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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN NEWARK AFTERNOON DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

MAN CHARGED IN FOURTH OF JULY MASS SHOOTING



By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - Do not be surprised should the Newark Police Division announce at least a second arrest in the June 30 South Ward drive-by shooting that injured nine people before you read this.

Authorities, since Noon July 4, have a 17-year-old boy in custody in connection with that Thursday night shooting at Clinton Place and Shephard Avenue / St. James Place.

"Our goal is to bring each suspect involved to justice," said Mayor Ras Baraka at the Monday morning announcement and press conference. "This was a very violent and troublesome incident that we're taking very,

very seriously."

The nine victims, ranging from 17 to 68 years old, may also have been released from RWJBarnabas Health Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and University Hospital when you read this. They were listed as being in stable condition as of Monday.

The arrested juvenile has been charged with possession of stolen property (a 2016 Black BMW X1), obstruction of the administration of law and resisting arrest.

Acting Newark Public Safety Director Raul Malave, in email and at the conference, said that the teen was connected with


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As of deadline, Crimo has been charged with seven counts of first-degree murder. However, more charges are certainly expected, such as attempted murder and so on. If convicted on just the murder charge, he faces a mandatory life sentence with no parole. That is just under Illinois law, as FBI Director Christopher Wray has said that federal charges could also be tacked on.

"Jill and I are shocked by the senseless gun violence that has yet again brought grief to an American community on this Independence Day," President Biden said in response. "As always, we are grateful for the first responders and law enforcement on the scene. I have spoken to Governor Pritzker and Mayor Rotering, and have of-

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Editorial
Dhiren Shah
 Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

Should I keep headlines like this in our newspaper? _____ Mass Shooting at _____ Past Week and Past Weekend.

It seems horrible, but the way shootings are going on, we may have to keep the headlines ready in the news. A Chicago suburb, Highland Park, had a shooting - 7 persons dead, including a grandfather. It was a peaceful 4th of July parade, but 21 year old Robert "Bobby" Crimo III opened fire and injured dozens more.

Lately, more and more young people are using guns, maybe for their fantasy to be popular, maybe their bad childhood, maybe their bad company, maybe their angry nature. But

the bottom line is that people are getting killed more than ever before in mass shootings. I do not blame the police or the administrations, wherever the incidents happening. Right now, the question is to find a solution. If someone has an idea of a solution, please write to us at localtalknews@gmail.com. We will try our best to pass it on to the right authorities.

Sad and outrageous news out of San Francisco. An older couple living at their home for about 36 years, parked their car in their driveway that whole time. All of a sudden, they started getting parking tickets and fined over \$1,500.00 for parking in their own driveway. The city has a law that by a certain distance (some NJ towns have it at 4 feet) you cannot park your car, because even though it is your property, the township has a right to utilize that part of the property to cut down trees, maintain electrical and telephone wires and much more.

However, when someone has been living at that property for 36 years, it is under grandfathered rights. In this case, our Content Editor Kristopher Seals said that maybe the city wants to acquire the property by forcing them to leave because of such a harassing law. With parking so scarce, it may be impossible for them.

The court says they can live there, but they cannot park the vehicle in the driveway, because it doesn't have a garage or cover. If the city wants to make such a case for this, then they should allot the owners the money to make the alteration needed. It is not the fault of the property owner that they decided to enforce this law now, so the city should pay for it.

In a similar situation, someone may complain about someone blocking their own driveway. It is legal, but when there is no street parking between certain hours, blocking the driveway is also blocking the street. If that is the case, then I think the city

would be right in such a situation. However, San Francisco is wrong in this case, in my opinion, and it just seems petty.

I have one complaint against all our elected officials. Google, Twitter, WhatsApp, QuickBooks and many more are placing their Ads or messages every single time we go on. Especially when we go on any accounts, they ask you to save your password. Once you make a mistake says yes, they got you. Even though they claim it might be safe, you are under their control. It is your right to choose if you want to allow them in or not. Whenever they place these kinds of message or Ads, they must have an option for you: I don't want it and do not place your message or Ad again. This is the duty of our representatives to stop them. If they are billionaires, it doesn't matter, but people should be protected for their rights.

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next week.

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The Doctor Is In



OP / ED By Dr. Adil Manzoor

The Difference Between MDs And DOs

There aren't major differences between MDs and DOs when you consider that they are both licensed medical practitioners who can practice medicine and prescribe drugs in all fifty states in the United States. Another similarity between them is that they pretty much receive the

same training. They both attend four years of medical school, and they both take a residency program that typically lasts between one and seven years.

The main, and perhaps, most significant difference between DOs and MDs is their philosophies on practicing medicine. DOs and MDs attend different medical schools, and it is the medical schools they attend that determine whether they become a DO or an MD. There are two primary philosophies in medicine, which are osteopathy and allopathy.

Allopathy is the more common of the two and is usually considered as traditional medicine or modern medicine. It focuses on treating specific medical conditions, typically diagnosed by medical tests, using medications. Osteopathy, on the other hand, takes a more holistic approach when treating people. They regard the body as a whole and treat it as such rather than just treating specific symptoms. Are you bored yet? Please, don't

be. I can't exactly make medicine any more fun than this.

Upon graduating from an allopathic medical school, the doctor takes on the MD title, which stands for a medical doctor or Doctor of Medicine. Meanwhile, doctors from osteopathic medical schools take on the DO title, which stands for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Did I already mention that they are both licensed medical practitioners? You know what, I'll just do it again. They are both licensed across all fifty states to practice medicine. This totally squashes allegations or stories about whether DOs are real doctors or not.

In fact, I find it quite insulting that some people think DOs, aren't real doctors. Yes, I am a DO, and yes, I am also a real doctor. It is one thing to not like a person; it is another thing entirely to rubbish and discredit the effort they put in their profession. That's a digression, but one I needed to make. Let's get back on track. What were we discussing? Oh, yes. The difference between osteopathy and allopathy.

Another difference between osteopathic and allopathic medical schools is that DOs, that is, doctors that graduate from osteopathic schools, have to complete an extra 200 hours of coursework. These additional hours focus on the musculoskeletal system and the holistic view of medicine. The holistic view of medicine is one that treats medicine wholly, serving not only the body but also the mind and spirit. The training on the musculoskeletal system is called osteopathic manipulation medicine training or OMM training, for short.

The result of these extra 200 hours is a greater understanding by DOs of the range of motion of muscles and bones by merely touching and feeling them. This is probably why some people call DOs chiropractors, which is not true. DOs are licensed medical practitioners, like MDs, with the main difference in their medicine philosophies. I can't

overemphasize that. I'm still going to try, though.

But even with the extra hours of OMM training, many DOs rarely use that aspect of their training. According to a 2003 study in Ohio, most DOs don't use OMM techniques, and by the majority, I mean close to 75% of the DOs in that study.

There's another difference, or should I say kind of a difference. DOs are known for practicing preventive medicine. This does not mean MDs don't also practice preventive medicine, but DOs just practice it more. And this also does not mean some MDs don't practice preventive medicine more than some DOs. You can see why I said earlier that there aren't any major differences because, many times, both DOs and MDs use the same techniques.

So, you may be thinking about which doctor or philosophy is okay for you. Well, the answer is both are fine. DOs and MDs are qualified to practice medicine and prescribe drugs, and they receive the same training. However, many DOs are primary care doctors. More than half of DOs go into the primary care field, with that figure standing at about a quarter for MDs. The implication of this is that if you need a primary care doctor, you may want to consider a DO. But if you have a particular ailment and want a specialist in that field, you can choose an MD or a DO.

A quick recap of all we've discussed, then. One, DOs are real doctors. Two, the difference between DOs and MDs is merely philosophical. Three, both are qualified and licensed to treat you, so you have nothing to fear. I didn't miss anything, did I? This was fun, kind of. Allopathy or osteopathy, medicine is fun.

This article was written by Dr. Adil Manzoor DO, a Board Certified Internist & Board Eligible Pediatrician, who works as a Hospitalist, and Emergency Room Physician. He is also the
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NEWARK DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

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the BMW and a white 2011 Honda Pilot that were seen fleeing the shooting scene on Clinton towards Lehigh Avenue at about 6:20 p.m. Thursday. Police found and recovered the abandoned Honda at Elizabeth and Stengel avenues.

(Malave was making his first public appearance as acting director. Baraka, in a 12:24 p.m. July 6 announcement, said that he has recast former director Brian O'Hara Deputy Mayor for Strategic Initiatives for Public Services / Public Safety.)

NPD officers had been looking for the Pilot since early June 30; it had been reported as stolen from Jersey City June 29.

Baraka and Malave said that NPD officers, alerted by ShotSpotter acoustic detectors, left for Clinton Place, where westbound Shephard becomes St. James Place, at 6:20 p.m. that Thursday.

They arrived to find the nine wounded before the 809 Supermarket at the intersection's southwest corner.

Three adults and the juvenile took themselves to Newark Beth Israel. The other five were taken to University Hospital.

Baraka, Malave, Newark Police Chief Emanuel Miranda and members of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office said that the shooting was between members of two groups: one from Shephard and Goodwin avenues and the other from Elizabeth Avenue's 500 block.

The said authorities stressed that the rival parties are not gang-related. Baraka stressed that 60

percent of the city's reported shootings were from "personal disputes."

"This isn't an arbitrary random act of violence," said the mayor. "These are two groups that've been going back and forth."

Local traffic, including NJTransit's No. 13 buses heading to or leaving from Irvington's Chancellor Avenue and Woolsey Street, were detoured during the NPD and ECPO Major Crime Unit's joint field investigation.

City and County detectives are looking for the BMW and Honda's other occupants, including the shooter.

NPD also found the black BMW abandoned along Hunterdon Street. That car, reported as being stolen from the Bronx, N.Y., was seen taking the suspects to Jersey City - and the Honda that they stole from there.

The arrested boy has not been charged, as of press time, with weapons possession or aggravated assault.

Regarding corrective measures, Baraka said that his Office of Violence Prevention and Trauma Recovery has, for the second straight summer, "targeted around 150 (at-risk) young people" for a summertime alternate path program.

Malave added that he has deployed extra patrols in the shooting's neighborhood.

"We know who they are," said Baraka of the at-large suspects. "We've identified who they are, we know where they hang at. Our goal is to bring each suspect to justice; each of the victims in this case obviously deserves that."

THE DOCTOR IS IN

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current President of Garden State Street Medicine, a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide free preventive and acute urgent care services for the homeless. He is also the co-founder of his own unique medical practice Mobile Medicine NJ.

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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SUES ARIZONA

UNITED STATES

The Justice Department announced on July 5 that it has filed a lawsuit against the State of Arizona challenging voting restrictions imposed by House Bill 2492 (2022), a recently-enacted law set to take effect in January 2023. The United States' complaint challenges provisions of House Bill 2492 under Section 6 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) and Section 101 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"House Bill 2492's onerous documentary proof of citizenship requirement for certain federal elections constitutes a textbook violation of the National Voter Registration Act," said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "For nearly three decades, the National Voter Registration Act has helped to move states in the right direction by eliminating unnecessary requirements that have historically made it harder for eligible voters to access the registration rolls. Arizona has passed a law that turns the clock back on progress by imposing unlawful and unnecessary requirements that would block eligible voters from the registration rolls for certain federal elections. The Justice Department will continue to use every available tool to protect all Americans' right to vote and to ensure that their voices are heard."

"The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona is dedicated to protecting voters in the state," said U.S. Attorney Gary M. Restaino for the District of Arizona. "We are proud to join the Civil Rights Division in bringing this lawsuit to ensure that all eligible citizens in Arizo-

na have the opportunity to register to vote and exercise their fundamental right to participate in our elections."

The United States' complaint contends that House Bill 2492 violates the NVRA by requiring that applicants produce documentary proof of citizenship before they can vote in presidential elections or vote by mail in any federal election when they register to vote using the uniform federal registration form created by the NVRA.

This requirement flouts the 2013 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Ariz., Inc.*, 570 U.S. 1 (2013), which rejected an earlier attempt by Arizona to impose a similar documentary proof of citizenship mandate on applicants seeking to vote in federal elections. The United States' complaint also contends that House Bill 2492 violates Section 101 of the Civil Rights Act by requiring election officials to reject voter registration forms based on errors or omissions that are not material to establishing a voter's eligibility to cast a ballot.

The United States' complaint asks the court to prohibit Arizona from enforcing the provisions of House Bill 2492 that violate the NVRA and the Civil Rights Act.

More information about the Voting Rights Act and other federal voting laws is available on the Department of Justice's website at <https://www.justice.gov/crt/voting-section>. Complaints about discriminatory voting practices may be reported to the Civil Rights Division through the internet reporting portal at <https://civilrights.justice.gov> or by telephone at 1-800-253-3931.

LATEST EBOLA OUTBREAK ENDS

WORLD

At least ten people have reportedly been killed by what Ukrainian authorities have said was a Russian missile strike on a crowded shopping center, and attack which the UN condemned

on June 27 as "utterly deplorable."

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has declared the end of its 14th Ebola outbreak after less than three months, the UN World Health Organization (WHO) said on July 4.

There were four confirmed cases of Ebola and one probable case, all of whom died, the WHO said in a statement. The outbreak was the third in Congo's northwest Equateur province.

In the previous outbreak in Equateur Province that lasted from June to November 2020, there were 130 confirmed cases and 55 deaths.

"Thanks to the robust response by the national authorities, this outbreak has been brought to an end swiftly with limited transmission of the virus," said Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa.

According to WHO, the just ended outbreak saw a total of 2,104 people vaccinated, including 302 contacts and 1307 frontline workers.

To facilitate the vaccination rollout, an ultra-cold chain freezer was installed in Mbandaka which allowed for vaccine doses to be stored locally and safely and be delivered effectively.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo has now recorded 14 Ebola outbreaks since 1976, six of which have occurred since 2018.

"Africa is seeing an increase in Ebola and other infectious diseases that jump from animals to humans impacting large urban areas," said Dr. Moeti.

Noting that "crucial lessons" had been learned" from past outbreaks and they have been applied to deploy an ever more effective Ebola response, Dr. Moeti stressed that: "We need to be ever more vigilant to ensure we catch cases quickly. This outbreak response shows that by bolstering preparedness, disease surveillance and swift detection, we can stay a step ahead."

The UN health agency supported the DRC in implementing

a strong national strategy developed early to guide response coordination; decentralizing operations to the lowest level to work closely with communities; basing the response on evidence; and regularly analyzing the epidemiological risk to rapidly adjust the response.

Although the outbreak in Mbandaka has been declared over, health authorities are maintaining surveillance and are ready to respond quickly to any flare-ups.

It is not unusual for sporadic cases to occur following an outbreak, WHO cautioned.

FISH HOOKED BY NASTY VIRUS

EUROPE

The Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI) have found Koi herpesvirus (KHV) disease in fish at several sites in England and Wales.

KHV is a serious viral disease of fish and is a listed disease in the United Kingdom. It affects all varieties of common and ornamental carp species (*Cyprinus carpio*) and can result in large scale mortalities. Fish with KHV disease may show the following signs, especially when water temperatures are between 16 to 28 °C: necrotic (white or brown) patches on the gills; rough patches on the skin and sloughing mucous; sunken eyes.

People have been asked to contact the FHI if they suspect an outbreak of KHV. This includes fish with the above signs, or deaths of carp or carp hybrids.

So far, no risk to public health has been declared.

Sites with KHV disease must undergo a formal monitoring program immediately following the outbreak. The FHI visit these sites to look for evidence of disease and to inspect compliance with the conditions of the statutory controls in place.

If a notifiable disease is confirmed, FHI places controls to limit the spread of disease (these are known as confirmed designations).

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SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

This week in sports, the New York Yankees are coming off a split with their rival Houston Astros and another with the Cleveland Guardians (formerly the Indians). Despite that, then Yanks have the best record in baseball with a mark of 58-22. As for the other local team, the New York Mets have a 49-33 record which has team at the top of the NL East standings.

At the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest, champion Joey Chestnut won his 15th Mustard Belt, downing 63 hot dogs and buns despite a leg injury and a protester he promptly put in a headlock during the contest. On the women's side, Miki Sudo added another Mustard Belt to

her collection with 40 hot dogs and buns. She did not compete last year due to pregnancy.

In the NBA, RJ Cole has found a spot on the Los Angeles Lakers. The former University of Connecticut all star player has now joined the team to play in the summer league.

Speaking of the NBA, the basketball world is still reeling over Kevin Durant's request to be traded from the Nets. This comes as the team is also working on a deal to get Kyrie Irving out of town, after he opted into the final year of his contract.

Finally, the San Jose Sharks have hired Mike Grier as their General Manager. Grier has now become the first Black GM in NHL history.

IRVINGTON RESIDENT HIRED AS NEW ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE SENIOR COMPTROLLER



Kiswendsida Sonia Kaprou, an Irvington resident, is Essex County College's (ECC) new Senior Comptroller. An ECC alumna, she comes to the College from the private sector.

"Coming back to ECC means a lot to me. As a graduate, it feels as if I am coming home. I am embracing the College mission of excellence and serving the community, and confirming its vision of transforming lives and leading the advancement of our society," she said. Even after graduating from ECC, Ms. Kaprou serve as a Learning Associate in the College's Learning Center.

"We are excited to welcome Kiswendsida Kaprou back to

Essex County College. With her professional background and knowledge of our College, I am confident she will be an outstanding administrator in such an important area of our institution," said ECC's President, Dr. Augustine A. Boakye.

Previously, she worked as a Senior Associate for the accounting firm KPMG LLP, and Senior Accountant for Imperial Bag & Paper Company.

She earned her Associate in Accounting degree from ECC and holds both a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an MBA (with a concentration in Finance and Management Information Systems) from Montclair State University.

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Caldwell	1,758	17	1,781	17
Cedar Grove	4,166	136	4,217	136
City of Orange	8,678	173	8,733	173
East Orange	18,108	379	18,226	380
Essex Fells	546	2	553	2
Fairfield	2,135	37	2,163	37
Glen Ridge	1,357	18	1,378	18
Irvington	12,335	281	12,406	280
Livingston	7,121	105	7,210	105
Maplewood	5,690	48	5,755	48
Millburn	4,008	18	4,063	18
Montclair	7,481	86	7,605	86
Newark	83,051	1,252	83,541	1,252
North Caldwell	1,540	10	1,561	10
Nutley	7,070	84	7,118	84
Roseland	1,511	21	1,534	21
South Orange	3,788	22	3,830	22
Verona	3,620	22	3,656	23
West Caldwell	2,932	63	2,985	63
West Orange	14,262	264	14,373	265
Total	215,664	3,349	217,389	3,351

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of July 6, 2022)

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TOWN WATCH

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NEWARK - Although Washington Park has been renamed Harriet Tubman Square here since June 20, do not expect its centerpiece monument to be erected and unveiled until nearer to Winter 2022-23.

A dispute between the State Historic Preservation Office and City of Newark officials on how the Tubman monument was created has led the former's Historic Site Council to unanimously and temporarily deny the latter's proposal at a June 16 meeting in Trenton.

Newark Arts and Cultural Affairs Director Fayemi Shakur has until at least SHPO's July 28 meeting to consider and maybe implement correction recommendations to the city's plan. The SHPO officers recommendations include adding input from the Newark Landmarks & Preservation Committee, local Italian-American groups and other stakeholders on the project.

Landmarks committee founder Elizabeth Del Tufo said June 16 that her group "was excluded from every aspect of this plan." While Del Tufo said that Tubman is "a heroine who deserves her own space, I've a significant concern that they didn't consider other locations in the park as an option."

At least two Italian-American groups said two years ago that they were not informed of the city's removal of the 98-year-old Christopher Columbus statue from its pedestal and placement in a public works yard during the summer of 2020. Mayor Ras Baraka authorized the Columbus statue's overnight removal to prevent any possibility of vandals pulling it down and/or destroying as had happened in other cities in the wake

of protests over George Floyd's May 29, 2020 murder by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Baraka Administration has since sought replacing the entire Columbus monument with one for Tubman. Baraka said, during the June 20 Juneteenth federal holiday observance in the park that the new monument would be up this autumn. Baraka, that Monday, also renamed 239-year-old Washington Park Tubman Square as being the heart of the Newark's Arts & Education District.

The SHPO had entered the Tubman monument proposal since the 22-acre park is within its designated James Street Commons Historic District.

IRVINGTON - A township man was treated and released from East Orange's CareWell Health Medical Center July 4 after being shot in that city July 3.

Responding city police officers said they found the 18-year-old man who was shot by the Park Avenue Tenants Association apartment building at 329 Park Ave., off North Arlington Avenue, at about 9 p.m. Sunday.

The victim and witnesses said that someone had fired three shots at him from inside a moving car. One of the shots went through one of his shoulders, the second grazed him.

It is not known whether traffic, including buses on NJTransit's No. 41 bus route, were detoured during the field investigation.

The victim was taken to CareWell, formerly East Orange General Hospital, for overnight treatment and Monday release.

EAST ORANGE - The identity of the motorcyclist who died after colliding with an East Orange Fire Department truck July 1 has not been released by the ECPO as of press time.

Responding city police officers told county detectives that they were responding to a motorcycle-truck accident here in the Greenwood section at about 6 p.m. Friday. They and a called EMS ambulance crew found an EOPD truck, the motorcyclist and the ejected rider at the 90 block of Greenwood Avenue.

EMS technicians applied CPR to the wounded rider - who died at the scene a short time

later.

It is not clear whether the driving firefighter was responding to a fire or an emergency call at the time of the collision. It is also not known how much damage the fire truck had incurred or whether it had to be taken out of service.

The fire station at Steuben Street/Greenwood Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard/New Main Street is the closest one to the collision site.

ORANGE - Local authorities and historians are asking lot cleaners and the public to notify them should they see or find a sealed iron box among the rubble that was once the Masonic Temple here at 235 Main St.

The hermetically sealed box was a time capsule interred behind a brick in one of the temple's former walls when it was dedicated by Union Lodge 11 in 1887. Its contents include a tile from an ancient Pompeii ruin, a photograph of the old Masonic Hall here and a medal from German Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Copies of June 19-24 weekly and daily newspapers - from the "New York Tribune" to the "Orange Chronicle" and the "East Orange Gazette" - were also interred. Coins and paper currency from the U.S., Germany, England, Canada and France were entered before sealing.

The box or time capsule is considered lost since the April 19 fire that destroyed the Main Street landmark and its subsequent demolition. The commemorative book "One Hundred Years of Masonry in the Oranges" published a list of the above said contents.

Union Lodge 11, which was established here in 1809, was known to be the first Freemason hall in New Jersey to accept African American members. Lodge 11's membership dwindled in the mid-20th Century and merged with the Livingston lodge in 1972.

235 Main St.'s storefront was Orange's U.S. Post Office until it moved to its present site, 384 Main St., in 1912.

WEST ORANGE - Township Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. C. Lauren Schoen hopes to have her three-step plan to correct racist attitudes and ac-

tions, as reported to her and the West Orange Board of Education by public speakers at three previous meetings, in place before the start of the 2022-23 school year.

Those steps, as Schoen announced here at the WOBOE June 20 meeting, is to start with reactivating the district's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and having Assessment, Accountability and Intervention Director Dr. Tamika Pollins head that panel.

Pollins, said Schoen, is to then work with "all district staff" to "develop more sustainable and meaningful practices and protocols relating to diversity, equity, access and inclusion before the new school year's start.

Schoen recommended WOBOE to add the June 19 Juneteenth federal holiday to next year's calendar. The superintendent added that the district will continue collaborating with the township's Human Relations Commission.

Schoen was responding to 13 incident reports and complaints made by students, parents and a West Orange High School teacher/coach/parent on the board's May 9, May 23 and June 6 meetings. The incidents - mostly recent but one going back to 2008 - reportedly happened at WOHS, Liberty Middle and Redwood Elementary schools.

One Liberty student, on June 6, said he had approached his teacher on why he scored 70 on a test when, after in comparing answers with a non-African American student's 100 score, should have scored 80. The teacher said she had deducted 10 points due to his "behavior."

WOHS business education teacher, coach and parent Jason Jackson said he had a formal meeting with Liberty Eighth Grade counselor over possible discrimination by the honors science and health class teacher his son was in. Jackson called that session the "worst meeting ever," since Liberty's principal did not attend and "the words and comments that came out of (the counselor's) mouth were frustrating."

SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD - The respective South Orange and Maplewood fire departments, perhaps fittingly, quietly became the South Essex Fire

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Department as of 12:01 a.m. July 1.

By "quietly," the merged department has had about the average volume of fire and emergency calls as had the former separate departments have had in recent pre-Independence Day weeks. The adjective is also appropriate after decades of studies, institutional negotiations and election year controversy.

Studies on the advantages and the logistics of consolidating the village and township's fire fighting forces goes back to a 1992 study. Reducing the joint roster by attrition and centralized dispatching were seen as advantages. Merging a civil service with a non-civil service department - including joining a volunteer and an in-house municipal ambulance service, however, were among its logistical challenges.

The now-SEFD has a combined staff roster of 72, with four positions lost to attrition. There are to be three to six firefighters per station for 17 fire personnel per shift. A consultant had projected \$600,000 in annual overtime savings in a 2017 report to the two-town Joint Exploratory Committee.

SEFD is governed by a joint committee made up of fire personnel and public officials from both towns. Funding is on a 55/45-percent split between Maplewood and South Orange.

The fire departments' merger was challenged by South Orange FMBA Locals 24 and 240 and by then-Village Trustee Deborah Davis-Ford 2019-May 31, 2022. The two unions supported Davis-Ford and her "SO Forward" team in their unsuccessful 2019 bid for village president and trustee offices. The locals, with support from the Essex County Fire Chiefs Association and a Montclair marketing consultant, published letters and palm cards claiming South Orange would be inadequately covered, Jan. 1 - May 31.

BLOOMFIELD - The legacy of Trish S. Comstock may be found among her books that have been donated to a local library, the revived Bloomfield rent control ordinance and her work with various community activist organizations.

A Montclair nursing facility had announced that Comstock, 92, died May 27.

Comstock, a longtime Forest Hill apartment dweller, may be best known as the perennial president of the Bloomfield Tenants Organization. She and the BTO successfully pushed for a new township rent control ordinance. Bloomfield, except for grandfathered properties, abolished its original ordi-

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nance in 1994.

Comstock, whenever not looking out for tenants' rights, was a member of several environmental and social justice organizations. She was also a regular Township Council public speaker. Comstock co-founded the Bloomfield Neighborhood Committee with Carolyn Vadala in 1990.

Shirley Patricia Comstock, who was born in Albany Jan. 25, 1930, came here by way of New Rochelle and Maine. Her father died when she was an infant. An aunt raised the 16-year-old when her mother died and helped get her into Syracuse University.

The bachelor's degree holder in English had also graduated from the University of Maine with a masters in French literature. Comstock moved here to become a longtime English teacher here in the old South Junior High School and East Orange High School/Campus

High School. She also taught French literature at the now-Montclair State University.

Friends said that Comstock was a voracious reader until her eyesight dimmed. She then had her two radios tuned to WBAI and WQXR. The New Jersey State Legislature passed a resolution hailing her for her tenant advocacy.

GLEN RIDGE - Hackensack Meridian Health Mountainside hospital here may have been served papers from the widow of the late celebrity chef Floyd Cardoz, by way of State Superior Court-Newark and the Jensen Law Firm, when you read this.

Cardoz, 59, of Roseland, was admitted to Mountainside Hospital with COVID-19 symptoms March 15, 2020. The Bravo Channel's 2011 Top Chef Masters winner and founder of New York City's Bombay Bread Bar died here

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From The Pastor's Heart

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

Please Don't Curse Your Parents

It was quite a day when she stopped by to check on the kinds of things that we were doing in our food pantry and health services to facilitate the community. A very wonderful young woman, or so it appeared. She was exquisitely dressed and seemed to be quite intelligent in her conversation. She had a master's degree and was even wondering whether she should go on to finish her doctorate.

Our exchange was going very well until, for whatever reason, we touched upon her belief in God. I could see the change as she began to make it clear that she is having trouble seeing God as a father and does not go to any church. Whenever she shared her experience with church folks, she said they liked to talk about forgiveness and point to the Bible command, "Honor your father and your mother." She did not know exactly where it was taken from, but just for memory, it is all over the Bible but first explicitly stated in Exodus 20:21.

Yes, a little further in the conversation, she said her parents did much God-talk but were negligent, abusive, and unsupportive. Those childhood experiences prevented her from identifying with anything connected with her parents. For her, her parents were totally unavailable; had it not been for her grandmother, she would not be as successful as she is now. Her last words about her early years were, "Every time I hear people use the term parents, it trips something negative in me. I cannot forgive them. I will never forgive them."

Wow! What this woman expressed is not unique. I have

been meeting it more and more, "angry children." Did I say "angry children?" I did not mean children as little ones; I am also speaking of many adults I meet, women and men, into their middle and older age. They are struggling with parents who have hurt them so badly and for whom they have lost total respect.

We need to empathize with such individuals and understand that many of them are facing long cycles of parental abuse, neglect, and unsupportiveness. They are hurting because, for many generations, their fathers and mothers who have been in negative conditions have just passed on their hurts to the next generation. It is a cycle of hurts.

But the questions each generation must face are "how long can we continue the hurt?" How long are we going to live under the burden of abuse and neglect? How long are we to suffer the curse? Are we to build upon our cycles of hurt and cursedness because we have been wounded and disrespected? How can a person so injured by a parent think of the command to "Honor your father and your mother?"

One thing to do is ask yourself whether you want to continue the cycle of the curse or whether you would wish to build a system of honor? If you want to break the cycle. Here is what I offer also with what I find among many Christian counselors:

1. Learn forgiveness. The only way to heal your heart and to heal any broken relationship is to forgive. Forgiveness begins with God, so you can ask God and become a true forgiver.
2. Tell yourself that you are going to respect your parents, regardless. Respect is earned. You cannot expect to receive what you do not give. "Honor your father and mother" is not a suggestion but a command. Do it as God has told you to do because God has promised that there is a blessing in doing so. The full command reads,

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12 NKJV) Paul emphasizes the promise thus: "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." (Ephesians 6:2-3 NKJV)

3. Don't be mean to those who have sought to abuse and neglect you. A further instruction given by Paul is very relevant here, "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirsts, give him drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head." (Romans 12:20 KJV)
4. Love your negligent sick, understanding their sickness. Jesus instructed, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." (Matthew 5:44 KJV)
5. Don't concentrate on the negatives of your life. Don't tell yourself you cannot change your history. Remember, "A merry heart does good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." (Proverbs 17:22 KJV)
6. Pity the tragic circumstance of any who have hurt you. It is unfortunate that those who hurt have often just been passing on the hurt. Hurt people, hurt people.
7. Give honor to whom honor is due. "Render to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." (Romans 13:7)

Some time ago, I read a thought and summarized it like this. It takes note that the fifth commandment is the foundation upon which respect for elders and all legitimate authorities is built. The command reflects how God has ordered the universe.

At the top of the order is our heavenly Father, and under our heavenly Father are authorities who are to obey Him. The authorities that follow the creation order are first, mothers and fathers. Under them are children who must obey their fathers and mothers as they obey the heavenly Father. Then, other authorities, governmental and otherwise, follow.

Thus, if there is no respect for fathers and mothers and legitimate earthly authorities' societies will collapse. There is empirical proof of the tragedy of the disrespect happening daily in homes where children are not required to obey their parents, in neighborhoods where fathers are absent, and many other places. Don't allow the negatives to rule you.

How much more miserable conditions will get, I cannot say. But I need to say that we are not to be miserable as the world's conditions would have us be. The words of my favorite author to children who, evidently were not affectionate to their parents, ring loud and clear:

"Children, it is necessary that your mothers love you, or else you would be very unhappy. And is it not also right that children love their parents, and show this love by pleasant looks, pleasant words, and cheerful, hearty cooperation, helping the father out-of-doors and the mother indoors?" (Adventist Home, 295)

The reality is that while parents need to show more respect to their children, show them respect, get them to learn respect by example, and practice respect, children are to do the same, in gratitude. Do all that you need to do and God will bring mutual blessings.

If you are one of those reading this reflection who are still struggling with resentment and disrespect, ask the heavenly Father to heal your heart. Ask him to break the cycle in which you are caught. He will hear you and help you. HEALING IS POSSIBLE. HE CAN MEND ANY BROKEN RELATIONSHIP. HONOR YOUR PARENTS.

FOURTH OF JULY SHOOTING

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ferred the full support of the Federal government to their communities.

“I recently signed the first major bipartisan gun reform legislation in almost thirty years into law, which includes actions that will save lives. But there is much more work to do, and I’m not going to give up fighting the epidemic of gun violence.”

Authorities have also indicated that Crimo confessed to the crime, and also “considered” another shooting in Madison, WI, but decided against it due to a lack of research. He then made his way back to Illinois. In 2019, police were called to Crimo’s home and seized several bladed weapons after he made threats “to kill everyone.” Because no charges were filed, Crimo was excluded from the state’s red flag legislation, which would have barred him from legally obtaining a firearm.

This was not the only sad incident on the Fourth of July, as police officers were shot during an event in Philadelphia.



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WORLD NEWS FLASH

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CONCERNS GROW FOR YOUNG HAITIANS

CARIBBEAN

On June 27, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Air and Marine Operations (AMO) agents interdicted a vessel with two occupants transporting 902 pounds (409 kilos) of cocaine near Desecheo Island in the western coast of the island. The estimated value is approximately \$ 9 million.

Rising gang crime in Haiti’s capital, Port-au-Prince is limiting access to education and is preventing thousands of children from going to school. Since 2020, gang-related violence has led to school closures, and children have become easy prey for gang recruitment.

According to a report published by two local youth-focused organizations 13 percent of the children surveyed in one troubled neighborhood in the capital, Port-au-Prince, say they have been in direct or indirect contact with members of armed gangs as they tried to recruit them.

In 2021, clashes between ri-

val armed gangs erupted in some urban areas of the capital Port-au-Prince. More than 19,000 people including 15,000 women and children have been forced to flee their homes due to acts of violence such as killings, kidnappings; hundreds of houses have been burned or damaged.

This year, the gang war has intensified. Since April 24, half a million children have lost access to education in Port-au-Prince where some 1,700 schools are closed, according to government figures.

Giving children weapons to fight and using them as soldiers or spies is a violation to their child rights and condemned by both national and international laws,” says Bruno Maes, UNICEF Representative in Haiti. “It saddens me that children who are willing to learn and teachers willing to educate cannot do so because they feel unsafe. Children must be able to attend school safely, play freely and enjoy being a child and given a chance to develop to their fullest potential.”

POLICE BRUTALITY RAMPANT IN BRAZIL

SOUTH AMERICA

Following the killings of at

least 23 Brazilians during police raids and checks, UN-appointed independent human rights experts called on July 6 for urgent reforms against “racialized police brutality.”

“We have repeatedly raised our concerns about the excessive and lethal use of force used by Brazilian law enforcement officials and the disproportionate impact on Brazilians of African descent,” the three experts said in a statement.

“However, the latest reports of police brutality appear to show that such human rights violations continue with impunity.”

The development follows a raid on Favela Cruzeiro in Rio de Janeiro in late May, where nearly two dozen people, including children, were killed after security forces reportedly fired indiscriminately.

Most of the victims were Afro-Brazilians, said the Human Rights Council-appointed experts, who called on the Brazilian Government to adopt “wide-ranging reforms to ... demilitarize all law enforcement agencies and ...address systemic racism and racial discrimination.”

In another incident, the rights experts described how three police officers reportedly used pepper spray and tear gas on a mo-

torcycle rider of African descent, after pulling him over and putting him in the boot of their car, where he died a short time later.

“The victims of these killings deserve justice,” the experts said.

The experts reiterated calls to adhere to international standards governing the use of force.

“The use of potentially lethal force is an extreme measure, which may be resorted to only when strictly necessary to protect life or prevent serious injury from an imminent threat,” they stated.

They also called for comprehensive law enforcement reforms in Brazil.

“The new wave of violence is the latest manifestation of systemic and sustained deployment of excessive and lethal use of force by law enforcement officials in Brazil,” upheld the independent experts.

Moreover, they stressed the need to effectively, independently and promptly investigate the latest incidents, including adhering to the 2016 Minnesota Protocol on the Investigation of Potentially Unlawful Death, and the UN Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions.

The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

GIRL POWER!



Young Entrepreneur: Haley
Owner & Founder of:
Haley's Yummy Lemonade
Established 2020

I made that time check on 6.30.22; it was @ 9:00 a.m. on that Friday morning. I questioned myself as I took that quick glimpse at the clock just before taking that second glance back. At the time I was scoping out locations for an upcoming photo shoot. But the blue and yellow stand that caught my eye would have never made it as an afterthought had I not spotted the little cutie perched behind it.



Honestly, the marketing pull was on point but logically not half as effective as seeing her sitting there. Just to think that one of our little me's was out there at 9 a.m. on a Friday morn selling lemonade, now how impressive is that?

Business was in a steady flow; some rolling up on fours and others on foot which was also pretty impressive. It was that moment of truth that made me buy into this little lady's pursuits and what I tasted then and there was the perfect mix. A well-spent two bucks for sure, and I'm certain this one will be taking me for more lol.

At eleven years of age Little Miss Haley who I want to be like when I grow up might I add, is on to something; and I am quite

certain that this won't be the last we'll be hearing or seeing from this well mannered, intelligent and extraordinary young entrepreneur. Awesome job mom and dad!

Business 101



Photo Credit: Andrea Dialect

This is Andrea Dialect this recording is being made on 6.30.22 @ 9:30 a.m. Subject: Haley's Yummy Lemonade take 1...

"Hi, I'm Haley and that's my mom Tysheka. I started selling lemonade because one day my mom was looking through pictures and she said that we should set up a lemonade stand, and I agreed and said that it sounded pretty fun.

"First, we started out with my cardboard lemonade stand

but it was really windy during that time, and it would always fall down. Wood is a lot heavier and would be a lot sturdier, so we built a wood lemonade stand and it looks a lot better. Well, my mom built the lemonade stand. Yes, she knows her way around a toolbox. I think it took about five days to make it.

"We just made this lemonade stand about a year ago. I sold a lot but last year was kind of iffy because of the rain and stuff. But this year I'm getting a lot more sales than I got last year. Yes, we do go to other locations if there is a vending opp and I'm open to invitations ...

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March 25, 2020.

Cardoz's relatives in India, when called by wife Barkha Cardoz, said they already knew of Floyd's death. They had already read his being on a ventilator and other medical details in Indian media.

B. Cardoz is suing Mountainside, the doctor supervising Floyd's treatment and associated healthcare workers for releasing his personal treatment information without her permission. The widow asserts that the hospital had violated the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act and "numerous statutes related to patient care."

Barkha was unable to visit Mountainside and Floyd due to the prevailing COVID restrictions and did not hear from doctors March 15-17. She and the doctors spoke via

the telephone March 18-25, including her granting permission to put Floyd on kidney dialysis.

B. Cardoz said she was given "little explanation or input into his medical care" and "the little information that she did receive, despite near constant effort to connect, was from nurses."

Then-Mountainside Hospital CEO John Fromhold sent an email to B. Cardoz May 28, 2020 saying that their handling of her husband would be used as a "learning experience for the residents and employees." The hospital, on June 2, 2022, said that it had concluded its internal investigation by "taking appropriate action" with one staff member and providing "additional training" for other employees.

MONTCLAIR - Township police officers, after visiting a house party along Christopher Street here June 17, returned with members of six law enforcement agencies later that evening.

MPD summoned - not invited - colleagues from Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, Nutley, Verona and Cedar Grove plus the New Jersey State Police and the Essex County Sheriff's Office at 10:19 p.m. They had returned with reinforcement to close the party and disperse between 200 and 300 partiers.

MPD Lt. Terence Turner said the first officers, acting on neighbors' report of a disturbance, came to the Christopher Street address early Friday night. They found "a small house party" and left. A 10:16 p.m. call, however, said that around 250 people were at the party, prompting the large response.

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NEWARK MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR DRUG DISTRIBUTION

NEWARK - An Essex County man was sentenced June 30 to 60 months in prison for conspiring to distribute cocaine base and distributing fentanyl and cocaine base, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced.

Marvin Lagrier, aka "Black Jesus," 40, of Newark, previously pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Madeline Cox Arleo in Newark federal court to a superseding information charging him with one count of possession with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl. Lagrier was a Newark Housing Authority employee at the time of his arrest. Judge Arleo imposed the sentence by videoconference.

A codefendant, Tyrell Wilson, aka "Hell Rell," 37, of Rahway, previously pleaded guilty to an information charging him with one count of conspiracy to distribute 280 grams or more of cocaine base and one count of possession with intent to distrib-

ute 280 grams or more of cocaine base. Judge Arleo sentenced Wilson on Feb. 14, 2022, to 10 years in prison.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court: On Sept. 19, 2019, law enforcement officers approached an apartment in Essex County, New Jersey, to execute a court-authorized search warrant. Wilson and Lagrier exited the apartment and attempted to flee the area but were apprehended and placed under arrest.

Upon searching the apartment, as well as Wilson's vehicle and a backpack that Wilson discarded while fleeing, law enforcement officers recovered a large amount of cocaine base, heroin, and fentanyl as well as many items of drug paraphernalia for packaging narcotics.

Law enforcement officers also recovered a firearm and several rounds of ammunition as well as several cellular phones. They also recovered several

brown Newark Housing Authority uniforms bearing the name tag, "Marvin," which matched the uniform that Lagrier wore at the time of his arrest.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Arleo sentenced Lagrier to four years of supervised release. U.S. Attorney Sellinger credited special agents of the DEA, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Susan A. Gibson in Newark, and members of the Newark Police Department, under the direction of Public Safety Director Brian O'Hara, with the investigation leading to the sentencing.

This case is part of the Violent Crime Initiative (VCI), which was formed in August 2017 by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, and the City of Newark's Department of Public Safety for the purpose of combatting violent crime in and around Newark. As part of this

partnership, federal, state, county, and city agencies collaborate and pool resources to prosecute violent offenders who endanger the safety of the community. The VCI is composed of the U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI, the ATF, the DEA, the U.S. Marshals, the Newark Department of Public Safety, the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, the Essex County Sheriff's Office, N.J. State Parole, Union County Jail, N.J. State Police Regional Operations and Intelligence Center, Real Time Crime Center, N.J. Department of Corrections, the East Orange Police Department, the Orange Police Department and the Irvington Police Department.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracey Agnew and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kendall Randolph of the U.S. Attorney's Office Organized Crime/Gang Unit in Newark

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There were no arrests made or tickets written since "it appeared that the large crowd that appeared later were not known to the homeowners."

Sheriff's officers and police from Bloomfield, Nutley and Newark - but not MPD - were called to break up a "Sweet 16" party in Belleville June 24 where "a large crowd" began to fight among each other. Three Belleville police officers suffered minor injuries while quelling and dispersing juveniles outside of La Maison dining hall at 33 Washington Ave. 11:15 that Friday.

BELLEVILLE - The family of a 21-year resident is trying to find funds for his funeral while ECPO detectives are trying to find the driver who killed him here on June 24.

ECPO Assistant Prosecutor Thomas S. Fennelly identified the man who was struck by a motor vehicle while attempting to cross Washington Avenue here June 24 as Miguel Vargas, 57, June 25. Vargas, who was found by responding Belleville police with severe injuries that Friday night, was pronounced dead in that Sunday's predawn.

Neither ECPO nor BPD have released details, including where along Washington Avenue was struck or details of the suspected vehicle, as of press time.

Mother Bertha Zuniga told a reporter June 30 that she believed that her son was crossing the avenue on his way home. Vargas came here from Peru to become a

construction worker; he was also working to become a naturalized U.S. citizen.

Vargas was also working to get documentation to bring daughter Alexandra and Miguel, who he had not seen in over 20 years, to join him here.

Mother Bertha, youngest sister Noelia Rosales and her son, Nathalyn Rosales, are now trying to pull the funds and relatives together for Vargas' last rites. Nathalyn had launched a gofundme.com page to help with Vargas' funeral expenses. They are seeking temporary humanitarian visas from the U.S. State Department to bring family members from Peru for his funeral.

Vargas' body remains with the N.J. Regional Medical Examiner's Office until the ECPO completes its investigation. That investigation, which Fennelly said June 30 that it was not being ruled as a hit-and-run, is active.

NUTLEY - Neighbors abutting the ON3/ex-Hoffman LaRoche redevelopment campus here may want to attend the Nutley Board of Commissioners' July 17 public hearing on a proposed parking time limit ordinance.

Nutley's commissioners had introduced Ordinance No. 3494 at their June 7 meeting.

The ordinance, which would amend Chapter 228 of the township's code book, would limit curbside parking along the entire length of Brookdale Avenue to 45 minutes between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on school days.

A 60 minute limit on those same days and hours would be imposed on the north

side of Spruce Street between Brookdale and Edison avenues.

Public Safety Commissioner Alphonse Petracco, who sponsors 3494, said that residents had told him that curbside parking had become scarce since more ON3 tenants have been opening there recently. Commuting drivers would park in the neighborhood and walk across Kingsland Street to their employers.

ON3, as of June 1, had at least 5,000 people working among the businesses, a hotel and medical school on its overall 116 acres it shares between Nutley and Clifton. ON3, a 12-minute walk to or from Franklin Avenue, is served by a three- to four-minute shuttle bus ride.



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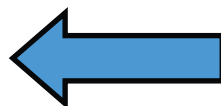
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