

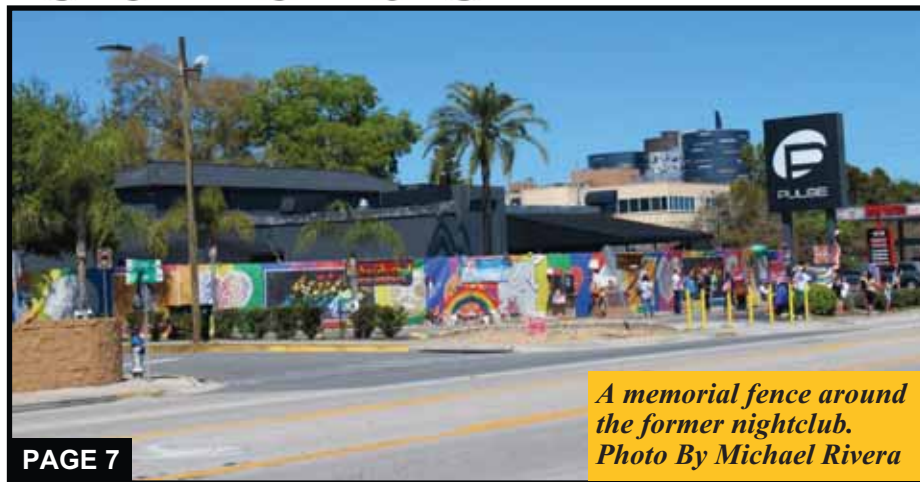
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## ORANGE DISTRICT RACE UPDATE IRVINGTON & SHABAZZ SQUARE OFF IN FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNEY



By Walter Elliott

**ORANGE** - Candidates for county committee/district ward leader fielded by the Orange Democratic Committee mostly - but not entirely - prevailed so far in their part of the June 8 primary elections.

A majority of participating Orange Democratic party voters, as of 8:57 p.m. that Tuesday, installed or returned ODC candidates in 18 of the 20

county committee seats available among the city's districts.

Many, but not all, of the county and state-linked Democratic Committee runners ran unopposed. ODC candidates in seven ward districts found themselves challenged by seven "Community First" competitors, four independent runners and a purported write-in candidate.

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**Editorial**  
 Dhiren Shah  
 Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

The biggest news right now is the meeting between U.S. President Joseph Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin. The meeting was held at Geneva, Switzerland.

According to Fox News: "U.S. reporters and producers were aggressively pushed and shoved by Russian security officials Wednesday at the start of the highly-anticipated meeting in Geneva between President Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin, denying the press full access to what was expected to be a short press availability before the hours-long summit."

Right after the meeting, Russian President Putin held a press conference first. The main topics at the conference between the two world leaders was about nuclear stability, climate change

and cybersecurity. Putin did not accept any blame for the computer hacking, and blamed countries like the U.S. and Canada for most of the world's hacking. He also did not address the fate of Alexei Navalny, a Putin opponent who was poisoned with a nerve agent and is currently in Russian custody.

In his press conference, Biden made it clear that while he is confident in civility between the two countries, certain things such as water and other critical infrastructure should not be in play for hacking. He also made it clear that there would be consequences if Russia did not behave.

A former secretary of state said that by both presidents holding solo press conferences, the talk has failed or did not receive any result.

According to CNBC: "On Tuesday, a Kremlin aide said nuclear stability, climate change and cybersecurity were on the agenda for the summit, Reuters reported, as well as the outlook for Russian and U.S. nationals imprisoned in each other's countries. Nonetheless, the aide said he was not sure any agreements could be reached. The meeting

between Biden and Putin comes on the heels of Biden's first international trip as president, where he reaffirmed alliances with G-7 leaders and NATO allies. The American president is expected to strike a different tone with his Russian counterpart compared to his predecessor Donald Trump."

According to Fox News; "Putin thanked Biden for 'the initiative to meet today,' noting that U.S. and Russian relations 'have a lot of issues accumulated that require the highest level meeting,' and said that he hoped the meeting 'will be productive.' Biden said that he thinks it is always better to meet face to face, to try and determine where we have mutual interests to cooperate, and where we don't. At the start of the meeting, Biden was asked by a reporter if he and Putin could trust each other, and whether he trusted the Russian president. Biden nodded affirmatively."

Not long after, a Biden spokesperson made it clear that the nod was an acknowledgment of the reporter, and not any confirmation that he trusted Putin.

A heatwave in 8 states has reached record levels. All 8 states had triple digit temperatures on June 14. Phoenix, the capital city of Arizona, reached 115 degrees. However, it was forecasted for 125 degrees, but luckily it dropped to 115. Death Valley in eastern California and Nevada reached about 134 Fahrenheit - a record breaking temperature.

A couple grows mangoes in city of Jabalpur, State of Madhya Pradesh. People from Japan pay about US \$4000 plus (Indian Rupees 270,000) for each mango. The mangoes are red in color and weigh about 1.5 kilograms. This is the costliest mango in the world. This drew my attention and I looked into it. A Japanese tourist gave this couple a mango from Japan while traveling by train. This mango was grown in a laboratory. The couple took it to their home and tried to grow it on their 4 acres land and were successful, drawing many customers from Japan to buy the costliest mangoes in the world.

*Have a wonderful week.*

*I'll talk to you next week.*

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HI 80	HI 85	HI 90	HI 88	HI 91	HI 82	HI 81
LO 60	LO 68	LO 69	LO 68	LO 71	LO 61	LO 62



# THE 2021 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION VICTOR PARSONNET VISIONARY AWARD GOES TO NEWARK BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER'S DR. TREVOR ATHERLEY



*From left to right: Sergio Waxman, MD, Director of Cardiology at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center; Trevor H. Atherley, MD, interventional cardiologist and Director of Cardiac Telemetry at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center; and Darrell K. Terry, Sr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey.*

Newark, NJ (June 15, 2021) - Trevor H. Atherley, MD, interventional cardiologist and Director of Cardiac Telemetry at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, received this year's American Heart Association (AHA) Victor Parsonnet Visionary Award. "It is truly an honor to re-

ceive this award from the American Heart Association. The AHA has played a pivotal role in my professional development and I am proud of the work that we have done together to raise awareness and fight heart disease, especially in underserved communities," said Trevor H. Atherley, MD, interventional cardiologist at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Dr. Atherley specializes in angioplasty and stenting procedures and was among the first to offer these innovations as an alternative to open heart surgery at Newark Beth Israel.

Dr. Atherley served as the president of the American Heart Association New Jersey Affiliate from 1994-1996 and was a member of the Women and Minorities Leadership Committee of the National American Heart Association from 1997 - 1999. The AHA's Annual Awards Gala was held virtually on June 3, 2021.

Dr. Atherley received his

medical degree from the University of the West Indies, he is a board certified cardiologist. He completed his fellowship at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center where he worked with Dr. Victor Parsonnet, the world-renowned cardiac surgeon and pioneer, for whom the award is named. Led by Dr. Parsonnet, Dr. Atherley was a member of the innovative team that implanted the first double-chambered nuclear powered pacemaker in the United States.

He has participated in numerous international medical missions to the Caribbean, Central and South America. In addition, he has received several awards and honors for his local and regional healthcare activities. In 2016, he received the Silver Crown of Merit from the government of Barbados, and the City of Newark also recognized his serviced to the community by declaring May 4, 2004 Trevor H. Atherley, MD, day.

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## **UNITED STATES**

### **Pulse Nightclub Remembered**

The following is a statement from President Biden on the anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub shooting:

“Five years ago today (June 12, 2016) in Orlando in the middle of Pride Month, our nation suffered the deadliest attack affecting the LGBTQ+ community in American history, and at the time, the deadliest mass shooting by a single gunman.

“Within minutes, the Pulse nightclub that had long been a place of acceptance and joy turned into a place of unspeakable pain and loss. Forty-nine people were there celebrating Latin night were murdered, even more injured, and countless others scarred forever - the victims were family members, partners and friends, veterans and students, young, Black, Asian and Latino - our fellow Americans.

“A few days later, I traveled with President Obama to pay respects to them and their families, to thank the brave first responders and the community who found strength and compassion in each other, and to pledge that what happened would not be forgotten.

“Over the years, I have stayed in touch with families of the victims and with the survivors who have turned their pain into purpose, and who remind us that we must do more than remember victims of gun violence and all of the survivors, family members, and friends left behind; we must act.

“In the coming days, I will sign a bill designating Pulse Nightclub as a national memorial, enshrining in law what has been true since that terrible day five years ago: Pulse Nightclub is hallowed ground.

“But there is more we must do to address the public health

epidemic of gun violence in all of its forms - mass shootings and daily acts of gun violence that don't make national headlines.

“It is long past time we close the loopholes that allow gun buyers to bypass background checks in this country, and the Senate should start by passing the three House-passed bills which would do exactly that. It is long past time we ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines, establish extreme risk protection orders, also known as “red flag” laws, and eliminate gun manufacturers’ immunity from liability.

“We must also acknowledge gun violence’s particular impact on LGBTQ+ communities across our nation. We must drive out hate and inequities that contribute to the epidemic of violence and murder against transgender women - especially transgender women of color. We must create a world in which our LGBTQ+ young people are loved, accepted, and feel safe in living their truth. And the Senate must swiftly pass the Equality Act, legislation that will ensure LGBTQ+ Americans finally have equal protection under law.

“In the memory of all of those lost at the Pulse nightclub five years ago, let us continue the work to be a nation at our best - one that recognizes and protects the dignity and safety of every American.”

## **MIDDLE EAST**

### **Netanyahu Out**

After multiple elections to try and lay the foundation for a functional government, the man who was de facto in charge of Israel has been removed.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the longtime Prime Minister of Israel of 12 years, has been removed from power, after a 60-59 vote in the Knesset placed Naftali Bennett as the new PM. This marks the second time that Netanyahu has been removed from the post, as he once served from 1996-1999 before his 2009-2021 tenure.

One big reason for his ouster is an ongoing probe regarding

corruption charges while he was in power. He now serves as leader of the opposition, which is the powerful Likud Party he still commands.

“On behalf of the American people, I congratulate Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, Alternate Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, and all the members of the new Israeli cabinet,” said U.S. President Joe Biden in a statement. “I look forward to working with Prime Minister Bennett to strengthen all aspects of the close and enduring relationship between our two nations.

“Israel has no better friend than the United States. The bond that unites our people is evidence of our shared values and decades of close cooperation and as we continue to strengthen our partnership, the United States remains unwavering in its support for Israel’s security. My administration is fully committed to working with the new Israeli government to advance security, stability, and peace for Israelis, Palestinians, and people throughout the broader region.”

Despite getting the votes to be PM, Bennett will not stay for long, as a power sharing agreement will split duties between leftist, conservative, and centrist leadership in the country.

## **EUROPE**

### **UK to Donate Vaccine**

The UK will donate 100 million surplus coronavirus vaccine doses to the world within the next year, the Prime Minister has announced June 11.

The pledge came just ahead of the G7 Summit, which took place in Cornwall. Previously, Prime Minister Boris Johnson asked fellow G7 leaders to help vaccinate the entire world by the end of next year.

At the Summit, world leaders announce their intentions to contribute to the cause, which included the United States pledge of 500 million doses. The UK will donate 5 million doses by the end of September, primarily for use in the world’s poorest countries.

The Prime Minister has also committed to donating a further 95 million doses within the next year, including 25 million more by the end of 2021. 80% of the 100m doses will go to COVAX and the remainder will be shared bilaterally with countries in need.

By sharing 5 million doses in the coming weeks the UK will meet an immediate demand for vaccines for the countries worst affected by coronavirus without delaying completion of our initial domestic vaccination program.

The thinking is that by vaccinating more people around the world, not only the UK help bring an end to the global coronavirus pandemic, but it would reduce the risk to people in the UK. This includes significantly reducing the threat posed by vaccine-resistant variants emerging in areas with large-scale outbreaks.

The UK helped to establish COVAX last year and is its fourth-biggest donor, pledging £548 million to the scheme. COVAX has so far provided 81 million doses to 129 of the world’s poorest countries. 96% of these were the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, the development of which was funded by the UK.

With the support of the UK Government, Oxford-AstraZeneca are distributing their vaccines on a not for profit basis the world. Thanks to this commitment, half a billion people have received a dose of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine so far.

## **CARIBBEAN**

### **Gangs Overwhelming Haiti**

An upsurge in deadly clashes between gangs in Haiti’s capital, Port-au-Prince, has displaced more than 5,000 people since the beginning of the month, the United Nations said on June 10, citing preliminary estimates from its humanitarian agency, OCHA. People are fleeing to safer areas to stay with relatives, though many others, including children, are sleeping outside or

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**ORANGE DISTRICT RACE**

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Selecting ward district leaders or county committee members are important in that they help shape tier major party's policies and platforms. They become delegates for their respective Democratic or Republican parties' county and state committees - and, in Presidential election years, as delegates to their national conventions.

Those elected as ward leaders become neighborhood representatives to the parties - and to City Hall should their colleagues get elected onto the municipal council and/or into the mayor's office.

Please note that the following figures range from single to triple digits. It may be because voting for these "frontline" party members is not as exciting as voting for, say governor or higher offices.

That may not keep "higher ballot" candidates from urging voters to select their county committee candidate choices. "Local Talk" found a palm card in South Orange from Republican party candidate for county sheriff Maureen Edelson, pointing to her and two of her committee choices on the ballot's Line H.

The results below from Essex County Clerk Christopher Durkin's election office remain unofficial until June 22. Durkin may certify the results as official that Tuesday pending the lack of any challenges or recounts.

The following candidates are on the OCD line, for brevity, unless otherwise noted. Party voters are to select or endorse two candidates per district.

**NORTH WARD** District 2 was a Ikner family affair. Stefon Inker drew 88 votes for 50.17 percent of the vote. Evon Ikner drew 85 for 49.83.

N3 saw the re-endorsement of Coram and Linda Rimes. L. Rimes garnered 85 for 51.15 to C. Rimes 85 for 48.85.

N4 saw Paton Cunder carrying 39 for 50.65. Paula Desormes drew 38 for 39.35.

N5 had Kevin Hardaway getting 100 for 50 percent. Ward Councilwoman Tency Eason earned 91 for 45.50. Community First candidate Elisha Petite polled nine votes for 4.50.

**SOUTH WARD** 1 saw OCD runners turn back their Community First challengers. Mamie Greene was the top vote-getter among the balloted four runners, gathering 90 for 39.30. Councilman Clifford Ross received 85 for 37.12. Former South Ward Councilman and Community First runner Edward Marable, Jr. received 32 for 13.97. Running mate Karen J. Wells tallied 22 for 9.61.

S2 had two OCD candidates carried over five independents. Laurence Gaunt, Jr. was the district's top vote-getter at 115 for 31.42. Running mate David K. Armstrong amassed 78 for 21.31. Former Councilwoman April Gaunt Butler was "best of the rest" here at 67 for 18.31. Independent Shawn Hunter was next at 52 for 14.21.

Former Orange Public Schools Board President Ernest Lydell Carter placed fifth at 26 for 7.10. Jairam Kissoom was next at 15 for 4.10. Deborah Bartly-Carter rounded out the balloted field at 13 for 3.55.

An OCD and a Community First candidate will share S4 district leader/county committee functions.

OCD incumbent Stacy Martin mustered 80 for 86.02. Community Firster and Orange Board of Education member Brenda Daugherty received the second, open seat here with 13 for 13.98.

Two familiar names got the S5 leader/committee nods. Former Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt carried 92 for 51.11. Former Orange BOE member Patricia A. Arthur amassed 88 for 48.89.

S6 was an all-Wingfield affair. Jeffrey Wingfield tallied 40 for 51.28. Jashlyn drew 38 for 48.72.

Four of the **EAST WARD**'s five races were uncontested.

In E-1, Councilman Weldon Montague III got nine votes for 52.94. Antionette A. Hall had eight for 47.06.

The Johnsons rolled in E2. Willie Johnson got 108 for 50.23. Greta Johnson had 107 for 49.77.

The Coleys carried E4. Councilman Kerry Coley got 79 for 50.32. Lisa Coley got 78 for 49.68.

E5 saw a split between an OCD and a Community First candidate. Tazwell Lacey got 86 for 41.15. Tyrone J. Tarver got

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The Public Board Meeting session will begin as soon as the Closed session ends which is anticipated to be between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The earliest the Public Board Meeting session will begin is 6:45 p.m.

the open seat by tallying 62 for 29.67. He edged wife Germaine Tarver, who had 61 for 29.19.

Election results, as of press time, do not say whether write-in candidate Alice Lang received what, if any, votes. "Local Talk" noticed a photocopy of where voters could write in her name while delivering papers at 400 Oakwood Ave. June 10.

OCD runners William Hathaway, Jr and Melissa McKoy mus-

tered 57 for 47.50. Hathaway hauled 55 for 45.83.

In W4, Carla Denny-Johnson tallied 87 for 51.18. Thomas Boran banked 83 for 48.82.

W5 results were a split between an OCD and an independent candidate. Shelly Alexander amassed 64 for 84.21. Independent Doroles Sawyer filled the open seat at 12 for 15.79.

W6 was all-Learmont. Mary L. Reed-Learmont received 48 for 51.06. Peter L. Learmont got 46 for 48.94 percent.



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## Increasing Your Income - Part 2

Our income influences our lifestyle. Today, we have a tough situation for many employees. Unions are virtually nonexistent. The fact is that unions played a role in pressuring management to increase wages as well as to improve conditions of service.

Currently, unions have been basically decimated throughout the country. In addition, many organizations have successfully used every tool available to them to ensure that even when employees have the right to form unions, this does not happen. A case in point in the recent election in an Amazon location where workers voted not to have a union. Amazon spent a lot of money pressuring people to go against the union.

The result of the union destruction is that we have the slowest growth of incomes in the economy ever. Workers cannot expect much from employers these days. Either you take the job or leave it. Even with the high demand for labor currently in several industries, there is a reason why people are not jumping at those jobs.

Restaurants are getting slammed with customers. This is possibly due to the lockdown which has relaxed, and more people are excited to resume life especially with good weather. Others also developed a passion

for ordering food during the pandemic which they still continue. People can now dine in at restaurant and they are happy to do that with friends and family. Altogether, restaurants are having an enormous increase in customers. Their response is to put out hiring signs. The restaurants are not attracting people because they do not pay well.

Those who were doing these jobs were compelled to find other jobs when they got laid off last year because of Covid. Now they do not want to return as they have found better jobs. On their parts, restaurants have not recognized their situation fully. They have increased business yet are not prepared to pay meaningful wages to acquire people.

The result, those who are working in the restaurants are doing work meant for more people but with the same income. All this is to say that the fate of workers in terms of earning economically realistic wages is up in the air. The minimum wages are just that, minimum, and it is extremely hard in most states for anyone to survive on those wages.

Workers need to increasingly look at options for increasing their income outside of their jobs. It is common knowledge that many companies are increasing salaries of top executives while leaving the rest of the workers high and dry. In addition, owners are getting more than ever in terms of profits. The problem, unlike in the past, they are unwilling to share those profits with the very workers that assisted them to succeed. With all of this going on, we all should consider our income generation options.

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# ESSEX COUNTY COVID-19 CASE TALLY

Weekly Statistics from June 9 - June 16, 2021

Municipality	6-9-2021	Deaths	6-16-2021	Deaths
Belleville	5657	114	5657	115
Bloomfield	5330	122	5334	122
Caldwell	621	16	622	16
Cedar Grove	1546	120	1549	120
East Orange	7144	312	7157	313
Essex Fells	191	2	191	2
Fairfield	884	31	885	31
Glen Ridge	392	13	391	13
Irvington	4695	231	4709	233
Livingston	1830	87	1831	88
Maplewood	1306	36	1310	36
Millburn	824	10	822	10
Montclair	2269	72	2268	72
Newark	36931	999	<b>36949</b>	<b>1001</b>
North Caldwell	493	6	495	6
Nutley	3029	66	3034	66
Orange	3551	133	3551	133
Roseland	476	16	477	16
South Orange	862	16	864	16
Verona	994	18	994	18
West Caldwell	1053	53	1056	53
West Orange	4577	230	4580	230
<b>Total</b>	<b>84655</b>	<b>2703</b>	<b>84726</b>	<b>2710</b>

### OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of June 9, 2021)

**NJ: 890,696 cases / 23,667 deaths (Plus 2,690 probable)**  
**United States (approx.): 33.49 Million / 600,500 deaths**  
**Worldwide (approx.): 176.756 Million / 3.82 Million deaths**

**With a vaccination rate now over 70%, all non-federally linked COVID-19 restrictions in New York have been lifted.**

require learning new skills, especially social media. As we get older, learning new things is more difficult. However, when it comes to social media, through YouTube and google, there is a lot of information that can assist

us to upgrade our social media knowledge. Setting up an online business is one major way to increase one's income without stopping your current job. Adding a second stream of income

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# NEWARK MAN ADMITS TO CONSPIRACY

**NEWARK** - On June 16, an Essex County man admitted to conspiracy to commit bank fraud by soliciting U.S. Postal Service (USPS) employees to steal check books and credit cards from the mail, depositing fraudulent checks, including pandemic relief checks, and using stolen credit cards without authorization, Acting U.S. Attorney Rachael A. Honig announced.

Jahaad Flip, 20, of Newark, pleaded guilty by videoconference before U.S. District Judge Susan D. Wigenton to an information charging him with one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court: From February 2019 to May 2020, Flip conspired to fraudulently obtain money from victim financial institutions by, among other things, depositing counterfeit checks and checks stolen from the mail into accounts and withdrawing funds from those accounts before the financial institutions identified the fraudulent checks and blocked further

withdrawals.

Flip and his conspirators arranged for USPS employees to steal credit cards and blank check books from the mail in exchange for cash payments. USPS employees provided the checks to Flip and his conspirators, who forged the signatures of the accountholders and negotiated the checks by making them payable to individuals. Some of these individuals were New Jersey high school students who had given Flip and his conspirators access to their accounts in exchange for cash.

Flip and his conspirators also created counterfeit checks, including counterfeit pandemic relief checks. They deposited the fraudulent checks online and at various bank ATMs throughout New Jersey and later withdrew funds from the bank accounts before the victim financial institutions identified the checks as fraudulent. Flip and his conspirators obtained and attempted to obtain approximately \$280,000 from victim financial institutions.

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can positively impact your financial profile.

Many technology experts noted that prior to the pandemic several technologies existed that were underutilized. Their prediction was that the pandemic would lead to an increased utilization of existing technologies as well as the creation of new technologies. An example is Zoom, which existed before the pandemic but is now the app many use for work as well as social interaction.

In that vein, I would suggest that if you want to start an online business, start researching the types of online businesses that are out there. Learn more about the options and this can assist you in deciding which ones you should focus on. Do not be scared of the new technologies that one may have to learn about to start an online business. Many companies now provide training

on these technologies. The bulk of these training programs are free. Even if they do charge you money, it would be an investment if you end up using that skill to develop your online business!

Online businesses that currently are opportunities include selling services such as tutoring, coaching, and counseling. During the pandemic there were even online babysitters! This service was required by parents who had kids at home that needed guidance and attention. The parents needed time to work for their employers from home. As a result, the online babysitters became the ones who would keep the attention of the kids by interacting with them through Zoom for a block of hours, for example from 9am to 12 noon on weekdays. In most cases the kids were above the age of 5.

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There are many more opportunities online. Amazon continues to be a viable channel for small businesses to supply their wares. Others include Walmart. Please research the new initiative by Walmart. Recognizing its sheer strength in customer base, Walmart is beginning a program comparable to Amazon that will provide opportunities for people to supply various goods through Walmart, but online. As one of the biggest shopping chains in the world, expect that Walmart's entry into the online business will create many opportunities for new businesses.

There are videos on YouTube explaining these opportunities and a google search will provide more information. To increase one's income, it will require an effort. However, as this income continues to grow, it could exceed the income from your regular job! As you research online business opportunities, please be wary of scams. Some people are out there trying to offer unrealistic and questionable opportunities. If it looks too good to be true, it probably is. Please consult others and make sure that whatever business you end of selecting is legitimate and not a scam! That would send you backwards financially!

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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### Moderna Booster Works!

Getting vaccinated is how we can defeat the coronavirus. There are no two ways to it, so don't get it twisted. The number of vaccinated individuals in the United States is increasing, which is great news. Although the vaccination rate has dragged recently, the US is still in an excellent position regarding vaccinations.

When President Biden came in, he set many goals for vaccine distribution, and it's fair to say the US has more than exceeded the lofty expectations. It is estimated that more than 70% of the population will have received at least one dose of the vaccine by July 4.

If you've ever wondered why there is so much pressure to get the vaccine as soon as you can, it's because the longer the virus persists, the worse it gets. And I'm not just talking about the deaths and hospitalizations resulting directly from the coro-

navirus, but that new strains are developing.

New variants of the coronavirus have developed in South Africa, Brazil and are spreading through the world. These variants are either more transmissible or deadlier than the parent virus. If there's an increased spread of these new strains, the chances of deaths and hospitalizations will also increase. While that's the immediate threat, it is far from being the only threat.

There is also the possibility of new strains developing from these new strains. We haven't even figured exactly how to beat these new strains, and there may be newer strains yet. Do you see why there's so much pressure about getting vaccinated as soon as possible now?

For all the noise that has been made about getting vaccinated, vaccination isn't absolute. Don't get me wrong; getting vaccinated will effectively give you the immunity you need to resist the coronavirus, but experts are starting to suggest this immunity will eventually wane. Wait, don't freak out! At least, not yet.

The coronavirus is a novel virus, and its vaccines are also new. No one knows exactly when the immunity these vaccines provide will wane. In fact, no one knows for sure if the immunity provided will wane. Still, experts worldwide believe it will at some time, including Dr. Fauci and top CDC officials.

I believe at this point, I can introduce you to what a vaccine booster is. Medically, a booster is an extra administration of a vaccine after an earlier dose to serve as a re-exposure to the immunizing antigen. In simple terms, it's just a way of reactivating immunity, permit me to



call it that. The vaccine booster should also protect against new strains.

In light of the emergence of new strains and breakthrough cases, many vaccine companies are releasing boosters for their vaccines. Breakthrough cases are cases that occur even after getting immunized against a particular infection.

Moderna, one of the approved vaccine producers, has developed a booster using the same mRNA technology with which they created the COVID vaccine in the first place. According to their CEO, this is to bolster waning immunity and to protect against new virus mutations. Recent studies and tests have shown that the Moderna booster works.

Again, no one has any idea of the exact time the boosters will be required. But it is refreshing and relieving to know that plans are being made for the future to ensure that the coronavirus doesn't rear its ugly head and shock us with even worse strains.

Let's take it one step at a time, though. Our immediate concern now is getting fully vaccinated. Stay safe.

*This article was written by Dr. Adil Manzoor DO, a Board Certified Internist & Board Eligible Pediatrician, who works as a Hospitalist, and Emergency Room Physician. He is also the current President of Garden State Street Medicine, a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide free preventive and acute urgent care services for the homeless. He is also the co-founder of his own unique medical practice Mobile Medicine NJ.*

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### WORLD NEWS

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in informal shelters.

UN Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric said the newly displaced require urgent assistance and protection.

"Priority needs include sanitation, shelter, access to clean water and food," he told journalists. "Response efforts are underway to assist some 2,000 of the most vulnerable people.

These efforts are led by the Municipality and Civil Protection, with the support of the UN."

The violence has left several people dead, or injured, as rival gangs battle to exert control over populous areas such as Martissant, Cité-Soleil and Bel Air. Hundreds of homes and small businesses have also been burned.

The latest displacement adds to the more than 4,000 people uprooted in the last 12 months

due to similar incidents.

OCHA reported that the national police force is often not able to provide security and protection during the clashes, leaving vulnerable populations to fend for themselves.

Police stations have also come under fire. One policeman was killed and another injured when armed assailants attacked all three police stations in Cité-Soleil on Saturday, stealing several weapons.

"The unprecedented level of violence and subsequent displacements is creating a host of secondary issues, such as the disruption of community-level social functioning, family separation, increased financial burdens on host families, forced school closures, loss of livelihoods and a general fear among the affected populations," OCHA said in a situation report earlier this week.



# 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** - Signs of the former St. James Hospital's new lease on life as a Newark public high school may first appear as renovation contractors' vehicles in 155 Jefferson St.'s parking lot this summer.

It is not clear as of presstime is how much of the 70,000-square-foot 1962 hospital and its 2011 wing will be transformed into the Newark Public Schools' new High School of Architecture and Interior Design. Nor is it clear whether its current tenants - internal medicine and eye clinics and doctors' offices - will be allowed to stay or are being given eviction notices.

What is clear is that the high school's inaugural Class of 2025 - an estimated 120 students and 20 teachers - are to move in before Labor Day. NPS Superintendent of Schools Roger Leon projects a full enrollment of 960 students and at least 60 teachers for 2024-25.

Leon, after three months' negotiations with owner Equity3, of Paramus, announced the signing of a 20-year, \$160 million lease on SJH May 28, after the Board of Education examined and passed its approval earlier that Friday. Its terms include paying \$3-to-5 million in annual rent to Equity3 with options to renew or buy in 2041.

The new school, whose curriculum will include vocational-technical courses, is one of several specialized magnet high schools Leon and the board have been creating since 2019. The A&ID HS may help overcrowding at the nearby East Side High School.

Equity3 had been renting out SJH's space to medical professionals since then-owner Cathedral Healthcare System closed it in 2008 and in 2008 and sold off the 189-bed hospital. Its parking lot was where old St. James Church stood 1854-1980; the hospital is the parish's best-known community contribution.

**IRVINGTON** - A Springfield Avenue house remains uninhabitable, and its 10 residents displaced as of press time since a lightning strike here June 8 set it ablaze.

All available Irvington Fire Department personnel plus firefighters from four other towns responded in the pouring rain that Tuesday to a 3:45 p.m. call that 1293-95 Springfield Ave. had caught fire.

The first units found flames and smoke coming from the roof and top bedroom window of the three-story building. Witnesses told firefighters that they saw a flash, heard an explosion and saw fire.

The incident commander, while assisted by Irvington police in closing the county road between Lyons Avenue and 20th Street, promptly pulled the second and third alarms. Units from Maplewood, Orange, Montclair and Union arrived to assist. Ambulances from RWJBarnabas and other hospitals and EMS squads also appeared.

It took firefighters 30 minutes to enter the 1920 wood frame house and search for any more occupants. The building owner, who was inside until builders next door awakened him, got his mother out and searched before the smoke became overpowering.

Several reporters said that up to 10 people from three families were rendered homeless; some had to wait until at least 11 p.m. for help from the local American Red Cross chapter and other agencies.

A severe thunderstorm front passed through the area that afternoon, leaving lightning strikes in Irvington and Hillsdale, flooding in Hackensack and signal problems scattered among NJTransit's commuter rail lines.

NJTransit buses from its nearby Hilton garage, including those on its 25 and 70 routes, were among the detoured traffic.

IFD Deputy Chief Kaimu Suggs told WPIX-11 that township firefighters were working on two other blazes when the 1293-95 Springfield call came. No injuries were reported.

**EAST ORANGE** - A city man, accused of burglary and attempted burglary in Bloomfield, remains in Newark's Essex County Correctional Facility pending his posting of three State Superior Court-Newark bail bonds.

Shaquan S. Parker, 33, has been held in the county jail since May 26 on those three outstanding bonds, an outstanding Orange Municipal Court warrant and seven counts of burglary and related charges by the Bloomfield Police Department.

A resident of the township's Clinton Street told arriving BPD officers that she saw a man break a window of one neighbor's house and had attempted to enter another neighbor's house through a window there May 25. The suspect, when confronted by the witness, fled the street.

Bloomfield Public Safety Director Sam De Maio, without elaborating, said that BPD patrol officers located and arrested Parker, based on the witness' description, later that day. Parker has since been charged with an earlier attempted breaking and entering of a Glenwood Avenue residence.

Parker has been out on a Bloomfield summons and court appearance since April 28. He was arrested and charged back then for breaking and entering a vehicle parked along Watsessing Avenue.

Parker's Clinton Street charges are four counts of burglary by entering, two counts of criminal mischief by damaging property and a count of theft of movable property.

**ORANGE** - City police officers are asking the public to "be on the lookout" for a particular car that was carjacked by its border with East Orange near midnight June 12.

Orange Police Director Todd Warren said that the owner of a BMW flagged down several of his officers at Central and Oakwood avenues early that Saturday morning.

The driver/victim said that a suspect had forced him out of his car at that major intersection at 11:55 p.m. June 11. The victim was not physically injured.

Wanted is a black late-model BMW 328i with NJ license plate numbers N88-NBZ. carjacking Central and Oakwood Avenues. No further details have been disclosed as of press time.

**WEST ORANGE** - A Boston arena has indefinitely banned a spectator from its premises since his arrest for assaulting a visiting township resident there May 30 - a ban that may last the "fan's" lifetime.

TD Garden officials have told Cole Buckley, 21, of Braintree, Mass., to stay away from the arena, where the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office had charged him with a single count of felony assault.

Buckley, a University of Rhode Island student, is accused of throwing a bottle of Dasani water at Kyrie Irving, 29, of West Orange, while the latter was walking off the TD Garden basketball court at the end of that Sunday's game against the hosting Boston Celtics. The Brooklyn Nets guard had helped his team to a 141-126 victory over the Celtics in the first Garden capacity crowd since the March 2020 COVID global pandemic outbreak.

Buckley's missile throwing, which may have or have not grazed Irving's head, was captured by others' cell phones and posted on social media - which got the attention of TG Garden Security. Guards identified and detained Buckley and turned him over to Boston Police - who held him until his June 2 arraignment.

County DA Rachel Rollins, while not charging Buckley with hate crime or civil rights violations, pressed for one felony count of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Buckley was released on \$500 bail and is

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*From  
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Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

**Dark Money**

Yesterday, after reading that one senator sued and won a case for the \$250,000 that he lent to his political campaign and is now suing for \$37.5M that former President Trump supposedly lent to his 2016 election campaign, I began to think more seriously of the term "Dark Money," that is bantered around these days.

Although these two suits make obvious some of the money spent on their political campaigns, most of the money raised and spent is from nonprofit organizations that do not disclose their donors' identities. In fact, since the Supreme Court decision in 2010, favoring Citizens United, opaque nonprofits and shell companies have been able to give unlimited amounts of money to super PACs.

Super PACs are legally required to disclose their donors; however, some groups are effectively dark money outlets where the bulk of their funding cannot be traced back to the original donor. It is said that these dark

money groups have spent billions of dollars - mainly on television, online ads and mailers - to influence elections.

While people speak of two of the most powerful persons, the Koch brothers, who have formed PACs or support PACs impacting the elections, the number of influencers with dark money is expanding exponentially. Such dark influence is potentially destructive to the democratic process in our country.

Tragically, while citizens are barraged with political messages paid for with the money coming from undisclosed sources, citizens are often too naive to consider the credibility and possible motives of the wealthy corporate or individual funders behind the messages. As a result, many individuals are being subjected to groupthink and do not know it.

Although I have used the concept of "Dark Money" to speak of the corrupting influence on the public political system and the services being rendered by our public servants, my mind is more drawn to what took place in the Jerusalem Temple in the time of Jesus. The biblical record states that Jesus went to Passover:

"And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the

temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold doves, 'Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!' Then His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.'" (cf. John 2:14-17 NKJV).

What a sight it must have been with Jesus and the money changers! The Gospel of John that records the event quoted above shows that the money changers were very unhappy with Jesus' actions and how they tried to argue about his authority for doing what he did. The record of the incident in the other Gospels states that the money changers ran away and then later returned to ask Jesus by what authority he was doing what he did, and who gave him such authority. (cf. Mark 11:28; Luke 20:2; Matthew 21:23). After the event, the money changers sought every opportunity how they might destroy him.

Their reaction has led me to state that anyone who will spend time to fight the dark money in the political culture of the day needs to understand that they are taking on a risky fight. Those who control the corrupt systems in the public arena or some parts of the religious world will seek to destroy any who challenge

their corrupting influence with money.

However, I am also thinking that although we need to understand the risk of speaking out, we need to do what needs to be done to challenge the system because many persons are in the system who do not understand what is going on and are being just dragged into the demonic forces around them.

Further, it needs to be made clear that while many political figures use money to buy power and gain popularity (in the socio-political culture or any other sphere), money does not buy character, decency, dignity, integrity, health, happiness, lasting relationships or eternal life.

Jesus was right when he spoke to a young man who came to him asking how he might have eternal life. Jesus said, "Go and sell all that you have, and give to the poor, then come and follow me." (cf. Luke 18:22). The proverb attributed to one of the richest men this world has ever seen says, "A fool and his money will soon depart." (Proverbs 21:20).

In effect, let us not think that money, Dark Money, Hard Money, Soft Money or Cyber Money will save us or our systems. Let us be careful how we get caught up with money and the money influencers.

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told to return to court on Aug. 6. "It's not lost on me that he (Buckley) chose to do this in a sport that's overwhelmingly Black men," said Rollins during the arraignment. "You don't get to behave this way. We're not going to allow this trend to continue, period; end of story."

Irving had moved back to West Orange after leaving the Celtics as a free agent to the Nets in 2019. The Montclair Kimberley Academy guard, who lived 14 of his first 16 years of life here, became the second Cougar to score 1,000 points - before transferring to Elizabeth's

St. Patrick's Celtics squad in 2008.

**SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD** - Students, residents and officials from both towns gathered onto Columbia High School's Ritzer Field Saturday night for a candlelight vigil for the slain Moussa Fofana.

While morning for the CHS junior and Cougars soccer player continues, the still locked Underhill Sports Complex's main gate has become a makeshift shrine for Fofana. An Essex County Prosecutor's Office-furnished sign remains outside, asking those who have information on who shot Fofana and a CHS senior here at 9:38 p.m.

June 6. (The senior, identified as a Cougars football linebacker, was treated for the non-life-threatening wound and was seen at an earlier ceremony.)

Although the South Orange-Maplewood School District, Maplewood police and ECPO have been pooling leads, the latter posted a \$10,000 reward June 15 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the suspect(s). Maplewood Mayor Frank McGehee announced the reward offer during Tuesday night's Township Committee meeting.

"If you know anything, please step forward," said McGehee. "We need you."

"At last night's vigil (June

12), so many of our youth and members of the Fofama family were wearing t-shirts with his picture on the front and 'Justice for Moussa' on the back," recalled Village President Sheena Collum Sunday. "We heard from a representative of the family (attorney Emmanuel Nwotite, of Union) pleading for anyone with information to please come forward."

Township Committee members, Maplewood Police Chief James DeVaul and CHS Principal/vigil organizer Frank Sanchez were also among the field gathering of several hundred people - many wearing orange anti-violence ribbons.

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# SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

The New Jersey High School Girls Flag Football season has come to end. In its inaugural year, eight teams participated, with the last four teams competing at Met Life stadium to crown the first champion.

In one semifinal, the Irvington Blue Knights beat Shabazz 26-13. Leading Irvington was quarterback Janasia Wilson, who tossed a 30 yard touchdown pass to Samia Dixon and a short 1 yard TD to Faith Phillips. Despite the win over the Bulldogs, the Blue Knights fell short in the title game against Passaic County Tech 18-0.

Photos By  
Mustafa Hooten



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**BLOOMFIELD** - A public memorial for Candace "Candy" Straight, a political candidate who helped other women into that arena, is being planned for some time in July. Relatives and friends held a private graveside service for her before press time.

Straight, 73, died June 13 at Hackensack University Medical Center. The lifelong Bloomfielder had blood cancer, a stroke and a heart attack descend on her the

previous two weeks.

Straight's LinkedIn resume has investment banking and film production as her day jobs. The Wilson College and NYU Stern School of Business graduate lists "An Acceptable Loss" and "Equity" as among her production credits.

Readers may be more familiar with Straight running for several offices, including against Joseph DiVincenzo for Essex County Executive in 2002 and for Freeholder-at-Large in 2005.

The longtime Equal Rights

Amendment supporter's greatest influence may well be in co-founding Women for a Stronger New Jersey, a Republican PAC for female candidates, among helping similar organizations.

Candace L. Straight, was born Oct. 5, 1947, while grandfather Francis R. Jewkes was Township Councilman until losing his seat in 1954. Grandmother Dorothea Jewkes became the first woman council member by winning back the seat in 1956. Her ERA support came while she saw gender inequity while

rising from an entry-level secretary into corporate boardrooms.

Donations in memory of the Rutgers Board of Governors member may be made to the Candace L. Straight Legacy Fund, the Center for American Women and Politics, Rutgers University, 191 Ryders Ln., New Brunswick 08901.

**MONTCLAIR** - A public question referendum on whether Montclair Public Schools should

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move its Board of Education to an elective panel, barring a legal challenge or an unforeseen event, is to appear on Nov. 2's General Election ballot - again.

Township Clerk Angelese Bermudez Nieves has sent the question to Essex County Clerk Chris Durkin since Vote Montclair's petition had 1,033 valid signatures on May 21. Vote Montclair, who had submitted their petition April 26, needed at least 1,020 valid signatures - or 15 percent of the township's registered voters - to make the ballot.

Montclair, East Orange and nine other public school boards in New Jersey are Type I boards, where the mayor appoints its members. Orange Public Schools, who transitioned to a Type 2 elected board after their 2017-18 referenda, was the latest to join the 97 percent of school boards who are on that format statewide.

The question, on one hand, had been put before voters five times over a 46-year period: 1963, 69, 71, 95 and 2009. A majority of participating registered Montclair voters last turned down the question - 5,576-4,282 for a 56.56/43.44 percentage split - on the Nov. 3, 2009 General Election ballot.

The question, on the other hand, comes in the wake of Mayor Sean Spillar's new day job. A majority of New Jersey Education Association voters elected then-Vice President Spillar as the state teachers union's next president.

The NJEA is the parent to the Montclair Education Association, which represents 80 percent of Montclair Public School's employees. Spillar meanwhile appoints the nine-member Board of Education, including a pool of five members who may become its Negotiations Committee up before the MEA's counterpart over the next contract talks.

Spillar, in an April 26 Facebook posting, said he will abide by however Montclair voters decide on the Type 1 or Type 2 school board question.

Vote Montclair made its petition drive as its advocacy for greater voter participation in elections. Its website also calls for moving Montclair's municipal-level elections from the May nonpartisan date also onto November's General Election ballot.

**GLEN RIDGE** - Thirteen of the borough's finest added one more honor to their late colleagues by running past his home here June 11.

The 13 GRPD officers passed Off. Charles Roberts's residence Friday which happened to be on this year's Special

Olympics Torch Run route. They stopped long enough to present Roberts' widow and family a plaque honoring the late officer's support of Special Olympics NJ.

They and officers from neighboring departments were part of Law Enforcement Torch Run No. 18, a leg that ran through Glen Ridge from West Orange, Verona and Montclair to Bloomfield. "Flames of Hope" from 31 different areas of the state to nine locations where the SONJ Summer Games are being held.

Roberts, a 20-year officer, lost his battle against COVID May 11, 2020.

**BELLEVILLE** - Those attending St. Anthony of Padua Church's patron saint festival may well have noticed the adjacent Lake Street having been honorarily renamed Angelo C. Risoli Way here June 11-13.

Mayor Michael Melham and First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo-Burke unveiled the Risoli Way sign at Lake Street's southwest corner with Franklin Street before an estimated 24 spectators here June 6.

Brother Barton "Barney" Risoli, sister-in-law Joyce, Nutley Commissioner Dr. Joseph Scarpelli and Newark North Ward Councilman Anibal Ramos, Jr. were among the unveiling's witnesses.

Lake Street's northernmost block, between Franklin Avenue and Honiss Street, honors 20-year Public Works Commissioner, First Ward Councilman and Deputy Mayor Risoli. "Ang," who was born Sept. 22, 1940, also served 20 years as Belleville Republican Party Organization chairman.

Risoli, 72, died at his home, 52 Lake St., Sept. 25, 2012. The Newark Moose Club member had retired that January after 10 years as an Essex County transportation specialist. His Funeral Mass was held for him at St. Anthony of Padua, prior to his burial at Glendale Cemetery, Sept. 28, 2012.

"(Risoli) would've been proud of the last few years when two of his proteges," said Melham, "Dr. Scarpelli and I, were serving as mayors of Nutley and Belleville. "We ran as a team for Ward Council. Our victory was historic, as never before had a majority been elected in one election in Belleville."

"Even though we didn't always see eye to eye when it comes to politics, we were good friends and I respected him very much," said Strumolo-Burke. "Angelo was a good man and dedicating this street was a long time coming and well deserved."

**CONSPIRACY** (Continued from page 7)

One of Flip's conspirators, Tashon Ragan, pleaded guilty before Judge Wigenton last week to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and is due to be sentenced on Sept. 20, 2021. Charges are still pending against two other conspirators, Jeffrey Bennett and Janel Blackman. The charges against Bennett and Blackman are merely accusations, and they are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The conspiracy charge is punishable by a maximum potential penalty of 30 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1 million. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 19, 2021.

Acting U.S. Attorney Honig credited postal inspectors of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Acting Inspector in Charge Rodney M. Hopkins; special agents with the U.S. Postal Service - Office of Inspector General, Northeast Area Field Office, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Matthew Modafferi; special agents with IRS - Criminal Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael Montanez; and special agents with the Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Andrew McKay, with the investigation leading to the guilty plea. She also thanked the Summit Police Department, the New Providence Police Department, the Piscataway Police Department, the Newark Police Department, the South Orange Police Department, and the Little Falls Police Department for their assistance.

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