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Members of the late Cleo Hill, Sr.'s family celebrate the occasion



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## A PANDEMIC OF ANGER

By Kristopher Seals OP/ED

**UNITED STATES** - Usually, there is a story here on the latest mass shooting ... but honestly, I want to address a looming danger that is far worse.

Over the most recent weekend alone as of this writing, there were 12 "mass shootings." By definition, a "mass shooting" is an incident where four or more people are shot. How they came up with "four" as the quantitative requirement, I have no idea.

With that in mind, I want to pivot to something else. There is a rising tide of something that is at the core of most mass shootings and other things I am see-

ing, and that is a pandemic of anger.

I have seen something similar to this more than 20 years ago. The September 11th terror attacks. Two days after, an American population of fearful people who were on edge and angry after the gut punch of the attacks lashed out at each other. I saw two guys at Newark Penn Station bump into one another and say things that would not be appropriate to print. The next day, the rally of collective patriotism began, with a beautiful image of people in Colonia on their lawns waving little American flags. It gave a sense that we would persevere, with each oth-

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Chess master Lev D. Zilbermints demonstrating the nuances of the game to kids during one of the many chess events held at the now-defunct McDonald's



er, not against each other.

Back to the current day, since the COVID-19 pandemic shook the functional world, billions of lives have been changed. Some have been outright lost to the virus, others were afflicted, whether slightly or heavily, and then a chosen few made out like bandits. The focus of this is not the first group or the last, but that one in the middle.

In addition to losing re-

sources, whether money, assets, or near and dear ones in their lives, people have lost something just as important: patience. Years ago, when people heard or experienced something they did not approve of, it was a minor inconvenience. In the COVID era, not so much. The slightest issue has become one of yelling, single-finger sign language, and outright full "Karen Mode." Of

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*Editorial*  
**Dhiren Shah**  
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**Hello Readers,**

Mass Shootings: What a difference in management: Mass shootings excluding Organized Crime and Drug related shootings were: Under Obama: 2013 - 8 mass shootings and 45 dead; 2014 - 6 mass shootings and 28 dead; 2015 - 13 mass shootings and 80 dead; 2016 - 14 mass shootings and 112 dead; Under Trump: 2017 - 22 mass shootings and 168 dead; 2018 - 19 mass shootings and 102 dead; 2019 - 18 mass shootings and 102 dead, 2020 - 8 mass shootings and 25 dead. Under Biden: 2021 - 13 mass shootings 74 dead, 2022 until June 5th - 345 mass shootings and 320 dead.

This past weekend, shootings happened at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Chattanooga,

Tennessee, Phoenix, Arizona, Mesa, Arizona, Omaha, Nebraska, Chesterfield, Virginia, Macon, Georgia, Saginaw, Michigan, Socorro, Texas, Summerton, South Carolina. However, our President Biden is too busy managing world politics and wars in the world: Ukraine, Vietnam, South Korea and many other countries. He is ready to help the world with money and weapons. More war means more advanced chemical and high-tech weapons business in the future. Every day, about 60 to 100 soldiers are killed in Ukraine. It is a prestige issue for Biden and America to make Ukraine a member of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization).

Mr. Biden, please concentrate on the American economy and American people. In the history of the U.S. the highest gas prices before 2021 were in 2008, with an average at \$4.114. Today, the national gas price average is \$4.545. They are predicting that gas prices can go as high as \$6.00 per gallon. In New Jersey the average gas prices are

\$4.985. At the same time, the inflation rate is at the highest level, 8.3% since the past 41 years. Due to the high inflation rate, the US Central Bank has raised the federal funds interest rate by .25% in March 2022 and .50% on May 4, 2022. Now the federal reserve fund rates are between .75% to 1% to reduce the growing inflation rate. Federal Reserve Chairman Powell said that this rate will reduce the inflation rate to 4.5%. The expected inflation rate was 2% and we will see additional rate hikes by Powell in the near future. A rate hike will control inflation. If the outcome is deflation (a recession), it will impact the US economy and the people as well.

Our Democratic Senators and Congresspersons are too busy supporting the Democratic agenda, whether good or bad and opposing suggestions by Republicans, regardless of if those are good or bad. We are electing them to represent the people, but they are busy in politics and showing only a little help here and there. The republicans are

the same way. There is division between the two parties, as both walk in a different direction. I don't think either side cares about the people much, except showing that they are doing something.

The primary party elections came on June 7th while the Newark Runoff elections will be on June 14th. Newark and Orange are non-partisan elections, which means no one should be affiliated with any party or group and should not campaign with a party group or individual affiliation. Each candidate has different capacity. But one thing you must judge about any candidate, is whether or not they are telling the truth, if they really feel like helping the people, if they know how to stand up to their colleagues in case of a difference of opinion. and most importantly, if the person is acting to help the people.

*Have a wonderful week.*

*I'll talk to you next week.*

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# The Doctor Is In



**Dr. Adil Manzoor OP / ED**

## CDC Approves Booster Shots for Children 5-11

Despite the waning media attention, the coronavirus is still very well among us. A bit of good news, though, is that cases have drastically reduced compared to what they were at the start of the year. This is largely due to the protective efforts of the coronavirus vaccines. Amid

the emergence of new variants, the CDC confirmed what we already suspected - that two doses of the vaccine would not be enough. Hence, the booster doses. However, not all age populations were cleared to get the booster doses initially.

Booster shots were first approved late last year and targeted first towards adults, as expected. Soon after, in January, the CDC approved booster doses for children between the ages of 12 and 15. This came after the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices), an advisory body for CDC on immunization practices, voted 13-1 in overwhelming support of the booster shots for children.

Back then, it was a milestone achievement, considering the number of questions asked about the safety of the boosters for children who were getting the virus at a faster rate because of the new variants. Aside from 12-15s, who “may” receive their third shot, children between 16 and 17 had their recommendation for the booster shots strengthened from “may” to “should.”

Now, six months later, the CDC has approved booster doses for children between 5 and 11. As with any vaccine and booster shot that would be approved by the CDC, the ACIP had to vote. Unsurprisingly, they voted 11-1 in favor of giving the vaccines to kids between the ages of 5 and 11. What’s more, the CDC shortened the time frame between getting the second and third shots to five months, compared to the six used before.

While it was always expected, many are curious about what triggered this move at this point in time. Well, for starters, there have been ongoing studies since the booster shots were first approved in the United States last year. The way it works is that high-risk populations are the first group considered for any vaccine approval, after which all adults are considered.

However, because children are at significantly less risk, there is a lower sense of urgency to approve vaccine shots for them. Enough extensive studies have to be conducted before any approval for children. Further, 16-17-year-olds are first considered, then 12-15-year-olds, before reaching 5-11-year-olds. There’s also the below five population, but that takes even longer.

The point I’m driving home is the CDC carries out enough tests before vaccines can be approved, and even more so for children. Emergency authorization is rarely given for booster shots to be administered to children. So, there really isn’t much to be afraid of regarding the safety of the booster shots that have been recently approved for kids ages 5-11.

Another trigger for this approval right now may be the recent surge of coronavirus cases in the United States, with the omicron subvariant BA.2 the primary driving force. While cases haven’t reached the high levels of concern seen earlier in the year, it is better to be on top of the situation, especially among smaller children.

Close to 70% of the population have gotten at least two shots of the coronavirus vac-

cine. The vaccination rate of adults and adolescents in the country has steadily increased since last year, unlike kids between 5 and 11.

According to the CDC, less than 30% of children aged 5-11 have received at least two doses of the coronavirus vaccine. Despite their markedly lower risk, these kids are not exempt from the adverse and potentially fatal effects of the coronavirus. Considering we are entering the summer season soon and the spread of the virus may increase, it makes sense to have all eligible kids vaccinated.

Moreover, the CDC is approving 10 micrograms of a booster dose, significantly less than the adult dose of 50 micrograms and the 30 micrograms administered to children between 12 and 17.


Ensure you get your kids fully vaccinated and boosted. Also, remember that the more shots of vaccine taken, the lower the chances of getting serious illnesses, even if you do get infected

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# SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

The Stanley Cup Playoffs have taken a tough turn this past Sunday when The New York Rangers were defeated by the Tampa Bay Lightning in Games 3 and 4 of the Eastern Finals, tying things at 2-2. Despite that, the Rangers still have home ice advantage.

As for the NBA Finals, that series is tied 1-1 after the Golden State Warriors defeated the Boston Celtics 107-88. Although Jason Tatum bounced back for the Cs with 28 points and 6 rebounds and Jaylen Brown added 17 points and 6 rebounds, it was no match for the Warriors in Game 2. The action now shifts to Boston for the next two games.

In Major League Baseball, the New York Yankees and Mets are both doing well this season. Both teams are in first place in their respective divisions. One of the teams the Mets are ahead of is the Philadelphia Phillies, who recently fired manager Joe Girardi due to their struggles.

Finally, in the United States Football League, the New Jersey Generals are performing admirably, standing in first place in the North Division at 7-1 so far this season. Despite being the “New Jersey” Generals, all USFL games this season are being played in Birmingham, Alabama.

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course, the most frightening aspect is that these are the best outcomes. Other situations have resulted in someone getting a weapon and doing far worse.

The nature of America is resistance, with the birth of the nation coming as the colonies rebelled against Great Britain. Afterwards, the Civil War, quests for equality from women, minorities, and LGBTQ+ people, and more are among the most powerful forces of resistance in American history. Consequentially, one of the most vital ingredients of resistance is none other than resistance from the opposing side. As one side resists the status quo, another side resists change to their stable lifestyle. In all of those instances, there has been violence, usually with guns.

America literally has the right to bear arms codified in its constitution. It is engrained in the DNA of the nation. For all intents and purposes, “If you feel threatened, get a weapon and take someone out.”

Here is what you need to know: First, it pains me to say this, but I expect these incidents to not only continue, but get worse. The factors that propagate stress, like the lingering of

COVID and its variants, threats like monkeypox, ever-increasing gas prices and inflation, and international unrest in Ukraine, will likely continue, and that will cause people who are at the breaking point to do just that: break.

Secondly, mass shootings might get worse. The AR-15 is the weapon of choice because, and this is also painful to say, it is quite effective. On the news, sometimes you hear, “A suspect armed with a handgun was stopped by authorities...” or “After shooting two people, the suspect was stopped when...” However, how often do hear “A suspect with an AR-15 was stopped...?” In nearly all of the mass shootings executed with the weapon, there is a high body count and lack of prompt stoppage by law enforcement.

Want to know how potent the AR-15 is? The authorities in the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde took forever to get into the building and engage the suspect because they wanted no parts of facing down the destructive rifle. Police are trained to deal with the occasional handgun. However, there is nothing in the manual about taking down someone with a weapon far superior to your service firearm.

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Here is my biggest fear: Future shooters get what we call in business “second mover advantage.” One example is Facebook. It was not the first social media outfit, as Friendster came out before it did. What happened was the people at Facebook saw the mistakes Friendster made and avoided them, thus giving them the edge to perform better than their predecessor.

Guess what? Mass shooters can do the same thing, clocking the mistakes of previous shooters, and staying a step or two

ahead of law enforcement, who are already desperately trying to improve their response to such incidents.

Thirdly, escalation. You know what works better than a gun? A bomb. Thanks to the internet, and particularly the “Dark Web,” you can get all the specifics for a bomb, from ingredients to an instruction manual, to make a homegrown mini-weapon of mass destruction. While I do not expect dirty bombs laced with radioactive matter, I am definite-

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## MORE PROUD BOYS CHARGED WITH TREASON

### UNITED STATES

A federal grand jury in the District of Columbia returned a superseding indictment on June 6 charging five members of the Proud Boys, including the group's former national chairman, with seditious (treason) conspiracy and other charges for their actions before and during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Their actions disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the presidential election.

The defendants include Henry "Enrique" Tarrío, 38, of Miami, Florida, the former national chairman of the Proud Boys; Ethan Nordean, 31, of Auburn, Washington; Joseph Biggs, 38, of Ormond Beach, Florida; Zachary Rehl, 37, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Dominic Pezzola, 44, of Rochester, New York. All previously were indicted and remain detained. They pleaded not guilty to charges contained in earlier indictments.

The superseding indictment adds two charges to the earlier indictment: one count of seditious conspiracy and one count of conspiracy to prevent an officer from discharging any duties. All defendants now face a total of nine charges and Pezzola faces an additional robbery charge.

According to court documents, the Proud Boys describe themselves as members of a "pro-Western fraternal organization for men who refuse to apologize for creating the modern world, aka Western Chauvinists." Through at least Jan. 6, 2021, Tarrío was the national chairman of the organization. In mid-December of 2020, Tarrío created a special chapter of the Proud Boys known as the "Ministry of Self Defense."

As alleged in the indictment, from in or around December

2020, Tarrío and his co-defendants, all of whom were leaders or members of the Ministry of Self Defense, conspired to prevent, hinder and delay the certification of the Electoral College vote, and to oppose by force the authority of the government of the United States.

On Jan. 6, 2021, the defendants directed, mobilized and led members of the crowd onto the Capitol grounds and into the Capitol, leading to dismantling of metal barricades, destruction of property, breaching of the Capitol building, and assaults on law enforcement. During and after the attack, Tarrío and his co-defendants claimed credit for what had happened on social media and in an encrypted chat room.

A sixth defendant, who was earlier charged with the group, pleaded guilty on April 8, 2022. Charles Donohoe, 34, of Kernersville, North Carolina, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding and assaulting, resisting, or impeding officers.

This case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, the Department of Justice National Security Division's Counterterrorism Section and the Department of Justice Criminal Division's Organized Crime and Gang Section.

The case is being investigated by the FBI's Washington Field Office. The charges in the investigation are the result of significant cooperation between agents and staff across numerous FBI Field Offices and law enforcement agencies.

In the 17 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 800 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including over 250 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement. The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with tips can call 1-800-CALL-FBI (800-225-5324) or visit tips.fbi.gov.

An indictment is merely an allegation, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

### JOHNSON VOWS UNITY AFTER

## SURVIVING "NO CONFIDENCE" VOTE

### EUROPE

After avoided expulsion from office via a "No Confidence" vote, U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson is looking to move forward.

"We need to come together as a party and focus on what this government is doing to help people with the cost of living, to clear the COVID backlogs and to make our streets safer," Johnson said after Conservative lawmakers voted 211-148 to keep him as PM.

"We will continue to unite, level up and strengthen our economy... This is a government that delivers on what the people of this country care about most. We are focused on uniting and levelling up across the country and unleashing the potential of the whole United Kingdom."

Since then, he is calling on Ministers to drive forward progress on the government's priorities - easing financial pressures on families, making access to NHS care quicker and easier, making the streets safer and levelling up and uniting the country.

Johnson is also working on new policy commitments that will continue to make a real difference to people's lives. This will include measures to reduce childcare costs for parents and a renewed drive to get more people onto the housing ladder.

The Prime Minister also thanked dedicated NHS staff as he highlights the progress made by the biggest catch-up program in the health service's history.

The Health and Social Care Levy, announced by the government last year, promised £39 billion of investment over the next three years so the NHS has the funding it needs to recover from the pandemic, treat patients quickly and end spiraling social care costs. This represents more funding for health and social care than any government has ever invested before.

This money is already making a difference, with the NHS confirming that 90 Community Diagnostic Centers (CDCs) are now open across the country and have delivered 1 million checks and tests on patients so far.

## RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR REACHES 100 DAYS

### WORLD

As Russia's invasion of Ukraine entered its 100th day on June 3, António Guterres marked the grim milestone with a renewed call for an immediate end to the violence, while the United Nations kept up its push to secure food and fertilizer exports from the war-torn region to the wider world, amid rising levels of food insecurity.

In a statement, the Secretary-General said that the conflict, which began on Feb. 24, has already taken thousands of lives, caused untold destruction, displaced millions of people, resulted in unacceptable violations of human rights and is inflaming a three-dimensional global crisis - food, energy and finance - that is pummeling the most vulnerable people, countries and economies.

"As we mark this tragic day, I renew my call for an immediate halt to violence, for unfettered humanitarian access to all those in need, for safe evacuation of civilians trapped in areas of fighting and for urgent protection of civilians and respect for human rights in accordance with international norms," stated the UN chief.

Mr. Guterres said that the UN remains committed to the humanitarian effort, "but as I have stressed from the beginning, resolving this conflict will require negotiations and dialogue." The sooner the parties engage in good-faith diplomatic efforts to end the war, he stressed, "the better for the sake of Ukraine, Russia and the world."

"The United Nations stands ready to support all such efforts," the Secretary-General concluded.

Meanwhile, UN humanitarians on Friday issued a fresh alert about the enormous needs sparked by the war, as the Organization has continued to push to secure food and fertilizer exports from Ukraine and Russia, to the wider world, amid alarming levels of food insecurity.

Amin Awad, UN Crisis Coordinator for Ukraine, confirmed that the Organization was making every effort to secure the release of grain stuck in Ukraine's

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# PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

By Walter Elliott

**NEWARK** - There is at least one Congressional primary race, from among the 11 federal, county and municipal contests "Local Talk" Democratic and Republican voters had decided on June 7, that remains too close to call.

That Republican primary in the 11th Congressional District has Tyfun Selen, of Chatham, and Paul DeGroot, of Montville, some 1,300 votes apart as of June 8. DeGroot and Selen are vying to become the Republican challenger to incumbent Democrat Mikie Sherrill, of Montclair, on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot.

The above contest's figures - and those as reported by Essex County Clerk Chris Durkin 11:31 p.m. Tuesday night - remain unofficial until June 20.

Durkin's Election Division staff are accepting Vote By Mail Ballots postmarked on or before June 7 no later than June 13. Provisional ballots that were cast in June 3-5 early voting and June 7 will be counted after all the VBMB have been received and counted.

Participating members of the Republican and Democratic parties faithful had more than their usual share of changes, starting with this election being the first using the 2022-31 Congressional Redistricting Maps. Those maps, supposedly redrawn to reflect population changes both in "Local Talk" Land and throughout the U.S. Those changes stem from data received in the 2020 Census.

Voters may have had to check with Durkin and/or Essex County Superintendent of Elections Linda von Nessi's offices to check for polling station location. Several stations were open June 3-5 for early in-person voting.

Voters may have found Tuesday's polling stations quieter than usual if they had voted in a public school.

Several public school districts - including those in Orange and Maplewood-South Orange - decided to have those buildings' students go onto remote learning.

Durkin, at 11:31 p.m. Tues-

day, said that 543 of the 594 countywide voting machine districts had reported their results - which comes out to roughly 90 percent.

## US CONGRESS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Nov. 8's ballot, independent and minor party candidates' placement notwithstanding, is to feature Robert J. "Rob" Menendez, Jr. versus Marcus Arroyo.

Menendez, Jr., of Englewood, got the Essex County Democratic voters' endorsement with 1,451 votes - or 89.18 percent of the vote count. David Ocampo Grajales, of Jersey City, garnered 148 votes or 9.10 percent. Ane Roseborough-Eberhard, of Weehawken, amassed 28 votes for 1.72 percent.

Arroyo, of West New York, received 146 Essex Countywide votes, for 100 percent.

County tallies for write-in candidate Ana Isabel Rivera, of Newark, were not posted as of press time.

Menendez, Arroyo, other balloted candidates and any prospective write-in candidates are vying to succeed retiring incumbent Cong. Albio Sires (D-West New York).

*10th CD (Rest of Newark, Irvington, East Orange, Orange, West Orange, Montclair's Fourth Ward, three "West Essex" towns and "West/Central" Jersey City.):*

Incumbent Cong. Donald M. Payne, Jr., of Newark, captured Essex County's Democratic primary with 14,785 votes for 85.47 percent. Imari Oakley, of Montclair, mustered 1,350 for 7.83. Akil Khalfani, of West Orange, carried 1,155 or 6.70.

David H. Pinckney, of Irvington, got the Republican nod with 914 for 84.24. "Friends of Garth" Stewart, Jersey City, granted 171 for 15.76.

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Municipality	6-1-2022	Deaths	6-8-2022	Deaths
Belleville	11,273	150	11,369	150
Bloomfield	12,518	160	12,635	160
Caldwell	1,658	17	1,684	17
Cedar Grove	3,999	136	4,052	136
City of Orange	8,465	170	8,521	171
East Orange	17,706	377	17,811	377
Essex Fells	522	2	525	2
Fairfield	2,046	37	2,067	37
Glen Ridge	1,298	18	1,311	18
Irvington	12,068	282	12,144	281
Livingston	6,753	103	6,865	105
Maplewood	5,415	47	5,486	48
Millburn	3,775	18	3,847	18
Montclair	7,084	85	7,195	86
Newark	81,005	1,248	81,586	1,248
North Caldwell	1,477	10	1,500	10
Nutley	6,862	83	6,936	83
Roseland	1,454	21	1,469	21
South Orange	3,616	22	3,672	22
Verona	3,453	22	3,500	22
West Caldwell	2,778	61	2,823	61
West Orange	13,758	265	13,920	265
<b>Total</b>	<b>208,983</b>	<b>3,334</b>	<b>210,918</b>	<b>3,338</b>

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of June 8, 2022)

NJ: 2,078,712 cases / 30,735 deaths (Plus 3,076 probable)  
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# TOWN WATCH

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

**NEWARK** - Voters in the city's East, South and West wards are to choose their respective Municipal Council members from among six candidates in June 14's runoff election.

Participating East Ward voters, for example, are to choose between Anthony Campos and Michael Silva. Either one will succeed retiring longtime Councilman Augusto Amador. Luis Weber, who ran on Mayor Ras Baraka's Moving Newark Forward 2022 ticket placed fourth in May 10's initial results - and out of the running.

South Ward voters are to pick either "Moving Forward" runner Rev. Patrick Council or top challenger Terrance Bankston. Either one will succeed the retiring John Sharpe James.

West Ward voters have to decide between "Moving Forward" member Dupre Kelly and Chigozie Onyema. One or the other will replace Joseph McCallum, whose 2021 indictment on bribery charges rendered him a lame duck.

A winner in each ward gets at least 50 percent plus one of the votes. Their election will determine whether "Moving Forward" will have six or eight overall members on the Municipal Council come July 1.

Prospective voters are to contact the clerk's office or the superintendent's office to find their nearest polling station and whether there will be any early voting there on June 10-12. Questions on Vote By Mail Ballots and their drop box locations may also be made there.

**IRVINGTON** - Deliverance Jesus is Coming Church Bishop

Vanessa Everett - with the assistance of Mayor Anthony "Tony" Vauss, Essex County Commission President Wayne Richardson (D-Newark), a representative of Cong. Donald M. Payne, Jr. and DJICC members - rededicated the northwest corner of Springfield Avenue and Harrison Place "Bishop James H. Everett II Way" Noon June 4.

The honorary street renaming honored Everett, who founded and shepherded DJICC here at 815 Springfield Ave. for 43 years.

Everett, who was born in Brooklyn Dec. 13, 1945, came to the Irvington-Newark area with a doctorate in sacred theology from United Christian College. The former actor was a disciple of Apostle Arturo Skinner (1924 -75) at his Newark Deliverance Temple.

Everett, in August 2018, bestowed a service award to Newark's Bethel Counseling Service and Worldwide Outreach co-founder Reginald C. Osborne here. Osborne, who was also a Skinner disciple, died Nov. 18, 2018.

After founding DJICC here, Everett became a prelate of the Deliverance Jesus is Coming Association of Churches. The "pastors' pastor" provided coverage and ministerial services to 45 churches from as close as Newark and East Orange to as distant as Denver, Trinidad and Poland.

Everett was a South Orange resident when he died Jan. 24, 2020. A celebration of his life was held here Feb. 8, 2020, followed by a service the next day at Newark's Wells Cathedral. Saturday's street renaming was part of a weekend celebrating Pentecost and DJICC's 46th anniversary.

Bishop and wife Vanessa, daughter Solange, grandson James Xavier and granddaughters Azjah Dale and So Miyah Skye are among his survivors.

**EAST ORANGE** - Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore "Ted" Stephens and Police Chief Phyllis Bindi have been asking for the public's help in finding the person who shot a city man dead along a major Brick Church section street here June 3.

Responding EOPD officers told Bindi that they were responding to gunfire reports along the 500 block of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard/Main Street at 12:54 a.m. that Friday.

They found Melja T. Oliver, 37, lying on the sidewalk along the Brick Church Shopping Plaza. Oliver, who was rushed to Newark's University Hospital, died at 1:31 a.m.

Demolition work around the plaza's Shop-Rite was suspended for the weekend. The supermarket is usually open 24 hours a day.

Oliver's funeral arrangements have not been announced as of press time.

**ORANGE** - Stephens and Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura posted a \$5,000 reward on June 3 leading to the arrest and conviction of the driver who fatally struck a city man here May 14.

Felipe Chay, 46, was struck and killed by a southbound SUV on Scotland Road between Cary and Frankfort streets 10:54 p.m. May 14.

The wanted vehicle is a 2020 -21 Toyota Highlander that is either "Moon Dust" or "Precious Galena" in color. It was last seen going south on Scotland before turning west onto a side road towards West Orange.

The Highlander had suffered driver's side damage, including the loss of its outside rearview mirror. That mirror may have since been replaced.

Neither Stephens nor Fontoura had said whether they are looking for a second car that was initially reported as striking Chay. Last rites for Chay have not been announced as of press time.

**WEST ORANGE** - Last rites for a 24 year old resident who was found shot dead in Midtown Elizabeth May 29 have not been announced as of press time.

Responding Elizabeth Police officers told Police Director Earl Glenn that they responded to a gunfire report from the area of 200 North Broad St at about 3 a.m. that Sunday. They found Lamar Turner, 24, at the street corner with a fatal gunshot wound. Turner was declared

dead at the scene.

EPD officers said they had also found a 21-year-old woman with a gunshot wound a block west along Julian Place. The woman, who was said in one report to have recently graduated from William Paterson University, was treated at Newark's University Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

The incident closed North Broad Street between Julian Place and Morris Avenue to West Grand Street until Union County Prosecutor's Office detectives had completed their field investigation. Early morning CoachUSA No. 24A and B buses were among the detoured traffic. Access to NJTransit's Northeast Corridor and North Jersey Coast Line's Elizabeth station was restricted.

**SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD** - Columbia High School students' walkouts here on June 3 and May 26 apparently drew different responses from school officials.

CHS students first left scheduled classes to converge on the high school's Valley Street back lawn May 26. They walked out as part of National Gun Violence Awareness Day that Thursday. The walkout particularly focused on the most recent mass murder of 19 fourth grade students and two of their teachers at Uvalde, Texas' Robb Elementary School.

On one hand, the walkout coincided with others held that day in 43 states and Washington, D.C. A news helicopter from CBS TV New York was among the covering media. Maplewood police squad cars provided crowd control.

The CHS Power Club led 800 students in a June 3 walkout to protest the anticipated U.S. Supreme Court's rollback of its 1973 "Roe vs. Wade" abortion access ruling. That Friday walkout, which featured nine speakers on the school's back field, started at 10 a.m.

The two-town high school's main office, later that day, declared a yellow alert, which locked down the building until its scheduled dismissal. The alert meant that the 800 protesting students were locked out.

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# BROAD STREET McDONALD'S BUILDING UP FOR SALE

Was Home to McDonalds for 30+ Years

By Lev D. Zilbermints

After more than 30 years, the McDonald's located at 772 Broad Street in Newark has closed its doors for good. Located just off Market Street, the building was very popular with school students, the public, and even the lower strata of society. Apart from the food, this particular McDonald's was known for having multiple bathrooms.

According to comments posted on Reddit.com last month, McDonald's closed down because it failed to pass a health inspection. One poster, "Kalebxtentacion", posted last month, "It (McDonald's) closed down because they failed a health expectation. Or whatever it is called. It is sad to see another empty space."

Another poster, "whatyoumean753," posted on Reddit.com, "It (McDonald's) was always a dirty place. I don't see how NOW of all times they failed the inspection and got shut down. They should have failed a long time ago."

"Nwkarms," a third poster, wrote, "There was a video of a rat in there, I remember."

A fourth poster, "trognj", wrote on Reddit.com, "Wow... that McDonald's has been there for 30+ years. My aunt worked there as a teenager. She's in her 50's now."

"Local Talk" reached out via Facebook Messenger to Jessica Quintana-Dicelli, the part owner of the McDonald's chain that included the one by Market Street. As of print time, no comment



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was available.

### Connection to chess, 2010-2016

In the past, from 2010 - 2012, and up to 2016, McDonald's hosted chess tournaments and simultaneous exhibitions in Newark and East Orange. Ms. Quintana-Dicelli became the sponsor of the Newark McDonalds chess team. The team plays regularly in the Garden State Chess League. Team members had their United

States Chess Federation (USCF) memberships paid for by McDonalds. Moreover, the team played in the United States Team Amateur East (USATE) championship, held in Parsippany, at least once.

In 2016, Newark McDonalds chess team won first place in the McCormick Division of the Garden State Chess League. McDonalds, as the patron of the team, awarded Newark McDonalds a big trophy.

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### WORLD NEWS

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Black Sea ports. Equally important for the world's farmers is a secure supply of fertilizer from Russia, a major world producer.

Leading the discussions are top UN officials Martin Griffiths - the Organization's Emergency Relief Coordinator - and Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of the UN Trade and Development agency, UNCTAD.

"The negotiations are going on," said Mr. Awad, speaking to journalists in Geneva from Kyiv. "There (are) a lot of details and shuttling between Moscow and other countries that have concerns and the negotiations continue. But there's no clear-cut emerging solution right now because it's a board of puzzles that they have to move it together."

Highlighting the difficulties linked to international trade with Russia even though there are no sanctions on food and fertilizer

humanitarian exports from the country, Mr. Awad explained that Ms. Grynspan was working "with other financial institutions and the West in general to see how Russia can really, as far as transactions are concerned, resume."

Around 1.5 billion people "are in need of that food and fertilizers" around the world, the UN official explained, adding that he hoped that the negotiations "really go in a smooth manner and be concluded as soon as possible so that the blockade of ports and the resumption of export of fertilizer and food takes place, before we have another crisis in hand."

Today, at least 15.7 million people in Ukraine are now in urgent need of humanitarian assistance and protection, Mr. Awad said. Numbers are rising by the day as the war continues, and with winter around the corner, the lives of hundreds of thousands are in peril.

### CHURCH ATTACK CONDEMNED

#### AFRICA

The UN Secretary-General has condemned "in the strongest terms" a brutal attack on a Catholic church in southwest Nigeria at the weekend, which left at least 50 people dead and wounded dozens more.

In a statement issued by his spokesperson, António Guterres described the attack in the St. Francis Catholic Church in Owo, Ondo State, as "heinous," as worshippers gathered on Sunday to celebrate Pentecost – an important date in the Christian calendar.

According to reports, attackers infiltrated the congregation before shooting at people who had gathered for mass inside the church.

Attacks on places of worship are "abhorrent," continued Mr. Guterres, who also urged the Nigerian authorities to spare no

effort in bringing those responsible to justice.

To date, no group has claimed responsibility for the attack, which is considered unusual for southwest Nigeria.

It is a more peaceful region than the country's north, where there have been numerous kidnappings for ransom by bandits, and past attacks on churches by separatists.

Echoing Mr. Guterres's condemnation of the killings, the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) called for the mutual respect of all religions and faiths, and for greater communal efforts to foster peace.

The UN agency is behind a plan of action to keep places of worship safe, and to allow people of all faiths to practice their religions in peace.

In light of the attack, UNAOC High Representative Miguel Moratinos urged all governments to support the plan's implementation.





*From  
The  
Pastor's  
Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

**Removing The  
Curse Of God**

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Curse God and die?" Believe it or not, it is found in the Bible as advisement that Job's wife gave to him after watching him in the grief of their losses, particularly with the loss of their children and the pain of his sickness.

It was tough for Job and very hard for his wife. Her nerves were frazzled, her mind confused, and her spirit depressed. She was desperate. She wished to see Job get out of his misery. She felt that the curses were piling up; she asked Job, "Do you still wish to retain your integrity?" And then she offered the advisement, "Curse God, and die."

Interestingly, Job did not take the advice. Instead, he responded, "You speak as a foolish woman speaks." Then he continued, "What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" The writer of Job then comments, "In all this Job did not sin with his lips." (Job 2:9-10 KJV)

Are you surprised by the attitude of Mrs. Job? You have likely heard some persons cursing God, and they did not die. And likely, you have heard of individuals who have cursed God at their death. Yes, some people have used profanities or obscenities of anger and rage and taken

oaths against God. They have shaken their fists at God as if they have some extraordinary power over God. They would wish that God be cursed and set for doom or destruction.

Some sophisticated persons have claimed God to be dead. "God is dead." They think they have cursed God. In dictionary understanding, cursing someone or something means to "appeal to a supernatural power for harm to come to a specific person, group, or something." To "invoke evil or misfortune" on someone. Can that be done to God?

People who have lost their God-given reasoning have tried to curse God. They have lost respect due to God and have said the most foolish things about or to God. They think that they can curse God and live or die. They do not care for their own lives, as if they can sustain any life. They do not know that if it were possible to curse God, the moment that such would be done, at that very moment, they would die. The reality is that no one can curse God. Any attempt to do so is to bring destruction to themselves.

Thank God that when foolish human beings have made efforts to curse God, by his grace and mercy, he has allowed the attempts to fail. One of the most exciting truths taught in the Bible is that God places the curse of humanity on Jesus Christ, or stated otherwise, his mercy and grace are given to us in Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul says, Jesus Christ redeems us from the curse by being hung on a tree. (Galatians 3:13-14)

I am not going into all of the backstories here. I focus on the simple meaning that Jesus took the curse, which was due to us as

sinner and criminals. Through His grace and mercy, He came into the world and broke the curse directed to us in the Fall (Cf. Genesis 3). Of course, the curse cannot be broken for any who fails to accept Jesus as their savior.

Having stated the above, follow me to the point that was intended as the center of this reflection, namely, that there are people who try to curse God, but if they wish to break the curses in their lives, they will need to learn, instead of railing against God, they need to submit to God, learn to accept his mercy and grace, for only thus can anyone be saved from the curse. God is the one who has the power to break the curse(s) of our lives, so instead of cursing at God, we need to ask God for mercy and deliverance.

God has invited us, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." (Psalm 50:7 NKJV). The call has been made in several ways in varied Scriptural texts, with an appeal. We are invited to **call** upon God, and he will **hear, listen, answer, deliver** and **save** us from the curse. He will rescue us from the sure doom and destruction that awaits any who are the enemies of God.

If you have ever felt:

- As one of those persons who have been under a curse.
- Like a spell has been put upon you by some enemy person.
- That your family has been under some curse, by your own actions, or by your parents' actions.
- That everything you have done has turned out to be wrong.
- As if people have shunned

you because you are under a curse.

- You have not been succeeding at some things, and in your shadow self, you are in turmoil. Or
- You cannot keep a boyfriend or girlfriend, and you think you are under some curse.
- Your marriage(s) have (all) fallen apart, and the one you are in now does not seem like it is working.
- You are never at a job, and the world seems to be against you
- You always feel sick, not only on the inside but on the outside
- You have a secret addiction to anything, food, substances, sex, porn, or something else, and you have been trying for a long time to break the habit, but it seems that you are not having any success.

Let me offer that you can call upon God to break the curse that is set upon you.

Yes, the God that I serve can break curses. I quoted what he says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." He has all the power and can break any curse on you. He has made this promise to anyone willing to serve him.

**No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment**

**You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord. (Isaiah 54:17 NKJV)**

**ANGER** (Continued from page 5)

ly worried of conventional explosions. Remember the bombing at a race in Seaside Heights on the morning of Sept. 17, 2016? Chances are you don't, because no one was hurt thanks to the race being delayed from its original start time, throwing off the timing the bomber intended for maximum damage. That said, I am sure you remember the one in Manhattan hours later, which injured 31, but no

fatalities.

While bomber Ahmad Rahimi failed in in quest to take lives, not all bombers do. The Boston Marathon bombing saw three people killed, and over 250 injured.

So, in this pandemic of anger, how can you keep safe? The first rule will sound familiar: social distancing. This kind of distancing is not six feet, but more like, "you couldn't literally touch them with a ten foot pole."

People like to be social; I get

it. Such interaction is one of the most fascinating aspects of humankind. However, this is not the time to engage so freely. The collective human populace is, well, hanging on by a thread. One little push, and they are ready to snap. So for now, just keep your distance.

This rule also applies to businesses, as they really gave up on social distancing. I've been in restaurants where even though the spot is not even close to full, they still group everyone together

er like the pandemic ended. News flash, it didn't. I know your servers don't like walking, but society needs them to walk a few more feet for the safety of others - and themselves.

Rule two: If you can avoid something, do so. For example, several schools switched to virtual classes on Primary Day, just in case there was violence at the polls. Excellent idea. Let's face it, the last month of school is just to meet the state requirement of

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# ECC GYM DEDICATED IN HONOR OF LEGENDARY COACH CLEO HILL, SR.

Since opening in 1985, the Essex County College Gymnasium had simply known as the Physical Education Building. A change occurred on May 27, 2022, when the newly renovated Gym was formally dedicated as the Cleo Hill, Sr. Physical Education Building, complete with exterior signage. Additionally, the Cleo Hill, Sr. name also emblazoned on the new Gym floor.

Cleo Hill, Sr. was an NBA standout and legendary ECC Men's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director. Born and raised in Newark, he was a graduate of South Side (now Malcolm X Shabazz) High School and Winston-Salem Teachers College (now University). In 1961, he was the top draft choice of the St. Louis Hawks, the fifth player ever drafted from a Historically Black College and University.

Unfortunately, he was "blackballed" from the NBA following his rookie year. He subsequently played in the American Basketball League and the Continental Basketball League before coming to ECC as head coach.

At ECC, Coach Hill compiled an amazing 489-128 record over 24 years, including a trip to the National Junior College Athletic Association championship game.



"We loved you Cleo Hill and hope we've done well by your family today," said Marion A. Bolden, Chair of the College's Board of Trustees during the ceremony. College Trustee Johanna Wright added Coach Hill had great courage. "Courage is something you can't buy; it's the willingness to stand for right, even if you stand alone. That is who we honor today."

Fighting back tears, an emotional Cleo Hill, Jr. said, "Our family is forever grateful to Essex County College, Newark and Essex County for this honor. My father was passionate about winning, the fundamentals of basketball and, most importantly, the grooming of young men."

Before the formal cutting of

the green ribbon in front of the Cleo Hill, Sr. Physical Education Building, former ECC basketball players offered testimonies to their coach.

"Coach Hill was the first person to teach me about life. He mentored me and got me on the start to where I am today," said Essex County Commissioner and former ECC basketball player Rufus Johnson.

"I couldn't wait to get here today and show my appreciation to Coach Hill. Coach first saw me when I was a kid playing basketball at the rec center. He taught me so much," said Louis Grimsley. Grimsley was the longtime basketball coach at Shabazz High School and served as an assistant coach at Elizabeth

City (North Carolina) State University.

Former ECC players Russell Shuler and Kim Fisher also offered testimonies. "It's difficult to find the words for what Coach Hill meant to me. He was like a second father," said Shuler.

"Cleo Hill, Sr. dedicated his life to Essex County College. We will never forget what he did for us," said ECC's President, Dr. Augustine A. Boakye. Dr. Boakye also thanked Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. for the role he played in renovating the interior of the Gym, including the floors, hallway and lighting.

County Executive DiVincenzo called the culmination of the dedication ceremony a "team effort. Rufus Johnson first suggested naming the Gym for Cleo Hill. It is the right thing to do. Today is Cleo's day. This will be here forever. He was an important man who did a lot of good for a lot of people."

ECC Athletic Director Michael Doughtie said, "We are honoring the legacy of an individual who had such an impact on both our College and Essex County. His legacy at the College might be as impressive as his playing ability" He added that an ECC Athletic Hall of Fame is also planned for the Gym.

## PRIMARY RESULTS

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*11th CD (South Orange Maplewood, Belleville, Bloomfield, the rest of Montclair, seven "West Essex," four "Southwestern" Passaic and 25 Morris County towns):*

Incumbent Cong. Mikie Sherrill tallied 15,450 Essex County votes - or 100 percent.

A majority of participating Essex County Republican voters gave Selen, of Chatham Township, their preference with 1,486 votes for 33.87 percent. Paul DeGroot, of Montville, came in second at 1,441 for 32.85. Toby Anderson, of Morristown, amassed 1,148 for 26.17. Ruth McAndrew, of Randolph, mustered 225 for 5.13.

Selen also won among the 25 Morris County municipalities in the district. The Morris County Board of Commissioners Director received 8,980 to DeGroot's 8,026.

DeGroot, however, has unofficially received the overall GOP standard to challenge Sherrill. The 25-year Passaic County Prose-

curator's Office attorney received that county's GOP endorsement. He received 2,484 votes among the four Passaic County towns to Selen's 149.

The ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE contest ballot for Nov. 8 appears to be a rematch between incumbent Joseph N. DiVincenzo and challenger Adam Kraemer. DiVincenzo, of Roseland, received the Democratic nomination with all 31,240 votes cast. Adam Kraemer, of West Orange, also carried all 4,813 countywide Republican votes.

Bloomfield and Maplewood's MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES were single party affairs.

In BLOOMFIELD, incumbent Mayor Michael Venezia's bid for a third term drew all 2,292 votes for the Democratic party nomination. Venezia's incumbent At-Large Council running mates also received unchallenged Democratic endorsement.

Wartyna "Tina" Davis was Tuesday's top vote-getter at 2,269 for 33.98. Richard Rockwell was second with 2,197 for 32.90. Ted Gamble garnered 2,211, for 33.11.

The Bloomfield Republican Party Organization did not field a municipal-level candidate this year.

The MAPLEWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE's sole open seat appears to be for Democrat Deborah Engel. Engel received 1,798 votes for 84.61. Kurt H. Kiley carried 327 for 13.89. Kiley conceded to Engel at 10 a.m. June 8.

The Maplewood Township Committee endorsed both Engel and Kiley - and left the choice to the party faithful. The Republican Committee has not fielded a TC candidate since 2017.

Engel - barring a challenge from an independent, minor party or write-in candidate, appears poised to succeed the outgoing Robbie McGehee on Jan. 1.

There were no GLEN RIDGE Borough Council party primary results recorded and there were no Democratic or Republican party candidates on the ballot. Borough voters are saving their picks for Nov. 8. They are also watching for which candidates get the Glen Ridge Civic Conference Committee endorsement.



The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

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QUESTION: WHERE DID THE CIGAR ORIGINATE?

ANSWER: THE ANCIENT MAYANS

Historians generally believe that the cigar was invented by the ancient Mayans, who would wrap the tobacco in a palm or a plantain leaf and smoke it. Archaeologists have even discovered an ancient Mayan pot from the 10th century that depicts a Mayan man puffing on one of these very early cigars.

QUESTION: WHEN WAS THE FIRST CIGAR INVENTED?

ANSWER: 1492

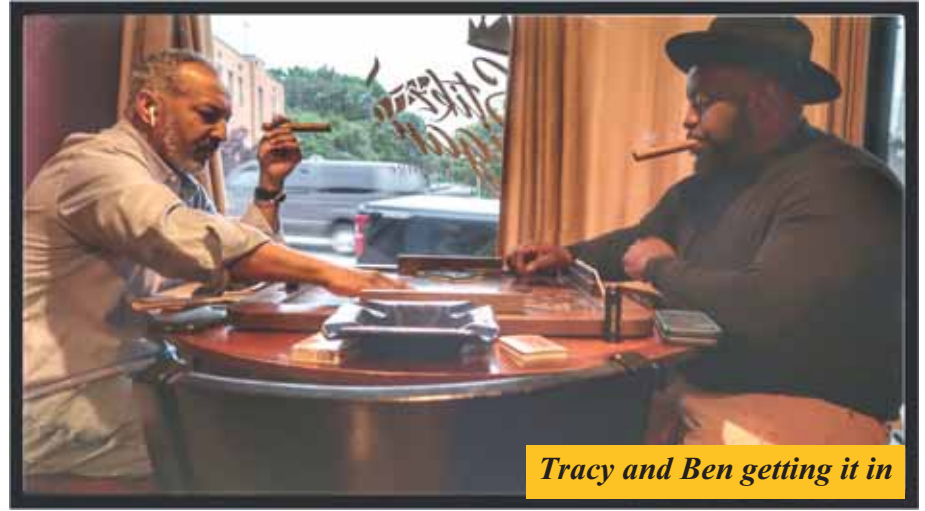
The first cigars (or Havanas), as discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492, were smoked by the native inhabitants of what is now

Cuba and were made from raw, twisted leaves of cured tobacco. Dried corn husks were used as wrappers.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE OLDEST CIGAR?

ANSWER: POR LARRAÑAGA

Now, it's fairly easy to guess that the oldest cigar brand - and one that's still around - is a Cuban one. Por Larrañaga came along in 1834 and Punch in 1840. (I Googled All That!)



Tracy and Ben getting it in

Stickz and Stone...



Benjamin C. Johnson III  
Founder of Stickz Cigars  
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Andrea: Here comes the judge is an understatement when the aroma of that choice cigar is a dead giveaway...

Ben: It all came about because of a judge who was a heavy cigar smoker. That's really what got me on my star journey. Going to and working in his courtroom constantly watching him smoke cigars and him intro-

ducing me to the cigars and the culture. Then, there after being

shows our black excellence.

Andrea: Move all those blockers even if it's a cigar and put your money where ya mouth is...

Ben: The very first place I started selling my cigars was at my brother Dorian's barbershop on Prospect in East Orange. When I told him what I was doing He told me to come and set up and I went there on a Friday night and set up a whole table full of cigars. Then from there, that became a weekly thing. I'd been all over Essex County. I was really the first one that was doing inner-city bars mobile and from there I got to know a lot of people. I'm very consistent with my behavior and attitude so most of my sales came from word of mouth...

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introduced I went to a couple of cigar lounges, I noticed that there were a lot of African Americans in the cigar lounges but no owners of the cigar lounges. So, at that point I said I am going to start selling cigars because we are the ones that are heavily influencing and you know, we are the reason they are opening the business. So, we should be able to have ownership. We should be able to do our own thing and have a cigar lounge that represents us. It

ANGER (Cont. from page 12)

180 days of instruction, with the exception of high school, where you have final exams. My opinion, once those exams are done, let's just call it a year and go on break, or to college for the seniors. The 180 benchmark is antiquated, and serves no purposes for the students or teachers once all the required instruction is completed.

Also, do you really want kids in urban environments like Newark to be out and about in June? As we have seen in our area, when the temperature goes up, so does the tension. Then, there is the outside of the school as it concludes for the day. If you thought that students were a target inside the school thanks to things like Columbine, Sandy Hook, and Uvalde, I've got news for

you. When school ends, they have to go outside, and the campus outside the school is a shooting gallery for any shooter who wants to flex their anger and AR-15. The sooner the kids get access the safety of not being in a set place and time via their summer break, the better.

The third rule, know your surroundings. If you can, avoid placing yourself in a high density area with little or no exit. If you are caught in such a place, you risk ending up in a "kill box" where a shooter could inflict maximum damage.

Rule number four: Be wary of powerful people - especially influencers - who seek your support. In times like this there is always someone or some group looking to make suckers out of people. The general population supports their cause, which pro-

vides short term help, but in reality, it provides long term advantages to the influencer doing the manipulation. Sniff them out, and shut them down.

Last but not least, rule five, prepare for a recession. History has shown that when there is a period of rapid inflation, a recession takes hold soon afterwards. If you were around then, remember what happened in 2009. Anticipate what you can do to mitigate the inevitable. You have one resource which I am giving you: a heads-up.

In conclusion, the purpose of this article is not to make you fearful of the world around you. It is simply to do one thing: make you aware. Until the state of the world cools down, you will have to either adapt, or else. Be smart, and be safe.



**TOWN WATCH** (Continued from page 10)

CHS parents are asking the school administration and the South Orange-Maplewood School District about what triggered the yellow alert.

**BLOOMFIELD / GLEN RIDGE** - Howard Johnson's restaurants - whose "Landmark for Hungry Americans" here, four other "Local Talk" locations and more than 1,000 places in the U.S., Canada, the Bahamas and Japan - may have become a memory as of May 26.

Lake George, N.Y. 's "HoJo," instead of re-opening for the summer on May 26, sprouted a "For Lease" sign on its parking lot. Owner Wyndham hotels and local leaseholder Joe DeSantis are willing to lease the eatery as a Howard Johnson's - or let the gastronomic brand become history if the renter seeks a different use for the property.

When this last restaurant had served its last fried clams, "frankforts" and 28 flavors of ice cream is unclear. Some locals said it had closed in January, others in March. It had been holding on since the Bangor, Maine store closed in 2017.

Founder Howard Deering Johnson - who opened his first ice cream store in Quincy, Mass., in 1925 - knew something about location. He placed a HoJo at 710 Bloomfield Ave. Glen Ridge, around 1941. Stores at 275 Central Ave., East Orange; 616 W. South Orange Ave., Maplewood (its parking lot was in South Orange) and a restaurant/hotel at Newark's 550 US Rt. 1-9 South followed.

Johnson also brought his restaurant to the Garden State Parkway Brookdale Plaza South, 1339 Broad St., Bloomfield, in 1955. He had made 40-year leases with at least seven toll roads. The sit-down standardized orange-roofed restaurant chain was the nation's largest into the early 1970s.

Competition from fast food chains and the 1970's fuel shortages began to cut into "HoJo's" market share. The East Orange eatery was replaced by a Wendy's. The Glen Ridge building was replaced by a Grand Union supermarket. The Grunings bought the Maplewood-South Orange store in 1946.

Howard Johnson's lost their lapsed toll road leases; the GSP Brookdale South store became a McDonald's. Marriott/Wyndham bought the family corporation in 1985 and separated the restaurants from the motor lodges - as in the case of the Newark Rts. 1-9 colocation.

**MONTCLAIR** - County prosecutors are weighing whether to file official misconduct charges against at least 10 Montclair firefighters who received payment for

covering a colleague's shifts in 2018 and 2021.

Nine of the 10 MFD members had admitted that they took payments from at least one of their fellow firefighters for covering the individual's shifts.

Discrimination probe of Montclair Fire Department reveals a firefighter paying colleagues to cover his or her shifts those two years. A subsequent memo said that the recipients went to "counseling sessions" instead of taking demerits or other disciplinary penalties.

The "pay to cover" incidents were made after the department had issued a 2018 revision on attendance policy.

Montclair Affirmative Action Director Dave Morgan had delivered his report to ECPO earlier this month. Morgan had presented copies of his report first to Township Manager Timothy Stafford, the deputy manager, the township attorney, Township Council members and Montclair's communication officer March 11.

Morgan's report was ostensibly on his investigation on whether MFD's Sept. 2-3, 2021 promotional exams were created and conducted to disadvantage African American firefighters and officers. At least two such officers have so claimed in November.

Morgan's report is the first of two investigating the exams. The Township Council had authorized O'Toole Scrivo, LLC, of Cedar Grove to also investigate. The council are anticipating O'Toole's findings as of press time.

**BELLEVILLE** - Township officers have been puzzling out who were the "out-of-district" teens who were on Belleville High School grounds May 26. One of the group, with the escort of a student, briefly got inside before fleeing with the rest of the "visitors."

BHS Principal Caleb Rhodes said that students and teachers noticed "six students from a local area high school" who were seen sitting at a pavilion table outside the cafeteria that Thursday. Five of the six, after being identified as not of BHS, fled once they were spotted.

The sixth visitor, "who was not sitting with the five," said Rhodes, "entered the building with a BHS student. When a staff member identified that person as not being from this student body, "ran out of the building through a door."

Rhodes, in his May 26 open letter, said that BPD has "already implemented additional security measures to further improve the security of our students."

**Man in Clifton Kidnapping, Assault**

A resident - identified as Andres

Vasquez, 24 - may still be in Paterson's Passaic County Jail when you read this.

Clifton police and the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Investigations Unit arrested Vasquez June 3. He has been accused of entering a child's bedroom through an outside window, "confined that victim in the room and strangled and explicitly assaulted the victim" in Clifton on May 31.

Vasquez has been charged with burglary, kidnapping, criminal restraint, endangering the welfare of a minor, criminal and aggressive explicit contact and explicit and aggravated explicit assault.

**NUTLEY** - Southbound Route 21 traffic was detoured for two hours here May 27 as the result of a car-truck collision that left both drivers injured.

Township police, firefighters and EMS technicians had responded that Friday to a report of a four-door gray Hyundai rear-ending a cement mixing truck south of Exit 8 - Park Avenue.

The first responders found the Hyundai in the left lane having suffered serious front end damage and its airbags having been deployed.

The Hyundai's 17-year-old driver was extricated and taken to a local hospital for the treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The truck driver also had a pain complaint.

**McDONALD'S** (Cont. from page 11)

**2016-2022**

During the six years between 2016-2022, the area around McDonald's changed. Many stores moved out or went out of business. Wells Fargo Bank opposite McDonald's closed and moved to Clinton Street in Newark. The pharmacy on the intersection of Washington Street and Market Street went out of business. The start of the coronavirus epidemic in 2020 increased the closure of area businesses and stores.

No one knows what will take the place of the McDonald's at 772 Broad Street in Newark. As one Reddit.com poster wrote, "It is the end of an era."



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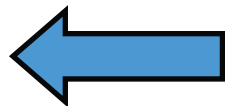




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