura while walking on the 200 block of Central Avenue in East Orange. She was transported to Rutgers University Hospital where she was pronounced dead at 1:06 am on Thursday, April 29.

It is alleged that the driver of the white Acura fled the scene. He was later identified and charged with knowingly leaving the scene of a crash resulting in death, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle causing death and endangering an injured victim.

These are accusations. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they enter a guilty plea or are found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The investigation, which is being handled by the East Orange Police Department and the Essex County Prosecutor's Office Homicide/Major Crimes Task Force, is active and ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Essex County Prosecutor's Office Homicide/Major Crimes Task Force at 1-877-TIPS-4EC or 1-877-847-7432. Calls will be kept confidential.

NEWARK POLICE CONTINUE CRACKDOWN ON ATVS AND DIRT BIKES

NEWARK - Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara reports that a total of 32 illegal vehicles have been recovered by police since the inception of a new illegal off-road vehicle enforcement initiative. And, that as part of the operation, police also arrested Al-Tamir Thornton, 19, of Newark and Taquan Williams, 26, of East Orange, for illegal handgun possession in separate incidents this weekend. One of the handguns had been reported stolen from Harrison on September 21, 2020, the other handgun had a high-capacity magazine and was loaded with hollow point bullets.

"The removal of over 32 illegal off-road vehicles and two handguns from our streets is proof-positive that this operation is a clear success," Director O'Hara said. "And we will continue responding to the community's concerns regarding the reckless operation of these illegal vehicles. They not only threaten the safety of those operating them, but also jeopardize pedestrians and other motorists. In the same way that this illegal activity is not tolerated in other municipalities, it will not be tolerated in Newark," he added. "We are fully committed to ensuring the highest quality of life possible for our residents."

As part of the illegal off-road vehicle operation, which began on April 23rd, police have confiscated a total of 19

ATVs and 13 dirt bikes. Since April 30, police recovered nine ATVs and three dirt bikes, plus an additional dirt bike recovered on April 28th, when police arrested Angel Aviles, 32, of Newark, after he was observed riding in the area of Broadway and Montclair Avenue. The dirt bike was found to be stolen out of Jersey City. Aviles is charged with receiving stolen property and obstructing the administration of the law.

On May 1st, Melvin Fuentes, 28, of New York City, was arrested after police located him with an illegal dirt bike at the 600 block of Broadway through the assistance of the NPD1 helicopter. Fuentes faces charges of obstructing the administration of the law and resisting arrest. He was also issued summonses for an unregistered ATV, uninsured ATV among other vehicle violations.

Nine ATVs were also recovered from various locations this weekend. Three ATVs were recovered from Chester and Lincoln avenues; one was recovered from Manchester Place; one from Central Avenue and First Street; another from South 13th Street near 9th Avenue; two from South 19th Street and Avon Avenue and one from the 300 block of Springfield Avenue.

While conducting this operation, police also recovered two handguns.

On May 1st, Al-Tamir Thornton was arrested on

charges of unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, CDS distribution, CDS possession and receiving stolen property. As part of this incident, police recovered 14 ecstasy pills, \$217.00 and a loaded handgun that had been reported stolen from Harrison.

Taquan Williams was arrested on April 30th on charges of unlawful possession of a weapon and two counts of possession of prohibited weapons (large capacity magazine and hollow point ammunition). Prior to the arrest, Williams was observed driving in the opposite direction of traffic while speeding on 4th Avenue. He also was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving in the opposite direction of traffic, reckless driving, driving without a license, driving while suspended and other motor vehicle violations.

Williams was additionally charged with several counts of fraud following a subsequent search of his vehicle. Police located several checks issued to residents of Bloomfield, Cedar Knolls, Morris Plains, Towaco, Parsippany and West Caldwell. Williams is currently in custody and was additionally charged with numerous counts of fraud.

The charges listed above are merely accusations. Each suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WILL PARTY PRIMARIES

BE "BACK TO NORMAL?"

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blyman and Essex County Undersheriff Kevin J. Ryan.)

In the 28th LD, Democratic have Ralph Caputo, Bloomfield, and Cleopatra Tucker, Newark. Republican voters have Newark residents Anthony D'Angelo and Monique Headen.

In the 29th LD, Democratic voters' ballots have incumbents and Newarkers Eliana Pintor Marin and Shanique Speight. The county's Republican organization has not fielded candidates.

In the 34th LD, Democratic voters have incumbents Thomas Giblin, Montclair and Britnee

Timberlake, East Orange. Republicans have Cliftonites Tarfari Anderson and Irene DeVita.

ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF

Respective party voters have contests to decide.

Democratic voters have longtime incumbent Armando Fontoura, of Fairfield, main challenger John Arnold, of Newark and county resident Barry Jackson to choose from.

Republican voters have to choose between Maureen Edelson, of Montclair, and Nicholas Pansini, of Bloomfield.

MUNICIPAL

In EAST ORANGE, party

voters are to endorse their respective candidates for mayor and a council member in each of the city's five wards.

Incumbent Mayor Theodore "Ted" Green, on the Democratic ballot, is seeking his third term.

Respective incumbents Christopher James, Christopher Awe, Bergson Leneus, Tameka Garrett-Ward and Alicia Holman are on their respective First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth ward Democratic ballots. There have been no Republican candidates on the ward ballots.

In MAPLEWOOD, Democratic voters have former Deputy Mayor Nancy J. Adams and newcomer Jamaine Cripes to endorse to fill the two Township Committee seats. Two-term in-

cumbent Greg Lembrich declined re-election.

The township's Republican fielded no candidates.

In GLEN RIDGE, primary voters will face empty ballot space for two Borough Council candidates - and most Ridgers seem to be fine with that.

Instead of circulating nomination petitions for voters to sign and file with the county, the borough's respective Republican and Democratic organizations take part in the Civic Conference Committee process.

They are two of several organizations within the CCC - who makes endorsement for non-partisan municipal and board of education candidates.

TOWN WATCH (Continued from page 13)

U.S. Army Air Corps brother here on the eve of Saturday's May 8 76th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

Bernice and Lloyd Falk, who respectively graduated from Montclair High School in 1938 and 37, were a respective secretary and a Rutgers masters chemical engineering student when the U.S. entered World War Two.

Lloyd, who was born on Nov. 6, 1919 in Bradley Beach, enlisted in the US AAC in 1942. He served as a meteorologist whose forecasts helped Allied Supreme Commander Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower's decision to launch D-Day on Normandy Beach on June 6, 1944.

Bernice, who was born on Dec. 15, 1920, in Ocean Grove, volunteered for the USAAC's Women's Airforce Service Program. The former weekend civilian pilot was among the 1,830 women who were trained to pilot and maintain aircraft being ferried to the European and Pacific theaters. Her letters while in training to Lloyd and patents LeRoy and Della Falk became the basis for her self-published book in 2008.

The first VE Day, May 8, 1945, found Lloyd on his way to an honorable discharge - and Bernice in Hollywood, trying to get producers to make a movie about the WASPs.

Although "Bee" had graduated in March 1944 to ferry aircraft, Army top brass disbanded the WASP program before Jan. 1, 1945. She became the president on Women Military Aviators in the 1970s and successfully pressed to grant WASPs military recognition and benefits.

B. Falk returned to New Jersey to become the state's first woman Cessna dealer in the late 1940s. She kept flying and instructing into the 2000s after marrying aviator Joe Haydu and moving to Florida.

Lloyd meanwhile moved to Delaware, applying his chemical engineering doctorate to troubleshoot water pollution problems for DuPont. He was present at President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing on the Clean Water Act in 1965.

Falk Haydu was one of the last three surviving WASPs when President Barack Obama awarded the group a Congressional Gold Medal in 2009 - which she attended. She died in a Palm City, Fla. assisted living facility Jan. 30, 2021.

Lloyd Falk died from a short illness in Richmond, Del. March 8, 2021. He recovered from a 58-day battle against COVID-19 to walk a daily half mile. COVID, however, claimed his wife of 75 years, Montclair native Elanor Ruth Falk, 98, April 7, 2020.

BELLEVILLE - Mayor Michael Melham and the Township Council will be re-opening the Council Chamber gallery to the public here as of their 6 p.m.

May 11 meeting.

The Council, after 15 minutes' deliberation, approved reopening the Town Hall chamber for the first time since the COVID pandemic's start, during their April 27 meeting. The walk-on vote (Resolution 21-111 was not on April 27's agenda) came after township elders' April 13 discussion.

This municipal government will be re-joining Belleville's library and education boards of trustees in holding live in-person meetings.

The Belleville Public Library BOT has been so holding its monthly meetings since the winter. The board of education has been holding their meetings - with temperature checks, masks and socially distant seating - all along in the Belleville High School auditorium.

Melham, on April 13, cited Gov. Phil Murphy's March 11 Executive Order 230 whereby legislative body meetings are exempted from social distancing limits. EO 230 may be better known for increasing indoor and outdoor capacity limits for indoor venues like casinos and outdoor events like collegiate athletics.

Critics point out, however, that the N.J. Department of Community Affairs has been encouraging in-person and virtual hybrid meetings since September. (The DCA is headed by Lt. Gov. Sheila Y. Oliver, of East Orange.)

Those who do not feel comfortable attending council meetings here at 152 Washington Ave. may continue to watch the Zoom live feed through URL or phone links. Public comments may also be submitted online until 5 p.m. of the meeting night.

BIG DEALINGS AT

NEWARK BETH ISRAEL

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