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AFGHANISTAN: GRAVEYARD OF THE GREAT POWERS



Taliban fighters
patrolling an area
in Afghanistan

By Lev D. Zilbermints

On August 15, 2021 Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, fell to the extremist group Taliban. President Ghani fled into exile with several cars and plenty of money aboard a helicopter.

There is chaos at the Hamid Karzai International Airport, the last outpost controlled by Western forc-

es. Foreign embassies are evacuating their nationals and those Afghans that helped them. These are scenes reminiscent of the Fall of Saigon in April 1975. However, there are many differences between the two. These will be addressed later. This article will show why Afghanistan is known as "the graveyard of the Great Powers."

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FDA Approves Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 Vaccine

On Aug. 23, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and will now be marketed as Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee), for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA), including for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.

"The FDA's approval of this vaccine is a milestone as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. While this and other vaccines have met the FDA's rigorous, scientific standards for emergency use authorization, as

the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product," said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D.

"While millions of people have already safely received COVID-19 vaccines, we recognize that for some, the FDA approval of a vaccine may now instill additional confidence to get vaccinated. Today's milestone puts us one step closer to altering the course of this pandemic in the U.S."

Since Dec. 11, 2020, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has been available under EUA in individuals 16 years of age and older, and the authorization was ex-

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Editorial

Dhiren Shah
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Hello Readers,

Afghanistan is a huge mess. Biden has failed to be a leader and has proved to be a follower. On April 13, 2021 Biden announced that all American troops will leave Afghanistan by August 31, 2021. What happened between April 13 and July 31, 2021? Very little action.

They have to pull all American citizens, and citizens of other countries, who want to leave Afghanistan FIRST, and at the end they should pull out the troops. But Biden is a good listener, so he listened to Taliban. Maybe the Taliban ordered Biden to pull all American troops first.

This week, Taliban spokesperson Suhail Shaheen told Sky News in an interview August 24, 2021, as published in Politico, that "there would be consequences" if American forces did not leave by the end of the month, warning that

an extended U.S. troop presence would "provoke a reaction." Whether or not this is true, Biden has again announced that he would stick to the August 31 deadline to pull all American troops out, even after many world leaders requested him to extend the deadline. Maybe it's a result of CIA Director William Burns secretly meeting on August 23 with Taliban leader Abdul Ghani Baradar in Kabul.

Do you know about the PREP Act (Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act)? The PREP Act has given immunity to Pfizer, Moderna, doctors and many more from any lawsuits. They cannot be sued. When the Secretary of Health & Human Services determines that a threat or condition constitutes a present or credible risk of a future public health emergency, the Secretary may issue a PREP Act declaration.

The declaration provides immunity from liability (except for willful misconduct) for claims of loss caused by, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from the administration or use of covered countermeasures to diseases, threats and conditions identified in the declaration.

Under the Trump administration on March 17, 2020, the Secretary issued this Declaration pursuant to section 319F-3 of the Public Health Service Act to provide liability immunity for activities related to medical countermeasures against COVID-19. There were eight amendments after the original COVID-19 PREP Act. April 15, 2020 first amendment: to extend liability immunity for activities related to medical countermeasures. June 8, 2020 second amendment: Covered Countermeasures under the Declaration include qualified pandemic and epidemic products that limit the harm COVID-19 might otherwise cause. August 24, 2020 third amendment: add additional categories of Qualified Persons and amend the category of disease, health condition, or threat for which he recommends the administration or use of the Covered Countermeasures. December 3, 2020 fourth amendment: the Declaration must be construed in accordance with the Advisory Opinions to be immune. February 2, 2021 fifth amendment: add additional categories of Qualified Persons authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer COVID-19 vaccines that are covered counter-

measures under section VI of this Declaration. February 16, 2021 sixth amendment: add additional categories of Qualified Persons authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer covered countermeasures under section VI of this Declaration. February 22, 2021 technical correction: Liability protections for Qualified Persons under sections V(f) and V(g). March 11, 2021 seventh amendment: add additional categories of Qualified Persons authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer covered countermeasures. August 4, 2021 eighth amendment: Qualified Persons authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer covered countermeasures under section VI.

We all have to be careful with our politicians, as they are playing games with the lives of people. Once they are immune to any lawsuit, they will not be careful as they should. I will talk to you next week as to how Pfizer's approval may have some political implications. I believe that everyone should be vaccinated, but the way the politicians are doing it, I do not agree with them.

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

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Let's Talk About Our Public Health Workers

"Health workers are our heroes!" "Give it up for our health workers!" "Let us appreciate our health workers for bringing us this far." All of these are words I have heard over the last twelve months. If not exactly those, something similar, usually. And they are all true, no disputing that, but they are starting to seem

like empty words people say to get us to shut up. I'm not paranoid. And, no, I'm not crazy, but there are many of my folks that are.

I remember the early stages of the pandemic, where it was all about how we are superheroes, and everyone was looking up to us to come up with a cure for this unfortunate mess. That seems like so far away because now all we have seems only a fractured shell of that initial feeling. What am I even saying, you ask? We have reached the point where our health workers are being threatened. Yes, actual threats. We have been attacked, vilified, and even racially abused. What happened to us being heroes? What the hell happened to "appreciate the people that have brought us this far?" See what I meant by empty words. The actions of people don't justify the words being uttered.

Some may see this and say I am blaming the public for the woes among health workers; no, I am blaming the stupid sect of people who feel it right to attack health workers. I mentioned

woes not too long ago, and that may even be understating it.

Consider this CDC survey of 26,174 public health workers. About 12% said they have received job-related threats, 53% of respondents reported symptoms of at least one mental in the past two weeks of when the study was conducted. 37% had PTSD symptoms, 32% had depression, 30% had anxiety, and 8.4% had suicide ideation. Look at this and give me a more appropriate word that "woes."

The pandemic is hard on all of us, but we often tend to forget that the very people who are helping us manage this dangerous situation need care and help too. People just automatically expect doctors and other public health workers to be fine, but how can that be possible when we work for hours and hours a day nonstop, seeing bodies lined up steadily, and on top of all that have people abuse and insult us?

It's high time we focused on our health workers. It's high time we consider how the pandemic has affected them too. It is high time we stopped criticizing them for doing their jobs.



Enough is enough. Health workers have brought us this far, and they can see us through the rest of the journey, however rocky it may appear. But they have to be mentally fit to do that.

What's the ultimate way to helping public health workers? To end this pandemic once and for all. We all thought we were close, but reality often is disappointing.

What's the immediate way of helping health workers? Get vaccinated and follow necessary

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FDA APPROVES VACCINE

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panded to include those 12 through 15 years of age on May 10, 2021. EUAs can be used by the FDA during public health emergencies to provide access to medical products that may be effective in preventing, diagnosing, or treating a disease, provided that the FDA determines that the known and potential benefits of a product, when used to prevent, diagnose, or treat the disease, outweigh the known and potential risks of the product.

FDA-approved vaccines undergo the agency's standard process for reviewing the quality, safety and effectiveness of medical products. For all vaccines, the FDA evaluates data and information included in the manufacturer's submission of a biologics license application (BLA). A BLA is a comprehensive document that is submitted to the agency providing very specific requirements.

For Comirnaty, the BLA builds on the extensive data and information previously submitted that supported the EUA, such

as preclinical and clinical data and information, as well as details of the manufacturing process, vaccine testing results to ensure vaccine quality, and inspections of the sites where the vaccine is made. The agency conducts its own analyses of the information in the BLA to make sure the vaccine is safe and effective and meets the FDA's standards for approval.

Comirnaty contains messenger RNA (mRNA), a kind of genetic material. The mRNA is used by the body to make a mimic of one of the proteins in the virus that causes COVID-19. The result of a person receiving this vaccine is that their immune system will ultimately react defensively to the virus that causes COVID-19. The mRNA in Comirnaty is only present in the body for a short time and is not incorporated into - nor does it alter - an individual's genetic material. Comirnaty has the same formulation as the EUA vaccine and is administered as a series of two doses, three weeks apart.

"Our scientific and medical experts conducted an incredibly thorough and thoughtful evalua-

tion of this vaccine. We evaluated scientific data and information included in hundreds of thousands of pages, conducted our own analyses of Comirnaty's safety and effectiveness, and performed a detailed assessment of the manufacturing processes, including inspections of the manufacturing facilities," said Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., director of FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

"We have not lost sight that the COVID-19 public health crisis continues in the U.S. and that the public is counting on safe and effective vaccines. The public and medical community can be confident that although we approved this vaccine expeditiously, it was fully in keeping with our existing high standards for vaccines in the U.S."

The first EUA, issued Dec. 11, for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for individuals 16 years of age and older was based on safety and effectiveness data from a randomized, controlled, blinded ongoing clinical trial of thousands of individuals.

To support the FDA's approval decision, the FDA re-

viewed updated data from the clinical trial which supported the EUA and included a longer duration of follow-up in a larger clinical trial population.

Specifically, in the FDA's review for approval, the agency analyzed effectiveness data from approximately 20,000 vaccine and 20,000 placebo recipients ages 16 and older who did not have evidence of the COVID-19 virus infection within a week of receiving the second dose. The safety of Comirnaty was evaluated in approximately 22,000 people who received the vaccine and 22,000 people who received a placebo 16 years of age and older.

Based on results from the clinical trial, the vaccine was 91% effective in preventing COVID-19 disease.

More than half of the clinical trial participants were followed for safety outcomes for at least four months after the second dose. Overall, approximately 12,000 recipients have been followed for at least 6 months.

The most commonly reported side effects by those clinical trial participants who received

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U.S. SUBMITS TO TALIBAN

UNITED STATES

As the chaos in Afghanistan continues, the Taliban have issued an order on the evacuation, and it would appear that the U.S. - superior in every regard in military might - is going to submit to that order and bend the knee.

The Biden Administration has announced that it would do its best to adhere to an Aug. 31 deadline for all American troops to be withdrawn from Afghanistan. This comes as the evacuation of U.S. citizens and supporters have been desperately trying to flee in fear for their lives should they be subjected to Taliban rule. The evacuation has been so hasty that billions of dollars in U.S. resources are being left behind - for the Taliban to claim.

All of this is a far cry from when the United States went into Afghanistan in 2001 to root out 9/11 mastermind Osama Bin Laden and his Al-Qaeda terror network, after the Taliban refuse to hand them over. After the Taliban was ousted, Hamid Karzai, whom the Kabul airport is named after, was installed as its new president.

Since then, the fighting has not stopped, with the Taliban somehow growing stronger despite being forced out of power. Now, as the world approaches the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, the group that harbored those responsible are back, and even more formidable than before. Soldiers who fought in the war and lost brothers and sisters in combat are left to wonder, what happened?

With the mandatory evacuation being carried out to the Taliban's liking, it looks as if the United States lost the war in Afghanistan.

APPEAL MADE FOR HAITI

CARIBBEAN

The UN and partners have launched a \$187.3 million appeal

to support half a million people affected by the deadly earthquake in southwestern Haiti nearly two weeks ago.

This funding will be used to provide shelter, water and sanitation, emergency healthcare, food, protection and early recovery.

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake on Aug. 14 killed more than 2,200 people and injured over 12,000 others. More than 130,000 homes were destroyed or damaged, along with other infrastructure such as roads.

The tragedy was followed by Tropical Storm Grace just two days later, which dumped extremely heavy rains in affected areas, causing flash floods and mudslides.

In the immediate aftermath of the disaster, aid partners, under the leadership of the Haitian Government, began a massive relief operation. Search and rescue, and medical teams, are working to find survivors and provide urgent medical care in hard-to-reach areas.

The earthquake impacted some 800,000 Haitians. The appeal targets 500,000 of the most vulnerable people of the 650,000 identified to be in need of assistance.

UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, who travelled to Haiti last week, witnessed firsthand the disastrous humanitarian situation, and the pain and suffering of those who lived through the earthquake.

"The UN and our international partners need the support of the international community in providing vital supplies to help us build back better from this catastrophe. We cannot and must not leave the people of Haiti behind," she said in a video message shared on Twitter.

Meanwhile, a surge in gang-related violence in recent months has displaced roughly 19,000 people in areas near the Haitian capital, which has made it difficult to reach the areas affected by the earthquake.

VACCINE APPROVED FOR AGES 12-17

EUROPE

An extension to the current UK approval of the Spikevax

vaccine (formerly COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna) that allows its use in 12- to 17-year-olds has been authorized by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

This Conditional Marketing Authorization (CMA) extension granted by the MHRA is valid in Great Britain only and was approved via the European Commission (EC) Decision Reliance Route. This is when the marketing authorization application made by the company references the decision made by the EMA's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP).

Spikevax is authorized in children aged 12-17 years in Northern Ireland under the CMA extension granted by the European Medicines Agency on July 23, 2021.

Dr June Raine, MHRA Chief Executive said: "I am pleased to confirm that that the COVID-19 vaccine made by Moderna has now been authorized in 12-17 year olds. The vaccine is safe and effective in this age group.

"We have in place a comprehensive safety surveillance strategy for monitoring the safety of all UK-approved COVID-19 vaccines and this surveillance will include the 12- to 17-year age group.

"It is for the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization (JCVI) to advise on whether this age group should be vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine made by Moderna as part of the deployment program."

The Spikevax vaccine is already authorized in adults aged 18 years and over. No new side effects were identified and the safety data in children was comparable with that seen in young adults. As in young adults, the majority of adverse events were mild to moderate and relating to reactogenicity, such as a sore arm or tiredness.

TENSION OVER HYPERTENSION

WORLD

The vast majority of people with hypertension (high blood pressure) - a serious medical condition that significantly increases the risks of heart, brain, kidney and other diseases - live in low and middle-incomes

countries, a World Health Organization (WHO) report released on Aug. 25 has revealed.

The study, which was co-led by Imperial College London, found that 82 percent of all people with hypertension, around one billion, live in low and middle-income countries.

Researchers found that Canada, Peru and Switzerland had among the lowest prevalence of hypertension in the world in 2019, while some of the highest rates were seen in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Paraguay for women and Hungary, Paraguay and Poland for men.

Although it is straightforward to diagnose hypertension and relatively easy to treat the condition with low-cost drugs, the study revealed significant gaps in diagnosis and treatment. About 580 million people with hypertension were unaware of their condition because they were never diagnosed. The study also indicated that more than half of people with hypertension, or a total of 720 million people, were not receiving the treatment that they needed.

Men and women in Canada, Iceland and the Republic of Korea were most likely to receive medication to treat and control their hypertension, with more than 70 percent of those with the condition receiving treatment in 2019. In comparison, men and women in sub-Saharan Africa, central, south and southeast Asia, and Pacific Island nations are the least likely to be receiving medication.

Professor Majid Ezzati, senior author of the study and Professor of Global Environmental Health at the School of Public Health at Imperial College London, said, "Nearly half a century after we started treating hypertension, which is easy to diagnose and treat with low-cost medicines, it is a public health failure that so many of the people with high blood pressure in the world are still not getting the treatment they need."

The overall number of adults aged 30-79 years with hypertension has doubled from 650 million to 1.28 billion. However, this is primarily down to population growth and ageing, and the percentage of people who have hypertension has changed little since 1990.

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Starting A Business: Part 7

Our efforts in all endeavors should bring the results that we are looking for. For the past couple of weeks, we have focused on sharing information about starting a new business. In an economy where many people are underpaid, it is a great opportunity to increase one's income by starting a new business. Further, every single year we do have many people starting businesses. The problem is that many of them end up failing and closing their doors to the public for good.

By sharing this information, it is my hope that new entrepreneurs will be able to pick positive strategies that they can utilize in setting up their businesses successfully.

Over the years I have had ample opportunities to work with a number of entrepreneurs. From my experience, there are some constants with all those entrepreneurs that succeed.

When you decide to start a business, please note that it will require a strong level of determination on your part. The entrepreneurs that I worked with who succeeded, all had this unique trait. They were positive thinkers who had determined that they would do all in their power to make the business succeed. As a result, when challenges and obstacles appeared, such people were very determined and made all efforts to overcome the obstacles. This is a major factor that set them apart from those that failed in business.

A client of mine many years ago was faced with a technical problem when he was installing the equipment for his food processing business. This problem could have derailed the project. Professional engineers told my client that he would have to simply order new equipment and eat the loss. My client was not very educated, having stopped school at the grade level. However, he rose to the occasion. My client made efforts to resolve the problem after getting all the details from the engineers. Then he tried a number of appropriate technologies. One of them worked!

There will have to be sacrifice in terms of your time commitment. A new business is like a newborn. It requires ample time and dedication. Once you decide to start a business, make the time to ensure that you are doing everything possible for the business to succeed. You own the business, and you are the leader, the best person to set the pace for the business. Others who join you as employees will have to follow your lead. Make it a good example for them to follow.

Make it a point to learn as much as you can about the business. Become a consumer of all things business. Go to the library and look for business materials. Check online for resources that can help you upgrade your business knowledge. Listen to Business News segments regularly. Read the newspapers online and continue to build your overall knowledge about business. Consume as much relevant material as possible about your business. Be prepared to learn quite a lot of new things.

While it may seem overwhelming, please remember that many of those we admire today for the amazing accomplishments in business, did not start with all the relevant knowledge. They did exactly what I am describing, they became sponges for business knowledge. Steve Jobs never went to business school. Bill Gates dropped out

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Caldwell	643	16	647	16
Cedar Grove	1611	121	1627	121
East Orange	7450	315	7506	315
Essex Fells	203	2	207	2
Fairfield	919	31	935	31
Glen Ridge	417	14	425	14
Irvington	4983	237	5038	238
Livingston	1944	88	1969	88
Maplewood	1399	37	1423	37
Millburn	865	10	884	10
Montclair	2389	73	2425	73
Newark	38291	1021	38648	1027
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Nutley	3160	66	3198	66
Orange	3684	136	3719	137
Roseland	491	16	496	16
South Orange	939	16	950	16
Verona	1045	18	1059	18
West Caldwell	1094	54	1113	54
West Orange	4748	232	4794	233
Total	88212	2750	89127	2759

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of August 25, 2021)
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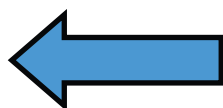
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ORANGE MAYOR GETS SMOKED BY COUNCIL'S BLUNT VETO

By Walter Elliott

ORANGE - The City of Orange Township, at least for now, has joined South Orange, Glen Ridge and Nutley as "Local Talk" towns that will not host Cannabis-Based Businesses into 2026.

The same five Orange City Council members who passed the CBB-banning Ordinance 14-2021 Aug. 4 overrode Mayor Dwayne D. Warren's Aug. 14 veto in an "Emergency Meeting" held on Orange City Hall's front lawn after 7:30 p.m. Aug. 20. They stood outside of the locked 29 North Day St. building after Mayor Dwayne D. Warren had withheld his administrators and employees from attending or participating in the council's intended 7 p.m. "Special Meeting."

The council's "buzzer-beater," which places Orange among other municipalities who are saying "No" to CBBs for five years, came within five hours of the State of New Jersey's 12:01 a.m. Aug. 21 deadline for all 565 Garden State towns to say if they will allow, restrict or prohibit said businesses.

Several "Local Talk" towns' elders passed legislation permitting limited cannabis cultivation, manufacture, wholesaling, distributing, retailing and delivery establishments - going by the categories outlined in state legislation - in the last two weeks.

The state legislation, signed by Gov. Phil Murphy Feb. 22, allows municipalities to temporarily ban CBBs for five years. The temporary prohibition allows those banning towns to see how state regulation and neighboring burgs and hamlets fare before opening - or keep closed - their doors.

It is to the understanding of "Local Talk" that those municipalities that have not passed a CBB ordinance one way or another will have opened themselves to all N.J. Cannabis Regulatory Commission-permitted classes for the next five years. Those said municipalities still retain the power to accept or reject CBB permit applications.

The five South Orange

Board of Village Trustees present Aug. 9 approved Ordinance 2021-17, which temporarily "prohibits any class of cannabis business within its geographical boundaries."

Trustee Bob Zuckerman cited recommendations by the South Orange Cannabis Task Force and N.J. League of Municipalities for the opting-out.

"We reserve our right to allow commercial CBBs based on a full understanding of the state regulations and to preserve our ability to craft zoning and other regulations that best serve our community," said Zuckerman, who heads the village task force. "We look forward to hosting a community-wide conversation on this topic in early fall."

Zuckerman, the SOCTF and League were referring to the still-developing rules from N.J. Cannabis Regulatory Commission. The commission issued 160 pages of regulations Aug. 19.

NJCRC Chairwoman Diana Houenou, who had worked with the Newark Police Division and the ACLU-NJ on marijuana evidence, told WNYC Radio host (and Maplewood resident) Nancy Solomon Aug. 23 that more detailed more regulations will be coming now that the municipalities have taken sides.

"Some municipalities have opened their arms to CBBs and some have placed regulations," said Houenou on Monday's "Brian Lehrer Show." "Some towns are conservative and CBBs aren't keeping with their constituents; some are waiting to see what the regulations are and how they work."

Orange elders' 17-day back-and-forth until the last worknight had an unintended consequence. Ord. 14-2021's passage, veto and override showed a split on this matter between a majority of the City Council on one side and the two dissenting councilwomen and Mayor Warren's Administration on the other side.

Coley, bill sponsor and North Ward Councilwoman Tency Eason, West Ward Councilman Harold Johnson and At-Large Councilmen Clifford Ross and Wheldon "Monty" Monta-

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gue III, before 29 North Day St.'s locked front door and an Instagram feed, all voted to override Warren's veto.

City Clerk Joyce Lanier electronically posted the 7:30 p.m. Friday emergency meeting as soon as "the majority of the Council" learned that the Mayor would not allow his administrators to attend or participate in the Council's 7 p.m. Aug. 20 "Special Meeting" to "discuss" 14-2021.

Warren cited "legal reasons" for keeping the city attorney, the business administrator and other department heads away from the 7 p.m. special meeting. Lanier and her staff were present at 7:30 for her office serves at the council's pleasure.

Warren's withdrawal of his administrators explains why those who tried to long on Zoom with numbers posted with the Aug. 18 "Special Meeting" announcement were unable to connect before and after 7 p.m. This also explains why neither meeting was carried live by the Orange TV35 public access television channel.

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten and South Ward Col-

league Jamie Summers-Johnson were absent from Friday's intended and emergency meetings. It is not clear to "Local Talk" whether they had received both meetings' notifications.

What Summers-Johnson made clear to "Local Talk" Aug. 23 that she and Wooten are continuing a petition drive to have the Council consider "legislation with sensible regulations."

The councilwomen had also posted an Aug. 11 open letter to Orange residents restating their procedural complaints against Coley and that the five votes to pass Ord. 14-2021 "also banned tax revenue to help Orange residents."

Summers-Johnson and Wooten were referring to state cannabis regulation allowing municipalities to levy a maximum one-to-two percent tax, depending on the CBB category. How much tax revenue Orange and other towns would realize, however, is dependent on the number of licenses the state and towns approve and market forces.

The dissenting councilwomen posted their open letter and started their petition drive after the

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TOWN WATCH

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

MILDRED CRUMP RESIGNS

NEWARK - The Municipal Council's makeup immediately changed during their Aug. 24 special meeting in the wake of Council President and At-Large Councilwoman Mildred Crump's sudden resignation.

Crump, 82, citing health reasons, had City Clerk Kenneth Louis announce her departure at the Tuesday afternoon meeting's start. She leaves with 10.5 months left to her fifth term. She has served on the council for 15 years over a 27-year span.

The Crump name on the council continues through her son. Chief of Staff Cecil Lawrence "Larry" Crump, Esq. was promoted late Tuesday to at least complete his mother's term.

Luis Quintana, "the Dean of the Municipal Council," was immediately reappointed as council president. Central Ward Councilwoman LaMonica McIver was promoted to Council Vice President. Both L. Crump and Quintana were voted by council members and were sworn into their new positions that Tuesday meeting.

The Detroit native has been a frequent trailblazer within and outside of City Hall, starting with her becoming the first African American Braille teacher in Michigan and New Jersey. Her advocacy for the disabled, women, children, senior citizens, working families and those in need led her to run for, and get elected, to an at-large council seat in 1994.

Newark's first African American woman council member lost her seat when she finished third in the 1998 mayoral race to in-

cumbent Sharpe James and State Sen. Ronald L. Rice. The Rutgers University masters in public administration graduate was returned as part of the swept-in Mayor Cory Booker team in 2006.

A majority of participating voters returned Crump in 2010, and as part of Ras Baraka's Moving Newark Forward Team in 2014 and 18. She became the first female Council President in 2010.

IRVINGTON - The Aug. 19 police pursuit from Newark of four robbery suspects and their apprehension in East Orange have at least three Irvington ties.

Newark Public Safety Director Brian O'Hara said, on Aug. 20, that his officers first reported to a pair of robberies in The Ironbound 10:35-50 a.m. that Thursday. Both victims, one at Union Street by Hamilton and the other at Monroe and Market streets, said two suspects got out of a car and proceeded with purse-snatching. One of the suspects either pushed an object into her abdomen in the first, and stabbed and punched the other, while the second made the grab.

Both victims said the suspects came and left in a white 2018 Mercedes-Benz - the same one that was reported as stolen earlier in Irvington.

An Irvington police patrol spotted the wanted Mercedes in the township and alerted their Newark colleagues. They and the Essex County Sheriff's Office - pursued the Mercedes until the suspects abandoned it on the Garden State Parkway's right shoulder and ran through Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The foursome was arrested by East Orange police along the 600 block of Central Avenue.

A 14-year-old girl was taken into juvenile custody along with a 14-year-old Newark girl and two 16-year-old Newark boys. The foursome were charged with two counts each of robbery, conspiracy, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession thereof for an unlawful purpose plus a count of aggravated assault.

EAST ORANGE - South Maple Avenue's southernmost block has been renamed after one of its residents, the late Fourth Ward

Councilwoman Sharon Fields, here Aug. 16.

A ceremony that Monday unveiled a "Hon. Sharon Fields Way" street sign by Fields' family and city officials at the southeast corner of Maple and Central Avenue. It will be visible for those headed to the nearby Dionne Warwick Institute of Economics and Entrepreneurship and across from the Dunkin' Donuts.

The sign honors Fields who was a Fourth Ward Councilwoman 2005-15, Her public service includes being an administrative assistant at the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center and as an aide to then-State Assemblywoman Sheila Y. Oliver plus the Newark Board of Education and the Seton Hall Law School Legal Education Opportunity Program.

The East Orange Democratic Committee district ward leader was also honored for her volunteerism, including the Offender Aid and Restoration Project for Children and the East Orange Falcons Football Team.

Fields, 73, died in Newark's University Hospital June 27.

The South Maple and Central T-intersection acquired the then-EOSD Lincoln Elementary school in 1909 and one of the first Dunkin' Donuts shops in the early 1950s. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, across Central Avenue, opened its front gate in 1859.

ORANGE - Details on what led to an Orange police officer getting shot some two blocks northeast of the department's headquarters may be well released after press time.

"Local Talk" has learned that the officer in question was responding to a call from Elm and Hillyer streets when he was shot in one of his legs just before 9 p.m. the T-intersection itself is just across the border in East Orange.

One report has OPD units responding to "an officer assist" with a foot pursuit of a suspect on the Orange East Ward-East Orange Brick Church border at 8:45 p.m.

The shot officer, said a city spokesman, was rushed by a colleague to Newark's University Hospital. The injury was listed

as non-life-threatening and fully recoverable.

The Essex County Prosecutor's Office took the on-scene investigation's lead by 9:30 p.m.

WABC-7 Eyewitness News reported that one suspect was taken into custody, and another remains at large. Two handguns and a shell casing, as shown on WNBC News 4 New York footage, were recovered.

WEST ORANGE - A pair of malnourished pit bulls, separately found by township residents or officials in Eagle Rock Reservation Aug. 15-16, are getting prepared for adoption while you read this.

A West Orange Department of Recreation employee found the male in the reservation that Sunday morning and contacted the Montclair Animal Shelter. The male - named "Smooch," or "Bo" - had his ribs showing and nails so long that it hurt him when he walked.

The son of West Orange Board of Education member Jennifer Tunnicliffe found the female pit bull in another part of the reservation that Monday. "Baby," who also showed signs of starvation was also taken to the Montclair shelter.

Shelter and animal control officers suspect that "Smooch/Bo" and "Baby" were probably owned by people who practice backyard breeding - where dogs are mated for profit. These two dogs were likely abandoned after their mating days were over.

The Montclair shelter may put both canines up for adoption since the seven-day waiting period for their owners to show up has passed. A GoFundMe.com has been established with the Essex County Sheriff's Office as a reward for finding the backyard breeder(s).

DATE CORRECTION

The \$13 million bond issue the Township Council had recessed, or tabled Aug. 17 will have their first opportunity to lift from the table at their Sept. 14 meeting - not Dec. 14 as first reported.

SOUTH ORANGE - A village resident may have found out the

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ORANGE MAYOR GETS

SMOKED BY COUNCIL'S

BLUNT VETO

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initial Aug. 4 ban passage and before Mayor Warren's Aug. 14 veto.

Seven Oaks Society member James Ward posted on Facebook 9 p.m. Aug. 24 that a Warren Administration representative may have warned of a roadblock to the said petition.

"We received notice from the City of Orange Township contracted law attorney, Joseph A. Garcia, Esq.," said Ward, "that any referendum seeking to amend a zoning ordinance cannot be challenged by referendum - and charged the Clerk's office not to accept petitions pertaining to 14-2021."

Garcia, of Secaucus, may well have a specialized professional services contract with the Warren Administration. He does not have a phone number or email address on the city's directories.

"Ordinance 14-2021 is potentially void as certain votes were improperly cast, and council members may have held illegal deliberations between the first (March 16) and second (April 20 or Aug. 4) readings of this legislation," declared Warren in his veto. "The ordinance is potentially void."

The Council had passed the introduction of 14-2021 March 16 and held a second reading and public hearing April 20. Orange elders then voted to table the bill until Aug. 4. a final reading and public comment were held before they voted for the ban bill, 5-2.

The mayor may have been referring to the two councilwomen's complaint on their Aug. 11 joint letter and at the Aug. 4 meeting that they were left out of council discussions on the ordinance by Coley.

"The Mayor, at a May 5 Open House (on CBBs) said he would send a revised ordinance; the City Clerk didn't receive it until June 15," said Coley Aug. 4. "A majority of the Council sent the Mayor a list of questions; to this day, we've had no replay. Absent of the input from the Administration, the majority of the council has come to the

end of the road and will vote for the ordinance."

"By a 'majority of the Council,' did you include us?" responded Wooten. "We weren't included. Just like with the Municipal Budget, this (ordinance) is our document. Our job is to legislate - not the Administration's."

Wooten and Summers-Johnson held two CBB open houses in the Spring, including the May 5 session where Warren appeared.

Vast majorities of public speakers April 20 and Aug. 4 spoke in favor of establishing CBBs here and against the banning ordinance.

A majority of participating "Local Talk" area and statewide voters, with percentages in the 60s and 70s, passed the public question referendum permitting the regulated supply, distribution and use of recreational marijuana. Its passage prompted the State Legislature to create the NJCRC and the six CBB classes.

Herewith a summary of CBB status among Local Talk towns.

Newark: Limited Permission: Passed Ord. 6PSF-an(s) Aug. 17; passed 21-1198, waiving 20-day ordinance effectiveness wait period, Aug. 19 special meeting

Irvington: Permits. Passed ordinance Aug. 10.

East Orange: Permits. Passed Ord. 43-2021 and waived 20-day enactment waiting period in special meeting Aug. 20.

Orange: Banned. Passed Ord. 14-2021 Aug. 20 by overriding mayor's veto.

West Orange: Limited Permission: Passed Ord., 188-21, creating a "Cannabis Entity Advisory Working Group July 13.

South Orange: Banned. Passed Ord. 2021-17 Aug. 9.

Maplewood: Permits. Passed 3041-21, Amending Zoning and Development Regulations, July 20th.

Bloomfield: Permits "Limited Class 5 CBBs." Passed amendment to Township Code Chap-

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SPORTS WRAP

By William Hathaway, Jr.

The National Football League has finished Week 2 of its preseason. First, the New York Jets are now 2-0 this preseason after a surprise 23-14 victory over the Green Bay Packers. Rookie QB Zack Wilson led the Jets with 128 yards and two touchdowns.

The next day, the New York Giants lost to the Cleveland Browns after some spirited joint practices. Big Blue took the loss 17-13 with most of the starters getting the day off. Both local area teams will finish the preseason at home, in which the Jets will play their annual contest against the Philadelphia Eagles,

while the Giants will host the New England Patriots.

Next week, local New Jersey high school football teams will be in action, with Seton Hall Prep playing at home against Pope John in West Orange, while West Side will be playing this Friday at Northern Highlands.

Finally, Serena Williams withdrew from the US Open due to ma torn hamstring. She joins the likes of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal in a list of great tennis stars not participating. If Novak Djokovic wins, then he will earn a calendar Grand Slam, winning all four majors in the same year.

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Montclair: Permits. Passes Ords. 0-21-17, -18, 19 -- Regulation/Amending Zoning Chapter 347/Use of Taxes in Cannabis Transactions Aug. 10.

Glen Ridge: Banned. Passed Ord. 1746 April 12.

Belleville: Permits Passed amendment of Township Code 23-Zoning Aug. 17

Nutley: Banned. Passed Ord. 3473 June 8.



From The Pastor's Heart

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

Storming The Gate

The images at the Kabul airport have been very emotional. After the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan and finally the City of Kabul, thousands of people rushed to Hamid Karzai International Airport. Most of the crowds were outside the gate, but some broke through and gathered in normally restricted areas on the airport's aprons. One cropped view released by the Maxar satellite group showed people on the airport runway, with military or security vehicles parked nearby. Some people were climbing on the plane on the tarmac so that the evacuation of American Citizens and eligible Afghans, who had worked for the Americans and Allies during the war effort, had to be stopped.

After some order was restored and the evacuation efforts continued, nearly 100,000 people have been evacuated at the time of writing. At the same time, one must be shocked by the number of people stuck at the gate; some became frustrated and turned away or stopped by the Taliban before reaching the gate. The images of the little children clinging to their parents or sitting on mats waiting for their parents to be processed at

the airport are profoundly striking. Though efforts at blaming are many, this operation is characterized as one of the greatest post-war evacuations by an American army. And for those who will admit the truth about war, it is clear that wars are messy and defeated armies are never the ones who go home and throw parades.

Of course, the first thing that appealed to me to reflect on the storming at the Kabul airport gate is that many of the persons who presented themselves did not have the necessary papers to be present. However, they saw a door opening to freedom: whether in the United States of America or some other place, freedoms that they do not or will not have in Afghanistan.

The women and girls are feeling particularly vulnerable under Taliban rule because they will not be able to have the right to education or the other freedoms they enjoyed over the 20 years of the war. Many men, too, wish for the freedoms claimed in other parts of the world. But they are not sure what will happen, so they decided to storm the gate.

Let me compare what happened in Kabul to the biblical story of the Great Flood (Genesis 6-9) when the door of the Ark was shut by the hand of God (Genesis 7:15), and the rain began to fall, and the multitude began to knock on the door, asking Noah to let them in. Unfortunately, there are no satellite images that recorded the event. Although biblical history makes clear references to it, and the geological records show evidence, many today doubt the biblical

record and the traditional interpretations that declare it; yes, many deny it. When the door of the Ark was shut, and the rain began to fall for 40 days, people rushed to the door and wanted to get in, but it was too late. Only Noah and his family and the animals selected by God were able to be safe in the Ark.

The storming of the gate is projecting my mind to one other event, namely the description of what will happen when Christ returns as the Bible declares and the New Jerusalem descends. The picture portrayed in Revelation 20 that millions of the lost and Satan and his angels will gather together to attack the City of God, and then, fire will come down from heaven and "burn them up."

Of course, the other side of the story is that the millions of those who have obeyed God and gotten their legitimate credentials, by their acceptance of Christ, will be safe inside the City. The picture of the rescue of the saved of the earth might seem trite to those who are not Bible believers, but if the Kabul story is true, and the Flood story is true, and the resurrection of Jesus is true, then we can believe that this description of the gathering of God's people and the storming of the gate at the end is true.

In preparing the world for this final rescue, I can imagine God dialoguing with the angels as the unknown poet asks parents to think of their children:

*I think oftentimes as night
draws nigh
Of the old farmhouse on the*

*hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred
Where the children played at will.
And when the night, at last,
came down
Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around
and ask,
"Are all the children in?"*

*Tis many and many a year
since then,
And the house on the hill
No longer echoes to children's feet
And the yard is still, so still.
But I see it all, the shadows creep,
And though many years have been
Since then, I can hear mother ask,
"Are all the children in?"*

*I wonder if when the shadows fall
On the last short, earthly day,
When we say good-bye to the world outside
All tired with our childish play,
When we step out into that other land
Where mother so long has been,
Will we hear her ask, just as of old,
"Are all the children in?"*

It is worthwhile to prepare for the final event and not wait to storm the gate, but to be safe inside the City. To parents, I would say, "be safe with your children."

NEWARK MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ARMED JEWELRY HEIST

NEWARK - A Newark man was sentenced Aug. 25 to 360 months in prison for his role in the September 2017 armed robbery of a jewelry exchange in Elizabeth, Acting U.S. Attorney Rachael Honig announced.

William Valentin, 43, was previously found guilty of one count of conspiring to commit Hobbs Act robbery, one count of Hobbs Act robbery, one count of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence, and one count of conspiring to use a firearm during a crime of violence. Valentin was convicted following a six-day trial before U.S. District Judge Madeline Cox Arleo, who imposed the sentence in Newark federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and the evidence at trial: On the morning of

Sept. 5, 2017, four masked individuals, led by Valentin, entered a jewelry exchange located in Elizabeth. Valentin brandished a firearm at an employee while the other conspirators unloaded the contents of the store's safes into large bags. Video surveillance showed Valentin and other conspirators entering the mall, approaching the jewelry exchange, and running out with the bags of jewelry. Afterwards, Valentin and his conspirators drove away in a black Audi. In January 2018, Valentin was arrested in Holyoke, Massachusetts, with a backpack containing jewelry stolen from the Elizabeth exchange in his possession.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Arleo sentenced Valentin to five years of

supervised release.

Acting U.S. Attorney Rachael A. Honig credited special agents of the FBI, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge George M. Crouch Jr., in Newark; the Elizabeth Police Department, under the direction of Chief Giacomo Sacca; and the Union County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor William A. Daniel, with the investigation. She also thanked the Holyoke Police Department, under the direction of Chief Manny Febo, for its assistance in the case.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Lauren E. Repole and Cari Fais of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark.

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GRAVEYARD OF THE POWERS

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Modern Afghanistan dates from 1709, when Mirwais Hotak established his kingdom. The Hotak Dynasty lasted until 1738, when Nader Shah captured Kandahar and deposed the Hotak Dynasty. The Durrani Dynasty took power in 1747. Ahmad Shah Durrani was the founder of the Durrani Empire and of modern Afghanistan. He reigned 1747-1772. After his death, wars for the throne between his successors weakened the empire. The last emperor, Shah Shujah Durrani, was assassinated in 1842.

The first colonial power in Afghanistan was the British Empire. In the 1800s, Britain was involved in "the Great Game". The British needed Afghanistan to counter the influence of the Russian Empire. India, the crown jewel of the British Empire, was next to Afghanistan. For this reason, Britain needed to control Afghanistan in order to safeguard its interests.

Between 1839-1919 three Anglo-Afghan Wars (1839-

1842, 1878-1880, 1919) were fought. In 1842, the Afghans defeated a British force of 16,000. Of these, only a few managed to return to Europe. It was not until the end of the Third Anglo-Afghan War (1919) that Afghanistan became independent. By then, the Russian Empire had fallen apart. Civil war raged between Red and White forces in Russia. The Reds won, and the Soviet Union was declared in 1922.

Afghanistan is a mountainous country. There are many passes, caves, nigh-impossible places where fugitives can hide. Bordering Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Pakistan and Iran, Afghanistan has a border that is difficult to police. Indeed, Afghanistan is the number one supplier of opium in the world.

Historically, the people of Afghanistan have never had a good relationship with the central government. Even when the native Barakzai Dynasty (1842-1973) ruled Afghanistan, the emirs and kings were victims of coups, revolts and revolutions. Mohammed Zadir Shah, the last King of Afghanistan ruled 1933-1973 before being deposed by

his cousin. In 1973, Afghanistan was declared a republic.

In 1978, a coup deposed the president. A year later, in December 1979, Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan. There followed a decade of war between the mujahideen, who fought to free the country from Soviet rule, and the Soviet Union. When Soviet troops withdrew in 1989, they took their puppet, Babrak Karmal, with them. Najibullah, the next ruler, did not last long. His government fell in 1992 and he himself was hanged for his crimes committed during the Soviet occupation.

The period 1993-1996 was full of strife. Certain factions in the new Afghan government were not happy with how things went. A civil war began, ending only when the Taliban came to power in 1996. Their harsh five-year rule along with the refusal to extradite Osama bin Laden to America brought the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001. Defeated, the Taliban withdrew. They regrouped in 2003 under Mullah Omar. From that point, the Taliban waged a war against the central government in Kabul. So this proves the point that Af-

ghanis have a history of distrust-

ing the central government. Neither the British nor the Russians could completely control the country. Afghans have a dislike of being ruled by foreign powers. As was argued earlier, Afghans distrust the central government in Kabul. A native emir or king, being an Afghan, has a better chance of controlling the country than foreign powers.

Corruption is a major problem in Afghanistan. Because the country is poor, the central government, weak, regional governors have a lot of say. Each governor has his own militia, interests and ideas on how the country should be run. Loyalty in Afghanistan is to the tribe first, the governor second, and the central government, last. This is why corrupt officials were able to use Western-provided resources without much oversight. It is also one reason for poverty, as money was used for purposes totally different than originally intended.

Discipline is a key reason why the Taliban won the war. One may not agree with their brand of extremist Islam, but the

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Comirnaty were pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle or joint pain, chills, and fever. The vaccine is effective in preventing COVID-19 and potentially serious outcomes including hospitalization and death.

Additionally, the FDA conducted a rigorous evaluation of the post-authorization safety surveillance data pertaining to myocarditis and pericarditis following administration of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and has determined that the data demonstrate increased risks, particularly within the seven days following the second dose. The ob-

served risk is higher among males under 40 years of age compared to females and older males. The observed risk is highest in males 12 through 17 years of age. Available data from short-term follow-up suggest that most individuals have had resolution of symptoms. However, some individuals required intensive care support. Information is not yet available about potential long-term health outcomes. The Comirnaty Prescribing Information includes a warning about these risks.

The FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have monitoring systems in place to ensure that any safety concerns continue to be identified and evaluated in a timely manner. In addition, the FDA is re-

quiring the company to conduct postmarketing studies to further assess the risks of myocarditis and pericarditis following vaccination with Comirnaty. These studies will include an evaluation of long-term outcomes among individuals who develop myocarditis following vaccination with Comirnaty. In addition, although not FDA requirements, the company has committed to additional post-marketing safety studies, including conducting a pregnancy registry study to evaluate pregnancy and infant outcomes after receipt of Comirnaty during pregnancy.

The FDA granted this application Priority Review. The approval was granted to BioNTech Manufacturing GmbH.

GRAVEYARD OF THE POWERS

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Taliban had better discipline and organization. Discipline, organization and loyalty were qualities that government troops did not have. While Taliban troops were loyal to Islam and their supreme commander, the loyalty of government troops was worse than in Vietnam. At least the South Vietnamese Army held against the Viet Cong for two years after the Americans pulled out in 1973. In Afghanistan, the discipline, morale, and loyalty of government troops was so bad that the Taliban conquered the country in a week.

The difference between Vietnam and Af-

ghanistan is the level of civilization. Unlike Afghanistan, Vietnam has had long periods of rules by kings. Its people recognized the authority of the central government.

Another difference is that the Communists in Vietnam were not ruled by an extremist ideology from the Middle Ages. This is why Vietnam is much better off than Afghanistan is today.

In conclusion, the reasons why Afghanistan is the graveyard of the Great Powers are many. These include geography; a distrust of foreign powers and the central government; corruption; regional and tribal, rather than national loyalty; poverty; lack of military discipline. Under these circumstances, any

attempt to conquer Afghanistan is transitory at best. Even Iraq, with its various tribes, has more of a history with a strong central government.

With the Taliban back in power, one must wonder whether another 9/11 is in the making. The son of Osama Bin Laden has escaped and is at large. Will the Taliban give him refuge or will they refuse? Will al-Qaeda again arise in Afghanistan, or will the Taliban keep it out? Only time will tell.

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protocols. At least we will limit the death toll. Then, and just as important, give health workers the love, respect, and appreciation we deserve - in words and, I cannot emphasize this enough, in

actions. Stay Safe.

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TOWN WATCH

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hard way Aug. 17 that a Presidential pardon can only go so far.

Ken Kurson found himself being arrested and answering to state eavesdropping and computer trespassing charges in a State of New York Manhattan courtroom that Tuesday. Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr. said he had brought the charges on Kurson, who was a "New York Observer" Editor-in-Chief.

Kurson was among the 73 individuals who were pardoned by President Donald J. Trump on Jan. 20 - his last full day in office. Trump granted Kurson clemency from federal-level charges of cyberstalking and

harassment.

Kurson was being considered for a National Endowment for the Humanities board of directors seat in 2018 before his alleged actions against his ex-wife and her fiancé became known. He was accused of adding key-stroke-recording spyware onto his ex's computer from September 2015 to March 2016.

Federal attorneys accused Kurson of making his ex-wife's private content public and writing false Yelp reviews of the fiancé's doctoral practice. The charges caused him to withdraw from pursuing the MEH seat.

"We will not accept Presidential pardons," said Vance of his state charges, "as get-out-of-jail-free cards for the well-connected."

Kurson, according to CNN, was released on his own recogni-

zance after entering no plea.

MAPLEWOOD - The attorney for the man accused of fatally shooting Moussa Fofana and wounding his Columbia High School classmate here June 6 is pursuing a claim of self-defense.

That is what public defender Sterling Kinsdale was making before Superior Court Judge Michael Ravin at Yohan Hernandez's detention hearing in Newark Aug. 11. Kinsdale was speaking for Hernandez, 20, of Newark, who was watching his hearing via Zoom from Newark's Essex County Detention Facility.

Kinsdale said Hernandez told him that he fired a shot at someone who took a swing at him and his younger brother while both parties were on Underhill Field June 6. He said that he "did not know who the other individuals

or what their motives were."

Ravin, Kinsdale and ECPO attorneys agreed to retain Hernandez because the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has a detainer on him. That detainer may lead to Hernandez's deportation, pending the prospective trial's outcome.

The Fofana murder case remains active with possible additional arrests.

BLOOMFIELD - An "on loan" township police officer was recently commended by Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore Stephens II although he had to wait for the case's conclusion to receive it.

Stephens, in his Aug. 9 press release on the outcome of "State of N.J. vs. Harold Colbert, thanked BPD Det. Salvatore (Continued on page 15)

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Cordi and Newark Police Division Sgt. Taray Tucker for their part in the investigation that led to Colbert's arrest and conviction.

"Det. Cordi and Sgt. Tucker were serving on the ECPO's Homicide and Major Crimes Task Force at the time of the shooting," said Stephens. "They helped to bring the case to a successful conclusion."

Cordi and Tucker were among those who were assigned to investigate the Nov. 1, 2018 murder of Daquan Cuttino, 25, of Newark. The officers were part of a rotating detail of county task force members supplied by Bloomfield, Newark and other municipal police departments.

Stephens did not elaborate on what or how Cordi and Tucker contributed to Colbert's apprehension. A State Superior Court-Newark, on Aug. 9, had convicted Colbert, 45, of Irvington, guilty of Cuttino's murder plus unlawful possession of a weapon and possession thereof for an unlawful purpose by a convicted felon. His sentencing is set for Oct. 1.

Cordi was sworn onto BPD Aug. 12, 2013.

MONTCLAIR - Mourners are respectively taking to the Montclair High School Auditorium and/or The JazzHouse Kids donation box to honor Albert Pelham and Thurston Briscoe.

Pelham, 71, best known as NAACP Montclair Branch President and Montclair African-American Heritage Foundation, died Aug. 19. The Montclair native, who was born in Mountainside Hospital, March 30, 1950, started the Montclair Neighborhood Development Corporation's Project Oasis and 20-year human resources director for the Statewide Parents Advocacy Network.

The above was Pelham's second career, having been downsized from Prudential Insurance in 1997 after 18 years' work. The MHS Class of 1968 graduate enlisted in the U.S. Army 1969-71 and earned an accounting degree from Bloomfield College in 1979.

The six-year Christians Changing Culture member is survived by wife Audry Jones Pelham, son Dwayne Jones, daughter Rhonda Pelham, grandchildren Charles IV and Cameron and sisters Dolores Clark, Dorine Gibbs, Joan Pelham and Waulina Pelham among others. Burial at Glendale Cemetery is to follow Friday's 10 a.m. viewing and 11 a.m. funeral. Donations may be made to MAAHF Albert Pelham Scholarship Fund, PO Box 462, 07042.

Thurston Briscoe's mourners are to meanwhile make memorial donations to

Jazzhousekids.org, 347 Bloomfield Ave, 07042 since an in-person service has not been currently planned. Briscoe, 74, a longtime WBGO-Jazz 88.3 FM executive and former NPR radio producer, had battled against throat cancer and Alzheimer's disease until Aug. 16 at the Morristown Medical Center.

Briscoe, who was born July 4, 1947 in Great Bend, Kan., came here to take on WBGO's program direction in 1990. He applied his 15 years' radio production and jazz enthusiasm to help make the 24-hour station one of the most listened-to jazz stations in the U.S.

Briscoe was a Wichita State University theater and speech therapy major who fell in love with music on radio while a classical and jazz host on the campus' KMUW. the late 1960's Army enlistee became a reporter/producer/jazz show host on Eugene, Ore.'s KLCC, and National Public Radio affiliate, in 1976. He moved to Washington, D.C. in 1980 to become the inaugural arts unit member of "Morning Edition" and "Jazz Alive!"

Partner and State Sen. Nia Gill, son Bradley, grandson John and brother Philip are among his survivors.

BELLEVILLE - The township may well be getting those two side-by-side soccer fields, that Mayor Michael Melham told "Local Talk" about July 6, on or around Sept. 15.

The Township Council unanimously approved a resolution at their Aug. 17 meeting for Melham and Township Clerk Kelly Cavanaugh sign a memorandum of understanding with the Players Development Academy Urban Initiative and RWJBarnabas Health Clara Maas Medical Center.

The MOU will allow PDA and Clara Mass to build, run and sponsor two new 70-by-40-foot fenced rectangular fields. The fields, to be sited on the grounds of a Belleville public elementary school property, are the same size as the one opened July 6 at Newark's Bo Porter Recreational Complex at 378 Lyons Ave.

PDA, RWJBH Newark Beth Israel Hospital had backed and built their field for the same purpose as Belleville's twin fields: to promote youth soccer in areas where interest is high but access to free fields is scarce.

NUTLEY - The latest turn in the township's attempt to redevelop the former Ciccolini Brothers property came within the Township Commission's Request for Proposals document.

Those who have ideas for the long-vacant Ciccolini appliance showroom will more than have 537 Franklin Ave. to work with. The "Area in Need of Redevelopment" includes 547 Franklin to the

showroom's immediate north.

547 Franklin is best known as the "Pancake Palace" building, a 106-year-old structure with a street-level restaurant and four apartments above.

Why 547 Franklin, whose pancake house is active, but its apartments are "off-market," is being considered with the damaged 1950s-era showroom is unclear. There is no record of that building suffered any damage when 537's roof partially collapsed after a rainstorm 4:27 p.m. June 8.

Nutley's elders are looking to develop "a mixed-use residential development with active commercial and retail uses fronting those portions of Franklin Avenue."

The township bought the Ciccolini property for \$3.45 million in 2019. It is slated for demolition.

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of Harvard when he recognized the potential of his business. Elon Musk, did not have knowledge of the car industry before he went in. He simply learnt about it and after careful analysis and planning, he took the leap!

Your self-confidence is very important in starting a business. There will be challenges as you start. The key is to be so motivated that the challenges ae seen by you as opportunities! Work hard to overcome any major challenges that you face. The bottom line is that any of those challenges could destroy your dream! We do not want that. As a result, each challenge must be attacked squarely with a focus on overcoming them. Determination and consistency will be your keys to success.

In the next part we will continue with information about starting a new business. Please feel free to share with me your questions and experiences on starting a new business. 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.



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