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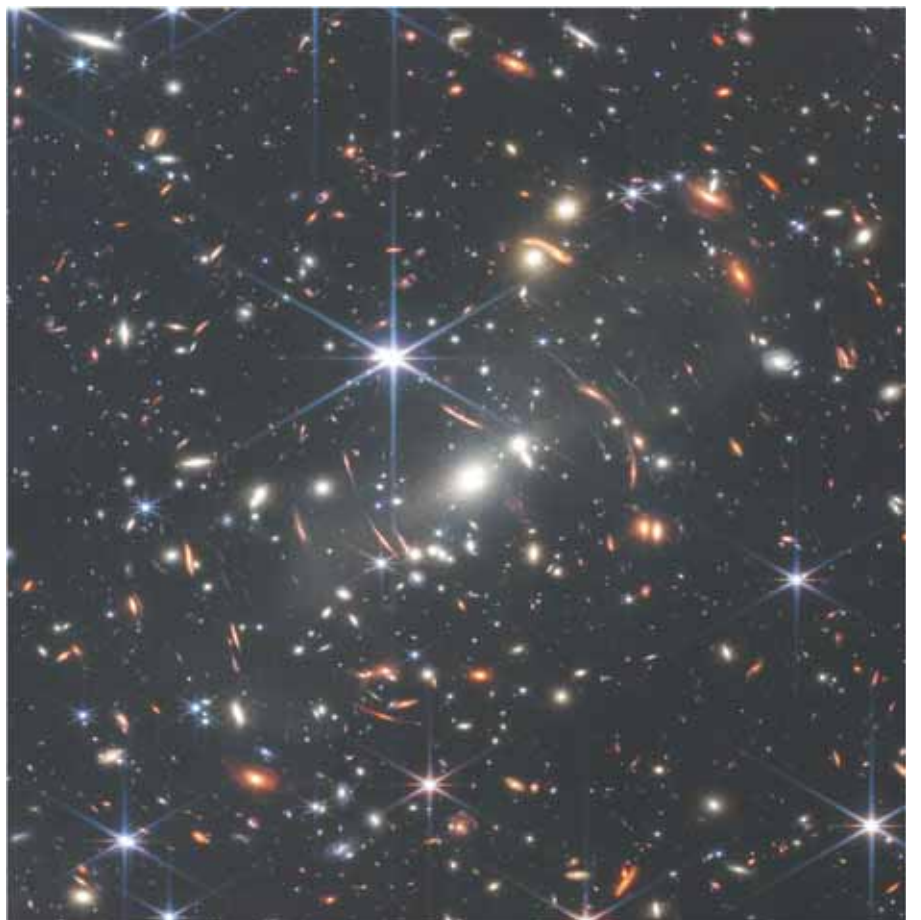
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Dhiren Shah
Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

The biggest questions on every one's mind: Inflation, Economy, Omicron BA.5, Oil, Ukraine, Russia and the day-to-day pressures of life. The inflation rate hit 9.1% in June, which is the highest since 1981. Energy prices rose by about 35%, gasoline about 49%, fuel oil about 106% and electricity about 12%. For one week, the prices slightly went down for gasoline. But we should not forget the price fluctuations since 2000. The prices (at the start of January of each year) under George W. Bush were 2000 - \$1.32, 2004 - \$1.61, under Barack Obama: 2008 - \$3.10, 2012 - \$3.44, under Donald Trump 2016 - \$2.06, under Joseph Biden 2020 - \$2.64. 2021 -

\$2.42, 2022 -\$3.41. Now it is \$5.03 per gallon. The second biggest scare is the inflation possibly triggering a recession in 2023. The necessities for all of us, mainly housing and food, have gone up drastically. It is harder to afford anything for the majority of the working middle class and working poor class. In 2020, the Biden Administration distributed a lot of money to help and sustain our lifestyle, including vaccinations, Covid tests and additional money via PPP loans to businesses and extra stimulus, \$300 and \$600, for unemployed people. It helped all of us, but that bill-printing habit of the federal government brought inflation. The dollar value is still very strong. After decades, the dollar is almost equal to the Euro and stronger in the world market. The economy is weaker all over the world. People believe in the US dollar, and that sustains a strong dollar due to inflation all over. The Federal Reserve is trying their best to stop the inflation, which is the main reason the dollar is stronger.

Omicron BA.5 has captured everyone's attention. On July 12, the world's new Covid cases were over 562,000, and in the US, over 95,000. That means about 17% of the Covid cases in the world were in the USA. For the past few months, we were getting back to our normal lives. All of a sudden, we might have to start using masks again in public places. Also, for those age 50 and over, we have to take a 2nd booster shot. I don't have a great knowledge about it, but we have to see the statistics, that booster shot recipients have better immunity than people who have not taken shots. Like before, California, Texas, Florida, New York, Illinois, New Jersey, and some other states are leading in new Covid cases. So, I suggest that we should starting using masks right away. Also, do not go near anyone who is coughing or feels sick. Omicron BA.5 is a fast-spreading virus, and they do not have a solution or specific vaccine for it yet. Novak Djokovic has not been vaccinated. He has declined to participate in the US Open and

earlier, he was not allowed to enter Australia due to his non-vaccinated status. He has missed two opportunities to become the all-time leader in tennis majors. Djokovic has won 21 grand slam titles, while the record holder at 22 is Rafael Nadal. The crime index shows that our local area is not doing great. In Irvington, violent or property crime is 1 in 48 persons living there, while Orange 1 in 51, East Orange 1 in 62, Maplewood 1 in 71, Belleville 1 in 66, and Bloomfield 1 in 91. Montclair's crime has declined by 4% in 2021, while Newark violent crime rose by 4% and rose 6% in fatal shootings and rose 13% in non-fatal shootings. The data is taken from neighborhoodscouts.com. There are many changes in Newark's department of public safety, so hopefully that will work out for the benefit of the residents.

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next week.

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<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
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OP-ED BY DR. ADIL MANZOOR

The Aftermath of Roe vs. Wade: Physicians Face Confusion and Fear

It is no more news that the Supreme Court has overturned Roe vs. Wade, essentially opening the door for states to decide on their own abortion policies. Before now, abortion was legal in all states for both medical and personal choices. Soon after the Supreme Court made the deci-

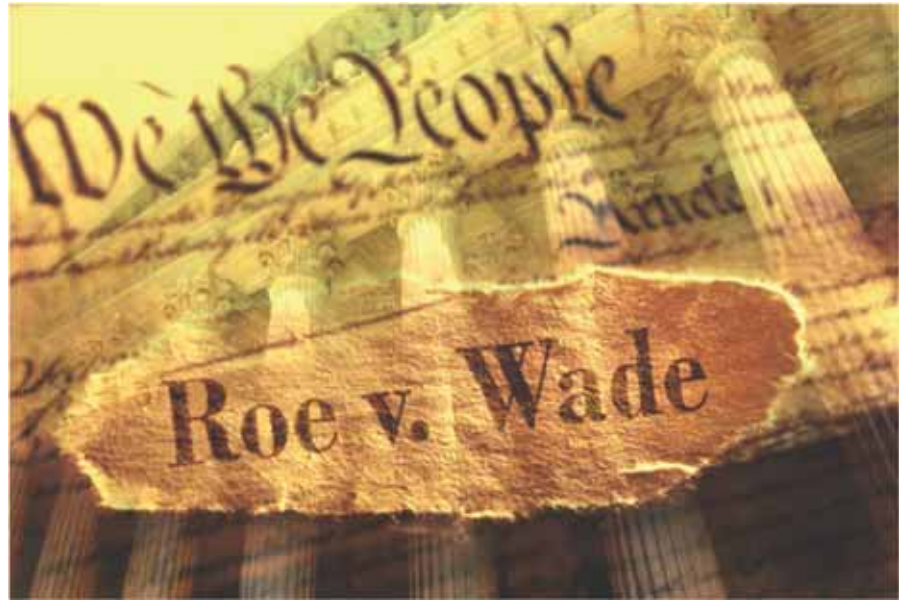
sion, around half of the states in the country moved to ban abortion.

We are past the initial uproar and commotion that accompanied the move. Now, we can examine the decision more critically. A large chunk of the discussions up to now has been about the morality of the move. Many believe the move directly affects a woman's choice to determine what she wants for herself.

However, I am not going to be examining that side now. Instead, I will consider how the move impacts physicians in the states that have ruled against abortion.

For starters, physicians now have to go through a lot of bureaucracy to determine if a patient should get an abortion in cases where abortion would otherwise have been recommended. The common example that comes to mind is ectopic pregnancy, which is an abnormal kind of pregnancy.

Here, the fertilized egg implants outside of the uterus. This is a problem because the egg cannot survive outside of the uterus. Consequently, the pregnancy can pose a risk to surrounding organs



and cause internal bleeding. The most common symptoms are pelvic pain and vaginal bleeding.

In the wake of the decision, many physicians were confused about if they could carry out or even suggest abortion to patients. Now, they had to consider several factors and ascertain if an abortion would not be against state law. While many states allow for the termination of abortion in medical emergencies, there is a gray area about what classifies as an emergency.

As you would imagine, doctors often have different opinions about a medical condition. So, to be on the safe side, many physicians are staying away from abortion altogether. That can be deadly for patients with ectopic pregnancies, as the pregnancy could cause internal bleeding at any moment.

Even if the condition is deemed a medical emergency, doctors must go through committees and medical boards for a go-ahead. One physician described it as very mentally-draining, and it's not hard to see why. When you consider the

level of physician burnout currently, it looks very bleak.

Aside from actual surgery to abort the pregnancy, many doctors are restricting medications that could potentially cause abortion. And yes, even if the patient uses them for fully valid non-abortion reasons. It's very odd and alarming, to be frank. One such drug is methotrexate, which many patients use to treat arthritis and lupus.

Another concerning implication is the loss of jobs, especially in abortion clinics. Some doctors specialize in abortions. Some gynecologists spend the better part of their career handling abortion cases. It remains to be seen what will happen to these physicians. Again, remember that physician burnout is already at an all-time high. At the current rate, in a few years, some fields of medicine will be lacking qualified doctors.

One body reached out to some abortion specialists to find out if they would give illegal abortions. The answer was no, thankfully, but many are unsure of their career future. The ex-

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Post-Roe v. Wade Era Prompts Many to Act

By Walter Elliott

MONTCLAIR - The greater "Local Talk" service area, like the rest of New Jersey, has had a ringside seat to the tumult over abortion access that large parts of the United States have been having since June 24.

There are 13 states whose trigger ban bills took effect when a 6-3 majority of the U.S. Supreme Court, on June 24, overturned the right to privacy provision of the 1973 "Roe v. Wade" ruling that permitted nationwide abortion access.

SCOTUS, by ruling in favor of Mississippi's 15-week blanket abortion ban in "Dobbs v. Jackson Medical Health Organization," has turned abortion access authority to the states, territories, first nations/tribal lands and military facilities.

The ruling closed the above said Jackson, Miss. clinic that was the last one in that state performing abortions.

Another 13 states are standing by with their own restrictive legislation. They are waiting how state courts will settle conflicts over new and pre-1973 abortion laws, fetal personhood, interstate travel, citizen lawsuits, freedom of religious expression and other permutations.

Those here along or near Bloomfield Avenue, except for several protests and statements from some public and religious officials, appear to be quietly going about their business.

A majority of the State Legislature and Gov. Phil Murphy signed the "Freedom of Reproductive Choice" legislation Jan. 13 - well in advance of the SCOTUS's June 24 ruling and Associate Justice Samuel Alito's leaked May majority opinion. (Alito opines that "abortion rights" are "egregiously wrong" since abortion is not listed in the 14th Amendment's Due Process Clause.)

The Jan. 13 bill preserves New Jersey women's choice in deciding on and accessing abortion services.

State elders had also passed and signed an additional pair of "reproductive rights" bills July 1. The measures include privacy protections for abortion provid-

ers and women who had traveled from out-of-state for abortions here.

New Jersey, however, is not immune from SCOTUS' June 24 ruling and its resulting rippling changed post-Roe landscape. Those who favor abortion restrictions are praying and proposing changes here.

There were five human beings - two women, a man and a boy minding a small dog - standing on the end of the sidewalk where Church Street and South Fullerton Avenue meet Bloomfield Avenue June 25. It was one among those in South Orange's Spiotta Park, drawing 1,000 people, and others praising or condemning SCOTUS' ruling across New Jersey that weekend.

That Montclair Central Business District point, landmarked by a pine tree, has been the scene of many celebrations, observances and demonstrations since Church Street was remodeled in the 1990s.

This one was no different - except that the adult quartet were protesting the overturning of Rowe v. Wade on national abortion access.

The adults were holding signs like "Bans off Our Bodies" to the approving honks of passing Bloomfield Avenue motorists every minute.

"Local Talk" asked one protester whether she had gone down a block south to the Pilgrim Medical Center at 393 Bloomfield Ave. - across from which have been periodic Right to Life anti-abortion demonstrations. (Pilgrim opened there in 1989.)

"No, I'd get harassed by them," said the woman, "but I like to harass them back."

"Local Talk" eventually caught up with three of the anti-abortion access protesters who were standing underneath Pilgrim's front awning at around 9 a.m. July 13.

One of the trio, all of whom were of senior citizen age, handed out anti-abortion pamphlets to passing pedestrians. The second woman, who was greeted as "Elaine," wore a sandwich man board heralded by "Take My

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UNITED STATES

The U.S. Justice Department announced on July 7 that former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin, 46, was sentenced to serve 252 months in prison with credit for time served for depriving George Floyd, Jr. and a then-14-year-old child of their constitutional rights.

On Dec. 15, 2021, Chauvin pleaded guilty in federal court to violating a federal criminal civil rights statute on two separate occasions. First, Chauvin pleaded guilty to willfully depriving Mr. Floyd of his constitutional right to be free from the use of unreasonable force by a police officer, resulting in Mr. Floyd's bodily injury and death. In the plea documents, Chauvin agreed that the sentencing for this crime should be based on the sentence for second-degree murder because he acted willfully and in callous and wanton disregard of the consequences to Mr. Floyd's life.

Chauvin also pleaded guilty to willfully depriving a then-14-year-old child of his constitutional right to be free from the use of unreasonable force by a police officer, resulting in the child's bodily injury.

"In no uncertain terms, George Floyd should be alive today," said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "Defendant Chauvin's use of excessive force and his failure to provide medical care resulted in Mr. Floyd's senseless murder. Chauvin's unlawful actions in a separate inci-

dent also resulted in injury to a 14-year-old child. This sentence should send a strong message that the Justice Department stands ready to prosecute law enforcement officers who use deadly force without basis. While no amount of prison time can reverse the tragic consequences of Derek Chauvin's violent actions, we hope that this sentence provides some small measure of justice for the families and communities impacted."

"Derek Chauvin abandoned his sworn oath to uphold the sanctity of life when he callously took George Floyd's life and when he violently assaulted a 14-year-old child," said U.S. Attorney Andrew M. Luger for the District of Minnesota. "Chauvin's actions constituted a grave abuse of police authority and a clear violation of these individuals' civil rights. To the victims, their families, and to the broader community: although the harm that Chauvin caused will never be erased, today's sentence of more than 20 years in prison represents a measure of justice and accountability."

In the plea agreement, Chauvin admitted that on May 25, 2020, he willfully violated Mr. Floyd's constitutional right to be free from an officer's use of unreasonable force. Specifically, Chauvin admitted that he held his left knee across Mr. Floyd's neck, back and shoulder and his right knee on Mr. Floyd's back and arm. The plea agreement stated that Mr. Floyd remained restrained, prone and handcuffed on the ground for approximately 10 minutes. Chauvin further admitted that he continued to use force even though he was aware that Mr. Floyd had stopped resisting, talking and moving, and even though he was aware that Mr. Floyd had lost consciousness and a pulse.

Chauvin admitted that Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) policy and training requires officers to stop using force when a subject is not re-

sisting and to move an arrestee from the prone position into a side recovery or seated position because the prone position may make it more difficult to breathe. Chauvin admitted that his willful use of unreasonable force resulted in Mr. Floyd's bodily injury and death because his actions impaired Mr. Floyd's ability to obtain and maintain sufficient oxygen to sustain Mr. Floyd's life.

In the plea agreement, Chauvin also admitted that he willfully violated Mr. Floyd's constitutional right not to be deprived of liberty without due process of law, which includes an arrestee's right to be free from a police officer's deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs. Specifically, Chauvin admitted that he failed to render medical aid to Mr. Floyd, although he saw that Mr. Floyd was lying on the ground, in serious medical need, and although he was aware that MPD policy required him to provide emergency medical aid, including CPR, to an arrestee who needs it. Chauvin admitted that his failure to render medical aid resulted in Mr. Floyd's bodily injury and death.

Additionally, according to the plea agreement, Chauvin admitted that on Sept. 4, 2017, he willfully violated the then-14-year-old child's constitutional right to be free from an officer's use of unreasonable force. Specifically, Chauvin admitted that he held the child by the throat and struck the child multiple times in the head with a flashlight, resulting in the child's bodily injury. In the plea agreement, Chauvin also admitted that he held his knee on the child's neck, shoulders and upper back for between 15 and 16 minutes, even though the child was face-down on the floor, handcuffed and not resisting. Chauvin admitted that these actions resulted in the child's bodily injury.

On Feb. 24, 2022, following a more than month-long trial, a federal jury convicted three oth-

er officers - former Minneapolis Police Officers Tou Thao, J. Alexander Kueng, and Thomas Kiernan Lane - of violating the same criminal civil rights statute. The jury found that Thao and Kueng both willfully deprived Mr. Floyd of his constitutional rights when they failed to intervene in Chauvin's excessive force.

The jury also found that Thao, Kueng and Lane willfully deprived Mr. Floyd of his right to be free from a police officer's deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs, by seeing Mr. Floyd in clear need of medical care and willfully failing to aid him. The jury found that Thao, Kueng and Lane's offenses resulted in Mr. Floyd's bodily injury and death. Thao, Kueng and Lane will be sentenced separately at a future hearing.

This case was investigated by the FBI and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. It was prosecuted by Special Litigation Counsel Samantha Trepel and Trial Attorney Tara Allison of the Civil Rights Division, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Samantha Bates, Lee-Ann Bell, Evan Gilead, Manda Sertich and Allen Slaughter for the District of Minnesota.

JOHNSON OUT AS PRIME MINISTER

EUROPE

After scandal upon scandal, one of the most polarizing figures in the United Kingdom is finally stepping aside.

On July 7, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced his intention to resign from the position. From COVID lockdown parties to harassment charges, Johnson's tenure has been a breeding for derision. Economic slippage due to world factors such as the war in Ukraine weakened his support base, and the mass resignations of member of parliament was the last straw.

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SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

The saga of Brittney Griner continues, as the WNBA star is still in custody since her arrest on drug charges in February at the Sheremetyevo Airport in Russia. The Russian Federal customs services claims to have found vape cartridges containing hashish oil in Griner's luggage. The 31 year old professional basketball star was playing in Russia during the league's offseason and last played a game in the U.S. in July. She plead guilty to the charges amid pressure to do so.

Griner also wrote a letter to President Joe Biden pleading for his help in the case. Her case has become a political football in the Russia-Ukraine war. Reports have Russia willing to trade Griner in exchange for Viktor Bout, a notorious criminal figure.

After pleading guilty, Griner faces 10 years in a Russian jail. Regardless of what happens next, the sports world right now has started a public campaign for the release of Brittney Griner. The Golden State Warriors spoke out on the Griner situation during their playoff run, as well as other NBA teams.

During the WNBA All-Star weekend, Griner was the focus of the weekend, as she was named an honorary starter. Team A'ja Wilson beat Team Breanna Stewart 134-112, with Las Vegas Aces star Kelsey Plum taking MVP honors. One of the game's highlights was a dunk by the soon-retiring Sylvia Fowles. Meanwhile, Chicago Sky shooter Allie Quigley won the 3-Point Shootout, while New York Liberty guard Sabrina Ionescu won the Skills Challenge with NC State committed star Zoe Brooks. (WNBA players team up with high school players in the competition.)

Finally, the upcoming MLB All-Star game will feature players for both NY squads. Pitchers include Gerrit Cole and Clayton Kershaw for the Yankees, and Edwin Diaz for the Mets. Position players include Aaron Judge, Giancarlo Stanton, and Jose Trevino for the Yankees, and Pete Alonso, Jeff McNeil, and Starling Marte for the Mets. Alonso, who is the two-time defending Home Run Derby champ, will be back to defend his crown. There is no word on if 2022 HR leader Aaron Judge will participate.

THE DOCTOR IS IN

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pectation is for these people to leave the state for places where abortion is legal.

However, when that happens, the number of physicians that can handle abortions in the state reduces. This becomes a major problem when actual medical emergencies that require abortion arises.

Moreover, some doctors are reluctant to handle medical procedures that could affect the fetus. An example is removing the appendix. While the risk of abortion is low, there's still a risk. And with the current policy, any error that leads to abortion could result in a loss of license or even jail time. This puts even more pressure on an already high-tension field, the pressure we could very well do without.

Irrespective of where you stand on abortion policies, you must agree that the Supreme Court's decision has created a delicate situation for physicians.

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Cedar Grove	4,217	136	4,272	136
City of Orange	8,733	173	8,799	173
East Orange	18,226	380	18,314	380
Essex Fells	553	2	556	2
Fairfield	2,163	37	2,204	37
Glen Ridge	1,378	18	1,394	18
Irvington	12,406	280	12,504	280
Livingston	7,210	105	7,300	105
Maplewood	5,755	48	5,827	48
Millburn	4,063	18	4,114	18
Montclair	7,605	86	7,715	86
Newark	83,541	1,252	84,157	1,252
North Caldwell	1,561	10	1,593	10
Nutley	7,118	84	7,190	84
Roseland	1,534	21	1,551	23
South Orange	3,830	22	3,880	22
Verona	3,656	23	3,694	23
West Caldwell	2,985	63	3,032	63
West Orange	14,373	265	14,532	265
Total	217,389	3,351	219,445	3,353

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of July 13, 2022)

NJ: 2,161,345 cases / 31,043 deaths (Plus 3,090 probable)
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Worldwide (approx.): 558.62 Million / 6.358 Million deaths

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Hand - Not My Life." The third, a man, had arrived after 9 a.m.

"I've been doing this for 36 years," said Elaine. "Since the ruling, I thought there would be more cursing at us. There's only been a little cursing at me."

Elaine's female colleague meanwhile greeted an approaching man while "Local Talk" tried to remember whether New Jersey had a minimum distance area between the protesters and Pilgrim's front door. The man, who was familiar to the trio, was offered and had received a sandwich and bottled water from them.

"Local Talk" received a "Pregnancy: Facts and Resources" pamphlet. It was folded to show the panel on fetal development up front. Unfolding the pamphlet's six panels revealed contacts to "Pregnancy Resource Centers" - including for the First Choice Resource Center of Montclair.

First Choice, another four blocks east along Bloomfield Avenue, lists a range of provided contraception and pregnancy resources on its website - except abortion. The Montclair location (Newark is among its additional places) is closed except to appointments.

The June 28 foursome's demonstrations happen to look across Bloomfield Avenue up North Fullerton Avenue - where Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church and Planned Parenthood reside directly across each other.

Planned Parenthood of Montclair's office, which had just opened for the day July 13, buzzed "Local Talk" to the receptionist's lobby. PPM, going by its foyer plaques, had set up shop here in 1991.

The pleasant receptionist referred "Local Talk" to PP of Metropolitan New Jersey's Newark headquarters. (PPMNJ has two Newark offices and a fourth in East Orange.)

PPMNJ's website lists abortion and abortion referral among its service offerings. Its announcements include donating to the newly-established Abortion Support Fund and offering current "public affairs and medical center advocacy" volunteer opportunities. and, for Autumn 2022, internships.

The Immaculate Conception Church - which anchors Immaculate Conception High School and the St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish (with nearby Our Lady of Mt. Carmel) - was dedicated here in 1891. It is among 150 parishes across four counties comprising the Archdiocese of Newark.

The parish office research forward-

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ed "Local Talk" contact numbers to Pastor Fr. Benny Prado. That parish-level response, however, was not received by press time.

"Local Talk" did attend a 5 p.m. June 25 Mass at Orange's St. John Church - where Rev. Joseph R. Laracy officiated.

Laracy, from "The Mother Church of the Oranges" pulpit, referred to the SCOTUS ruling in that Saturday afternoon homily with "there is more work to do." He led parishioners in a responsive prayer that legislative leaders be open to God's Word.

The Roman Catholic Church and many churches in the Protestant evangelical movement have been in the "Right to Life" forefront for decades. They maintain that human life begins at conception.

Sen. Edward Durr (R-West Deptford) had introduced Senate Bill S1107 during the State Legislature's Jan. 1-June 30 session. S1107 got as far as the Senate's Health and Senior Ser-

vices Committee before the June 30 deadline.

Durr's bill would ban abortions after 12 weeks. There would be exceptions when the mother's life is in danger and for reported rape or incest. Only physicians would perform abortions.

Senate Republicans have annually introduced and sent to committee S649. That bill would ban abortions after 20 weeks.

Judicial and legislative observers are meanwhile wondering whether SCOTUS will follow their originalist interpretation of The Constitution to other "implied rights" the last 50 to 154 years.

Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, in his concurring opinion, that other "implied rights," including for marriage without gender restriction or access to contraception, may be challenged.

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 - Mayor Ras Baraka, knowing that he had to find a successor to now-South Ward Councilman Rev. Patrick Council as Deputy Mayor for Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Senior Services July 1, used that Friday night's inauguration ceremony to announce four other department head changes.

Baraka named Donnell Redding as Council's department successor. The pastor joined West Ward Councilman Dupre Kelly, East Ward Councilman Michael Silva and At-Large Municipal Council members Rev. Louise Scott Rountree and C. Lawrence Crump, Esq. in being sworn into their first full four-year terms on the NJPAC stage. (Council members would later select second-term LaMonica McIver as their Council President.)

The mayor tapped outgoing South Ward Councilman John Sharpe James as the Office of Emergency Management Director. James is moving into a Public Safety Department that has four key personnel changes.

Outgoing Public Safety Director Brian O'Hara is now deputy mayor of the new-Department of Strategic Initiatives for Police Services/Public Safety. O'Hara's move elevates Raul Malave to Interim Public Safety Director while Baraka's administrators seek a permanent director.

Emanuel "Manny" Miranda has been promoted to Acting Police Chief. The 21-year Newark Police Division member succeeds the retiring Chief Lee Douglas. David Whatley is now director of the Public Safety Department's Alcohol Beverage Control Unit.

Dolores Martinez-Wooden is now Acting Engineering Director. Ketlen Baptiste-Alsbrook is now acting Health and Community Wellness Director.

The acting and interim positions are subject to Municipal Council confirmation.

IRVINGTON - The 21 people who had been living here at 837-841 Stuyvesant Ave. until its early morning July 11 fire may have had found more permanent residency when you read this.

Irvington Fire Department personnel were dispatched to the address between Prospect and Chancellor avenues at 2:40 a.m. Monday. The first units that had arrived found smoke and flames coming out from the two-story brick building.

IFD personnel evacuated the 10 families who had lived in the 13 apartment unit brick building. The local American Red Cross chapter later arrived to find them emergency housing.

Firefighters had also evacuated neighboring residences as a precaution while Irvington police officers closed Stuyvesant and detoured traffic.

That rerouting partially ended in time for NJTransit to run its No. 94 route buses. Firefighters brought the blaze under control within an hour. No injuries were reported.

Several real estate websites have listed a Maplewood resident as 837-41's owner. 837 Springfield Avenue LLC had bought the property for \$615,000 in 2007.

EAST ORANGE - The ECPO's Crime Scene Investigations Bureau is continuing its investigation of the July 1 motorcycle-fire truck collision here - and, as of July 5, has identified the victim as a Monmouth County man.

The family of Barry Bernard Dowdell, Jr, 29, of Allentown, had held his last rites at Newark's Cotton Funeral Home, followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery, July 10.

An initial investigation has Dowdell, who was born Aug. 7, 1992, being ejected from his motorcycle after striking an East Orange Fire Department along the 90 block of Greenwood Avenue 6 p.m. that Friday.

Dowdell, who was given CPR at the scene, was rushed by local EMS to Newark's University Hospital - where he was declared dead at 6:28 p.m.

Details of the collision - including whether the fire apparatus was responding to a call and the extent of its damage - remains undisclosed as of July 11.

ORANGE - Orange Police Director Todd Warren and Police Chief Vincent Vitiello are asking for the public's help in finding the man who shot another man in the face at an East Ward intersection here July 5.

OPD officers said that they had converged at Oakwood Avenue and Wilson Place of gunfire reports there at 5:35 p.m. that Tuesday. They found a man with a bullet wound to his face - who was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Canvassing officers found several bullet shell casings along the 30 block of nearby Berwyn Street.

Wanted is a 6-ft., 1-in. tall African or African American male wearing dreadlocks and a white t-shirt.

Hilbert Sworn Into West Ward Office

Quantavia Hilbert was sworn into her first term as West Ward Councilwoman during Orange's Inauguration and Reorganization Meeting here July 1. A majority of participating West Ward voters selected Hilbert to succeed the retiring Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr.

Kerry Coley (East Ward), Tency Eason (North Ward) and Jamie Summers-Johnson (South Ward) were respectively sworn into their additional terms that same Friday session.

WEST ORANGE - Although Mayfair Farms may have ended its 80 year run here as a banquet and catering hall, its facility may not yet be completely out of the food service business.

Mayfair Farms Holding, owned by the four-generation Horn family, quietly posted a "Thank You and Farewell" notice on its website June 30. Why the Horns have closed 481 Eagle

Rock Ave. - after thousands of weddings, proms, political functions and charity fundraisers - was not disclosed.

Locals may remember family patriarch Martin L. Horn, Sr. and his sons for opening Pal's Cabin restaurant at Eagle Rock and Prospect avenues in the 1930s and, after World War Two, started a golf driving range at 235 Prospect Ave., that is now the West Orange (shopping) Plaza.

Horn, Sr. bought a mansion west of the golf range and initially cast it as the Mayfair Luncheon Club. Dining demand and building additions revamped it into Mayfair Farms.

Mayfair Farms Holding and architects Monarch Development JV LLC have meanwhile presented a land subdivision application before the West Orange Planning Board since a special June 9 meeting. That application calls for part of the land dedicated for a 3.5-story assisted living facility.

The remaining part including the kitchen for the Wonder food service. Wonder's vans, offering on-site food preparation at customers' homes, have been appearing on West Orange and Maplewood streets since Jan. 1. "Local Talk" had noticed a Wonder job fair announcement posted in Newark last month.

That application may be continued during the board's July 21 meeting.

SOUTH ORANGE - South Orange officials have indefinitely banned a resident from visiting village offices or calling employees after making what Village President Sheena Collum said were repeated "hostile and angry" phone calls.

Collum, at the the June 27 Village Trustees meeting, said that the individual is to no longer set foot on village property without risking a criminal trespass charge. The resident does have a 30-day period to dispute the charge should he be ticketed by the South Orange Police Department.

Village employees, added Collum, will not accept or take any phone calls from the said man.

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NASA TELESCOPE DELIVERS NEW IMAGES OF THE UNIVERSE



Photo credit: NASA, ESA, CSA, and STScI

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has delivered the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the distant universe so far. Webb's First Deep Field is galaxy cluster SMACS 0723, and it is teeming with thousands of galaxies - including the faintest objects ever observed in the infrared.

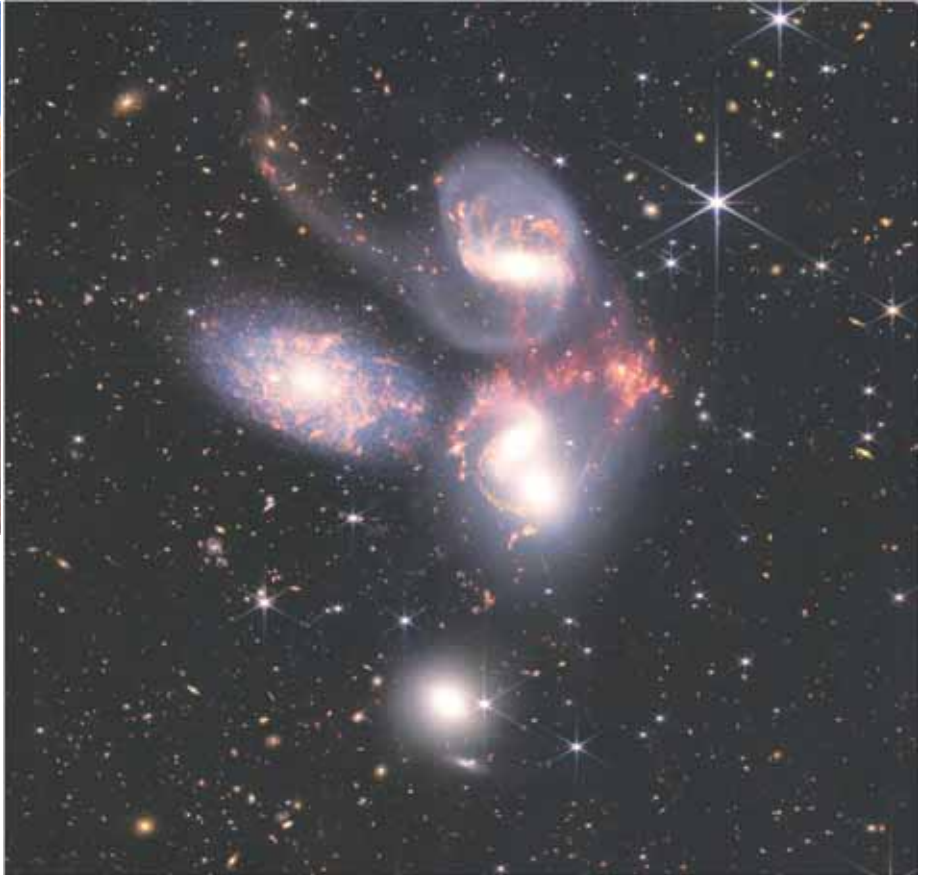
Webb's image is approximately the size of a grain of sand held at arm's length, a tiny sliver of the vast universe. The combined mass of this galaxy cluster acts as a gravitational lens, magnifying more distant galaxies, including some seen when the universe was less than a billion years old.

will continue to use Webb to take longer exposures, revealing more of our vast universe.

This image shows the galaxy cluster SMACS 0723 as it appeared 4.6 billion years ago, with many more galaxies in front of and behind the cluster. Much more about this cluster will be revealed as researchers begin digging into Webb's data. This field was also imaged by Webb's Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI), which observes mid-infrared light.

Webb's NIRCам has brought distant galaxies into sharp focus - they have tiny, faint structures that have never been seen before, including star clusters and diffuse features.

Light from these galaxies took billions of years to reach us.



ages, histories, and compositions.

Other features include the prominent arcs in this field. The powerful gravitational field of a galaxy cluster can bend the light rays from more distant galaxies behind it, just as a magnifying glass bends and warps images. Stars are also captured with prominent diffraction spikes, as they appear brighter at shorter wavelengths.

chemical compounds. Researchers will be able to use data like these to understand how galaxies form, grow, and merge with each other, and in some cases why they stop forming stars altogether.

In addition to taking images, two of Webb's instruments also obtained spectra - data that reveal objects' physical and chemical properties that will help researchers identify many more details about distant galaxies in this field. Webb's Near Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec) microshutter array observed 48 individual galaxies at the same time - a new technology used for the first time in space - returning a full suite of details about each. The data revealed light from one galaxy that traveled for 13.1 billion years before Webb's mirrors captured it. NIRSpec data also demonstrate how detailed galaxy spectra will be with Webb observations.

Finally, Webb's Near-Infrared Imager and Slitless Spectrograph (NIRISS) used Wide-Field Slitless Spectroscopy to capture spectra of all the objects in the entire field of view at once. Among the results, it proves that one of the galaxies has a mirror image.

SMACS 0723 can be viewed near the constellation Volans in the southern sky.



This deep field, taken by Webb's Near-Infrared Camera (NIRCам), is a composite made from images at different wavelengths, totaling 12.5 hours - achieving depths at infrared wavelengths beyond the Hubble Space Telescope's deepest fields, which took weeks. And this is only the beginning. Researchers

We are looking back in time to within a billion years after the big bang when viewing the youngest galaxies in this field. The light was stretched by the expansion of the universe to infrared wavelengths that Webb was designed to observe. Researchers will soon begin to learn more about the galaxies' masses,

Webb's MIRI image offers a kaleidoscope of colors and highlights where the dust is - a major ingredient for star formation, and ultimately life itself. Blue galaxies contain stars, but very little dust. The red objects in this field are enshrouded in thick layers of dust. Green galaxies are populated with hydrocarbons and other



From The Pastor's Heart

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

When Will the Killing Stop?

There has been an exponential increase in the number of black men and women being killed by the police since 2015 and an increase in mass killings since 2019. The increase in killings has brought up the question, more and more, "When will the killing stop? The question is not being asked only in the United States, but on a visit to see my sister in Canada the other day, I heard the same question, "When will the killing stop?"

My friend who writes op/eds for a paper in his home country of Jamaica, a country that is very challenged by gun crimes, is constantly asking the same question. I can see the frustration in my friend, as he blames the government and offers solutions that, at points I consider impractical, but I identify with his feelings.

I hear the same question coming from Syria, Somalia, Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, and Eretria, and after the assassination of former Prime Minister Shinto Abe, I hear it from Japan, "When will the killing stop?"

I hear the question again af-

ter former attorney Alex Murdaugh is arrested for killing his wife, Maggie and son. Maggie left her property to Alex in her will before she and their son were mysteriously killed on June 7, 2022. Since the death, Alex has been at the center of a storm of allegations - including accusations that he misused money from his law firm - which led to the suspension of his law license. One of his attorneys said Murdaugh also enlisted a hit man to kill him so his surviving son could cash in on his \$10 million life insurance policy. "When will the killing stop?"

The question is momentous and not just on a contemporary basis, but one I am sure that even Adam and Eve might have asked as soon as they experienced the death of their son Abel at the hands of his brother Cain (see Genesis 4:1-12). Since then, the tragedy of killing has been progressing rapidly worldwide. To this extent, we hear the boast of Lamech, Cain's great-great-grandson. "And Lamech who said to his wives, 'Adah and Zillah hear my voice; oh wives of Lamech give ear to my speech. I have slain a man for wounding me and a lad for bruising me. If Cain is avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.'" (Genesis 4:19-24)

Maybe it strikes you strangely that Lamech was boasting about his killing of his enemies in the way he did, but it is typical of the attitude of many killers who have been killing and seem to feel no remorse. Just think of

all those who have promoted revenge killings and wars; you have to wonder if they have any conscience, at all.

We are having a great debate today about the killings, the estimated 45,000 gun fatalities each year, taking place across the United States. The pressing question for us is, When will the killing stop? As stated, it is a crucial question. It is a question that reveals the stain upon humanity. When will the killing stop?

The Scripture offers a straightforward solution that, if followed, would help us to stop asking the question; it says, "You shall not kill." or "You shall not murder." (Exodus 20:12). The commandment is clear. It can be viewed as a legal issue governing human relationships. But we should note that it is also a demonstration of our respect for God. Humanity was created in God's image, and to kill another person means disrespecting God.

Therefore, when Cain killed his brother Abel, God said to him, "The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand." (Genesis 4:10-11). The covenant with Noah states more explicitly, "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image." (Genesis 9:6 ESV)

Yes, the killing will not stop

until we have greater respect for God and one another. But, of course, respect for God and one another will only come when hearts are transformed. So here is a mix of eight solutions that I offer to break the curse of killing.

1. Put away the guns and other instruments for murder.
2. Stop the rage - when we get into the rage, we often do not think about what we are doing.
3. Get rid of the hatred - hatred is the hotbed for killing.
4. Ask God to give you peace in your heart. If we have the peace of God we would not be so easily offended.
5. Sow the seed of love. Love covers a multitude of offenses.
6. Put away covetousness. Covetousness leads to murder.
7. Learn forgiveness. If you can't forgive you will always be filled with toxic hate.
8. Pray for Jesus Christ to come soon and bring in the reign of peace. It is then that the swords and guns will be "beaten into plowshares," to use a metaphoric phrase from scripture.

Yes, when humanity is removed from this world to the kingdom of peace, then the killing will stop. We need to pray for the day, wait for it, but do all we can now to make sure that we do not have the same question every day.

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"It is now clearly the will of the parliamentary conservative party that there should be a new leader of that party, and therefore a new Prime Minister. And I have agreed with Sir Graham Brady, the chairman of our backbench MPs that the process of choosing that new leader should begin now and the timetable will be announced next week and I have today appointed a cabinet to serve - as I will - until a new leader is in place," Johnson said in a speech.

"So I want to say to the millions of people who voted for us

in 2019 - many of them voting Conservative for the first time. Thank you for that incredible mandate. The biggest Conservative majority since 1987, the biggest share of the vote since 1979, and the reason I have fought so hard for the last few days to continue to deliver that mandate in person was not just because I wanted to do so but because I felt it was my job, my duty, my obligation to you to continue to do what we promised in 2019.

"And of course I am immensely proud of the achievements of this government, from getting Brexit done and settling our relations with the continent after half a century, reclaiming

the power for this country to make its own laws in parliament, getting us all through the pandemic, delivering the fastest vaccine rollout in Europe, the fastest exit from lockdown, and in the last few months leading the west in standing up to Putin's aggression in Ukraine.

"...To that new leader I say, whoever he or she may be, I will give you as much support as I can, and to you the British people I know that there will be many who are relieved, but perhaps quite a few who will be disappointed. And I want you to know how sad I am to give up the best job in the world, but them's the breaks.

"I want to thank Carrie and our children, to all the members of my family who have had to put up with so much for so long. I want to thank the peerless British civil service for all the help and support that you have given...

"Our police, our emergency services and of course our NHS who at a critical moment helped to extend my own period in office, as well as our armed services and our agencies that are so admired around the world...

"...I want to thank the wonderful staff here at Number Ten (10 Downing Street) and of

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IVY HILL LITTLE LEAGUE HOSTS T-BALL CLASSIC



By Thomas Ellis II & William Hathaway, Jr.

This past weekend the T-Ballers of the Ivy Hill Little League held its Annual T-Ball Classic All Star Game for players 4 to 7 years of age.

Thomas Ellis is the President of the Ivy Hill Little League and T-Ball Commissioner, Eddie Pierce is the Vice President, Coach of the Minors, and Director of Player Operations.

Several cities participated in the T-Ball Classic this year, including East Orange and Elizabeth. Both cities brought two T-Ball teams to play in the event.

Tyrone Miles is the Commissioner of T-Ball for East Orange,

and Shannon Brown is the President of Elizabeth Little League. Their two teams were the Elizabeth Mud Cats, and the Mud Dogs.

During the games, the Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association was cooking the hot dogs, hamburgers, and making sure that everyone got something to eat, players, parents, and the community.

This was an awesome event for the children, who were so excited to play and looking forward to playing in the All Star Classic again next year.

Ivy Hill Little League will end its T-Ball season July 23rd, with their trophy presentation on August 13, in Ivy Hill Park.

After the T-Ball Classic was the Enough of the Violence Project annual Stop the Killing vs. Stop the Violence Softball Game. The players in this game included coaches, parents, chil-

dren and community residents. This was the 10th annual game, with the Stop the Killing Team winning 15 to 5.



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course at chequers and our fantastic protforce detectives - the one group, by the way, who never leak, and above all I want to thank you the British public for the immense privilege you have given me. And I want you to know that from now until the new Prime Minister is in place, your interests will be served and the government of the country will be carried on.

“Being Prime Minister is an

education in itself. I have travelled to every part of the United Kingdom and in addition to the beauty of our natural world.

“I have found so many people possessed of such boundless British originality and so willing to tackle old problems in new ways that I know that even if things can sometimes seem dark now, our future together is golden. Thank you all very much.”

GHANA BRACING FOR POSSIBLE OUTBREAK

AFRICA

Preliminary findings of two Marburg virus cases have prompted Ghana to prepare for a potential outbreak of the disease. If confirmed, these would be the first such infections recorded in the country, and only the second in West Africa. Marburg is a highly infectious viral hemorrhagic fever in the same family as the more well-known Ebola virus disease.

Preliminary analysis of sam-

ples taken from two patients by the country’s Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research indicated the cases were positive for Marburg, and samples have been sent to the Institut Pasteur in Senegal, a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre, for confirmation.

The two, unrelated, patients from the southern Ashanti region showed symptoms including diarrhea, fever, nausea and vomiting. They have both died.

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The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

OFF TOPIC!

WRAP YOUR HEAD AROUND DEATH AND LIVE!

We are surrounded by so much testosterone and estrogen that if we wanted, we can sustain the world's population for many years to come. But I feel so unprotected in this world despite all those folks. Seemingly my only protection (excluding God of course) is a couple in their seventies pretty late who live miles away. What a crying shame!

COVERAGE (PART 1)

Not the church, nor the government, not the community, our scholars with all those so-called smarts, or our leaders with their faulty internal navigation systems. Not the homies with the

big guns, nor my friends, and sadly not my family. But then who? This is about the survival of humanity.

We are under attack and as always, the war between good and evil is real. Thus, our closets must be prayer closets. All those killer clothes merely glorified hankies and those hot shoes are to be props simply used to keep our heads up when ya hangin' low. It is our responsibility to cover our world, our community, and to cover our cover. Numerous of our committed supporters have died off and, in this race, hardly anyone has accepted or picked up the baton. Many have abandoned posts or never showed up for the job.

We need real warriors standing at the gates protecting us spiritually, mentally, and emotionally; not only for me and mine but for everyone. Prayer warriors are those movers and shakers out there on the front lines and humanity as it should considering our plight, is always recruiting.



L.I.T Editorial Muse
Blackberry Sweet
Photo Credit: Andrea Dialect



My Parents: The Browns and my sister Tamie

INSURANCE POLICY

As looking at the photo that my sister Pam posted during our group chat of our parents on July 9th, their 58th Wedding Anniversary - which was also my Uncle Oscar's birthday. (R.I.P Uncle Oscar), my heart was filled with joy. #1 Because those two fine human specimens were my parents and good ones at that. #2 Because it was their 58th Anniversary and they were still going strong. #3 Because my sisters Tamie, Pam, and Veronica often stood in the gap for me and us when I or the rest of us couldn't or can't be there, which in my case is more times often than most.

When I went to the Carolinas to visit my parents and family some months ago the moment I stepped across that threshold as always. I was allowed to transform back into that innocent wide-eyed little girl once again

when I am at my parent's house despite their now being in their seventies and pretty late.

I always feel totally protected in their presence. The same way I did when behind those doors of our home or when watching my father as he'd descend that sidewalk walking around to the driver's side of that car when we were heading out as a family; when he was home or even when he stepped out for the moment, as working and all. The moment he stepped out of that car or that house and like ducklings we trailed behind. He was our guardian angel of the highest rankings; anything that went down or anyone who dare step up with those shenanigans was likely to get got...

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Preparations for a possible outbreak response are being set up swiftly as further investigations are underway, and WHO is deploying experts to support Ghana's health authorities by bolstering disease surveillance, testing, tracing contacts, preparing to treat patients and working with communities to alert and educate them about the risks and dangers of the disease and to collaborate with the emergency response teams.

"The health authorities are on the ground investigating the situation and preparing for a possible outbreak response", said Dr Francis Kasolo, World Health Organization

(WHO) Representative in Ghana. "We are working closely with the country to ramp up detection, track contacts, be ready to control the spread of the virus."

If confirmed, the cases in Ghana would mark the second time Marburg has been detected in West Africa. Guinea confirmed a single case in an outbreak that was declared over on 16 September 2021, five weeks after the initial case was detected.

Previous outbreaks and sporadic cases of Marburg in Africa have been reported in Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, South Africa and Uganda.

Marburg is transmitted to people from fruit bats and spreads among humans through direct contact with the bodily fluids

of infected people, surfaces and materials. Illness begins abruptly, with high fever, severe headache and malaise.

Many patients develop severe hemorrhagic signs within seven days. Case fatality rates have varied from 24% to 88% in past outbreaks depending on virus strain and case management.

Although there are no vaccines or antiviral treatments approved to treat the virus, supportive care - rehydration with oral or intravenous fluids - and treatment of specific symptoms, improves survival. A range of potential treatments include blood products, immune therapies, and drug therapies.

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Collum said the last straw came when the unnamed man recently called the responding employee "girl" and used "n----r" five times in his last two sentences.

The Village President announced the ban after consultation with SOPD Chief Ernesto Morillo.

"I can assure you that we'll always protect our employees from this type of garbage behavior and will take any and all legal means to ensure a safe work environment," said Collum. "Words and actions have consequences and my colleagues on the Board of Trustees join me in fully supporting the actions that've been taken to date."

MAPLEWOOD - The Township Committee, desiring more information, has put a Cannabis Based Business' application for a cultivation facility on hold since July 5.

Applicant Green Lift LLC wants to expand a cultivation business here at 97-99 Newark Way. It would be in the former single-story 10,000-square-foot 1952 Goetz & Rauschman building in an industrial zone by the Union border. The applicant said it would be using only 2,500 sq. ft. of the building.

Committeeman and former mayor Victor de Luca asked Green Lift and its two lawyers how the additional employees and increased truck traffic would affect the neighborhood. Committeewoman Jennifer Cripe, who lives in the neighborhood, said that the Tuesday night meeting was "the first I've heard of the cultivation going into that location."

De Luca and Cripe voted "no" to the expansion application - but Mayor Dean Dafis and committee members Nancy Adams and Frank McGehee declined to vote. The trio wanted how Green Lift would curb any odors coming out from the two loading docks.

Green Lift co-owner Ajay Kejiwal said that the building's .30-acre lot holds 26 parking spaces and would bring a sample air filter. That presentation may come during the Township Committee's July meeting.

BLOOMFIELD - There is a reason a Bloomfield DPW GMC dump truck stands between a torn down fence and the rest of the yard since June 19.

The DPW Recycling and Maintenance Yard supervisor brought in a couple of township police officers to 230 Grove St. and ran a video surveillance recording from earlier that Sunday.

The recording showed three males getting on the property and entering several vehicles in an apparent search for

tools.

When no tools at hand were found, the thieves turned their attention to another parked vehicle. They broke in, bypassed the ignition switch and drove the vehicle out of the yard.

The car thieves broke out of the yard by running down some 70 feet of boundary fence with the vehicle. They got onto the former Erie Railroad Newark Branch right of way and, threading their way between concrete blocks, fled onto Bloomfield Avenue.

Pedestrians who use the now-Norfolk Southern RR-owned right-of-way as a shortcut between Bloomfield Avenue and Grove Street have since noticed the torn down boundary fence and parked dump truck.

Descriptions of the stolen vehicle and the suspects have not been released as of July 11.

MONTCLAIR - Those who gathered at a Glenfield Middle School public room July 5 for "Game Night" also got an unwanted fireworks display from six intruders.

Those attending the game night at the Catchings-Owens Community Suite that Tuesday said that six masked teenagers entered the premises, lit firecrackers and threw them about the room. The sextet then fled south on Maple Avenue.

The suite room's walls and floor, said responding police officers, sustained "moderate damage."

Montclair Police officers were given descriptions of at least two female intruders; genders of the other four, as of July 11, remain unknown.

Montclair Public Schools had reopened the renovated community center Feb. 26. The center, first opened in the 1980s. The facility is named after two longtime neighborhood residents and activists.

The Catchings-Owens center is having increased use since the Wally Choice Center, next door in Essex County's Glenfield Park, is undergoing its own renovations and expansion.

On a lighter note, Glenfield alum and Montclair native Christina Ricci was recently nominated for an Outstanding Supporting Actress Emmy for her work on the show "Yellowjackets."

BELLEVILLE - While those attending July 5's reorganization may debate who has character or who are characters within the Council Chamber, one recent audience member who has been IN character did not make himself known that Tuesday.

Mayor Michael Melham, the Township Council and local media were graced by "Elmo" at their June 28 meeting - as in the Sesame Street Muppets monster.

Former Belleville Board of Education Trustee and local gadfly Michael Sheldon had just finished his public speaking turn before township elders when a pitch-perfect "Elmo loves you!" shout came from the character. Melham instantly gaveled the session back to order.

Council gallery audience members believe that "Elmo" was the same individual who appeared the previous June 14 meeting as a clown.

By "clown," the individual resembled the "Bozo the Clown" character made famous by the late Larry Harmon. This Bozo, however, remained silent June 14.

State Sen. Richard Codey (D-Roseland) swore Melham plus At-Large Council Members Thomas Graziano and Naomi DePena to their respective second terms July 1. Graziano was also named Deputy Mayor, succeeding DePena, that Friday.

NUTLEY - Mayor Joseph Scarpelli, who had introduced an ordinance June 21 to have a plan for the former Diamond Springs Swim Club drawn up, has put that measure on hold July 5.

Scarpelli, after a long executive session here that Tuesday night, announced that Ordinance 3495 has been put on hold. The measure's tabling also calls off a projected July 19 public hearing; that entire July 19 Board of Commissioners meeting has been canceled.

Scarpelli, responding to a public speaker's question, said that the ordinance will be taken up and a public hearing rescheduled to later dates.

Ord. 3495 calls for DMR Architects to study the former club and restaurant site at 35 Evergreen Ave. and come up with a redevelopment plan. That plan would be put before the Nutley Planning Board, who would then open a 45 day window for the public to comment on DNR's recommendations.

Township elders' mulling of the Diamond Springs property goes back to a preliminary investigation launched on Oct. 6, 2020. The Commissioners named DMR as the plan's architect Nov. 1, 2020-June 30, 2021.



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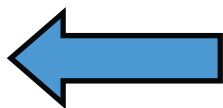
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