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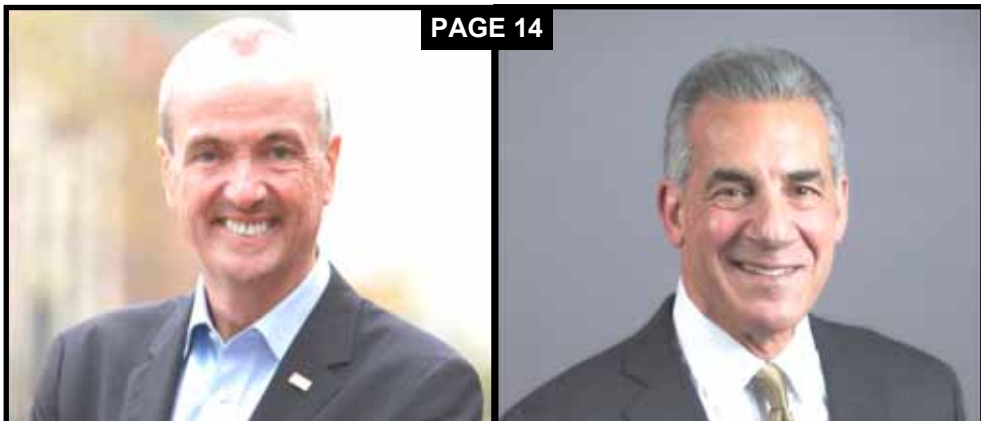
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Dhiren Shah
Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

Local Talk Weekly Newspaper will be celebrating its 21st anniversary on November 1, 2021. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for the residents living in the community. Are we have an impact, or very little? Local Talk is determined to find the news which impacts the people of urban Essex County.

We are trying to bring some new ideas every year and that brought us closer to the residents of Essex County. However, the quality of life has not improved drastically. I would not like to blame anyone, but sometimes people can find solutions themselves. We have heard many sto-

ries about a person who became successful, and their starting point was very small. Not only in business, but many other fields we have seen successful persons do this in music, entertainment, farming, nonprofit organizations, technology and much more. So, please think twice as to how you could improve your own community. We should not depend only upon the government. They cannot do everything, but if you have ideas, they may support you. A clean community, crime free community, and a passion for education may help the community to grow. I have pointed out some things, but you might have better suggestions for this. If you do, please write to local-talknews@gmail.com. My goal is to improve the quality of life. With your help, my team and I will move forward and improve quality of life in real sense.

When Biden took office on January 20, 2021 his approval rating was 53% and disapproval was 38%. Now, his approval rat-

ing is 44.5% and disapproval is 49.2%. His administration has done a good job to push for vaccinations, but there is still a long way to go. Some of the blame goes to some of the media, who announced 70% vaccination with at least one dose on August 4, 2021 (30 days after July 4, as predicted by President Biden in the beginning). After the announcement from the large media, Biden also announced that 70% vaccination is done with at least one dose). Even after two months we have only 56.8% fully vaccinated and with an additional one vaccination, 65.6% vaccination is done. Why all the lying, that throws away people who are not committed for non-vaccination? The US remains as having the highest COVID cases, over 50,000 cases a day.

On Oct. 12, New York had the highest cases (4,975) in the US and the NY state administration is committed to vaccination. Vaccination is becoming big business for many. People have a

distrust for the people who talk and campaign for vaccination with the intention of business. It's like how I receive calls every day from one of the unknown numbers with the county executive's voice suggesting vaccination. Bothering them too many times may make people stronger in their belief of not getting vaccinated.

Right now, the most popular story or news is the murder of Gabby Petito. On Oct. 12, Teton County coroner Brent Blue told the press that Petito's death was due to strangulation. Petito's death has been declared as homicide. The only suspect in this case is Petito's boyfriend, Brian Laundrie. However, no one knows his whereabouts. On Sept. 23, the FBI issued an arrest warrant for him. I hope the police or FBI can find Laundrie and solve this mysterious case.

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next week.

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WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
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What The Coronavirus Waves Denote

One of the easiest ways of assessing the progression of the coronavirus is by examining charts. If you simply googled, ‘coronavirus in the US,’ you’d see one of the charts I am talking about.

From first viewing, it is clear

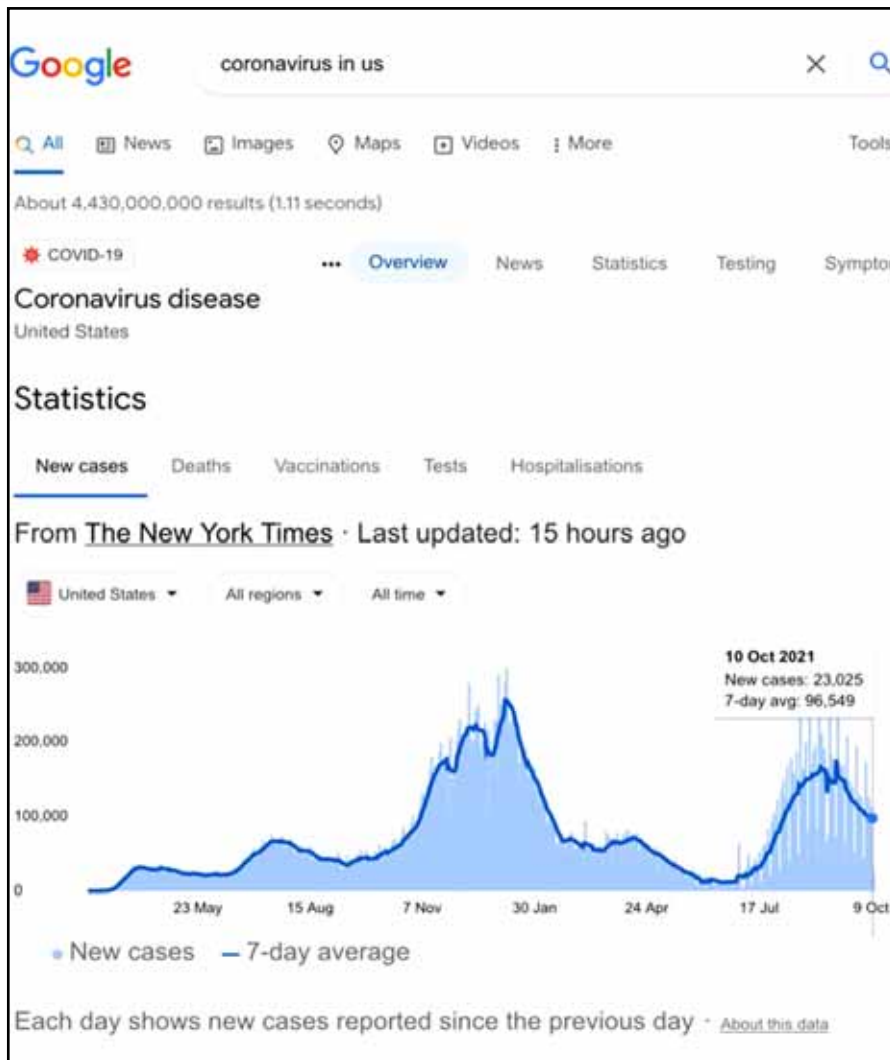
to see that there isn’t just a flat or straight line showing the number of cases. Rather, there are undulating and depressing segments, much like hills and valleys, or more appropriately, ‘waves.’

These waves are one of the most important tools of epidemiologists when assessing any infection. You may have also heard numerous doctors and analysts refer to waves of the virus. So, what exactly makes up a wave?

Interestingly, there is no strict definition for what makes up a wave. No scientific or overly technical definition; just what you’d think. It’s basically the peaks and valleys, denoting periods of high cases recorded, and periods of low cases recorded. In the United States, we have had 4 waves of the virus, as the picture clearly shows. These four waves stand out very clearly in the chart.

It is important to understand what makes up a wave, and that is why I have briefed it out. But what causes these waves?

Well, there isn’t a straightfor-



ward answer to that question. There are many possible factors, but no one can point to just one as the certain cause of the waves. In fact, it is more correct to believe that all of the factors work together in causing the waves.

Perhaps the most dominant of these factors is our behavior and response to the virus. As humans, when an infection, typically a novel one, breaks out, we tend to panic. Maybe that’s because of our basic, primal survival instinct, or just because of the hype that usually comes with such infections. Either way, we did panic early last year.

I remember one of the most embarrassing moments in recent history was the scarcity of toiletries and the like during that time, because of huge panic buying, only for these items to be resold at far higher prices.

After the first few weeks of panic, people didn’t take the virus too seriously. I remember many politicians and news channels playing down the virus. Hell, even our president played down the virus. Before

long, the virus spread like wildfire and people started dying in their numbers. That’s like the first two waves you’ll see.

Then came the third and deadliest wave of all. This, I believe, is a result of the festive period. There was Thanksgiving, Christmas, Boxing Day, and the New Year. These holidays meant people travelled a lot, neglecting all of what they have learned previously about how to minimize spread of the virus.

There were tons of gatherings and travelling around the country, and we paid dearly. This was the period we recorded the most deaths. On the 13th of January, 2021, we recorded 3,930 deaths, with the seven-day average being 3,347. Scary numbers.

We eventually overcame, and the cases kept plummeting, largely due to vaccinations, which is another major player in the progression of waves. Deaths fell from around 3400 in January to a low of 322 in July. The same applies to cases, with the country recording the lowest

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BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE HOSTS ALUMNI REUNION



By Lev D. Zilbermints

BLOOMFIELD - On September 18, Bloomfield College hosted its annual reunion for the classes of 1970, 1971, 1995, 1996, 2010 and 2011. This occurred in part because of last year's reunion cancellation due to the coronavirus.

A big white tent stood on the campus green, holding the tables

and chairs. Inside, tables with red tablecloths stood in front of Talbott Hall, the former library. On the stage were musicians, drummers and guitarists playing music. At one point the music was so loud it was impossible to hear what was being said. It was later tuned down.

A registration table stood just outside the tent. Bloomfield College representatives, including President Marcheta Evans, manned the table. On the table were stickers, name tags and small bags with gifts for the attending alumni inside.

There were campus tours, live music, photo opportunities and a pinning ceremony.

Former Bloomfield College President Richard Levao paid a visit to the alumni reunion. Food included hot dogs, potato salad, hamburgers, watermelons. Iced tea and lemonade were served.

The campus mascot, Bloomfield College Bear, made an ap-

pearance, posing with students and alumni.

A pinning ceremony was held for the attending alumni. Pins, with maroon and yellow colors, were pinned on alumni. There were pins celebrating 50 years, 25 years, and 10 years of graduation.

Outside the tent holding the pinning ceremony stood a small table with Bloomfield College memorabilia. There were yearbooks from the 1970s, 1990s, and a logbook of Bloomfield College trustee meetings from the 1800s.

In her speech, President Evans thanked alumni for showing up and supporting their alma mater.

"Thank you for coming back to campus and for supporting your alma mater. Bloomfield College makes a difference in the lives of its students and we are extremely proud and honored to have you engaged with the

College community," said Bloomfield College President Marcheta P. Evans, Ph.D.

"Congratulations to everyone here today celebrating their reunion, even for those celebrating a year later! Each year, Alumni Homecoming & Reunion is a chance for you to come 'home' and celebrate a special milestone. Whether you're celebrating ten years or fifty years, it's the perfect time to catch up with longtime friends, rediscover the Bloomfield College campus and remember where it all began."

After the pinning ceremony was over, alumni enjoyed wine tasting, and light refreshments of cheese, bread, crackers and grapes.

Full Disclosure: Lev D. Zilbermints graduated from Bloomfield College in 1996. He has a B.A. magna cum laude, in Political Science.



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REOPENING THE BORDER

UNITED STATES

On Oct. 12, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas announced that, following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health experts, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will amend Title 19 regulations to allow non-essential travelers who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and have appropriate documentation to enter the United States via land and ferry ports of entry (POEs) across the U.S. border.

“In alignment with the new international air travel system that will be implemented in November, we will begin allowing travelers from Mexico and Canada who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to enter the United States for non-essential purposes, including to visit friends and family or for tourism, via land and ferry border crossings,” said Secretary Mayorkas. “Cross-border travel creates significant economic activity in our border communities and benefits our broader economy. We are pleased to be taking steps to resume regular travel in a safe and sustainable manner.”

The modifications to the Title 19 regulations will occur in two phases over the next few months. First, in November, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will begin allowing fully vaccinated travelers from Mexico or Canada to enter the United States at land and ferry POEs for non-essential reasons. Travelers will be required to have appropriate paperwork that provides proof of vaccination. Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 will not be allowed to travel for non-essential purposes from Canada and Mexico into the United States via land and ferry POEs.

Second, beginning in early

January 2022, DHS will require that all inbound foreign national travelers crossing U.S. land or ferry POEs - whether for essential or non-essential reasons - be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and provide related proof of vaccination. This approach will provide ample time for essential travelers such as truckers, students, and healthcare workers to get vaccinated.

This new travel system will create consistent, stringent protocols for all foreign nationals traveling to the United States - whether by air, land, or ferry - and accounts for the wide availability of COVID-19 vaccinations.

W.H.O. RECOMMENDS BOOSTER SHOTS

WORLD

People with weaker immune systems should receive an additional shot of approved COVID-19 vaccines, an advisory group to the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Oct. 11.

The recommendation follows a four-day meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization. A final report will be issued in December.

SAGE said moderately and severely immunocompromised persons should be offered an additional dose of all WHO approved vaccines “since these individuals are less likely to respond adequately to vaccination following a standard primary vaccine series and are at high risk of severe COVID-19 disease.”

People aged 60 and older who received the Sinovac and Sinopharm vaccines should get a third dose too, the experts added, though use of other vaccines may also be considered depending on supply and access.

“When implementing this recommendation, countries should initially aim at maximizing 2-dose coverage in that population, and thereafter administer the third dose, starting in the oldest age groups”, they said.

SAGE has also reviewed a vaccine developed by Indian company Bharat Biotech and will issue a policy recommendation after WHO greenlights it for emergency use.

WHO last week announced a plan to end the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring all people, everywhere, have access to vaccines.

The Global COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy calls for inoculating 40 percent of people in all countries by the end of the year, and 70 per cent by the middle of 2022.

The strategy takes a three-step approach to vaccination. Priority is given to older people, health workers and high-risk groups of all ages, followed by adults and then adolescents.

RANSOMWARE GANG BUSTED

EUROPE

Two prolific ransomware operators suspected of carrying out a string of attacks, demanding ransoms of up to EUR 70 million, have been arrested in Ukraine.

The arrests were made on Sept. 28 as a result of global law enforcement cooperation involving the French National Gendarmerie, the Ukrainian National Police and the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), INTERPOL and Europol.

A coordinated strike also resulted in: 7 property searches, Seizure of US \$375,000 in cash, Seizure of two luxury vehicles worth EUR 217,000, Asset freezing of US \$1.3 million in cryptocurrencies.

The organized crime group is suspected of having committed a string of targeted attacks against very large industrial groups in Europe and North America from April 2020 onwards. The criminals would deploy malware and steal sensitive data from these companies, before encrypting their files.

They would then proceed to offer a decryption key in return for a ransom payment of several millions of euros, threatening to leak the stolen data on the Darknet if their demands were not met.

Close cooperation between the participating law enforcement authorities led to the identification in Ukraine of these two individuals.

The INTERPOL High-Level Forum on Ransomware in July underlined that to effectively

prevent and disrupt ransomware meant adopting the same international collaboration used to fight terrorism, human trafficking or mafia groups such as the 'Ndrangheta.

MIGRANTS BEING HARASSED

AFRICA

Migrants and asylum seekers in Libya have been facing increasingly heavy-handed treatment from targeted security operations, that have resulted in at least one death and a steep increase in detentions.

In an alert on Oct. 12, the UN human rights office (OHCHR) said that vulnerable people on the move in the north African nation experience “a myriad daily violations and abuses at the hands of both State and non-state actors.”

These include expulsions of individuals to countries in sub-Saharan Africa without due process, in violation of the principle of non-refoulement.

“On the one hand, as some parts of the Government have been saying, they are doing these raids and operations just to tackle crime,” Marta Hurtado, spokesperson for OHCHR explained. “In this case, what we are saying is if you are trying to tackle crime, try to go against the traffickers, don’t go and detain the migrants who are quite often the victims of the traffickers.”

Ms. Hurtado expressed concern at a number of major incidents in which migrants and asylum seekers had been targeted since the beginning of October.

These included the first of October raid by Ministry of Interior personnel on an informal settlement in Gergaresh, which is about 12 kilometers west of Tripoli.

Women, children and men were arrested and handcuffed, including some individuals who were reportedly registered with the UN Refugee Agency. Security forces used unnecessary and disproportionate force to detain them, including shooting and beating those who resisted or tried to escape, Ms. Hurtado said.

She noted that at least one

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Finance At Your Fingertips



Moses Ayiku, Jr. MBA OP/ED

Investing In Financial Securities: Stock And Bonds - Part 1

We have spent the past few weeks providing insights on starting a new business. Understandably, this is not for everyone. There is a lot of work involved and it requires a very high level of time and dedication. With the existence of financial markets, especially the stock market, there is an opportunity for many of us to have our money work for us!

Stocks may seem complicated initially. Our focus is to explain how the market works and provide basic information that can assist current and potential investors. It is vital to have a working knowledge of the market before spending money there. Too many people have lost large amounts of money simply because they skipped learning about the financial markets. It cannot be overemphasized that knowledge must be acquired before you start investing your precious money on the markets.

The stock market can be classified as a financial market where stocks are bought and sold. That is exactly what a stock market is! It allows people who own listed stocks to sell them. People who also want to buy listed stocks can also purchase stocks through the stock market.

The unique thing about a stock market is that we the public do not physically go to the stock market to make trades. We use intermediaries known as stockbrokers. Stockbrokers are people who have been trained and licensed to buy and sell stocks on behalf of the public

that seeks to invest.

By investing in stocks, we can open ourselves up to the possibility of earning financial rewards in two ways:

- a. Capital gains: In other words, I can buy Apple stock today for \$144.50 per stock. If in December of this year the price of this stock has increased to \$200, the difference between the purchase price and the end of year price represents the capital gain.
- b. Dividends: Every year, companies assess their financial performance in the previous year and decide whether or not to pay dividends to existing shareholders. Once you buy stock in a company on the stock market, you are now a shareholder! You have the right to enjoy when the company does well financially. A company will decide whether to pay dividends to existing shareholders based in its past financial performance. Apple could decide to pay out dividends of \$5 per stock. This means if you have 10 stocks in Apple, then you would receive a dividend check of about \$50 (10 stocks times the dividend payout per stock of \$5).

These days there are a variety of websites that assist the public to buy and sell stocks. Many of these sites also offer classes and quality information on stocks. It is highly encouraged that one utilize these resources to gain quality knowledge about the financial markets in general and the stock market in particular.

Who invests in stocks? The public does as well as institutional investors such as pension funds and insurance companies. All of these individuals and entities want their money to work for them. They are looking for income from capital gains and dividend payouts on their stock investments. Clearly, this opportunity is open to you as well!

Next week, we shall continue to share pertinent information about investing in the stock market.

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Bloomfield	5936	127	5961	127
Caldwell	684	16	686	16
Cedar Grove	1712	121	1721	121
East Orange	7974	323	8042	326
Essex Fells	211	2	211	2
Fairfield	999	32	1013	32
Glen Ridge	464	14	466	14
Irvington	5323	241	5372	242
Livingston	2104	89	2125	89
Maplewood	1535	41	1556	41
Millburn	980	11	997	11
Montclair	2609	74	2631	74
Newark	40468	1054	40648	1054
North Caldwell	572	7	575	7
Nutley	3387	68	3414	68
Orange	3859	141	3871	141
Roseland	535	17	539	17
South Orange	1116	16	1124	16
Verona	1140	18	1155	18
West Caldwell	1158	54	1167	54
West Orange	5085	234	5118	234
Total	94084	2820	94656	2823

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of October 13, 2021)
NJ: 1,021,272 cases / 24,850 deaths (Plus 2,803 probable)
United States (approx.): 44.626 Million / 717,800 deaths
Worldwide (approx.): 239.003 Million / 4.870 Million deaths

PUBLIC FORUMS SET FOR ECC PRESIDENT FINALISTS

The Essex County College Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we have selected three (3) finalists for the presidency of Essex County College.

The Essex County College presidential finalists are (in alphabetical order):

- Augustine Boakye, Ph.D., is Interim President of Essex County College in Newark, NJ. He previously served as Acting Dean of Liberal Arts and Business at Essex County College in Newark, NJ.
- David Potash, Ph.D., is President of Wilbur Wright College, City College of Chicago, in Chicago, IL. He previously served as Chief Academic Officer at Curry College in Milton, MA.
- Wendy Wilson, Ed.D., is Chief of Staff/Vice President of University Relations at Albany State University in Albany, GA. She previously served as the Interim Vice President of Student Affairs at Albany State University in Albany, GA.

The finalists' biographies

are posted on the College website.

Public forums will take place on October 18, 20, and 21 (schedule below). Forums can be viewed virtually or in person at the College in Smith Hall located in the A. Zachary Yamba building. For those who attend in person, social distancing and mask usage guidelines will be observed. Seating will be on a first come first serve basis.

There will be a brief introduction of each candidate, followed by the candidate's opening remarks, then a question-and-answer session. Please email questions you would like to be asked of the candidates to Ms. Yvette Henry, Executive Director of Human Resources, yhenry@essex.edu, by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15th.

All forum attendees (virtual or in person) will be asked to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees via an online survey at the conclusion of each forum. Links to the surveys are provided in the forum schedule below. The online survey process for each candidate will remain available for completion until 10:00 am EST the following day.

Open Forum Schedule

Virtually: as listed below

In Person: Essex County College – Smith Hall
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Monday, October 18, 2021 - Dr. David Potash

10:00 am:

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Thursday, October 21, 2021 - Dr. Wendy Wilson

10:00 am:

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STUNNING CARJACKING STATS IN CRIME REPORT

By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - The crime rate statistics for 2020, as recently posted by the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and the State Police, presents a mixed picture for New Jersey's largest city.

The latest Uniform Crime Report has major crime counts and rates declining overall and in six of the seven major crime categories compared to 2019 and 2018.

When it comes to arrests and "cases cleared," however, the Newark Police Division has more mixed results.

Although there have been increased arrests overall and in two categories, it had actually declined in two categories, remained flat in a third and no arrests made in a fourth.

In "Cases Cleared" - where a crime had been solved with an arrest or closed - mustered one improvement in a category compared to 2018. Six of the categories had fewer cleared cases.

One category, "Auto Theft," had no cases cleared among the 1,707 incidents reported throughout 2020.

The Attorney General and State Police annually release its UCR in August as a snapshot of what crimes have increased or decreased among State Police, county and municipal jurisdictions during the previous calendar year. (State Troopers served as local law enforcers in 17 municipalities.)

The traditional report's categories pretty much remain the same: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny and

Auto Theft. "Rape" covers all sexual assaults although the term is not used in state legal statutes.

"Auto Theft," however, now combines theft of automobiles and theft of objects from motor vehicles. There may be some category-crossing when a carjacking ("Theft of Auto" and "Robbery") becomes violent ("Assault" or "Murder.")

The printed UCRs, as of 2015, are a thing of the past. While one may find those volumes in designated public libraries, they and post-2015 editions may be viewed and downloaded from the NJAG's website.

The following 2020 statistics may not be as complete as in previous editions.

The 2018-20 editions' Essex County jurisdictions now include separate categories for the Essex

County Prosecutor's Office, Essex County Sheriff plus Essex County College, Montclair State University Police, NJIT, NJTransit, Rutgers University-Newark police and "State Police-Essex County." The result is that what incidents and cases a law enforcement agency data on may or may not indicate the municipality where they had happened.

This year's report compilation date - March 18, 2021 - is earlier than previous dates. 2019's compilation was completed on June 12, 2020, and 2018 on Aug. 13, 2019.

The Newark Police Division reported 6,059 incidents overall in Calendar Year 2020. "Overall" is the aggregate of the said seven major bodily and

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TOWN WATCH

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NEWARK - Relatives and friends of an Irvington youth pastor will give him his last rites in the township Oct. 15 - 14 days after he was struck and killed by a speeding driver here along Somerset Street Oct. 1.

The remains of Rev. Israel Razak Adebayo, 56, are to be laid to rest in his native Easton, Pa.'s Gethsemane Cemetery 1:30 p.m. Friday before mourners return to Irvington's Christ Glory International Ministry for his homegoing service.

Associates and witnesses said Adebayo died while helping out a friend by making repairs under a Nissan Altima that was parked along Somerset Street the early afternoon of Oct. 1.

Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore "Ted" Stephens and Newark Public Safety Director Brian O'Hara said that a Dodge Charger, "traveling at a high rate of speed," struck the Altima.

Adebayo was declared dead at 2:55 p.m. Any charges against the Charger's driver, who stayed at the scene, have not been made public. ECPO's Homicide/Major Crimes Task Force conducted the investigation.

Adebayo is survived by his wife and four daughters, among others. A GoFudMe.com page has been established to help his family.

IRVINGTON - Relatives and friends of a township man have been left to make last rites since his fatal Oct. 2 shooting here.

Irvington Public Safety Director Tracy Bowers said that his police officers responded to gun-

fire reports from Madison Avenue at 3:30 p.m. that Saturday. IPD officers found Jarod Rogers, 22, lying near the Myrtle Avenue intersection with a gunshot wound.

Rogers was declared dead at the scene at 3:33 p.m. His murder case was turned over to the ECPO Homicide/Major Crimes Task Force.

EAST ORANGE - City and county authorities are looking for the person who shot dead a West Orange resident here in the teen streets section Oct. 5.

East Orange Police Chief Phyllis Bindi said that several of her officers had responded to a gunfire report from the 100 block of North 18th Street, 8:30 p.m. that Tuesday.

Responding officers found a woman - identified Oct. 8 as Nicole M. Lee, 32, with gunshot wounds near William Street. Medics rushed her to University Hospital - where she died at 3:26 a.m. Oct. 7.

Bindi promptly turned over the Lee shooting case to the ECPO Homicide Task Force. Lee's funeral announcement has not been made as of Oct. 12.

ORANGE - There have been no public funeral arrangements made for a Pierson Street man while the driver who fatally struck his parked car has been charged in relation to his Sept. 23 death.

Orange Public Safety Director Todd Warren and ECPO Acting Prosecutor Stephens said that Donald Banks, 65, was working beside his car when Chadane Bailey, 26, of Orange, pulled into 166 Pierson St.'s driveway at 12:45 a.m. that Thursday.

The impact of Bailey's car, added Warren, crushed Banks. First responders rushed Banks to University Hospital, where he was declared dead. at 12:53 a.m.

Bailey, who stayed at the scene, was charged with causing death while operating with a suspended license and cocaine possession. Both lived at 166 Pierson, a three-story, six-apartment building constructed in 1904.

WEST ORANGE - Stephens

and West Orange Chief of Police James Abbott is asking for the public's help in finding the car, and its driver, who struck and killed a resident on an Interstate-280 overpass Sept. 30.

Abbott said that his responding officers found Maria F. Pasturizaca-Yauri, 67, on Brennan Drive near the Mt. Pleasant Avenue intersection at 7:17 p.m. that Thursday. Pasturizaca-Yauri was taken by ambulance to University Hospital - where she died at 8:15 p.m.

SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD - The South Orange-Maplewood School District's first findings of what did or did not happen in a Seth Boyden second grade classroom Oct. 6 - and/or the public's first questions to the Board of Education on the matter - may be at the latter's Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

"Today (Oct. 7) we were made aware of an allegation of discrimination and immediately began an investigation," declared the district that Wednesday night. "We were alerted to social media posts related to the allegation. Social Media is not a reliable forum for due process and the staff member(s) involved are entitled to due process before any action is taken."

The SOMSD statement continued with abiding by legal obligations to keep personnel and student matters confidential. The district, it said, is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion. An Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Equity is being created and restorative practices will be implemented "to help our students, staff and families process the socio-emotional harms done."

Maplewood native and Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad, early that Thursday, posted on her Facebook page that the Seth Boyden teacher had "forcibly" removed a hajib headscarf from a student's head during a class. Muhammad, according to one Oct. 7 news outlet is a friend of the student's mother and, in a Tweet, named the teacher.

Samantha Harris, a Quaker Hill, Conn. civil rights attorney is more than saying she repre-

sents the teacher in question. Harris said that the teacher "directed a student in her class to pull down the hood of a hooded sweatshirt because it was blocking her eyes - and immediately rescinded that request when she realized that the student was wearing the hood in place of her usual hajib."

Maplewood Chief of Police James DeVaul said, in an Oct. 7 email, that his department "is in the very initial stages of conducting an investigation for possible criminality." DeVaul has not said, as of press time, whether the investigation was started with an individual's complaint or a SOMSD request.

BLOOMFIELD - The township is looking for a qualified engineering consultant now through 11 a.m. Oct. 22 so that he or she can conduct a detailed stormwater management study.

That study, explained Mayor Michael Venezia, would put the stormwater system through models of future storms and identify areas for improvement. The study will help the township weather future storms the likes of Sept. 1-2's Tropical Storm Ida.

"Combating the effects of climate change and being ready for the next major storm are important priorities for the township," said Venezia Oct. 1. "The study's imperative so that we can take a proactive approach in mitigating damage from future storms."

Submission packages, including selection criteria and requirements, may be picked up at the Municipal Clerk's office, 1 Municipal Plaza, during business hours and on www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

MONTCLAIR - Township police officers, with the help of their Cedar Grove and West Cadlwell colleagues, among eight departments, found a pickup truck reported as stolen from Belleville Sept. 28 - and the Kearny driver who led them on a chase in seven towns.

An MPD patrol officer found a 2014 silver Dodge Ram pickup matching the stolen vehicle's de-

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RUTGERS RENAMES BRADLEY HALL

By Lev D. Zilbermints

NEWARK - Rutgers University has decided to rename Bradley Hall, located at 110 Warren Street in Newark, New Jersey.

After more than 40 years, Bradley Hall will no longer have a name. This decision came about as a result of the investigation into the life of Joseph P. Bradley, a member of Rutgers College - Class of 1836, an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1870-1892, and a Rutgers trustee, 1858-1892.

Research by "Local Talk" showed that Justice Bradley was part of the Supreme Court that ruled that the protections of the 14th Amendment did not apply to the actions of individuals, but only to the actions of state government. This ruling occurred in the landmark case, *United States v. Cruikshank*, an 1876 Supreme Court case.

Background

The case came about following the controversial 1872 Louisiana gubernatorial election and the following Colfax massacre of April 13, 1873, in which anywhere between 100 - 280 black people and three white people were killed. What happened was that both Democrats and Republicans declared victory in the November 1872 gubernatorial elections. Both parties had their own slates for sheriff and justice of the peace. Blacks in those days tended to vote Republican.

An armed white Democrat militia attacked African-American Republican freedmen, who had gathered at the Grant Parish courthouse in Colfax, Louisiana to protect it from the pending Democratic takeover. Most blacks surrendered, as they were unarmed. In contrast, the Red Shirts, Ku Klux Klan, and other Democratic paramilitary groups were armed. There followed a massacre.

According to Leanna Keith's 2008 online article, *The Colfax Massacre*, "some members of the white gangs were indicted and charged under the Enforcement Act of 1870. The Act had been designed primarily to allow Federal enforcement and

prosecution of actions of the Ku Klux Klan and other secret vigilante groups against blacks, both for outside violence and murder, and for preventing them from voting. Among other provisions, the law made it a felony for two or more people to conspire to deprive anyone of his constitutional rights."

According to legal research, *Cruikshank*, 92 U.S. at 544-554 "the white defendants were charged with sixteen counts, divided into two sets of eight each. Among the charges included violating the freedmen's rights to lawfully assemble, vote and bear arms."

It should be noted that Justice Bradley happened to attend the trial of the three men who were charged by the government. Bradley ruled that the Enforcement Act of 1870 was unconstitutional. The men were granted bail, paid it, and promptly disappeared.

On March 27, 1876, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the federal government could not use the 1870 law to stop violence by paramilitaries and groups on individuals. This allowed KKK and similar groups to use violence to suppress black voting with impunity. Black freedmen could not look to the legislatures, law enforcement or the courts for protection. Democrat-controlled white legislatures in the South refused to allow blacks the right to bear arms.

Constitutional commentator Leonard Levy wrote in the *Encyclopedia of the American Constitution* (1987), "*Cruikshank* paralyzed the federal government's attempt to protect black citizens by punishing violators of the Civil Rights and, in effect, shaped the Constitution to the advantage of the Ku Klux Klan." Not until 1966 did the Supreme Court overturn portions of the *Cruikshank* case. As late as 2010, Supreme Court decisions continued to overturn the 1876 case.

Women's Rights

In the 1873 *Bradwell v. State of Illinois* case, Justice Bradley was among the 8-1 majority that held that the Privilege

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or Immunities Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment did not include the right to practice a profession. In his concurring opinion, Bradley wrote in part, "The paramount destiny and mission of women are to fulfill the noble and benign offices of wife and mother. This is the law of the Creator (83 U.S. 130, 142)." This decision denied Myra Bradwell, a woman, the right to practice her profession.

Rutgers BOG Resolution

According to a Rutgers Board of Governors resolution dated October 6, 2021, in 1971 Rutgers University acquired a prominent, seven-story building at 110 Warren Street, Newark, New Jersey, for the purposes of accommodating and expanding the academic and administrative operations of the Rutgers-Newark campus.

The resolution stated that "in Fall 2020, a committee of faculty, staff and students appointed by Chancellor Nancy Cantor to research and study the issue intensively has determined that contrary to the contemporary record, Justice Bradley played a role

in perpetuating systemic racism and ushering in legalized discrimination in the period after the Civil War..."

On August 18, 2021, R-N Chancellor Nancy Cantor endorsed the recommendations of the Committee on the Naming of Bradley Hall and formally requested the University Naming Committee the removal of the name from Bradley Hall.

In response, on September 3, the University Naming Committee approved this request and recommended approval to Rutgers President Jonathan Holloway, who also approved it. From there, the matter passed to the Committee on Finance and Facilities, which also approved the removal of the name from Bradley Hall. The committee reviewed the proposed action on September 27, 2021, and recommended approval by the Board of Governors.

On October 6, 2021, 40 years after the naming of Bradley Hall, the Board of Governors approved the removal of the name from the building at 110 Warren Street. From now on, the building will be known by its address of 110 Warren Street.



From The Pastor's Heart

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

Living In Troubled Times

One can hardly turn on the news these days without being served up a list of political divisions, social unrest, economic dislocations, ecological disasters, poisoned water in some places, food insecurity that is threatening the lives of millions, massive fires, millions of deaths from the pandemic, and a host of other problems that are allowing the newscasters to say, "we are living in a time of trouble."

I have even heard some saying that it is "apocalyptic," as if they were quoting the title of the movie "Apocalypse Now" or describing the complete final destruction of the world, as described in the biblical book of Revelation.

Whatever is being referenced, it must be clear that the name "troubled times" is not just contemporary. The prophet Daniel stated that, "And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time." (12:1). The prophet Jeremiah spoke of a time he called "Jacob's trouble" (cf. Jeremiah 30:7).

Also noted by the Gospel writers is a troubling time that would proceed the Second Advent of Christ. The Gospel writers clearly state that we should know the time by the number of wars, earthquakes, famines, upheavals in nature, and other accompanying crises. (cf. Mathew 24, and in Luke 13, and Mark 13).

I do not know how you are reading at present, but I saw a

few lines in the Foreword of a book that struck me deeply. They state: "Never has the present been subjected to such a tectonic shock between its future and its past, the consequences of which seem difficult to foresee and can sometimes be distressing."

Another author writing more than a hundred years ago, states this:

"We are on the very verge of the time of trouble, and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us. A power from beneath is leading men to war against Heaven. Human beings have confederated with satanic agencies to make void the law of God. The inhabitants of the world are fast becoming as the inhabitants of the world in Noah's day, who were swept away by the Flood, and as the inhabitants of Sodom, who were consumed by fire from heaven. The powers of Satan are at work to keep minds diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his own purposes. Worldly business, sports, the fashions of the day - these things occupy the minds of men and women. Amusements and unprofitable reading spoil the judgment. In the broad road that leads to eternal ruin, there walks a long procession. The world, filled with violence, reveling, and drunkenness, is converting the church. The law of God, the divine standard of righteousness, is declared to be of no effect." {CCh 64.3}

I do not think we need to say more to clarify that "a time of trouble" is upon us or that "the time of trouble" is very near to us. I do not reference the subject to make anyone more anxious than they are or add to the stresses that are creating mental disease, but my intention is to help us prepare so that we are not overwhelmed. So let me ask explicitly, "How are we to live in these troubled times?"

Let me offer the responses that, in my estimation, can help anyone reading this reflection to set up a battle plan for troubled times. If you do not feel you are facing what others might be facing as their time of trouble, you will not need what I am about to state. However, if you live long enough, you will come to a personal moment in your life when you are coming out of something or going into something, you will come to a time of trouble. So here are at least five things that I suggest for a battle plan.

1. Strengthen your faith for your time of trouble

An unknown author says that "Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem; Faith takes you through the problem. Faith doesn't always take away the pain; Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain. Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm; Faith calms you amid the storm."

God's Word is filled with promises that teach us about having faith in God during hard times. Psalm 27:12 is a perfect faith builder "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:12)

2. Love in troubled times

Build up your love relationship with God and those around you for troubled times. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that there is power in God's love. He says, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you." (Isaiah 43:2).

3. Hope in troubled times

The apostle Paul tells us that hope does not make us embarrassed. On the contrary, when we are in trouble, "We can rejoice... when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation." (Romans 5:3, 4). God is the God of hope.

4. Courage in troubled times

The apostle Paul also reminds us that in troubled times, if we put ourselves in God's hand, he will sustain us and give us courage. Hear his words, "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38, 39).

5. Praying through troubled times

Many people, even so-called atheists and agnostics, learn that they cannot trust their strength when in trouble but must depend on a Higher Power. They might know God personally, but they call out to someone above themselves. It is not a good thing to wait until you are in trouble, to call out, but it is quite evident that God in his mercy hears even such prayer. When the prophet Jonah was in trouble, he cried out to God, and God heard him. That is why he says, "When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple" (Jonah 2:7 KJV).

Yes, troubled times are here, and we need to find resources to help us get through. But let us not just look for short-term solutions but our eternal salvation in God.

SPORTS WRAP

By William Hathaway, Jr.

This past weekend in New Jersey High School football action, the Orange Tornadoes won their first game of the season, and it was in the homecoming game. Orange took down Barringer 35-19 before a large crowd at Bell Stadium. The now 1-5 Tornadoes have beaten Barringer in their series against each other for six straight years. Next on the schedule is Livingston this coming Friday on senior night.

Also in Essex County, Lincoln High school defeated the Weequahic Indians at Untermann Field in Newark 26-6. Weequahic is now 2-3 this year.

The Irvington Blue Knights took a tough loss against DePaul 21-0, while in Bloomfield, the Bengals won their second straight game in a 51-19 victory on the road at Kearny. Montclair tamed the Columbia Cougars 35-0. while Central High's Blue Devils blew away Newark Collegiate 46-0 for their first victory of the season, and snapped a 15-game losing streak.

In college football, Rutgers lost to Michigan State 31-13. Of course, the big news on the day saw #1 Alabama lose at Texas A&M 41-38 on a walkoff FG. Aggies head coach Jimbo Fisher became the first former assistant of Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban to beat him.

The National Football League had some interesting news. First, once again, both NY teams lost. The Jets lost in London to the Atlanta Falcons 27-20. In Dallas, the Giants not only lost the game to the Cowboys 44-20, but they lost QB Daniel Jones, RB Saquon Barkley, and WR Kenny Golladay to injuries, while WR Kadarius Toney lost his mind and threw a punch at one player. Also, it was a day for kickers, as many missed extra points and field goals.

Of course, the most shocking news of the day came from Las Vegas, as head coach Jon Gruden was forced to resign after several emails leaked where he used racist, misogynistic, and homophobic language against people such as DeMaurice Smith, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, and female referees. Gruden was in the fourth year of a 10-year, \$100 million contract. The emails were discovered as part of an investigation into the Washington Football Team.

Finally, Nets guard and West Orange native Kyrie Irving will not be allowed to be around his teammates until he is vaccinated from COVID-19.

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THE DOCTOR IS IN

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numbers since before the first wave.

But, COVID just never gives up, and there was the emergence of the Delta strain. Around late June to early July, cases picked up again. The Delta strain showed it was capable of evading our vaccine's protective efforts. The fourth wave was also deadly, with daily deaths hovering around the 3000 range at its peak. But that's starting to fall again.

Scientists suggest cases will reach an all-time low if the virus doesn't mutate again. This brings us to one of the essential factors causing the waves - the emergence of new variants. We saw it with the Delta variant, and if another dangerous variant emerges, with better transmissibility or vaccine-evading properties, we could be well in for a fifth strain.

To prevent this, we need to all get vaccinated as soon as possible. The CDC is carefully examining booster doses, and it seems it's only a matter of time before they become necessary. No one knows for sure how long natural immunity will last, so studies about booster doses haven't progressed at impressive speeds.

Bar an anomaly, we should see this wave out soon. And we can only hope our government makes the right moves, how-

ever bold, in combating the virus. Stay safe, folks.

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MURPHY VS. CIATTARELLI: AN UPSET BREWING?

By Kristopher Seals

Glassboro, NJ - While it did not have the same brutality as Fury-Wilder III, some (figurative) punches were thrown at the latest New Jersey gubernatorial debate, and the final decision could get interesting.

Rowan University hosted the second and last scheduled debate between incumbent Phil Murphy (D-Rumson) and challenger Jack Ciattarelli (R-Hillsborough) Oct. 12. While the first debate could be considered a little restless and in favor of Murphy at its northern NJ setting, the second one was way more restless and in favor of Ciattarelli thanks to its southern location.

As with the first meeting, the key issues came up again: Tropical Storm Ida response, COVID-19, Edna Mahan, the budget, and more. However, this debate saw a more locked-in Ciattarelli compared to Murphy, who seemed shaken by the anti-Murphy leaning and very vocal audience.

On the subject of school funding, former assemblyman

Ciattarelli said that it needs to be fixed in order to be “flatter” and more equitable, alleviating property taxes at the same time. Murphy felt differently, saying, “If you’re in a black or brown community or you’re a Black or brown kid out there, you’re gonna get the rug pulled out from under you.”

In a bold counterpunch, Ciattarelli later blasted Murphy over racial issues, citing how the Governor has not given Black-owned firms opportunities at public contracts and brought up a discrimination lawsuit filed by a Black-owned firm against the state.

One unique aspect about the candidates is that while their cut-off time differs, both of them support abortion. The only difference is that Ciattarelli would prefer it not be done after 20 weeks compared to Murphy, who feels no restriction should exist. Also, while Murphy feels the conservative leaning U.S. Supreme Court will overturn *Roe v. Wade*, Ciattarelli feels that it will actually remain in place.

A key moment of the debate came on the heels of the current governor repeating his stance of “Forward” with little to no effect. Ciattarelli countered with the fact that Murphy took the job even though he knew what he was facing. This seemed to indicate that while Murphy wants to move “Forward,” when he faces criticism, he looks backward to what other people did.

Analysis

In the last debate of any election, the candidates are usually more pressed to get their agenda out there in a strong decisive manner. Although Murphy has the stronger campaign budget and support, he did not land any blows that would effectively end Ciattarelli’s run for the post.

The governor looked stunned and shaken at times, either consciously or subconsciously assuming that this election was in the bag. To him, it must have felt like a disaster, and based on his record with calamities like Ida and snowstorms, he does not perform well in those situations.

Four years ago, he promised to get minimum wage bumped up, legalize marijuana, and install a millionaires’ tax. He did all of that. This time, he is promising nothing concrete besides keeping what he already put into place.

When I hear Murphy shout “Forward,” it makes me want to ask him, “Where?”

On the other hand, Ciattarelli was calm, cool, and collected. Maybe it was the “home crowd” feel, or maybe not. Either way, he presented himself as the candidate who will offer something new.

This leads me to two takeaways. First, based on performance, I think that Ciattarelli won Round 2, not by knockout, but on points. Secondly, combined with the performance of Diane Allen, his lieutenant governor running mate, in her debate against incumbent Sheila Oliver, I would have to say that Ciattarelli is in striking distance of an upset. In no way am I saying it will happen, but he has a much better chance than you think.

STUNNING CARJACKING STATS

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property crime categories. That figure comes out to 2,146.6 crimes per 100,000 residents.

The said 2020 incidents, compared to 7,743 in 2018, translates to a 2.15 percent decrease. Whether there were fewer such crimes occurring or reported is a grey area.

NPD reported 1,103 arrests in 2020 a four percent increase on 2018's 1,058 arrests.

There were 522 "Cases Cleared" in 2020, or a 10.36 percent decrease from 710 in 2018. (There were 591 cleared cases in 2019.)

The cases cleared in 2020 comes out to nine percent of the number of reported offenses. That nine percent was consistent in 2019 and 18.

NPD's MURDER rate declined 10.9 percent, from 75 in 2018 to 57 in '19 and 56 in '20. 2020's murder rate was 19.8 per 100,000.

Murder arrests had a three-year bell curve: 18 in 2018, 28 in

'19 and back to 18 last year. Cases cleared in 2020, 17, declined 10 percent when compared to the 19 in 2018. (There were 25 cases cleared in 2019.) The 17 cases come out to 30 percent of the 56 reported.

RAPE, or Sexual Assault, was reported in 116 cases last year for 41.1 offenses per 100,000. There were 11.3 percent less offenses reported compared to the 150 reported in '18.

There were two arrests and two cases cleared, or two percent of the 116 reported. The arrests were down 80 percent from 2018 and clearances down nine percent from the seven in 2018. There were no arrests or cleared cases in 2019.

ROBBERY declines some 51 percent, from 689 in 2018 to 367 last year. 2020's offenses came out to 41.1 per 100,000.

There were 182 arrests, or six percent less than 2018's 196. 2019 had 198 arrests.

Fifty-one cases were cleared last year - half of 2018's 102. The 51 cleared cases versus the 367 offenses comes out to 14 percent.

There were 957 ASSAULTS last year, or 16 percent less than 2018's 1,155. The reported offenses come out to 336.6 per 100,000.

Last year's 532 arrests are a 10 percent increase on 2018's 477. Cleared cases declined 16 percent, from 300 in 2018 to 250 in 2020. The 250 cleared cases comprising 26 percent of the 957 offenses.

There were 937 reported BURGLARIES in 2020 or 337.6 per 100,000. The said cases are 7.7 more than 2018's 832.

There were 532 arrests last year, a 310 percent increase on 108 in 2018. There were 250 cleared cases in 2020, a 109 percent gain on 13 in 2018. The 250 cleared cases are 26 percent of the 937 offenses.

2,325 offenses of LARCENY were reported in 2020 or 10.2 percent less than 2018's 2,827. Last year's rate comes out to 823.7 per 100,000.

There were 241 arrests, or three percent more than 2018's 235. (There were 268 arrests in 2019.)

There were two percent few-

er cleared cases last year than 2018, 133 to 166. The 133 accounts for six percent of the 2,375.

AUTO THEFTS (theft of or from autos) was down some 10.07 percent from 2018, 1,707-2,015 - or 600 per 100,000.

There were, however, no arrests or cleared cases last year. There were nine arrests last year and five in 2018.

While 2020 was left with no cleared cases for an actual zero, 2019 and '18 had virtual zero percentages. The seven cleared 2018 cases came to a statistical zero to its 2,015 reports - as had the seven to 2019's 1,541.

Why no arrests or cleared cases in auto theft remains open to interpretation. It is not clear whether it takes longer to investigate auto theft than other categories or if the squad's resources were impacted by COVID-related staffing changes among the overall NPD.

A query to an NPD spokesperson was not immediately returned.

TOWN WATCH

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scription, at Valley Road and Bellevue Avenue around 4:45 p.m. that Tuesday. The officer was also receiving a GPS tracking feed, courtesy of the Dodge's Belleville owner.

The Montclair cruiser followed the pickup up Bellevue until it had entered Cedar Grove. The officer broke off the pursuit after describing it on an all-points bulletin.

A Cedar Grove officer noticed the Ram turning south onto Pompton Road/Route 23, from East Bradford Avenue, near the Verona border, at 4:54 p.m. The officer and several CGPD colleagues followed the truck through Verona streets onto westbound Bloomfield Avenue before losing track among Caldwell, Essex Fells and Roseland streets.

CGPD and WCPD officers found the pickup abandoned along West Caldwell's Sunnie Terrace at 5:50 p.m. West Caldwell officers arrested a woman identified as its driver Vanessa N. Shaarawy, 36, of Kearny. Caldwell, Essex Fells, North Caldwell and Roseland police and an Essex County Sheriff's Officer assisted.

Shaarawy was charged on several motor counts, including eluding and reckless driving. She was also charged on two counts of receiving stolen property - the Dodge Ram and jewelry reported as taken from a vehicle in Dunnellen. A count each of possessing cocaine and drug paraphernalia were added after both were found onboard.

Shaarawy was released once she posted bail and had satisfied an outstanding Essex County Sheriff's Office. The Truck and jewelry were returned to their respective owners.

BELLEVILLE - The Belleville Water Department, going by its Sept. 15 water quality report, has a long way to go in replacing its Lead Service Lines.

The BWD, in its latest water quality report, was obligated by the NJDEP to say that it had not met its quota of LSL replacement since Dec. 31, 2019. That quota was calculated at 385 LSLs or seven percent of its network.

That quota was triggered when the DEP's lead action level of 15 micrograms per liter was exceeded in 10 percent of Belleville's water samples during its Jan. 1-June 30, 2019 and July 1-Dec. 31 sampling periods.

LSLs, which connect municipal mains to homes or other water customers, are considered the main culprits in lead exceedances. Lead from solder, joints and fittings and the actual older lines may

build up in fittings.

There has been LSL replacement here last year (and in Hillside) by Newark and its contractors - but those are of the water infrastructure owned by the city, affecting 50 to 60 customers in the First Ward's Silver Lake neighborhood.

Newark responded to its lead-in-water crisis by getting a \$150 million loan from the Essex County Improvement Authority and awarding several emergency no-bid contracts around Sept. 1, 2019. The city, funded by a 30-year ECIA bond issue, is almost done with its supercharged LSL replacement program at over 21,000 now-copper lines.

It is not known whether the DEP allowed Belleville, who owns 95 percent of its water lines, to count those around 55 lines towards meeting its seven percent quota. Mayor Michael Melham, in 2019, said that the township would have to agree to a \$30 million bond issue with the ECIA to conduct a similar program to Newark's. The state meanwhile requires all water departments to search for LSLs in 2022 and to replace all LSLs found within 10 years.

NUTLEY - Some of "Nutley's finest" fielded a bat-wielding man in a township park and a drunken man running through backyards in separate recent incidents.

NPD officers found "a tall, thin man with no shoes and a baseball bat," yelling at people just outside of a Kingsland Park restroom, just as calling witnesses had described him, Sept. 25.

Lonnie Watlington, 39, of Brooklyn, was taken into custody after an electronic record check discovered an arrest warrant back there for second-degree assault. Watlington stayed at Newark's Essex County Correctional Facility until he was extradited.

NYPD had charged Watlington in the July 9 slapping of a bicyclist at Battery Park City's Liberty and West streets. The suspect's address was traced to a Brooklyn men's shelter. The biker's head cut was treated at the scene.

NPD officers had responded to Cherry Lane residents' calls of a man running through their backyards Sept. 19 - and found him inside a fenced yard.

The man, who said he had been drinking in Passaic, said he was trying to find a friend's home. While he did not have an exact address, he said he "would recognize his friend's backyard." He had no idea how he got to Nutley.

The man agreed to be taken to RWJBarnabas Health's Clara Maass Medical Center to be treated for his "extreme intoxication." There was no other damage reported.

WORLD NEWS

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person died, five were injured, and more than 4,000 were detained, before adding that the authorities had since acknowledged that the operation could have been handled differently.

According to OHCHR, all those arrested were taken to the al-Mabani Government-run detention center in Tripoli and kept in extremely overcrowded cells with little access to food or water.

On Oct. 6, 500 migrants managed to escape from the Gheriyan center and were chased by guards who opened fire using live ammunition. According to preliminary information, at least four individuals were shot dead, and many others injured.

Two days later, another mass escape took place from the al-Mabani center, with migrants being chased by security officers who shot at them, injuring and killing an unknown number.

For Ms. Hurtado, "this series of horrific events over a period of eight days is just the latest example of the precarious, sometimes lethal, situation facing migrants and asylum seekers in Libya."

"They are criminalized solely for their migration status, are routinely detained in abhorrent conditions, are frequently subjected to extortion and abuse, and in some cases killed," she said.

According to a recent report by the Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Libya, these widespread and systematic violations could amount to crimes against humanity.

The rights office is calling on the authorities to establish prompt, thorough, impartial and independent investigations into these claims.

OHCHR is also asking the Libyan authorities to release all arbitrarily detained migrants and asylum seekers, cease the raids on their settlements, halt evictions and stop criminalizing them.



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