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 2019 - TRUMP - \$4.448 trillion      2020 - TRUMP - \$4.451 trillion  
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 2015 - 18.1 trillion dollars      2016 - 19.5 trillion dollars  
 2017 - 19.9 trillion dollars      2018 - 21.5 trillion dollars  
 2019 - 22.7 trillion dollars      2020 - 26.9 trillion dollars  
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**NEWARK BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER CELEBRATES NATIONAL LGBTQ+ PRIDE AWARENESS MONTH**



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Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey President and Chief Executive Officer, Darrell K. Terry, Sr., celebrated national LGBTQ+ PRIDE month alongside Newark Beth Israel employees, and senior leaders including members of the hospital's Business Resource Group P.R.I.D.E and the hospital's Chief Equity Officer and Vice President of Community Relations, Atiya-Jaha Rashidi. The opening ceremony included a presentation of 12 LGBTQ+ flags that will be displayed in the hospital throughout the month of June.

**100 YEARS AFTER...**



A look at several burned businesses of the Greenwood District in Tulsa, Oklahoma during the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre

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**COUNTY SHERIFF'S RACE HEADLINES JUNE PRIMARIES**



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**Editorial**

**Dhiren Shah**  
Editor-In-Chief

*Hello Readers,*

The State of New Jersey has announced that smaller business will get help due to the pandemic for the fourth time. This is really good. They have received about \$84 million from the federal government, out of which about \$5 million has been allocated for management expenses, and about \$970,000 for website management. The \$84 million distribution is like this: Restaurants: \$35 million, Child Care Providers: \$10 million, Micro Business under 5 employees: \$25 million, Other small businesses: \$15 million. Out of the above grant, the state has received 5% that will go towards administrative costs.

There are some stipulations or conditions; The business must

have been in operation on February 20, 2020. The Award size will be: under 5 employees \$10,000, between 6-25 employees \$15,000 and between 26-50 employees \$20,000. The awards will be according to their EIN (Employer Identification Number). If the company has more than one location, only one EIN will receive the maximum grant according to the size of their business. The above numbers are for the maximum grant one can receive. If they have received money in phase 1, 2 and 3 it will be deducted from the total award. So, if they have received \$10,000 before for 10 employees, they will receive another \$5,000.

The plan is exceptionally good. However, the cost of the administration is too high, and they have included medium size businesses as well. So, someone must watch that there will not be awards given to friends and family. The government helped a lot of smaller businesses; otherwise, many of them would have been

out of business by now. Still, some of the cases I heard is not good.

As I've heard, out of \$2.3 trillion in stimulus money, only 9% has gone to the real needy as per the news on the radio. One diner in Jersey City has received \$800,000 as a grant with the condition that they must spend the money before 2025. Many taxi drivers and Uber drivers have received about \$50,000 to \$80,000 as stated by one accountant. The majority of the money should go to the real needy, but in this instance, the majority has gone to the people with the best connections.

Now to the item mentioned on the front page. President Joe Biden has proposed a \$6 trillion budget. In 2013, Obama proposed a budget for \$3.8trillion, 2014 budget: \$3.77 trillion, for 2015: \$3.9 trillion, for 2016: \$3.999 trillion, For 2017, Trump proposed \$4.147 trillion, 2018: \$4.094 trillion, 2019: \$4.448 trillion, and 2020: \$4.451 trillion.

As for the US national debt: it was \$16.7 trillion on September 30, 2013, in 2014, it was \$17.8 trillion, 2015: \$18.1 trillion, 2016: \$19.5 trillion, 2017: \$19.9 trillion, 2018: \$21.5 trillion, 2019: \$22.7 trillion, 2020: \$26.9 trillion. The rise in 2020 is due to stimulus packages given to all of us.

Due to the high debt, we have not raised interest rates. Out of \$21 trillion in debt, it breaks down like this: Federal Reserve \$10.8 trillion, Mutual Funds \$3.5 trillion, Pension Funds and state and local governments \$1.09 trillion, China \$1.06 trillion, and the rest by insurance companies and individuals.

With the way we have started to spend money, inflation is right around the corner. We must control our national debt for the future of our children.

*Have a wonderful week.*

*I'll talk to you next week.*

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**WEATHER FOR THE WEEK**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Scattered T-Storms	Scattered T-Storms	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
HI 79	HI 78	HI 89	HI 94	HI 93	HI 93	HI 91
LO 67	LO 63	LO 69	LO 72	LO 71	LO 72	LO 70

# COUNTY SHERIFF'S RACE HEADLINES JUNE PRIMARIES

By Walter Elliott

**NEWARK** - Members of the respective Democratic and Republican parties faithful in "Local Talk" Land and all of Essex County may decide who will become their next candidates for Sheriff, among other state and municipal-level endorsements, June 8.

Registered Republican and Democratic county voters, indeed, will qualify who will represent them on Nov. 2's General Election ballot. Those choices include Governor-Lieutenant Governor, all 120 State Legislature seats, party ward district leaders and committee members.

Registered party voters in East Orange and Maplewood will also be choosing who will make the General Election ballot for city council and township committee seats.

County attention, however, has focused on the Democratic primary contest for Sheriff between incumbent Armando B.

Fontoura and main challenger John C. Arnold, Jr.

Fontoura is seeking party endorsement towards a record-extending 11th term as sheriff.

The Newark native and Fairfield resident, after 25 years in the Newark Police Department and the sheriff's office, was first appointed sheriff by outgoing predecessor Thomas D'Alessio in November 1990. D'Alessio resigned as sheriff after he was elected as Essex County Executive.

A majority of county Democratic voters chose Fontoura in the primary over Newark Municipal Council President Ralph Grant. County voters elected Fontoura over Republican Freeholder Arthur L. Clay by an almost 11,000 vote plurality, or 55 versus 45 percent.

In the 2018 General Election, 81 percent of voters chose Fontoura over Caldwell Councilman Pasquale Capozzoli. He ran virtually unopposed in that year's Democratic primary.

Newarker John Arnold, however, has declared that the time has come for change. The 25-year law enforcer and pastor cites the past year's climate of Black Lives Matter and calls for police reform and/or defunding for the timing.

Arnold is a 25-year career law enforcer who started with the University of Medicine and Dentistry (now Rutgers) police and rose to become Newark's Deputy Police Director 2014-16. He meanwhile rose in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office from detective to lieutenant of detectives 1987-2010.

Arnold, a former U.S. Marine, is an ordained pastor. The 2010 co-founder of Newark's Temple of Refuge Church currently shepherds Plainfield's Whosoever Will Church.

Arnold, should he be elected Nov. 2, would become Essex County's first African American sheriff.

Fontoura and Arnold have jostled before, in 2012's four-

way primary. Party supporters gave Fontoura 72 percent of that vote against Arnold's 19 percent. Candidates Roger S. Terry and Herman J. Rivera received five and two percent.

There is a third candidate seeking the Democrats' nod. Barry Jackson had filed a sufficient number of petition signatures to make June 8's ballot.

Republican voters are meanwhile choosing between Maureen Edelson, of Montclair, and Nicholas G. Pansini, of Bloomfield.

Both Arnold and Fontoura, with their primary campaigns on the homestretch, have been receiving endorsements from various law enforcement unions.

Arnold, on May 18, received an endorsement from the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association - a 33,000 member organization. NJ PBA President Patrick Colligan's endorsement followed the Essex County PBA Conference's April 26 endorse-

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## **UNITED STATES**

### **100 Years After...**

The following is a proclamation made by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. in memory of those lives lost during a cruel event 100 years ago...

“One hundred years ago, a violent white supremacist mob raided, firebombed, and destroyed approximately 35 square blocks of the thriving Black neighborhood of Greenwood in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Families and children were murdered in cold blood. Homes, businesses, and churches were burned. In all, as many as 300 Black Americans were killed, and nearly 10,000 were left destitute and homeless. Today, on this solemn centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre, I call on the American people to reflect on the deep roots of racial terror in our Nation and recommit to the work of rooting out systemic racism across our country.

“Before the Tulsa Race Massacre, Greenwood was a thriving Black community that had grown into a proud economic and cultural hub. At its center was Greenwood Avenue, commonly known as Black Wall Street. Many of Greenwood’s 10,000 residents were Black sharecroppers who fled racial violence after the Civil War.

“In the decades following the Civil War and Reconstruction, Greenwood became a place where Black Americans were able to make a new start and secure economic progress despite the continued pain of institutional and overt racism. The community was home to a growing number of prominent Black entrepreneurs as well as working-class Black families who shared a commitment to social activism and economic opportunity. As

Greenwood grew, Greenwood Avenue teemed with successful Black-owned businesses, including restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, and offices for doctors, lawyers, and dentists. The community also maintained its own school system, post office, a savings and loan institution, hospital, and bus and taxi service.

“Despite rising Jim Crow systems and the reemergence of the Ku Klux Klan, Greenwood’s economic prosperity grew, as did its citizens’ demands for equal rights. This made the community a source of pride for many Black Americans. It also made the neighborhood and its families a target of white supremacists. In 2 days, a violent mob tore down the hard-fought success of Black Wall Street that had taken more than a decade to build.

“In the years that followed, the destruction caused by the mob was followed by laws and policies that made recovery nearly impossible. In the aftermath of the attack, local ordinances were passed requiring new construction standards that were prohibitively expensive, meaning many Black families could not rebuild. Later, Greenwood was redlined by mortgage companies and deemed “hazardous” by the Federal Government so that Black homeowners could not access home loans or credit on equal terms. And in later decades, Federal investment, including Federal highway construction, tore down and cut off parts of the community. The attack on Black families and Black wealth in Greenwood persisted across generations.

“The Federal Government must reckon with and acknowledge the role that it has played in stripping wealth and opportunity from Black communities. The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to acknowledging the role Federal policy played in Greenwood and other Black communities and addressing longstanding racial inequities through historic investments in the economic security of children and families, programs to provide capital for small businesses in economically disadvantaged areas, including minority-owned businesses, and

ensuring that infrastructure projects increase opportunity, advance racial equity and environmental justice, and promote affordable access.

“A century later, the fear and pain from the devastation of Greenwood is still felt. As Viola Fletcher, a 107-year-old survivor of the Tulsa Race Massacre courageously testified before the Congress recently, ‘I will never forget the violence of the white mob when we left our home. I still see Black men being shot, Black bodies lying in the street. I still smell smoke and see fire. I still see Black businesses being burned. I still hear airplanes flying overhead. I hear the screams. I have lived through the massacre every day. Our country may forget this history, but I cannot.’

“With this proclamation, I commit to the survivors of the Tulsa Race Massacre, including Viola Fletcher, Hughes Van Ellis, and Lessie Benningfield Randle, the descendants of victims, and to this Nation that we will never forget. We honor the legacy of the Greenwood community, and of Black Wall Street, by reaffirming our commitment to advance racial justice through the whole of our government, and working to root out systemic racism from our laws, our policies, and our hearts.

“NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2021, a Day of Remembrance: 100 Years After The 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre. I call upon the people of the United States to commemorate the tremendous loss of life and security that occurred over those 2 days in 1921, to celebrate the bravery and resilience of those who survived and sought to rebuild their lives again, and commit together to eradicate systemic racism and help to rebuild communities and lives that have been destroyed by it.

“IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independ-

ence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.”

## **ASIA**

### **WHO Approves New Vaccine**

On June 1, the World Health Organization (WHO) validated the Sinovac-CoronaVac COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use, giving countries, funders, procuring agencies and communities the assurance that it meets international standards for safety, efficacy and manufacturing. The vaccine is produced by the Beijing-based pharmaceutical company Sinovac.

“The world desperately needs multiple COVID-19 vaccines to address the huge access inequity across the globe,” said Dr Mariângela Simão, WHO Assistant-Director General for Access to Health Products. “We urge manufacturers to participate in the COVAX Facility, share their knowhow and data and contribute to bringing the pandemic under control.”

WHO’s Emergency Use Listing (EUL) is a prerequisite for COVAX Facility vaccine supply and international procurement. It also allows countries to expedite their own regulatory approval to import and administer COVID-19 vaccines.

The EUL assesses the quality, safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, as well as risk management plans and programmatic suitability, such as cold chain requirements. The assessment is performed by the product evaluation group, composed by regulatory experts from around the world and a Technical Advisory Group (TAG), in charge of performing the risk-benefit assessment for an independent recommendation on whether a vaccine can be listed for emergency use and, if so, under which conditions.

In the case of the Sinovac-CoronaVac vaccine, the WHO assessment included on-site inspections of the production facility.

The Sinovac-CoronaVac  
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# NEWARK BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER APPOINTS FIRST CHIEF EQUITY OFFICER

NEWARK NJ, (June 2, 2021)

- Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an RWJBarnabas Health facility, has appointed its first Chief Equity Officer. The new role is part of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and RWJBarnabas Health's commitment to become an anti-racist organization, which includes implementing policies and hiring practices that foster equity and inclusion.

Atiya Jaha-Rashidi, RN, MHA, will serve as the hospital's first-ever Chief Equity Officer and Vice President of Community Relations.

Ms. Rashidi has more than 24 years of experience leading and coordinating community outreach initiatives at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey, where she has held numerous leadership roles, including Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Director of Patient Experience and Interim VP of Community Relations.

"I am proud of the work we have done at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center to create diverse, equitable and inclusive environments. This new position creates an opportunity to focus with even greater precision on racism and its disproportionate impact on the communities we serve," said Darrell K. Terry, Sr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey. "Ms. Rashidi brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise and passion to her role that will certainly propel us forward in our efforts to address the effects

of racism."

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center ranks #4 in the nation for racial inclusivity according to a recent report issued by the Lown Institute, a nonpartisan healthcare think tank. The national ranking highlights hospitals that are especially effective at serving people of color who live in the surrounding community.

In her new role, Ms. Rashidi will oversee the development and implementation of employee and community initiatives that foster equity. In addition, she will continue to develop strong community partnerships with the aim of improving population health and reducing health care disparities.

"It is important that we are intentional about eliminating the disparities that exist within our healthcare system. I am excited to move forward as we work to create the policies that will transform our healthcare delivery system for generations to come," said Atiya-Jaha Rashidi, RN, MHA, Chief Equity Officer and Vice President of Community Relations.

Ms. Rashidi is a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Administration from Rutgers University and a Master of Healthcare Administration from University of Arizona Global Campus.

To learn more about the RWJBarnabas Health Ending Racism Together initiative visit: <https://www.rwjbh.org/why-rwjbarnabas-health-/ending-racism/>

33, Orange No. 89, South Orange No. 12 and West Orange No. 25.

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 106, representing Essex County Department of Correctional Police's superior officers, gave Arnold its endorsement May 6.

Fontoura has received the endorsement of Newark's Superior Officers Association May 29.

Fontoura has meanwhile picked up endorsements from some key Essex County and New Jersey Democratic Com-

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## SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

By the time you read this, the New York Knicks playoff run might be done, as the team has had their hands full with Trae Young and the Atlanta Hawks. Meanwhile the Nets not only finished off the Boston Celtics four games to one, but apparently, they ended Danny Ainge's run in the Celtics front office. Head coach Brad Stevens is expected to get Ainge's job and hire a new coach.

This year's Indianapolis 500 had fans and an old favorite in victory lane. Forty-five year old Helio Castroneves won his fourth 500 in front of 135,000 fans, the highest attended event since the pandemic. Also, Kyle Larson won the Coca-Cola 600, NASCAR's longest race.

In other sports news, the NJIT Highlanders baseball team

has advanced to the NCAA baseball tournament. The Highlanders have won 9 straight games and boast an overall record of 26-22 on the season, while going 23-17 in conference play. They'll be on the road this weekend and will play top seeded Arkansas in Fayetteville.

In the Essex County area, the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center honored student athletes last weekend from Super Essex Conference schools. Among those with sports and education honorees were Arts, Barringer, Bloomfield, East Orange Campus, Irvington, and Orange high schools.

Finally, in huge breaking news, legendary Duke men's basketball head coach Mike Krzyzewski announced he will retire after this season at the helm of the Blue Devils program.

mittee figures.

Recent mailed-in Fontoura palm cards, for example, include endorsements from four mayors: Newark's Ras Baraka, Irvington's Anthony "Tony" Vauss, East Orange's Theodore "ted" Green and Orange's Dwayne D/ Warren, Gov. Phil Murphy (D-Rumson), State Sen. Richard Codey (D-Roseland) and Cong. Mikie Sherrill (D-Montclair).

Voting for the June 8 primaries are going on now. 8 p.m. Tuesday is when selected voting machine polling stations close and the 24 county-deployed Vote By Mail Ballot drop boxes are locked. Those mailing in their ballots must get a June 8 postmark.

Ballot forms, voting machine locations and other details may be found at [essexclerk.com](http://essexclerk.com).

### COUNTY SHERIFF'S RACE HEADLINES JUNE PRIMARIES

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ment.

The county conference includes the following PBA locals: Essex County Sheriff's Office No. 183, Essex County Corrections No. 382, Essex County Prosecutor's Office No. 325, Belleville No. 28, Bloomfield No. 32, Glen Ridge No. 58, Irvington No. 29, Maplewood No. 44, Montclair No.53, Nutley No.

# Finance At Your Fingertips



Moses Ayiku, Jr. MBA OP/ED

## Investment Options: Pre-Investors, How Do You Clean Up Your Finances And Prepare To Invest? Part 2

Last week we discussed the different type of investors and the issue of an investment profile. It struck me during the week that when it comes to pre investors, they are a group that not much is said about them. After all, they can't invest in the financial markets because of financial constraints. Why bother with them!

Yet, it seems to me that those in the financial markets could actually make more money if they invested in supporting or guiding pre-investors to become investors at an increasing rate. A pre-investor is simply someone who is not able to invest in the financial markets. There are various reasons for why such people do not invest. The main reason is their financial situation. Pre-investors tend to have low-income jobs. When they do have jobs, they are often not stable jobs, and they find themselves out of work easily. They also tend to have lower levels of education and training.

This in turn makes it difficult for them to obtain stable, high paying jobs. Added to all the above, many pre-investors would also tend to have large amounts of debt. This could be loans or credit cards. People are human and it is a reality that some will simply get into debt because of mismanagement of

debt. Even when it comes to debt, if someone has a high level of credit card debt that was due to them being unemployed for a long period and using the debt to survive, can that be considered mismanagement? Perhaps not. This week we will look at strategies that pre-investors can use to improve their finances to become investors.

As mentioned above, pre-investors have low incomes. That is the beginning of the financial challenge. This is a situation that can be addressed by concrete actions. Prayers and wishful thinking may not be the best bet for dealing with a low income. Pre-investors can identify for example, up and coming career paths and research the education to get into those professions. A key objective for any pre-investor with limited education is to identify and increase their training and education to make themselves more valuable in the labor market.

For example, someone with a GED, not earning much, can attend a community college and obtain a degree in Information Technology for example. This would open doors for a new career as well as higher income levels! There are a variety of career options available. Pre-investors should google the future careers and projected earnings to determine which careers they may be interested in. If you know anyone in this situation, please encourage them to make a decision to better themselves.

One thing that can hold such people back from trying is fear. This is something that affects all of us in different situations and circumstances. Especially as we get older, we are scared of learning new things. However, being scared does not stop us from trying! We may need gentle encouragement. It takes an effort to move one's mindset to overcome that fear and try.

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# ESSEX COUNTY COVID-19 CASE TALLY

Weekly Statistics from May 26 - June 2, 2021

Municipality	5-26-2021	Deaths	6-2-2021	Deaths
Belleville	5637	112	5647	112
Bloomfield	5314	120	5320	121
Caldwell	621	16	620	16
Cedar Grove	1540	120	1541	120
East Orange	7103	306	7140	311
Essex Fells	191	2	191	2
Fairfield	879	31	882	31
Glen Ridge	393	13	391	13
Irvington	4683	230	4690	231
Livingston	1831	86	1830	87
Maplewood	1295	36	1304	36
Millburn	824	10	824	10
Montclair	2268	72	2270	72
Newark	36798	992	<b>36900</b>	<b>998</b>
North Caldwell	490	6	490	6
Nutley	3020	66	3021	66
Orange	3536	132	3540	132
Roseland	477	16	476	16
South Orange	854	16	856	16
Verona	992	18	993	18
West Caldwell	1052	53	1052	53
West Orange	4558	229	4568	230
<b>Total</b>	<b>84356</b>	<b>2682</b>	<b>84546</b>	<b>2697</b>

### OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of June 2, 2021)

**NJ: 888,074 cases / 23,569 deaths (Plus 2,678 probable)**  
**United States (approx.): 33.297 Million / 595,700 deaths**  
**Worldwide (approx.): 171.34 Million / 3.68 Million deaths**

**NJ Gov. Murphy announced that face coverings may not be mandatory during traditional in-school instruction by the Fall 2021 Semester.**

in weeks or go to a college and take up a 2-year program. Depending on one's age, one can decide which option to take. Regardless of the option, once it allows a person to move from low income to middle income

paying jobs, then the training or education would have served its purpose.

For many low-income people, the debt or financial challenges that they face is directly a  
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**NEWARK BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER CELEBRATES NATIONAL LGBTQ+ PRIDE AWARENESS MONTH**

**NEWARK - June 1, 2021** - On Tuesday, June 1st, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children’s Hospital of New Jersey, an RWJBarnabas Health facility, raised the flag in celebration and recognition of National LGBTQ+ Pride Awareness Month. Newark Beth Israel’s Business Resource Group, P.R.I.D.E (Providing, Respect, Inclusion, Dignity and Empowerment) hosted the annual event.

“Newark Beth Israel Medical Center recognizes the importance of fostering diversity, inclusion and equity for our patients, employees, and the surrounding community. This month we are proud to raise the LGBTQ+ flag and to raise awareness about the disparities that impact this community,” said Darrell K. Terry, Sr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children’s Hospital of New Jersey.

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center has received four consecutive HEI designations for pro-

moting equitable and inclusive care for LGBTQ+ patients and their families.

The flag raising marks the beginning of a series of events to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Awareness Month at Newark Beth Israel including, a display of 11 flags representing different segments of the LGBTQ+ community.

The following flags will be on display in one of the hospital’s main corridors throughout the month of June: Transgender Pride Flag, Philadelphia People of Color Flag, Gender Fluid Pride Flag, Intersex Pride Flag, Coexist Flag, Progress Pride Flag, Ally Flag, Pansexual Pride Flag, Nonbinary Pride Flag, Equality Pride Flag, and the Bisexual Pride Flag.

In addition, employees will participate in several events that celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, such as “Bright Color Fridays” where staff may choose to wear colorful clothing on Friday, and an internal department decorating contest.

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result of that low income. Hence, the most important option is to enhance one’s skills to earn more in the labor market. The next major challenge for pre-investors is to get a grip on their finances so that they can eventually have the ability to invest.

One major problem for these folks and many others is that of debt. This is something that we do not often speak about. After all, everyone is entitled to make their own financial decisions. Your financial profile is actually only known by you and those that you choose to share that information with. If your financial profile is negative, meaning high debt that is piling, low credit scores and limited access to credit, chances are, you are not out there advertising this type of financial situation.

Debt can be managed and gotten rid of. Many pre-investors

are saddled with so much debt that investing seems like an impossible task. The first step towards dealing with debt is to ascertain the total amount of debt that one has. How can you solve a problem if you do not have all the details? By approaching all creditors, one can obtain accurate information about all debt owed out there. The tricky thing about debt and financial profiles is that everyone has a different one. The reason one person is in debt may not be the reason another person is in debt.

One person for example could be in debt for mismanaging their finances. A common source of mismanagement is using credit cards for example to live beyond one’s means. Another person could be in debt due to health problems and related bills. There are people out there going through cancer survival and other challenges. From what I have heard, the bills for these treatments are very expensive and

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Regardless of the type of debt and why you got into this situation, you can overcome! Find out how much you owe, to whom and the current status of these debts. Each debt must be looked at individually. Compile all the debt and asses each one. Make sure to pull your credit report as part of your information gathering process. There is a ton of information about your debt on your credit report. The sad thing is that pre-investors with high debt, tend to be depressed about their situation and as a result, they do not look at their credit reports regularly. If you know people in such situations, being supportive and encouraging is worth more than gold to such people!

Please know that it is im-

portant for all of us to assess our credit reports at least once a year. In fact, if you access your report only once a year, one should be able to get a copy of each of your credit reports from the three major reporting agencies without paying a penny. For those who are on a sounder financial footing, it is still a basic and important step to request for and review your credit reports at least once a year. There are a number of reasons why one should look at one’s credit report.

For one thing, how can you pay off debt if you don’t know who you owe and how much? Due to various processing of debt, ownership may have changed and even the amounts may have changed. Then there is the issue of statute of limitations. Some of the debt that you are worried about may have already been removed from your credit report!

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# The Doctor Is In



**Dr. Adil Manzoor OP/ED**

## The Pfizer Vaccine Is Approved For Adolescents: Is It That Big News?

The topic of the article starts with a question, and I'll quickly answer that from the gate: hell yes! Hell, freaking yes!

I'm obviously struggling to contain my excitement, but I'm a pediatrician - I treat kids, so that should explain that. On a more serious note now, though, this is one of the best news to come out of the last few months.

Up till a few weeks ago, the vaccines were only approved for people aged 16 or older. This makes sense, considering the short time frame the vaccines were developed in. What I mean is, the vaccines took less than a year to roll out. If you don't know how fast that is, consider that an average vaccine takes north of ten years to gain approval from the CDC. Some even take decades. So, when the COVID vaccine only needed nine-ten months, it was ground-

breaking and unprecedented.

While it was definitely needed, considering people were dying in their hundreds of thousands, it also meant care has to be taken in rolling them out, especially to younger people who weren't at too much risk from the virus. Of course, children et the virus; of course, children can pass the virus, but children also show milder symptoms and generally have a much lower mortality rate.

Knowing this, the CDC was reluctant to approve the vaccine for younger ones until it got far beyond reasonable proof that the vaccine is effective with minimal side effects. Note that the vaccine widely available right now still only has emergency authorization. Again, at the time, this was most definitely the best the CDC could do, considering lots of Americans were dying.

And since children are at a significantly lower risk of getting the virus, it makes sense to hold out until all studies are concluded that the vaccine is perfect for children. Luckily for us - Pfizer came through. They are the first vaccine manufacturer to gain emergency use authorization for younger Americans after it demonstrated in a March clinical trial that its vaccine was 100% effective in preventing the coronavirus in study participants between 12 and 15 years.

Before long after the news had broken, Biden was quick to commend the efforts of the company and authorize administration across the country in 15,000 pharmacies. This is really good news. Really good news.

The reason for my overly joyous mood, in particular, is the



period at which this news has come. Summer is approaching, and hundreds of thousands running about on humid beaches isn't exactly the best way to manage or contain the coronavirus, most especially for unvaccinated people. Tons of children would get the virus, and this, of course, means more deaths, which no one wants.

There's also the fact that schools can now fully reopen without subjecting the children to stress no child should have to endure and go through at their age. It will also ease the worries of many parents who are reluctant to allow their kids to return to school for fear of the virus.

I strongly believe that the trauma and psychological wounds that the virus has caused will persist for decades. However, the healing must start from somewhere, and the government should do all it can to allay the fear in the hearts of people. That is definitely the first step, and it is one that approval of vaccines for adolescents can achieve.

Stay safe. Wear a mask. Get vaccinated.

*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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### FINANCE

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That may not absolve you totally of that debt, but it is worth finding out the current situation. Debt that has been on your file for a while can in most cases be paid off for a much lower amount than the face value. Please note this and identify professionals that can assist you in negotiating some of these debts to give yourself the best possible deal.

One thing I have noticed is that our system is skewed in favor of the creditors. This means that when one is looking for information on debt, you will find that the advice is being provided by interested parties that are not looking out for your welfare as a person in debt! One has to research a lot and read between the lines to determine the most appropriate steps to take to get out of debt. There are so many different options and plans. Try and develop your plan for getting out of debt. Once the debt begins to decline,

it could free up more income for you to eventually move from the pre-investor stage to the investor stage!

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.

Your questions and comments can be sent to [localtalknews@gmail.com](mailto:localtalknews@gmail.com).

# 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** - Mayor Ras Baraka and Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara announced a new and a returning first aid response here May 27 - three days after a man died waiting for an ambulance at a downtown soup kitchen.

Baraka and O'Hara, while at NFD Engine 10's firehouse at 360 Clinton Ave. Friday, declared that Newark firefighters will respond to all life-threatening calls. NFD personnel joining EMS technicians in those calls are seen as a response to a shortage of EMS and paramedic units since January.

City firefighters, said Baraka and O'Hara, will deliver basic and advanced life-support services, including airway clearance, cardiac monitoring, defibrillation, hemorrhage control and initial wound care. Neither O'Hara nor Baraka said how many firefighters have been trained so far and how many more are to be trained.

NFD personnel will be supplying those services on calls out - and on those who walk into their stations. Baraka and O'Hara are bringing back Neighborhood First Aid Stations with new signs affixed to firehouses.

The identity of a man who had collapsed while in line for food at St. John's Church and died while waiting 45 minutes for an EMS unit to arrive May 24, however, has not been released as of June 1.

Members of Hudson County-based "Help to Feed the Hungry" said they gave CPR to the stricken man while making multiple 911 calls. They stayed with the man, who went into apparent cardiac arrest, until an ambu-

lance arrived 45 minutes later.

Help to Feed the Hungry uses St. John's Barbara Moran Soup Kitchen at 22 Mulberry St. most Tuesday nights.

**IRVINGTON** - Authorities are looking for the shooter of a township man in Newark's Central Business District, and left him for dead, May 31.

Memorial Day was still new when Newark police officers responded to a gunshot call from the corner of University Avenue and Campbell Street just after Midnight. It was there where they found Irvingtonian Tyzier White, 23, shot.

White was rushed to University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 12:50 a.m.

Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore "Ted" Stephens II said that NPD detectives turned over the investigation to the county's Homicide and Major Crimes Task Force.

White's funeral arrangements are to be announced as of 4 p.m. June 1. The ECPO-NPD investigation continues.

**EAST ORANGE** - Essex County Prosecutor's Office attorneys are still analyzing the circumstances of a May 9 fatal car-and-tanker trailer truck collision here - while relatives and friends have given the deceased his last rites May 17.

Panache L. Bryant, 33, of Newark, was buried at Morgancille's Forest Green Cemetery May 17 after an 11- a.m.-2 p.m. gathering and janazah prayer at Newark's Islamic Burial Service.

Bryant was one of two occupants of a southbound late model white two-door car which had rear-ended a Volvo tanker trailer truck on Interstate 280's South Harrison Street overpass at 6 a.m. May 9. The impact caused the car to catch fire, prompting calls to East Orange first responders.

Arriving city police and fire units and local EMS personnel said they found the car "engulfed in flames." One person, the car's passenger, had escaped before the outburst; the truck driver, also present, did not suffer serious injury.

Rescuers strived to extricate and save Bryant but he was declared dead at the scene. Both directions of South Harrison plus

Freeway Drive West were closed for several hours that Sunday morning. Buses on NJTransit's No. 94 route were among traffic suffering delays.

It is not clear whether Bryant was the car's driver or passenger. Other details, including how the crash happened and whether the truck driver was ticketed, were not available as of press time.

**ORANGE** - If one came to 23 Main St. for a 12:30 p.m. June 2 groundbreaking ceremony of a new PNC Bank branch here, one would have instead seen seven workers from Veriun and HC construction adding steel to the building's skeleton.

"Local Talk" had accepted a May 23 invitation by Mayor Dwayne D. Warren and the City Council for the \$2.2 million project, only to receive word May 31 that the groundbreaking had "been canceled." A question on if the cancelation was weather-related was left unanswered as of 4 p.m. June 1.

Whether the groundbreaking being canceled or merely postponed may be a moot point, given that the "\$2.2 million project" has had its steel skeleton up a week earlier. PNC Bank and its construction partners, who bought the .3636 acre lot from Franklin Lakes' Tatica Realty in January, demolished the 13-year-old Orange Hand Car Wash once the Orange Planning Board had approved their site plan application.

The Yuras, Aicale, Forsyth, Crowle Leased Investment Group, of Sacramento, Calif., have set a 20-year lease with PNC with 12 percent rent increases every five years. Yuras, on Loopnet.com, called the project as the "Relocation from a top-10 performing branch system wide with \$129 million-plus in existing deposits."

Yuras' statement indicates that 23 Main will replace the one at 565 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. two blocks east in East Orange. The stand-alone branch and the rest of the 1974-built Brick Church Shopping Plaza are to make way in stages to the 820-apartment unit/Shop-Rite Supermarket/other retail Crossings at Brick Church Station complex starting later this year.

23 Main St.'s construction comes while the existing PNC

Orange Branch at 410 Main St. is supposed to make way for an Orange REC Center-related parking garage. The new Orange REC and related new Rossi Paint and hardware headquarters project, however, has been recently slow-tracked.

How many of 410 Main's customers will move to 23 Main, .7 mile apart, may also be moot. PNC's 39 Main St., West Orange Branch, at .4 mile from 410 Main, is closer.

**WEST ORANGE** - The former United States Postal Service worker who admitted May 27 to abandoning 99 Vote By Mail Ballots, among other mail meant for addressees here and in Orange, will be sentenced by U.S. Magistrate Judge Cathy L. Waldor on Sept. 21.

Nicholas Beauchene, 26, of Kerany, said Acting U.S. Attorney Rachael Honig, had pleaded guilty to one count of destruction of mail before Judge Waldor in her Newark courtroom that that Thursday.

Beauchene admitted that he had left behind 1,875 pieces of mail, including the VBMBs, in a North Arlington dumpster Sept. 28 and Oct. 1-2. The articles also included 276 campaign materials of candidates for West Orange's Nov. 2 Township Council and Board of Education member elections.

The second-year letter carrier was assigned to routes from the Orange Post Office; West Orange is served by two Orange branches. A passer-by discovered the mail by the North Arlington dumpster, which was not far from Beauchere's residence and alerted the NAPD and posted a picture on Facebook.

North Arlington and USPS police recovered the materials Oct 2 and 5. Beauchere was arrested Oct. 7.

Beauchene is facing up to one year's federal imprisonment and a maximum \$100,000 fine.

**SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD** - The South Orange-Maplewood School District has begun its second Board of Education appointee search since the surprise Memorial Day resignation of member and township resident Kamal Zubieta.

Zubieta emailed an open let-  
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*From  
The  
Pastor's  
Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

**Hackers -  
Cybercriminals And  
The Call For Honesty**

This morning at 5:00, as our church prayer group was about to pray, one of our leaders asked if there were special requests. One attendee requested prayer for release from her stress because her computer was hacked the day before. Her stress heightened because the apparent hacker informed her that everything on her computer was now public. She was shocked to find that the hacker could tell her even things she considered private. After the prayer was over, I mused that hacking what is private and personal is not only the norm in the private space but in the public sphere, today.

The day before writing this reflection, Microsoft reported a large hacking of many companies across the world with which it is dealing. There was the hacking of USAID. Then there was the hacking of the Windsurf Industry and the Gas Company a few days before. The Gas Company paid \$4.4 Billion to get back online, but we are all paying higher gas prices as a result.

Hacking has become a "normal" part of our contempo-

rary lives. But to say that hacking is our new normal does not mean that it is not dangerous and destructive. The following comments, taken from an article that I have read, seeking to understand what is taking place in the hacking industry, were quite enlightening and even frightening. I have taken a few pieces of the comments from six of the ten areas named in the article where hackers are engaged.

1. Computer Hacking: "Computers are no longer novel, and hackers are no longer messing around. Gone are the social misfits entertaining themselves with a bit of all-night geek hijinks, energy drinks and junk food. Today's hackers are skilled professionals with serious jobs. They are paid well, have human resource teams, and take holidays off."
2. Bank Robbing: "Once there were bank robbers and road agents who rode horses and pointed guns as they stole money from banks, travelers, merchants and anyone offering an easy target. Today's financial hackers ride into town on ransomware and use fake invoices, dating scams fake checks, fake escrow intermediaries, denial of service attacks (DoSA), and any other scam or hack that will help them steal money from individuals, companies, banks, and stock accounts. Greed: It's a story as old as humanity."

3. Nation States Hackers: "Today, most sophisticated nations have thousands - if not tens of thousands - of skilled hackers on the payroll."
4. Corporate Hackers: "For many hackers, a day in the office involves stealing corporate intellectual property, either to resell for personal profit or to further the objectives of the nation state that employs them."
5. Professional Hackers: "This is a relatively recent phenomenon where a group of expert hackers develop, buy or steal powerful malware and offer advanced-persistent-threat (APT) services to target their skills and tools for a fee. The goal might be financial gain, disrupting a competitor or enemy, or theft of valuable data or intellectual property. Their clients might be nation-states, companies interested in corporate espionage, or other criminal groups looking to resell what the hackers steal."
6. Rogue Game Hackers: "You might consider your teenager's gaming habit nothing more than an obstacle to good grades. For millions of people, though, gaming is a serious business. It has spawned an industry that's worth billions of dollars. Some gamers spend thousands of dollars on cutting-edge, high-performance hardware. They spend hun-

dreds, if not thousands, of hours annually playing games."

I do not know that this reflection will speak to the heart of a hacker, but I am hoping that you who read will take all the necessary precautions so that you might not be hacked. Of course, I am fully aware that most of us today do not have total governance over our lives, to the extent that we might not be hacked. Thus, while I might say that we need to take caution and pray, I also say that those who do not know what else to do, just need to say, "God protect us." The reality is that when we have come to the end of our resources, we are going to need some special resources from outside of us. Such resources I believe will need the help of God. We really need to pray for the security experts.

Let me note further that we need to be careful how we treat others in any business we do or participate in. Hacking is not the only way of being dishonest. Scripture is clear that we need to be careful if we ever seek to disadvantage others to advantage ourselves (cf. Psalm 15:2; 25:5; John 16:6; 17; 2 Cor. 8:21; Ephesians 4:15; 25; Philip- pians. 4:8). Whether it is being dishonest in cyberspace or dishonest face to face, all dishonesty is sin. All dishonesty is destructive for relationships. And God is going to bring judgment against all dishonest persons. Yes, one day.

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ter to the two-town public district, its board and the public that she had resigned as of 11:27 a.m. Monday.

Zubieta, who leaves after 16 months on the board, contends that the panel has become "an exclusive inner circle and a marginalized minority of independents" that "fails our most precious treasure - the children of our district.

"The focus of my work is on the children of our district; their social, emotional and mental health; their learning gaps after more than a year of remote and hybrid learning; their access to supportive, effective and equal education and their families' livelihoods," said Zubieta. "The board majority is moving away from my focus and my conscience."

Zubieta was sworn twice onto the BOE: first in January 2020 as a replacement to the resigned Javier A. Farfan and again this

January after being elected by a majority of participating two-town voters to complete the last two years of Farfan's term. (Farfan is also a Maplewoodian.)

Running on her own "For All Children" banner, Zubieta ran unopposed in the Nov. 3 special election. Farfan, citing his workload as an SHU professor, resigned from his only term on the board Dec. 31, 2019.

Kamaljit and husband Rudolfo moved here in 2004 to raise their three daughters. One daughter recently graduated from

Columbia High School; a second is also in CHS.

**BLOOMFIELD** - What may become either an epilogue or a legacy to the late First Ward Councilman Elias Chalet's story was filed last week in New Jersey Superior Court-Newark.

Springfield attorney Peter W. Till said, on May 27, that he had filed a wrongful death and negligence suit against the state Department of Corrections on behalf of Chalet's widow. DOC  
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### ***I've Been ROBBED!!!***

Since the pandemic, all of us have shopped online. . . a lot! Indeed, at one point, I was on a first-name basis with the guy from Amazon, the lady from Instacart, and the U.S. postman as I received a package almost every day and certainly without exaggeration four deliveries per week.

There is nearly nothing that you need that you can't have delivered to your front door. We have become accustomed to the convenience of having "it" delivered. I for one have decided that I may never go to a mall again! While in some ways the pandemic created some delivery jobs, for others it has created an opportunity to steal so let he who orders online BEWARE!

### ***Shopping Scams***

These scams are based around companies that pretend they are selling you a product that they have no intention of sending you. Sometimes you get the invitation to purchase via

social media or an e-mail. They offer high end merchandise as low prices. Often, they promise to send you a confirmation e-mail after you pay. They may direct you to a link where you input your credit card information, then the confirmation e-mail nor the merchandise ever arrive.

If you are looking at merchandise on a website that you don't know, do your homework before you complete the payment part of the order.

(1) Check for reviews of the website. I don't mean read the reviews on the seller's site but google the site and look for reviews external to the site.

(2) See if these products are being sold elsewhere and if the prices are comparable. Prices vary, but they are in a range. One firm is not going to sell an item at \$25 and the next three or four firms sell the same item for \$125 - \$130.

(3) Try calling the company to speak to someone. If you cannot reach a person, raise the red flag! If you can't reach someone before you buy, good luck with reaching them after they have your money and perhaps your credit card information as well.

There are other of other online scams that you should be on the lookout for. I don't need to talk about the one where you get the e-mail that says "I have a zillion dollars that I need to get into the US." "I just need your bank account information so that I can deposit the money into your account and for your kindness, I will give you \$10,000" or some other sum. We all know not to give out our bank account numbers lest in less than an hour

there will not be a dime left in the account. Indeed, the hope is that the account will not be overdrawn.

What prompted me to write this column is that my e-mail was hacked, and clients started calling me to ask if they could send me a check rather than pay online or to ask if there was a problem with the credit card as I already had their credit card information. While writing this article, I received an e-mail that said that my order from Amazon, # AMZ 00246 was being charged to the credit card attached to my account, but there was a problem. Please send the correct three-digit code on the card. This internet scam is called "phishing." Phishing usually comes in the form of an e-mail is designed to look real. Like the one sent from my hacked e-mail, it often looks real. It is the fact that you may recognize or think you recognize the sender that makes it look credible so that you will give them your information.

Phishing e-mails come in a variety of forms. For example, some may tell you that you are at risk of immediate arrest by the IRS for failing to pay taxes. When I received this e-mail, I immediately responded with: "For what year(s)?" I have not heard from them since. In the first place, the IRS does not communicate via e-mail. The IRS sends a letter via the U.S. Postal Service. But, for those who panic without thinking, the idea is to get you to provide a credit card to which the fine can be charged.

If you provide a credit card number, I can assure you that

you will be at your credit limit within ten minutes or less time. By the way, this scam works equally as well via the telephone. Another Phishing scam advises you that someone may have hacked your account, and they will ask you for your information so that they can protect you and keep you safe.

The goal of both the IRS scam and the "you've been hacked" scam is to frighten you into acting without thinking. Remember, you will not be able to cancel your credit card faster than they will max you out! Do no give in to the panic. There is no end to the many phishing scams so the best ways to protect yourself are:

Never give out any information over the phone on in an e-mail. (birthdays, social security numbers, pin number, bank account name or number, to name just some of the confidential information that is intended to remain confidential). There is a reason why the bank will not e-mail you a pin number but will send it in an envelope separate from the credit card. If the pin number were in an e-mail and your e-mail was hacked, well . . . you know the rest.

Change your passwords often. I usually change my passwords monthly and more often if I get an e-mail I suspect is phishing.

All of these scams work just as well via the telephone. If the scam occurs via telephone, ask questions. Ask to speak to a supervisor. Ask them when the order was placed. Scammers just want you to act; they are not prepared to talk you out of your money.

### **WORLD NEWS**

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product is an inactivated vaccine. Its easy storage requirements make it very manageable and particularly suitable for low-resource settings.

WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) has also completed its review of the vaccine. On the

basis of available evidence, WHO recommends the vaccine for use in adults 18 years and older, in a two-dose schedule with a spacing of two to four weeks. Vaccine efficacy results showed that the vaccine prevented symptomatic disease in 51% of those vaccinated and prevented severe COVID-19 and hospitalization in 100% of the studied population.

Few older adults (over 60 years) were enrolled in clinical trials, so efficacy could not be estimated in this age group. Nevertheless, WHO is not recommending an upper age limit for the vaccine because data collected during subsequent use in multiple countries and supportive immunogenicity data suggest the vaccine is likely to have a protective effect in older persons.

There is no reason to believe that the vaccine has a different safety profile in older and younger populations. WHO recommends that countries using the vaccine in older age groups conduct safety and effectiveness monitoring to verify the expected impact and contribute to making the recommendation more robust for all countries.

**TOWN WATCH**

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Commissioner Marcus Hicks and "those responsible for Chalet in their custody" were named among the respondents.

Till and Berno Chalet assert that the councilman received inadequate medical care for his heart condition and for contracting the COVID-19 virus while serving his five-year sentence for bribery.

Chalet, 58, died April 20, 2020 at Trenton's St. Francis Medical Center. He was taken there from Newark's Northern State Prison. Authorities had housed him in Northern State since April 5 after Chalet got sick while at the James A. Hemm halfway house, also in Newark.

Chalet had been allowed to spend weekends with his family in Bloomfield and at the Hemm house during the week. He began serving his five-year term in 2018 after pleading guilty to a second-degree bribery charge in 2017. His first parole or early release hearing was slated for July.

Till and the family, at the time of Chalet's death, were not clear on whether he had died from COVID or heart complications. His trial and sentencing were delayed several times due to the latter condition.

The DOC has refrained from commenting on the suit as of Jan. 3.

**MONTCLAIR** - Residents and commuters may have indeed seen Decamp Bus Line coaches fanning out from its headquarters here since May 20. Those buses, for charters and limited Wind Creek casino runs, may well portend the carrier's return to limited commuter service.

Jonathan DeCamp, the company's sixth-generation owner, first posted on his website that DeCamp is running a single bus to Wind Creek, in Bethlehem, PA, on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. A sole bus will be making eight stops here, West Orange, Bloomfield, Nutley and East Orange 9-10 a.m. (Details are found at decamp.com)

DeCamp, in selected media interviews, also elaborated on May 20's "preparations being made to resume limited service in mid-June." He is talking about three busses running on three routes similar to what he had run June-Aug.7, 2020.

The reactivated routes are to be the 33 including Montclair, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield and West Orange; the 44 (Bloomfield, Belleville and North Newark) and the 66 (Montclair and West Orange).

The No. 88 route (Orange, East Orange, Bloomfield, Nutley) and the No. 32 (Nutley) will remain suspended until DeCamp has gauged the reopening of New

York City venues and ridership levels.

The company's reception of the Payment Protection Program loan has made DeCamp reopening for Wind Creek and charters possible. The state's oldest stagecoach and bus company ran commuter-hour service in June until its 400-daily riders average made it unsustainable Aug. 7. It first shut down in response to the COVID outbreak March 25, 2020.

**GLEN RIDGE** - Herman Street was temporarily closed while it was honorarily renamed "Officer Roberts Way here May 11.

Glen Ridge Chief of Police Sean Quinn, in his first public occasion as the borough's "top cop," helped unveil the signage with Off. Charles "Rob" Roberts family. The sign was installed overnight after Mayor Patrick Stuart and the Borough Council unanimously passed "Ordinance No. 69-21" May 10.

The one-block Herman Street/Roberts Way fronts the GRPD' headquarters. Roberts, 45, badge No. 69, served an award-winning 20 years on the force before he lost his struggle against COVID-19 May 11.

Roberts' widow, Alice, during the street dedication ceremony, announced Eli Fellis and Dorothy Waldt as the inaugural Charles E. Roberts Civilian Service Award recipients.

Fellis was an assembler for the local "Shield Our Heroes" campaign, which made and distributed 15,000 face shields for Mountainside Hospital and 29 other medical centers. Waldt led the Glen Ridge Congregational Church's care package campaign, which assembled and distributed 7,107 containers of snacks, energy drinks and "thank you" cards to local medical workers.

**BELLEVILLE** - The cost to property owners of the Township Council's May 25 adoption of its \$71,858,292.84 Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget is \$39 more than what township elders charged in 2020.

By "\$39," that is the amount based on the average homeowner's assessed value of \$276,000 spread out across the next four quarterly tax bills. That tax increase may be higher or lower depending on how one's property is assessed.

The \$39 average tax increase over 2020 will help raise \$68,754,058.60 of the approved CY21 budget. The remainder comes from various grants, account interest and/or municipal fees.

The \$39 may appear to be a softer blow compared to last year's amended \$298 average tax increase. Spending for COVID curbing and prevention, a three percent increase in general liability insurance, a 28 percent increase and a 44 percent decline in municipal court fees put

the township into a mid-2020 \$3 million shortfall - which was eventually balanced by the property tax increase.

"Revenue was down last year, which affects this year's budget," said Mayor Michael Melham, who introduced the CY21 budget April 13. "With all that being said, we did what we promised to do, we tightened up where we could tighten up."

**NUTLEY** - A Nutley man has been detained in Paterson's Passaic County Jail since his May 26 arrest on narcotics and weapons possession charges.

Paterson Public Safety Director Jerry Speziale said that three of his Special Investigations Unit detectives were patrolling Rosa Parks Boulevard when they noticed a white Jeep Cherokee "commit a minor traffic violation" at the Putnam Street intersection at 11:30 p.m. that Wednesday.

The detectives stopped the Jeep, driven by Orland Cruz III, 35, and discovered a Glock .45 caliber handgun and four bags of suspected cocaine. Cruz was arrested without incident.

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