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## LOCAL ELECTIONS YIELD NO MAJOR SHAKEUPS

By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - "Local Talk" voters as of 2:22 p.m. Nov. 9, unofficially tended to reflect statewide and national voting trends.

There were some split tickets and some new faces voted in on the federal through municipal/school board levels. The participating registered voters, however, tended to stick with who and what they knew - incumbents.

The tallies remain unofficial. Vote By Mail Ballots need to be received by the Essex County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Building at 495 King Blvd. before 4 p.m. Nov. 14.

There is also a two week clock running since the polls' 8 p.m. Nov. 8 closing. That fortnight is reserved for any challenges and/or recounts.

Essex County Clerk Christopher Durkin reported Wednesday afternoon that 541 of the 565 voting machines deployed across its 21 municipalities were used or had reported their results.

Durkin also reported, however, that 163,842 ballots had been cast or received so far from the county's 563,142 registered voters. The participation rate comes out to 29.09 percent.

### U.S. CONGRESS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Eighth Congressional District (Newark's East and North Wards, Union County's Elizabeth and 10 Hudson County towns*

*whole or in part).*

Robert J. "Rob" Menendez, Jr., (D-Englewood) was elected to succeed the retiring Albio Sires (D-W. New York) as its congressman by an almost four-to-one ratio.

Menendez, in Essex County, as of 2:22 p.m. Nov. 9, drew 5,778 votes for 77.14 percent. Marcos Arroyo (R-W. New York) had the second-highest county tally at 1,472 votes or 19.65 percent.

Socialist Workers Party candidate Joanne Kuriansky, of W. New York, mustered 85 votes for 1.13 percent. Labor Party candidate Pablo Olivera, of Newark, almost broke through the "one percent barrier" with 69 votes or .92 percent.

Hoboken Libertarian Dan Delaney, at 34 or .45; David W. Cook (People Over Parties, Kearny), at 31 or .41, and John V. Salerno (Truth and Merit-Jersey City), at 21 or .28, completed the ballot.

*10th CD (Rest of Newark, Irvington, East Orange, Orange, Montclair's Fourth Ward, three "West Essex" towns and eight Union County towns whole or in part):*

Donald M. Payne, Jr. (D-Newark) was re-elected by an over eight-to-one ratio in the county. Payne pulled 52,006 or 84.92. David H. Pinckney (R-

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*Congresswoman Mikie Sherill was among the incumbents who won reelection*



*Congressman Donald Payne, Jr. was also among those reelected*

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

As of now, we are still waiting on the results of the 2022 Election on the national stage. According to The Wall Street Journal as of Nov. 9 at 3 pm, the Republicans gained enough seats in the House to have a majority. However, Senate control is still up for grabs. According to a Georgia rule, any candidate (including U.S. Senate) must have 50% plus 1 vote to be declared the winner, otherwise there will be a runoff election for the top two contenders. As of this writing, Democratic candidate Raphael Warnock has received the most votes

(1,941,476 - 49.4%) and Republican Herschel Walker received the next most votes (1,906,230 - 48.5%). Libertarian candidate Chase Oliver received 81,174 votes, which was enough to block Warnock and Walker from getting more than 50% of the vote, so a runoff election in Georgia will be held on December 6, 2022.

The senate is very closely divided between the Democrats and the Republicans. Everyone's eye will be on the December 6th election, which may decide who will control the senate. As you all know, resolutions and new ideas have no meaning with our elected officials. It is not the resolution that matters, but who introduced the resolution and which party boss has supported the resolution. They vote like little five-year-old children and just say yes or no according to

the party bosses. In my opinion, this is not democracy. I said it before and I'll say it again, there should be BLIND VOTING. We must trust our elected officials and let them vote with their own conscience on the basis of the subject - not the party bosses.

In this election, the country is divided more than before. The majority of the democrats vote for the democratic candidate, regardless of their ability to serve people and the republican registered votes vote for the Republican, also regardless of their ability to serve people. People are naïve and the politicians knows how to sell their ideas.

Tom Kean Jr., the son of former popular New Jersey governor Tom Kean Sr., has won against two term incumbent Tom Malinowski. Last year, they redrew the 7th District to lean more towards Republicans to

push other districts of vulnerable Democratic incumbents. Tom Kean Jr. received 153,082 votes while Tom Malinowski received 139,404 votes.

Locally, Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo (120,713 votes) won by a landslide against his republican opponent Adam Kraemer (30,711 votes).

A 93 year old pedestrian was killed in an accident in East Orange. Lately, there have been more fatal accidents. Cities and administrations should start educating people on how to drive and print easy explanations for the safety of driving for themselves and others as well.

*Have a wonderful week.*

*I'll talk to you next week.*

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<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
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**RESULTS 2022**

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Irvington) was next up with 7,827 or 12.78.

Glen Ridger Cynthia A. Johnson, under her "Jobs and Justice" banner, placed third at 1,001 or 1.63. Bayonne Libertarian Kendal Ledden received 227 or .37. Rev. Clenard Howard Childress, Jr. (Mahali Party-Montclair) completed the field at 181 or .30.

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

Mikie Sherrill (D-Montclair) outdrew Paul DeGroot (R-Montville) in Essex County by a nearly three-to-one ratio. Sherrill was re-elected with 64,503 or 70.62. DeGroot tallied 26,079 or 28.57.

Libertarian Joseph Biasco, of Lincoln Park, received 736 or .81. Biasco had quit the race on Nov. 6 and endorsed

DeGroot.

**SPECIAL STATE SENATE 28 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT ELECTION** (Irvington, Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, Nutley, parts of Newark's West, North and South wards):

Incumbent appointee Renee C. Burgess (D-Irvington) was elected to complete the retired Ron C. Rice's term by nearly four-to-one.

Burgess, a former Irvington Council President, garnered 28,969 or 77.48. Challenger Joy Bembry Freeman (R-Irvington) got 8,419 or 22.52.

**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Countywide voters helped extend Joseph N. DiVincenzo (D-Roseland)'s record incumbency by nearly four-to-one.

DiVincenzo drew 124,158 among all 22 Essex County municipalities for 79.98. Adam Kraemer (R-West Orange) carried 31,081 for 20.02.

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RACES**

**WEST ORANGE**

A majority of participating registered voters picked a successor to Mayor Robert Parisi from among four current or former Township Council members and picked two newcomers to the council.

Council President Susan McCartney is to become mayor Jan. 1 thanks to 4,314 or 31.44. Councilwoman Cindy Matute-Brown was second-best at 3,511 or 25.59.

Rev. William "Bill" Rutherford registered third place at 3,139 or 22.88. Former councilman Joseph Krakoviak completed 2,756 or 20.09.

Asmeret Ghebremichael and Susan Scarpa were elected to the Township Council from a four-candidate field. Ghebremichael garnered 7,192 or 34.12. Scarpa secured the second seat with 5,364 or 25.45. Ron Charles came in third at 4,684 or 22.22. William Michael Barbee tallied 3,087 or 18.20

**MONTCLAIR**

A majority of township voters, in their first-ever November school board election, filled three board seats with an incumbent and two challengers and approved a school construction bond referendum.

Second-time runner Yvonne W. Bourknight secured a MBOE seat by becoming the night's top vote-getter. The Transparency, Equity, Diversity candidate drew 9,242 or 30.39.

Brian Fleischer's first-time run yielded the second seat at 7,790 or 25.62. Mfeke "Monk" Inyang, who was first elected in a special March election, received his first three-year term. Inyang tallied 6,885 or 22.64. Noah Gale (Protect Special Education) garnered 6,494 or 21.35.

Montclair voters also approved the \$187.7 million School Bond Construction Public Question by over four-to-one. 11,153 voters, or 84.1 percent, said "Yes." 2,123, or 15.99, said "No."

**ORANGE**

A majority of city voters split the two competing tickets to fill their three school board seats.

Incumbent Shawneque Johnson led the night's vote tally and her Children's Future Matters ticket with 2,362 or 29.34. Former Orange Board of Education President and Parents for Excellence team leader Tyrone J. Tarver was returned by 1,949 and 19.29. Incumbent Sueann Gravesande secured the third OBOE seat with 1,357 or 16.86. Anthony S. Nimley (Parents for Excellence) placed third at 1,261 or 15.66. Guadalupe Cabio (Children's Future Matters completed the field at 1,121 or 13.93.

**WEST ORANGE**

A majority of township voters kept the sole incumbent and picked a first-termer from a field of three. Jennifer Tunnicliffe became the night's top vote-getter by tallying 6,947 or 39.65.

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**MAPLEWOOD**

Deborah Engel was elected unopposed to this year's sole open Township Committee seat. Engel drew all 7,972 votes.

**BLOOMFIELD**

Mayor Michael Venezia and his at-large council team rolled to unchallenged victory. Venezia was "100 percent" at 9,270.

Dr. Wartyna "Tina" Davis was the top council vote-getter at 8,690 or 33.96. Ted Gamble followed with 8,486 or 33.17. Richard Rockwell rounded out the field at 8,411 or 32.87.

**GLEN RIDGE**

Incumbents and Civic Conference Committee endorses Peter Hughes and Richard Law were re-elected to their Borough Council seats. Hughes topped the borough tallies with 1,971 or 50.81. Law was served with 1,908 or 49.19.

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# SPORTS WRAP

By William Hathaway, Jr.

The 2022 college basketball season came to life in South Orange, as the Seton Hall University Lady Pirates beat local rival Saint Peter's from the MAAC Conference 73-39. Seton Hall is coming off a great season in program history with 24 wins and even made it to the WNIT National Championship. Forward Sidney Cooks put up a true double-double for the Pirates with 16 points and 16 rebounds, while ShaLynn Hagans scored 16 points, Kae Satterfield netted 12 points, and Lauren Park Lane added 11 points, four assists, and two steals. The Hall forced 27 turnovers in the game and outscored St. Peter's 17-4 in the 2nd quarter. Seton Hall outrebounded St. Peter's 46-30, as they will head off to play rival Rutgers on Friday.

The New Jersey high school playoffs are winding down to the finish, and some Essex County teams are still in the mix. The West Orange football program won a big game this past Friday at Ridgewood 34-31 in overtime. WOHS will now head to the Group 5 sectional championship against Phillipsburg. Running back Adonis White and Rayel Hunter led

West Orange with three touchdowns in the game while winning touchdown was scored by Saboor Karriem.

Meanwhile, another Essex County team is headed to a sectional championship in North Jersey Group One. Weequahic beat Butler 45-28 at home and will host Cedar Grove in the sectional final, looking to improve upon their 9-1 record. Unfortunately, the Irvington Blue Knights' quest to repeat came up short, suffering a stunning home upset to Northern Highlands in a 17-13 loss.

In the NFL, the Giants had their bye week, so the Jets got to shine on their own. And shine they did, by beating AFC East leading Buffalo at home 20-17.

Finally, congratulations are in order for the Houston Astros, who won the 2022 World Series 4-2 over the Philadelphia Phillies. Jeremy Pena, who was brought in to replace Carlos Correa at shortstop, took MVP honors as Houston avenged its Series to the Braves last year in winning their second title in six years. The win also marked the first title win for manager Dusty Baker. There is no word on if the Astros cheated this time.



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The Public Hearings will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 (Session 1- 9:00 to 11:00 am) and (Session 2 - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm) at Orange Township City Hall- 29 North Day Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Public Works Conference Room - Orange, New Jersey. Application instructions can be picked up from the City Hall Security Desk – 1<sup>st</sup> fl.

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## CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT RING SMASHED

### UNITED STATES

Federal, state, and local law enforcement partners from across the United States executed a nationwide, coordinated takedown of leaders and associates of a national network of thieves, dealers, and processors for their roles in conspiracies involving stolen catalytic converters sold to a metal refinery for tens of millions of dollars.

Arrests, searches, and seizures took place in California, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, and Virginia. In total, 21 individuals in five states have been arrested and/or charged for their roles in the conspiracy.

The 21 defendants are charged in two separate indictments that were unsealed in the Eastern District of California and the Northern District of Oklahoma following extensive law enforcement arrest and search operations. In addition to the indictments, over 32 search warrants were executed, and law enforcement seized millions of dollars in assets, including homes, bank accounts, cash, and luxury vehicles.

“Amidst a rise in catalytic converter thefts across the country, the Justice Department has today carried out an operation arresting 21 defendants and executing 32 search warrants in a nation-wide takedown of a multimillion-dollar catalytic converter theft network,” said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. “We will continue to work alongside our state and local partners to disrupt criminal conspiracies like this one that target the American people.”

Catalytic converters are a component of an automotive ve-

hicle's exhaust device that reduce the toxic gas and pollutants from a vehicle's internal combustion engine into safe emissions. Catalytic converters use precious metals in their center, or “core”, and are regularly targeted for theft due to the high value of these metals, especially the precious metals palladium, platinum, and rhodium. Some of these precious metals are more valuable per ounce than gold and their value has been increasing in recent years. The black-market price for catalytic converters can be above \$1,000 each, depending on the type of vehicle and what state it is from. They can be stolen in less than a minute.

Additionally, catalytic converters often lack unique serial numbers, VIN information, or other distinctive identification features, making them difficult to trace to their lawful owner. Thus, the theft of catalytic converters has become increasingly popular because of their value, relative ease to steal, and their lack of identifying markings.

A federal grand jury in the Eastern District of California returned a 40-count indictment charging nine defendants with conspiracy to transport stolen catalytic converters, conspiracy to commit money laundering, and other related charges.

According to court documents, brothers Tou Sue Vang, 31, and Andrew Vang, 27, and Monica Moua, 51, all of Sacramento, California, allegedly operated an unlicensed business from their personal residence in Sacramento where they bought stolen catalytic converters from local thieves and shipped them to DG Auto Parts LLC (DG Auto) in New Jersey for processing. The Vang family allegedly sold over \$38 million in stolen catalytic converters to DG Auto.

Defendants Navin Khanna, aka Lovin Khanna, 39; Tinu Khanna, aka Gagan Khanna, 35; Daniel Dolan, 44; Chi Mo, aka David Mo, 37; Wright Louis Mosley, 50; and Ishu Lakra, 24, all of New Jersey, operated DG Auto in multiple locations in New Jersey. They knowingly

purchased stolen catalytic converters and, through a “decanning” process, extracted the precious metal powders from the catalytic core. DG Auto sold the precious metal powders it processed from California and elsewhere to a metal refinery for over \$545 million.

A federal grand jury in the Northern District of Oklahoma returned a 40-count indictment charging 13 defendants with conspiracy to receive stolen catalytic converters, conspiracy to commit money laundering, and other related charges.

According to court documents, together the defendants bought stolen catalytic converters from thieves on the street, then re-sold and shipped them to DG Auto in New Jersey for processing. Over the course of the conspiracy, defendant Tyler James Curtis received over \$13 million in wired funds from DG Auto for the shipment of catalytic converters and received over \$500,000 from Capital Cores for catalytic converters.

Defendant Adam G. Sharkey received over \$45 million in wired funds from DG Auto. And defendant Martynas Macerauskas received over \$6 million in payments from DG Auto for catalytic converters. In all these incidents, most of the catalytic converters sold to DG Auto were stolen, and DG Auto knew or should have known that when they paid for them.

The 13 defendants are Navin Khanna, 39, of Holmdel, New Jersey; Adam Sharkey, 26, of West Islip, New York; Robert Gary Sharkey, 57, of Babylon, New York; Tyler James Curtis, 26, of Wagoner, Oklahoma; Benjamin Robert Mansour, 24, of Bixby, Oklahoma; Reiss Nicole Biby, 24, of Wagoner, Oklahoma; Martynas Macerauskas, 28, of Leila Lake, Texas; Kristina McKay Macerauskas, 21, of Leila Lake, Texas; Parker Star Weavel, 25, of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Shane Allen Minnick, 26, of Haskell, Oklahoma; Ryan David LaRue, 29, of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; Brian Pate Thomas, 25, of Choteau, Oklahoma; and Michael Anthony Rhoden, 26, of

Keifer, Oklahoma.

Several branches of law enforcement in New Jersey, including the FBI Office in Newark, assisted in the case.

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

## UK SENDS MORE MISSILES TO UKRAINE

### EUROPE

On Nov. 9, British Defense Secretary Ben Wallace has announced that the UK will shortly complete the delivery of approximately 1,000 additional surface to air missiles to the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU). This comes in response to Ukrainian requests for more air defense capabilities, and the missiles will play a vital role in the provision of air defense for Ukraine and the protection of its critical infrastructure which is being continually targeted by Russia.

The missiles can be used in conjunction with existing Armed Forces of Ukraine capabilities. The equipment consists of launchers and missiles and is capable of shooting down air targets, including Russian drones and cruise missiles.

“This commitment of hundreds more surface to air missiles continues our defensive support for Ukraine against Russian aggression - and will help Ukraine counter the threat from illegal targeting of critical national infrastructure,” Defense Secretary Wallace said.

The announcement comes as Defense Secretary has today visited two training sites where over 7,400 Ukrainian recruits have been trained by UK forces alongside eight partner nations.

At the sites being used for training, the Defense Secretary welcomed the NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, and his counterparts from the Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF) nations, some of whom were able to see their own military personnel conducting the training.

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EAST ORANGE CELEBRATES CENTENARIAN CITIZEN

Photo Courtesy City of East Orange



**EAST ORANGE** - November 3, 2022: Mayor Ted R. Green joined family and friends for a drive-by celebration to wish a very Happy Birthday to Vashti White, who turned 106 on November 3, 2022!

On behalf of the City of East Orange, Mayor Green gifted Mrs. White with a personal portrait by Artist Kojo Aidoo, a bouquet of flowers and a proclamation with blessings for continued good health and happiness. The celebration was held at the very home White built with her husband and brother more than 70 years ago.

A spry 106, White has inspired thousands over the years with her generous nature, sage wisdom and loving spirit. Originally from Virginia, she migrated to New Jersey and started her first job as a live-in maid at the age of 16. She later went on to earn her Bachelor and Master of Arts Degrees in Business Distributive Education from Montclair State University in 1972 and 1975, respectively.

A retired teacher and administrator, Mrs. White worked at East Orange High School, Essex County College and Montclair State University throughout her educational career. She also is a faithful parishioner of Elmwood United Presbyterian Church and an active civic leader who graciously volunteers her time to positively uplift the members of our community.

When asked her secret to a long, healthy life, Mrs. White said two simple things: a good diet and helping others.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON DEATH OF NEW JERSEY RESIDENT LINKED TO MONKEYPOX**

**TRENTON** - Monkeypox was found to be a contributing factor in the October death of a New Jersey resident with a history of underlying medical conditions, the New Jersey Department of Health announced today. This is the first reported death in New Jersey tied to monkeypox.

The individual, a Northern New Jersey resident, was confirmed to have had monkeypox in mid-September. No additional details are available due to privacy concerns.

Cases of monkeypox have been declining over the past weeks in New Jersey. However, it is important to note that the disease is still circulating, and in some cases, may cause severe illness or death. Those at risk of severe disease include people with weakened immune systems, children especially those under 8 years old, pregnant or nursing people, and individuals with certain conditions that affect skin integrity.

While risk has remained low for the general public, it is important for individuals who may be most at risk to get vaccinated in advance of exposure. The two-dose monkeypox vaccine can help prevent monkeypox, or reduce severity of the disease. Free vaccines are available at community partner vaccination sites throughout the state. Individuals should continue to take precautions to further reduce the spread of monkeypox.

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**ESSEX COUNTY WEEKLY COVID-19 CASE TALLY**

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Belleville	13,103	156	13,163	156
Bloomfield	14,569	168	14,645	168
Caldwell	1,995	18	2,004	18
Cedar Grove	4,664	139	4,707	140
City of Orange	9,623	176	9,681	176
East Orange	19,997	388	20,092	390
Essex Fells	601	2	604	2
Fairfield	2,389	39	2,393	39
Glen Ridge	1,539	19	1,546	19
Irvington	13,682	282	13,759	282
Livingston	8,019	108	8,059	108
Maplewood	6,382	49	6,416	49
Millburn	4,533	18	4,546	18
Montclair	8,542	91	8,591	91
Newark	92,054	1,273	92,330	1,274
North Caldwell	1,767	10	1,771	10
Nutley	7,859	88	7,895	88
Roseland	1,693	26	1,699	26
South Orange	4,243	22	4,262	22
Verona	4,017	25	4,035	25
West Caldwell	3,324	67	3,332	67
West Orange	15,914	270	15,985	270
<b>Total</b>	<b>240,509</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>241,515</b>	<b>3,438</b>

**OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of November 9, 2022)**  
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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** - The suspect who shot and wounded two Newark police officers at 25 Van Velsor Place Nov. 1 has pleaded not guilty Nov. 9 on an additional charge of unlawful weapons possession via closed circuit television

Kendall Howard, 30, of East Orange had pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted murder, eluding and weapons possession before N.J. Superior Judge Michael J. Ravin from his Essex County Correctional Center Zoom portal Nov. 3. An NPD SWAT team had arrested Howard from 25 Van Velsor 11 a.m. Nov. 2 - 22 hours after shooting Offs. Jabil Paul and Johnny Aquino.

Paul, who was shot in his left leg, was released from Newark's University Hospital to police applause. Aquino, whose neck was grazed by a bullet that had then lodged in his shoulder, was released Nov. 4.

Paul and Aquino said they came to 25 Van Velsor on a 911 call of Howard's presence there - and found him in the address' rear parking lot. They first told the book-reading Howard not to move and, after the latter's repeated failures to obey, ordered him to lie down on the ground. He, instead, started walking away - which was when the officers "physically intervened."

One of the officers' body camera recordings has Howard taking a gun from his right pants pocket, pointing it at Aquino's face and firing a round. Other local surveillance camera footage showed a civilian dragging Aquino to safety while Howard

escaped.

Arriving NPD officers drove Paul and Aquino to University Hospital. They and units from the Essex County Sheriff's Office, the State Police and two federal agencies shut down the Weequahic neighborhood while searching for Howard.

Howard was found in 25 Van Velsor Nov. 2 thanks to a tip to NPD by his mother. The SWAT team had carried him out a side door into a police car. He remains held without bail in Newark's Essex County Correctional Facility.

**IRVINGTON** - Both a Nov. 5 investigation of a Hillside man's fatal shooting here and his funeral arrangements are ongoing as of press time.

Township police told Public Safety Director Tracy Bowers and acting county prosecutor Stephens that they were responding to a 911 call from Smalley Terrace and Oak Avenue of a man lying on the ground there at 3:26 a.m. Saturday.

IPD officers and local EMS medics arrived there to find Aziz Ibn Rasheed Bell, 22, lying with a gunshot wound. Bell was pronounced dead at 3:49 a.m.

### 3 Threats to School in 72 Hours

Township and county authorities are looking for the person or two people who called three bomb threats to an Irvington Public School in three days Nov. 1-3.

Bowers, Stephens and Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura said that an anonymous caller phoned in the threats to the Union Avenue Middle School main office around Noon that Tuesday and 1:30 p.m. that Wednesday. The same or a different caller may have called in a third that Thursday afternoon.

Students and staff were evacuated by IPS security and Irvington police in an orderly manner each time. The county sheriff's bomb unit gave the "all clear" and return to class signals after not finding any suspicious packages on the property.

**EAST ORANGE** - ECPO's

Crime Scene Investigations Bureau is probing the circumstances of a fatal collision of a motor vehicle and an elderly city resident here Nov. 5.

EOPD officers told Police Chief Phyllis Bindi and their county colleagues that they were responding to a 6:30 p.m. Nov. 5 report of a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle at Central and South Arlington avenues. They found a man - later identified as Earnest Green, 93 - and the motorist at the scene.

Local medics rushed Green to University Hospital, where he was declared dead at 12:31 a.m. Sunday. Traffic, including buses on CoachUSA's No. 24 routes, were detoured during the investigation. Green's funeral arrangements have not been announced as of press time.

### Stabbing Victim Memorialized

"Local Talk" has learned that the man who was fatally stabbed in the Heritage House Apartments here Sept. 21 was given last rites in his native North Carolina.

The remains of Joshua Trashawn Mewborn, 33, were buried at Craven County's Hickman Family Cemetery, after a funeral at New Bern's St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Oct. 7. The New Bern native leaves behind parents Henry Wright III and Tammy Mewborn, son Jason Jones, daughter Jasmin Jones, sister Kennetta Mewborn and grandparents Male Mewborn, Theresa C. Jones, Thomas and Christine Mewborn, among others.

Mewborn was found in a ninth floor stairwell with multiple stab wounds from an argument with a neighbor Sept. 21. The investigation continues.

**ORANGE / WEST ORANGE** - Both Orange and West Orange can claim Peter J. Longo, who turned 100 years old Nov. 2, as more than one of their own. Longo is also among the dwindling ranks of The United States World War Two "Greatest Generation."

Patty Bolles, Peter's daughter, told "Local Talk" that her

father was born in Orange Nov. 2, 1922. Peter's father, wanting to give his children a trade, enrolled him into the Essex County Vo-Tech High School on Newark's Sussex Avenue in the late 1930s.

Peter was living with the family in Orange's Nassau Street and worked as an electrician in the Edison Industries battery factory when Uncle Sam called in 1945. He was sent off to Europe and North Africa as a tank crewman as part of the 766th Tank Battalion's Company C and was given an Army citation.

Staff Sgt. Longo, after his 25-month tour of duty and honorable discharge, met and married defense plant worker Elizabeth "Betty" Raycheck in 1946. The couple moved to 483 Cary St. in the Orange Valley to raise daughters Patty and Diane and son Peter M. Longo. Elizabeth, 92, died Dec. 30, 2017.

Longo's postwar pursuits included co-founding the Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra and fishing as far out as Alaska.

Peter Longo was guest of honor by his family and West Orange's VFW Post 376 at Orange's Bella Italia Ristorante Nov. 2, 2022. He brought some of his uniforms and memorabilia with him to the celebration.

**SOUTH ORANGE** - Users of municipal recycling services here and in Maplewood will be changing their curbside deposit times and habits once their two new contractors start collecting and marketing here on Jan. 1.

The respective Village Trustees and Township Committee, as of Nov. 2, have awarded the curbside collection contract to F. Basso, Jr. Rubbish Removal, of Irvington, and the materials marketing contract to Bayshore Recycling Co., of Keasbey. The awarding of Basso and Bayshore ended two years of temporary recycling contracting while both municipalities rethought the process.

The major coming change is that residents will be alternating weekly fiber and "commingled" recycling. Fiber - paper and cardboard - will be picked up

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**RESULTS 2022**

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Robert (For Our Kids) Ivker got the other seat with 5,559 or 31.73.

**SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD**

A majority of two-town voters swept in the "Students Come First" team over the "Doing Better Together" ticket.

Nubia Wilson led her SCF teammates and the five candidates with 9,287 or 24.92. Regina Eckert was next at 8,418 or 22.59. William R. Gifford III completed the sweep with 8,002 or 21.47. William M. Meyer (DBT) placed fourth at 5,891 or 15.81. Teammate Ritu Pancholy came in at 5,671 or 15.22.

**BLOOMFIELD**

Township voters chose two incumbents and a challenger to fill its three board seats. Former BBOE President Jill Fischman topped the field with 5,460 or 24.43.

Fellow incumbent Benjamin Morse (Together is Better) was second at 50,56 or 22.62. His teammate, Phyllis Gerber, took the last seat with 4,971 or 22.24.

Josefina Rosario-Simone brought the Strong for Kids ticket home at 4,139 or

18.52. Running mate Joshua Trojak tallied 2,726 or 12.20.

**GLEN RIDGE**

"Local Talk" will be seeking a clarification on the second-highest vote-getting candidate on the Nov. 8 ballot.

For the record, longtime incumbent Elisabeth Ginsburg topped the five candidates on the ballot with 1,965 or 26.55.

Dr. Heather Yaros-Ramos, however, received 1,942 or 26.24 for the second seat. "Local Talk," however, was informed that the incumbent withdrew from the campaign on Oct. 1 - too late to have her name removed from the ballot.

The Glen Ridge Board of Education was to appoint Yaros-Ramos' interim successor, good only until Jan. 1 at their Nov. 9 meeting past deadline.

First-time runner Tricia Akinwande received the third-highest tally at 1,727 or 23.34. Darius K. Dehard, on his own GR Parents Alliance ticket, was next at 1,070 or 14.46. Steven (Common Sense Candidate) Lord completed the field at 696 or 9.41.

**BELLEVILLE**

"A Better Belleville" slate of two incumbents and a newcomer swept the three board seats.

Incumbent Luis Antonio Muniz, Jr. topped the night's tallies at 3,111 or 23.63. Board of Trustees President Gabrielle Bennett-Meany mustered second at 2,644 or 20.09. Teammate and first-timer Michael Louis Derro drew 2,167 or 16.46.

Lissa Missaggia (Put Children First) came in fourth at 2,078 or 15.79. Reuben Angel Rodriguez (Parents for Education) was next at 1,628 or 12.37. Michael Sheldon (\$500 Tax Rebates) rounded out the field at 1,535 or 11.66.

**NUTLEY**

Township voters filled their three board seats with two incumbents and a newcomer from among six candidates.

Former NBOE President Charles Kucinski, under his own Experience, Integrity, Stability banner, kept his seat with 3,917 or 21.85.

First-time candidate Tom (Innovative, Experienced, Invested) D'Elia came in second at 3,587 or 20.01. Theresa "Teri" Quirk, on her "Your Voice Matters" ticket, was retained by 3,268 or 18.23.

Laura Valente and her Looking Forward teammate, Andrea Pogarsky came in fourth and fifth. Valente got 2,973 or 16.59 and Pogarsky 2,146 or 11.97. Emanuele (Excellence in Education) Triggiano tallied 2,032 or 11.34.



*From  
The  
Pastor's  
Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

**Breaking The Curse By Submitting To The Spirit**

I have told the story I am about to share many times. I do not know that you have been exposed to it, but let me tell it again. My mother was walking in a particular town with my youngest sister when a hoaxer approached her and said, "Lady don't you see a spirit is following your daughter."

My mother, a very Godly woman of average height and a fierce protector of her children, turned, looked the man in the eye, and said, "Sir, if a spirit is following my daughter, it is the spirit of God." Mom told us the story when she returned home and how the man immediately vanished into the crowd.

Let me connect the above to a Bible story recorded by three Gospels writers (Matthew 8:28-9:1; Mark 5:1-2; Luke 8:26-40) as it happened to Jesus. Here is Matthew's version:

When He (Jesus) had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there **met Him two demon-possessed men**, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. **And suddenly, they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of**

**God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"** Now a good way off from them, there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly, the herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea and perished in the water. Then those who kept *them* fled, and they went away into the city and told everything, including what *had happened* to the demon-possessed *men*. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged *Him* to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

The point is that demon or spirit possession is real. If you read the number of demons Jesus cast out of those he healed, you would think that everybody in that culture was a demon-possessed or spirit-possessed person. And if you read the stories of history, you will note such possessions were happening long before Jesus' time.

For example, Saul, the first king of Israel, was often demon-possessed. When the demons came upon him, he went into depression. He became so angry that his servants recommended that he find someone to play a musical instrument to chase the demons away and prevent them from attacking him. That was

how David, son of Jesse, the most outstanding harpist in Israel at the time, was taken into the palace to play for Saul.

If you do not know the story of David and Saul, read 1 Samuel 16-25 and take note that the demons on Saul were so strong that although at points David's harp soothed Saul, as David got more and more respect from the people, for his musical and other skills, Saul often flew in a jealous rage that he tried to kill David on several occasions. The end of Saul's life is unfortunate, for God rejected him as King of Israel. David was anointed king, but sadly, because Saul did not get rid of the demonic spirit, he committed suicide.

It is clear that if one does not get rid of the demonic spirits, the devil will take such one as a hostage. The sad reality is that the demon-possessed will kill themselves or be killed by the demons.

Our parents led us in worship every morning and evening and prayed for us, placing us under the protection of the divine Spirit. Thus, when Satan tried to bring the fraudster to tell her that a spirit was following her daughter, she could declare that it was the Spirit of God and not the evil spirit as the man wanted her to believe.

When the demonic spirits in the men at Gergesa called out the name of Jesus and asked him not to "trouble" them, Jesus exorcised the spirits and sent them into the swine. Yes, the swine farmers became angry because their economic life would suffer. They preferred to see the men suffering with the demonic spirits rather than being freed. So here is what I offer as the bottom line: we need to break free from

the cursed spirits affecting our lives daily.

The apostle Paul says in Romans 8:2, "For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." So here is what I offer, as a bottom line, namely that we need to be breaking the cursed spirits that are affecting our lives every day. That means asking the Lord to:

- Break the curse of the grieving spirit
- Break the curse of the foul spirit
- Break the curse of the jealous spirit
- Break the curse of the doubtful spirit
- Break the curse of the violent spirit
- Break the curse of the fearful spirit
- Break the curse of the depressive spirit
- Break the curse of the unforgiving spirit
- Break the curse of the discouraged spirit
- Break the curse of the lying spirit (tell the truth, respecting the truth)
- Break the curse of the immoral spirit
- Break the curse of the proud spirit

Only if we can break the cursed spirits will we be able to say with conviction, "No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall confute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication from me declares the Lord." (Isaiah 54:17)

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one week; plastic/glass/metal picked up together the next week. The thinking is that separating fiber from the rest of the recycling curbs paper contamination and boosts the value of all materials.

Basso and Bayshore will detail what materials will be accepted and not accepted will be spelled out by the year-end holidays.

South Orange's pickup schedule stays the same but

Maplewood's will change. The village keeps its Thursday West side and Friday east side schedule. Maplewood pickups, however, will be by to-be-announced zones Monday-Wednesday.

**MAPLEWOOD** - Neema Roshania Patel, whose journalistic light was kindled while a member of Columbia High School's "The Columbian" student newspaper, has died in a Washington, DC hospital Oct. 24.

Patel, 35, a "Washington Post" digital editor who had

founded several publications in the 2010s, had died from gastric cancer. She started "The Lily" for millennial women in 2017, the "Anxiety Chronicles" on mental health and, in 2019, "The Jessicas" 30-year study of women born in 1989.

Patel herself was born as Neema Prabhu Roshania here Sept. 28, 1987. Her immigrant parents from India worked for Metallix recycling as an electrical engineer and an accounts manager. The CHS Class of 2005 graduate had worked on "The Columbian" before enrol-

ling into Rutgers - New Brunswick.

The RU Class of 2009 graduate and "Daily Targum" correspondent used her economics and journalism degrees to intern at NJBIZ business journal and the CNBC financial news network. Patel was first in Washington as a researcher and writer for the "Kiplinger Report" and, in 2013-16, was the community news editor for Philadelphia's WHYY public radio station.

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**WORLD NEWS FLASH**

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Currently 1,900 Ukrainian recruits are in the UK taking part in the training program and will soon return to their home country. When they complete the training, they are provided with items including combat clothing, body armor and ear defense, water-proofs and sleeping bags.

Recruits are also issued with a fully stocked individual First Aid Kit after learning how to use tourniquets, field dressings and chest seals during training. Recruits leaving the UK will now be provided with extreme cold weather kits, announced by the Prime Minister, including 25,000 set of extreme cold weather clothing, 20,000 sleeping bags and 150 insulated tents.

The announcement comes in response to Ukrainian requests for more cold weather equipment. Ukraine's troops continue to battle to liberate their country from Russian forces as winter rapidly approaches, when temperatures can sink to minus 20°C and below in parts of the country.

Heavy duty sleeping bags and roll mats, combined with heated accommodation and personal winter clothing, will help to prevent cold-related injuries and ensure troops can operate effectively and efficiently.

**APPEAL MADE TO RELEASE ACTIVIST**

**AFRICA**

UN Human Rights High Commissioner Volker Türk on Nov. 8 appealed for Egypt to free a prominent blogger and activist whose life is in imminent danger following a seven-month hunger strike, that has escalated with the start of the COP27 climate summit being hosted there.

Alaa Abdel Fattah has been arrested many times over more than decade for his activism around violations perpetrated by the security forces and the use of military courts to try civilians.

"I urge the Government to immediately release Abdel Fattah from prison and provide him with the necessary medical treatment," Mr. Türk said in a statement.

Mr. Abdel Fattah, 40, is a dual British and Egyptian citizen.

The pro-democracy activist was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in 2015 and released in March 2019,

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but arrested again that September. He was then held in pre-trial detention for two years before being sentenced in December 2021 for another five years on charges of publishing false news.

Abdel Fattah began the hunger strike in April, severely limiting his calorie intake, but stepped it up on Nov. 1. He then stopped drinking water this past Sunday, the first day of the COP27 climate action conference, which is taking place in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh.

"Abdel Fattah is in great danger. His dry hunger strike puts his life at acute risk," said Mr. Türk. "My Office and other UN Human Rights Mechanisms have raised Abdel Fattah's case and the cases of other individuals arbitrarily deprived of their liberty and incarcerated after unfair trials on multiple occasion."

The UN rights chief noted that the resumption of Egypt's Presidential Pardon Committee had resulted in numerous people being released. The Committee was established in 2016 and reviews cases of prisoners held for political crimes, according to media reports.

Mr. Türk urged the authorities to fulfill their human rights obligations and immediately release all persons who have been arbitrarily detained, including those in pre-trial detention, as well as individuals who have been unfairly convicted.

"No one should be detained for exercising their basic human rights or defending those of others," he said. "I also encourage the authorities to revise all laws that restrict civic space and curtail the rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association."

# The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

## MAKE 'EM LOOK



Photo Credits: Andrea Dialect

A PIC SPEAKS LOUDER... Need I say more? I was quite intrigued by the randomly mused inspiration documented here in my pictures. I had the awesome opportunity to attend "Distorted" 'THE URBAN FASHION EXCHANGE'S Fashion Show Program by "MoonZaddy" & Mon-

ey Long108' " which was hosted by @TheVoiceofRioofficial.

The featured Designers were @MoonZaddy, TyroneChablis, @KaliKouture, ImmeClothing, @BlvckCouture, Notez973RD, @DramaSorandom, and @ChainzandDiamondsCollection

The Dance Ensembles that presented: @SnatchedAgency, @StudioE11EvenNJ. The choreography was by@3L3V3N and Model Training & Coordinating by @Muvaduck. Food was provided by @BentleysNJ.

## REPRESENT

"The first collection walk was an introduction of their models and each Model crafted and styled their individual looks by their personalities under the theme "PURGE: Fashion."

I found the "Halloween-themed show" to be quite inspiring and entertaining. Amazingly I crossed paths with numerous models and attendees that kindly became my muse on Saturday night; on today they are my fea-



tures. "Behold" ... I call them all Fabulosity!

## DID YA KNOW THAT...

\*Urban Fashion is **edgy and reflects lifestyle, attitudes and individuality**. Unlike mainstream fashion, anything goes in the urban fashion world and designers are not pressured into conforming to trends!

\* A **MODEL** is a person with a role to either promote, display, or advertise commercial products (notably fashion clothing in fashion shows) or to serve as a visual aid for people who are creating works of art or to pose for photography. Though models are predominantly female, there are also male models, especially to model clothing. Models may work professionally or casually.

\*Definition of muse - a source of inspiration.

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news," Patel once wrote. "If we don't include a diverse range of voices, we're narrowing those lanes and not reflecting the world we should be covering."

Roshania married Akshar Patel, of Kensington, Md., in 2014. They have a 3-year-old son, Abhiraj. They were members of Beltsville, Md.'s BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir.

Parents Prabhu and Mira Roshania, of Winterville, NC, sister Reshma Roshania are also among her survivors. Her memorial service was not publicly announced.

**BLOOMFIELD** - An estimated 234 men, women, children and animals took a walk in

Town Centre Oct 22 for a township youth and for a cause. The March to Protect Trans Youth honored the late Damien Lopez and to advocate for transgendered and nonbinary children.

The marchers - escorted by the Bloomfield Police Department and nine local motorcycle club riders - took an hour to take a round trip from the Mayor John Crecco Plaza north to Bloomfield High School, south on The Green's east side and east on Franklin Avenue to Municipal Plaza and back via Broad Street.

They reassembled at the plaza to hear several municipal officials, Bloomfield Public Library Director Holly Belli and representatives from several local LBGQTQ+ organizations. Jamie Vicaro, the mother of the late Lopez, closed the rally with her remarks

on her and her son's journey.

"You couldn't have told me that I'd be saying goodbye to my child 12 years after giving birth," said Vicaro. "They misgendered him. We need to validate our children for who they are."

Vicaro said that her Damien knew that he was "transgender from an early age." His internal struggle and questionable professional treatment in his last two year led to his March 5, 2021 suicide at home. Vicaro has since raised funds for the march and Damien's headstone.

A second Damien Lopez - of Newark and Garden State Equality - also spoke. The Newark Lopez talked about marching for a fellow transgender male with the same name - and to keep walking forward and not back-

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**TOWN WATCH**

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ward.

The North 13th Street County Vocational High School Class of 2015 graduate and SkillsUSA advisor has authored a children's book and has graduated from Montclair State University's Nutrition and Food Sciences program.

**MONTCLAIR** - "Save Principal Maria Francisco," is the rallying cry 20 Renaissance at Rand Middle School parents and students made before the Montclair Board of Education at the latter's Nov. 2 meeting.

Francisco was appointed Renaissance principal in the wake of Interim Principal Major Jennings' summer 2021 departure. Both Jennings and Francisco were principals while previous principal Joseph Putrino had been put on administrative leave the last two years. Putrino was on leave after he presented a video at a staff meeting that some members found offensive.

An arbitrator, on Oct. 18, had ruled that Putrino should be reinstated as principal since Montclair Public Schools was inconsistent "and therefore unjust" in comparison to a similar administrative personnel matter. MPS is meanwhile faced with appealing the arbitrator's decision to State Superior Court-Newark Law Division or modify or vacate that ruling.

**Township Man Shot Along Street**

Neither a township man's last rites nor authorities' announcing his killer here since Oct. 28, have been announced.

Responding MPD officers told Police Chief Todd Comforti and county prosecutor Stephens that they had responded to reports of gunfire from along the 100 block of Lincoln Street at 2:30 a.m. that Friday.

Officers said they found a man - later identified as Leroy Peters, 23 - suffering from "multiple gunshot wounds." Peters was rushed to University Hospital - where he was declared dead at 3:25 a.m. The investigation continues.

**BELLEVILLE** - Some of Newark's residents and officers were set to return their affection for township native and NPD Off. Ricardo Jorge Barbosa with a Nov. 9 visitation and a Nov. 10 Funeral Mass at the former's respective Alvarez Funeral Home and the Basilica Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Belleville police officers said they had found Barbosa, 29, at his Bell Street home here at 11:30 p.m. Oct. 28 "with a self-

inflicted gunshot wound." Officers and arriving medics applied CPR on him but was declared dead a short time later.

Barbosa, a Belleville High School Class of 2011 graduate, joined "Newark's Finest" July 5, 2016 after graduating from the Passaic County Police Academy. He was assigned to the Third Precinct as a Community and School Resource Officer. The Portuguese-speaking Barbosa endeared himself to The Ironbound community in part for starting a chess club for that neighborhood's Boys and Girls Club, working with at-risk youth and feeding the homeless.

The Newark native was born in Columbus Hospital May 14, 1993 and lived in the North Newark area until parents Altemir and Maria moved themselves, him and sisters Thais Helena Barbosa Dolcine and Jessica Barbosa to Belleville in 2004. Ricardo attended the St. Francis Xavier School and played in its Little League.

The 2006 Shotokan Karate Black Belt Holder also held a psychology degree from Wayne's William Paterson University. One of his papers was published in the American Psychology Association Journal.

Widow Shelby Ley Diaz-Barbosa, who married Ricardo Oct. 30, 2020, and grandmother Themis Marques are also among his survivors.

Memorial donations may be made to the Newark Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of the Ironbound, 11 Providence St., 07105. A GoFundMe.com was also established to pay for his funeral expenses.

**NUTLEY** - Nutleyites gave their final tributes to their own "Uncle Sam" - Sabino "Sam" Battaglia - at a Nov. 7 visitation here at the S.W. Brown and Son Funeral Home and a Nov. 8 Funeral Mass at St. Mary Church.

The Third Half Club, supporter of Nutley High School athletics, announced the passing of their sitting president, 77, Nov. 2, that he had died Oct. 31. His 15 years as club president spans 50 years' community service to Nutley.

Battaglia was elected to the Nutley Board of Commissioners and selected as its Public Affairs Director 1996-2000. He was elected to the Nutley Board of Education 1984-96 and was its president 1992-96. The Nutley Recreation football coach and UNICO member was also a trustee emeritus of Leesburg, Fla.'s Beacon College 1997-2022.

Battaglia was born in Newark Aug. 5, 1945 but his parents moved their family to Nutley. The Holy Family School at-

tendee became a scholar-athlete at Nutley High School 1960-64. His playing on the Maroon Raider football team led to a four-year athletic scholarship with the University of Maryland.

The UoM Terrapin graduated in 1968 with a degree in business administration and marketing. He used that degree in the energy industry for 45 years with Royal Dutch Shell, Coastal and Dominion.

The 2017 NHS Hall of Fame inductee and longtime First Cerebral Palsy of NJ trustee is survived by wife Kathleen, daughter Kristen, son Joseph and grandsons Aiden and Cade, among others. Brothers Alfred and Joseph predeceased him. Internment is to be at Montclair's Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Cerebral Palsy of NJ, 7 Sandford Ave., Belleville, 07109-1221/www.cerebralpalsycenter.org/help-support/donate.

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