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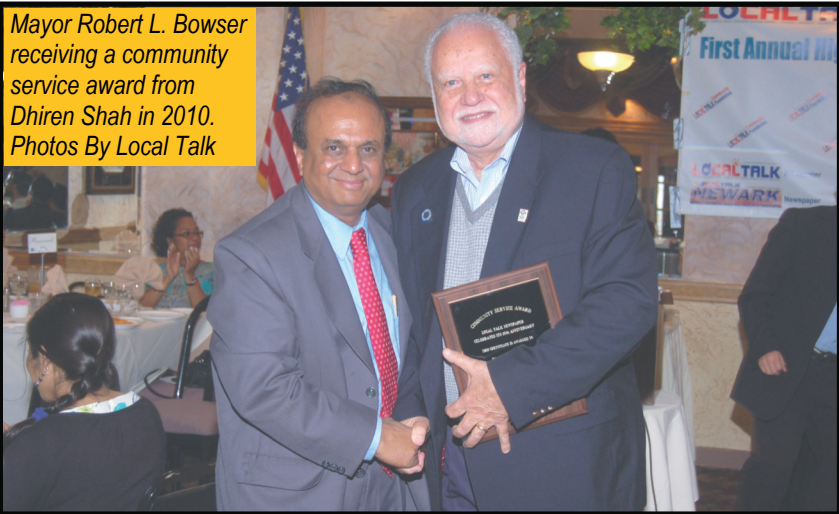
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ROBERT L. BOWSER, MAYOR & FRIEND, REST IN PEACE



Mayor Robert L. Bowser receiving a community service award from Dhiren Shah in 2010. Photos By Local Talk

EAST ORANGE - In journalism, it is said for one to always be objective rather than subjective ... not this time.

This story hits us personally, as one of the first members of the extended "Local Talk" family has left us. Former East Orange Mayor Robert L. Bowser has died at the age of 85. Bob, as we knew him, had a track record of defeating some of the heaviest hitters in the state. First, he won the 1997 East Orange mayoral election over now-Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver by 52 votes. Then, in 2001, he took down now-Democratic Chairman LeRoy Jones.

Bob served as the twelfth

Mayor of the City of East Orange until losing the 2013 election to Lester Taylor III, who was backed by Jones. Bob will always hold the distinction of being the first African American in the history of the City to have been elected to serve a third term, serving four in all.

Mayor Bowser hailed from a family whose presence in East Orange dates back to the late 1800s and is one of the City's oldest African American families. He is a graduate of the Newark College of Engineering - now NJIT - earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.

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FORMER ORANGE MAYOR ELDRIDGE HAWKINS INDUCTED INTO MARTIAL ARTS HALL OF FAME



Left to right: Professor Aaron Walker, Shihan Hawkins, Professor Harry Baker, UFC Gym owner Amir Hashemi. Photos Courtesy Linda Cofer


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"MILLION PEOPLE'S MARCH" STEPS OFF IN NEWARK

Hundreds of people were on hand to give their support to the march. Photos Courtesy Oliver Collier



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Editorial

Dhiren Shah
Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

Local Talk and I would like to pray for former Mayor of East Orange Robert Bowser. Local Talk appreciated him and his work, as he was the first to respond and we interviewed him for our very first publication. Mayor Bowser even distributed our first newspaper coming down from his office and giving a copy to the first person who walked into City Hall.

Bowser was a well-qualified individual to be Mayor of East Orange, and under his tenure crime was reduced drastically in the city. It went from being the worst city in the Local Talk circulation area to one of the safer cities. Nationally, law enforcement departments were looking

at the success and many cities came over to visit East Orange for their drastic change in addressing crime. Local Talk's staff and I will pray for his soul and offer condolences to his family and friends.

U.S. consumption of oil went down drastically at the time the Pandemic started in 2020. In 2021, the U.S. used about 19.78 million barrels a day. On March 30, 2022, President Biden announced he would release 1 million barrels a day for the next six months. That means 180 million barrels within six months. We have 264 billion barrels of recoverable oil reserves, with Biden ready to release 180 million barrels, which is about .6% of the reserves, and way less than the consumption of oil, which is at .025%. It is a drop in the bucket and will not impact anything at all. This will not make any difference in the oil industry. If they are not ready to accept Biden's phone call, how we can convince them to produce more oil?

Six people were killed in a Sacramento shooting. Both suspects were apprehended. A mass shooting like this is not a one-time mishap, but has been ongoing since the past few years, one after another. The problem is our mindset, people hating each other, and we are divided to a certain extent. Also, people are getting angry at the smallest things, so mental calmness is necessary for all. It is easy to blame someone, but as it is said, there is no problem without a solution. If everyone thinks that way, we all together can change this world. That starts from electing the right person, not the right group. The elected officials have more power to change our lives through the laws they are making. So, by electing the right person, you get someone who can hopefully discharge their duties for the benefit of the people if elected.

In Newark, 15 year old Mawa Doumbia was missing since October 7, 2016. It was reported that she was strangulated,

and her remains were found in a vacant building after almost 3 years on May 9, 2019. Those remains were positively identified on November 5, 2021, and after another few months, Khalil A. Wheeler Weaver was charged with the murder. It took a long time to investigate and to officially charge him. The Essex County Prosecutor's Office had enough staff to work with, and other agencies like the Essex County Sheriff, FBI, State Attorney General and other sources to help them solve the case. For the family and friends, it would still feel like it went very slow.

By law, Wheeler Weaver is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. He is currently serving 160 years in prison for murdering three women and an attempted murder, all in 2016.

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next week.

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The Doctor Is In



Dr. Adil Manzoor OP/ED

Children's Mental Health Crisis: A Dangerous, Yet Old Foe

It is beyond any argument that there's a mental health crisis among children. This crisis has caught the eye and worry of many, and rightfully so. Whenever any reference is to be made about the children's mental crisis, the last two years have been brought to the fore. The corona-

virus pandemic has dominated the medical landscape for more than two years now, wreaking all sorts of damage on its way.

It is, therefore, understandable that many people blame most of the health crises we experience now on the coronavirus. They aren't totally wrong, either, considering just how many serious health complications the coronavirus has caused. However, one health crisis that cannot be blamed on the coronavirus is children's mental health.

Did the coronavirus make the children's mental health crisis worse? Yes, absolutely. But did the coronavirus cause the children's mental health crisis? No, not even close.

According to estimates quoted by UNICEF, more than 1 in 7 adolescents between the ages of 10 and 19 is estimated to live with a diagnosed mental disorder. This is bad, and one of the reasons for this is the coronavirus pandemic. Many adolescents lost loved ones, were locked out of schools, had their social relations impaired, and had their families enter financial difficulties. So it's not really surprising that the mental health figures in the 10-19



age bracket are that bad.

Another interesting but disturbing fact to consider is that 1 in 5 children have a mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder. These disorders include anxiety, depression, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), disruptive behavior disorder, and Tourette's syndrome. To worsen matters, only about 20 percent of children with these disorders receive care from a specialized mental health care provider.

This report is from CDC studies. I called the report "interesting and disturbing." It's fair to say the disturbing part is clear for all to see, but why interesting? Well, the CDC found this out before the pandemic hit. Do you get where I'm going with this?

It is true that there's a mental health crisis among children, but saying the pandemic caused this crisis is wildly inaccurate. If anything, the coronavirus pandemic only made the existing crisis worse.

The implication of this is simple. If this mental health crisis among children predated the coronavirus, then the end of the pandemic will not necessarily mean the end of the crisis. It's a call to action that we all desperately need for the sake of our children.

For a long time now, the mental health of children has not been taken with the utmost seriousness it deserves. The American Psychological Association reported that 4,000 out of the over 100,000 U.S. clinical psychologists are child and adolescent clinicians - that's 4%. 4%!

It's not any better in schools too. According to the National

Association of School Psychologists, a ratio of 1 school psychologist per 500 students is recommended. Currently, though, the ratio is 1 per 1,211 students.

We need to take children's mental health more seriously. Enough with blaming the coronavirus for the pandemic. If we keep doing that, then we're never getting out of this crisis. That's the sad reality.

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

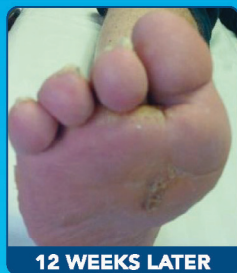
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SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

After a long and grueling year, the college basketball season has now ended. On April 2, South Carolina beat Connecticut 64-49 to claim the Women's National Championship. Aliyah Boston put up 11 points and 16 rebounds on her way to being named the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament. This marked the first time that UConn ever lost in the title game.

The next night, the men's tournament came to a thrilling end, with North Carolina missing a shot at the buzzer to tie, and giving Kansas a 72-69 win and the National Championship. This second title for coach Bill Self came despite the Jayhawks being down 40-25 at halftime. Despite having an off night, senior guard Ochai Agbaji was named tournament MOP. Before the loss, Carolina and coach Hubert Davis defeated archrival Duke, sending their all-time winning coach Mike Krzyzewski off into retirement with a loss.

Although Kansas won the title, the story of March Madness 2022 was hands down the St. Peter's Peacocks from Jersey City. On April 1, Jersey City celebrated St Pete's in front of the entire community with a celebration featuring local march-

ing bands, high school sports teams, and local officials. Mayor Steven Fulop presented the team with keys to the city. Also at the parade was St. Peter's President Eugene J. Cornacchia, who praised the men's team for a great season.

Of course, the run that the Peacocks had was bittersweet, not just for falling short of the Final Four, but with Kevin Willard taking the head basketball coaching job at Maryland, that opened up a spot for St. Peter's coach Shaheen Holloway to take the helm at his alma mater, Seton Hall. Upon being introduced as the Pirates new head coach at Walsh Gym, Holloway was joined by players from his former team, which is not something that happens every day.

At the event, Holloway said that he was humbled and felt great to be back home. Former NJ Governor Richard Codey and Essex County Executive Joe DiVincenzo came out to welcome him back to the Seton Hall program. Holloway played four years at the Hall during his collegiate career, and was once named MVP of the 1996 McDonald's High School All American Game, in a game that featured the likes of Kobe Bryant, Stephon Marbury, Jermaine O'Neal and fellow NJ native Tim Thomas.

REST IN PEACE

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Trained as a Civil Engineer, Planner and Surveyor, Mayor Bowser was a Professional Land Surveyor and Professional Planner in the State of New Jersey. Bob began his professional career as a Principal City Planner for the Newark Central Planning Board and Traffic Engineer for the Township of Montclair.

Mayor Browser was president of Bowser Engineers and Associates, Incorporated for twenty-six years. The East Orange based engineering, planning, surveying and architectural design firm grew to become one of the largest minority-owned consulting firms on the East Coast. Following this experi-

ence as the head of a successful business, he became the Director of the East Orange Department of Public Works and served as the Acting City Planner. Prior to becoming Mayor, he served the Newark Board of Education as a School District Principal Engineer in the Design and Construction Department.

Active in numerous community, social and civic affairs, he served on the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of Greater Essex County, New Jersey for ten years and was a member of the Brick Church Lions Club; President of the East Orange Kiwanis Club and Chairman of the Rutgers University Urban Gardening Program Advisory Board. He was founder and Ex-

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"MILLION PEOPLE'S MARCH" STEPS OFF IN NEWARK

By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - The People's Organization for Progress more than revived its annual commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1968 assassination here in downtown Newark on April 4.

POP resumed its COVID pandemic-interrupted observance with a march Monday afternoon and night from the Seated Lincoln statue at 12 Springfield Ave., to the Peter Rodino Federal Building at 970 Broad St./Kenneth Gibson Blvd. and back to the slain human rights leader's statue at 495 MLK Blvd.

The three-hour, five-minute event - which drew participants from three states and represented some of the 139 endorsing organizations - started off with voices.

POP founder Lawrence "Larry" Hamm warmed up the gathering crowd before The Historic Courthouse with chants just after 4 p.m. The voices continued by public speakers including RWDSU Local 108 President Charles Hall and Newark Mayor Ras Baraka.

They and other speakers were reminding the growing crowd of marchers that they were more than continuing a tradition. They were calling for action on urgent matters and longstanding conditions.

"(We need) to draw attention to issues of voting rights," said Hamm beforehand, "the need for racial justice and equality, the need to preserve democracy in this country and the need to end war."

"If I want anyone to be with me in a foxhole, it would be the POP," said Hall. "It's time we

begin to fight for our rights, including the right to vote, In the past few years, we had three Supreme Court of the United States justices appointed who want to roll things back some 60 years."

"Those who want to take our rights back are organized," said Baraka. "We may have our disagreements, but it is what we agree on that unites us."

The event ended with a moment of silence before King's statue at the new Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Justice Building at 7:05 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

It was 7:05 p.m. Central DST when King, 39, was declared dead by doctors at Memphis' St. Joseph's Hospital 54 years ago. He had been rushed there from the Lorraine Motel balcony, where he was shot 6:01 p.m. local time, for emergency surgery.

Dr. King was in Memphis to

support that city's sanitation workers' 25-day-old strike. The AFSCME Local 1733 members were protesting poor working conditions and unequal treatment.

The 1965 Nobel Peace Prize winner was last in Newark and Orange March 27, 1968. He made a 12-stop whirlwind tour, including in Paterson and Jersey City mainly to promote his Poor Peoples Campaign and upcoming march on Washington, D.C.

The county had slightly moved its 2015 King statue since POP had last gathered there. The namesake Dr. King Justice Building was constructed behind it during the pandemic.

In between was the "Million People's March for Voting Rights, Equality, Democracy and Peace" itself.

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FORMER MAYOR ELDRIDGE HAWKINS INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

After 35 years in the martial arts, on Saturday, March 26th, former Orange, NJ Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr., also known as "Shihan E. Hawkins, Jr.," was inducted into the USA Unified Martial Arts Hall of Fame through the United States Martial Arts Federation (USMAF). His induction was due largely to his prominence and specialization in the nunchaku area of Kobudo. Hawkins also received similar recognition from the United States Ju Jitsu Federation (USJFF) at the same event.

The international event held at the Sheraton, Eatontown, NJ, was attended by more than 300 people including individuals from approximately 24 states and 4 countries including Spain and the United Kingdom.

Hawkins, now 42, began his martial arts career at the age of 7 at Baker's Red Iron Dragon Karate Academy, East Orange, NJ (formerly Griffin's Iron Dragon) and received his first Black Belt in 2001 in Chinese Kenpo Kung Fu. Over the years Hawkins, placed, and won various tournaments while studying different forms of martial arts, earning



Left to right: Shihan Eldridge Hawkins, Jr., USMAF-USJFF President Bruce Bethers

master level rank in different styles including, but not limited to Fusion Kenpo, US Ju-Jitsu and American Style Nunchaku.

Shihan Hawkins is the Senior International Rank Examiner in charge of training for the American Style Nunchaku Federation, a member of the United States Ju Jitsu Federation Senior Masters Caucus and has recently been appointed to the role of Vice President in the United States Martial Arts Federation, which was founded in 1967.

Locally, Hawkins teaches martial arts under 10th Dan Professor Harry Baker, who spearheads the Baker's Red Iron Dragon located at the UFC GYM in Orange, NJ owned by



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Amir Hashemi. As an instructor at the Iron Dragon, Hawkins along with others, teach multiple systems/styles beyond American Style Nunchaku that focus on Junior Olympic Archery, traditional weapons and self-defense classes.

Professor Harry Baker stated: "I am proud of Shihan Hawkins' accomplishments and the leadership role he plays in our Fusion Kenpo system. Our programs, which Hawkins, and my other senior instructors (Sifu Rodney Armstrong & Sifu Khalil Rashidi) help facilitate, are designed for people of all ages with special programming available for public/private school systems."

Hawkins stated: "I feel blessed that after severe knee

injuries and surgeries on both knees, I was able to find an alternate way to stay involved in martial arts by focusing my energy on weapons training and teaching others. I am grateful for the Hall of Fame recognition and honored to have participated in an event with so many other accomplished martial artists."

Acknowledging those who provided his martial arts foundation, Hawkins further stated: "First & foremost, I thank my lifelong teachers: Professor Harry Baker & Professor Ibrahim Sharif who themselves, studied under martial arts legends Professors/Grand Masters: James Cheatham, Ronald Duncan, Moses Powell, Ed Parker, & Kalaii Griffin. I also give special thanks to my American Style Nunchaku teacher, Grand Master Michael Burke and to USMAF/USJFF President Bruce Bethers for presenting me with the awards and for his ongoing knowledge and steadfast organizational leadership."

President Bethers stated: "I congratulate Eldridge and all the USMAF/USJFF Member Inductees into the USA Unified Martial Arts Hall of Fame!"

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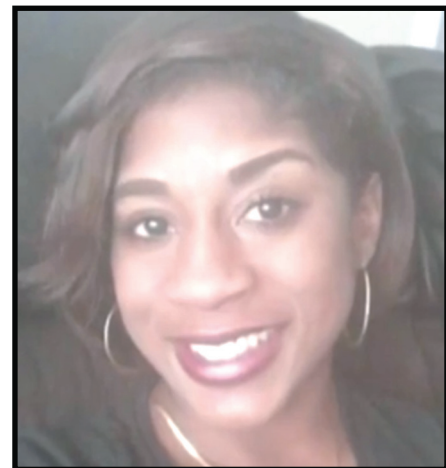


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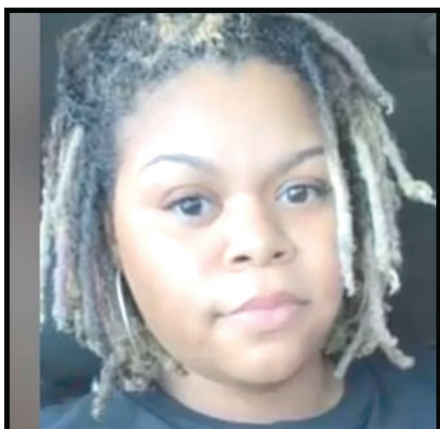
Message For You

Hello everyone. As the rest of the week plays out, next week everyone, the weather is going to be pretty decent and warm. Lose the heavy jackets and umbrellas.



First, her name is Beverly Logan and this beautiful woman had been posted throughout social media. A 31 year old woman vanishes, and still no clues of what possibly happened. No one knows anything from the last time someone last spoke to her. A mother will not leave her child behind nor out of sight; but this day was just the opposite. Beverly is still missing.

Kennedy Walton, 27, another pretty young lady, is still missing.



These two women are missing from the same area of St. Louis. Right now, the disappearance rate has spread tremendously. They still are looking for these women. It's not safe anywhere, but St. Louis is like a thief in the night for women.

So many women of color have disappeared. Black women have the highest rate according to crimes that are still active and ongoing. I'd rather not take a trip there. We should keep our eyes open for these women as well as others who can be anywhere alive in any states by now. Once whom-ever has these women and whom-ever is accountable for this is revealed, it possibly may close out other missing women cases in the area.

In this matter, what needs to be done in the justice system is to go undercover on the streets. I'm sure it should take no longer than a couple of days to close in, and by doing so save other lives. These women of St. Louis disappearing is very awful, and it's left and right. This has to be some type of sex trafficking. Smh. I surely hope they find all these women, including those I did not speak on.

We must be careful women. Be aware as always of your surroundings. Ladies, keep some type of protection on you. Protect yourself. We're all we have in the world today. The majority of people will not get involved and watch and record. If you see something say something, speak up.



Human trafficking is a very large business trade. While it's not too much in the United States there are cases. We do have an issue with that, and when it comes to other countries. We do try to save and protect those women from being sold to the highest bidder. We do our best to save those innocent women.

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City of Orange	8019	168	8,037	168
East Orange	16874	375	16,914	374
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Fairfield	1901	35	1,915	35
Glen Ridge	1108	18	1,114	18
Irvington	11608	281	11,608	281
Livingston	5745	100	5,757	100
Maplewood	4574	46	4,644	46
Millburn	3030	17	3,090	17
Montclair	6114	84	6,173	84
Newark	77507	1235	77,578	1,237
North Caldwell	1214	10	1,225	10
Nutley	6279	82	6,289	82
Roseland	1284	21	1,294	21
South Orange	2980	22	3,011	22
Verona	3022	22	3,045	22
West Caldwell	2491	60	2,520	60
West Orange	12411	262	12,479	263
Total	193,970	3,296	194,622	3,299

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TOWN WATCH

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NEWARK - A former Newark Housing Authority Information Technology director will have to return before U.S. District Judge Brian Martinotti for sentencing Aug. 4 after pleading guilty on March 30 to theft from an agency that receives federal funds.

Venancio Diaz, 56, of Jersey City, said U.S. Attorney Philip R. Selinger, bought \$594,425 worth of electronic devices - usually cell phones and tablet computers - from a telecommunications company using NHA funds Dec. 1, 2013-Aug. 10, 2021.

Diaz, as NHA IT Director, would activate the 1,509 devices on the authority's account and use them on the department's network. He would use the items for several weeks or a couple of months before he would resell them online - in his own name - to different electronic marketplaces.

Diaz, said Selinger, would then deposit the resale proceeds in his own personal bank accounts. "Venny," a De La Salle University graduate, had been the authority's IT director since April 2000.

The count carries a maximum 10-year federal prison term. There is also a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the pecuniary gain - whichever is greater. It is not known whether federal attorneys will also seek restitution of part or all of the \$594,425 on the NHA's behalf.

Selinger thanked members of the U.S. HUD-Inspector General, FBI Newark Field Office and IRS-Criminal Investigations for their assistance.

IRVINGTON - The "Township of Irvington vs. Elouise McDaniel"

OPRA civil suit has been dropped as of March 31.

A statement from Mayor Anthony "Tony" Vauss' office late Thursday afternoon declared that "while the township maintains that the litigation is meritorious and not filed for malicious reasons, the township will take steps to withdraw the litigation. The primary reason is to avoid the appearance that the township is discriminating or retaliating against any resident."

The township, in a Sept. 17 court filing McDaniels disclosed on March 25, was claiming that her 75 Open Public Records Act requests to the municipal clerk's office 2019-21 were "voluminous, unduly burdensome, time-consuming and expensive."

The township's Sept. 17 Superior Court-Law Division filing added that McDaniels' requests were "frivolous" with "the sole purpose and intent to harass, abuse and harm plaintiffs and employees of the township, including its Mayor."

March 31's withdrawal statement added that the state Government Records Council determined that the (municipal) Custodian of Records did not knowingly or willingly deny any requests for information.

Township Clerk Harold Wiener, who doubles as Irvington's custodian of record, was the only named plaintiff in the suit. Wiener, on March 24, said that "I haven't requested the lawsuit" and that McDaniels "files a lot of OPRA requests; it goes with my territory."

Vauss, on March 25 said, "I didn't file the lawsuit against McDaniel; Harold Wiener's then plaintiff." Township Attorney Rivera declined to elaborate.

The township's suit dropping came about 24 hours after McDaniels accepted an offer from Hackensack attorney CJ Griffin to represent her pro bono. Griffin, who specializes in public records litigation, then enjoined Newark-based ACLU-NJ.

EAST ORANGE - The "armed and dangerous" city man, who was last seen firing shots at another man just across the Orange border and fleeing on March 25, was captured by Randolph police April 1, ending his one-day crime spree.

The Orange Police Department had put out the "A&D" bulletin on Howard D. Parks, 54, after he had fired several gunshots at another person at 314 Oakwood Ave. that Friday - a block west of the East Orange border. Parks - who had only hit a vacant, parked car - fled north on Oakwood in a 2014 black Dodge Ram pickup truck.

Mount Olive police told Morris County Prosecutor Robert J. Carroll that they were assisting their South Orange colleagues in a carjacking investigation in the Walmart parking lot on April 1 when they were told of another carjacking there at 12:04 p.m. The victim gave the description of the man who threatened to kill him while taking his car.

MOPD officers soon also responded to an attempted Wells Fargo bank branch robbery at 12:24 p.m. Employees at the Flanders section branch described the man who "pretended to possess a weapon and passed a note demanding money." He left without getting a cent.

Randolph police were then called to Route 10 for a collision between Dover-Chester Road and Eland Avenue at 12:33 p.m. The other driver, who suffered non-life-threatening injuries, told of the colliding driver running away.

Police caught up with Parks, of the First Ward, down the state highway, trying to carjack another vehicle. He is being held in Morris Township's Morris County Jail on two counts of first-degree carjacking, a count of first-degree robbery, a third-degree count of possessing stolen property, disorderly persons count of assault by auto and a range of motor vehicle violations.

Carroll thanked the South Orange, West Orange, Mount Olive, Randolph and Roxbury police departments, the Morris County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Investigation Unit and the FBI for their assistance.

ORANGE - The remains of a female found in a South Main Street carriage house May 9, 2019, as of March 31, as a name - and so has her alleged killer.

Stephens and Orange Public Safety Director Todd Warren said that Thursday that the re-

mains are of Mawa Doumbia, 15, of Newark. Her body was found on the second floor of the carriage house in the rear of 120 S. Main St. She was last seen alive by her father and sister leaving home on Oct. 7, 2016 and later reported her as missing.

Stephens and Warren added that they had charged Khalil A. Wheeler Weaver, 24, of Orange, for murdering Doumbia. They said that Doumbia and Wheeler-Weaver had personally met after finding themselves online. Wheeler-Weaver had then driven Doumbia to a place where he strangled her and left her in the carriage/storage house.

The pattern fits with Wheeler Weaver's three other meetings, killings and disposals of local women 2016-19. He is serving 160 years in state prison since a jury's Dec. 19, 2020 conviction for murdering Sarah Butler, 20, of Montclair, Robin West, 19, of Union and Joanne Brown, 22, of Newark plus the attempted murder of a fourth woman and aggravated arson.

Doumbia's remains were found on the property owned by Mason Cotton, Jr., who also owns Cotton Funeral Home to its north. Cotton has since had the Victorian-era house and rear building at 120 S. Main St., demolished.

West Orange Man Acquitted in Orange Murder

A Superior Court jury, on April 4, returned a not guilty verdict on Christopher Dudley in the Sept. 26, 2019 murder of Katrina Perry. Perry, 34, was found stabbed to death in her 116 S. Main St., apartment here. Dudley, 34, of West Orange, was her ex-boyfriend.

WEST ORANGE - The long arm of the law stretched some 750 miles to arrest a township man in Raleigh, N.C. March 22 for his alleged part in a Nov. 13, 2021 fatal shooting of a Jersey City man in that latter city.

Hudson County Prosecutor Esther Suarez said that U.S. Marshals' North Carolina Eastern Regional District Fugitive Task Force had arrested Damean Bates, 33, in Raleigh 2:05 p.m. that Tuesday. The N.C. force acted on a tip from their New

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REST IN PEACE

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Executive Director of the Essex County Touch Football League for twenty-six years. He was a member of the Men of Essex, Incorporated; Board Member of the Salvation Army and Member of the East Orange General Hospital Board of Trustees.

Mayor Bowser's professional affiliations include Past President of the Northern Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Incorporated and membership with the National Minority Contractors Association, Incorporated. He served on the Board of Directors of the National Black Conference of Mayors and co-chairs the Conference's Legislative Committee. He was a member of the National Black Conference of Mayors' Board of Directors and serves as the organization's First Vice President and Finance Commit-

Mayor Bowser being honored by the City he served in 2007.



tee Chairperson.

Bob was a Founder of the New Jersey Conference of Black Mayors and was selected as President in 2003 and is a member of the United States Conference of Mayors, Incorporated. He was once appointed to Acting Governor Richard Codey's Gang

Land Security Task Force Advisory Committee and the State of New Jersey Planning Commission.

Mayor Bowser served on the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Executive Board as the Third Vice President. He chairs the newly formed Gang

and Youth Violence Task Force. He also serves on the Legislative Committee and Economic Development Committee, participating in numerous League workshops and is a member of the New Jersey Urban Mayor's Association.

Mayor Bowser is survived by Marilyn Bowser, son David Bowser and daughters Lisa A Ward and Leslie J. Ward.

When "Local Talk" was founded in 2000, Bob was one of the first people who spoke with Founder Dhiren Shah, giving him much-needed and appreciated insight on how to serve the community. He even handed out copies of the very first edition to residents. Whenever Shah interviewed him, Bob always gave honest insight, regardless of whether or not the answers would help, or potentially hurt, him politically.

Our condolences to his family and friends.



MILLION PEOPLE'S MARCH

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"Local Talk" counted 300 men, women and children stepping off from the "Seated Lincoln Plaza" 5:32 p.m.

Marchers - escorted and guided by POP organizers Newark police vehicles - walked east on West Market Street and south on Broad/Gibson to the Rodino Building. They then wheeled 180 degrees onto northbound Broad/Gibson and West Market to 495 King Blvd.

They had covered the 1.2-mile, five-turn, 19-block route in 55 minutes. They paused three times, at traffic intersections, for chants and a fourth to let three University Hospital ambulances through West Market Street.

NPD, for that hour, had detoured traffic

at that rush hour's height, including buses on 34 New Jersey Transit and CoachUSA routes. Riders on 18 of NJTransit's routes were also on their first workday of a new timetable.

The march was among several area events that have resumed publicly marking Dr. King's death, and his visit the previous week. The Orange Public Library, for example, hosted an "African-American History Program" in its auditorium April 5.

POP, however, led up to its march this year with a March 27 virtual town hall meeting and was a guest on Rutgers-Newark WRNU "All Politics Are Local" radio broadcast on April 1.

The event had meanwhile received over 130 endorsements from labor unions, activist organizations, school clubs, non-profits and



faith communities from New York and across New Jersey to Pennsylvania. That count, to the understanding of "Local Talk," reached 139 on or by April 4.

Pam Africa, of Philadelphia's MOVE, and a representative of Brooklyn, N.Y.-based Dec. 12 Movement respectively spoke before or after the march. Hamm and organizers kept the event on track to allow "the Camden and Atlantic City delegations" walk and depart before sunset.

Naomi Figurora was among the 20 Journey for Justice Alliance members from Camden and was the first of three who spoke before the march.

"People look at my curly hair but they wouldn't want to go through what I have to go through with it," said Figurora while
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*From
The
Pastor's
Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

Money and Marriage

When we were children, we often sang the following words, based on a parable told by Jesus, as recorded in Matthew 7:24-27:

*The wise man built his house upon the rock
The wise man built his house upon the rock
The wise man built his house upon the rock
And the rains came tumbling down*

*The rains came down, and the floods came up
The rains came down, and the floods came up
The rains came down, and the floods came up
And the house on the rock stood firm.*

We had not related the parable to money and marriage then, but as I listen to the frustrations, conflicts, and breakups of marital couples, as related to financial matters, I am convinced that the words speak to the issue of money and marital love, most profoundly.

In a 2015 article written by Jennifer Ryan Woods, published in Forbes under the title, "10 Ways To Prevent Money From Ruining Your Marriage," the opening lines caught my attention:

Money issues are so troublesome that people who say they're experiencing stress in their relationship cite finances as the number one reason - easily beating out the second-place con-

tender: annoying habits, according to a study by Sun Trust. Money issues are also responsible for 22% of all divorces, making it the third leading cause, according to the Institute for Divorce Financial Analysis.

What are some of the reasons that the money problem is ruining so many marriages? Here is my list of ten:

1. Too many persons get into marriage on emotional sentiments - they call it love - but they do not sit down to consider their financial resources.
2. Too many do not sit down and have the money to talk before marriage.
3. Too many do not make clear their perspective concerning the use of money, that is what money means to them, what money management means to them.
4. Too many do not speak about how they are going to share their resources. Some persons are married, but they think they are still living as separate individuals; we used to call it a "boyfriend and girlfriend" relationship. They operate different accounts and make their decisions in isolation as if they were living alone.
5. Too many do not work out their understanding of what it means to provide for a family, and how the effort at providing is shared.
6. Too many enter into marriage and use their money for competition and manipulation, instead of the shared effort to make the marriage stable, they argue about who is working more and build up resentments to the point that they find it hard to be effective in their loving and caring for each other.
7. Too many fail to sit down and budget together, so that they can have joint agree-

- ments as to their spending, saving, and investing.
8. Too many live in misery because they have no mutual agreement as to how they will deal with debt.
9. Too many who attend church do not have shared agreement on their tithe and offerings. One partner might be convinced to return a tithe, and the other not so convinced, and there is stress and strain when the selfish partner sees how much is being returned to the Lord.
10. Overall, too many people who say that they are getting married or have gotten married have no financial goals.

So, very soon after their marital relationship is on its way, there is distrust, discord and devestation. One partner gets on the other's case. I hear the arguments all the time. Here are just a few of the ways that I have listened to them:

- He/she is not giving the kind of financial support that was expected.
- He/she is a spendthrift.
- He/she expects me to pay all the bills.
- I have paid the mortgage, why can't she pay for the light or the water rate.
- Why does she have to have a secret bank account?
- How is it that the credit card bill seems to be so much?
- I thought we had so much in the account when I saw it; it was dry?

I do not know how you are faring with your money and your marriage. Still, I wish you will take a few moments to reflect on what I have presented in this reflection and think of what Jesus said in the opening parable I noted and the instruction he gave, when he said, "before you build a house, sit down and count the cost" (Luke 14:28).

The reality, as stated by the

favorite author I have quoted in a previous reflection, says, "marriage is a sacred ordinance and should never be entered upon in a spirit of selfishness. Those who contemplate this step should solemnly and prayerfully consider its importance and seek divine counsel that they may know whether they are pursuing a course in harmony with the will of God. The instruction given in God's word on this point should be carefully considered. Heaven looks with pleasure upon a marriage formed with an earnest desire to conform to the directions given in the Scripture." AH 70.1

Yes, what has been said is authoritative and practical. Jennifer Rayan Woods, who I quoted earlier, states, "If you are planning to get married or married and have never had the money talk, it is needful to have such a talk." She concludes, "If fights about money have hijacked your marriage and you're coming close to pulling the plug, consider enlisting the help of a third party who can help you get back on track. For some couples this might be a financial planner (consider one that charges by the hour so you don't have to make a long-term financial commitment) or if you're religious, enlist the help of a church ministry. You could also make an appointment with a couple's therapist. There is a burgeoning field called 'financial therapy' that is dedicated specifically to helping couples navigate financial turmoil."

I needn't say more than get on with it. Do not do like the woman I was speaking to about her cigarette smoking habit this week. When I sought to encourage her to put away the smoking, she said, "Everybody has a habit." And she insisted on it.

With this I conclude, if you are willing to make for a more happy marriage, then look at your financial habits, and make sure they are right.

MILLION PEOPLE'S MARCH

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wearing an "Equity or Else" t-shirt. "Why should we put up being told that we and our schools are 'good enough?'"

The National Action Network's Newton County, Ga,

chapter joined their New Jersey colleagues on the endorsement roll.

Hall brought 12 Local 108 members with him to march and hold RWDSU and African-American Heritage Parades Organization signs.

Other individuals and groups

seen by "Local Talk" included the African Diaspora for Justice, Black is Back Coalition for Social Justice, Peace and Reparations; Faith in New Jersey, Irvington Branch NAACP, Jewish Voice for Peace, Latino Action Network, Montclair Adjunct Union AFT Local 6025, NAN, Pro-

gressive Democrats of New Jersey, Seton Hall University Martin Luther King Scholarship Organization and Voter Choice New Jersey.

POP's coming activities, including its Monday demonstrations, are found on its website.

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York/New Jersey colleagues.

Suarez, at last word, is seeking Bates' extradition to the Hudson County Correctional Center. Bates has been charged with attempted murder, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession thereof for an unlawful purpose.

Bates may be joining Anthony King, 35, of Jersey City in that same South Kearny jail. Federal N.C. marshals had also arrested King in Raleigh Jan. 13. He has been charged with murder plus the same two weapons charges as Bates and was extradited.

Bates and King are accused of fatally shooting Ishmaell Alamee McCany, 41, at Jersey City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Grant Street at about 4 a.m. Nov. 13. JCPD, responding to gunfire reports, found McCray at that Greenville section street corner with a gunshot wound to his torso. McCany was rushed by local EMS to the Jersey City Medical center, where he died at 4:20 a.m.

The certified painter, HVAC technician and solar panel installer, who was born in Jersey City Oct. 30, 1980, had his services at St. John's Baptist Church Dec. 3. His mother, a daughter, a son and a grandmother were among McCany's survivors.

SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD - Respective village and township elders, in a span of nine days, ratified a contract to form the "South Essex Fire Department."

Village President Sheena Collum and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the SEFD pact at their March 28 meeting. Maplewood Mayor Dean Dafis and the Township Committee likewise carried the legislation April 5.

The ratification, after decades of consideration and two years' planning, has the two-town department poised for its July 1 first call. The merged entity is to be governed by a three-person panel.

Columbia Student Dies

The South Orange-Maplewood School District community is looking for answers while mourning the March 29 death of a 16-year-old Columbia High School student.

The boy was reportedly found dead in his Maplewood home about 30 minutes after he was taken home by a

parent from CHS. The student, earlier that Tuesday, told educators that he "wasn't feeling well."

CHS Principal Frank Sanchez had made counselors available March 30-April 1.

BLOOMFIELD - The rash of catalytic converter thefts from vehicles, going by a March 24 blotter report here, has also affected car dealerships.

The manager of Lynne's Nissan called in a BPD officer to 318 Bloomfield Ave. at 318 Bloomfield Ave. 6:12 a.m. that Thursday. Officers were then shown a surveillance video of two masked males leaving a white Ford Econoline van sometime overnight.

Two "light-skinned males wearing all black with black ski masks," had removed the catalytic converter from an on-site Nissan NV2 van before returning to the Econoline.

Thieves have been illegally salvaging catalytic converters for their rare metals. Those metals are part of the filtering process for automotive exhausts. The converters, an emission control standard since 1973, cost around \$5,000 to replace.

GLEN RIDGE - Borough Council Public Safety Committee Chairman Peter A. Hughes and GRPD Chief Sean Quinn bestowed letters of commendation to the department's Day Squad 1 March 25 for their lifesaving efforts here Feb. 25.

Patrol officers who had responded to a resident's 911 call met up with a man on a Ridgewood Avenue driveway 4:30 p.m. Feb. 25. The subsequent interview led to the arrest of Marvin Mixson, 39, of Newark, on burglary, robbery and theft and the aggravated assault of the caller/homeowner.

The case took a different turn when Mixson, while in the squad car, said he had taken PCP and lost consciousness. The officers revived him with two doses of Naloxone (also known as Narcan) while diverting to Mountainside Hospital.

Offs. Christopher Grogan and Joseph Anello, Det. Anthony Re and Sgt. Ryan Schwartz received letters from Hughes and Quinn. Mixson remains detained in Newark's Essex County Correctional Center.

MONTCLAIR - Authorities, as of press time, have not released the identity of the male bicyclist who was fatally struck by a New Jersey Transit Montclair-Boonton Line train here April 4.

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Six RWJBarnabas Health Nurses Honored with NJ Emergency Nurses Association Awards



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WEST ORANGE - RWJBarnabas Health is proud to announce that six nurses from across the health system have been honored with New Jersey Emergency Nurses Association (NJENA) 2022 State Awards. Presented at a ceremony held earlier this month during the NJENA State dinner in Atlantic City, nurses earned the President's Award, Behind the Scenes Award, Clinical Nurse Leadership Award, Nursing Practice and Professionalism Award, Pediatric Award, and the Crisis Team Award.

"Our nurses play a vital role across our health system and in our communities providing patients and families with the highest level of compassionate, innovative, quality care," Nancy Holecek, Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for RWJBarnabas Health. "Each and every person on our nursing teams have made a substantial difference this past year and I would like to offer all of our awardees my personal thanks for their passion, hard work and dedication."

Presented to Cathlyn Robinson, MSN, RN, CEN, TCRN, Director of Operations for the Emergency Service Line for RWJBarnabas Health, the President's Award is given at the discretion of the Emergency Nurses Association president to an individual that has a great impact on the Emergency Nurses Association president's career through inspiration, mentorship, teaching or sup-

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The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

OFF-TOPIC

Echoes of Comfort

You must participate in your healing; if you don't you fall apart. Healing doesn't drop down like manna from heaven; you have to actively work for it!
- Beverly Henderson (Former Executive Director of Echoes Grief Center)

BOW DOWN

"That is how it reads in my book "Quiet...."

"Death happens, whether we've heard about it through the grapevine or zoomed in on it on the front page of the local newspaper or the evening news; its sting, someone else's today; perhaps tomorrow our own. Unfortunately, there isn't an exempt clause on anyone's birth certificate.

"Death is a part of everyday life. So, logically where there is death, surely there will be grief. Sleeplessness, listlessness, social withdrawal, and loss of appetite are just a few of the normal symptoms associated with grief. Coupled with those symptoms are those of physical, mental, and emotional nature. Each is a change that has an effect when grieving the loss of a loved one. Grievously, many of those changes in-which may or may not be apparent." (End of quote)



I had the opportunity to interview the amazing Ms. Henderson many years ago. After Covid came through and all that it dragged along with it, once again, I found grief to be a worthy subject. Luckily, I was able to connect with Beverly when I reached out. But it wasn't Beverly Henderson on the end of that line, it was Beverly Canady, who in which informed me of Mrs. Henderson's retirement. There had been the changing of the guard and I was saddened by her journey's next chapter. Thus, one

of my catchphrases is relevant here in regard to people of such caliber. When he or she goes, everything that they are to us goes with them!

Mrs. Beverly Henderson is the ideal candidate to kick off "Bow Down!" The latest addition for the subtopic category for the page. Join me in this sacred ritual as I extend my arms way high while bending as I bow down low to pay homage to Mrs. Beverly Henderson, the former Executive of Echoes Grief Center, the award-winning registered nurse who has held the positions of Director of the 100 Black Men of New Jersey and as President and Chair of the Board for Healthy Mothers / Healthy Babies of Essex, Inc. and as a member of the advisory board on the Blue Ribbon Panel on Infant and Mortality.

What a mouthful; undoubtedly, she is greatly missed!

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Beverly Canady
(MA, LPC, ACS)
Echoes Grief Center:
Co-Director

"I met Beverly Henderson around the time that she was about to retire, and she offered me the opportunity to learn about grief counseling as a practice. Once finalizing her leave, she introduced me to Mr. and Mrs. Cotton and that's how I ended up being Co-Director alongside Ms. Sharlene Mason-



Reese (MSW, LCSW).

Mr. Macon T. Cotton Jr. of Cotton's Funeral Home in Orange, New Jersey, could identify with his clients' needs firsthand. He clearly understood that families needed support after the death of a loved one. So, after researching and finding none of its kind, Echoes, Inc. was founded. "Echoes" is a grief counseling, and support outreach program. Its services are provided free of charge and are provided to anyone in need of such help.

Remember, due to space this article can be read in its entirety on our website: www.localtalkweekly.com. You can search Observation Booth Section on the search bar, or you can go directly to the Entertainment section which is found on the home page on the far right under Categories.

If you are interested in participating in one of the challenges or projects or if you have any questions or comments, send them to: localtalkandrea@gmail.com.

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port.

As a Registered Nurse for 30 years and an Emergency Nurse for over 25 years, Robinson has worked in Emergency Departments (ED) in both the U.S. and Canada. Her experience spans working as a staff RN, a Clinical Education Specialist for ten years and a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Trauma. She is a Trauma Nursing Core Course and Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course Director and is a Certified Emergency Nurse and Trauma Certified Registered Nurse. She has presented at conferences at local, state, national and international levels and is an active

member of the Emergency Nurses Association.

Laura Lark, Vice President of the Emergency Services Line for RWJBarnabas Health was awarded the Behind the Scenes Award, which recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions behind the scenes to promote NJENA's mission of advocating for patient safety and excellence in nursing practice through their support of a member or members. The recipient of this award is an NJENA advocate who is often seen, but not heard and who donates countless hours to assist in achieving the organization's goals.

Under Lark's leadership, the RWJBarnabas Health's Press Ganey scores increased by 15%.

She is also dedicated to working to find methods to improve EDs and patient care in creative and innovative ways, including encouraging the use of the care-team model. Lark is passionate about the future of emergency nursing with a keen focus technology and innovative practice to improve patient care.

The Clinical Nurse Leadership Award which recognizes a nurse who has consistently demonstrated excellence in the profession of emergency nursing and has made significant contributions through an emergency nursing role, was given to Jennifer Lees, ED, DON from Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus. Lees always keeps the patient and family at the forefront of her ED mission to pro-

vide compassionate and quality care.

Notably, Lees has established the ED Novice Nurse program, a mentorship program that supports new ED RNs in their first year of practice and personally mentors her emerging ED nurse leaders to help facilitate the program. Lees always looks to promote her nurses from within, to charge positions, projects or committees, and encourages ENA membership, Trauma Nursing Core Course, and Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course training and baccalaureate and graduate-level education.

Kathy Feeney, ED, RN, from Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center, was recognized with the Nursing Practice and Profession-
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alism Award. This award recognizes a nurse who exemplifies outstanding emergency nursing practice as demonstrated through clinical skills, care and compassion. In her 40 years of Nursing, Feeney has been an exceptional and devoted Pediatric Emergency Room nurse for more than 28 years.

Specifically, Feeney has been active in promoting Mild TBI (Concussion) Screening and transilluminator vein finder products. She has worked to ensure best practice and policy development in triage, pediatric resuscitation and cardiac arrest, and is a strong advocate for the maintenance of Pediatric Emergency Nursing as a specialty.

The Pediatric Readiness Improvement Award, which recognizes an NJENA nurse who has demonstrated outstanding efforts to improve readiness in caring for children in the emergency care setting, was awarded to Katie Linares, ED, RN from Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJUH) in New Brunswick. Linares is an active member of the Performance Improvement Committee and relays information and ideas to department staff during morning huddles. She frequently serves as a mentor for newly hired nurses as well as nursing students and has helped to develop RWJUH New Brunswick's sepsis protocols and flowsheet for documentation on these patients.

Presented to the Clara Maass Medical Center Emergency Department team, the Crisis Response Team Award recognizes an emergency department healthcare team who has risen above-and-beyond by responding to the challenges of working during a crisis. The ED team at Clara Maass Medical Center has always been known for 'thinking outside of the box' and for innovation, even before the Covid crisis. The pandemic urged them to continue in this mindset, adapting to the challenges that emerged.



Early in the pandemic, the ED team recognized the need to keep areas of their ED Covid-free and helped to create waiting rooms for patients who potentially had Covid-19 and entire sections of the ED were dedicated to safe isolation care. To support community care, telemedicine was introduced by the ED allowing patients to 'see' an Emergency Physician without visiting the ED. This successful program increased access to care and is now being adopted by other emergency departments in the health system.

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NJTransit spokesman Jim Smith said that the bicyclist was struck by MPL Train No. 1087 just south of the Watchung Avenue station at 9:40 p.m. Monday. The all-stops local left Hoboken Terminal at 8:58 p.m. was scheduled to arrive at Watchung Avenue at 9:34 p.m. and end at Hacketts-town at 11:07 p.m.

Montclair and NJTransit police, local EMS and the ECPO Homicide Task Force promptly responded to the scene. All MBL services between Watchung Avenue and Upper Montclair stations were suspended for the field investigation until 11 p.m. None of 1087's crew nor its seven passengers were physically injured.

Westbound train Nos. 1087, 1061 to Mt. Olive and 6295 to Montclair State University plus the eastbound 6278 to New York Penn Station were canceled. Westbound No.6299 to MSU plus eastbound Nos. 6280 and 6202 ran 15 to 35 mins. late.

BELLEVILLE - A funeral service was held for Javier Alfonso Pineda-Chu at Newark's Alvarez Funeral Home March 26 - six days after and about a mile east of his fatal motorcycle accident here.

Pineda-Chu, said Belleville Police Capt. Frank Pignataro, was riding his 2021 Kawasaki EX4 west on Bloomfield Avenue when he lost control between Belmont Avenue

and Heckel Street at 7:08 p.m. March 18. The County road makes the township's southern tip with Newark and Bloomfield.

Pineda-Chu, 44, of Kearny, was elected from his bike and slid into a four-door late-model grey Honda. He was taken to RWJBarnabas Health Clara Maass Hospital - where he died that night.

Pineda-Chu, also known as "Nighthawk," was born April 23, 1977.

NUTLEY - "Being held hostage," said township police, took on a different meaning at a bank branch here March 28.

Nutley officers, at the request of the bank manager, met a 75-year-old Clifton woman, and a man who was claiming to be a law enforcement officer with her, in the lobby early that Monday. The customer had slipped a note to a teller saying that "I'm being held hostage."

The man told NPD that he was "investigating fraudulent activity on her account." She was told to stay on her cell phone while she transferred \$40,000 from her bank account to a "secure" account he could access.

Officers interrupted the woman's cell phone call with the suspected scammer. The \$40,000 was returned to her bank account. The call, said Nutley Police Chief Thomas Strumolo, could not be traced because scammers now use computers and/or unidentifiable phones.

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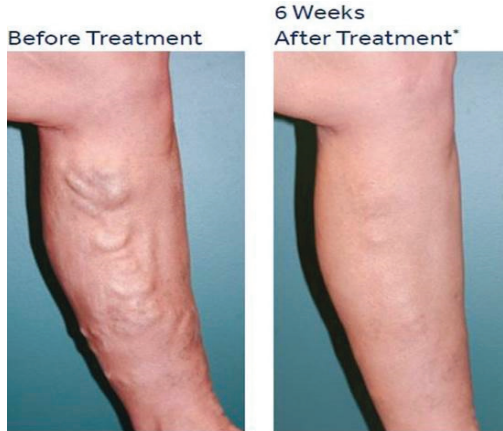
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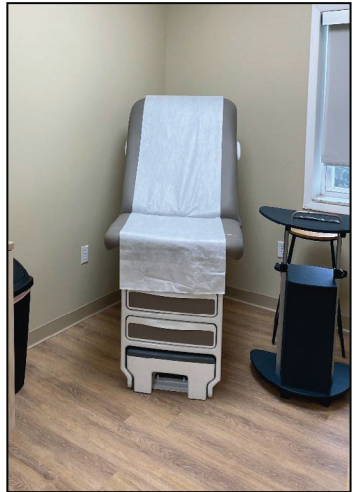
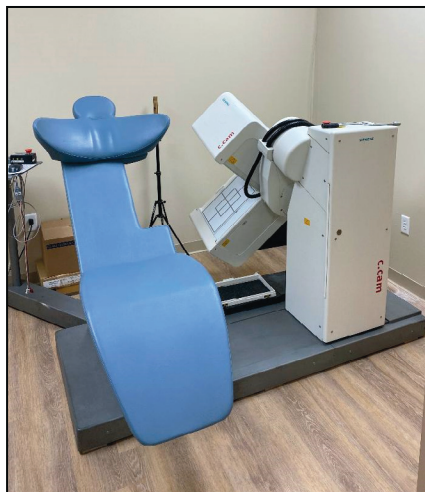
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