

LOCAL TALK

NEWARK • IRVINGTON • EAST ORANGE • ORANGE • WEST ORANGE • SOUTH ORANGE • MAPLEWOOD • BLOOMFIELD • MONTCLAIR & MORE

VOLUME 23 • ISSUE 15 * FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 22, 2023

25¢

“LET’S TALK FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITIES”

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

ESSEX COUNTY • EAST ORANGE • ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1576 Springfield Avenue • Maplewood, NJ 07040

Phone: 973-622-1111 • www.localtalkweekly.com

E-mail - Newspaper: localtalk@aol.com * Printing: localtalkprinting@gmail.com

INDEX

Editorial & Weather: 02

Sports Wrap: 05

New Printing Special: 08

From the Pastor’s Heart: 12

Health Corner: 04

World News Flash: 06

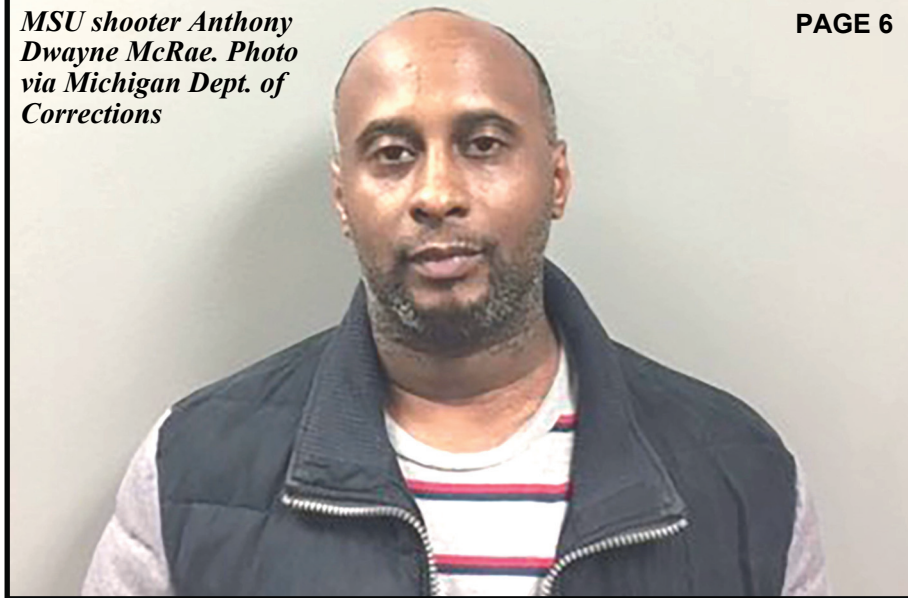
Town Watch: 10

The Observation Booth: 14

THREE STUDENTS DEAD IN MICHIGAN STATE SHOOTING

MSU shooter Anthony Dwayne McRae. Photo via Michigan Dept. of Corrections

PAGE 6



BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE HOLDS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

PAGE 13



Some of the honorees standing with family and friends. Photos By Lev D. Zilbermints

A CHERNOBYL-LIKE SITUATION IN OHIO

PAGE 6

Photos via NTSB



CHIEFS PULL OFF UPSET OVER EAGLES

PAGE 5

TOWNS FACING SHORTAGE OF CROSSING GUARDS

PAGE 7



Primary Care Multi Specialty Group
THE HEART CENTER OF THE ORANGES

60 Evergreen Place, Suite 400, East Orange, NJ

Offering Same Day
Appointments for
**All Specialties and
DOT Exams**

Turn
To
**PAGE
16**



Editorial
Dhiren Shah
 Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

I hope everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day on February 14, 2023.

On that day, the White House spoke about the three unidentified objects shot down after the first spy balloon was shot down. White House and National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said that they could not find debris of the three unidentified objects. But they made the decision already that they were benign or commercial or a research entity. Both statements are contradicting statements. If they have not found the debris, how in the world can they have exact information. They do not even know yet who owns these

objects. We call ourselves the greatest country in the world. but we cannot find the debris of all three objects. One was in the ocean, one on the ice and one in the lake (even though it is like a sea of about over 5,088 kilometers of shoreline).

President Biden is quiet against China's spy balloon. Does the Hunter Biden investigation into his China dealings have something to do with it? Why is Biden not speaking up? China has claimed that there have spotted 10 U.S. spy balloons in their airspace within the past year. How come they stayed quiet until now? If the Pentagon states that they have spotted three balloons at the time of Trump Administration, how come not a single high command official in the Trump Administration knew about it? Also, the media would have been all over him.

According to CNN: "On Thursday, officials revealed that they believe the spy balloons the

US has discovered are part of a large fleet that is conducting surveillance operations globally on behalf of China's military, the People's Liberation Army. So far, the US has traced the balloons to 40 countries across five continents, officials said."

We the people of the United States need an explanation from the Biden Administration and Biden himself. Things are going wrong in our country. The power we gave our leaders is being used against us for their own benefits. NewsNation reporter Evan Lambert was arrested when he was covering a news conference by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. He was covering the aftermath of the train derailment near the Pennsylvania state line. According to NewsNation, "he was doing a live shot of the press conference. Lambert, as he was placed into a squad car, said, 'It's tough to do your job in America in 2023, but we'll keep doing it.'"

Whatever the reason may be, the police should not push him down, handcuff and arrest him. Governor DeWine, a republican, said that he had not authorized law enforcement to do so. News reporters have every right to cover the event and report to the people the truth with the best of their ability.

House Republicans have their eye on Hunter Biden and his business dealings in Ukraine and China. Now they have the House Oversight Committee to find out the facts. The panel is asking for records of Hunter Biden, James Biden - brother of President Biden - and Hunter Biden's business partner Eric Schwerin. The committee gave the trio until Feb. 22 to respond before they decide whether to issue subpoenas.

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next week.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS FOR LOCAL TALK WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

- Publisher & Editor-in-chief : Dhiren Shah
- Editors : Kristopher Seals / Anuj Shah
- Journalists / Writers : Kristopher Seals | Walter Elliott | Bro. Thomas Ellis | Dhiren Shah | William Hathaway Jr. | Dr. Daniel Louis | Ahmed Screven, Esq. | Anuj Shah | Lev Zilbermints | Kinjal Shah | Asha Shah | Akshat Shah, MD | Ivy Mahabir | Kalindi Bhatt | Dr. Robert Kennedy
- Photographers : Dhiren Shah | Kristopher Seals | Thomas Ellis II | D. Adams, Jr.
- Distributors : Larry Wright | Walter Elliott | Fred Simpson
- Newspaper Designer : New Image Art Studio
- Web : www.localtalkweekly.com

Ask for our advertising rates and increase your business and get exposure to tens of thousands of readers every week. email your request to localtalknews@gmail.com or call 973-622-1111.

Subscribe to **LOCAL TALK** weekly newspaper
\$60 for one (1) year

Send your name, address and check or money order to:
**Local Talk Weekly Newspaper • 1576 Springfield Avenue
 Maplewood, NJ 07040 • Tel: 973-622-1111**

To serve you in the best manner, we request that you send your comments, community calendar events, news and other information and queries related to advertisements to the editor on e-mail : localtalknews@gmail.com

LOCAL TALK POLICIES

• We reserve the right to accept or reject any news item, article or advertising, which is not in accordance with Local Talk's Statement of Purpose. We further reserve the right to edit, correct and modify all copy submitted. Letters, articles, and news events are welcomed; but Local Talk will not assume any responsibility for them. • We regret that the volume of mail and pressure of deadlines precludes sending acknowledgements of receipt; nor can advance notice be given if articles are accepted or rejected for publication. • Unused materials may be used at a later date (if not date sensitive) and therefore, they cannot be returned. • The printing of articles or advertising in Local Talk does not necessarily imply either endorsement or agreement by the editorial staff of Local Talk. • This publication will not be responsible for errors in advertising beyond the cost of the space occupied by the error. • We will not be responsible for errors within material disseminated by offices that release matter for public record.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
Evening Rain	Morning Rain	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	AM Clouds / PM Sun	Partly Cloudy	Rain Likely
HI 66	HI 62	HI 46	HI 50	HI 56	HI 49	HI 45
LO 54	LO 25	LO 32	LO 42	LO 37	LO 36	LO 33

TRANSFER YOUR PRESCRIPTION HERE!



358 Main Street
East Orange, NJ 07018
973-266-9900
mikespharmacyllc@gmail.com



353 Main Street
Orange, NJ 07050
973-266-1002
orangerxpharmacy@gmail.com



13 William Street
Newark, NJ 07102
973-500-3660
newarkrxpharmacy@gmail.com



F/DESIGN SOLUTIONS · 862-448-9307

24H Covid-19 Testing
OTC Cards accepted
Blister Pack available

Free Delivery
NJ Lottery

Money Transfer

Western Union & RIA Money Transfer

Bill Payments

UPS Access Point

Fax, Print & Copy

SCAN & SAVE OUR
INFORMATION



WE ACCEPT WALK-INS! APPOINTMENT NOT REQUIRED!

WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR HEALTH INSURANCE.





Health Corner
Troubling News for Teen Girls

CDC - According to new CDC data released Feb. 13, 57% U.S. teen girls felt persistently sad or hopeless in 2021 - double that of boys, representing a nearly 60% increase and the highest level reported over the past decade.

While all teens reported increasing mental health challenges, experiences of violence, and suicidal thoughts and behaviors, girls fared worse than boys across nearly all measures. The new report also confirms ongoing and extreme distress among teens who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or questioning (LGBQ+).

“High school should be a time for trailblazing, not trauma. These data show our kids need

far more support to cope, hope, and thrive,” Debra Houry, M.D., M.P.H., CDC’s Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director for Program and Science. “Proven school prevention programs can offer teens a vital lifeline in these growing waves of trauma.”

The analysis includes 2021 data and trends from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which examines health behaviors and experiences among U.S. high school students. Youth mental health has continued to worsen - with particularly stark increases in widespread reports of harmful experiences among teen girls:

- Nearly 1 in 3 (30%) seriously considered attempting suicide - up nearly 60% from a decade ago.
- 1 in 5 (18%) experienced sexual violence in the past year - up 20% since 2017, when CDC started monitoring this measure.
- More than 1 in 10 (14%) had ever been forced to have sex - up 27% since 2019 and the first increase since CDC began monitoring this measure.

The report also found more than half (52%) of LGBQ+ students had recently experienced poor mental health and, concerning, that more than 1 in 5 (22%) attempted suicide in the past year. Trend data are not available for students who identify as LGBQ+ due to changes in survey methods.

Findings by race and ethnicity also show high and worsening levels of persistent sadness or hopelessness across all racial and ethnic groups; and that reported suicide attempts increased among Black youth and White youth.

“Young people are experiencing a level of distress that calls on us to act with urgency and compassion,” said CDC Division of Adolescent and School Health Director Kathleen Ethier, Ph.D. “With the right programs and services in place, schools have the unique ability to help our youth flourish.”

School-based activities can make a profound difference in the lives of teens with a relatively small infusion of support to schools. More than 95% of U.S. youth spend much of their daily lives in school. While their primary goal is academic learning, schools can take evidence-based steps to foster the knowledge, skills and support needed to help prevent and reduce the negative impact of violence and other trauma and improve mental health.

For example, safe and trusted adults - like mentors, trained teachers, and staff - can help foster school connectedness, so that teens know the people around them care about them, their well-being, and their success. Schools can provide education that equips teens with essential skills, such as understanding and ensuring true sexual consent, managing emotions, and asking for what they need. Schools can also connect teens to their classmates and communities through school-based clubs and community outreach.

CDC has collected and analyzed data on youth health and well-being for more than three decades. These data are a critical first step to revealing, understanding, and addressing emerging threats to the health and well-

-being of the nation’s youth.

The Benefits of Whooping Cough Vaccination During Pregnancy

CDC - A CDC study published Feb. 6 provides further evidence that Tdap vaccination during pregnancy helps protect newborns from whooping cough during their first two months of life, when they are most vulnerable to the disease.

Whooping cough, or pertussis, is highly contagious and can be especially serious for infants who aren’t old enough to be vaccinated. CDC scientists tracked reports of infant whooping cough cases between January 1, 2000, and December 31, 2019. They found an association between reduced rates of whooping cough in newborns younger than two months old and Tdap vaccination during pregnancy. These findings further support CDC’s recommendation for Tdap vaccination during weeks 27-36 of each pregnancy.

“Getting Tdap during pregnancy offers infants the best protection before they are old enough to receive their whooping cough vaccines,” said Dr. José R. Romero, Director of CDC’s National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. “This protection is critical because those first few months are when infants are most likely to have serious complications, be hospitalized or die if they get whooping cough.”

The new study is the first time researchers have looked at U.S. population level trends in infant whooping cough cases since this maternal vaccination strategy began in 2011. Newborn whooping cough rates decreased significantly since the introduction of maternal Tdap vaccination. When given during the third trimester of pregnancy, Tdap vaccination prevents more than three in four cases of whooping cough in infants younger than two months old.

“Everyone who is pregnant should feel confident in knowing that the Tdap vaccine is safe and effective,” said Dr. Linda Eckert, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists’ liaison
(Continued on page 15)

Non-healing Foot Wounds? Diabetic Foot Ulcers?



BEFORE



12 WEEKS LATER

We Save the Limbs that Others Can't.

DON'T WAIT.

These symptoms may mean serious problems:

Leg or Foot Pain • Gangrene • Non-Healing Wounds
Leg Cramping • Skin Discoloration

Prompt treatment is essential to preserving your long-term health and quality of life.

CALL TODAY: 833.PAD.EXPERT (723.3973)



John Rundback, MD



Endovascular & Amputation Prevention
Affiliated with American Endovascular

americanendovascular.com



Kevin Herman, MD

Now practicing at our newly located outpatient center:
347 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Suite 100, West Orange, NJ 07052

SPORTS WRAP



Photos By
Felicia
Laguerre
Owens

By William Hathaway, Jr.

The National Football League season has finished for now, and a familiar champion has been crowned world champions.

Despite trailing for quite a while, the Kansas City Chiefs bounced back to earn their second title win in four years. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes fought through an ankle injury and passed for three touchdowns to take home MVP honors for the winning Chiefs team, who won Super Bowl LVII in Glendale, Arizona 38-35 over the Philadelphia Eagles.

At halftime, KC was down by 10. It could have been much worse, but on a key and SB record tying 17 play drive, the Eagles had to settle for a field goal. While Philly QB Jalen Hurts had a SB record three rushing touchdowns at his position, he was not playing the other side of the ball, and despite the Eagles vaunted defense, they failed to get any pressure on Mahomes.

Late in the game, Mahomes connected with former NY Giant Kadarius Toney on one of his TD passes. Toney later set a record with the longest punt return ever recorded in the big game.

In clutch time, Hurts scored the game tying TD and two-point conversion to square the game at 35-35. However, Kansas City got the ball back, and after a controversial pass inter-

ference call, kicker Harrison Butker came on to kick the game winning field goal with less than 10 second left to set the final score at 38-35.

As football took center stage, there was also plenty of basketball. The men's basketball team at Seton Hall defeated DePaul at the Prudential Center 69-64. Tyrese Samuels was among the leaders with 14 points and 7 rebounds, KC Ndefo had 13 points and 6 rebounds, Kadary Richmond had 14 points and 6 rebounds, and Al-Amir Dawes added 12 points. Leading DePaul was Umoja Gibson with 21 points and 6 rebounds. On Feb. 8th at home, SHU had a different result against Creighton, losing 75-62. Dawes had 19 points while Richmond had 10 points in the loss.

Last week, the Seton Hall took some tough losses at home, but won a huge game against DePaul 89-82. Senior Lauren Park Lane broke the Pirates single game scoring record with 39 points, on 11-19 shooting from the floor and 2-4 from three point range. Park Lane broke the record late in the game, which was once held by former SHU star Tabatha Richardson-Smith. Teammate Sidney Cooks lit it up too with 29 points.

Seton Hall as a team was 32-60 for 53 percent from the floor. The Pirates improved to 16-10 overall and 9-7 in the Big East Conference.



STOP SUFFERING
from debilitating fibroid symptoms

WE CAN HELP!

There is a medically safe non-surgical alternative to hysterectomy:

UTERINE FIBROID EMBOLIZATION (UFE)

Reduces the Size and Symptoms of Fibroids
Minimally Invasive Procedure

Fully Equipped Outpatient Center—NO Hospital Stay
Fewer Complications and Quicker Recovery

CALL OUR EXPERTS TODAY!

833.UFE.EXPERT (833.833.3973)

John Rundback, MD



American
Fibroid Centers Kevin Herman, MD
Affiliated with American Endovascular

fibroidexpert.com

**Now practicing at our newly located outpatient center:
347 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Suite 100, West Orange, NJ 07052**



In local high school basketball, the annual Essex County Tournament semifinals took place at West Orange High School. The 20-5 University High girls' team is heading to another ECT final, after burning West Orange 51-33. Paradise Fisher led the UHS Lady Phoenix with 16 points, 8 rebounds and 5 assists. Mya Davis added 10 points in the game. West Orange finished 14-11 on the season.

On the boys' side, Seton Hall Prep punched their ticket to the finals after beating Montclair Immaculate 51-45. Leading Prep was Ethan Maynard with 17 points and Darrius Phillips grabbed 13 rebounds. The Pirates are 18-4 on the season and will face Arts High for the title. The Arts beat Columbia High 38-30 in their semifinal.



THREE STUDENTS DEAD IN MICHIGAN STATE SHOOTING

UNITED STATES

The nation is mourning yet another mass school shooting at a university, which occurred almost five years to the date of another mass school shooting.

On Feb. 13 at 8:18 p.m., a gunman opened fire in Berkey Hall at Michigan State University, killing two students there. Not long after, he traveled to the MSU Student Union and opened fire again, killing another student. Along his path of carnage, he injured five others.

As authorities closed in on the suspect off campus at his home, he turned the weapon onto himself and died at his own hand. No officers were injured at the scene.

The shooter was identified as 43-year-old Anthony Dwayne McRae, who was raised in Trenton, NJ. Prior to this incident, McRae had previously been cited for motor vehicle and concealed gun violations in Michigan. On his person, police found a threatening note concerning two schools in Ewing, NJ. All schools in that town were placed under lockdown and secure protocols for safety purposes.

No motive has been established for the mass shooting, which is shockingly the 67th in just 44 days of 2023. McRae's father has said that since the death of his son's mother due to a stroke, Anthony had become "evil and mean."

This shooting happened close to the five year anniversary of the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas HS "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" shooting in Parkland, FL. Shooter Nikolas Cruz is currently serving life in prison, with no chance of parole.

In response to the shooting, President made a statement.

"Jill and I are praying for the three students killed and the five students fighting for their lives

after last night's shooting at Michigan State University. Our hearts are with these young victims and their families, the broader East Lansing and Lansing communities, and all Americans across the country grieving as the result of gun violence.

"Last night, I spoke to Governor Whitmer and directed the deployment of all necessary federal law enforcement to support local and state response efforts. I assured her that we would continue to provide the resources and support needed in the weeks ahead.

"Too many American communities have been devastated by gun violence. I have taken action to combat this epidemic in America, including a historic number of executive actions and the first significant gun safety law in nearly 30 years, but we must do more.

"The fact that this shooting took place the night before this country marks five years since the deadly shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, should cause every American to exclaim 'enough' and demand that Congress take action.

"As I said in my State of the Union address last week, Congress must do something and enact commonsense gun law reforms, including requiring background checks on all gun sales, banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, closing loopholes in our background check system, requiring safe storage of guns, and eliminating immunity for gun manufacturers who knowingly put weapons of war on our streets. Action is what we owe to those grieving today in Michigan and across America."

A CHERNOBYL-LIKE SITUATION IN OHIO

It may not be radioactive, but a small time in Ohio is facing a deadly contamination risk after an accident.

Back on Feb. 3, a freight train carrying various hazardous materials including vinyl chloride, derailed in East Palestine, Ohio. There were no reported injuries at the time, and three days later, emergency crews de-

cidated to initiate a controlled burn of the spilled contents, which let off hydrogen chloride and phosphine into the air. As a result, all residents in the neighboring vicinity had to evacuate.

According to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the derailment was likely caused by a pneumatic failure of some braking components, which cause the train to lift off of the tracks. Critics of the accident say that if Norfolk Southern, the company behind the train, had equipped it with electronically controlled pneumatic brakes, the incident could have been averted. Norfolk Southern successfully lobbied to repeal the regulations requiring the use of such brakes in 2017.

Vinyl chloride is a chief component of PVC piping. Among the other potentially hazardous items in the 50 car derailment were butyl acrylate, ethylhexyl acrylate, ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, isobutylene, benzene, and other combustible liquids. The 50 cars were among 141 cars in total on the train.

The overarching issue with the derailment of all the hazardous content is both the environmental impact on air and water, and the vast contamination area. In addition to East Palestine, the evacuation area including several spots in Beaver County in neighboring Pennsylvania.

Even worse, some officials have scolded lawmakers for allowing such a train to enter a small community in order to save some money based on the shortcut.

It will take some time see if there are health complications, including cancer clusters, that results from the spill.

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER BALLOON

America's western flank isn't the only area of the country that gets these strange UFBs (unidentified flying balloons).

On Feb. 12, the U.S. shot down another alleged Chinese spy balloon over the Great Lakes in Michigan. In an embarrassing gaffe, the first missile actually missed, before a second shot took down the object. Two days

later, officials said that the object may have been just commercial, and not nefarious in nature. However, this came after Canada also shot down an object over its skies days before this latest incident.

As of press time, President Biden has not outright condemned China for anything.

DISASTER FORCES OPEN SYRIAN BORDERS

WORLD

The UN Secretary-General has welcomed the decision on Feb. 13 by the Syrian president to open two further crossing points on the Turkish border to allow more aid into the stricken northwest of the country.

Only a single crossing point - Bab al-Hawa - has been open to humanitarians since the 6 February earthquakes struck across the border region of southern Türkiye and northwest Syria, which has been in the grip of civil war for the past 12 years, and is the last remaining region partly under the control of opposition forces.

"I welcome the decision today by President Bashar al-Assad of Syria to open the two crossing points of Bab Al-Salam and Al Ra'ee from Türkiye to northwest Syria for an initial period of three months to allow for the timely delivery of humanitarian aid," António Guterres said in a statement.

As hope fades of bringing more survivors out alive from the ruins, in Syria, more than 4,300 deaths had been reported in the northwest on Sunday. Deaths in Türkiye have reportedly now exceeded 31,000.

It's clear that "delivering food, health, nutrition, protection, shelter, winter supplies and other life-saving supplies to all the millions of people affected is of the utmost urgency," added Mr. Guterres.

Humanitarians working to save lives in Syria and Türkiye made an urgent appeal for more heavy machinery to remove rubble and debris in towns and villages shattered by last week's earthquakes, together with medical supplies.

(Continued on page 11)

TOWNS FACING SHORTAGE OF CROSSING GUARDS

By Walter Elliott

ESSEX - The 11 public school districts - despite "School Day 100" around Feb. 7 and Feb. 10's "School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day" - can still use more school crossing guards.

The West Orange Police Department, on Jan. 28 for example, said it is short 16 crossing guards. The shortage means that some township police officers either have their shifts extended or are called from home to cover key crossings at or near the public, religious and/or private schools.

The Newark Police Division, on Oct. 14, reported that only 97 of its Newark Public School and 13 charter school crossing guards are at their stations. Full staffing would be at a respective 170 and 30.

NPD top brass, like their West Orange colleagues, find themselves with a tough choice: pull active police officers to cover crossings or leave the crossings unstaffed.

The East Orange Police Department, as late as Jan. 6, is among those posting Crossing Guards Wanted notices online and in print.

Crossing guards, who are under municipal police department supervision, have the responsibility to manage and direct pedestrian and vehicular traffic at or near schools.

Guard positions are part-time: two-to-four hours daily, five days a week. They cover the morning and late afternoon rush hours and, in Nutley, lunch hours.

The said guards work in all kinds of weather so long as the school district remains open. They are to respond when a school district calls an early day.

The usually September-to-June work season comes without accruing sick or personal days although parts of the job are starting to change.

South Orange's Police Department, as of Jan. 5, is offering

\$23 per hour for those who have been successfully trained. Successful guards, after a time, may gain paid sick and personal days.

WOPD, for comparison, offers \$13 to \$20 per hour based on experience.

Some departments, responding to offering hiring incentives and inflation, have raised their hourly pay. Union County's City of Summit is offering \$50 per diem.

Sen. M. Teresa Ruiz (D-Newark) has been drafting legislation to lower some of the barriers to hiring more crossing guards. Newark Community Street Team director Solomon Williams, in October, suggested eliminating the prior conviction restriction that keeps some prospective guards from being hired.

NCST members have also been monitoring student commutes to and from South Ward schools as part of its Safe Passage Program. The state has enacted a Safe Streets program that includes pedestrian students.

Westfield, in Union County, has contracted All City Management Services for private crossing guards since 2019. This year's controversy, however, revolved around ACMS, of Santa Fe Springs, Calif., dropping five crossing sites from its 40-site map.

Police Departments are looking for applicants who are U.S. citizens without a felony record who can also work in all kinds of weather. There will be a background check.

Some departments may ask for a medical checkup. Most will ask for a valid driver's license, car and a cell phone so guards can be quickly deployed.

All departments will provide training and equipment like stop signs. Some departments' training period will include supervision by a senior guard or an officer before full deployment.

Prospective crossing guards are to contact their local police departments for details.

BANKRUPTCY

CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY
CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY

- ▶ Stop Bank Levies!
- ▶ Stop Wage Garnishments!
- ▶ Stop Creditor Harassment
- ▶ Stop Foreclosure!!
- ▶ Stop Eviction! Protect Cosigners
- ▶ Restore Driving Privileges
- ▶ Prevent Auto Repossessions
- ▶ ELIMINATE Credit Card & Medical Debt.



FOR FREE CONSULTATION:

Call

DAVID WITHERSPOON

Attorney-at-Law

10 Hill St. (Suite 20Y) • Newark, NJ 07102

973-342-6653

973-489-9005

LOW RATES: ONE PHONE CALL MAY REDUCE YOUR STRESS!

David Witherspoon, Attorney-at-Law, is a Debt Relief Agency. A firm dedicated to helping individuals find relief under the Bankruptcy Code.

ESSEX COUNTY WEEKLY COVID-19 CASE TALLY

Municipality	2-8-2023	Deaths	2-15-2023	Deaths
Belleville	14,045	164	14,073	164
Bloomfield	15,760	176	15,805	176
Caldwell	2,124	20	2,129	20
Cedar Grove	5,020	144	5,027	145
City of Orange	9,947	177	9,947	177
East Orange	21,528	408	21,572	408
Essex Fells	626	2	627	2
Fairfield	2,523	43	2,531	43
Glen Ridge	1,667	20	1,669	20
Irvington	14,620	288	14,647	288
Livingston	8,701	114	8,714	114
Maplewood	6,762	53	6,774	53
Millburn	4,750	18	4,758	18
Montclair	9,229	92	9,251	92
Newark	97,726	1,296	97,911	1,297
North Caldwell	1,861	10	1,864	10
Nutley	8,438	90	8,455	90
Roseland	1,813	27	1,815	27
South Orange	4,528	25	4,536	25
Verona	4,305	25	4,314	26
West Caldwell	3,339	68	3,339	68
West Orange	17,054	282	17,086	282
Total	256,978	3,542	257,484	3,545

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of February 15, 2023)
NJ: 2,534,548 cases / 32,781 deaths (Plus 3,116 probable)
United States (approx.): 102.884 Million / 1.115 Million deaths
Worldwide (approx.): 673.127 Million / 6.856 Million deaths

LOCAL TALK

WINTER WITHOUT SNOW SPECIAL

\$49
500
FULL COLOR BUSINESS CARDS

FULL COLOR, TWO SIDED OR ONE SIDED
FREE BASIC ARTWORK
1 LOGO / PHOTO included if provided via email
14pt. or 16pt. Glossy Stock
IF YOU NEED SMOOTH FINISH ASK FOR IT
One Week Delivery after Approval

\$49 plus applicable Sales tax Expires 03-05-23
Must present at time of ordering * Cannot Combine with other discounts

FREE
100 COLOR COPIES

8 1/2 x 11 60lb. Paper
Full Color One Sided 100 Copies for 2 sided
Camera Ready Artwork PDF or JPG
Reasonable Price for artwork
Glossy Text Paper or
100lb. Card Stock Slightly Higher

With any other order over \$50 Expires 03-05-23
Must present at time of ordering * Cannot Combine with other discounts

\$49
VINYL BANNER
5' x 2'

Includes BASIC SETUP
FULL COLOR ONE SIDED
3-5 Bus. Days Delivery

\$99 plus applicable Sales tax Expires 03-05-23
Must present at time of ordering * Cannot Combine with other discounts

PRINTING

- Business Cards
- Letterheads
- Envelopes
- Brochures
- Calendars
- Bookmarks
- Flyers
- Door Hangers
- Greeting Cards
- Labels
- Postcards
- Posters
- Table Tents
- Complete Printing

PRINTING

- NCR forms
(2 parts, 3 parts)
- 2/3 Part Booklets
- TICKETS
(with stub)
(Numbered)
- LARGE FORMAT**
- Acrylic Signs
- Vinyl Banners
- Display with Banner
- X-Frame + Banner
- Aluminum Boards
- Dye Sublimation
- YARD SIGN
- Window Cling

FORMER NFL PLAYER REVAMPS NASA AIR FILTER INVENTION



A Multi-Stage Filtration System for the International Space Station that collects dust and other particulates was invented by Glenn's Juan Agui. Photo Credits: NASA/Jordan Salkin



Onedrus CEO Aaron Wallace, center, shows his air filtration system concept to judges during a prize competition in Ohio in July 2022. Photo Credits: NASA/Priscilla Diem

NASA - From grimy dirt and dangerous bacteria to tiny spores and pollen grains, air filters remove harmful particles from the air we breathe. But changing filters once they're soiled can prove time-consuming, costly, and complicated - especially in space.

On spacecraft, air filter systems must be cleaned constantly. To get the job done easier, NASA invented a technology called the Multi-Stage Filtration System, designed to limit the number of replacement filters NASA needs to bring to space and reduce the time astronauts spend maintaining them.

Now, a former NFL Raiders player is using this long-lasting, automated technology to improve air filtration here on Earth. Aaron Wallace has licensed NASA's filtration system and launched a new startup named Onedrus, aimed at serving large institutions with hard-to-access filters in multiple buildings, like schools and universities.

Onedrus' air filter, essentially a sheet-metal frame with coarse, fabric filter material pleated inside, can intercept ultrafine particles only a few microns big. The filter - adapted from technology invented by Juan Agui and Rajagopal Vijayakumar at NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland - can be retrofitted to commercial buildings' ductwork and HVAC systems.

Users can check how dirty the filter is remotely via a computer. With one click, the soiled filter will roll up, and fresh, clean filter material will scroll in to take its place.

"You can change your filters with the press of a button," Wallace said.

After retiring from football, Wallace attended an NFL Players Association Technology Transfer bootcamp program at NASA's

Johnson Space Center. He then participated in NASA's FedTech Startup Studio in 2020, a virtual program hosted by NASA Glenn to help entrepreneurs explore startup formation.

"Finding entrepreneurship was a turning point for me, finding something that made me motivated, something that gave me that drive again," Wallace said. "Towards the end of my football career, that was something I had lost."

From there, he was paired with the air filter invention, secured a startup license for NASA's patents, and began developing his product.

Wallace isn't the only one working to commercialize NASA technology. Plenty of other inventions intended for space applications have already made people's lives better here on Earth, with others continuously being developed. Memory foam, superelastic tires, baby formula, and cell phone cameras are just a few examples.

"Some of these technologies are so forward-thinking, so innovative and so useful that they can be spun into other products that can go on and be exploited for other purposes," said Jeanne King, technology manager for NASA Glenn's Technology Transfer Program. "We just need people to open their minds and say, 'What are the possibilities?'"

NASA Glenn's Technology Transfer Program has about 200 technologies in its catalog that are available for licensing. The program had its best year yet in 2022, with 32 new licenses executed for 55 different patents and patents pending.

Creating a startup can present many hurdles and risks, but Wallace keeps pushing through because he's drawn to the challenge.

"I think it comes from sports and football and trying to make it to the NFL for so long, chasing this dream that people told me was impossible," Wallace said.

And NASA Glenn's Technology Transfer Program has provided support during every step of Wallace's journey, helping connect him to regional resources like partnerships and business pitch competitions. Onedrus has won several of them.

Onedrus' prototype has undergone rigorous testing, with Wallace's team working to make it thinner, lighter, and more durable so it can last for a decade without replacement. And Wallace isn't ready to stop at this invention.

"Hopefully one day when I've accomplished my goals with the air filter, I can go back into the NASA patent catalog and do it again," he said.

Wallace says he's an example that anyone who wants to be entrepreneur can do well with the right resources and support, and that working with NASA Glenn has been extremely rewarding.

"I'd like to contribute to the portfolio, be able to say I took a NASA technology and made it successful," Wallace said. "I think it's really cool, how much NASA technology is helping everyday people."

NASA has a long history of transferring technology to the private sector. The agency's Spinoff publication profiles NASA technologies that have transformed into commercial products and services, demonstrating the broader benefits of America's investment in its space program. Spinoff is a publication of the Technology Transfer program in NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate.

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 - New Jersey's largest city, as of Feb. 15, has had seven men killed in as many weeks since Jan. 1 from street gun violence.

The ECPO Homicide and Major Crimes Task Force have been looking for Keni Johnson's killer since his being declared dead alongside the North Munn Avenue front of the Bradley Court apartments 9:13 a.m. Feb. 11. Tenants told a reporter that they had heard two men arguing in a hallway before the gunshots. "Keni Ali," 45, was described as a self-employed father of a toddler.

The county task force is investigating the death of Rasheed Lee, who died in University Hospital from gunshot wounds 5:40 p.m. Dec. 3. Lee, 35, was found shot at 161 Avon Ave., by the Pilgrim Village Housing Complex, at 5 p.m. Feb. 2. He was buried at East Hanover's Restland Park, after funeral prayer here at the Islamic Burial Services, Feb. 9.

Al-Supreme Mathematics Davis, 30, was killed and three other males wounded by at least 2 rounds of gunshots by 1079 Broad St., 7:45 p.m. Jan. 26. The field investigation closed part of Broad Street for most of the evening.

Davis, who was born here Oct. 31, 1992, had attended Miller Street Elementary and East Side High schools. The adoring father of three was also survived by mother Tracy Archie and sisters Shakorah, Madison, Dalyia, Nakiesha, Latisha, Alishia, Jasmine, Nikkirah, Shantay, Shada, Leashia and Shamyah.

Boubacar Doukoure, 29, was declared dead on the parking lot of 131-41 Clinton Ave. 6:02 p.m. Jan. 24. Responding New-

ark police officers, acting on a gunfire call, found him on the Family Dollar-anchored shopping plaza at 5:29 p.m.

IRVINGTON - Several families were routed and early morning riders on two New Jersey Transit bus routes were detoured while all Irvington Fire Department hands quelled an apartment fire near the central business district here Feb. 14.

The IFD incident commander and Raymond Martinez said that the first fire alarm from 649 Grove St./ 1 Breckenridge Terr. at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday. Martinez told News12 New Jersey that he and his family fled when they saw smoke coming into their top floor apartment.

The crew of IFD Station 4, two doors south at 663 Grove, were promptly at the scene. The crews of Truck 42 and Engine 44 were joined by their Fire Headquarters peers with the second and third alarms.

Firefighters and responding Irvington police department officers closed Grove Street between 16th and 18th avenues. Buses on NJTransit's Nos. 1 and 90 bus routes were among the detoured traffic into the morning rush hour.

Although everybody in the three-story building's five apartments were evacuated, 12 mph wind gusts hampered control. Several units stayed on scene to put out any flares or hotspots into 7 a.m.

Martinez said his uncle owned the corner Jesenia Supermarket. The uncle had opened the front door roll gate and was met by flames. The market and the building suffered serious damage, including a partial roof collapse.

The local American Red Cross chapter found the displaced tenants temporary housing.

EAST ORANGE / BLOOMFIELD - A city man's 37 month quest for justice has ended with an overall \$190,000 settlement from East Orange and Bloomfield over "an unfair photo array."

The City of East Orange, according to records made public Jan. 24, paid one of its residents, Khari Gardner, \$114,000 around Oct. 15. The Township of Bloomfield paid \$76,000 for its

part.

Gardner, in his Sept. 13, 2018 lawsuit, said he had voluntarily entered the East Orange Police Headquarters Sept. 13, 2016 to answer questions. He left the headquarters in handcuffs to spend two months in Newark's Essex County Correctional Facility on \$575,000 bail.

EOPD's charges against Gardner - multiple counts of armed robbery, conspiracy and weapons charges - were dismissed at the Essex County Prosecutor's Office request Sept. 22, 2017.

It turned out that the three East Orange armed robbery victims said they could not match the suspect's identity with the photo of Gardner they were given. The photo used, was taken when Gardner "was a juvenile" and not when he was 27 at the time.

Bloomfield police, at East Orange's request, used that photo among an array of six presented to two robbery victims in their township investigation. They also told the Bloomfield victims that EOPD affidavits had Gardner as their suspect and that one of the East Orange victims had "positively identified" him.

Neither department, said Gardner, had contacted his work supervisors and girlfriend who supported his alibi that he was not at any of the five robberies.

ORANGE - The late Our Lady of the Valley Fr. John Baron, 75, who died in Avalon Dec. 28, may have left a local mystery that perhaps his contemporary parishioners can dispel.

One of Fr. Baron's mourners left a guest book message calling him "an amazingly compassionate man and a wonderful priest" who "saw Our Lady of the Valley through one of her toughest times."

The Archdiocese of Newark had closed Our Lady of the Valley High School due to declining enrollment June 30, 1981. Fr. Baron, who was ordained May 26, 1973, had come to Our Lady of the Valley from his first assignment - as Parochial Vicar of Verona's Our Lady of the Lake. He went on to Plainfield's St. Bernard's Parish and seven other vocational assignments.

John B. Baron's obituary said he was born in Orange and had resided in Maplewood, Mill-

burn's Short Hills and Avalon. He had graduated from Seton Hall Prep when it was still on SHU property. Baron earned a bachelor's degree from SHU, master's degrees from Immaculate Conception Seminary and Fordham University and a doctorate from Drew University.

Dr. Baron's other assignments included Newman Catholic Center Campus Minister at Montclair State College and FDU-Teaneck, Newman Campus Center Director in Newark and as an Essex Vicariate Dean.

"Father Jack" was interred in St. Rose of Lima-Short Hills Cemetery, after a Funeral Mass there, Jan. 6. Brother Albert W. Baron and sister Patricia A. Nebel are among his survivors.

WEST ORANGE - "You can't be too careful" may sum up municipal and county authorities' response to a Jan. 30 interpreted bomb threat to West Orange Public Schools infrastructure.

The Essex County Sheriff's Office K-9 and bomb squad units went to the district's school bus yard on Standish Avenue that midday Monday. They particularly came to the former Edison Labs parking lot to check out buses used by the Roosevelt Middle School. WOPD officers were meanwhile sent to the nearby middle school.

The sniffing-out began when RMS school counselors were made aware of an Instagram chat room involving several of its students.

An unidentified chatter asked if any students "will be taking the late bus." That person added that "they were going to bomb the bus."

The counselors promptly informed RMS's main office, the WOPS superintendent's office and the WOPD.

Although the sheriff's officers found no credible threat, RMS afterschool activities that day were cancelled. Other school activities went on as normal. WOPD detectives did stay on the school campus to complete their investigation.

SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD - Two students were checked for injuries and a third taken to Maplewood Police Headquarter as a result of fighting after the Feb. 7 Colum-

(Continued on page 14)

WORLD NEWS

(Continued from page 6)

That includes ambulances and medicine, shelter and non-food items, including heating, emergency food supplies and so-called WASH assistance - water, sanitation and hygiene, the UN Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric told correspondents in New York at the regular daily briefing.

“Opening these crossing points - along with facilitating humanitarian access, accelerating visa approvals and easing travel between hubs,” he added, “will allow more aid to go in, faster.”

“The UN continues to mobilize emergency teams and relief operations,” Mr. Dujarric stressed.

At Türkiye’s request, a UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) Team with a total of 50 members has been deployed to the aid hub of Gaziantep and to three other hubs in the affected area to support the coordination of the International Urban Search and Rescue Operations, he added.

An UNDAC liaison team to Türkiye’s Disaster and Emergency Management Ministry, who are leading the response, has also been established in Ankara.

Speaking from there to UN News, UNDAC’s Winston Chang said that the scale and the damage sustained inside the disaster area in the south of the country was “one of the worst we have seen.”

“We are looking at a damage area of over 50,000 square kilometers, covering a span of ten provinces...We count now, 6,000 collapsed, high rise buildings.”

He said there were still reports coming in, eight days after the deadly earthquakes struck Türkiye and Syria, of “miracle rescues,” including a newborn baby who was still attached to the umbilical cord, pulled from the rubble.

“We have 25 different disaster groups fighting across all sectors from environmental, medical, the military, of course, disaster response coordination,” he added, noting that at the Turkish national emergency center, there was a strong sense of unity, and mission to aid those in need.

As of 3:30 pm EST, over 41,000 people are dead, and nearly 120,000 are injured with an estimated US \$84 billion in damages.

EPIC DEAL SET FOR AIRCRAFT

EUROPE

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE HAS ALL YOU NEED TO SUCCEED!



Essex County College offers Outstanding Academic Programs and Workforce Development Training.

We provide a wide range of student support services.

- Free tuition opportunities
- Student Food Pantry
- Laptop loaner program
- Counseling
- Internet access
- Tutoring
- ...And Even More!



“ Essex County College is Ranked Number 1 Among the Top 10 Schools Offering Associates Degrees in Health Sciences. ”

- College Factual

See if YOU qualify for additional tuition support through the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG).

Register Today!

For more information call us at **(973) 877-4477** or visit us online www.essex.edu
303 University Avenue Newark, NJ 07102

The Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Business and Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch have welcomed a momentous deal for Airbus and Rolls-Royce to provide new aircraft for Air India, which is worth billions of pounds to the UK. The agreement announced by the companies the morning of Feb. 14 will support and create new highly skilled jobs in Wales and Derbyshire, helping to boost exports, grow the economy and level up the UK.

A significant portion of the manufacturing process for the new aircraft is expected to take place in the UK. The wings will be designed in Filton, and assembled in Broughton - which is expected to bring an additional 450 manufacturing jobs and more than £100m of investment to Wales. The large A350 aircraft are exclusively powered by Rolls-Royce XWB engines,

which are assembled and tested in Derby.

In 2021, the UK’s world-class aerospace sector added £10.6bn in value to the UK economy, exported c.70% of its domestic output and directly employed 111,000 high-skilled people, 89% of which are outside London and the Southeast. It is also a leading sector for high value apprenticeships, with 5,500 currently employed in sector.

India is a major economic power, projected to be the world’s third largest economy with a quarter of a billion middle class consumers by 2050. We are currently negotiating a free trade agreement that would boost our £34 billion trading relationship.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said, “This landmark deal between Air India, Airbus and Rolls-Royce demonstrates that the sky’s the

(Continued on page 13)



From The Pastor's Heart

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

The End Of Illness

I remember it as if it were yesterday; my wife had just come home from school. She had driven 26 miles after teaching, so as she entered the house, she complained of not feeling well and went to rest for a while. But in less than an hour, the call came in that her brother, living more than 200 miles away, was very sick. He was diagnosed with cancer a few weeks before, and it seemed to have worsened.

Immediately my wife jumped out of bed and said, "We've got to go! We've got to go!" I did not say anything but began to dress because her brother was the closest brother-in-law (I don't want the others to hear, they are still alive) to me. So, we covered the 200 miles in 3.5 hours, reaching about 8:00 the night. After our greeting and investigation, we went to the nearest health food shop, where we purchased vegetables, fruits, and other things my wife recalled from her grandmother's medicine box. She was about to do everything to ensure that her younger brother would remain alive.

We stayed for the weekend, and I watched my wife as she joined her brother's wife and children into the routine of food and medicine. But, of course, we did not forget the prayer routine. At various times while we were in the house, we went into the bedroom and prayed, asking God to fulfill his will in bringing about healing. We followed the

ABC prayer formula found in John 14:13-17: Ask. Believe. Claim. It was tough to leave on Sunday evening to return our 200 miles, but we did because, on Monday morning, my wife and I needed to be back in our classrooms and administrative tasks.

A few days passed, and our brother was committed to a hospital on Long Island, and we trekked the 200 miles again. And over the next few weeks, it was a back-and-forth. Do I need to say how we felt burned out at times? But we just felt like what we were doing was what we needed to do. Then, after a while, our brother's cancer went into remission. And he gave his all-in service to his church and community members. He gave his time as if it were his last day to live.

After a little while, our brother decided to plan for retirement, so we both got houses built beside each other in Georgia. We went down each holiday and enjoyed each other's company. But the move never came. Before it was accomplished, our brother began to show evidence that the cancer was on its return. We had relocated about 50 miles away from our brother's residence.

As the battles with the sickness got worse and worse, we drove two or three times per week, either to his house or to the hospital where he was. Sometimes we would be in the hospital room with the doctors and nurses. At other times we would participate in the consultations with the doctors and the family, as requested. Often when his wife and children despaired, we would take the time to comfort and pray with them. We watched and worked with our brother until one evening on our visit, we spoke with the doctor,

and he told us they could do nothing more.

When the doctor told our brother they could do nothing more, he asked for his release from the hospital. Then he told his family that he did not want to go home. Instead, he wanted to come to our home in Jersey. So, we made the necessary preparations to receive him, and he came. His (our) mother was living with us at the time. And I cannot forget how she superintended him as he came. The scene that I remember most was the day when he was sitting on the stoop in front of our residence with his eyes fixed on the sun. He returned to his bed, and before the day was done, we had to call for an ambulance to get him to the hospital, where they admitted him. Within a few days, he passed.

I hope that you can identify with the story I have just told. I suspect that just about every family can tell one or two, or three of their stories. Some people do not only have one person being sick at a time but two or three with their varied forms of debilitations. Battles with cancer, diabetes, kidney disease, malaria, heart disease, respiratory challenges, PTSD, the pandemic, Alzheimer, and other diseases are real. I have seen the battles with many and shared them with my family. I have had a few church members who suffer from kidney disease, and the daily routine of going to dialysis seems a real challenge. I pray for the caregivers, especially in spousal relationships, because I have sensed the burnout.

My question is not often when will sickness end, in terms of death, but when will sickness end forever? David Agus, MD., has written a New York Times #1 Bestseller, *The End of Illness*.

And it has been lauded by the Washington Post as "A convincing guide to some of the most confusing issues currently discussed in popular health writing."

Others say it presents an eye-opening picture using physics to examine body complexities and that it takes note of the supplements, vitamins, and new technologies present to heal the body. So let us thank Dr. Agus and the many other doctors and health researchers who have done the most excellent work in looking at the medical traditions and alternatives that can help us to more healthy lives in this world.

But it is pathetic that with all of the exploits on health research and development, sickness still comes on us and causes us to suffer so much. I have enjoyed good health, but I, too, suffer some anxiety about the days when, if I do not die suddenly, the battle with "the something" that impacts us all before death comes will come upon me. It is not just the pain but the thing that takes away your dignity and makes you feel so compromised and vulnerable. Yes, frankly, I hate to think of it, for it is not just suffering for Christ but suffering because of sin.

Enough said. My ending is a note of encouragement that we can know that someday, all sickness will end. My mother loved this text, and I love it too, "they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35:10lp).

This is the promise and assurance that keeps me going, for above the sickness is the promise of eternal health. As is said, concerning life in the eternal city of God, "And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." (Revelation 22:2)

BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE HOLDS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

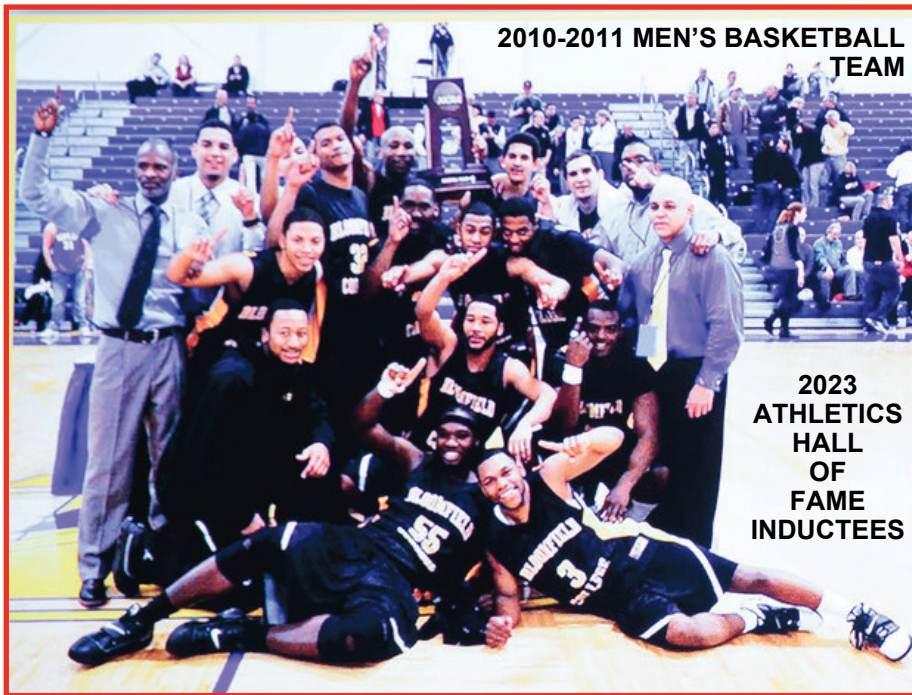
By Lev D. Zilbermints

BLOOMFIELD - On Saturday, January 28, 2023, Bloomfield College held its 22nd Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The event began with a Hall of Fame Brunch at 10:30 am - 11:30 am in Westminster Hall. This was followed by the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony itself in the college gym.

According to the Induction Event Program, the first Hall of Fame Induction was held in 1986. At the time, inductees featured alumni from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. The inductions continued without interruption until 2000. There followed a ten-year gap before Hall of Fame inductions resumed in 2010. These continued until 2016, before stopping again. The current induction is the first one in seven years.

The inductees included Gage Daye, Class of 2012, a former basketball player; Olisa L. Small, Class of 1998, a former basketball and volleyball player; the entire 2010-2011 Bloomfield College Bears Men's Basketball Team and their coaches. These include Jon Bradley, '15; Gage Daye, '12, captain; Woody Eliezer, '13; Art Ellis; Andre Green, '14; Ahmad Harris, '16; Steve Henderson, '14; Conroy Hosier, '12; Ryan Rodrigues, '12; Kevin Udo, '14; Matt Wafula, '13; Mike Williams, '14; Rob Young. The coaches were Baron Hickson; Gerald Holmes, head coach; Ryan James; Malcolm Lash; Wilson Pilarte, '12.

According to the event program, the 2011 Men's Basketball Team finished the 2010-2011 season with a mark of 24-9, winning 9 out of 10 of their final 10 games to close a historic season of Bloomfield basketball. Among the accomplishments of the team were the 2010 - 2011 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Tournament Champions; first-ever advancement to the Sweet 16 in the East Region of the NCAA Tourna-



2010-2011 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

2023 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

ment; Lowest seed to ever win the East Regional Tournament leading to first-ever appearance in the Elite Eight; First CACC basketball team ever to reach Division II basketball's biggest stage.

"I can't really put into words what this season has meant to me," Captain Gage Daye said. "The ride has been amazing. The dinners, the jokes, the experiences with my teammates. It's something I'll never forget."

According to the Induction Event program, Gage Daye was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey. Gage was a four-year letterman under Coach Gerald Holmes, and one of the most decorated athletes in school history. As the school's All-Time Leading Scorer (2,518 points), the two year captain earned First Team All-American Honors, East Region Player of the Year Honors and Two-Time CACC Player of the Year Honors.

Daye went on to establish a professional basketball career with the For Wayne Mad Ants in the NBA Development League, and also traveled and played in Europe and Australia achieving multiple honors including Watah State League MVP in 2015 and 2016.

According to the Induction

Event program, Olisa L. Small, '98, was born in the Bronx and raised in Maplewood, New Jersey. She started her basketball career in the 9th grade at Columbia High School in 1989. Small credits her high school basketball coach and mentor, Johanna Wright, with her picking up a basketball for the very first time.

What she learned under Coach Wright in high school set the stage for small to receive a full basketball and volleyball scholarship to play at Bloomfield College. She played both sports with distinction from 1994-1998, receiving many honors. In basketball, she was recognized for scoring over 1000 points and snagging more than 1000 rebounds. Small was team captain for the volleyball team from 1996-1998 while leading the team in blocks and serving aces.

Fast forward to 2023. According to the event program, Daye serves as vice president of the Bloomfield College Alumni Association (BCAA) and has volunteered as an assistant basketball coach under Coach Gerald Holmes for 11 seasons. Daye is the founder of statewide Youth Basketball Training Program (Lab Development) for both male and female players and Academic Athletic Advancement

(A3) which provides youth with academic and athletic resources and opportunities. Daye is also the owner of Kleos Ventures, a real estate development company based in New Jersey. Daye is also the author of a children's book.

Academically, Daye has impressive credentials. He earned a master's degree in athletic administration from Southern New Hampshire University. Daye is engaged to fiancé Dre Shonda Williams. He has two children, Gia and Gian Daye.

Olisa L. Small graduated from Bloomfield College in 1998. According to the event program, Small resided in Newark, New Jersey, and was hired as a human resources assistant for Continental Airlines, kicking off a successful lifetime career in human resources. After nearly 25 years of living and working in Newark, in March 2022, Small moved to Florida to take a position as human resources manager for Republic Services, a sanitation services company in Fort Lauderdale.

Small has an 18-year-old daughter, Gabriella, from a previous marriage. She is newly engaged to be married next year.

According to Patrick Vera, Director for Advancement, Bloomfield College, two basketball games were played. One was between the BC Women's Team and Holy Family University. The other was between the BC Men's Basketball Team and Holy Family University.

Vera told "Local Talk" that the women's team lost 72-64 in overtime. The men's team won 83-72.

Full Disclosure: Lev D. Zilbermints graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bloomfield College in 1996 with a B.A. in Political Science. Mr. Zilbermints served as the Executive Secretary in the 1994-95 BC Day Student Government; Vice President in the 1995-96 BCDSG; and finally, as BCDSG President in 1995-96 BCDSG.

WORLD NEWS

(Cont. from page 11)

limit for the UK's thriving aerospace sector.

"It will create better-paid jobs and new opportunities in manufacturing hubs from Derby to Wales, so we can grow the economy and support our agenda

to level up – helping to deliver on my five priorities for the country.

"The UK is already a top investment destination, and by building trade ties with growing economic powers like India we will ensure UK businesses remain at the forefront of global growth and innovation."

Business and Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch MP said, "This is a significant win for the UK's world-leading aerospace sector and one which will help to secure thousands of highly skilled jobs across the country and drive economic growth. It's a shot in the arm for UK exports as we aim to sell £1 trillion of goods and ser-

vices a year to the world by the end of the decade."

In another bit of news, Air India also made a deal with the U.S. for over 200 planes from Boeing.

The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

IN ALL HONESTY



Elicka Stokes (Motivational Speaker & Life Coach) www.honestehealing.com

The difference between a life coach and a therapist is: Coaches focus on the future, while therapists probe the past!

Mental health awareness is the ongoing effort to reduce the stigma around mental illness and mental health conditions by sharing our personal experiences. Often, because of misconceptions about mental health and mental fitness, people often suffer in silence, and their conditions go untreated.

www.honeste plus the healing.com was my inspiration for the intro and the title of this draft, in all honesty, lol. It felt good to sit on that imaginary couch, coach to coach, sharing and gaining insight. The exchange was uplifting and quite informative; thus, I felt that "Honesty Being The Best Policy," as a lead-in, was quite befitting.

In today's climate, we are peering into a world that, in many ways, has become unidentifiable. Call it culture shock or whatever name you want, but when it comes to our sanity, it is truly beneficial to have a few empathetic listening ears on standby if the need arises. We are communal beings. Thus, we need one another's support to make the necessary adjustments to the new world trends and the normal that we are adapting to that's entirely new - which includes those that we gladly accept with open arms as well as the ones thrust upon us .

In times like these, it pays to have someone to help carry the load, and when there is no one available, and we need such help, it pays to pay and get what you need for your sanity. Take a



peek into reality but go there honestly. But pay for it if you must. That's what Coach Elicka's story is all about mind stuff and paid services, enjoy!

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

Life Coach Elicka: Our kick-start will be my journey regarding everything that I do and everything that I am because my self-care and mental health depend upon it. I was talking to somebody recently and said, "You're probably going to laugh, but 'I feel as if I just discovered that I have feelings around four years ago.'" And they were like, "What?"

I then mentioned how you go through life sometimes, and you grow up in certain environments, and you go through certain things, and you see other people go through certain things, and you make a stand, and you say, "absolutely not!" Especially when you grow up in a masculine environment as a woman, you unintentionally pick up that

masculine energy and operate through life in that way. So dating was a challenge because I felt they couldn't do anything to me because I would not tolerate it.

At that point, you're operating in that masculine energy. But, once you start your healing process. You go in and start balancing things out, and as you start becoming the teacher and the student, you say, wait a minute because you realize that I do feel and I do care a little bit more now. That is why I've always been more overprotective of myself just because I do care and have these feelings, and I didn't know much about those feelings that I was pushing back or to the side. Now I'm more open to saying I care and I do have these feelings, so please don't come over here if... Then it's No!

My true beginnings started when Covid happened, and that's when God told me to move, and when God says move, you gotta move. Originally, I started out making masks and sending them to hospitals and sending them wherever there was a need, and then Covid became a big thing where everybody needed one....

Read this article in its entirety at www.localtalkweekly.com and type The Observation Booth, Andrea Dialect and/or Entertainment Section in the search bar. If you are interested in participating in a challenge, project sharing a topic, news or if you have any questions, comments or concerns, send them to localtalkandrea@gmail.com.

TOWN WATCH

(Continued from page 10)

bia-Irvington boys basketball game. The altercations brought backup from three police departments and the Essex County Sheriff's Office.

The Irvington Blue Knights had just defeated the hosting Columbia Cougars, 47-44 when the MPD officer supervising the event noticed "several squabbles and fights" breaking out among the departing crowd of 100 at 8:30 p.m. that Tuesday.

The officer immediately radioed headquarters for more colleagues. Additional MPD officers plus those from South Orange and Millburn and nearby sheriff's officers promptly re-

sponded to the gym parking lot.

MPD put out a message asking people to avoid the Valley Street and Parker Road area at 8:56 p.m. Maplewood Traffic/Community Service Bureau Detective Sgt. Scott Reeves said that the crowd "had departed and the visiting team was able to safely leave the area."

The two injured students were treated by arriving EMS and under their parents' supervision. MPD took the third youth to headquarters, where no charges were filed but parents notified for pickup.

Irvington's Feb. 7 victory countered a Jan. 10 72-60 loss to CHS on their floor. The Blue Knights led three of Feb. 7s four quarters with the Cougars responding 14-3 in the third quar-

ter. Both squads, as of Feb. 12, sport identical 16-7 and 12-4 SEC win-loss records.

MONTCLAIR - There are maybe up to 100 reasons why Glen Willow Lofts' owners have hardened their construction site here at 172 Glenridge Ave. since Feb. 4.

Montclair police patrol officers, who were responding to a neighbor's noise complaint, arrived at the site that Saturday - just when "up to 100 juveniles" were leaving through the main entrance.

The officers, once the youths had dispersed, searched the five-story building.

They found how they gained entry; someone had smashed a sliding glass door with a rock.

They also found two of the under-construction apartments having been "occupied," as evidenced by left-behind "multiple bottles and trash."

The officers contacted Glen Willow management and the Montclair Fire Department and waited until they had arrived to secure the property.

Glen Willow Lofts is being built on a lot that was once used for local parking. They have also built and manage a similar building at 131 Glenridge Ave.

GLEN RIDGE - The Glen Ridge Public Library Board of Trustees, before an overflow audience of 600 here Feb. 9, unanimously turned down two residents and "Citizens Defending
(Continued on page 15)

TOWN WATCH

(Continued from page 14)

Education" bids to have six book titles removed from its shelves.

By "overflow," an audience of public officials, media and other interested people filled the Ridgewood Avenue Upper Elementary School Auditorium before the trustees' 7:30 p.m. start. Those who could not get seats by 7 p.m. stood in the hallway and out onto the plaza.

Some of the audience was from "Glen Ridge United Against Book Bans." The single-purpose group, some of whom were among those of the 40 who spoke in public comment segment, opposed CDE and what was originally eight residents' autumn request to "reconsider" shelving the six books.

The trustees had twice moved their otherwise regular Monday meeting, from the library itself to the Municipal Building Council Chamber and finally to Ridgewood UES's auditorium. The gathering over a controversial issue, said one observer, was the largest in the borough in 30 years.

The trustees turned down CDE and the two residents' Jan. 15 filing to appeal the board's original Nov. 7 decision to retain the book. Those six titles, they and Library Director Tina Marie Doody maintain, had met its Library Materials Selection Policy. The books in question dealt with sexuality and LGBTQ+ issues for young adults and their parents.

GRPL, said the trustees, had received 240 letters from individuals and community groups opposing what they saw was a book ban attempt. They were also presented with a 2,900 signature petition from Glen Ridge United to keep the books in circulation.

Forty of the 79 who signed up for public speaking included Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake (D-East Orange) and three members of Plainfield author George Johnson, whose "All Boys Aren't Blue" autobiography was among the six questioned. Statements from Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo (D-Roseland) and the Bloomfield and Montclair township councils were also read into the record.

Only one of the speakers, not of the initial "reconsidering 8," remotely defended the questioning. None of the reconsidering residents, nor any CDE representatives, signed up to speak.

BELLEVILLE - The Belleville Historical Society, with the blessing of Iglesia Pentecostal la Senda Antigua, launched a GoFundMe.com fundraising campaign Feb. 13 to finish the former Reformed Church of Belleville's steeple repairs.

BHS President Michael Perrone said that they and the church have set a

\$25,000 goal to install historically correct shingles on the 166-year-old steeple and restore the copper cross that was all but blown down by Superstorm Sandy in 2010. The former Dutch Reformed Church of Second River and its Colonial era burial ground are on the National Register of Historical Places.

Their goal may well be "\$25,000 or Bust." Perrone said that township code enforcers, acting on an anonymous "loose shingle" call, had halted La Senda Antigua's worship services and Bible studies for 10 days last year.

It was not the first time the township had tried to "expedite" 171 Main St.'s repairs.

The then-Belleville tax collector put a property lien on the church in 2014 when its leadership got behind on repaying \$40,000 for Sandy repairs. The township put out the money in a vain hope that they would get a FEMA grant.

Pastors Miguel and Lillian Ortiz said that all Sandy repairs have been done except on the steeple. The Bloomfield couple, on one hand, bought 171 Main in 2010 from the Reformed Church of America - who ended 309 years of worship by closing the church on its dwindling congregation in 2006.

La Senda Antigua, however, is an independent church - without a synod or diocese to draw from. The pastors and their parishioners, except for the likes of Rutgers University and a nearby church, have had to fund their own repairs.

Several congregants, for example, took out a \$60,000 loan to erect scaffolding around the tower. They now need to obtain and install slate shingles or risk a more permanent Township of Belleville shutdown. The descendants of Col. Henry Rutgers, the first Chinese immigrants of the East Coast and soldiers from the Revolutionary and Civil wars and the War of 1812 are among the 189 remains buried here.

NUTLEY - When Anthony M. Pietoso, 77, had died in his sleep here Jan. 28, his Nutley Maroon Raider persona also ran into the sunset.

Pietoso, in his obituary, was listed as "an amazing high school and college football and track star, still holding the state record for the 100-yard dash."

"Tony," NHS Class of 1963, was on football head coach Thomas Taylor and track and field coach Daniel F. Broffman's teams.

Pietoso, wearing No. 43, was part of the Maroon Raiders' 1962 5-2-2 win, loss and tie record. He was also part of Taylor's 1959-62 25-11 win-loss record. Pietoso, under his 1963 "Exit" yearbook picture, said he had looked up to Broffman.

Older brother Louis, in 1956, also took to the football gridiron. Son Michael, in 1995, was an NHS track member hailed

by the board of education.

It is not clear whether Pietoso set the 100 yd. dash record in New Jersey, Texas or Connecticut. He studied physical education while at Ranger (Texas) College before transferring in 1965 to Central Connecticut State College.

Anthony went on to a life of restaurant management, most notably as part-owner of Clifton's Giants Lounge in the 1980s, and in sales management. His beloved wife Patricia died in 2014. His last rites were held here at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home Feb. 13.

HEALTH CORNER (Continued from page 4)

son to CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. "Knowing that Tdap vaccination during pregnancy protects nine in 10 babies from being hospitalized with whooping cough, I strongly recommend this vaccine to all my pregnant patients for their peace of mind and for their family's health and well-being."

Women should get vaccinated during the third trimester of each pregnancy to boost their antibodies and pass those antibodies on to their infants. All people in close contact with infants should be up to date with their whooping cough vaccines.

CDC and partners are working to increase Tdap vaccination during pregnancy, which dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit the CDC whooping cough website for more information.

www.bellaitaliarestaurantnj.com



Bella Italia Ristorante
Banquet Facilities & Fine Dining

Phone: 973-676-4300 / 973-678-5538 535 Central Avenue
Fax: 973-678-2673 Orange, NJ 07050
Near Rte. 280 and The West Orange Line



NATIONWIDE PEST MANAGEMENT LLC

P.O. Box 4062
East Orange, NJ 07019
(973) 672-8358 • Fax: (973) 672-2560
www.nationwidepestmanagement.com

TERENCE WILSON
SERVICE CONSULTANT
nationwidepest@aol.com

LOCAL TALK PRINTING

- Business Cards
- Color Copies
- Flyers
- T-Shirts
- Color Printing
- Posters
- Newspapers
- Letterheads
- AD Journals
- Envelopes
- Banners
- Tickets
- Signs
- Promotional

DHIREN SHAH
Ambassador for Peace
Publisher / Editor-in-Chief
In Printing Business Since 1985
www.localtalkweekly.com

1576 Springfield Ave.
Maplewood, NJ 07040
Email: localtalk@aol.com

Tel. (973) 622-1111
Cell: (973) 280-7547
Fax: (973) 622-1120



Heart Center of the Oranges

Welcome to Our New Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases

OUR PROVIDERS

CARDIOLOGY

Gitendra Rajiyah, MD
 Catalino Delacruz, MD
 Bhavna Mohandas, MD
 Abbas Shehadeh, MD
 Isaac Tawfik, MD
 Marlyn Escalona, APN
 Lou Alexandre, PA

PULMONARY/SLEEP DISORDERS

Jeffrey Miller, DO

PODIATRY

Jodene Shwer, DPM
 Amro El-Nakib, DPM

NEUROLOGY

Ruth Clark-Brown, MD
 Burget Cort, APN

GYNECOLOGY

Clifford Toliver, MD

PEDIATRIC & ADULT ENDOCRINOLOGY

Tara Rajiyah, MD

NUTRITION

David Sonenberg, MS, RD, CDE

PRIMARY CARE/ INTERNAL MEDICINE

Eddy Simon, MD
 Nancy Cahiwat, MD
 Mamatha Mohan, MD
 Myriam Sterlin, MD
 Aleksander Lekan, MD
 Hemlata Bhatia, MD
 Narinda Kaur, MD
 Normita Narvaez, MD
 Ramesh Kania, MD
 Nivia Rowe, APN
 Roody Dalberis, APN
 Sanjaykumar Shah, APN
 Mary Elias, APN
 Janiece Howell, APN
 Jamila Jones, DNP



Treating Both Adults and Children of All Ages



We now treat a variety of endocrine disorders
Including
Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes, Thyroid Diseases, Osteoporosis
And Metabolic Bone Disorders

Dr. Tara Rajiyah treats both adults and children
 Call 973-395-1550 for an appointment * 77 Main Street, West Orange

Contact us: 973-395-1550 • Orangeheartcenter.net

VISIT ONE OF OUR OTHER CONVENIENT LOCATIONS:

- | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| South Orange: | 60 Vose Avenue | Tel. 973-763-5200 |
| Maplewood: | 2091 Millburn Avenue | Tel. 973-378-2266 |
| Bloomfield: | 135 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite B | Tel. 973-743-2248 |
| Newark: | 202 Stuyvesant Avenue | Tel. 973-374-8807 |
| West Orange: | 77 Main Street | Tel. 973-324-2090 |
| West Orange: | 95 Main Street | Tel. 973-672-3829 |
| West Orange: | 92 Old Northfield Avenue | Tel. 973-736-5552 |