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BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE GETS LIFELINE FROM MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

By Lev D. Zilbermintz

BLOOMFIELD/MONTCLAIR, NJ - Bloomfield College has finally found the savior it needs to keep from closing. The proverbial knight in shining armor is Montclair State University.

Montclair State University has agreed to loan Bloomfield College the necessary funds to ensure that the College can complete the 2022-2023 school year, campus officials announced on March 23.

Bloomfield College had 1,533 students in 2021.

According to President Evans as cited by Inside Higher Education, "Our students tend to be first generation and the first in their family to attend college. Seventy-one percent of our students are Pell Grant eligible, and many work one or two jobs while taking a full credit load."

In October 2021, Bloomfield College President Marcheta Evans went public with the institution's financial problems. At the time, the school announced that unless financial support was found, the 2021-2022 school year would be its



Bloomfield College President Dr. Marcheta Evans



Montclair State University President Jonathan G.S. Koppell

last. The reasons for Bloomfield College's problems ranged from declining enrollment, increasing expenses, poor planning by the previous administration, and the strain that the coronavirus put on the college.

As was reported by Local Talk in

its October 28, 2021 issue, Bloomfield College was looking at a number of different options. At the time, Bloomfield College said that it "was seeking strategic with other schools (partnership, merger, affiliation, etc.)

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CANDIDATES & BUDGETS ON SCHOOL ELECTION BALLOT

By Walter Elliott

IRVINGTON / NEWARK - Registered voters in Irvington and Newark are to pick three people each from an overall candidate field of 11 for their respective public boards of education April 19.

Township and city voters will also get to approve or deny their public school dis-

tricts' 2022-23 budgets. Irvington and Newark are the only "Local Talk" area towns that have direct polling say in their school budgets.


IRVINGTON voters, while approving four candidates for as many township board of education seats, will also have two new faces to approve \$17,459,529.

Janelle Lowery, for ex-

ample, is looking for her first full three-year Irvington Board of Education term. Lowery was appointed to the board July 7 after the June 30 resignation of longtime member and former IBOE president Richard Williams.

Lowery is on the same ticket with veteran members

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Editorial
 Dhiren Shah
 Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

Obviously, everyone is talking about and sharing their opinion for Will Smith's actions at the 2022 Academy Awards. Before we talk about Will Smith, we must talk about the event. What a change this year in the Awards. For the first time ever, three ladies hosted and opened the show. They are Regina Hall, Amy Schumer, and Wanda Sykes. In women's history month, this is more important in my opinion than a mishap between Will Smith and Chris Rock.

The majority of people do not agree with Will Smith's actions. Will Smith has entertained us with his phenomenal acting over the years. He received the Best Actor award, but no one cares because he slapped Chris Rock, a comedian who made a comment about Smith's wife Jada. Smith actually laughed at the joke, but

when his wife got upset, he stood up, went to the stage, then slapped Chris Rock and without any comment he turned around and left the stage. While sitting, he shouted profanely at Rock. I give Chris Rock credit for not reacting and making a scene and spoiling the beautiful event even more. Chris Rock has mentioned that he will not file any assault charges. I used to like Chris Rock, but now I admire him.

Our Content Editor Kristopher Seals said, "Will Smith just had to act ghetto and ruin it for Questlove and Shaq (who won awards) and a bunch of people, especially the winners for 'CODA'. It's no secret that she (Jada) likes that thug behavior. What if Chris Rock tried to hit him back? That would have been one of the ugliest scenes in TV history, let alone an award show. When it comes to Will and Jada, they're basically Whitney and Bobby if they never got hung up on drugs."

Russia and Ukraine were in the middle of a settlement or ceasefire, but Russia kept bombarding Ukraine in the meantime. Usually, when there are negotiations going on for peace, both sides stop the aggression. But here, Russia continued being of-

fensive. Russian President Putin was talking to the world, but not the main party, which is Ukraine President Zelenskyy. America has nothing to do with Ukraine, but due to geographical strategy, the US is becoming offensive and helping Ukraine with lots of money. First it was \$850 million, now Biden announced another \$500 million. The US is facing inflation. Even though the employment rate is low (3.8%) the inflation will hurt the economy for the middle and poor class. It is harder to manage survival for millions of families.

Why not to use the money and boost the American economy, rather than thinking about the world? Trump was the only president whose first priority was America. Most of the presidents help the world for their own namesake and prestige. When there is something negative or a reduction of popularity at home, most of the presidents sought the world battleground to divert people's attention. Also, when there is a war, millions of dollars will be awarded to their friends, family and supporters. We all want to help others, but we must always think about our own budget first, then help others. We do not want

to stay hungry while feeding others.

The People's Organization for Progress has organized a Million People's March for Voting Rights, Equality, Democracy and Peace. It is really a good effort to unite people and make sure that our basic rights can be awarded to people who cannot fight for themselves. The Million Man March will be on April 4, 2022, on the 54th Anniversary of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968. It will be at 5:00 PM and will start at Lincoln Statue, 12 Springfield Ave., Newark, NJ.

I would not be surprised that a few thousand people get together and show their support for the righteousness. It is a starting point, and at some point in the future, we will see that the laws will change to protect the rights of the people to participate in the election process. However, we must make sure that there will not be any illegal voting as well, so we elect the person of majority choice.

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next week.

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Low COVID Numbers In Japan: A Pleasant Yet Confusing Surprise

Virtually every corner of the world has been introduced to the coronavirus. Some countries have felt it more than others, but no country is a stranger to the worst pandemic in more than a century.

SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for the pandemic, is a novel virus, which essentially

meant we had to figure out most things about the virus as we went. This, combined with the nonchalance of several people regarding pandemic guidelines and vaccine regulations, is chiefly responsible for the struggles of even the most medically-advanced countries (whispers... the United States).

One common trend among the countries most affected is high population numbers. It just makes sense when you think about it - the more people there are in a country, the higher the chances of a principally air-transmitted infection spreading. This applied to Japan, too, as it is one of the world leaders in coronavirus cases.

Then, when countries started regaining their footing, even gaining the upper hand in the war against the pandemic, new variants emerged. The most significant of these variants is the Omicron variant.

However, this is where things get interesting. In Japan, despite emerging variants, cases were plummeting at some point late last year. This unsurprisingly raised a few eyebrows in the medical world.



Perhaps the most obvious suspect for the drop in cases was vaccinations. But Japan's vaccination wasn't anything extraordinary. In fact, neighbors South Korea had even greater vaccination numbers but contrasting cases records.

While vaccinations have definitely played their part in the drop in cases in Japan, it would be very bold to attribute the drop in cases to just vaccinations, considering Omicron's ability to evade the vaccines' defensive efforts.

Now, to the next suspect for the drop in cases - adherence to COVID guidelines. According to various reports, Japanese people are quite religious with mask-wearing, which is the most basic of COVID guidelines. There, even people who don't believe masks are working wear them just not to be outliers in society.

When you compare this to what we have in America, where people even go as far as organizing protests against masks, you just shake your head. This article is not in any way trying to talk down on how we have handled ourselves as a nation - which is dreadful for the record - but to try and understand what Japan possibly did differently from the rest of the world.

It is not rocket science that getting vaccinated and following COVID guidelines will reduce the chances of transmission of the virus. So, Japan doing this and getting encouraging results shouldn't surprise anyone, yet the whole of the medical world was surprised, particularly with the emergence of the Omicron variant.

Don't get it wrong - follow-

ing COVID guidelines and getting vaccinated will definitely lower COVID cases, but not when a new variant emerges, especially one as transmissible as the Omicron variant.

The variant showed vaccine-evading properties, making it harder to contain than previous strains. While booster doses exist now, only 35% of Japan's population have taken them. And other countries with even more impressive vaccination numbers, like South Korea, saw cases skyrocket when Omicron first broke loose in early 2022.

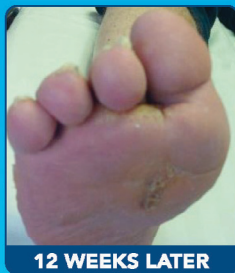
Therefore, Japan's drop in cases hugely surprised many experts. It was definitely a pleasant and very much welcome surprise, but the question of why it happened is not going away any time soon. What makes Japan so different? What is the unknown factor for this drop?

While everything we have considered thus far has been pretty generic, there is an interesting argument for a genetic feature in Japanese people. This genetic feature - HLA-A24 - is common in East Asian countries and has been found in many countries with milder coronavirus experiences, including Japan and Korea. There hasn't been much research about it, but it is certainly a promising concept.

However, that's not the whole story. This genetic feature is observed in Japan and Korea, making it surprising that Korea didn't have a similar drop in cases like Japan. Quite the opposite, in fact, with cases reaching record highs in South Korea.

What then makes Japan spe-
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SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

The NCAA tournament is coming down the final stretch, with the regional finals taking place this past weekend this past weekend in Philadelphia. The St. Peter's men's basketball team had a great season with victories over Kentucky, Murray State and Purdue as a #15 seed in the tourney. Unfortunately, the clock struck midnight for Cinderella, as the Peacocks fell in the Regional Final to North Carolina 69-49. While head coach Shaheen Holloway is likely to leave for his alma mater Seton Hall, he and the team will be honored at St. Peter's home in Jersey City, as the town will be hosting a parade for the players and coaches on April 1.

As North Carolina heads to the Final Four, they will play rival Duke for the first time in the NCAA tournament, while Villanova will play Kansas in the other National Semifinal game.

This historic run by the 22-11 St. Peter's Peacocks is the first of the school's kind in the

modern day NCAA tournament. Years ago, the Peacocks made an incredible run in the 1968 National Invitational Tournament, before losing in the semi-finals to Kansas.

In the women's NCAA tournament, Connecticut beat North Carolina State in two overtimes 91-87 to reach their 14th consecutive Final Four. Joining them are Louisville, Stanford beat Texas 59-50, and South Carolina In other local area tournament action, the Seton Hall Lady Pirates program reached the Final Four of the Women's National Invitational Tournament, beating Columbia Lions 78-75 in a Regional Final. The Pirates are 23-12 on the season, and had previous wins over Fairleigh Dickinson University (67-45) Virginia Commonwealth University (70-67) and Drexel University (78-71). They will head off to play Middle Tennessee in the WNIT National Semifinal.

Finally, the NFL has announced that it will change overtime rules in the postseason only to ensure that both teams get at least one possession.

BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

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and philanthropic support from the higher education and corporate communities to enable the four-year institution to continue its vital mission - creating educational pathways that are often not otherwise available for minority and low-income students."

Five months since the public announcement by President Evans, things have changed for the better. New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's state budget proposal will also include \$5 million in tax-payer money to help offset and funds Montclair State will need to pay to keep Bloomfield College open and working, MSU University officials said.

According to Montclair State University President Jonathan G.S. Koppell, "The missions of both institutions are closely aligned. We are both committed to providing access to high-quality educational experiences to students who are often marginalized. So this re-

sponse to financial adversity is borne of the conviction that together, we can make an even greater impact on the communities we serve. This is what it means to be New Jersey's premier public service university: turning challenge into opportunity through collaboration and innovation. I look forward to working closely with President Evans to craft a strategic relationship that could serve as a model of innovation."

Bloomfield College President Marcheta Evans expressed gratitude to the Montclair State University Board of Trustees for their help. According to President Evans, "Montclair officials, including President Koppell, toured the Bloomfield campus several times and were impressed by our students, faculty and staff as well as by our programs and facilities. Most importantly, Montclair shares our commitment to students from historically underserved populations that is our core mission."

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SCHOOL ELECTION

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Luis Antilus and Joseph Sylvain. Sylvain and Antilus had openly run on the "Irvington Schools Strong" ticket in 2019.

"Irvington Schools Strong" is the school board version of Mayor Anthony "Tony" Vauss' Team Irvington Strong. Both slates run at the non-partisan municipal level.

John F. Brown is the fourth candidate, looking to fill a one-year unexpired term.

The township's OEM Coordinator and Deputy Public Safety Director was also appointed July 7 after Gene Etchison resigned on June 30. Etchison, a 32-year Newark police officer and former North Ward Council candidate, was elected to the board in 2020.

All four candidates are running on the ballot unopposed. Voters do have the option of writing in a candidate or candidates on their Vote By Mail Bal-

lots or at the voting machine polling booth on or before April 19.

IBOE's recently recommended 2022-23 School Year Budget calls for a \$176,155,359 outlay. Property owners are being asked to pay \$17,459,529 in school taxes - an outlay unchanged from last year.

Irvington and Newark, by virtue of still holding their school board elections on the third Tuesday in April, offer their annual school budgets for voter approval via public question referenda.

Nine "Local Talk" public school districts, by moving their April elections to the November General Election ballot, lost the budget public question option. Montclair Public Schools are in the midst of becoming the 10th district.

The mayor-appointed East Orange and the two-town South Orange-Maplewood school districts used Boards of School Estimate to draft their budgets.

Irvington and Newark's BOE

"Local Talk" checked Bloomfield College's webpage, bloomfield.edu for information. The following questions and answers are quoted directly from bloomfield.edu/announcements/faqs.

THE AGREEMENT

How will the agreement with Montclair State University help Bloomfield College?

Once signed, the agreement will provide Bloomfield College with financial support, if needed, to complete the 2022-23 academic year while the College works with Montclair toward a shared goal of establishing a permanent relationship.

How might a permanent relationship with Montclair State University benefit the Bloomfield community?

Serving our students and preserving our educational mission are Bloomfield College's priorities. After carefully evaluating several possible partners, Bloomfield determined that, for many reasons, Montclair offered a wonderful opportunity to achieve a unique, collaborative relationship. In addition to its

would create BSE panels should their respective voters reject one or both budget questions. Those panels have a month to draw up a revised budget for Essex County Superintendent of Schools and N.J. Department of Education approval.

NEWARK voters have seven candidates to fill three board seats. Those seven fall into a three-candidate slate against four independents.

Incumbents Daniel Gonzalez and A'Dorian Murray-Thomas and newcomer Crystal D. Williams are running on the Moving Newark Schools Forward team.

Moving Newark Schools Forward, like in Irvington, is the annual BOE version of Mayor Ras Baraka's quadrennial Moving Newark Forward slate. A majority of participating registered city voters have swept in MNSF slates since it was formed as a fusion team from Newark Children First and For Our Kids in 2018.

Gonzalez - who was appointed to complete the late Octavio

close geographic proximity, Montclair's commitment to minority and traditionally underserved student populations, and the breadth of its academic, athletic and arts offerings align with Bloomfield's long held mission, making Montclair a particularly good fit for our community.

Will a permanent agreement result in a merger or acquisition of Bloomfield College?

While a number of details about the nature and structure of a long-term agreement between Bloomfield and Montclair need to be worked out, both parties are working toward a permanent relationship that supports Bloomfield's mission and ensures that the Bloomfield legacy and name will continue.

What are the next steps? What is the timeline for decision making?

There are many details to work out as, together, Bloomfield and Montclair work toward our shared goal of establishing a permanent relationship before the start of the 2023-24 academic year. Discussions are ongoing. The College will continue to

"Tave" Padilla's unexpired term in 2019 and won last year's special election - is seeking his first elected three-year term. The former City of Newark and current Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties Finance Director had returned to his native city from Ridgewood in 2008.

Murray-Thomas, a native who is the Morristown-Beard School's equity and inclusion deputy director, is seeking her second full term. She founded SHE Wins, Inc., which prepares girls for college and careers.

Murray-Thomas, who received the highest number of individual votes in 2019, declined a board of directors seat over the winter that was offered by the KIPP Foundation. There were those who said that a sitting NPS board member should not accept a seat on the nation's largest charter school network.

Williams is a 25-year Verizon network technician and a Chad Science Academy graduate who put most of her seven chil-

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share significant updates with students, families, employees and alumni through our usual communications platforms as appropriate.

BLOOMFIELD'S FUTURE

Will Bloomfield keep its name? How will this impact Bloomfield's mission and identity?

While a number of details about the nature and structure of a long-term relationship between Bloomfield and Montclair need to be worked out, both parties are working toward a permanent relationship that supports Bloomfield's mission and ensures that the Bloomfield legacy and name will continue.

What will happen to the Bloomfield College campus and College-owned real estate?

This is one of the many issues that the two institutions are working to address, but the expectation is that the Bloomfield College campus will remain open as part of the relationship with Montclair.

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BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

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Bloomfield College and Montclair State University, the Board of Trustees of Bloomfield College has also authorized its President and Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration to finalize and execute the interim financial support agreement.

Bloomfield's Board Chair Vernon M. Endo said, "A future relationship would build on the strengths of both institutions and enhance academic and other opportunities for current and future students at both campuses."

Montclair's Board Chair Francis Cuss said, "We are committed to working together to build a relationship that would advance the missions of both institutions and create opportunities for the students and communities that we serve. The funding agreement the Trustees approved today (March 23) will be a line of credit that the College can draw upon, should it be necessary, while the details of a permanent relationship are explored."

Answers to Questions

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By Michelle Lowe

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Message For You

Greetings all. Some blurry cold weather we're having. Everyone, this will get better for the next week, but just not hot enough yet, so stay warm. This week had winter written all over it.

Women, how many of you had your hearts broken just too many times? You try to make things work out over and over again. Just to please someone. Love is in the air for you, but can you honestly say you know everything about your significant other ladies?

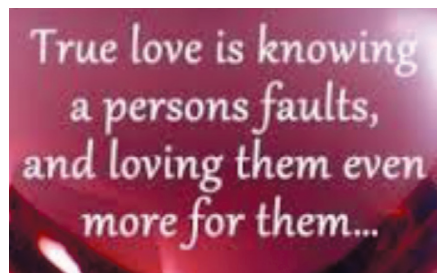


Some men will tell us women anything. They want to hear and believe everything and we at times can be very hardheaded, listening and taking in advice from others. Normally, outsiders see what you can't. You overlook it and don't accept things being brought to your attention and you go back to love. Or what you feel and may think is love can break you down something bad, and it may be very hard to get back up. We learn from mistakes we make in life. Some cases we settle and accept things, but overall, deep within, ask yourself if you're really happy. I myself had to find out the hard way and am taking things step by step today.

Women, don't let the flashy stuff, fancy stuff and etc. take control of us. Things can be so lovely cruising in nice cars, motorcycles, just sightseeing for fun. It makes you feel like you're in a

fantasy. Women, we are such more, goddesses in every way. How much more hurt and pain will you tolerate any longer?

Ladies, know who you are with and who you are dating or etc. It's very, very important. Some men out here just seek for the weak and take control, or just control the outcome. That doesn't always go well; it's not so great. You have some men out here setting women up. Be careful ladies; you don't want to lose all you have because of a man or sitting in a prison because of the innocence of you but the guilt he brought into your life. A man you thought was full of love, but the whole time it was a planned plot. Smh.



Wake up, ladies. Love can hurt very much. Some women try to get with married men. Ladies don't belittle yourselves. That man will not up and leave his wife. Or it can be the other way around in a relationship and down the line, you find out that man is married. That's how some men play the game. Be careful out here ladies. A lot of us don't stick together.

If you look at other cultures, they have unity. Dating outside the race is fine. But whatever happened to standing beside your black sistas? We have to communicate more everyone. Life is full of lessons, and we learn day by day. Don't be a victim of a broken heart; know your soulmate. The heart is very valuable. Until next time peace and love.

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Belleville	10639	147	10678	147
Bloomfield	11566	157	11602	157
Caldwell	1459	17	1470	17
Cedar Grove	3596	132	3598	135
East Orange	16861	374	16874	375
Essex Fells	459	2	461	2
Fairfield	1886	35	1901	35
Glen Ridge	1099	18	1108	18
Irvington	11596	281	11608	281
Livingston	5723	100	5745	100
Maplewood	4527	46	4574	46
Millburn	2994	17	3030	17
Montclair	6077	84	6114	84
Newark	77426	1235	77507	1235
North Caldwell	1195	10	1214	10
Nutley	6254	82	6279	82
Orange	8003	168	8019	168
Roseland	1279	21	1284	21
South Orange	2951	22	2980	22
Verona	3008	22	3022	22
West Caldwell	2455	60	2491	60
West Orange	12358	263	12411	262
Total	193420	3293	193970	3296

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of March 30, 2022)

NJ: 1,897,628 cases / 30,237 deaths (Plus 2,993 probable)

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TOWN WATCH

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

NEWARK - It appears that students at North Star Academy's Lincoln Park High School who walked out and held a protest rally before City Hall March 18 are facing more than that Friday's lockout, unauthorized leave and lost class time.

Several LPHS students, a parent and a staff member told a reporter March 23 that seniors and juniors were put on remote home learning March 21-25. They were allowed into 377 Washington St. that week only for individual or small group interviews with administrators.

The several hundred LPHS students walked out to publicly call out the charter school administrators' "culture of anti-Blackness" in recent years. They cite the departure of a significant number of African American teachers who told their charges that they were overworked and undervalued.

"(We) wanted to give our seniors and juniors what we believed to be the most effective time and attention to fully discuss and process their concerns as we moved to collaborate on solutions that are meaningful to them," said North Star spokeswoman Barbara Martinez March 23.

It is not clear whether Julie Jackson, president of North Star parent Uncommon Schools, had any consent or input with the remote learning and interviews. Jackson happened to be in the Lincoln Park campus building, on an appointment with school officials, March 18.

Martinez, that same Friday, said that LPHS "respects their peaceful protest" and "look forward to listening, discussing and working with students and families on the challenges raised." It

is not clear whether the five remote days, normally used in emergencies, would count towards the state's 180 days of instruction.

The North Star Academy Board of Trustees did not mention the March 18 walkout nor LPHS's response at their scheduled March 21 meeting. The 10 trustees held a private session before their 6 p.m. public meeting at 18 Washington Place without prior public notification.

IRVINGTON - How many Open Public Records Act requests are too much may be answered when or if a Superior Court-Law Division judge sets a hearing on "Township of Irvington vs. Elouise McDaniels."

McDaniels, president of the Irvington Block Association Coalition, on March 24, said she had been served with a civil lawsuit by the township Sept. 17. The suit's plaintiffs consider her 75 "voluminous" OPRA requests over a three-year period, "unduly burdensome, time-consuming and expensive."

The township further asserts that McDaniels' OPRA filings fuel her "frivolous" complaints about Mayor Anthony "Tony" Vauss and his administration to the N.J. Attorney General's Office and other state agencies. Those complaints, they said, had "the sole purpose and intent to harass, abuse and harm Plaintiffs and Employees of the Township, including its Mayor."

The plaintiffs also label the IBA, "a mere sham," and cited McDaniels' pleading guilty for disturbing the peace at a council meeting. The retired Newark teacher had pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor court in Newark Municipal Court May 18, for allegedly telling Councilwoman Renee Burgess that she "is going to get you" after the latter had closed a December 12 council meeting public comment segment.

Township Clerk Harold Wiener, as OPRA Custodian of Record, is the only named plaintiff. The longtime clerk first said that "I haven't requested the lawsuit against Elouise McDaniels" and that "she files a lot of OPRA requests; it goes with my territory." Wiener later added that he is refraining from further comment on the legal issue.

Vauss said in a telephone

conversation with a reporter that "I did not file the lawsuit against Elouise McDaniel; Harold Wiener is the plaintiff." Township Attorney Ramon Rivera has also declined to elaborate.

McDaniel said that she had reduced her OPRA requests since the March 2020 COVID pandemic to focus on her health. She added that she does not have the funds to hire a defense lawyer.

EAST ORANGE - A city man remains in Newark's Essex County Correctional Facility since his March 21 arrest by Newark police in a reportedly stolen car.

Newark Public Safety Director Brian O'Hara said that a Fifth Precinct patrol team was "suppressing quality of life issues" when they got a "Be on the Lookout" bulletin 10 a.m. that Friday. The officers were to keep an eye out for a blue Jeep Wrangler that had been reported as stolen from Branchburg on March 20.

The officers said they noticed a Jeep matching that description on Avon Avenue near Treacy Avenue later that day and attempted a vehicle stop. The driver, they said, began to flee on Avon.

The driver soon lost control and collided head-on with a silver four-door car that was parked curbside. The impact backed the latter car over the curb. The driver - identified as Elijah M. Harden, 31 - was apprehended after a brief foot chase.

Harden has been charged with receiving stolen property and resisting arrest.

Harden's arrest, added O'Hara, was one of seven in a four-day stretch involving cars that were either left running or had their keys left in the ignition switch.

ORANGE - Authorities are looking for who they call "an armed and dangerous man" who fled after shooting at another person along Monte Irvin Orange Park here March 25.

Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura, Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore "Ted" Stephens II and Orange Public Safety Director Todd Warren said that they are looking for a Howard D. Parks, who

will likely be charged with aggravated assault.

Parks is accused of shooting at the other person multiple times with a black handgun by 314 Oakwood Ave. that Friday. Instead of striking the person, at least one of the bullets struck "an uninvolved parked vehicle."

The suspect sped north on Oakwood Avenue towards Freeway Drive in a 2014 black Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck whose license plate reads C10-JUN. It may be used as a landscaping truck with some decals on the side. There also may be a female passenger aboard March 25.

Court records show that Parks had been released after serving time for three prior armed robberies on Dec. 1, 13 and 28, 1999. One sentence was for a federal bank robbery and a second robbery included a kidnapping.

Parks, said the March 26 release, "is possibly under the influence of narcotics."

WEST ORANGE - Both the township here and Jersey City's St. Peter's University are sharing the March 22 passing of Elnardo J. Webster, Sr.

The township, on its Municipal Building electric sign March 24, lowered its flag to half-staff both in honor of the late councilman and also for the late U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, 84, who died March 23.

Local and international media members, who came to St. Peter's Run Baby Run Arena basketball court during the school's drive into the NCAA Division 1 men's March Madness basketball tournament, learned of Webster's contribution to the Peacock's 1968 National Invitational Tournament run.

Webster, 74, who died of a brief illness in Morristown, was a 6-ft, 5-in. power forward who helped the Run Baby Run squad into the 1968 NIT semifinals. Both the 1967-68 and 2021-22 Peacocks upset some nationally known teams along their runs.

The March 6, 1948 Jersey City native had transferred to St. Peter's from Wharton County (Texas) Junior College in 1967. He would be drafted by the NBA New York Knicks in 1969 but was picked up, after a bout of tuberculosis, by the ABA New

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BILL TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION ON THE EVENTS OF SEPT. 11, 2001 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS PASSES SENATE

TRENTON - In an effort to ensure students are learning about important events in United States history, the Senate today approved legislation sponsored by Senator Richard Codey which would require school districts to include age-appropriate instruction on the events of September 11, 2001.

"The events that unfolded on September 11, 2001, remain one of this country's darkest tragedies," said Senator Codey (D-Essex/Morris). "In the 21 years since, an entire generation of students have gone through the education system with no personal memory of this day and how life was altered for many Americans. Those of us who lived through September 11, 2001, think back to our emo-

tions from that day as well as the impact the attacks had on lives greater than our own. Those who lost loved ones, those who were on those planes, in the towers, the first responders; may we never see another day like that again.

"As we continue forward, we must make certain that schools are educating our students on this tragedy so that they can understand what happened that day and how it has shaped our country. Additionally, it is imperative that we educate our students on topics related to this day, such as tolerance and diversity, so that they can grow up without the prejudices that arose in many Americans 20 years ago."

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SCHOOL ELECTION (Continued from page 6)

dren through NPS.

Williams may succeed the outgoing Shayvonne Anderson. The one-term board member has decided to focus on launching her Healing Her non-profit arm.

Maggie Freeman is alphabetically first among the independent challengers, The Marketing Director of the Weequahic Park Sports Authority last ran in 2019.

Allison K. James-Frison (Make Allison Your Only Choice) is the founder of Girls; Live, Laugh, Love, Inc. The social worker and Central High School graduate is making her first NBOE run.

Thomas Luna may be best known in NPS circles as Newark for Educational Equity and Diversity NJ, a community group that advocated for revised Newark Board of Education vacancy bylaws. He is an Eighth Grade mathematics teacher at KIPP's RISE Academy.

Phillip Wilson is an Essex County "Newark Tech" School of Technology graduate who applied his education as a 20-year auto collision technician and an automotive teacher at several Essex and Union county schools. The father of five had run in 2020 and 21.

Although the four challengers are running independently as of press time, "Local Talk" has seen at least one case of two such candidates forming a late joint platform.

NPS officials, like their Irvington colleagues, are preparing to submit their 2022-23 budget to Essex County Clerk Chris Durkin for ballot placement.

The proposed budget, as passed by NBOE in their annual special meeting on March 25, is \$1,227,000,000 - or \$1.227 billion - with a \$1,212,200 general fund balance. The general fund and overall figures include a \$120 million, or 13 percent, increase in state aid.

The bulk of NPS' general fund, like that of Irvington and 31 other needy/"Abbott" school districts, is drawn from state and federal aid. This has been the case since the New Jersey State Supreme Court's "thorough and efficient education" rulings from the "Abbott vs. Burke" case of the 1970s.

Newark's property taxpayers are being asked to pay a \$14.8 million "municipal share." That payment has actually slightly declined from last year.

The owner of a house with an average assessed value of \$175,000 is being asked to pay \$1,951.60 for 2022-23. It is \$8.75 less than the \$1,960.35 asked for in 2021-22.

The proposed budget includes NPS, as a sending district, paying charter schools \$342 million. The receiving charter school gets 90 percent of a student's tuition when he or she enrolls with them. That 90 percent gets returned to NPS, however, should the student return to the public district before Nov. 15.

This year's amount is \$42 million more than last school year.

The proposed budget includes a \$26 million increase in salaries. The boost allows NPS to hire 222 more people, including 121 more teachers.

The budget, should it pass voters' muster, includes repairing East Side High School's windows and renovating University High School's gymnasium as part of its capital spending plan.

Vote By Mail Ballots may be sent in now through 8 p.m. April 19. April 11 is the last date to ask for a VBMB by mail or make name or address changes with the county clerk's office.

There will be a selected number of physical voting machine polling stations open early and/or 6 a.m.-8 p.m. April 19.

Consult essexclerk.com, essexboardofelections.org and/or Irvington or Newark municipal or schools' clerks for details.



*From
The
Pastor's
Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

**Children Who Curse
Their Parents**

I was saddened the day I went to the psychiatric section of the hospital to visit this young teen. Her mother had just started visiting my congregation. At first, she did not come with her mother, but finally, she came, and the members enjoyed her presence.

One morning, I missed them from church; I heard she was fighting with her mother and became so enraged that the police had to be involved in restraining her. The social agencies became involved and recognized that the teen needed sedation and took her to the hospital. At first, the teen was so enraged that she refused all visits, even her mother. I offered to visit her, but the mother said she wasn't sure if her daughter would see me.

I told the mother it was worth the try, so she gave me permission to go. The next day, I phoned the hospital and announced myself as the teen's pastor. The hospital checked with the girl if she would accept my visit, and she said "yes." So, I arranged the time and made the long-distance trip to see her.

On reaching the hospital, I sat in the meeting room as the nurses were arranging for the meeting. I waited for a half-hour before the girl came. And when she saw me, she seemed truly delighted. We talked about many

little things and then prayed together. Then I asked, "Did your mother come to see you?" Immediately, the outburst began. She made it clear that she did not want to see her mother, and she stated the reasons:

1. Her mother told her she was a "mistake." Then she asked, "Pastor, how can a mother call her child 'a mistake'?" "What does she mean that I am a mistake, Pastor?" In the same breath, she said, "I wish she would die. I want to die, I hate her for calling me a mistake." "Am I a mistake Pastor?"
2. Her second complaint was that her mother had left her with an aunt when her mother migrated to another country, and her older cousin molested her. When she reported it to her aunt, the aunt did not believe her. Then her mother cursed at her when she mentioned it. She was really angry that her mother would not accept her word. Again, she burst out, "Pastor, how can a mother not believe her daughter that she was molested? That is why I do not want to see her. She is a wicked woman. I hate her and wish she would die."

After listening to the outbursts, I realized that I was dealing with something more than I could handle. I tried a little to explain what I thought the mother meant by her being "a mistake" and then apologized for the way she was treated concerning the molestation. I also offered to speak with her mother to help her realize that what her daughter told her was the truth. But, of course, I did not expect to change her mind.

Her mother from all I had commencement for the next class of Bloomfield graduates in May 2023.

Will my upcoming semesters be disrupted?

Bloomfield College will continue regular academic instruction, including all student support services, through at least the 2022-23 academic year. Bloomfield and Montclair are still working out the details of a long-term relationship between the

seen was dug in. To break the tension, I hung around a few more minutes as the time allowed and we chit-chatted a little more, then I asked if she would allow me to pray. I prayed, and she appeared a little calmer, but as I was leaving, she reminded me that she would not agree for a visit with her mother.

I spoke with the mother, who denied that her daughter was ever molested. She argued that her daughter is angry because she (the mother) did not marry her (the girl's) father. She was never comfortable in my congregation because she felt I took the girl's word above hers. When the girl left the hospital, she stopped the girl from attending church. She did not want her to be among the members who she felt were giving the girl too much attention. Finally, the mother stopped attending the church, probably to ensure that no one asked about the daughter.

It's a very sad story, but it is a reflection of why many children have turned "curses" on their parents. And while I am not going to offer excuses for children who curse their parents, I have said, based on the Bible, "A curse causeless shall not come." (Proverbs 26:2).

Think about the many parents who have been unavailable for their children. Think of those who shame and blame their children. Think of those who are abusive in the punishment of their children. Think of those who encourage wickedness and strife among their children. Think of those who show favoritism among their children. Think of those who overly control their children. Think of the permissive parents who do not think of their children's character development. What are they doing? Are they not training their

children to be a curse instead of a blessing? Are they not training their children to curse them?

As I said, I am not offering excuses for children to curse their parents. I accept the fifth commandment cited in the Ten Commandments and in so many parts of the Two Testaments of the Bible, "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

And I am not arguing that parents are responsible for the curse that every child might issue toward a parent. There are rebellious children I know, and regardless of the positive actions of parents, there are children who rebel and curse their parents. Many blame their parents when they do not wish to take responsibility. But I would argue that children reflect what they live, in the majority.

But leaving aside all of the argument about excuses, it is needful for me to remind anyone who is spending time cursing at their parents that each of person must take responsibility for anger, resentment, and lack of forgiveness. If anyone wants to heal, cope and overcome the brokenness of their lives, they must find a way to deal with their negative feelings towards their parents. Although I do not like to use this quote, "God helps those who help themselves," I think it is useful here, even though it can be easily misunderstood.

Yes, God can remove any negative feelings and give us the healing we need. Jesus words are good for our practice today as they were when he first spoke them, "bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:28 NIV).

stitutions work through the many complexities of such an agreement. The College will continue to share significant updates with students, families, employees and alumni through our usual communications platforms as appropriate.

What will happen to Bloomfield after the 2022-23 academic year?

two institutions, but a primary focus of all potential pathways is to ensure that Bloomfield's current students have an avenue to complete their education with the least amount of disruption.

When will you know more? When will you tell us more?

A number of details about the nature and structure of a long-term agreement between Bloomfield and Montclair need to be worked out, as the two in-

BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

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STUDENTS

Will Bloomfield College be open during the 2022-23 academic year

Yes! Bloomfield College will conduct classes, engage in NCAA sporting events and all traditional activities, and hold

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TOWN WATCH

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York Nets and Memphis Pros 1971-72. He played the next five years with the Eastern Basketball Association New Jersey Colonials, then of Roselle, plus Italy, Spain and Switzerland.

Webster returned to New Jersey to become a Hudson County Freeholder before earning a doctorate in education at Seton Hall University in 2000. Dr. Webster became a Newark Public Schools administrator and was Roselle Public Schools Superintendent 2007-09.

Webster, who had moved to West Orange in 1999, was appointed to Robert Parisi's seat after the latter was elected mayor in 2010. Best known for drawing a 10-year strategic plan, Webster declined to run for election.

Son Elnardo, Jr. who played football for Rutgers and the NFL Pittsburgh Steelers, also has his lawyer's practice here. Wife Sandra and second son Damarko are also among his survivors. His funeral arrangements were not announced as of press time.

SOUTH ORANGE - Lt. Ernesto Morillo will be officially sworn in as South Orange's new chief of police at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club 7 p.m. March 31. The Board of Trustees approved his promotion during their meeting here March 14.

Morrillo, who has been among "South Orange's finest" since 2005, was promoted from lieutenant and shift commander. He was first promoted to Criminal Investigations Unit detective in 2013.

The Seton Hall University doctoral candidate in higher education, leadership, management and policy is best known on the force for developing a new standardized developmental training program for incoming police academy trainees.

The first-generation Dominican-American is married and is raising two children in Essex County.

Morillo succeeds Kyle Kroll, who capped his 33-years with the SOPD as its chief 2017-21. Village President Sheena Collum and the trustees thanked Capt. Stephen Dolinac for being interim chief since May.

Collum said that Morillo more than scored well on December's N.J. Civil Service exam for the job. He was also interviewed by the trustees, Village Administrator Adam Loehner and the Community Police Collaborative.

MAPLEWOOD - What started out as a two-car collision report here on Tiffany Place March 12 turned into a still

-continuing investigation of three men who were taken to University Hospital with gunshot wounds.

MPD officers who came to the area of 88 Tiffany Pl. on what Police Chief Jimmy DeVaul said were "multiple reports of gunfire," found a Honda Accord with heavy front-end damage at 3:45 p.m. that Saturday.

While an officer was taking down the female who was with the Honda's account, another officer discovered a nearby shell casing. More MPD officers plus an Essex County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit were called to conduct a neighborhood search.

That search, said DeVaul, yielded four men standing at Elmwood Avenue and Elmwood Terrace. The fourth man said that the other three had crossed through his Elmwood Avenue backyard on their way to Elmwood Terrace.

It was during MPD's interview of the trio that officers noticed that they were suffering from non-life-threatening gunshot wounds. They were taken to University Hospital for treatment by local EMS.

MPD detectives have meanwhile found witnesses who said that the shot trio was seen fleeing from the Accord after it and suffered a head-on crash with "a dark-colored BMW SUV." A "black male got out of the BMW's passenger seat" and began shooting into the Honda."

All four people in the Honda have refused to answer further questions, including identifying the fled BMW passenger and driver. Several more 8 mm. shell casings, but no handguns, have turned up in the search. Detectives believe that none of the parties involved knew they were in Maplewood and had no connection to the township.

BLOOMFIELD / GLEN RIDGE - Township and borough property owners within 200 feet of the former Sacred Heart School building at 675-699 Bloomfield Ave. are learning that the Bloomfield Planning Board has more than recommended its redevelopment since March 8.

Owners of 30 properties in Bloomfield and another 15 in Glen Ridge, pending Township Council approval, may be notified of whatever a Bloomfield Planning Board-hired planner will come up with for 675-699 Bloomfield Ave, and 34-40 State St.

The township planning board, after a presentation by Paul Phillips, recommended designating Block 244's Lots 10 and 41-42 "an area in need of redevelopment." That recommendation, which would also call for the re-

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BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

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While a number of details about the nature and structure of a long-term agreement between Bloomfield and Montclair need to be worked out, both parties are working toward a permanent relationship that supports Bloomfield's mission and ensures that the Bloomfield legacy and name will continue.

Any plans for a future relationship would build upon the strengths of both institutions and enhance academic and other opportunities for current and future students at both campuses. A primary focus of all potential pathways is to ensure that Bloomfield's current students have an avenue to complete their education with the least amount of disruption.

Should I register for fall classes?

Absolutely. We encourage students to register for the fall classes and pursue their studies as planned while Bloomfield and Montclair work toward our goal of establishing a permanent relationship.

Will my scholarship be affected in fall 2022?

At this time, we expect all scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year to remain the same.

Will my athletic eligibility be impacted, and will sports teams compete in spring of 2022?

As of now, current student athletes will maintain their current eligibility status for the 2022-2023 academic year. Our athletic teams are poised to compete through spring 2023.

Will this impact athletic scholarships and recruitment?

We will be working closely with the NCAA to determine how best to proceed with current and future athletic team schedules. We will provide updates as we know more.

The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

OFF-TOPIC

Whispers of Comfort

It's estimated that the majority of adults do not have any formal listening education. Yet, the average person misunderstands, ignores or forgets at least 75% of what they listen to. 'Listening' is definitely not the same thing as 'hearing'. The costs of poor listening are too high to ignore, including loss of relationships, opportunities, trust, respect, credibility, money, and even loss of life, just to name a few. People lose when they don't listen! - Rick Bommelje (Listening Seeker)

The above statement jumped at me off the page; there was a slap afterwards. That's when I realized that it was auditioning, no more so demanding its place to trail today's topic header. So, I gave it that once over and my thoughts are if we don't listen when one speaks normally what are the chances of our adhering to a whisper?

But, all is not lost; especially, with-in the context of this article and as in all else there's a loop hole. We have the power to halt speech and utilize imagery. As Indigenous people I strongly believe that our language is pictures. We speak in imagery. Through our ear gate we perceive in pictures. (Google the

instrumental Eargate ... Andrea Dialect\$ Stumbled Upon)

More importantly, our comprehension is etched through pictures. Unfortunately those who have knowledge of that continue to monopolize from it. But, right now it is high time that we do. As in everything I dabble in right down to writing this article my medium is a picture that I aim to write.

This past Sunday I had the honor of interviewing two amazing women @ D2 Studios. (Thanks Chap) In support of an ongoing project that I'm working on. Ironically, I was moved to feature the two as this week and next week's Page Jackers.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

Logically "Whispers of Comfort" is imperative when the focus is grief. Ms. Coston is a lot more than a pretty face. When grief became focus as they say she didn't talk about it. She decided to be about it. A beautiful and caring spirit and as a woman of few words. Our interview was brief but straight to the point...

Aisha Coston - Founder of Newark's Fallen Soldiers Memorial (Support Facebook Page)



When my children's father passed, I wanted to post his picture in remembrance of him and I found that other towns had memorial pages. Towns like Paterson and, Orange I believe and, a

few others at the time. But I could not find one for the city of Newark. So I decided to make one. My kid's dad (Chamonds Terrell) passed away on September 8, 2007.

The page was created on April 6, 2010. I wanted to post a picture in his remembrance at the time, couldn't find a memorial page for our town. So I made one. But, the page really didn't do much for several years at first. At most there was a little over a thousand people that had come through and used it. For about three or four years at least then all of a sudden it was crazy. People started coming to the page, posting on the page. The numbers were growing a lot. At this point, today were at around 46, 000 followers.



Sometimes it can be very overwhelming because as the Administrator I am the only one maintaining it. Over the course of time, I have had a few people come thru to support as moderators. But it didn't work out. It's about 100 new people coming to join the page daily. I also have to go through the post. To eliminate spam and people posting things that are unrelated to our mission. Presently I am looking for moderators to support the maintenance of the group and to assist with making the page even more so a resource for our community, Jersey and anyone else who is in need of a space to their loved one's life and those in need of resources.

I am grateful to each and every one that has supported the

page and made Newark's Fallen Soldiers Page the resource that it has become. Feel free to continue sharing, posting and visiting our Newark Fallen Soldiers Page. Most importantly please continue to support our community. Anyone interested in becoming a moderator, or if knowledgeable of any organizations or resources that can be of benefit to our fallen soldier's family feel free to direct message me on the page. May God bless and Keep you all! - Aisha

I have visited the Newark Fallen Soldiers page on many occasions. I go there to kind of be in the know. My first experience with death was when I was four years old, my dad passed. I don't think I understood what was going on at the time but I'm sure that I was affected by it because he was no longer there. That loss has affected my life. My mother and her mom, my grandma died only one day apart. I was twelve years old when my grandma and my mother left me. Sadly, my Twenties were very uncertain and hard times for me. Once again there was such loss. My nephew was murdered then a few weeks later my brother and my sister passed away. Since then, death has shown up several times. Because of my losing so many loved ones to death sometimes the pain surfaces. But I won't let heartache erase what God is doing in my life. So I continue to push forwards looking and praying for better days! - Princess

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SEPT. 11, 2001 BILL

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Under the bill, S-713, the events of September 11, 2001, would be required to be implemented in the curriculum of elementary, middle, and high school students as part of the

New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies. Instruction would include the historical context of the attacks, a timeline of the day, the heroic actions of first responders and the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93 and the outpouring of support that occurred im-

mediately following the events of that day and how students can instill those traits into everyday life.

Additionally, the bill would also require each public school to organize a commemorative event to enhance student awareness of the attacks on September

11, 2001. This would include information concerning the events as well as the opportunity for age-appropriate discussions on conflict resolution, diversity, and tolerance for people of different religions and cultures.

The bill was released from the Senate by a vote of 37-0.

TOWN WATCH

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removal of the three lots' "church and charitable organization zoning classification, is to go before the Township Council for final approval in a future meeting.

Bloomfield's planners, on March 22, discussed whether to hire an outside planner to draw up a redevelopment that would adhere to the township's master plan.

The planning board had received public input for a conceptual "683 Bloomfield Ave. - a 212-unit, 315-parking space apartment building - Nov. 9. It would replace the 1911 Sacred Heart School building, whose last parish school class graduated in 2002.

That building and surrounding parking lot is owned by First Church L&D/Sacred Heart, 349 Prospect St., of South Orange. It currently rents its classrooms for a daycare center and the lot to a landscaping firm.

The Archdiocese of Newark, by property deed, clearly owns Lots 41-42, a single-family house at 34-40 State St., since 1962.

BELLEVILLE - The Belleville Board of Education Trustees has done its part March 28 towards a Belleville Public Schools-Belleville Township joint purchase of 249-251 Washington Ave.

All seven trustees present at the special Monday night meeting approved BPS to buy what is currently the Eastern International

College Building for \$5 million plus transferring \$250,000 from the district's budget surplus for a down payment.

Belleville's Township Council had meanwhile introduced a \$12.5 million bond issue to fund joint township-school district projects. The 30-year, \$11.9 million bond issue (\$600,000 taken for banker's fees) includes provisions to demolish both the 1925 EIC building and the 1936 King showroom at 259-265 Washington next door plus the construction of a loading dock and a "parking deck." (259-65 Washington was not named in BBOE's purchase authorization.)

The prospective BPS purchase of 249-51 Washington would be the fifth buying or leasing of previously private properties in the township the last two years.

The trustees, for example, approved a five-year, about \$2.5 million lease on the 522 Cortlandt St. Valley industrial property last winter for an "athletic training center." It had also leased a Union Avenue office across from an elementary school and bought two houses adjacent to Belleville High School.

249-51 Washington's purchase may make sense in that the .449-acre lot abuts Belleville Middle School. Its building was constructed in 1915 as Belleville High School and its Art Deco gym was added in the 1930s. BHS moved to its present site in the 1960s.

There has been no discussion on EIC's exit plans. School founder Bashir Mohsen

bought the corner building in 2004 to move the then-Micro Tech Training Center from East Orange. EIC has since opened a "Main Campus" of Jersey City's Journal Square.

NUTLEY - Township police officers have stopped the early morning March 24 crime spree of who they call "Umbrella Man."

"Umbrella Man" was not a graphic novel super villain but a New York City man who entered five unlocked cars parked along North Road Oak Street and May Place and stole items.

The suspect was so named because he was seen on security cameras using the umbrella from his first car while burglarizing later vehicles during that Thursday morning's rainstorm.

NPD has identified "Umbrella Man" as Elijah Augustin, 27, of Brooklyn's Ozone Park section. Augustin has been charged with five burglaries and multiple counts of theft and attempted theft.

Ho-Ho-Kus police said they found Augustin March 9 asleep behind the wheel of a 2016 Kia Sorrento that was not his. The SUV was reported as stolen from Nassau County, N.Y. HHKPD said they found several electronic key fobs, crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and several arrest warrants on him.

Augustin will not be returning to Nutley or other municipal courts with the umbrella. NPD has taken it for evidence.

THE DOCTOR IS IN (Continued from page 4)

cial? I don't know, and the science world doesn't either. We will have to conduct more extensive studies, but for now, nothing concrete.

I admit that it is quite unfortunate to conclude today's article without giving any solid answers, but that's literally all we know about it right now. Something serious will come up later, I'm sure, but for now, stay safe.

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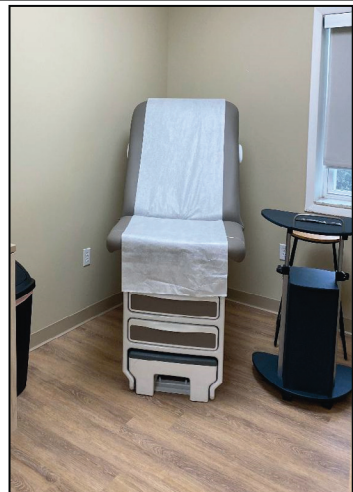
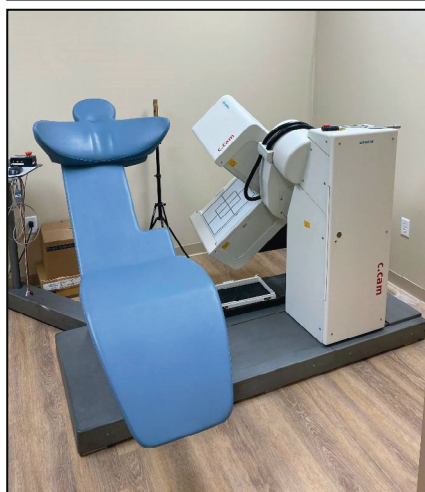
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