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9/11 REMEMBERED - 20 YEARS LATER

WEST ORANGE - On Sept. 11, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. hosted Essex County's annual "Essex County Remembers," a solemn ceremony at the Essex County Eagle Rock September 11th Memorial, to mark the 20th anniversary of the tragedies in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania.

Attending the ceremonial laying of a memorial wreath with the County Executive were Commissioner Len Luciano, Deputy Chief of Staff William Payne, United Flight Attendant Deborah Calimano, Sheriff Armando Fontoura, Susan Rossinow whose husband Norman lost his life during the attacks, Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez, Congressional Representatives Mikie Sherrill and Donald Payne, Jr., Commissioner President Wayne Richardson, Commissioner Patricia Sebold and Imam W. Deen Shareef.

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STATUE HONORING MAYOR KENNETH GIBSON UNVEILED IN FRONT OF NEWARK CITY HALL



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Sculpture honors former mayor's life and legacy; Artwork will stand in front of City Hall

Newark, NJ - Sept. 14, 2021 - Mayor Ras J. Baraka, U.S. Representative Donald M. Payne, Jr., Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Essex Coun-

ty Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., the Gibson family, and other dignitaries unveiled a statue honoring former Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson on Sept. 14, in front of City Hall, located on 920 Broad Street.

The eight-foot bronze statue hon-
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IDA STORM RECOVERY MOVING UNEVENLY

By Walter Elliott

ESSEX - "Local Talk" area residents are finding their recovery experiences from Tropical Storm Ida's damage, like car fuel mileage claims, vary.

One can still find water-damaged debris and possessions on curbsides, waiting for regular or special DPW pickup.

Bloomfield's DPW, for instance, has been taking

Governor Murphy praying with Irvington residents affected by the storm. Photo courtesy Gov. Murphy Twitter



their township's refuse to its Grove Street yard. The debris pile, which rose slightly above an adjacent temporary office trailer Sept. 12, was starting to shrink early Sept. 15.

Some businesses, school districts and residents - 15 days since Ida's intense rainstorm and flooding Sept. 1 - are approaching a return to pre-Aug. 31 nor-

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Editorial
 Dhiren Shah
 Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

California Governor Gavin Newsom survived a recall effort by a landslide. He received over 66% of the vote in his favor denying the recall. Most of the time, people have a tendency to say yes on ballot questions. However, this time it was different, as Newsom spent so much money to keep his credibility and future in the political arena. Larry Elder, a Libertarian, conceded his defeat to Newsom, but added that the match is far from over. He will contest in the next election (November 2022).

According to NBC news: “Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles, considered one of the world’s greatest gymnasts, broke down in tears Wednesday as she shared her story as a survivor of being sexual abused by USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar. Biles, who has won 25 world championship medals and seven Olympic medals for Team USA, said in her opening statement that she believes the abuse happened because organizations created by Congress to protect her as an athlete - USA Gymnastics and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee – ‘ailed to do their jobs.’... Her testimony comes after a Justice Department inspector general report released in July detailed the FBI’s mishandling of the case against Nassar. Biles said that after reading the report, she

felt the FBI ‘turned a blind eye to us.’”

What a corrupt system shown in this high-level investigation. The same thing is happening in our local area as well. The system has to be changed, so people can get justice.

COVID-19 has jumped up in the USA and now the new cases were over 142,000 on Sept. 14. The deaths from COVID-19 are a little under 2,000 daily. New cases in the US jumped up about 15 times and deaths are about 6 times higher from June 2021. What is the reason? While I believe that freedom should be there and no one should be forced to vaccinate themselves, I do believe that everyone should get vaccinated, so we do not get sick, and slowly and gradually we can curb this pandemic.

The statue of the first African

American mayor of the Newark, New Jersey has been unveiled at Newark City Hall. Kenneth Gibson was honored in a ceremony on Sept. 14. His impact was huge in Newark, and so it was quite suitable for him to receive such an honor.

Those do not have full auto insurance, may get some money for damages from Tropical Storm Ida. They might be able to get some money through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). You may be qualified for FEMA now that places like Essex County have been added to the Federal Disaster list. Check with FEMA to see if they can address damages to your house, auto, and otherwise.

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next week.

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Full FDA Approval: Exactly What Does It Mean?

The Do you know how many times over the last few months I have heard, “how can we know it’s safe if it doesn’t have full approval?” or something more in the light of, “the vaccines cannot be safe because they are only approved for emergency use.” If you spend quite some time on social media, you’ll have heard

these before too.

It was always a huge bother explaining what emergency approval truly meant to this set of people. Well, that’s no more - thank you, FDA! Before I move into what full approval is, I should say this - the emergency approval does not in any way whatsoever mean the vaccine was and is unsafe for use.

There are due protocols to be followed before the FDA can approve a drug for use. When it comes to vaccines, the regulations are even more stringent because of how delicate vaccines are.

Full approval is definitely the goal of every drug and vaccine because it shows that the FDA has absolute and total trust in the drug, backed by studies and valid clinical tests to show the drug is, indeed, safe.

To get a drug fully approved by the FDA, at least six months of safety data is needed. I’m sure you already see why we couldn’t afford to wait for full approval of the COVID vaccine. I mean, it would have been suicidal to our healthcare system.

If you remember quite well,

there were times before the vaccine came around where hospitals were literally overflowing with sick patients. I’m talking of times where hospitals had to start turning back patients because all beds were filled. The vaccine was our only saving grace, and it came through.

Naturally, vaccines take several years to make and get authorized. Several years in this context may be as much as 15 years. This makes it understandable that the public had reasonable doubt when the vaccines became available after barely nine months. It sounds like the whole process was rushed and, hence, the vaccines could not be trusted.

The fear of many was further reinforced when the vaccines “only” had a EUA (Emergency Use Authorization). But, the reality is that the FDA will never approve a dangerous drug, no matter the context or conditions. If the vaccines were not safe to use, best believe that the FDA will not approve them at all. However, this was not the case with the COVID vaccines. The FDA considered two

months of safety data and then decided to give a EUA.

This was one hundred percent the right move as that reassured a lot of people on taking the vaccine, which is unsurprising considering the high level of trust the public places on the FDA. There was still the clan that believed the vaccine was not safe for use, though, because of the lack of full FDA approval.

This is why it is big news that the FDA has given the Pfizer vaccine full approval. Now, many people who were truly worried about the vaccine’s safety will be encouraged to take them.

I have been saying and will keep on saying, at least until the situation changes, that the vaccine is still our best bet of beating the virus. We need to get people to take them, and full approval is one of these ways.

The Pfizer vaccine still doesn’t have full approval for children between ages 12 and 15. The reason for this is that the studies and data submitted to the FDA for inspection were for

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ors the life and legacy of Mayor Gibson, Newark’s first African American mayor, who served for 16 years, from 1970 to 1986. He led Newark’s efforts to overcome the physical and spiritual damage inflicted upon the city by the 1967 Rebellion.

“Mayor Gibson was so special. Growing up, I knew of him as an icon and a topic of conversation in my household. I knew why he was important for the city and throughout the country,” Mayor Baraka said. “When I became Mayor, he graced me with

opportunities to have conversations with him, not always about politics but also about well-being. He’s helped me make my way through my mayorship in the City of Newark and more than anything he deserves a statue right here in front of City Hall.”

Mayor Gibson is well known for his famous quote, “Wherever America’s cities are going, Newark will get there first.” He passed away in 2019, at 86 years of age.

The sculpture was created by Mississippi native Thomas Jay

Warren and will stand in front of City Hall. Over the course of a 34-year career, Warren has created 50 public monuments in 19 states and Canada. His portfolio of sculptures include U.S. Representative Donald Payne, Sr., as well as civil rights figures Rosa Parks and Medgar Evers. The City commissioned the statue with support from Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., who also installed the artwork. It was funded by Essex County, Prudential, and the Newark Community Impact Fund.

“The Honorable Kenneth Gibson was a transformational figure in both the City of Newark and the State New Jersey,” said Rep. Payne, Jr. “As the first elected African American mayor of a major city in the northeast, his leadership helped Newark rebuild after the Rebellion of 1967 and stabilized city finances. I remember all the good he did for the health of Newark’s residents, especially children. Under his leadership, rates of tuberculosis and infant mortality dropped significantly. Mayor

Gibson was the leader Newark needed to get through a difficult time. I think this statue is a fitting tribute to his legacy.”

“My admiration and respect for Mayor Kenneth Gibson began in 1970 when, as the new Mayor of Newark, his leadership inspired me to pursue a career in public service. After college, he opened new doors for me with a position in his administration during a tumultuous time in Newark history,” said Lt. Gov. Oliver, who serves as Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

“He inspired and encouraged me and gave me a platform to fight for the many injustices I recognized and felt passionate about as a youth - social and economic inequalities such as fair housing, equal employment opportunity, and public health. I proudly served in his administration and will always consider him a role model and a friend. I owe the very foundation of my career in politics and government to him. This statue that is being dedicated to him today

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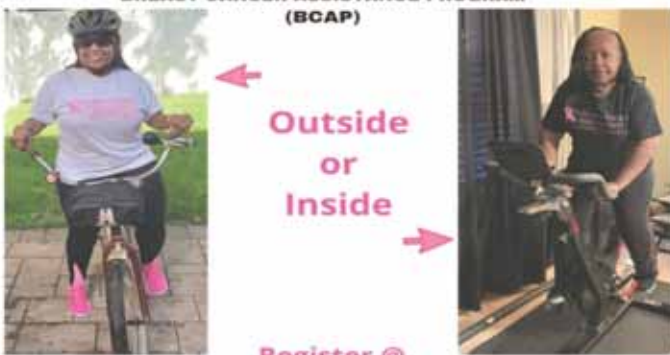
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will forever enshrine his service and positive impact on the great City of Newark."

"Ken Gibson broke barriers when he was elected as the first African American Mayor of Newark and any major northeastern municipality. The city he inherited was still in turmoil after the riots and Ken worked tirelessly to unite its residents and lay the foundation for the city's recovery. His hard work is the basis for the successes in the City that we enjoy today. Having his statue in front of City Hall is an appropriate way to honor Ken who loved his hometown so much," said County Executive DiVincenzo.

"Prudential partnered with Mayor Ken Gibson during all of his terms in some capacity and supported his efforts to move our headquarter city forward," said Shané Harris, Vice President, Inclusive Solutions, Prudential Financial and President of The Prudential Foundation. "Placing a statue at City Hall will help raise awareness of his legacy as the first black mayor of a major northeastern city."

"Ken loved coming to City Hall every day. Having the statue right here, he would be very happy," said Mrs. Camille Gibson, wife of the late Mayor Gibson. "And it's a beautiful likeness."

"On behalf of the family, my sisters and I, this moment makes us so proud, because we know what the City of Newark meant to our father. We know that he loved this city, and we believe that this is exactly where he should be remembered," said Cheryl Gibson, Mayor Gibson's daughter. "This is befitting of him and we will never forget what Mayor Baraka, County Executive DiVincenzo, and the entire City Council has done to memorialize my father. We're humbled by this experience."

IDA STORM RECOVERY

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mality. Some others, however, are still dealing with displacement, damage assessment and bureaucracy.

Public schools within Local Talk territory have practically reopened to full-time in-person learning as of Sept. 13. It is the first time that students, teachers and staff have returned to personal five-day-a-week learning since a statewide COVID lockdown was imposed March 15, 2020.

Sept. 13 was when all 11 South Orange-Maplewood

School District opened for all grade levels. The two-town district was to have a Sept. 9-10 staged "Back to School" days before Ida flooded or otherwise damaged some of its buildings.

Dr. Robert Taylor, after a briefing with his facilities team Sept. 6, turned his Sept. 2 "tentative" Monday reopening to "confirmed" Sept. 9. Teachers and staff were to report back to their buildings to finalize their 2021-22 school year preparations.

It is not immediately known if a shortage of SOMSD school buses, due to flood damage along the Rahway River East

Branch, caused any Monday delays.

Maplewood police chief Jim DeVaul said he had issued curbside parking passes to those SOMSD staff who were reporting to the six schools in that township.

DeVaul advised parents and legal guardians to anticipate parking and dropping off/picking up their students further away and that some streets near the schools may be temporarily closed.

"District construction projects and COVID space restrictions," said DeVaul, "will impact traffic, parking and pe-

destrians walking to and around our schools in Maplewood."

Montclair Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Ponds, after touring his district's 11 schools on their Sept. 9 "First Day of School," found only several classrooms in Montclair High School's main building closed for construction.

Flooding at MHS, said head custodian Brian Bunk, "was the worst I've seen in 30 years." Ida-driven waters had also inundated the basements or ground floors of the Bradford and Hillside elementary schools. A tree had fallen onto the Edge-

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Moses Ayiku, Jr. MBA OP/ED

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How can we gain business success? The first step is to identify what you want to do in business. Only you can find the answer. You can get guidance and support from others but eventually the final decision lies with you. You are the one who will have to take the risk. You are the one who will become the face of the company. Your every decision could assist you to rise in the business world or fall. Get ready for this journey!

Find your peaceful place and ask yourself the hard questions. What exactly can I provide the market and get paid well for? What are the resources that I need to succeed? Has anyone ever done what I am trying to do? That is not a bad thing if others have already tried what you are now attempting to do.

What would be a crime is not researching and finding out how those who started before you succeeded. What were the peculiar challenges that they faced? How did they overcome those challenges?

Time holds an important part in your overall goals and plans. To succeed in business, one needs to reassess the way time is viewed and utilized. We all know that resources are important in any business. Land, labor, capital and entrepreneurial ability are all very important as the four key economic resources. However, one resource we do not focus on which is so important is time!

You could be sitting on your sofa and planning a business. This started in 2008. It is now 2021. Be firm and assess how far your sofa idea has gone. If you are still on the sofa and have not accomplished any of your sofa ideas, then perhaps it is time for you to make some changes to get better results.

It would be very helpful to set up a monthly calendar of goals. What are the most important things that you need to accomplish to get your business started? List all the goals that you intend to accomplish. Then add a timeline for each goal. After, identify the resources and efforts required to achieve each goal. Write it down so that you can follow up, revise, and use this information to further your goals.

Most folks would encourage you to ensure that your goals are SMART. In other words, your goals should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and within an anchored time frame. Review your calendar of activities and make sure to prioritize the most important goals first. Assess whether you have the best order of activities. Make the time to work on each goal. Develop a personal timetable for daily activities.

Every single day, make it a point to accomplish a step that will assist you to accomplish your goals, one by one. Avoid being overwhelmed by giving yourself adequate and reasonable time to accomplish each goal that you have identified for yourself. Take one step at a time. Follow your timetable.

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Caldwell	662	16	666	16
Cedar Grove	1664	121	1684	121
East Orange	7691	318	7772	319
Essex Fells	208	2	210	2
Fairfield	961	31	971	31
Glen Ridge	437	14	446	14
Irvington	5153	238	5186	237
Livingston	2037	89	2058	89
Maplewood	1460	39	1480	39
Millburn	918	10	929	10
Montclair	2503	75	2534	75
Newark	39218	1037	39565	1043
North Caldwell	545	7	556	7
Nutley	3256	66	3290	66
Orange	3771	138	3799	142
Roseland	508	17	513	17
South Orange	975	16	1030	16
Verona	1098	18	1109	18
West Caldwell	1122	54	1131	54
West Orange	4898	234	4956	234
Total	90813	2783	91755	2794

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of September 15, 2021)
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BODIES OF TWO MISSING STUDENTS FOUND IN PASSAIC RIVER

By Lev D. Zilbermints

SOUTH ORANGE / KEARNY

- In what turned out to be a sad ending to a desperate search, the bodies of two missing students were found September 10 in the Passaic River, the state medical examiner said.

Seton Hall freshman Nidhi Rana and Montclair State University student Ayush Rana were swept away by floodwaters on September 1 in Passaic. Post-tropical cyclone Ida, which weakened from a hurricane upon hitting land, was responsible for bringing the floodwaters to New Jersey.

ABC 7 News reported that rescuers looking for the two missing students found a woman's body near Kearny on September 8. According to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, a man's body was discovered near Milepost 5 on Route 21, on September 9.

Passaic Mayor Hector Lora told NJ Advance Media that the second body was pulled from the water in Newark, near the Kearny border.

According to Seton Hall University President Joseph E. Nyre, Nidhi Rana was a commuter student who participated in the Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE). The president announced the discovery of Rana's body to the SHU community in an email, the Setonian student newspaper said.

"We mourn the tragic loss of a life so young and promising. Someone who loved her new home of Seton Hall and was loved by the University in return," President Nyre wrote in his email.

A search for Ayush Rana on the website of Montclarion, the student newspaper, found no articles.

According to NJ Advance Media, Governor Phil Murphy said that the death toll from Post-Tropical Cyclone Ida has climbed to 30 people statewide.



NJ TRANSIT INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with Section 5 of P.L. 1984 c.578 of SCDRTAP, The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is conducting a public hearing in order to gather information and receive comments from interested parties concerning programs developed pursuant to the Senior Citizen & Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) Act. Due to COVID-19, this year's informational hearings will be conducted virtually. We will be offering three (3) virtual informational hearing sessions which will cover the southern, central, and northern regions of New Jersey.

The Senior Citizen & Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program funds capital, operating, and/or administrative expenses for locally coordinated paratransit services for senior citizens and people with disabilities. The program also funds accessibility improvements to NJ TRANSIT's fixed route bus and rail system, the provision of technical assistance to the counties, and the administration of the statewide program.

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- Session 2: 6:00 pm – Central Region**
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TOWN WATCH

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NEWARK - The state's Adopt-A-Park program, reminded the Office of the State Comptroller recently, should not cost the host municipality money. Acting Comptroller Kevin Walsh's investigators found, however, that the City of Newark gave an NHL New Jersey Devils affiliate a \$5.4 million no-bid maintenance contract to keep up a municipal ice rink.

The city, said the Sept. 1-released OSC report, made a June 4, 2018 agreement with Devils Renaissance Development to repair and maintain the ice rink at the Kenneth Gibson-Sharpe James Recreation and Aquatic Center. The Devils had previously supplied equipment and recreational programs here at the East Side High School Red Raiders' home ice.

This CoN-DRD contract was supposedly made under the NJ DEP Adopt-A-Park umbrella. Adopt-A-Park has outside parties voluntarily maintain a public park or recreational facility without compensation.

The city, said the OSC report, paid for the upkeep through a \$5.225 million municipal bond with the remaining \$775,000 going to the bond's bankers. The no-bid contract, furthermore, kept out other bidders who could have offered a more competitive or cost-effective price.

"The public bidding process in New Jersey exists," said Walsh, "to prevent favoritism and appearance of favoritism when taxpayer money is being spent."

"We disagree with the Comptroller's findings," said Newark Corporate Counsel Kenyatta Stewart. "We relied on advice of outside counsel and will

continue to comply with the law."

Shots Fired in Vailsburg

Newark Police Division officers are looking for the person who fired multiple gunshots around 63 Norwood Street 10:40 p.m. Sept. 9 and left. They are looking for links to a different shooting, where six to eight gunshots were fired two blocks north by 76-78 Halstead St., at the corner of Norwood Place, 4:14 a.m., Sept. 12.

IRVINGTON - Motorists and bus riders going through two Essex County road projects here in the Springfield Avenue Corridor Business Improvement District will not have such a long close look at their tax dollars at work as they have had here 7-9 a.m. Sept. 14.

County Department of Public Works contractors KS Engineers, of So. Brunswick, and Smith-Snoddy Asphalt, of Wallington, began milling and repaving Clinton Avenue between Grove Street and Washington Avenue/Ball Street 7 p.m. Monday. Their curb-to-curb work, to continue weeknights through Sept. 22, some curbing and sidewalk work.

NJTransit, to its credit, tweeted riders of the 13, GO25, 26, 27, 37, 70, 90, 107 and 371 routes of 15-to-30-minute delays around Irvington Terminal and having people get their buses on Springfield Avenue to 6 a.m. Sept. 14.

The said contractor's tearing up Clinton's asphalt, however, prompted diverting traffic onto Springfield Avenue at Grove Street and Washington Avenue - and right into a pre-existing construction zone and Springfield and Maple avenues.

Springfield and Maple had been undergoing an intersection improvement project on weekdays for the last six weeks. The county DPW project has County Concrete, of Kenil, and ABI, of New York City, among other contractors, had been concentrating on Springfield and Maple's south southside corners, forcing them to close Springfield's eastbound curb lane before Maple.

The Springfield-Maple work start and Clinton's milling running late caused eastbound Springfield traffic to endure trav-

eling the four blocks between Irvington Terminal and Grove Street for 18 minutes. A westbound 13T bus was seen among westbound Springfield traffic. Southbound Grove Street traffic, wanting to cross Springfield, was backed up to Berkeley Terrace.

"Local Talk" returned on the 8 a.m. hour Wednesday and found Clinton contractors having finished their shift and Springfield/Maple starting up. Through traffic were moving with little delay.

EAST ORANGE - This city's part of Interstate 280 West, for the second time in 15 days, witnessed a fatal accident here Sept. 14.

The ECPO Crash and Fire Investigations Unit and the New Jersey State Police have been investigating what caused at least three cars and a tractor-trailer truck to collide at milepost 12.6 at 3:33 p.m. Tuesday.

Two of the drivers were rushed to a local hospital "with severe injuries." Although the driver of the Hyundai is being treated for "moderate injuries," Scion driver Nicole A. Greco, 51, of Chester, N.Y. had died. All westbound traffic was diverted onto Exit 13 -Newark's Orange and 6th streets- during the rescue, cleanup and investigation past 5 p.m.

Authorities and first responders had rushed another motorist with severe-turned-fatal injuries to Newark's University Hospital and conducted an on-scene probe - this time at milepost 12.4 - early Aug. 31.

NJSP Sgt. Alejandro Goetz, speaking from the Totowa Barracks, said that Obduilo Galarza, 63, of Union, went off the highway just past Exit 12 A-B, 12:26 a.m. that Tuesday. Galarza's car went into the right shoulder median separating the highway and the exit ramp, striking a sign, a tree and a guardrail.

Galarza, a former Irvington resident who was born Nov. 21, 1957, was declared dead at the hospital. Wife Sharon, daughter Victoria, sons Obduilo III, David, Michael and Alexander; brother Julio and sisters Emalda and Betzaida are among his survivors.

Galarza's visitation and memorial service were held Sept. 10 at the Lytwyn and Lytwyn

Union Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to www.kidneyfund.org.

ORANGE - The tug of war between Mayor Dwayne D. Warren's administration and the City Council over the proposed redefinition of the City Clerk's authority is moving to State Superior Court-Newark's Civil Division.

The Council awarded a pair of professional service contracts, each not to exceed \$20,000, to Stevens & Lee, LLC at their Sept. 7 meeting. One or more lawyers from the Elmwood Park firm, at \$185 per hour per contract, are to represent them in two cases brought against them by Warren and The City of Orange Township July 6-7.

It is not clear whether the council hired the lawyers sooner or later in the discovery process. State Superior Judge Thomas H. Moore, upon receiving the filings July 6-7, set a 90-day discovery period from when the respondents (the City Council) receive the complaint or 120 days from when the complaint is posted by the court - whichever comes first.

City Attorney Gracia Montilus, on Warren's behalf, filed Docket No. ESX-L-005312-21 July 6 and ESX-L-003047-21 July 7. The first filing is asking a civil judge to verify the plaintiff's complaint of declaratory relief. The plaintiffs here are asking the judge to issue a binding decision between them and the respondents.

The second asks the judge to issue a prerogative writ - a written direction to the government agency.

Plaintiff Warren cites the city's mayor-council structure under the state's Faulkner Act, which confers legislative powers to the council and retains administrative power to the mayor-chief executive. The filing asserts that the mayor has the hiring/firing authority of subordinates within a city department.

The Mayor and the city's Legal Department objected to the Council's Jn. 19 proposed Ordinance 3-2021 pertaining to amending the city clerk part of the city's administrative code. Although 03-2021 was withdrawn, a similar Ordinance 24-2021 appeared on May 4's coun-

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SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

The National Football League is fully underway with its 2021 season, with fans back in the stands. The New York Jets went on the road in QB Zach Wilson's debut, but couldn't handle their former QB Sam Darnold and the Carolina Panthers, losing 19-14. In an afternoon game, the New York Giants hosted the Denver Broncos at MetLife Stadium. Despite the sellout crowd, Big Blue lost to Denver 27-13. Once again, Giants QB Daniel Jones managed to lose a fumble, costing his team a chance at some points during a key spot in the game.

In college football action, the Rutgers football program is now 2-0 on the season, thanks to a recent 17-7 win on the road over Syracuse. On the west coast, USC was so embarrassed

by their loss to Stanford that they promptly fired head coach Clay Helton.

On the New Jersey high school gridiron, West Orange beat East Side 44-10 on the road, while the East Orange High School Jaguars improved to 2-0, defending their den at Paul Roberson Stadium and mauling the Bloomfield Bengals 34-0. The Jags will head on to play Columbia High School on the road in a battle of undefeated teams.

In other action, Nutley defeated rival Belleville 29-28, while the Irvington Blue Knights handled Union City 22-6.

Finally, in some stunning news, Orange had to forfeit its game against West Side due to a lack of players caused by an athletic waiver that sidelined 15 players who did not participate.

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mont Montessori Elementary School.

Ponds credited "tireless" round-the-clock work from Buildings and Grounds workers for making the Sept. 9 first day for students on time. He also thanked "administrators, staff, Board of Education members, the Mayor's office, Township officials, police, fire and community service departments for their support."

The Newark Public Schools also opened to full-time in-person learning as scheduled Sept. 7 despite half of its 65 school buildings being damaged.

NPS spokeswoman Nancy Deering said that 33 of the 34 buildings reported Ida-related damage. The 33 flooded buildings included 14 basements, 11 boilers and three gymnasiums whose wooden floors had buckled.

Another 21 areas - including classrooms, libraries and school wings - suffered damage. A 34th school had a tree fall before its main entrance. Two had lost their data information sys-

tems. NPS workers immediately began emptying flooded areas and remediated mold and mildew. Equipment and technical services were rented, purchased or hired.

Ida's initial cost is \$5 million - not including the replacement of supplies and equipment, remediation, structural repairs and installing new gym floors.

"We applaud the Facilities Department, all of our trades staff, every custodial team across the 65 schools, executive staff, principals, school administrators, teachers and staff for their valiant efforts," said Superintendent Roger Leon. "In many instances, they were at work from the start of the storm to the early dawn of the next day and over last weekend (Sept. 3-6)."

Sept. 7 opened, however, with instruction in different spaces than damaged classrooms. Deering said that the district is working "on full final restoration" as of Sept. 14.

Some residents and businesspeople, needing immediate aid, have resorted to GoFundMe.com and other crowdsourcing media to get

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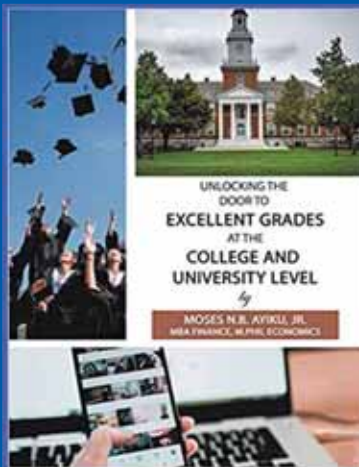
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*From
The
Pastor's
Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

**Protecting The
Most Vulnerable**

I was listening to my car radio while driving home from a visit to the hospital and became very interested in the debate on C-Span that was taking place in the Congressional Budget Committee concerning what is being called the Human Infrastructure Bill of \$3.5 trillion dollars to be spent over the next decade.

What was of greatest interest to me was to hear the framing of the debate from what we might call the two ideological political perspectives in Congress. While one framed the bill as a way to expand the social safety to protect working families and the most vulnerable of society, mete., etc., etc., etc., etc. The other was framing the bill as a catastrophe that is going to blow the biggest hole ever in the budget and will further allow for laziness, dependency, and killing of the spirit that says, "We are to pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps."

The latter says people are to be left on their own, for that is fundamental to Capitalism. After

the latter comment, one member of the opposing perspective pushed back by stating that while the society might have an ideal that seems to speak of equal opportunity, the circumstances of birth, home background, brokenness, homelessness, and other handicapping conditions demand that the government needs to structure itself so that it can ameliorate the circumstances of these most vulnerable.

While listening to the debate, as a Christian, pastor and theologian, I started to review my Bible verses that bear the instructions on caring for the most vulnerable. As soon as I got, home I began to read again and noted the hundreds of texts emphasizing caring for the vulnerable.

Here are just a few of the hundreds which I note from the English Standard Version:

Exodus 22:22 - "You shall not mistreat any **widow** or **fatherless** child."

Deuteronomy 10:18 - "He executes justice for the **fatherless** and the **widow** and loves the **sojourner**, giving him food and clothing."

Psalms 146:9 - "The Lord watches over the **sojourners**; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin."

Isaiah 1:17 - "Learn to do

good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the **fatherless**, plead the **widow's** cause."

Zechariah 7:9-10 - "Thus says the Lord of hosts, render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the **widow**, the **fatherless**, the **sojourner**, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."

Ezekiel 16:49 "Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the **poor and needy**."

Luke 20:46-47 - "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who **devour widows'** houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

1 John 3:17-18 - "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

James 1:27 - "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after

orphans and **widows** in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

Yes, the instructions of caring for the most vulnerable are in both Testaments. After reviewing, I said what a tragedy how our political ideologies, or maybe be more, our selfish hearts have led us to be as selective in not paying attention to the vulnerable. In fact, let me insert into the discussion that while I have argued the need to protect the unborn, we need to argue that we also need to protect the unborn.

We are not to forget those in our nursing homes, those facing food insecurity, those who are without fathers and mothers (orphans), those (the multitude) who have come from abusive and addictive situations, and the foreigners, or aliens or however we call the undocumented among us, those who are unable to afford their medication or those who need to have health care. We need to think of them in policy decisions and personally.

One does not need to be clear-eyed or have a heart like Jesus to see that people are broken; they are hurting everywhere. If you are clear-eyed and have a heart like Jesus, you will see better the suffering that our God sees. Suffering is everywhere. And we need not leave it

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THE DOCTOR IS IN

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people over the age of 16. This makes sense as people in this category were given priority at the early stages of vaccine development.

Experts have suggested that there may be full approval later this year for people in this category. But, again, this doesn't at all mean that the vaccine is not safe for children between this age class. This is just the FDA following protocols. Stay safe.

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

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time towards a achieving your business goal! Success is well within your grasp. Off the sofa and onto the real-world stage. Be prepared to learn as you move along. You will be pushed out of your comfort zone in attempting to accomplish your goals. That is an important part of your growth towards a successful entrepreneur!

Time will seem like your friend when you utilize it well. However, if you are still on the sofa and have not made any positive changes, then time becomes your worst enemy. We all know that we cannot stop time. We can only change our attitude to make the most of our time. It is yours, make the best of it!

In the next part we will con-

tinue 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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

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only to governmental sources to resolve, but also on a personal basis.

We need to do what we can to bless who we can. People are hurting, and God needs healers, not hurters, to make this world a better place. In fact, let us stop getting caught up with ridiculous political ideologies and seek to protect the vulnerable as Christ has called us to do. We need hearts, not just political ideology.

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back on their feet.

It is no surprise then that some people, including public officials, got upset when FEMA did not immediately declare Essex County a disaster area Sept. 6.

FEMA named six counties - Bergen, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Passaic and Somerset counties - as disaster areas that Monday. Essex County Executive Donald DiVincenzo was among public officials here, Hudson, Mercer and Union counties who immediately asked, "What about us?"

DiVincenzo (D-Roseland) was among officials who joined FEMA inspectors while they made the rounds here Sept. 6-7. FEMA staffers were also joined by Gov. Phil Murphy and President Joe Biden in Millburn, Manville and other hard-hit areas.

"FEMA still needs to do additional damage assessments," said agency Administrator Deanne Criswell, "to really get a better understanding of the scope of the impact that the communities are experiencing across New Jersey."

FEMA added Essex, Hudson, Mercer and Union counties to the disaster list for public assistance Sept. 10. That list now includes Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Morris, Salem, Sussex and Warren counties. as of Sept. 13.

The disaster declaration opens access for individuals for FEMA relief and loan programs.

Some 37,000 business owners have applied to NJ Small Business Administration grants or loans as of Sept. 14. Murphy, in his Sept. 15 briefing, said that no SBA funds, averaging \$4,000 per successful applicant, have been distributed.

State Police Superintendent Col. Patrick Callahan upped New Jersey's statewide death total to 30, with one missing in Passaic County, Sept. 13. Essex County now has a fifth casualty, tying Union. Hunterdon and Somerset each have had six fatalities.

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Student, Professor allege BOG violated Open Public Meetings Act, seek relief

By Lev D. Zilbermintz

Rutgers University Board of Governors (BOG) has found itself in hot legal waters on Monday, September 13. Honorable Alberto Rivas, a judge of the Superior Court in New Brunswick issued an order demanding that Rutgers appear and explain their actions.

According to court documents, Charles Kratovil and Troy Shinbrot are pro se litigants against the Rutgers Board of Governors. The lawsuit was filed in August, after Kratovil was removed from a June 22, 2021 online Board of Governors meeting for asking questions the Board did not like. Similarly, Troy Shinbrot, then an elected Faculty Representative from the

University Senate, was permanently removed from the online meeting after he questioned the BOG's President's decision to rule Mr. Kratovil out of order.

In his ruling, Judge Rivas "ordered that Defendant (BOG) shall appear and show cause on the 14th day of October, 2021 before the Superior Court at the Middlesex County Courthouse in New Brunswick, New Jersey, at 2:00 p.m. via telephone conference." The purpose of the court appearance, per verified complaint, is to show why judgment should not be entered against Defendant (BOG).

Kratovil and Shinbrot ask the court to void all resolutions approved during the June 22, 2021 Board of Governors meeting; order Defendant to comply with

all requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act in the future; issue a permanent injunction enjoining the Defendant from violating the OPMA in the future, requiring the Defendant to release, no less than 48 hours prior to any future meeting, the full text of all resolutions up for consideration, as part of the publicly available agenda, so that members of the public can make informed and germane comments when called upon; ordering the Defendant to adopt by-laws and procedures that will ensure members the public have the right to address general comments about university-related matters to the BOG during their meetings; for such other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

The order informs the Board of Governors that they must submit a written answer and opposition papers and proof of service before October 14, 2021 with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Middlesex County. A copy of the answer and opposition papers must be sent to either the plaintiff's attorney or the plaintiff, if no attorney is available.

According to the verified complaint, "the Court will entertain argument, but not testimony, on the return date of the Order (October 14, 2021), unless the Court and parties are advised to the contrary no later than 3 days before the return date."

How it began

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TOWN WATCH

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cil agenda.

WEST ORANGE - Ira Ehrenkranz, 87, who died in his sleep here Sept. 3, was a long-time member of the West Orange Public Library Board of Trustees and the township's Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Ehrenkranz also turned his interest in motion pictures into founding the NY Film Critics Series and a place on the NJ Film Commission.

Ira's longstanding presence here may make it hard to believe that he was born in Newark Beth Israel Hospital Jan. 23, 1934. The Hillside native had also lived in Athens, Ohio before moving to Boston - where he met and married wife Meryl in 1957.

Ira and Meryl moved here to raise children Meg and Mark. Ira and Mark particularly enjoyed bringing quality first-run films and celebrities to local audiences to talk about their motion pictures.

Ira thanked modern medicine for helping him cope with a serious heart condition since 1980. That condition, however, had

recently put him in the Inglemoor Rehabilitation Center.

Sister Rose Cohen and four grandchildren are also among his survivors. His family held a private burial service and shiva mourning period in the prevention of COVID.

Memorial donations may be made to the Jespy House, 102 Prospect St., South Orange 07079.

SOUTH ORANGE - The respective South Orange and Maplewood chambers of commerce will be coming out as the SOMA Chamber of Commerce at a Sept. 22 outdoor breakfast at Jefferson Village's St. James's Gate Publick House.

Members of the respective village and township chambers agreed to merge Sept. 10.

"We're excited to function as one group to better meet the needs of Maplewood and South Orange business communities," said President Ellen Donker. "Being able to appeal to a larger and more diverse array of business owners for membership will enable us to improve our network, learn from each other and partner on initiatives."

The merging chambers, in a sense, is following the consolidation of the village and town-

ship's fire departments. The South Orange-Maplewood School District, however, has always been a two-town entity.

South Orange Township renamed itself Maplewood in 1922. The township became independent of the village in 1869.

MAPLEWOOD - Mayor Frank McGehee led his Township Committee colleagues and witnesses in holding a moment of silence at their Sept. 9 meeting for Michael A. Jeffrey, 55.

The Jacob A. Holle Funeral Home here had meanwhile arranged to have Jeffrey's Funeral Mass at Millburn-Short Hills' St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church 4-8 p.m. Sept. 11, and internment at Westfield's Fairview Cemetery.

Jeffrey, among the first identified victims of Tropical Storm Ida's Sept 1. flooding, was remembered as a securities executive who moved with wife Beth here in 2005. They stayed here to raise their daughter and son and so that Michael can coach their son's flag football team.

Born in Tenafly and having graduated from Tenafly High School in 1984, Jeffrey earned a BA in history from the University of Rochester (N.Y.) and a Masters from Glendale, Ariz.'s

Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Jeffrey advanced from being an assistant vice president for National Westminster Bank, NA, to become U.S. Bank's VP/Portfolio Manager in charge of oil and gas companies since 2011.

Parents David and Hope Jeffrey, brother Joel and sister Zoe are also among his survivors. Memorial donations may be made to the Maplewood Recreation Assistance Program: maplewoodreccdes.com.

BLOOMFIELD - When the late Paul O. Boger first came here to earn a bachelor's degree at Bloomfield College 1958-62, little did he know that he would be the nearby Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green's Senior Pastor from 1971 to his 2002 retirement. He became the now-224-year-old congregation's longest-serving pastor.

Rev. Dr. Boger, 80, who died in his Montclair home Sept. 2, would continue to serve the Presbytery of Newark, another block north in several "post-retirement" capacities. Those tasks included being the United Presbyterian Church of Cedar Grove's "temporary" part-time

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE ISSUED AGAINST RUTGERS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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As was reported in Local Talk's July 22 and July 29 editions, the whole mess began at the June 22, 2021 online meeting when Charlie Kratovil asked for a copy of changes that were made to the Board of Governors' Bylaws. At this point, BOG President Mark Angelson declared Kratovil to be out of or-

der. Former Rutgers University Senate faculty representative Troy Shinbrot questioned why Kratovil was declared out of order. Shinbrot faced the same declaration and was permanently removed by BOG President Angelson.

After the meeting, Shinbrot submitted his letter of resignation from the Board. He was replaced by Samuel Rabinowitz, a Rutgers Camden professor.

Both Kratovil and Shinbrot have previously stated on record that the Board of Gov-

ernors does not tolerate viewpoints which are contrary to its own. As was reported in July 22 Local Talk, Shinbrot said that the Board is very "insulated" from members of the Rutgers community.

When Local Talk spoke with Kratovil, he said, "My complaint to the judge is for Rutgers to show cause. Rutgers to explain themselves. "I continue to put pressure on them (Board of Governors) and look forward to seeing them in court."

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pastor 2002-19.

Paul Boger, born in 1940 and raised in Yonkers, N.Y., received his master and doctorate of divinity in 1965 and 1985 from Chicago's McCormick Theological Seminary.

Ordained by the Presbyterian Church USA in 1965, Boger's ministry put him in churches in Grenville, Ohio 1965-67 and Otisville, NY 1967-71 before returning here. He also served as chaplain at the historic Woodstock music festival in 1969 - which became the basis for his 2009 book, "Being There: A Pastor at Woodstock, Then, Now and Tomorrow."

The 1995 Bloomfield College Hall of Fame inductee was finishing: "Everything is Connected: God is Dead, Long Live God at the Time of His Death," Sept. 1.

Wife Carolee, son Paul, Jr., stepson Christopher A. Pescatore, daughters Christine Walthers and Laura L. Boger, four grandchildren, brother Mark, sister Nancy S. G. Jones and first wife Barbara Ewick are among his survivors. Sister Elaine Boger and daughter Leanne Boger Granata predeceased him.

Boger's family will hold a 1 p.m. reception at the Church on the Green's chapel 1 p.m. Sept. 18 prior to his 1:30 p.m. memorial service.

MONTCLAIR - Those who remember James P. Tierney well were not surprised that he would add a music venue to the now-88-year-old family tavern here at 136 -38 Valley Rd.

The son of Edward Joseph Tierney (1935-2016) and grandson of founder William Oliver Tierney (1911-88) started the Tierney's Music Festival in 2014 to celebrate its 80th anniversary. The tavern co-owner hosted a variety of musicians almost nightly, including a regular open mic night. It has also been the venue for several community fundraisers.

Contemporaries recall "Jim" or "Jimmy" as playing the guitar and appreciating a wide range of musical forms between serving drinks and perfecting burgers. Tierney's talents went with him when he died in his sleep in his Upper

Montclair home July 30. Tierney, 52, born a Montclair native in 1969, had died of congestive heart failure.

The Montclair High School Class of 1988 graduate, said older brother Bill, was also a fan of the NFL New York Giants, MBL New York Yankees, the NBA Nets - and children Dylan, Sandy and Ryan. Brothers Ed, John and Michael and sisters Cathy Tierney and Mary Ellen Onfrio are also among his survivors.

Tierney's wake and Funeral Mass, followed by a private burial, were held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception Church Aug. 7. Memorial donations may be made to jazzhousekids.org.

BELLEVILLE - Observers wonder if Belleville Public Schools have ended their string of building purchases office space rentals now that the 2021-22 school year has started.

The Belleville Board of Education Trustees approved buying 117 Dow St for \$400,000 and renting space from 567 Franklin Ave. for \$450,000 at their Sept. 16 meeting. The combined \$850,000 will be drawn from the 2021-22 school budget's "food service surplus."

117 Dow and 567 Franklin are respectively off the corners of Belleville Avenue and Fremont Place. They both have paved parking lots - but the properties are more contrasting than comparative. 117 Dow is a single-story "commercial home" built in 1927 and near Belleville High and Middle schools and No. 8 Elementary School.

567 Franklin, built in 1990, is a two-story office building approaching the Nutley border but has no nearby schools.

BPS now has purchased and/or paid rent for seven properties for an overall \$1.6 million in recent years. They include buying 487, (on April 14) and 499 (July 19) Greylock Parkway, near BHS, for a combined \$803,000.

BPS has moved into 355 Union Ave.'s office, across from Elementary School No. 3, July 1 and had started to pay \$3,000 a month as per its five-year lease with the owner. That owner happens to be Mayor Michael Melham.

NUTLEY - Some of the township's firefighters and first responders worked around Nutley's Sept. 11 observances by

either attending retired NFD Capt. Domenick DiSimone, Jr.'s Friday visitation at the S.W. & Son Funeral Home or his Saturday Funeral Mass at Bloomfield's St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

DiSimone, 63, died at his home here Sept. 6. He had served both Nutley's volunteer and paid departments for 39 years - rivalling his 48 years as a Nutleyite.

DiSimone, who was born in Newark in 1958, moved here in 1973 and first joined as a volunteer firefighter in December 1979. He joined the NFD in February 1991, retiring as Captain in 2018. His work included preparing first alarm, apparatus and the Hazardous Materials Response Team.

DiSimone took Essex County College classes in fire subcode, housing and construction inspection/ His learning and experience led him to become Morris Plains Fire Sub Code Official since 2010. The New Jersey State Fire Inspector was also a member of Nutley FMBA Local No. 44 and the FMBA 500 Club.

Wife June, sons Bryan and Daniel DiSimone and Gary and Greg Misner, two grandsons, three granddaughters and sisters Gloria DiSimone and Maryann Galenas are among his survivors. Brothers Larry and Matthew DiSimone predeceased him.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, PO Drawer 498. Emmitsburg, MD 21707 or www.firehero.org.



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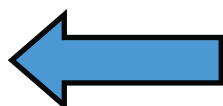
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