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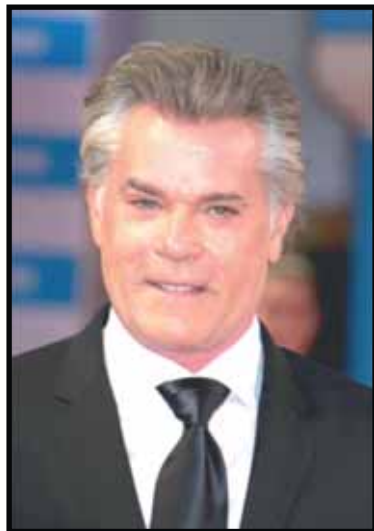
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ERICSSON WINS INDY 500

By Walter Elliott

SPEEDWAY, IN. - Marcus Ericsson, car owner Chip Ganassi and their Huski Chocolate crew are beginning to realize how "Swede" their Indianapolis 500 victory was here at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Sunday afternoon.

Ericsson, who started the 106th running from fifth place, took the lead for good when an out-of-sequence Jimmie Johnson pitted for his last stop on lap 190.

The Kumla, SE native was keeping his No. 8 Dallara-Honda 2.5 sec. ahead of Pato O'Ward's Dallara-Chevrolet when Johnson became the race's fourth Turn 2 victim on lap 194.

Indycar Race Control, wanting a green-and-checked-flag finish, instantly called a 12-minute red flag halt until Johnson's wreck was removed.

Ericsson, who had raced in Formula One for Sauber 2014-18, suddenly found O'Ward, 2013 winner Tony Kanaan, O'Ward AMSP teammate Felix Rosenqvist and 2016 winner Alexander Rossi on his tail for the lap 198 single-file restart.

O'Ward, aided by Rosenqvist behind him, shot inside of Kanaan on the restart. Ericsson, however, shut

the door on the Mexican challenger and drafted almost up to the front stretch's pit entrance wall before darting back in line.

Ericsson won his third career NTT Indycar Series race and his first 500 by 1.790 sec. over O'Ward. Kanaan, Rosenqvist, Rossi and 20 other finishers. He actually took the checkered and yellow flags after Sage Karam hit Turn 2's inside wall for the sixth and last race caution.

Ericsson - before an estimated 330,000 fans that included his family - became the first Swedish driver to win The 500 since Kenny Brack in 1999. Brack, indeed, congratulated him at the IMS IDEX Imaging Media Center Chris Economaki Pavilion via Zoom.

"I knew the car was fast enough but it was still hard," said Ericsson "I had to do everything I can to keep him (O'Ward) behind. I can't believe it - I'm so happy."

Ericsson, for the first time in his three years with Indycar, also heads to June 5's Detroit GP at Belle Isle with the points lead. He and the other 32 starters had benefited from The 500's awarding of double points,

Sunday's victory was the sixth here for Ganassi as a car

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Editorial

Dhiren Shah
Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

As per Fox News: “Lee Greenwood, the staple of Trump rallies and the most prominent musician to pull out the National Rifle Association’s annual meeting in Texas, told Fox News on Friday that his conscience would not allow him to perform at the event in the wake of the Uvalde school shooting. Greenwood directly cited the massacre that left 19 children and two adults dead as the cause of his last-minute pang of conscience.”

Greenwood has said that attending the private show would mean an endorsement to the NRA, which was something he did want to do.

Switzerland, a heaven on earth, has the highest per capita guns, but the lowest gun deaths. The main reason is perhaps that Switzerland hasn't taken part in

any international armed conflict since 1815, but some Swiss soldiers help with peacekeeping missions around the world. There is mandatory military service from age 18-34 and then, one can buy a gun based on what they used to have while training. Most of them buy it with patriotism in mind.

Swiss borders are designed to blow up bridges, roads, rails and tunnels around Switzerland on command. The Swiss people are very polite and know their best economy source is tourism. However, they will not charge exorbitant money at their key points like Jungfrauoch, Lucerne, Interlaken and many more. Their prices for food and snacks are almost the same. In the US, it is different. If you go to any attraction, the price for soda to basic food is about three to four times costlier.

After Uvalde, all of our representatives woke up. Are they responsible for doing nothing till now? YES. Everyone knows that Washington DC is a corrupt place, but the majority of corruption is legal. They know how to play the legal games and that’s

why the lawyers are very highly paid in Washington DC. With the legal language, they can find loopholes and take advantage of the laws. It is not the Republicans only, but the Democrats are the same way as well. We need a solution. If they cannot find it, then we must change the representatives. If the majority of the representative lose their election, then they will definitely start working for the people. If people are naive, and keep electing the same people, then I will not blame the elected officials. They have an artform at making you believe that they are working for the people.

The Primary Election is on June 7, 2022. It is your duty to select and vote for the right candidate. The Democratic Party 10th congressional district has 3 candidates. One of them will represent the Democratic Party in the November 2022 election. This year early voting hours are: Friday between 10 to 8, Saturday Between 10 to 8 and Sunday 10 to 6. On Election Day Tuesday, it will be 6 am to 8 pm. Also, due to the Census, there have been some changes at the polling sta-

tions. Please check your polling station, and make sure you vote for the candidate who is best in your opinion. You might think one vote will not make change, but if everyone thinks the same way, then the incumbent has a chance to win. So, please do not waste your vote. If you move, please inform the county clerk as soon as possible with your new address.

Newark’s runoff election will be on June 14, 2022. Vote to make sure the right candidate of your choice will win the election. The primary duty of the council is to protect the citizens from the administration if they are making the wrong decisions, or support the administration if it truly is for the betterment of the citizens.

Last summer there was a planned cyberattack on Boston Children’s Hospital by unknown Iranian government backed hackers, which was stopped by the FBI. That was a good job done by the cyber intelligence department of the Bureau.

Have a wonderful week.

I’ll talk to you next week.

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The Doctor Is In



Dr. Adil Manzoor OP / ED

Good health should be an absolute priority for everyone regardless of age, sex, and race; if you're human, you deserve to be healthy. However, this is not always the case, especially for men in underserved and under-resourced communities.

Unfortunately, society isn't so fair to men and their health today. This is typified by the number of men who endure a lot

of pain without seeking medical attention because they feel it is "normal." That mindset is totally wrong and has to change now. A step in the right direction is getting medical checkups and periodic screenings for certain conditions, three of which we will briefly examine.

First on our list is HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). The awareness for this condition is at an all-time high, which is fabulous news considering how severe the condition is. However, there is still an estimated 161,800 people in the United States unaware of their status. What's more, about 40% of new infections are transmitted by people who do not know they have HIV.

While there is no cure for the condition, an ART treatment therapy, if started early enough, can ensure people with the virus live healthy for several years. Note the clause, "if started early enough." This is why regular screening is essential, particularly for high-risk individuals.

The CDC suggests everyone between 13 and 64 get tested annually for HIV. If your behavior puts you at more risk of getting

the virus, you should test for the virus multiple times a year. Also, sexually active gay and bisexual men should ensure they test more frequently - say three to four times a year.

Testing is the only way to know if a person has HIV. Fortunately, it is not a complicated process and can be done by professionals or personally. One of the commonest and most reliable testing methods is by drawing blood and performing diagnostic tests on it. Professionals should do this, and the expert team at Garden State Street Medicine is offering free blood draws for men on June 11, 2022, at Presbyterian Church of Ghana, City of Orange, New Jersey.

Another sexually transmitted disease that will be tested on that day is syphilis. Unlike HIV, syphilis is a bacterial infection, but they're similar in that persons with them can transmit them unknowingly. This means it is possible to have syphilis and transmit it without even knowing.

Screening tests for syphilis are usually done by drawing blood or spinal fluid. Nowadays, syphilis and HIV tests are done together using the rapid point-of-care tests (RDT) that can detect both of these infections with a single blood specimen.

Every man should get tested for syphilis at least once a year. Also, individuals with multiple sex partners and those that have sex with men who have sex with men are more likely to get syphilis and should test more regularly.

The third and final condition Garden State Street Medicine will test on June 11, 2022, is for hepatitis C. Like the other two conditions, hepatitis C can be transmitted sexually, with reports showing higher frequency among men who have sex with other men.

Hepatitis means inflammation of the liver, often caused by

excessive alcohol intake, certain medications and toxins, and some medical conditions. Considering how essential the liver is, any condition that affects its function can greatly diminish the quality of life.

There are different types of hepatitis, with hepatitis A, B, and C the commonest in the United States. Hepatitis C is the most severe the hepatitis viruses. However, even people who have an acute infection can recover without permanent liver damage, but only when treatment commences early.

As with the other conditions we have examined, it is possible to have and transmit hepatitis C without being aware. This is why regular screening and testing are crucial. Diagnosis is by a hepatitis C antibody blood test.

The journey to improved health and wellness for men, especially in underserved and under-resourced communities, has to start with regular health checkups.

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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INDY 500 (Continued from page 1)

owner or co-owner and his first, with driver Dario Franchitti, since 2012. The Pittsburgh, PA native himself first made The 500 as a driver 1982-86.

"I just reflect on the past few weeks and months of having these five guys around working as one team," said Ganassi. "Everybody's cheering on their teammates all the time. We came here wanting to win the race (and) that's what we did."

Ganassi was referring to Ericsson, Kannan and Johnson's teammates Alex Palou and Scott Dixon. All five of his drivers were among the top 10 fastest qualifiers May 22 and each took turns leading "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" Sunday.

Polesitter Dixon and second-place starter Palou swapped the lead 14 times between them the first 60 laps. The respective six-time and defending NTT IndyCar Series champions were trying to stretch each other's fuel mileage while limiting O'Ward and Ed Carpenter Racing's Rinus VeeKay to four lead laps.

VeeKay, who started third with the fastest Chevy-powered car in the field, said a gust of wind cost him rear end traction in Turn 2 on lap 38. Last year's Indy GP road race winner here struck the turn's outside wall and slid onto the infield grass as the first of seven non-finishers.

10-to-13 mph easterly wind gusts and track temperatures' rising from 106 to 116 degrees F turned Turn 2 into Sunday's "Calamity Corner." The conditions took out IndyCar series rookie Callum Ilott on lap 69, 500 rookies Romain Grosjean and Johnson on laps 106 and 196 and nine-time starter Sage Karam on lap 199.

The only non-Turn 2 caution came out on lap 152 when second-year diver Scott McLaughlin hit the Turn 4 wall. Race Control showed the yellow flag for 31 laps.

Colton Herta was the only other non-finisher after he and car co-owner Michael Andretti parked their gremlin-plagued No. 26 Honda on lap 129. The second-generation talent had been toiling around 30 spot after starting 25th.

Herta - who has been touted as Michael Andretti's prospective F1 lead driver - crashed the

No. 26 he had qualified with during Friday's Carburation Day practice session. Although the talent emerged unscathed, his Andretti / Curb / Agajanian crew had to change the No. 26 "road course" car he had won May 14's Indy GP with for oval speedway use.

IndyCar officials, on one hand, turned down Andretti Autosport's request to make a "systems shakedown" lap prior to Sunday's green flag. Race stewards, on the other, decided not to have Herta and Andretti start from 33rd and last spot.

Ilott and fellow series rookie Dave Malukas, who also crashed on Friday, started Sunday with their repaired qualifying cars.

Indy Lights graduate Malukas and third-generation driver Marco Andretti provided the five-car Andretti armada's bright spots. Andretti, who led lap 195, finished 22nd. Malukas, of Chicago, may have been the highest finishing rookie Sunday but that did not assure him of receiving The 500's Rookie of the Year title at Monday night's Awards Banquet in downtown Indianapolis. A majority of participating auto racing writers gave 2022's ROY award to Johnson, despite crashing out and being placed 28th in the results.

The Speedway's ROY awarding criteria is "the driver who has performed with the most distinction among first-year drivers. Criteria include on-track performance in practice, qualifying and the race, media and fan interaction, sportsmanship and positive influence on the Indy 500."

Johnson, 46, had qualified 12th on May 22, bettered only by Grosjean's ninth grid spot. The seven-time NASCAR Cup champion had been openly talking about how much he had to adapt himself to Indycars this and last season to fans and on media appearances.

Johnson had won six times on the 2.5-mile Brickyard oval going back to winning an International Race of Champions round in 2002. He won five NASCAR Cup Brickyard 400s before switching to Indycars' road courses last year.

"Maybe actually finishing the race should be included in the criteria," reacted car owner Dale Cyne.



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This is not the first time the 70-year-old ROY awarding has generated controversy.

1969 writers awarded that year's ROY to seventh-finishing Mark Donohue over fifth-place finisher Peter Revson. Donohue, of Orange and Summit, N.J. went on to win the 1972 500.

Other teams' drivers - including those on last year's winner Meyer Shank, Penske, Rahal Letterman Lanigan and Dale Coyne - all experienced largely forgettable Sundays.

Defending winner Helio Castroneves' quest for an unprece-

dent fifth 500 win finished seventh. Twice IndyCar champ and Friday's pit stop challenge winner Josef Newgarden brought his Penske car home 13th.

Dixon, who led a drivers-high 96 laps, saw his bid for a second 500 win undone on lap 175.

The 51-time IndyCar race winner locked his Ganassi No. 9 PNC Bank Honda's brakes when he realized he was entering pit lane too fast. The New Zealand native tripped the 60 mph speed limit camera, prompting IndyCar Race Control to pit again for a five-second penalty hold.



SHOOTINGS CATCH WORLDWIDE ATTENTION

UNITED STATES

Governments must take greater action to ensure school remains a safe place for boys and girls, the head of the UN children's agency, UNICEF, said on May 25, following the latest deadly school shooting in the United States.

At least 19 children and two teachers were killed May 24 when 18-year-old gunman Salvador Ramos opened fire at Robb Elementary School in the small city of Uvalde, Texas, located near the border with Mexico.

Catherine Russell, UNICEF's Executive Director, said there have already been "horrific attacks" this year on schools in Afghanistan, Ukraine, the US, West Africa and beyond.

"Tragedy after tragedy, shooting after shooting, young life after young life: how many more children will die before government leaders act to keep children and their schools safe? Because until they do, these horrors will continue," she said in a statement.

Ms. Russell emphasized that outside of their homes, school is the one place where children should feel safest.

She noted that in addition to the lives lost, "many more children, teachers and school staff who witnessed the carnage will bear the emotional and psychological scars for the rest of their lives."

UN Secretary-General António Guterres was deeply shocked and saddened by "the heinous mass shooting," saying it was particularly heart-wrenching that most of the victims are children.

Mr. Guterres has extended his heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims and to the entire community, his Spokesperson said in a statement.

UN Deputy Secretary-

General Amina Mohammed expressed her outrage in a post on Twitter.

"When children go to school, they should only be concerned about learning," she wrote. "Children should not go to school fearing for their lives!"

Ms. Mohammed said her heartfelt prayers are with the families, classmates and teachers who are mourning this "devastating loss."

MONKEYPOX SPREADING IN UK

EUROPE

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has detected 11 additional cases of monkeypox in England.

The latest cases, as of May 30, bring the total number confirmed in England since May 7 to 183. There are currently 4 confirmed cases in Scotland, 2 in Northern Ireland and 1 in Wales, taking the UK total to 190.

The risk to the UK population remains low, but authorities are asking people to be alert to any new rashes or lesions, which would appear like spots, ulcers or blisters, on any part of their body.

Although this advice applies to everyone, the majority of the cases identified to date have been among men who are gay, bisexual and men who have sex with men, so those people in particular are asked to be aware of the symptoms, particularly if they have recently had a new sexual partner.

UKHSA urges people to call NHS 111 or a sexual health center immediately if they have a rash with blisters. They are also asked not to go to a sexual health clinic without contacting them first, and to stay at home and avoid close contact with other people until they've been told what to do.

Dr. Ruth Milton, Senior Medical Advisor at UKHSA, said, "The risk to the general public from monkeypox is still low, but it's important that we work to limit the virus being passed on. We remind people that they should be alert to new spots, ulcers or blisters on any part of their body. If anyone suspects they might have these, particularly if they have recently had a new sexual partner, they

should limit their contact with others and contact NHS 111 or their local sexual health service as soon as possible, though please phone ahead before attending in person."

UKHSA health protection teams are contacting people considered to be high-risk contacts of confirmed cases and are advising those who have been risk assessed and remain well to isolate at home for up to 21 days.

HUGE DRUG HAUL ALARMS AUTHORITIES

ASIA

More than one billion methamphetamine tablets were seized in East and Southeast Asia last year, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has warned.

The staggering drugs haul across the vast region is further proof that illicit manufacturing there continues to expand unchecked, with "extreme volumes of methamphetamine" in production, along with a decreasing number of new synthetic psychoactive substances.

Organized crime syndicates and armed gangs are behind the booming industry, where an abundance of supply linked to the use of unregulated chemicals has resulted in "continuously decreasing drug prices", in particular for crystalline methamphetamine - more commonly known as meth.

In a new report published on May 30, UNODC pointed to the lack of official checks and controls that have resulted from the pandemic and political instability in the so-called "Golden Triangle" of countries, where the highly addictive stimulant originates, or is moved across porous borders - in particular, Myanmar, Thailand and Laos.

Given the cheap price of meth along with its apparent abundance and high purity, UNODC said that the narcotic remains "the primary drug of concern" to all countries in East and Southeast Asia, from China to Japan and from Indonesia to Singapore.

UNODC also noted that in contrast to record methamphetamine tablet seizures, the amount of the drug in crystalline and powder form decreased, by 3.2 tons and 1.5 tons respectively.

Liquid methamphetamine seizures also dropped from 6.4 tons in 2020 to 908 kilograms in 2021.

Among other illegal drugs circulating in the region, UNODC noted that demand for ecstasy remains relatively low, while its price has remained stable.

Europe is the main source of ecstasy tablets trafficked into the region through northeastern provinces bordering Laos, the UN agency explained, noting also that ecstasy seizures dropped significantly in 2021, from 8.9 million tablets in 2020 to 3.7 million tablets in 2021.

Other synthetic drugs continue to be produced to attract new users, UNODC said, noting that only 50 "new psychoactive substances" were identified in 2021, compared to more than double that number in 2020.

Nonetheless, new substances "continue to evolve and emerge," UNODC maintained, adding that Ketamine "remains a concern, with signs pointing to increasing supply from within and outside the region."

Turning to Cambodia, the UN agency said that organized crime groups have increasingly used the country as its base.

Although only two "clandestine laboratories" were dismantled last year in Cambodia, at least one was producing ketamine and other synthetic stimulants "on an industrial scale."

The last two years have also seen an exponential rise in confiscations of chemicals that can be used to make illegal synthetic drugs, UNODC said, with 165 tons of compounds seized from three warehouses in Cambodia in January this year.

"KILLER BEE" OP STINGS FRAUDSTERS

AFRICA

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) arrested the suspects in a sting operation conducted simultaneously in the Lagos suburb of Ajegunle and in Benin City, 300 km to the East of the commercial capital.

The Nigerian sting operation comes as part of a global operation codenamed "Killer Bee"

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NEWARK RESIDENT AND FIREFIGHTER LATINA BYRD NAMED ECC VALEDICTORIAN



ESSEX - Latina Byrd, a City of Newark Firefighter and U.S. Army veteran, has the singular honor of serving as Valedictorian of the Essex County College Class of 2022. Commencement will be held Friday, June 3 at Newark's Prudential Center.

Latina, a Newark resident, graduates with a 3.94 grade point average and an Associate in Science in Liberal Arts.

Latina was the second African American woman hired as a Newark Firefighter when she began her career over 20 years ago. "At that time, I didn't realize there was such a lack of women in the department. For 10 of my years working, I was the only woman there. It's not easy being the first or second of anything," she said.

When Latina decided it was time to begin the next phase of her life, she discovered new challenges starting at ECC. "My first challenge was that I was a mature student. Secondly, I was not proficient in computers. And thirdly, I didn't do well on my entrance exam." Despite these big challenges, Latina found a warm and caring atmosphere. "The professionalism I received is the reason I was able to excel in my classes. I am forever thankful to all of the College's faculty and staff."

She opted for Liberal Arts because she was unsure of the career path she wanted to take. "Although I quickly realized I wanted to stay in public service, and my new educational goals

would include my concerns for social justice issues." Latina is proud that she excelled in the classroom while working fulltime. She was inducted into the College's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. At the College's annual Scholarship Awards Night, held May 18, Latina was the recipient of the Honorable Patricia Juliano Memorial Scholarship.

Outside of college she finds time to volunteer in mentoring programs for girls, ages 12 to 18. She sits on the Executive Board of the Vulcan Pioneers of Newark - International Association of Black Professional Firefighters. Latina can also be found helping out at coat drives, school book bag drives and toy distribution. She was awarded a Newark Municipal Council certificate for Outstanding Work in the Community. She has also been instrumental in recruitment efforts to introduce more women to the fire service profession. She said Newark currently has eight women in the ranks of firefighters.

Latina is headed to Seton Hall University with an eye on law school. "In five years, I plan on serving my community as an attorney and ensuring all people are treated equally. Essex County College provided the foundation and support needed for me to succeed, and I know I will soar. I am eternally grateful to ECC for a new start on life."

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Belleville	11,188	150	11,273	150
Bloomfield	12,402	159	12,518	160
Caldwell	1,623	17	1,658	17
Cedar Grove	3,940	136	3,999	136
City of Orange	8,396	169	8,465	170
East Orange	17,615	376	17,706	377
Essex Fells	516	2	522	2
Fairfield	2,026	37	2,046	37
Glen Ridge	1,267	18	1,298	18
Irvington	11,984	282	12,068	282
Livingston	6,605	103	6,753	103
Maplewood	5,329	47	5,415	47
Millburn	3,686	18	3,775	18
Montclair	6,976	84	7,084	85
Newark	80,432	1,246	81,005	1,248
North Caldwell	1,452	10	1,477	10
Nutley	6,780	83	6,862	83
Roseland	1,419	21	1,454	21
South Orange	3,545	22	3,616	22
Verona	3,398	22	3,453	22
West Caldwell	2,744	60	2,778	61
West Orange	13,581	263	13,758	265
Total	206,904	3,325	208,983	3,334

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of June 1, 2022)
NJ: 2,057,928 cases / 30,658 deaths (Plus 3,069 probable)
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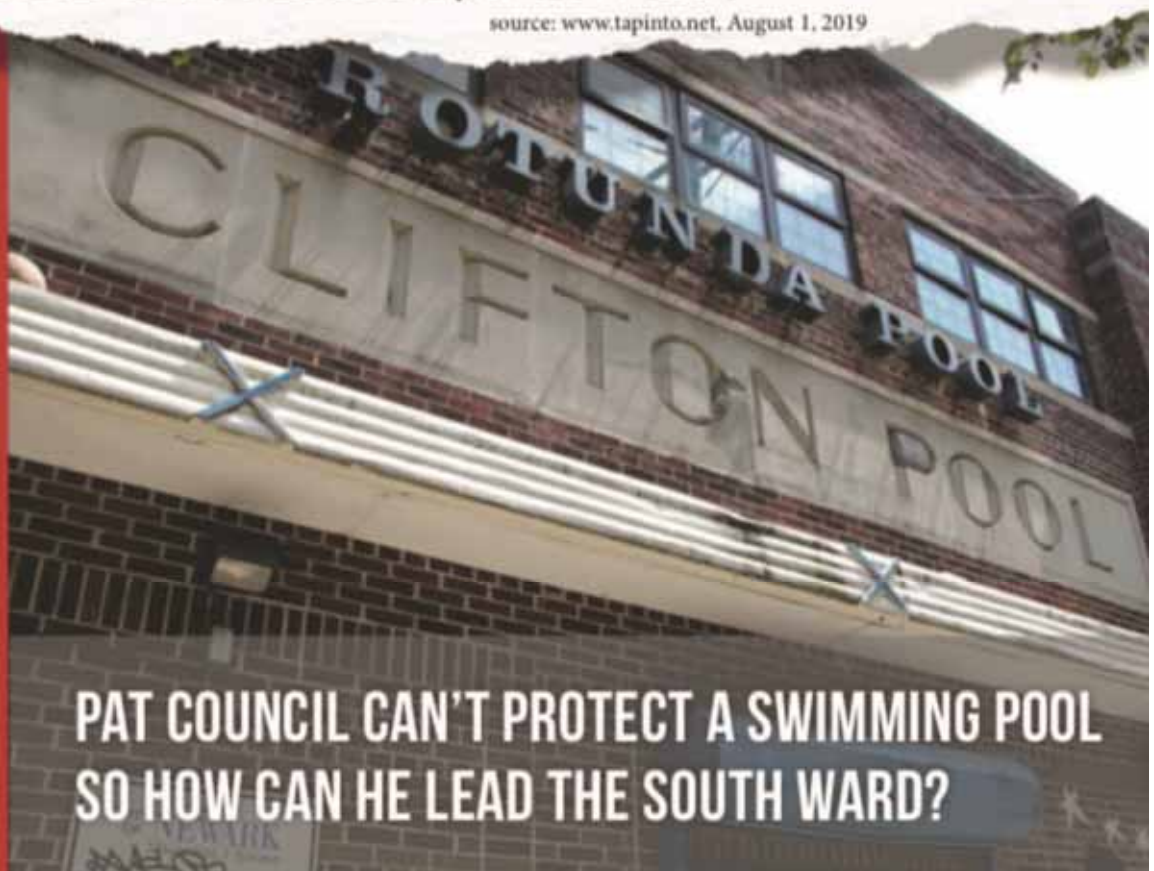
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Pat Council let criminals sell drugs at the Rotunda Recreation Center - a place we paid him taxpayer dollars to manage. This recreation center was supposed to be a place for our children and families to work and play. Pat Council let a public swimming pool become a place for drug dealers and criminals to put our community in danger!

How can Council even think about running for South Ward councilman when he failed to protect our children? What excuse can he give for allowing illegal activities to take place right under his nose? How can we trust someone who let drug dealers sell poison so close to us? Pat Council either knew about this criminal activity, or he was too incompetent to see it!



PAT COUNCIL CAN'T PROTECT A SWIMMING POOL SO HOW CAN HE LEAD THE SOUTH WARD?

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.

RAY LIOTTA: 1954-2022

NEWARK - Perhaps actors, like the late Ray Liotta, and the local Italian restaurant he had worked in for three summers, should be counted among Newark's exports.

Liotta, 67, maybe best known for portraying Shoeless Joe Jackson in 1989's "Field of Dreams" and mobster Henry Hill in 1990's "Goodfellas," had reportedly died in his sleep in his hotel room on May 26. He was in the Dominican Republic for the shooting of "Dangerous Waters."

Liotta's life arc began when he was born in Newark on Dec. 18, 1954. The months-old infant was adopted by Alfred and Mary Liotta from one of up to 11 orphanages Newark had in 1955. Which one was Ray adopted from remains within the Liotta family.

Ray's youth was spent in Union while his parents ran a local auto parts store. The Union High School Class of 1972 graduate, however, spent his 1971-73 summers making pizzas at Pizza House-Pizza Chef, 111 North Union Ave., Cranford.

Vincent and Ronnie Preziosi had reopened Pizza House-Pizza Chef there in 1970 after running an Italian restaurant at 610 1/2 Springfield Ave., Newark from 1955 into 1964. Although their eatery had closed during the late 1960s, an Italian hot dog house had moved into that address from Downtown Newark around 2018.

Liotta and Vincent Preziosi moved to the University of Miami, the former to take acting classes. Ray had a taste after he

got kicked off the Union High School basketball team and replaced that with a drama class. Liotta returned to New York to take up stage plays, launching 40 years of movie, television, theater and video game credits.

First wife Michelle Grace, daughter Karsen Liotta, sister Linda Liotta Matthews and fiancée Jacy Nittolo are among his survivors. Funeral services for the late Los Angeles resident have not been announced as of press time.

IRVINGTON - A Springfield Avenue Business District assistant store manager has an Irvington Municipal Court date next month to answer to a charge of aggravated assault of a customer from May 27.

IPD officers found the assistant manager and a customer, separated by customers, in front of the Dollar Tree here at 886 Springfield Ave. 7:09 p.m. Friday.

Witnesses said that the two began arguing in the beauty aids aisle when Alliah Vasquez, 29, of Irvington, grabbed the customer's hair and neck. A witness' cell 13-minute phone recording has her repeatedly punching the customer and wrestling themselves onto the main floor before the customers intervened.

The unidentified customer was treated for "a minor eye injury" after being pepper-sprayed during the struggle. The man had put up his arms in surrender and had said, "I will not hit her."

Attempted Bank Robbery

IPD officers had found, interviewed and arrested a township man whose description matched the one given by Investors Savings Bank employees of attempting to rob them at 11:29 a.m. May 27. Bank tellers said that Sherike Massey, 23, had handed them a note that he wanted \$100,000 "indicated that he had a gun" but left empty-handed.

Police officers, who met up with Massey "a short distance away" from 1065 Stuyvesant Ave., could not find a weapon on him. Massey has since been held in Newark's Essex County Correctional Center on a count each of robbery by threat or fear of

bodily injury and creating a false sense of impending disaster.

EAST ORANGE - Casual riders who take CoachUSA's 24, 31 and 44 bus lines have been coughing up more change since the company's June 1 fare increase.

The 24, 31 and 44 - which all traverse East Orange - now have a \$1.80 one zone base fare. It is up a nickel from its base fare set since June 6, 2019.

Two-zone travel is now \$2.80 and three-zones are now \$3.40. Transfers are 70 cents. Senior citizen/handicapped fares are 90 cents, \$1.40 and \$1.70 with transfers now 35 cents.

CoachUSA, neither from its Paramus regional headquarters nor from the Elizabeth garage where they keep the Orange-Newark-Elizabeth 24 and 44 and Newark Independent Bus Operation Authority's 31 fleet, have given a reason for the hikes.

24, 31 and 44 drivers still honor NJTransit-issued Monthly bus passes and individual paper tickets. They may be "The Way to Go," since NJTransit's base one-zone intrastate bus fare is still \$1.60.

The paper tickets, however, must not go through the Newark Light Rail POP stampers. NJTransit's weekly and monthly rail passes with bus feeder fare zones will still not be honored.

ORANGE - A Funeral Mass was held for Orange Police Officer Rodolfo Diaz May 27 at Vernon's St. Kateri Roman Catholic Church, followed by his burial at the Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Diaz, 34, was among "Orange's finest," wearing Badge No. 372 for 14 months, when he suddenly died on May 19.

Diaz was born in The Bronx, N.Y. Oct. 1, 1987 and was raised there until he volunteered to become a U.S. Marine in 2011. He was based out of California's Camp Pendleton and served in the Global War on Terror.

After his honorable discharge, Diaz took up police academy training and joined OPD March 29, 2021.

"Rudy" loved the MLB New York Yankees and became a Walkill Valley Little League coach. The Vernon resident's

passions included listening to salsa and old-school hip-hop music and dancing.

Wife Chloe, sons Chase and Beckham, parents Gerardo and Crucita, brother Ulises and sisters Lorena Peltier, Amanda Rodriguez are among his survivors.

WEST ORANGE - Trumpeter Rob Adams' playing "Taps" while Suzanne Pennell scattered sand from Omaha Beach on the Municipal Building's front steps gave the township's 2002 Memorial Day Observance here on May 31 a unique and poignant highlight.

Pennell had her son, USN Lt. Dylan Pennell, collect sand from the site of the June 6, 1944 allied Normandy Invasion that turned the tide of World War Two's European Theater. D. Pennell is a 2014 West Orange High School graduate.

Adams, of the Stone Soup Symphony, played taps on the late US Army Fourth Class Technician and WOHS Class of 1942 graduate Gordon J. Hansen.

Hansen, 20, who was part of the invasion and the Battle of the Bulge, was killed in action on March 20, 1945 when the building he was running communication wires in had exploded. The son of Hansen's fiancé had brought the soldier's medals and most of his effects to Township Historian Joseph Fagan last year.

While Hansen's medals have been since on display in the town hall, the trumpet he had used while on the WOHS Marching Band had been long separated from his other returned effects. Fagan, on April 11, located the current owner in Harrisburg, Pa. - who then agreed to have the trumpet loaned for Monday morning's observance.

Traffic, including local business persons and NJTransit's Nos. 21, 71 and 73 buses, were detoured from Main Street between Northfield Avenue and Mt. Pleasant Avenue 9:30-11:30 a.m. Some local business people parked in the rear parking lot between Northfield and Veterans Plaza - a lot which had been named on Hansen's honor on April 14.

SOUTH ORANGE - A Sickler-
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A PUSH TO EXPAND UPON FEMININE HEALTH AT SETON HALL

An Interview with Shimoli Parikh, Founder of Period@SHU

By Lev D. Zilbermints

“Local Talk” recently did an interview with the founder of Period@SHU, Shimoli Parikh. This organization fought to place menstrual dispensers on campus. How this happened is best described in the interview below.

Lev D. Zilbermints: When was Period@SHU founded? By Instagram posts, it looks like Fall 2019. Is this correct?

Shimoli Parikh: Yes, that is correct! I founded the club during my freshman year in Fall 2019.

LZ: What motivated you to advocate for installing menstrual dispensers on campus?

SP: Honestly, there were a few moments

during my freshman year where I didn't have a product with me at the time because I did not need to carry a bag with me due to my residence in the dorms. I think that made me recognize the need for products on campus for our students, and I've been pushing for them ever since. I believe that menstrual products should be as accessible as toilet paper and the other hygiene products we may find in the restrooms.

LZ: How did the SHU administration respond to your initiative? Why were they reluctant?

SP: The only direct pushback I've received from the administration was in the initiative's initial stages, as they were worried that students may steal the products. Otherwise, I don't think the administration has given me a negative response to the initiative. Instead,

they made the path to reach the end goal extremely long and difficult due to their perceived lack of support for the initiative on campus and their idea that products would be stolen. For every step I want to take, there seems like ten steps I have to complete beforehand in order to gain approval. Although I understand the need for an implementation process that will not waste the school's money, we should not have to wait over half a year to install a single dispenser on campus.

I was told to create surveys and collect student opinions about the initiative, which took the entire fall semester to complete in order to gain approval for a small amount of funds. Small steps like these are, in my opinion, unnecessary because I believe access to these products should not be up for debate and up to student opinion but instead there

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TEN YEARS AGO .. ORANGE CORRUPTION - PART VII

By Walter Elliott

ORANGE - This "Local Talk" series has largely focused on the six-year-old federal probe that has yielded at least 31 counts of indictments, four guilty pleas, one not guilty plea and a to-be-announced plea from the "high Orange official" at the center of the investigation.

Some observers, however, may conclude that July 1, 2012 was when the man in the center

of the storm was hired. His hiring and subsequent changes of job titles, while officiated on the state level, was what first generated controversy.

July 1, 2012 was when incoming Mayor Dwayne Warren was sworn into his first of now three-terms in office. Warren had selected several people since his May election to form his administration - including Willis Edwards III.

Edwards, who had been

Warren's campaign manager, had been a one-term New Jersey State General Assemblyman. The then-East Orange resident had also been on the East Orange General Hospital Board of Directors, the East Orange Housing Authority Commission and had several businesses vending to local government.

The City Council, however, voted not to confirm Edwards as Warren's choice as City Business Administrator later that year.

Warren countered by naming Edwards as "Deputy BA" and paying him an administrator's salary. The problem was that there was no Deputy Business Administrator title in the City of Orange's codebook organizational chart.

The Council hired its own attorney and sued the Warren Administration for this end-run around their denial vote. This

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WORLD NEWS

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involving INTERPOL's General Secretariat headquarters and National Central Bureaus (NCBs) and law enforcement agencies in 11 countries across Southeast Asia.

Arrests made follow the publication of an INTERPOL Cyber Report linking a suspected syndicate of Nigerian fraudsters operating from the West Coast of Africa to the use of a malicious Remote Access Trojan (RAT) known as Agent Tesla.

The men are thought to have used the RAT to reroute financial transactions, stealing confidential online connection details from corporate organizations, including oil and gas companies in Southeast Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

One of the scammers, Hendrix Omorume, has been charged and convicted of three counts of serious financial fraud and now faces a 12-month prison sentence. The two other men are still on trial.

“Through its global police network and constant monitoring of cyberspace, INTERPOL had the globally sourced intelligence needed to alert Nigeria to a serious security threat where millions could have been lost without swift police action,” said INTERPOL's Director of Cybercrime, Craig Jones.

“Further arrests and prosecutions are foreseen across the world as intelligence continues to come in and investigations unfold,” added Jones.

INTERPOL assisted in examining the laptops and mobile phones seized by EFCC during

the arrests, helping to confirm the systematic use of “Agent Tesla” malware to access business computers and divert monetary transactions to their own accounts.

“Cybercrime is spreading at a fast pace, with new trends constantly emerging. Through operations like Killer Bee, INTERPOL supports EFCC in keeping pace with new technologies and understanding the possibilities they create for criminals and how they can be used as tools for fighting cybercrime,” said EFCC's Director of Operations, Abdulkarim Chukkoll.

“The enforcement actions led by Nigeria and coordinated with INTERPOL send a clear message that cybercrime will have serious repercussions for those involved in business email compromise fraud, particularly in

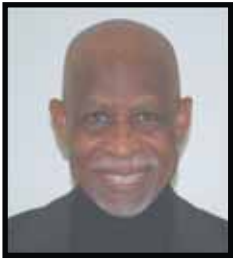
Nigeria,” added Chukkoll.

The three men, aged between 31 and 38, were each arrested in possession of fake documents, including fraudulent invoices and forged official letters.

Operation Killer Bee is led by the ASEAN Cybercrime Operations Desk, which is funded by the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) 2.0 and supported by the Singapore Government.

INTERPOL's Cybercrime Directorate initiated the operation based on intelligence received from private-sector partner, Trend Micro, under the Gateway framework, about the emergence and usage of “Agent Tesla” malware.

Operational partners included Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.



From The Pastor's Heart

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

Worshipping God Alone

Which God are you worshipping? What does your god look like? I do not know that the story is true, but I have told it many times as it has been told to me. A little boy was sitting at his kitchen table with paper and crayons while his mother was busy in the kitchen preparing meals. The boy was silent and in very deep concentration, which drew his mother's attention.

As she came over to see what was taking his attention, the boy looked up, and his mother asked, "What are you drawing, son?" With a smile, the boy answered, "Can't you see? It's God." Then, impulsively, his mother responded, "Son, you can't draw God. Nobody knows what God looks like." "Well," said the little boy, "don't worry, after I am finished with him, you will see."

I don't know what the boy's final picture looked like, but you might be amazed how many adults are doing the same, drawing their own pictures of God in their own image and worshipping them. Many are carving statues that they call their god. I am sure you must have seen many of them and said to yourself, "Is that what God looks like?"

In my study of world religions, I have read that in Hindu-

ism, there are 33 million representations (or images) of Brahman, some female and some male. That makes Hinduism a polytheistic religion. Many other religions are as polytheistic, but I will not name them here. Then there are religions like Islam, Judaism and Christianity that say they are monotheistic because they proclaim one God.

Christianity is of greatest interest, for all who accept the Christian faith declares, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time." (1 Timothy 2:5-6 NIV).

Just so you might know, I am a Christian because I have accepted the biblical revelation that God is one (cf. 1 Corinthians 8:6). I accept it as written in the first of the Ten Commandments, which says, "You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3 NIV). This biblical command was originally given to the Israelites at Sinai as they were coming out of Egyptian slavery.

Egypt was a polytheistic culture where the people worshipped many gods. The pharaohs were worshipped as gods and named themselves after gods and goddesses such as Osiris, Isis, Horus, Seth, Path, Re, Ra, Anubis, etc. So, God needed to command, instruct, and warn Israel of the need to recognize that there is only one God.

He is God - Yahweh - the one introduced to Moses at the burning bush and the leader of Israel who brought them out of the Egyptian bondage. He introduced himself as the one true

and living God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the one to be worshipped (Exodus 20:1-17). The commandment given to Israel at Sinai was not a new idea because the Bible opens with the notion that there is one God. "In the beginning God." (cf. Genesis 1:1). The biblical books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy were reminders of what was spelled out in Genesis.

The history of Israel painted in the First Testament of the Bible tells of the God that saved Israel and of Israel's exile because they sought after other gods. It tells that despite the strict warnings not to make and worship other gods, the Israelites repeatedly made and worshipped strange gods for which the Lord severely punished them. Although Israel repeated the prayer called **The Shema**, found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, which says, "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is one. . ." yet they were constantly drawn away in the worship of the other gods.

Let me break away from lingering on the history of Israel to ask, Why are we human beings so idolatrous? Why are we so engaged in the making and worshipping of idolatrous forms? Why are we so intent on seeking representations of the God we are called to worship? The reality is that the commandment to Israel is to all of us. So why are we so intent on rebel worship?

I can either state that "I have no answer" or state what comes to mind immediately, that:

1. We are just rebellious. We know what is required of us, but we do not care to do what is required.

2. We are obsessed with ourselves. We worship the things we create and call them God.
3. We are self-conscious in a negative way. We like to see projections of ourselves to worship.
4. We are self-sufficient. We like to declare our independence from God.
5. We are self-centered. We are selfish and not willing to share our love.
6. We are self-destructive. We seek protection from things that are not able to help us.
7. We are confused. We are often ignorant of our deepest needs. Like the apostle Paul noted of the Athenians, they were worshipping many gods and just to make sure they did not miss one, they added "the Unknown god." (Acts 17).

The question for us today is "Who are we worshipping?" We often prefer to worship the little things we can see instead of the all-powerful, all-present, invisible God. Israel made a golden calf because they needed something visible. We use our little mannikins or other objects in wallets, handbags, cars, etc. as visible symbols of our worship. It is in the human heart to worship the one true God, we will surely create the little images that we can worship. How pathetic is our worship if all we can produce are images like that of the little boy at the table?

De we know who we are worshipping? This is my only question for today? What is your answer?

ORANGE CORRUPTION: PART 7

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suit ended with a State Superior Court ruling for then council in 2014.

Warren, by then, made Edwards his chief of staff - which triggered a second lawsuit by the council.

That second suit resulted in another Superior Court judge ruling that Edwards must leave Orange City Hall on or before Dec. 31, 2015. Edwards, indeed, left office to reside in Lithonia,

Ga.

That second judge also ordered Edwards to pay \$268,705 in back wages while he was "Deputy BA." Edwards, however, had declared personal bankruptcy.

It was during those 41 months while Edwards was in City Hall where federal prosecutors had accused him of writing false invoices for work that was not done, bribery and kickbacks, among other alleged schemes that defrauded the city, Essex County and the U.S. Department

of Housing and Urban Development. It was the use of HUD grant money that caught the feds' attention.

Those allegations included a phony literacy program and a never received HVAC chiller unit for the Orange Public Library. A planning consultant was asked to hire an Edwards colleague on the guise of joining the YWCA/Orange Recreation, Education and Cultural Center study team.

The U.S. Department of Justice indictments included Ed-

wards getting a Mayor's Office official to backdate a tuition reimbursement invoice for autumn 2015 college classes - in February 2016.

DOJ attorneys have said that their investigation is continuing.

Please note that Edwards has not submitted a plea to the two bills of the indictment as of press time.

Also, note that those named in this article are considered innocent until if or when they are found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

SETON HALL

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for any student that may need the product. It is clear that the administrators are fine with taking their time on initiatives because they will be here for years, but since students will only be here for four, work needs to be done faster.

LZ: I understand the Student Government Association gave you a lot of assistance in bringing the menstrual dispenser issue to the table.

SP: Yes! A big reason I joined SGA was to work on this initiative and gain support from the different colleges and voices from the student body. Both E-boards have been extremely helpful through this process and have given me many different contacts and tips so that the initiative is able to succeed. Before I joined SGA, I was in contact with Julia Nicolls, the past SGA president. She was able to put me in contact with several administrators and other students interested in the initiative, and she was also able to come to my meetings with administrators to help me with communication. My goal for my last semester in SGA is to make the Menstrual Product Initiative a part of the Gender and Equity Task Force, which will allow students after me to work on the initiative in the future.

LZ: What is your feeling about the issues raised by Protecting Pirates just recently and Concerned 44 in 2018-2019?

SP: I am in full support of everything Protecting Pirates stands for. I know from experience how frustrating the administration can be, and I can't even imagine how hard it must be to work on such a sensitive topic. This university needs to rework their Title IX policies, and frankly their Title IX office staff as well. Students who have experienced any violence or harassment should never be dissuaded from speaking out, and it is a shame that our university is ready to protect the offenders and blame the victims.

LZ: Can you tell our readers what needs to be addressed at SHU? What has already been taken care of?

SP: Honestly, I can give you a very long answer to this question, but all my answers stem from the same singular main problem: our administration is very hesitant to make changes. Whether it's in regard to menstrual products, environmental change, Title IX policies, problematic professors, or any problem that students find pressing at the moment, the administration works in a way that makes every single change a long-winded process. As our student bodies grow, so will the voices of our students,

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and these problems will have to be handled eventually--no matter how much administrators may resist.

In regard to the second part of your question, I don't think I've been here long enough to know what has been addressed. In my opinion, the environment of the university has become more understanding and flexible due to the COVID-19 and racial matters that were seen throughout these past few years. Of course, this is only what I have seen through my less than two years in-person on campus.

LZ: Can I quote you by name? Or would you rather have it as "one of the Period@SHU organizers?"

SP: Yes, you can quote me!

LZ: What is your perception of how SHU handles the rights of female students on campus?

SP: I feel as if the administrators believe they are walking on eggshells when these problems arise because they know everyone is watching. Instead of combating the problem head first, they seem to avoid making actual changes and simply send the same redundant emails to the student body about school policies. I believe there is also a tendency of administrators to not believe female victims and instead protect the male offenders. If every student has a voice on campus, why are half of them not being heard?

The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

BOOK MARKS

Every Waking Moment

This novel is dedicated to anyone who feels the need to make history. - Kristopher Seals.

At First Glance

First of all, it was as awesome of a gift as it was a good read. There's something special about gleaning the words off of a page that has been formulated by someone that you know. Especially when written by and when garnered from the brain of the man behind the layouts of "The Observation Booth," which makes this section look so fab. Kris is a man of few words when he isn't penning his thoughts, but a doer of sorts. I felt special, to say the least. But after getting over myself I begin to place my focus where it belonged LOL!

Critique

At first glance, I had given the cover a once over which was quite intentional, and for the following week daily I would take a glance as retrieving it from my bag during my layover as waiting for my students. But ironically it was during my observations when interpreting the behaviors of those characters that the cover had become more of a focus, and I found myself gazing at it for quite some time.

Usually, my approach to a book is to scan what's on the inside. It is the words that tweak my interest. Supposedly my being a photojournalist is much to blame for that because pics for me sometimes can be a bit overrated. But, after being enticed by Kris's hidden promptings, the cover had taken its rightful place. Its simplicity was genius as overdone can act as a takeaway.



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L.I.T Muse: Sparkle
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The ol never judge a book by its cover rings true here. The embellishment as should lie in those inner pages. Logically, they'll be no spoilers here, but I will tell ya that seemingly for every waking moment that I was reading it, I was glued to the page. You're going to want to purchase this one and take the literary ride for yourself.



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I Gotcha Back

No worries, I got you. For that peek in since I've been harping on covers, I might as

well keep this thing going. This is how the back of the book reads... Bobby Drucker, Jr. is a former standout football player whose history of concussions has not only made him a liability but has robbed him of much of his memory. After getting dumped by his girlfriend, he gets drunk and then gets behind the wheel. His actions lead to a tragedy beyond description. Several people have their lives changed after the incident - some with grief, others with anger. However, his connection to some of those involved is closer than he knew. Especially to Starla Johnson, a young woman with close ties to the life that has eluded him!

This book is a must-read. Get your copy today; you won't be sorry. "Every Waking Moment" can be purchased online at Amazon, or even the Montclair Book Center if they still have copies...

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INDY 500 (Cont. from page 5)

Dixon, who had just passed 2015 winner Ralph DePalma's 612 laps into second place as The 500's lap leader, finished 21st.

I just messed up," said 2008 500 winner Dixon after he and Ericsson hugged in Victory Circle. "It's heartbreaking, to be honest."

Palou also incurred a stop-and-go penalty for stopping while the pit lane was closed on lap 68 and finished ninth.

O'Ward, however, is atop of the list of the other 32 drivers to ponder, "What If?"

"I'm so proud of what we've done but it's frustrating," said O'Ward. "We did everything right, we had the fastest car in traffic. Marcus was taking different lines; he was going to put me into the wall had I gone for it."

"I was in a position to win but I also wanted a good finish," said Kanaan. "Race Control did what was best for the fans. When I saw Pato get by me, I said, 'OK' and watched."

FINISH: 1.) MARCUS ERICSSON (HONDA), 2.) Pato O'Ward (Chevrolet), 3.) Tony Kanaan(H), 4.) Felix Rosenqvist (C), 5.) Conor Daly(C), 6.) Helio Castroneves (H), 7.) Simon Pagenaud(H), 8.) Alex Palou(H),

9.) Santino Ferrucci(C), 10.) Juan Pablo Montoya(C), 11.) JR Hildebrand(C), 12.) Josef Newgarden(C), 13.) Graham Rahal (15), 14.) Will Power(C), 18.) Dave Malukas(ROOKIE)(H), 17.) Kyle Kirkwood(R)(C), 18.) Ed Carpenter(C), 19.) Delvin DeFrancesco(R)(H), 20.) Christian Lundgaard(H), 21.) Scott Dixon(H), 22.) Marco Andretti (H), 23.) Sage Karam(C), 24.) Jack Harvey(H), 25.) Takuma Sato(H), 26.) Dalton Kellett(C), 27.) Stefan Wilson(C), 28.) Jimmie Johnson(R)(H), 29.) Scott McLaughlin((R)C), 30.) Colton Herta(H), 31.) Romain Grosjean (R)(H), 32.) Callum Ilott(R)(C), 33.) Rinus VeeKay(C).

THE DOCTOR (Cont. from page 4)

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TOWN WATCH (Continued from page 10)

ville man has been arrested for allegedly dispersing a Valley Street crowd with gunfire here on May 12. Three other men have been charged in relation to the altercation.

Veckins Paul, 27, has been remanded to the Essex County Correctional Center since turning himself in early that Thursday morning. He has been charged with simple assault, aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession thereof for an unlawful purpose.

Veckins is accused of breaking up a crowd by firing a handgun three times above their heads at about 1:30 a.m. That breakup came after two groups of Seton Hall University students had met for "a planned altercation."

Three 9 mm. bullet shells were found at the dispersed scene.

SOPD has since increased patrols around Valley Street and the university's neighborhood.

Paul Bruk, 19, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., Peter Opalka, 18, of Southbury, Conn., and Giovanni Gelin, 18, of Brooklyn were each charged with disorderly conduct.

"The health and safety of our campus community and our neighbors in South Orange are paramount," stated a SHU release. "We remain in communication with local law enforcement as this investigation continues. The University condemns violence of any kind and will take all necessary action to enforce appropriate disciplinary measures."

MAPLEWOOD - Township police have been on the lookout for a purse-snatching suspect here since May 25.

Responding MPD officers met with a woman near the corner of Springfield Avenue and Princeton Street just after 10:58 a.m. that Wednesday.

The victim said that she was waiting at a bus stop on Springfield's south side when a man pushed her to the ground, grabbed her purse and ran into a nearby parked car. She said that she had \$88 cash in the purse.

Police are looking for "a heavy-set man wearing black pants and short hair." The suspect ran into a "dark-colored vehicle, perhaps a dark gray Honda Civic, that was last seen fleeing east on Springfield Avenue."

BLOOMFIELD - A township car dealership group here is among three statewide who have agreed to partially suspend an overall \$400,000 fine and comply with a New Jersey Office of the Attorney General's two-year consent order.

Acting AG Matt Platkin, in his May 20 announcement, said that Lynnes Nis-

san City, Hyundai and Subaru will pay a \$46,381 settlement with his office's Division of Consumer Affairs. That payment includes \$33,500 in civil penalties.

The fines come from what NJAG detectives said were "allegations that included charging customers for certain fees twice, accepting incomplete credit applications from prospective buyers and failing to list vehicle prices on sales documents."

The consumer affairs division and Lynns have agreed to a six-point settlement which includes accurately disclosing sales prices on all documents, including a vehicle's trade-in value and itemizing all aftermarket merchandise and dealer-installed options in sales documents and contracts.

Glen Motors, of Fair Lawn and the Bridgewater-headquartered Open Road Auto Group were also accused of similar allegations. Both have agreed to the consent order and financial settlement.

MONTCLAIR - The Montclair Board of Education's latest additions, Phaedra Dunn and Melanie Dreysher, have been serving alongside their seven mayor-appointed colleagues since April 13.

Dunn and Dreysher, who ran as a team, were publicly elected to a pair of 21-month terms in a special March 8 election. That election is the first step in a three-year conversion of the board to a voter-elected panel.

Although Dunn and Dreysher were endorsed by Vote Montclair, the group's founder, Erik D'Amato, was excluded from their inauguration. The duo and former MBOE member Sergio Gonzalez said they had disassociated themselves from the group since D'Amato's March 14 opinion piece that was published in the "NJ Education Report."

D'Amato's editorial, entitled "This is How Montclair Mayor/NJEA President Sean Spillar Was Humiliated at the Ballot Box," claimed that March 8 voters wanted to change in part from "self-defeating effects of education unions' and union-dominated political machines."

D'Amato added that there was "frustration in watching the advancement of energetic young teachers' slowed down or their dismissal under 'last in, first out' rules."

Dreysher and Dunn declared that D'Amato's views are not theirs. D'Amato, on March 18, posted an apology. He said that his editorial "was not in the best interest of the group I had created and urged others to believe in, or the core issues it was built around - and those should've taken priority."

Vote Montclair's last Facebook posting, "Mission Accomplished," was on March 10. Township voters are to choose

candidates to fill three three-year MBOE seats in November.

BELLEVILLE - Authorities from the township police, the Essex County Prosecutor's Office Homicide Task Force and RWJBarnabas Clara Maass Medical Center have been investigating the circumstances of a patient's fatal May 24 fall here.

BPD officers had responded to a 6:14 a.m. call from hospital security staff that Tuesday of a man having fallen from a third-story window. The man - so far identified as a 72-year-old - was found unresponsive on the ground and was declared dead at the scene.

Both police and security also noticed that a third-floor window had been broken. Some 20 bed-sheets and blankets, tied together, were found coming from that broken window's opening.

"Clara Maass Medical Center is fully committed to providing a safe environment for our patients, visitors and staff," a hospital spokeswoman declared later that day. "Per our policy, we're unable to comment any further on active police investigations."

NUTLEY - Mayor Mauro G. Tucci, in a peaceful transfer of power here May 17, turned over his office to fellow Commissioner Dr. Joseph P. Scarpelli in what would have been the middle of the former's four-year term.

Tucci and Scarpelli have agreed to split the full term to two years each. This 50-50 split came from the special May 17, 2020 election results.

Participating township voters have Scarpelli and Tucci 4,586 votes each. Although each received 14.60 percent of the vote, they were tied. May 15 was a special election in that COVID restrictions prompted an all Vote-By-Mail process and a combined non-partisan municipal board of education election.

Nutley's commissioners, like their Maplewood colleagues, name a mayor from among themselves.

Scarpelli, who has been Nutley's public works commissioner, is embarking on his fourth term as mayor. Tucci returns to his parks and recreation commissioner's seat.



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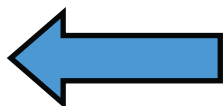
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