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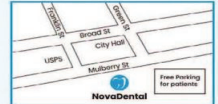
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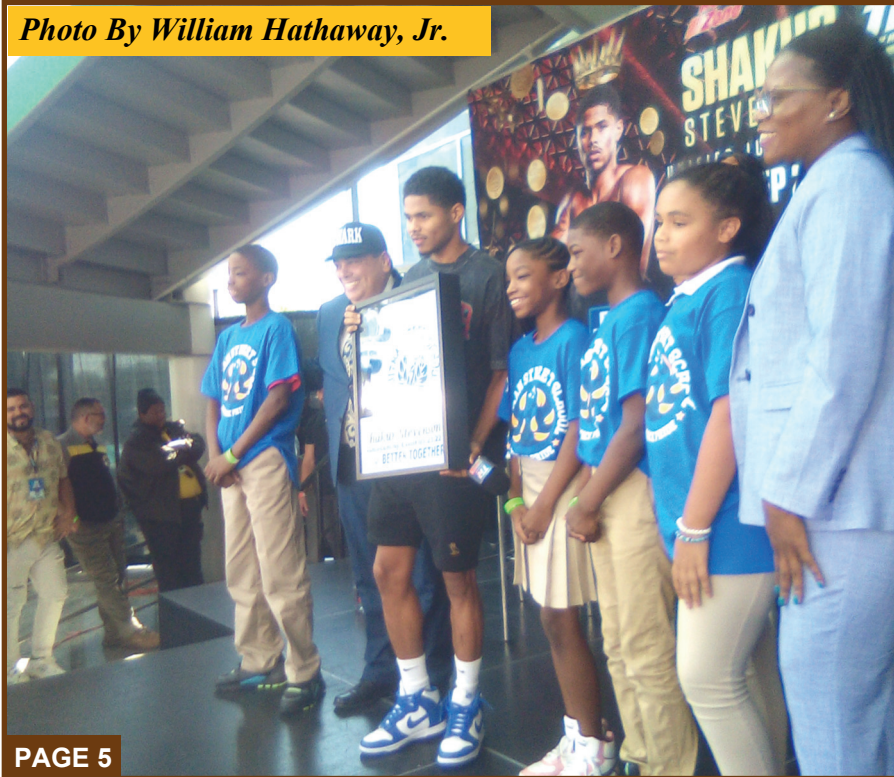
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## SHAKUR STEVENSON RETURNS SHOWERS FOR THE HOMELESS

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## ALMA BEATTY HEALTH FAIR RETURNS TO BO PORTER PARK

By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - It appears, as of 3 p.m. Sept. 24, that RWJBarnabas Health Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital's continuing its annual Alma Beatty Health & Wellness Fair through the COVID-19 global pandemic has borne fruit here at the Marquis "Bo" Porter Sports Complex.

"Local Talk" noticed the difference from just before walking through the Porter Complex's main gate at 378 Lyons Ave. 3 p.m., Saturday. There were six lunch wagons parked curbside instead of the accustomed

two on any other Saturday.

The post-pandemic growth, once "Local Talk" checked in one of the two registration tables just inside the gate, can be counted in the number of tables the hospital staff had set up that morning.

There were 54 tables counted - nearly double the number that were set up along Alma Beatty Way at the hospital on Sept. 22, 2018. Even when some exhibitors took up two tables for their displays, their numbers were greater than those who were seen four years ago.

Saturday's edition, like in three of the

previous four fairs, included registration, the handing of a "passport" game card and the reception of a raffle ticket.

The passport promoted fairgoers to at least visit eight to 16 red tables. Those who get their cards stamped or signed by exhibitors for visiting and participating may return them before 3 p.m. to receive a bag of free items and information.

The raffle ticket was for the drawing of a wide television screen to be done at the temporary stage south of the tables on the basketball court.

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## NEWARK CITIZENS VS. NEWARK COUNCIL - PART I

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

Hurricane Ian has landed off of Florida's West Coast. As a Category 4 hurricane, it has 155 miles per hour winds (Category 5 starts at 157 miles per hour). It is devastating. We will find out later what damage has been done and how many lives have been lost. Less than 24 hours before the hurricane was set to land, I saw on the news that some people were jogging. Everyone must be very cooperative with the authorities and if there is a call for evacuation, they must evacuate immediately.

Now, Florida governor Ron DeSantis said to everyone that it is too late to evacuate and for

those who stayed to find shelter and stay indoors. "Local Talk" and its staff will pray for the people in the path of Hurricane Ian.

Politics are such that most of us cannot understand. After Russia reduced the gas supply from their two gas lines, Nord Stream 1 and 2, there was an underwater explosion that stopped gas from Russia to Europe. The European Union's top diplomat said that the explosion was a deliberate act by Moscow, which the Kremlin denied. As the world suffers from economic turmoil, the world should stay together to try and stop inflation and solve the problems, rather than create more problems.

As per CNN: "Then-President Donald Trump nearly fired his daughter Ivanka Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner from the White House via tweet, according to a new book from New York Times reporter Maggie Haberman. Trump raised the prospect of firing Ivanka Trump

and Kushner, who were both senior White House aides, during meetings with then-chief of staff John Kelly and then-White House counsel Don McGahn, Haberman writes. At one point, he was about to tweet that his daughter and son-in-law were leaving the White House - but he was stopped by Kelly, who told Trump he had to speak with them directly first. Trump never had such a conversation - one of numerous instances where he avoided interpersonal conflict - and Ivanka Trump and Kushner remained at the White House throughout Trump's presidency. Still, Trump often diminished Kushner, mocking him as effete, Haberman writes."

Rutgers University has enrolled about 6,500 students for the new year. The University has remained the same since 2017, a little up and down in their enrollment of students. Rutgers has three campuses: Newark, New Brunswick and Camden. The

best part of the Rutgers enrollment is that about 50% are male students and about 50% are female students.

Montclair State University had a record-breaking enrollment, as they welcomed 4,065 students this fall 2022 semester. New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) is starting the 2022 academic year by setting records with its largest and most diverse student body ever. Total projected enrollment is up 21% over the last 10 years to hit its highest mark yet at 12,000 students.

Former New Jersey Governor James Florio has passed away at age 85. He had a long career in the political world, serving as a U.S. Congressman and Assemblyman before his time in charge of the state as the 49th governor. "Local Talk" sends our condolences to his family and friends.

*Have a wonderful week.*

*I'll talk to you next week.*

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# SHOWERS FOR THE HOMELESS

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By Thomas Ellis II

This past Saturday, Sept. 24, there was a great community event held in Downtown Newark to reach and service the homeless population in and around Newark Penn Station.

Gloria Mills, the Founder of Humans 4 Humanity, organized the event out. She put together some volunteers with her group,

and reached out to John Elmaragy the Founder of Arch-Angel Raphael Mission in New Brunswick, for assistance John provided the mobile shower unit.

Ms. Mills stated, "By the Grace of God, it could be me homeless and in need of help, but giving love is what it's about."

"After Katrina happened, I started asking people to donate items. I was shocked by all the

donations that were received, which motivated me to create a group to help the homeless. We have done several projects, and this was the second mobile shower for the homeless in Newark."

I asked John how long he and his group have been helping the homeless.

"This is the first year holding it in Newark, second year of

providing showers, and our sixth year of service to the homeless," he said.

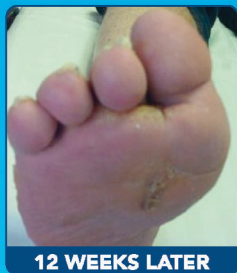
Cindy, a sophomore at Rutgers New Brunswick, volunteered with homeless projects before, and sees such a need that she is now starting up Project Love on campus to get more students to join her in reaching out

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# SPORTS WRAP



Photos By William Hathaway, Jr.



By William Hathaway, Jr.

This past week in the city of Newark there was a lot of excitement as Brick City native Shakur Stevenson came back to his hometown and community. A community rally was held at the Boylan Street Recreation Center, where Stevenson got to meet and greet local youth. He told those in attendance what it takes to be a champion. City Council officials also attended along with community leaders.

The next day, there was a press conference on Sept. 21 in which all the boxers who were planning to fight on Sept. 24 were present. Shakur Stevenson was presented a proclamation from the City of Newark, declaring it "Shakur Stevenson Day" in the city. Quitman Street School Principal Courtney John-

son was there, as Stevenson attended that school in his younger days, as well as Newark Public Schools Superintendent Roger Leon, who presented Stevenson a personalized Quitman Street School shirt.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, it was fight night before a sellout crowd at the Prudential Center. Boxing fans from all over the tri-state area came to see Top Rank boxing. Local area boxers took to the undercard, like Floyd Diaz who defeated Juan Hernandez in a six round featherweight division. Bruce Carrington defeated Jose Argel in a six round featherweight fight, and Pablo Valdez beat Noe Alejandro Lopez in a six round junior middleweight division bout.

In the main event, Stevenson, who was sadly stripped of his title status due to not making weight, dominated his opponent Robson Conceicao by unanimous decision in 12 rounds. The loss of the title status wasn't a big deal for Stevenson, as he planned on moving up in weight anyway.

In other sports news, the Jets got pounced at home by the Bengals 27-12, while the Giants took a home loss to the Cowboys 23-16. Finally, the Yankees won the AL East title, but as of deadline, Aaron Judge is still chasing Roger Maris' HR mark.



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## OMICRON BOOSTERS FOR YOUNG KIDS?

### UNITED STATES

NEW YORK & MAINZ, Germany - (BUSINESS WIRE) - Pfizer Inc. (NYSE: PFE) and BioNTech SE (Nasdaq: BNTX) announced they have completed a submission to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requesting Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of a 10-µg booster dose of the companies' Omicron BA.4/BA.5-adapted bivalent COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 through 11 years of age.

The request for Emergency Use Authorization of the Omicron BA.4/BA.5-adapted bivalent vaccine in this age group is supported by safety and immunogenicity data from the companies' bivalent Omicron BA.1-adapted vaccine, non-clinical and manufacturing data from the companies' 10-µg bivalent Omicron BA.4/BA.5-adapted vaccine, and pre-clinical data from the companies' Omicron BA.4/BA.5-adapted vaccine in their decision. An application to extend the Omicron BA.4/BA.5-adapted bivalent vaccine marketing authorization to include children ages 5 through 11 years will be submitted to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in the coming days.

The companies have also initiated a Phase 1/2/3 study NCT05543616 (C4591048) to evaluate the safety, tolerability, and immunogenicity of different doses and dosing regimens of the companies' Omicron BA.4/BA.5-adapted bivalent COVID-19 vaccine in children 6 months through 11 years of age. This pediatric study is consistent with regulatory guidance and follows a previous Phase 1/2/3 trial involving these age groups that demonstrated the original Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is well-tolerated and offers a high level of protection against

COVID-19, measured at a time when the Omicron BA.2 strain was highly prevalent.

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## OUTRAGE GROWS OVER DEATH OF MAHSA AMINI

### IRAN

A cruel and unnecessary act has women in one strict country mad as hell and not willing to take it anymore.

On Sept. 16, 22-year-old Mahsa Amini was arrested in Iran for not wearing a hijab, in accordance with strict dress codes in that country. Hours later, authorities claimed she died of a heart attack. However, medical scans that leaked showed that she was brutally beaten, apparently for breaking strict and controversial moral guidelines. Since then, women have cut off their hair and taken to the streets in protest of Amini's death.

As the protests carry on, the UN human rights office, OHCHR, has called on authorities in Iran to fully respect the rights of protestors calling for justice for Amini.

OHCHR said it was very concerned about the continued violent response to the protests, as well as communications restrictions affecting phones, the internet and social media, Spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani told journalists in Geneva.

Ms. Shamdasani said the Iranian Government had so far failed to launch an "adequate investigation" into the circumstances surrounding Ms. Amini's

death.

Since her death, thousands have joined anti-government demonstrations throughout the country. Security forces have responded at times with live ammunition, and many people have been killed, injured and detained in the protests.

"Due in part to restrictions on telecommunications, it is difficult to establish the precise number of casualties and arrests," said Ms. Shamdasani.

On Sept. 24, State media put the number killed at 41, she added. However, non-governmental organizations monitoring the situation have reported a higher number of deaths, including of women and children, and hundreds injured across at least 11 provinces.

"We are extremely concerned by comments by some leaders vilifying protesters, and by the apparent unnecessary and disproportionate use of force against protesters," said Ms. Shamdasani.

"Firearms must never be used simply to disperse an assembly. In the context of assemblies, they should only be used in cases of an imminent threat to life or of serious injury."

Meanwhile, reports indicate that hundreds of people have also been arrested, including human rights defenders, lawyers, civil society activists, and at least 18 journalists. The Government has not announced the overall number of arrests.

Ms. Shamdasani reported that in the province of Gilan alone, the police chief said 739 people, including 60 women, had been detained during three days of protests.

OHCHR called on the authorities to ensure the rights to due process and to release all who have been arbitrarily detained.

## "AMERICAN STYLE" SCHOOL SHOOTING

### RUSSIA

As it continues its invasion of Ukraine, Russia recently had to cope with the tragedy of an American style problem.

On Sept. 26, 15 people, including 11 children, died at a

school in the Russian city of Izhevsk, following an attack by a lone gunman who killed himself at the scene. Two dozen people were wounded in the massacre. The attacker had reportedly been registered with a local psychiatric facility.

According to news reports, the gunman, who was known to authorities and was a former pupil at school Number 88 (the school targeted), was wearing a Nazi swastika on his T-shirt during the attack, and Russian authorities are investigating the perpetrator's suspected neo-Nazi links.

The incident caused great sorrow for UN Secretary-General António Guterres, who via a statement through his Deputy-Spokesperson, strongly condemned the "act of violence, and expresses his deepest condolences to the families of the victims, as well as to the Government and people of the Russian Federation. He wishes those injured a speedy and full recovery."

News reports said that the attacker, who was in his early 30s, killed two security guards at the school then opened fire on students and teachers. All but two of those wounded were children. He had been armed with two pistols and a large supply of ammunition.

The school is located in western Russia, some 600 miles (965 kilometers) east of Moscow. Izvesk is the capital of the Udmurt Republic.

The head of UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, tweeted that she was deeply shocked by the shooting of children and their teachers at the school.

"I strongly condemn this horrendous attack. Deepest condolences to (the) families of victims and the Russian people. We need immediate action to stop this senseless violence, and make schools safe."

There have been several school shootings in Russia in recent years including in the provincial capital of Kazan, in May 2021, when nine people were killed by a gunman - seven students and two employees - and

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# CITIZENS VS. COUNCIL PT. I WHAT DO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RULES SAY?

By Lev D. Zilbermintz

While Newark residents and activists unanimously say the Municipal Council members abuse their authority, Council members say activists are ignorant of Municipal Council Rules which govern Council meetings.

Council President LaMonica McIver asked Acting City Clerk Kecia Daniels to email "Local Talk" a copy of Municipal Council Rules. These rules, a thirteen-page document that was adopted in 2012 and revised in 2019, show that legally, the Municipal Council is within its rights to regulate Council meetings.

According to Rule I, "Except as may be provided in the charter, all questions or order, the methods of organization and the conduct of business of the Municipal Council shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised in all cases to which they are applicable as determined by the City Clerk as parliamentarian for the Municipal Council and in which they are not inconsistent with the following rules of the Council."

Thus, Rule I plainly states the Roberts Rules of Order,

Newly Revised, govern Council meetings. Moreover, the City Clerk is the Parliamentarian of the City Council.

According to Rule VII, "The President of the Council shall preserve strict order and decorum at all regular and special meetings and conference meetings of the City Council."

Obviously, if people keep shouting at each other, no business can take place. Thus, Rule VII charges the President of the City Council with preserving strict order and decorum at every meeting of the City Council. Activists say that the Council President is overstepping the law; the Council President says she is not.

According to Rule VIII, "The City Clerk or his designee in his absence shall act as parliamentarian and shall advise and assist the Presiding Officer in matters of parliamentary law."

Research done by "Local Talk" showed that in numerous other cities across the country, the City Clerk was the Parliamentarian of the Municipal Council.

Ms. Parker told "Local Talk" that with the retirement of for-

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## SHOWERS FOR THE HOMELESS

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and helping others.

Ms. Mills arrived early and stayed late giving out clothes, shoes, and food to those that came up to her table. She wanted to make sure that the people knew that she was not alone in this effort; it's the volunteers, the partnerships, and the passion to want to give back that makes the difference.

Taking a shower gives you such a good feeling, and not only does it clean your body, but it can also help with mental cleaning, because good hygiene is a mental thing.

It's so important that people, groups, and organizations continue to reach out to the homeless population wherever they may be in a park, behind a building, sleeping on the streets, or in

a shelter. Because anyone can become homeless in a blink of an eye and need services, resources, a roof over their head, and a shower.

Now this is a very personal article for me to write, because I have been homeless three times in my life, all by choice. So, I can understand the plight of homeless. I quit a good job back in the early 80s working at the world famous Apollo Theater in Harlem, and went to Washington D.C. and stayed in a shelter on 6th and I street to begin my research and understanding of homelessness. Years later, I went to Atlanta, Georgia homeless to see the Olympics in 1996.

As an advocate for the homeless, I will say this: never look down on anybody, because you don't know what brought them to that level.

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Caldwell	1,951	17	1,960	17
Cedar Grove	4,550	137	4,582	137
City of Orange	9,344	174	9,399	174
East Orange	19,460	387	19,557	387
Essex Fells	586	2	590	2
Fairfield	2,348	39	2,353	39
Glen Ridge	1,496	18	1,504	18
Irvington	13,405	282	13,459	282
Livingston	7,807	108	7,856	108
Maplewood	6,241	49	6,264	49
Millburn	4,424	18	4,450	18
Montclair	8,314	89	8,365	90
Newark	89,948	1,263	90,306	1,266
North Caldwell	1,715	10	1,724	10
Nutley	7,671	86	7,708	86
Roseland	1,656	25	1,663	25
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West Caldwell	3,260	66	3,266	67
West Orange	15,496	268	15,582	269
<b>Total</b>	<b>234,692</b>	<b>3,402</b>	<b>235,790</b>	<b>3,411</b>

**OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of September 28, 2022)**

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**WORLD NEWS**

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last September, when six were killed and 47 injured, on a university campus, in the city of Perm.

In response to those incidents, the Russian Government reportedly tightened gun ownership laws.

**UK ACTS AGAINST SHAM REFERENDUM**

**EUROPE**

The UK's Foreign Secretary announced on Sept. 26 that 92 sanctions were levied in response to the Russian regime imposing sham referendums in 4 regions of Ukraine - a clear violation of international law, including the UN charter.

"The Russian regime has organized these sham referendums in a desperate attempt to grab land and justify their illegal war. The process reflects their approach in Crimea in 2014, combining disinformation, intimidation, and fake results. These referendums do not represent the demonstrated will of the Ukrainian people and are a severe violation of Ukraine's territorial integrity and political independence."

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said, "Sham referendums held at the barrel of a gun cannot be free or fair and we will never recognize their results. They follow a clear pattern of violence, intimidation, torture, and forced deportations in the areas of Ukraine Russia has seized.


"Today's sanctions will target those behind these sham votes, as well as the individuals that continue to prop up the Russian regime's war of aggression. We stand with the Ukrainian people and our support will continue as long as it takes to restore their sovereignty.


In order to implement the fake referendums, the Russian regime has deployed officials and collaborators to each of the these temporarily controlled regions - 33 of these individuals are being sanctioned today. These include:

- Sergei Yeliseyev: the Head of Government in Kherson, recently installed by the Russian government and Vice Admiral in the Russian Navy. Since defecting from the Ukrainian navy in 2014, Yeliseyev has continued to undermine the independence of Ukraine
- Ivan Kusov: the Minister of Education and Science of the so-called Luhansk People's Republic and tasked with "helping our education-

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al institutions to seamlessly blend in the educational system of Russia” by Pasechnik - leader of the LPR

- Yevhen Balytskyi: the Russian installed head of the so-called Government in Zaporizhzhia, who has been supporting the Russian invasion since March through public statements of support. In August, Balytskyi reportedly signed a decree to allow a referendum on Zaporizhzhia joining the Russian Federation
- Evgeniy Solntsev: the Deputy Chairman of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic

IMA Consulting, branded “Putin's favorite PR agency,” has also been sanctioned. IMA has reportedly been awarded the contract to manage the public campaigns for these sham referendums - both to support their implementation

within the four temporarily controlled territories and spin their false legitimacy back in Russia.

Goznak, a security documents company known for its monopoly on the production of “tens of millions” of state documents including expedited passports in the temporarily controlled territories, has also been sanctioned.

Putin continues to rely on a cabal of oligarchs and selected elites in order to fund his war. Also, four more oligarchs, with a combined global net worth estimated at £6.3 billion (British pounds, approx. \$6.73 million US), have also been sanctioned for supporting or obtaining benefit from the Government of Russia and operating in sectors of strategic significance.

These include:

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# TOWN WATCH

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

**NEWARK** - There are two versions on why Dr. Chris T. Pernell, University Hospital's only Chief Strategic Integration and Health Equity Officer, had resigned from her position effective Sept. 2.

Pernell - who had more than 100 state and local officials in March urging Gov. Phil Murphy to name her the hospital's next CEO - had been claiming in selected media interviews that the personal and institutional racism she was hired to combat in 2019 had prompted her resignation instead of letting the institution fire her.

"My experience is no way singular," said Pernell as recently as to "Chat Box" host David Cruz Sept. 22. "What's happening to me was happening to other Black women at the hospital. Black individuals in general are not given a fair shot at University Hospital.

Pernell said that the hostile environment began soon after he was hired by then-CEO Dr. Sheereef Elnahal to the newly created post in 2019. The Newark native and East, Orange-schooled Princeton graduate said that she was subjected to stricter performance scrutiny and questioning of her decisions than other department heads.

A letter was meanwhile sent in June 2020 by some department heads, who called themselves "Concerned Employees of University Hospital" to Murphy and hospital executives to "remove her from her position or tamp down on her behavior." There had been two noncompliance investigations, the latter claiming that Pernell had pressured staff to support her CEO candidacy, in November 2020

and July 2021.

Elnahal, before he left the hospital to become the U.S. Under Secretary of Health for the Veterans Administration, warned Pernell to "watch her back." The university's board of directors had promoted their chief legal officer, Mary Maples, as interim CEO in March.

Pernell, who had recently moved from Montclair to Millburn, said she may consider legal action against the hospital; she had not signed an exit interview non-disclosure agreement. She remains a clinical assistant professor at Rutgers Medical School. University Hospital's CEO search continues.

**IRVINGTON** - One person was injured and some of the dozens of "The Other Five Points" apartment building residents had to be rescued during a Sept. 19 three alarm fire here at 64 Union Ave.

Irvington Fire Chief Anthony Gray said that the first alarm was sounded at 2:40 p.m. that Monday when they had received calls from the Union Square Apartments. Callers, said Gray, had heard their smoke detector alarms sounding off.

The first IFD units arrived to find flames coming out of one of the fourth floor apartment units in the building's northeast corner and smoke rising through the fifth floor units above it. The incident commander then pulled the second "all hands" alarm and the first for mutual aid.

IFD's ladder trucks immediately began rescuing people from the fifth floor roof, fire escapes and apartment windows during the next 50 minutes. They were joined by ladder trucks from Montclair, Bloomfield and South Essex FD-Maplewood. Additional mutual aid units from Belleville, Verona and Union Township were either at the scene or covering IFD stations.

Township and mutual aid units also worked around the "lack of water supply on the fire floor" until the blaze was brought under control by 3:50 p.m. There was one report of an adult being treated for smoke inhalation; it was not clear whether it was a firefighter or a civilian.

Irvington blocked Union Avenue between "The Other Five

Points," where Union and Nye Avenues and New Street intersect and NJTransit's No. 26 Irvington-Elizabeth buses were among the detoured traffic. The local American Red Cross chapter helped those who had been burned out of their apartments with temporary housing.

"Local Talk" noticed that windows to three fourth floor and two fifth floor apartments were boarded up as of 8:30 a.m. The 93-year-old building, owned by Livingston's Stein Capital Group, was also receiving new bathroom furnishings at that time. Stein also owns three other apartment buildings here and in East Orange.

**EAST ORANGE** - County and city detectives are investigating how a dispute at a high rise apartment building here Sept. 21 led to one resident being fatally stabbed by another with a machete.

Witnesses and a Sept. 23 ECPO statement said that EOPD officers were called to the ninth floor of 50 So. Munn Ave., also known as the Heritage House Senior Apartments, at 2:49 p.m. that Wednesday.

Officers first encountered "an irate woman who needed to be restrained and arrested for disorderly conduct. She had said she was a friend of the man who was later found "heavily bleeding from stab wounds in a stairwell."

The man - identified as Joshua Mewborn, 33 - was pronounced dead at 3:20 p.m. Essex County Acting Prosecutor Theodore "Ted" Stephens II confirmed the victim's identity on Sept. 23.

Witnesses told a reporter that Mewborn and the suspected neighbor had an argument that ended when the latter "pulled out a machete and repeatedly stabbed" the former.

Mewborn's funeral arrangement has not been announced as of Sept. 27. His killer remains at large.

**ORANGE** - County and city law enforcers have been looking for the killer of a former Montclair High School wrestling star since his Sept. 22 shooting by a North Ward intersection here.

Acting County Prosecutor Stephens and Orange Public

Safety Director Todd Warren said, on Sept. 23, that the latter's police officers had responded to shots fired reports from Cleveland and Alden streets 12:54 a.m. that Thursday. The intersection, a block south of Cleveland Street School, is anchored by Orange Garden Supply and Alden Park.

OFD officers found a man - identified Katon Washington, 28, of Montclair - "with multiple gunshot wounds." Medics rushed Washington to University Hospital, where he was declared dead at 1:43 a.m.

Washington, a Montclair Class of 2012 graduate, was that year's NJSIAA Region 4 Wrestling Champion in the 132-lbs. category. The Glenfield Middle School graduate had won a school record 29 matches in his MHS freshman year. The four-year MHS Mounties team captain was ranked eighth statewide in his senior year.

Former MHS wrestling coach and guidance director Scott White told a reporter Sept. 23 that he was Washington's coach since the latter was seven years old. Washington had started wrestling in a Montclair recreational program. He would regularly visit MHS to advise wrestlers and was a township resident as of Sept. 22.

Washington's last rites were not announced as of Sept. 27. His killer remains at large as of press time.

**WEST ORANGE** - The oncoming Liberty Middle School principal, who was arrested on DWI and related charges here Aug. 30, has resigned.

The West Orange Public Schools Board of Education accepted Aretha Dooley-Malloy's letter of resignation, effective immediately, at their Sept. 20 meeting. It is not immediately known what Dooley-Malloy, 51, had pleaded in her Sept. 15 West Orange Municipal Court appearance.

The township resident, with educational and administrative experience from Newark and Dover public schools, was on track to succeed 33-year principal Robert Klemt, who retired June 30, at LMS.

Responding WOPD officers said, however, that they found

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**WORLD NEWS**

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- God Nisanov and Zarakh Iliev: known as the ‘Kings of Russian real estate’, and with a joint global net worth of £2 billion, the pair own and control the Kievskaya Ploshchad Group, a major construction company operating across Russia
- Iskander Makhmudov: President and founder of Ural Mining and Metallurgic Company. A major metals magnate, Makhmudov has an estimated global net worth of £2.7 billion
- Igor Makarov: President and owner of ARETI International Group, a major investor in the oil and gas sector, and founder of Itera, Russia’s first independent gas company before being bought by state-owned Rosneft. Makarov is worth an estimated £1.6 billion

The package also included 55 board members from state-linked organizations that continue to bankroll the Russian war machine - serving as a stark reminder of the cost of supporting Putin’s operation. Amongst those sanctioned are:

- 23 individuals from the Gazprom-bank Board of Directors and Management Board
- 16 members of the Sberbank Supervisory Board, Executive Board, and other Directors
- 10 individuals from Sovcombank, including the Deputy Chairman and members of the Supervisory Board and Management Board

**CITIZENS VS. COUNCIL PT. 1**

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mer City Clerk Ken Louis, “his office followed directives from the mayor and compromised separation of Executive and Legislative branches.”

According to Rule XVII, “Notwithstanding the separation of powers between the Executive and Legislative branches of the Newark Municipal government under state law, the Municipal Council may request through the Mayor or Business Administrator that representatives of the City Administration be present during all Hearings of Citizens sessions.”

According to Rule XVIII, “The speaker shall face forward and all remarks shall be

addressed to the Presiding Officer and Municipal Council as a body and not to an individual Council member or the audience. A Municipal Council member shall not interrupt a speaker during his speaking time, except the presiding officer for parliamentary purposes only.

“...A speaker must at all times conduct himself in a manner which avoids disorderly conduct or behavior, not make comments that are excessively loud or disruptive, obscene or otherwise in violation of applicable law, or make statements directed at Council members or City Officials that are defamatory or malicious. The presiding officer may interrupt or terminate any individual’s speaking privilege if these rules are violated or further may prohibit requests from such indi-

viduals to register and speak at future Municipal Council meetings, in accordance with Rule XVI.”

According to Rule XIX, Section D, “The Chief of the Police Department or her designee(s) shall be the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Municipal Council meetings. She shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the Presiding Officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the Municipal Council meetings.”

Lisa Parker told “Local Talk” that, “this administration has now militarized the council chambers with police officers in riot gear as a way to intimidate residents that speak out.” Yet from reading the Municipal Council Rules it is clear that the police are there to enforce order.

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## From The Pastor's Heart

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

### Breaking The Curse By Confession

The plea of "not guilty" has been in vogue since the beginning (of time). It is an everyday reality that some of the most exemplary personalities who go to the traffic courts are often tempted to plead "not guilty."

Many who are charged with domestic violence plead, "Not guilty." Most who are charged with DUI plead "not guilty." Those arrested on drug charges generally plead "not guilty." The phrase "innocent until proven guilty" has become the go-to for most criminal defendants.

Here in the United States court system, it is up to the prosecutors to prove defendants guilty by proof beyond a reasonable doubt. If a criminal prosecutor cannot meet the burden, the defendant is found not guilty.

Many people continue in their cursed lives because they keep pleading "not guilty," and they keep getting away without being charged. And I am not just speaking of persons taken to the

criminal court, but I speak of the court of conscience, where some persons feel no burden or guilt. So let me offer that to get rid of the burden of the curse, we need to confess our guilt, faults, sins, weaknesses, or however we want to name the evil destroying us.

One of the finest examples of confessing sins I know in the Bible is in Daniel 9. Israel sinned and was under the curse of the Babylonian captivity, and Daniel prayed (I only quote parts of the prayer beginning with verse 5. The bolding is mine for emphasis:

**"We have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts, and Your judgments. <sup>6</sup> Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day - to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You..."**

<sup>2</sup> To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. <sup>10</sup> **We have not obeyed**

**the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup> Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us because we have sinned against Him... <sup>13</sup> As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth. <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the Lord, our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice...**

<sup>15</sup> And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day--**we have sinned**, we have done wickedly! <sup>16</sup> "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, **I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem**, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us... <sup>18</sup> O my God, **incline Your ear and hear; open Your**

**eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You** because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.

<sup>19</sup> **O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."**

What a prayer of confession! What a vulnerability! What transparency! What a sense of responsibility!

Pleading "not guilty" for the things for which we are guilty has been the go-to ever since the fall of humanity. If you know the story, Adam and Eve knew they were so guilty that they ran away from God and tried to find a place to hide. Then when God called to them and questioned them concerning their egregious act, Adam tried to blame Eve and Eve, the serpent, and together blamed God for making the serpent. So it was God's fault, they claim (Genesis 3). But blaming does not help.

If we want to get rid of our curses, we must confess. As the apostle John reminds us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9 NKJV).

### TOWN WATCH (Continued from page 10)

her and her car on a Rock Springs Road front lawn Aug. 30. She was also charged with operating an unregistered car and failing to provide proof of insurance plus refusing to be fingerprinted and refusing to take an alcohol analyzer test and was released Sept. 1.

West Orange Public Schools administrators, by Sept. 6 "First Day of School," had LMS Assistant Principal Stephen Olshasky and Edison Middle School Sixth Grade Principal Xavier Fitzgerald handle what would have been her duties. Her name and presence were removed from the school and WOPS district websites.

It is not immediately known whether Olshasky or Fitzgerald will be promoted to full-time LMS principal. It is the latest in several WOPS key administrative personnel moves.

The school board has appointed township resident and outgoing West New York Memorial High School Principal Oscar Guerre-

ro as West Orange High School's next principal as of Nov. 20. Ten-year WOHS principal Hayden Moore has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent to Interim Superintendent Dr. C. Lauren Schoen Nov. 1-June 30, 2023; Moore will succeed Schoen as superintendent in earnest on July 1.

**SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD** - Friends and relatives of the late Moussa Fofana plus officials from South Orange and Maplewood have one more opportunity to influence N.J. Superior Court-Newark Judge Ronald Wigler's sentencing of Fofana's killer on Nov. 16.

Wigler, in a Sept. 22 hearing, accepted a plea bargain between the Essex County Prosecutor's Office and Yohan Hernandez, 20, of Newark. Hernandez, who has been in custody since August 2021, is accused of fatally shooting Fofana, 17, and injuring a fellow student-athlete during a June 6, 2021 encounter on Underhill Field.

Hernandez, before Wigler, pleaded guilty

to first-degree aggravated manslaughter plus second-degree aggravated assault and unlawful possession of a handgun. He and ECPO attorneys have agreed that he will be serving up to 15 years' state imprisonment.

Hernandez is to serve at least 85 percent of his sentence under the No Early Release Act. The non-U.S. citizen will be deported afterwards. His DNA will be kept on file "for possible use in solving any other case."

Wigler, responding to the at-capacity courtroom gallery audience, granted an unprecedented allowance for Fofana's relatives to speak at the plea bargain hearing. Victims' families are normally allowed to speak and file impact statements at sentencing.

Those who spoke Sept. 22 said that the 15 year prison term was insufficient. and urged Wigler to reject the deal and make the sentence 30 years. Mother Hawa and father Yasshe Fofana, who said that they were not informed of the plea deal by ECPO in advance, were among the speakers. A 1,600-

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**BEATTY FAIR**

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Initial registrants also received a Newark Beth Israel bag holding its current issue of "Healthy Together" and hospital handouts.

The 19th annual Beatty fair is also the second consecutive one sited in Porter (formerly St. Peters) Recreational Complex. The Sept. 12, 2020 was held virtually or all-online.

The previous 16 fairs took up a block of Beatty Way - or Osborne Street between Lyons Avenue and Lehigh avenues - between Newark Beth Israel's wings. That was before COVID and the current hospital construction project had intervened.

"When we chose to bring back the (physical) fair, the City of Newark, through now-Councilman Patrick Council, offered us space at the Porter Center," said Atiya Jaha-Rashidi, the hospital's VP of Community Affairs and Chief

Equity Officer. "It's one of several collaborations among the medical center, the city and our community partners."

The Rev. Council was Newark's Deputy Mayor of Recreation, Senior Services and Cultural Affairs last year. A majority of participating South Ward voters have since selected him as their councilman.

"Local Talk" nodded in agreement, remembering their joint July 6, 2021 grand opening of a half-scale regulation soccer field in the Porter Center's southeast quarter. That collaboration was with PDA Urban Initiative, who has gone on to open two similar fields in Belleville.

Jaha-Rashidi doubled as the stage's MC Saturday, remembering Alma Beatty between reminding fairgoers of particular attractions and, in the last hour, calling out raffle prize drawing numbers.

Beatty, who started the inaugural fair in 2003, was NBIMC's first community relations veep. Osborne Terrace's southernmost

block was honorarily renamed for her in 2012 - three years before her death.

The hospital complex had meanwhile started a \$150 million Newark Strong renovation and expansion project Oct. 20, 2020. The project will feature a new 17,000-square-foot glass fronted main lobby, new drop-off sites, a more visible Emergency Department entrance and new Geriatric and Critical Care departments when completed.

"The renovation will increase our hospital footprint," said Jaha-Rashidi. "Josloff Glass, a woman-owned South Ward business, is providing the glass. Turner Construction, our general contractor, has gone into our community for school career fairs and for local career preparation programs."

Jaha-Rashidi, when asked on whether the fair will return to Alma Beatty Way post-construction, shook her head.

"Being at the Porter Center brings us into the community we serve," she said. "More people

are coming into the fair."

There was no 10-foot-diameter inflatable colon to walk through as in 2018 - but most of the regular exhibitors have returned.

One can expect "The Beth"-provided blood pressure and diabetes screenings, information ranging from nutrition to stroke awareness and making appointments for colon cancer screenings. There was also the Newark YM/WCA's mobile van on the grounds.

There were, however, some new additions.

NBIMC's nutrition center, for example, included a single-table farmer's market. Jaha-Rashidi proudly said that the fruit and vegetables were grown in The Beth Greenhouse at Osborne and Lehigh avenues.

The South Ward Promise Neighborhood made an appearance. Alpharetta, Ga.-based Grace Rose Health Consultants introduced itself to local Medicare or Medicaid beneficiaries

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The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

*My biggest adjustment when becoming a firefighter was adjusting to being at the firehouse overnights and not being with my babies. - Crissy Nicholas*

Say it ain't so... The cat is finally out of the bag! Just to think that for all these years during those late nights when those lights were out in the front of the house in passing or by happenchance on one of those super early morns as whizzing by.

I thought that work gear had been prepped just before the counting of those sheep and you fighters of the house were likely in a full snore with gear next to beds to avoid the scramble during the sounding of those alarms when making that run for that pole. Ironically being a person who has oftentimes worked those overnight shifts.



Firefighter Crissy Nicholas. Photos By Andrea Dialect

For some reason and I don't know why I thought that a good light sleep had been a part of that in-depth training in-which was part of the protocol. But, I've been told that it's 24 hours on and 24 hours off. Meaning you guys are all wide-eyed and bushy-tailed and on the lookout for them alarms, bells, whistles, or whatever choose to come?

It has to have been television now that I think about it. But seemingly no matter what state or city I'd been when spotting houses that house those community servants that extinguish fires. Its appearance is as quiet as it is kept during those late nights.

Forgive me for I have sinned and even more so just knowing that you guys are on standby 24/7 for us makes all the difference. Thank you for your contribution to our world. (As I bow) But just pull the lights up around the place why don't ya, IJS lol!

BOOTS, LADDERS & RIGS

"Life has a way of making those tables turn and as so things changed suddenly for me when getting hit by that car. It was a rainy night and I was crossing the street. I saw the gentlemen at the corner at the red light and my intuition told me to walk in the crosswalk. I noticed that he was on his cell phone and I was almost there at the end of that crosswalk but he was too close and he hit me.

"I fell onto my left hip and that was that. I remember just lying there and at the time I can remember this lady being very adamant about me giving her my purse. She kept asking for it and I told her "No, I don't know you!" The cop that was there was looking at me like "Don't give that woman your purse!" Let's just say that I was alert enough to know not to do that lol.

"The ambulance showed up and they put the neck brace on me and put me on a backboard because its procedure. When I got to the hospital they told me

that I didn't have anything broken but I knew that I was feeling pain so I went to a chiropractor and I started physical therapy right away. But I was told by someone that you shouldn't do physical therapy not knowing what was wrong so I had an MRI and they found out that I had three slipped discs in my neck and two in my lower back.

I remember one day coming home from PT calling out to God and asking him, "What am I going to do to take care of my family?"...

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signature petition was also presented to the judge.

"A family should never, ever equate a number to the value of a loved one, because that's not at all what's going on here," said Wigler. "What's entered into the equation is ultimately what the attorneys...believe what the strengths and the weaknesses of a given case (are)."

**BLOOMFIELD** - A 17-year-old township boy, accused of firing a gun near Hillside High School Sept. 19, remains in Union County juvenile custody - along with a 17-year-old boy from Irvington and a 16-year-old Hillside boy.

Hillside Police Chief Vincent Ricciardi

said that his officers had responded to reports of "a large fight and shots fired" by the intersection of Liberty Avenue and Ryan Street at 3 p.m. that Monday. 3 p.m. was just after HHS' dismissal bell and the intersection is by the school.

Hillside High and its neighboring area went into a lockdown while HPD officers arrived. Township detectives soon found the suspected shooter from Bloomfield and one of the other two teens; the third suspect's apprehension soon followed. Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 and crime scene units assisted.

HPD detectives meanwhile found shell casings, a gun and "other evidence" by 5 p.m. The lockdown was then lifted.

Ricciardi added that there were no gunshot injuries or serious injuries from the

fight. How and why the Bloomfielder and the Irvingtonian came to the HHS area is part of the continuing investigation.

**GLEN RIDGE** - Borough elders have chosen Montclair to more than renew its fire suppression services contract here Sept 12 - should Montclair's Township Council accept the new 10-to-15-year contract.

Borough Council members, except for the absent Peter Hughes, unanimously approved its Resolution 133-22 that Monday night, ending a month of reviewing bids from both the Montclair and Bloomfield fire departments. They had chosen Montclair as "the lowest responsible bidder."

Montclair, which has been providing fire suppression plus alarm and extinguisher in-

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**TOWN WATCH**

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spection since 1990, is more than continuing the interlocal service.

Glen Ridge is to pay an increasing annual 2023-32 payment, which increases from \$850,000 next year to \$1.4 million in 2032. There is also a five year, 2033-37 renewal option, which is to top out at \$1,705,556.

The borough has had an interlocal service agreement with MFD since disbanding its own fire department in 1990. The service contract appears to have separated itself from the George Washington Field agreement with Montclair, which is also due for a Dec. 31 renewal.

Montclair's elders are to decide on the agreement, as its own Resolution R-22-201, on its Sept. 28 agenda. Glen Ridge Council members were scheduled to approve Sept. 12's meeting minutes, including their agreement approval, Sept. 27.

**MONTCLAIR** - The township's Fire Investigation Unit, as of press time, has been looking for the cause of a Sept. 25 Upper Montclair house fire that routed four occupants and mustered first responders from nine other towns.

The first Montclair Fire Department units, who came to 192 Inwood Ave. at about 1 p.m. Sunday, found flames coming out of the 2.5-story wood frame house's first floor windows. They have also found three adult residents who had fled from the 1920-build structure.

The MFD on-scene incident commander called for a second alarm and for mutual aid by 1:21 p.m. Fire engine, ladder and/or rescue units from Belleville, Bloomfield, East Orange, Orange, West Orange, Verona, Cedar Grove and Clifton were called to the southwest corner of Inwood and Norwood avenues and/or the township's three stations.

West Orange, for example, was called for its ladder truck to help MFD's own ladder truck to vent 192 Inwood's roof and combat smoke. Belleville and Cedar Grove were rotated between the scene and the stations.

"Local Talk," at 2:45 p.m., noticed an EOFFD ladder truck leaving Montclair Fire Headquarters east on Bloomfield Avenue. A unit each from Orange, Belleville and Verona remained on the headquarters' apron.

Montclair Ambulance EMS and the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance crew gave oxygen to a cat who had suffered smoke inhalation. The feline, who recovered and was reunited with its human, was the only reported injury. Montclair Police provided local traffic control.

**BELLEVILLE** - A township man has begun serving his seven-year state prison

sentence for his part in a 2021 Newark gas station armed robbery since Sept. 21.

State Superior Court-Newark Judge Patrick J. Arre handed down his sentence that Wednesday onto Jose Rivera. A criminal court jury, on July 8, had found Rivera, 58, guilty of second-degree robbery.

Rivera was found guilty and was sentenced for using force on an attendant of a Pennsylvania Avenue service station Sept. 18, 2021. The victim turned over his entire proceeds - \$850 cash - to Rivera before the latter fled on foot.

Arre, on Sept. 21, did not let Rivera's 17 prior convictions factor into his sentencing ECPO attorneys, citing Rivera's past record, had wanted an extended prison sentence. Rivera, under the No Early Release Act, must serve at least 85 percent of his prison term.

Rivera was one of two people perpetrating the strong arm robbery. The other suspect was never identified and remains at large.

**NUTLEY / CLIFTON** - What was called "the 300-day" project to replace the Kingsland Street or Road bridge July 21, 2021 over the Third River between Nutley and Clifton has gone into "overtime" due to the bankruptcy of its general contractor.

Essex County Commissioners, who call the thoroughfare "Kingsland Street," and their Passaic County colleagues, who call it "Kingsland Road," have put out new joint bids for a new contractor since Assuncao Brothers, of Edison, had filed a petition in U.S. Federal Court-Newark Aug. 3 for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Work on the 101-year-old span halted the same day and Assunaco has since withdrawn its work equipment. The bankruptcy court has issued a consent order on Sept. 26. The court, in between, had been mediating between the constructor and its creditors.

There is supposedly a performance bonding company, whom Assunaco had bonded funds to, that was to also find a new contractor. The general contractor replacement is the latest of a train of delays that has beset the project by River Road and the Clifton Commons shopping center for several years.

Hurricane-turned-Tropical Storm Ida, which had flooded the area Sept. 1-2, 2021, was the previous latest delay. The COVID-19 pandemic had put off the project's start in 2020.

Passaic County first delayed initial work on the Kingsland bridge in 2019 so that Essex County can complete its work on Nutley's nearby Centre Street Bridge - which also spans the Third River.

NJDOT had awarded the bicounty project \$2,245,960 in 2018 under its Local Bridges Future Needs grant program.

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with its "savings programs."

The fair at Porter had an apparent neighborhood effect on Hobson Street. Residents of that block held a street party that afternoon. It is not known whether block residents took advantage of Saturday's warm weather or foot traffic coming from the fair.

Arriving at the Alma Beatty fair at its last hour here at Porter, however, did not carry over from Osborne Terrace.

Some of the exhibitors began to pack up after 3 p.m., making latecomers' attempts to complete their passports futile. The winning numbers were drawn on stage by 3:30 p.m.

Hospital workers loaded the wide television screen onto a pickup truck for delivery to its winner. They also drained the cooler that once held free bottles of water.

The contracted face painter meanwhile stayed until the last of the 18 children and adults were served.

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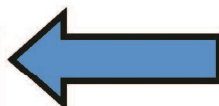
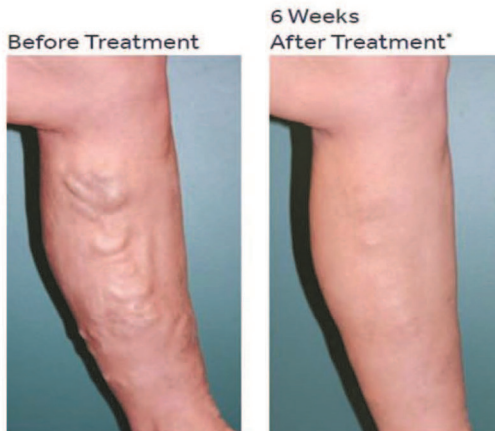
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