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## TERM LIMITS PROPOSED FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



**ORANGE, NJ** - Last week, the Committee for Term Limits in Orange (CTLO) filed with the City Clerk’s office in Orange City Hall. Its purpose is to place a term-limits binding initiative question for the local offices of mayor and city council for the ballot on Election Day, to be decided on by Orange voters.

Documents submitted to the City Clerk’s office included short-form and long-form statements, a proposed resolution and others. If the petition gets enough signatures, the question would be placed on the ballot in the next upcoming general election on November 7, 2023. If voted successfully by the citizens of Orange, term limits “equal to those of the New Jersey state governor’s office,” would be exercised “immediately and permanently starting January 1, 2024,” as

stated in their filed documents.

The CTLO is composed of Orange residents Ricky Contant, Marquiso Jean, India Williams, Kweli Campbell, Sharief Williams and Derrick Henry. According to their filed Committee of Petitioners statement, which is necessary before getting signatures for a ballot referendum, they are a “non-compensated committee, formed without outside interests...by citizens who believe in a better Orange.”

The organization wants to put term limits of eight years on both the mayor’s office, and city council seats, like those used for the governor’s office by the state’s Constitution. Other parts of the proposed resolution include a four-year “cooling-off” period. This means officeholders who become ineligible have

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## MORE DETAILS REVEALED FROM FATAL CARGO SHIP FIRE



*The aftermath from the burned Grande Costa D'Avorio. Photo courtesy U.S. Coast Guard*

*By Walter Elliott*

**NEWARK** - Although investigators are conducting a joint probing of what caused the July 5 Port Newark cargo ship fire that burned for seven days, killed two Newark firefighters and injured five more from Newark and Elizabeth fire, there are some contributing conditions, circumstances and factors that have come to light.

The U.S. Coast Guard is leading a team of detectives and inspectors from the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the Newark Fire Department Arson Division, the New Jersey State Fire Marshal, the National Transportation Safety Board and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in scouring the Grande Costa D'Avorio for evidence and clues.

The seven agencies' inspectors have also been taking testimony from people who were at the scene, from responding firefighters and the crew of the Italian registered ship. The 28 shipmates, all employees of the Grimaldi line, are kept in local hotels, unable to go anywhere until either the inquest is done or are allowed to return to work - whichever comes first.

One of the questions being asked of the ship crew is whether any had disconnected the battery terminals of the over 1,200 motor vehicles on board.

Grimaldi Deep Sea on July 8, presented the ship's manifest which stated that none of the 157 cargo containers had any hazardous containers and that none of the vehicles were lithium ion equipped electric cars.

An NTSB report on the June

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

A group of Orange residents got together and made a movement to collect signatures for placing much needed term limits on elected officials. The group wants to have a two-term limit like the Governor of New Jersey to be placed as a referendum on the upcoming November 7 election ballot.

You might ask why is it necessary? In my opinion, it is necessary for a couple of reasons. 1. It makes sure no single person has too much power. They are elected for the benefit of the residents. But we all know, that does not happen all the time in the majority of cities. Once they get elected, they make some decisions in favor of their name recognition, but the major deci-

sions are made favoring their family and friends. The residents cannot do anything. They have the power of your money, and can hire many attorneys to protect themselves for the law and take advantage of loopholes. The committee must collect about 730 signatures from about 18,000 voters in Orange. It is not easy, because the August 18th deadline is right around the corner (81 days prior to the November 7, 2023 election, per what I was told).

A major ruling was made against the Biden Administration having migrants enter the U.S. The ruling has leaned toward taking measures to stop the migrants. What is Biden's plan? 1. Give money to Ukraine for Ukraine's war against Russia. 2. Let illegal immigrants (migrants) come to the United States and spend money on them like \$4 billion in New York. 3. NATO members must pay at least 2% of their GDP. Poland, a small country, spends the highest percentile, about 3.9% (about 26.49 billion dollars) of their GDP and the

U.S. spends the second most, paying 3.49% of their GDP (about 813.69 billion dollars). All other rich countries have not spent close to their promises.

Shaka Hislop, a former Premier League star and a broadcaster currently at ESPN, collapsed while live on television before a match between AC Milan and Real Madrid at the Rose Bowl on July 23, 2023. It's good news that he is talking and okay now. He will go through medical testing to find out why it happened. Meanwhile, Bronny James, son of star LeBron James, suffered a cardiac arrest while preparing for the upcoming season at USC. He is said to be out of the ICU, which is good.

Lionel Messi scored a game winning goal in his MLS debut to give Inter Miami a 2-1 victory over Cruz Azul in the League's Cup. People are crazy about him, and one ticket went up to \$110,000. As per the news, he is signed to about \$50 to 60 million a year and some of the shares from his social media income with Miami. Cristiano Ronaldo

has been paid about \$136 million in the past 12 months. He switched to the Saudi Arabian soccer league from England's famed Premier League.

The weather has become unpredictable lately. Does this have something to do with global warming? I think it does. When it comes to the North and South poles and global warming, according to experts, 10% of the sea ice melts every 10 years. The reason why they have given 10 years is because some years it is not warm or maybe cold. The world temperature has risen about 1 degree Celsius or 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit. The human body is such that they can adjust in any condition according to the needs most of the time. I came from India with temperatures above 112 degrees in the summer. Some of my friends came from Africa, which also had really hot temperatures, and they adjusted as well.

*Have a wonderful week.*

*I'll talk to you next time.*

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**WEATHER FOR THE WEEK**

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# The Doctor Is In



OP-ED BY DR. ADIL MANZOOR

## COVID Is Not Over Yet, but Vigilant Americans Are Transitioning to the Next Phase

COVID is not over yet, even though the hype train that followed it has greatly died down. In fact, there are people that are starting to question if the infection was worth all the attention it got in the first place (answer: it certainly was). Perhaps more worrying, there are people that

question if there is a need for further safety measures and vaccine shots for the infection (answer: there are).

But, it is easy to give answers to the questions and doubts a significant proportion of the population has about the infection, especially considering how low the number of hospitalizations and deaths has fallen. Consider this - in the week of January 15, 2022, at the height of the Omicron strain wave, there were more than 150,000 new hospital admissions. By comparison, in the week of July 1, there were about 6,200 new hospital admissions. No one can deny that the drop is significant enough for people to believe COVID is in our rear mirrors now.

The notion many had about COVID not being serious anymore was strengthened when the World Health Organization and the CDC declared that COVID was no longer a public health emergency. That announcement was more than enough ammunition for those that believed it is finally time to move on from the COVID era. I kid you not, I have seen people being bullied for wearing a mask in 2023. About



two years ago, you would have been bullied for not wearing a mask.

So, in my expert opinion, is the COVID era over? That's likely the question many people have at this point in the article. Well, the answer is actually quite simple - the COVID era may never be over. Matter of fact, I can change that "may" to "will" and still be confident in the answer. In simpler terms, it is a strong possibility, which experts have backed, that COVID may become endemic and we just learn to live with it.

So, while COVID is no longer a public health emergency, it is still very much an infection to worry about. Here's why - the coronavirus is liable to mutating, as we have seen, and the newer strains may bring more challenges. Further, eventually, vaccine availability will not be as widespread as it is right now because organizations and bodies will start aggressively cost-sharing. Then, there's long COVID in the mix as well.

The summary of everything I have written thus far is: COVID is not over yet. Nonetheless, some Americans are already transitioning to the next phase. I will spare you most of the technicalities, but the WHO has a continuum of pandemic phases, which includes four phases. They are the "interpandemic," "alert," "pandemic," and "transition" phases.

Basically, the interpandemic phase is the phase right before cases start to rise across the globe. The alert phase is one where global average cases start to rapidly rise, before eventually peaking at the pandemic phase. The final distinct phase is the transition phase, which is characterized by a great decline in the number of cases. However, there is still a risk of a minor recurrent wave during the transition phase.

After the transition phase, there is a return to the interpandemic phase in terms of the number of cases. I promised to spare you the technicalities, so I apologize if things are starting to get a bit complicated.

The point I am trying to make is, some Americans already have the mindset that COVID is over and things can return to normalcy because cases have greatly declined (as is expected in the transition phase of the pandemic continuum). Essentially, people are starting to move on. While I cannot fault that, I must say it is necessary to exercise caution.

The transition phase has an inherent risk of a recurrent wave if care is not taken. As such, every action has to be measured and calculated. Of course, we eventually have to move on from treating COVID as a public health emergency - it is no longer one - but transitioning too fast to the "normalcy" phase can cause more harm than good.

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# SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

The New York Red Bulls this past weekend took part in the 2023 League Cup Series against the New England Revolution. Both teams played hard, but at the end of regulation, it ended in a 1-1 draw. Fortunately for NYRB, they got the victory in a 4-2 shootout.

Midfielder Daniel Elderman scored the Red Bulls regulation goal. Keeper Carlos Coronel made a key save in the 4th round of the penalty kicks. The Red Bulls advance to the knockout round this coming weekend.

Fans of the New York Giants got some good news, when news came down that running back Saquon Barkley would take to the field after all this year. Barkley, who was miffed about getting the Franchise Player tag, will play on a one-year, \$11 million deal.

In the NBA, Celtics swingman Jaylen Brown is now the owner of the largest extension in league history, agreeing on a 5-year, \$304 million deal to stay with Boston.

While Brown is set at the pro level, there is some concern for one player at the collegiate level. USC freshman Bronny James, the son of LeBron James, was taken to the hospital after a sudden cardiac event. He is being kept under observation, but is not considered to be in any dire straits.

Another person who drew recent concern is soccer (football) analyst Shaka Hilsop, who fainted on air right before a match between AC Milan and Real Madrid. He took to social media not long after the episode to ensure onlookers that he was all right.



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**UNITED STATES**

**FIGHT OVER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CONTINUES**

An extreme move by one state has stoked the ire of the federal government to protect those who illegally access the nation.

The Department of Justice under the Biden Administration has filed suit against the state of Texas, after the latter began placing floating buoy obstructions at the Rio Grande crossing. Additionally, Texas National Guard troops have also placed barbed wire at other key points.

The Administration feels that the buoy setup could infringe on the Mexican border. There are also concerns that troops have allegedly been told to push people back across.

On July 24, Governor Greg Abbott defended Texas' right to secure the border through the recent deployment of floating marine barriers in the Rio Grande River in Eagle Pass as part of the state's unprecedented response to America's ongoing border crisis.

In a letter to President Joe Biden, the Governor counters threats by the U.S. Department of Justice to sue the state over the barriers by pointing out that the U.S. Constitution grants Texas sovereign authority to protect its borders because the President refuses to enforce federal immigration laws.

"If you truly care about human life, you must begin enforcing federal immigration laws," reads the letter. "By doing so, you can help me stop migrants from wagering their lives in the waters of the Rio Grande River. You can also help me save Texans, and indeed all Americans, from deadly drugs like fentanyl, cartel violence, and the horrors of human trafficking. To end the risk that migrants will be harmed crossing the border illegally, you must fully enforce the laws of the United States that prohibit illegal immigration between

ports of entry. In the meantime, Texas will fully utilize its constitutional authority to deal with the crisis you have caused. Texas will see you in court, Mr. President."

In addition to highlighting Texas' right to defend its borders, Governor Abbott argues against claims that Texas' floating marine barriers violate Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Governor Abbott also included a copy of the January 8, 2023 letter he hand-delivered to President Biden in El Paso and the November 16, 2022 letter to the President that outline America's current immigration laws President Biden must enforce to satisfy his constitutional obligation to safeguard American citizens and the sovereign authority of states to protect their borders when the President refuses to do so.

On July 24, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador and senior Government of Mexico officials hosted a U.S. delegation led by Homeland Security Advisor Dr. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco, Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security Kristie Canegallo, and Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources Rich Verma to further the significant cooperation that our countries already have undertaken, including on the global fight against illicit fentanyl and dual-use chemical substances, combatting arms trafficking, managing migration, and modernizing our shared border. This meeting built on previous high-level meetings led by Dr. Sherwood-Randall and Security Secretary Rosa Icela Rodríguez.

The leaders discussed our commitment to continuing joint efforts under the U.S.-Mexico Bicentennial Framework for Security, Public Health, and Safe Communities to combat drug traffickers, disrupt the supply of the chemicals used to make illicit fentanyl, prevent trafficking of these deadly narcotics across our shared border, and promote public health services to reduce harm and demand and increase treatment services. Our countries also recognize that discovering, disrupting, and dismantling firearms trafficking networks is critical to our shared efforts to combat illicit fentanyl, and we re-

main committed to addressing firearms trafficking that contributes to violence and destruction on both sides of our shared border.

The leaders also discussed the challenges and progress in cooperation regarding regional migration and committed to continue to forge a region-wide response, guided by the principles in the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection. To that end, the United States and Mexico committed to further expand the availability of legal pathways throughout the region, including to Mexico and the United States. Leaders also discussed expanding our joint development work in Central America, and maintaining strong consequences for irregular entry at our shared border.

Finally, the United States and Mexico committed to furthering ongoing work to modernize and advance infrastructure projects that support our border communities and benefits both nations and strengthens our bilateral relationship and security.

**MASS SHOOTING UPDATE**

*Information recent as of 7-25-2023 at 12 p.m.*

2023 Mass Shooting Stats: (Source: Mass Shooting Tracker, <https://www.massshootingtracker.site/data/?year=2023>)

- Total Mass Shootings: 470
- Total Dead: 595
- Total Wounded: 1864
- Shootings Per Day: 2.28
- Days Reached in Year 2023 as of July 25: 206

***Latest High Profile Incident (See above)***

- Location: Suburban home - Verdigris, OK
- Time: Around Between 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. local time, July 20.
- Deceased: 4.
- Injured: All decedents.
- Shooter(s): Brandy McCaslin, age unknown.
- Weapon(s): Handgun.
- Motive: Murder-suicide.
- Status: Deceased after self-inflicted gunshot wound.
- Notes: McCaslin took the lives of her three children an eventually herself after holding another woman and two

children hostage earlier. Per reports, McCaslin had a long history of mental illness, and the children's father was worried about her recently gaining unsupervised visitation.

**MIDDLE EAST**

**DESPERATE EFFORT UNDERWAY TO PREVENT OIL SPILL**

On July 25, the UN began siphoning one million barrels of oil from a decaying supertanker off the coast of war-torn Yemen, a crucial step in the race against time to prevent a potential environmental disaster.

The supertanker, the FSO Safer, became a symbol - thanks largely to UN efforts - of the need for urgent action to avoid massive damage to the marine ecosystem in an area that is home to key global shipping lanes.

The stranded rusting vessel holds four times the amount of oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez - enough to make it the fifth largest oil spill from a tanker in history.

"The United Nations has begun an operation to defuse what might be the world's largest ticking time bomb. This is an all-hands-on-deck mission and the culmination of nearly two years of political groundwork, fundraising and project development," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

Lying north of the Yemeni port Hudaydah, UN officials have warned for years about the possibility that the 47-year-old tanker could crack and explode.

According to UNDP, an oil spill would result in the closure of all ports in the area, cutting off food, fuel and other life-saving supplies to Yemen - a country where 80% of the population already rely on aid.

The UN chief warned that the cost of a cleanup alone would be \$20 billion and said that shipping all the way to the Suez Canal could be disrupted for weeks.

Praising the project's cross-UN collaboration he highlighted the "relentless political work" that the operation entailed "in a country devastated by eight

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Don't Let Stigma Stop You from Seeking Mental Health Help

OP-ED By Hazeline Pilgrim, MSW, LSW of Family Support Organization of Essex County

In 2008, by the U.S. House of Representatives designated July as the Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. The Family Support Organization of Essex County honors Bebe Moore Campbell's trailblazing work in helping to shift the mental health culture. This work also assists to break down systemic barriers to care and support networks. Ms. Campbell was an American author, journalist, teacher, and mental health advocate.

Mental health affects the well-being of everyone emotionally, psychologically, and socially. It alters how we think, feel, act, manage stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is an essential part of our overall health and is just as important as physical health. People often prioritize physical health over mental health. Mental health issues are common, and it can influence our ability to pursue a healthy lifestyle.

Did You Know?

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, over 20% of adult Americans live with a mental health condition, ranging from common disorders, such as, anxiety and depression to more severe conditions, like bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, or post-traumatic stress disorder. Furthermore, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and eating disorders can significantly impact daily life and overall health.

Despite strides in mental health awareness and services, people in racial and ethnic minority groups often do not access mental health care. These groups face systemic barriers such as lack of health insurance, financial barriers, and limited access to culturally competent mental-health providers. Negative ideas or stigma about mental health in their communities can also prevent people from seeking help. These misconceptions about mental health conditions may result in self-doubt, embarrassment, and fear of discrimination, which creates another barrier to care. These barriers can lead to gaps in mental health outcomes and highlight the need for more inclusive and equitable mental healthcare policies and practices.

Mental health issues are treatable and often preventable. A combination of therapy, medication, lifestyle changes, and social support often proves to be effective. Early intervention and ongoing management can also prevent mental health conditions from worsening. It is imperative to promote integrating mental health care into general healthcare settings. It would not only increase the accessibility of services, but it would also help to normalize the perception of mental healthcare.

Finally, we must confront the systematic barriers head-on and forcefully challenge the stigma. We must advocate for a comprehensive and inclusive approach to healthcare that unconditionally recognizes the importance of mental health. Mental health is a vital aspect of human well-being and overall health. Although there has been significant progress in understanding and addressing mental health conditions, more work is necessary to ensure everyone can access proper health care.

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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** - Inspectors are still evaluating the integrity of Stephen Crane Village Building No. 12 as well as pinpointing the source of the explosion that demolished its northern end here at 6:36 p.m. July 21.

Security camera footage from Building No. 17 across Stephen Crane Plaza / Frankie Valli Way, as released July 23, showed an orange fireball seen through a second floor apartment window before the north end blew out and the roof partially collapsed.

Rubble from the two exploded apartments were cleared, leaving an erect chain link fence behind as of 7 a.m. July 25. A tarpaulin covers the exposed end of Building 12's remaining vacated apartments between So. Hawthorne and So. Pine lanes. A rented moving truck, its back to one of the entrance doors, was parked on a So. Pine Lane lawn.

One man, who resided in the second floor apartment, remains in critical condition in RWJ Barnabas Health Cooperman Barnabas Burn Unit as of Tuesday. He and one other person were extricated by first responders and another four were injured. The American Red Cross Disaster Action Team and the Newark Housing Authority had provided emergency services for the 31 people among 12 families displaced by the explosion and evacuation.

Public Service Electric & Gas inspectors combed the village grounds, going door to door among the 28 two-story buildings, to detect any natural gas leaks. Residents told reporters

that there was a PSE&G crew on the grounds that Friday; a utility spokesman, on Sunday, said that the said crew were working on an unrelated matter.

Stephen Crane Village, south of the Belleville border, was among several built in Newark with federal housing administration funding around 1940. The NHA-owned and operated property is of the same vintage as the demolished Seth Boyden and James Baxter houses and the closed Haynes West houses. While the NHA has been demolishing the 1940-era housing the last 20 years, there are no immediate plans to replace Stephen Crane Village.

**IRVINGTON** - The two 16-year-old Newark boys accused of stealing an SUV July 5 with a 7-year-old autistic boy inside on July 5 may have some additional burglary charges levied against them.

Readers may recall that one car thief ran out of a blue Hyundai that had pulled up on the 110 Elmwood Ave. that Wednesday morning, got into the Cadillac SUV that was unlocked and was running in a driveway. The SUV driver-owner said he had just strapped his son in the back seat and was taking an emptied curbside recycling can back to the backyard.

The Cadillac and Hyundai drivers fled for three blocks before they realized they had a passenger and ditched the former car. The suspects and the Hyundai were later found and arrested in Newark.

Maplewood police detectives have meanwhile told their ECPO colleagues that the blue Hyundai four door Sonata is the same one used in thefts in their College Hill and Newark Heights sections.

A Rutgers Street resident told responding MPD officers that someone in a blue Sonata noticed some unattended bags on the property, brought them into the Hyundai and fled early on July 5.

Police also went to the Sunoco station at 1459 Springfield Ave. near the Irvington border

that same Wednesday. The victim said that a blue Hyundai had pulled up alongside her own vehicle, allowing a Sonata occupant to swipe her purse from within.

**EAST ORANGE** - Residents of a First Ward intersection neighborhood awoke to the sounds of sirens, a car collision, running footsteps and hovering helicopter blades early July 25.

The sirens suddenly ended at the intersection of Springdale and Midland Avenues around 6 a.m. Tuesday. One of East Orange police's marked cruisers had collided with a grey four-door late model BMW that it and two other squad cars had been chasing.

The impact damaged the police cruiser's left front corner after striking the suspected BMW. It is not known whether the collision came from a deliberate nudge by EOPD or was accidental.

Also, the impact caused the BMW's passenger side airbags to inflate. Its engine began smoking, prompting an extinguishment by an EOPD engine crew. The car's three occupants fled, causing a foot chase by some of the city's "finest."

A Pulse EMS van had also responded to the scene. A police officer, presumably from the struck cruiser, entered the ambulance - which left the scene by 6:30 a.m.

Springfield and Midland were closed, detouring NJTransit's No. 34 M buses and other traffic, until an East Coast Recovery Board flatbed to truck took away the BMW and the squad car.

Neither the EOPD nor ECPO, as of 1 p.m. Tuesday, have not said why the BMW was being pursued, any extent of the officer's injury, or whether any of the suspects have been caught.

**ORANGE** - The Orange Police Department has put out a "Be on the Lookout" bulletin July 24 for a 2010 Kia Forte - and the man who had carjacked it from its owners.

The OPD blotter states that

officers had responded to a 2:30 a.m. Monday report of a car stolen from the 400 block of Bradford Place - and found the victims waiting for them.

They said that "an armed suspect approached them" and stole the Kia. The suspect and the car were last seen fleeing on the North Ward street by West Orange's Watchung Heights and Tory Corner neighborhoods.

No one was physically injured in the carjacking. The 2010 Kia Forte's New Jersey license plate number is: J21-RDJ.

**WEST ORANGE** - County authorities are investigating back-to-back bias vandalism to an Orange Valley business and are gathering information on a reported third to a next door studio here July 12-13.

ECPO, said acting prosecutor Theodore "Ted" Stephens II July 19, are pursuing the July 12-13 vandalism of Harper's Cafe at 134 S. Valley Rd., as hate crimes. Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura, that same Wednesday, posted a \$10,000 Crimestoppers page towards information leading to the arrests of the suspects or suspects.

West Orange police officers first called Harper's Cafe owner Garan Dixon after they had found black paint splattered on its front door window and on displayed Pride flags; the front door window was also broken by a brick WOPD estimated that this incident happened between 7:25 p.m. July 12 and 7:51 a.m. July 13.

Dixon closed the cafe at regular time July 13 - only to get called back by WOPD officers later that Thursday night. Officers believe that a person or persons pulled down Pride flags and smashed the storefront window with a brick between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Dixon, while making repairs July 14, said he has at least one Pride flag on display to show his support of the LGBTQIA+ community and had added a second to his store front earlier this year.

Ambar Jimenez meanwhile said that she had received a

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**WORLD NEWS FLASH**

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years of war.” But noted that this was just a “milestone in the journey,” as the next step involves securing the replacement vessel to a specialized safety buoy.

The UN Secretary-General has called for a further \$20 million to finish the project, including the scrapping of the Safer and removing any remaining environmental threats to the Red Sea.

The transfer of some 1.13 million barrels of crude oil from the FSO Safer to a second tanker known as the Yemen is taking place amid ongoing war between the Government and Houthi rebels.

Pumping began at 10:45 AM, local time, and will continue round-the-clock over the next 19 days.

Achim Steiner, head of the UN Development Program (UNDP), which is implementing the “unique and unusual salvage operation”, hailed the development as a major milestone.

“As we know, sadly Yemen is still a country that finds itself in the midst of conflict...with many consequences for its people,” he said, speaking via videoconference to journalists at UN Headquarters in New York.

“But one thread that has been looming large over the people of Yemen, but also the Red Sea and all the countries in the region, is

this 47-year-old rusting tanker.”

**WORLD**

**HUMAN SMUGGLING NETWORK CRUSHED**

An operation targeting a transnational criminal network smuggling Cuban nationals to the European Union has led to the arrest of 62 individuals, including 25 Cubans.

The investigation, coordinated by INTERPOL and Europol, was launched in October 2021 after an increased number of Cuban citizens attempting to enter Europe with fake documents was reported by Finland, Greece, North Macedonia and Serbia.

For a payment of around EUR 9,000 the network would arrange the trip, transfers and provide the falsified documentation. The migrants would fly from Cuba to Serbia, which until recently did not require a visa, before they were smuggled into Greece from where they were flown into Spain.

It is estimated some 5,000 Cuban nationals were successfully smuggled into the EU, generating a profit of around EUR 45 million.

The first in a series of joint operational meetings was hosted by INTERPOL at its General Secretariat headquarters in Lyon in March 2022.

The investigation revealed a complex

criminal infrastructure set up in cities across Greece, Serbia and Spain.

On a day of action across the three countries in June, as well as making 26 arrests, police also recovered hundreds of fake and genuine documents and around EUR 100,000 in cash. In addition, 18 pieces of real estate and 133 vehicles were seized and 144 bank accounts frozen.

INTERPOL and Europol also deployed specialists to provide on the ground support with intelligence analysis and cross match reports.

Initially the Cuban nationals flew commercially direct to Russia where smugglers offered the option to either irregularly cross the Russian-Finnish border to then enter the EU, or fly to Serbia to continue their journey into Central or Southern Europe.

However, following the start of the conflict in Ukraine, the route was changed with Cubans instead flown via Germany to Serbia. The criminal networks would then facilitate irregular entry into Greece and North Macedonia, often forcing groups of migrants to walk in the dark for hours with no supplies.

Some of the most vulnerable migrants, which included minors, were subjected to scams, robberies and extortion, with some women transferred to other criminal groups for sexual exploitation.

Investigations are continuing and further arrests are expected.





*From  
The  
Pastor's  
Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

**Be Patient With  
One Another**

Individuals who have been married for a long time have learned that there is one virtue above all that has kept them together, and if their marriage is to last (into old age), they need to develop that virtue. Parents and leaders have also learned that their successes depend on the development of such a virtue.

The virtue of which I speak is **patience**. One proverb says, "Patience is a virtue." As described, patience is the ability to wait for something without getting frustrated or upset. It is the quality or trait that many consider morally excellent or desirable.

The importance of patience cannot be overstated. For this reason, it is added to every virtue list in the Bible and even secular literature. On the list of his additives, as an old preacher acquaintance of mine used to call it, the apostle Peter encouraged:

"And beside this, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue**; and to virtue knowledge; **And to knowledge temperance**; **and to temperance patience**; and to patience godliness; **And to godliness brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness charity." (2 Peter 1:5-7 KJV, my emphasis)

Interestingly, some people have a rather negative view of patience, thinking it's an excuse for procrastination or delay, and therefore, they suggest that one needs to promote the idea that "impatience is a virtue." But those who promote impatience must understand that such is causing much of the tragedy of brokenness we are experiencing today.

Impatience is not a virtue. It is a sin, a weakness, a fruit of pride, lust, and false passion that creates anger, frustration, conflict, stress, and hurt. Anyone who promotes impatience instead of patience will notice that they cannot sustain effective relationships and achieve personal growth.

Yes, patience is a virtue, and we need to make every effort for its development in our lives. In my personal life, as a husband for just about 53 years, in my parenting, and my professional life as a

pastor and professor, I have learned that patience is one of the most necessary ingredients I can ever have. My wife could write her piece on developing patience with me, for she knows how much my drive to accomplish things has often made me impatient. She has had to deal with my quirks and has gone out of her way to tolerate me. I bless her for being so patient with me. Without her patience, we would constantly be butting heads.

If you are ever asking how you can learn to be patient. I offer the following seven suggestions:

1. Learn humility - Pride makes for impatience.
2. Communicate carefully - Listen before you speak.
3. Learn empathy - Put yourself in the place of others.
4. Reflect - Do not jump to conclusions.
5. Be realistic in your expectations.
6. Learn how to negotiate for win-wins and when to compromise.
7. Learn forgiveness - We all will fail sometimes, so forgive yourself and others.

The apostle Paul understood

that keeping unity in a community demanded patience and offered this counsel: "Be patient with one another" (cf. Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13). The point is that patience leads to a life of victory. And so we find the comment upon those who are victorious in faith in Hebrews 12:1, 2 (KJV):

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and **let us run with patience the race** that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Emphasis mine).

The point of emphasis in this piece is that we need to practice patience in all our relationships. Any expert will tell you about the need for patience. Those who win games will tell you about patience. Yes, patience is a crucial ingredient in a successful life. To be a faithful servant of God, you must have patience.

**TERM LIMITS IN ORANGE**

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to wait at least four years before running again. If an incumbent has already served "at least seven years by December 31, 2023, and every year after on the same date," per the CTLO's filed statements, they would become disqualified for reelection.

"If it's written into our state papers for its highest office, it's not unconstitutional," said Marquiso Jean, a founding member of the CTLO. "Term limits are taught starting by sixth grade, like the 22nd amendment and the US President's office, in social studies or history classes statewide. Most high school students already know what term limits are. This shouldn't be hard to understand or want," said India Williams, another CTLO member.

The petition also seeks other changes in local government. If the term-limits question is successfully voted by Orange citizens, officeholders already having served seven years would be unable to receive candidate forms for the next round of elections: mayor/at-large council in 2024, and upcoming ward

council elections in the following year. Other proposed changes include former mayor(s) or city council member(s) not being eligible for mayoral appointments to municipal boards like Planning, Zoning, Library Board of Trustees, etc., for at least three years. Also, the petition seeks term limits on the city council presidency of not more than two consecutive years, and other minor revisions to city government.

"If 'the world's capital,' New York City, can have and exercise term limits, why can't we? This is an objective question that shouldn't have a problem being passed," said Kweli Campbell, another CTLO member. "20 to 25 former US Presidents and state governors, about 45-50 past leaders since the 50s in total, in all of their past or present resources, money and access, could have filed groundbreaking, constitutional challenges and couldn't. It's not an emotional question, just an application of democracy and government from higher levels. It protects the voters and increases chances for leadership in a decision-making capacity," said CTLO member Derrick Henry, also a member of the Orange Board of Education.

If successful, current incumbents imme-

diately affected by the local term-limits movement would include Mayor Dwayne Warren, City Council President Tency Eason, council members Kerry Coley, Jamie Summers-Johnson, and possibly Adrienne Wooten. To date, Eason is the longest-serving city council member. Per the League of Municipalities website, she was first elected in 2002. Warren was first elected to mayor in 2012, formerly employed by Orange as a research officer.

Earlier this week, the organization was contacted by the Orange City Clerk's office because their petition was cleared to get signatures. In a press-time statement, the group said they are planning events in the "very immediate" future to get as many signatures as possible to bypass city council, like the Committee for an Elected Orange School Board (CEOSB) successfully did a few years ago. Per the CTLO's filing, per city code, all signatures from registered voters living in Orange have to be in the City Clerk's office "81 days before the general election" at close of the Orange city clerk's office hours. Tentatively, that date appears to be August 18, 2023.



# WEST ORANGE TEEN ATTENDS U.S. SPACE ACADEMY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) recently gave six teenagers with an affinity for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) the summer vacation of their dreams by providing them with scholarships to attend the Advanced Space Academy at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. Additionally, for the first time ever, SFIC sent a separate group of six teens to the Environmental Education Program at the Pine Mountain Settlement School in Bledsoe, Ky.

The 12 scholarship recipients - who are all entering their high school sophomore and junior years at Archdiocese of Newark Catholic schools - were chosen for their programs after submitting their grades, a teacher recommendation, and an essay describing why they would benefit from attending their desired camp. They also had to write a second essay explaining how math and science (for Space Academy applicants) or biology, chemistry, geology, and environmental science (for Pine Mountain applicants) spark their creativity.

The full list of recipients is below:

## Advanced Space Academy Scholarship Recipients

- Alessandra Boncaldo, junior, Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest
- Lucas Miranda, junior, Seton Hall Prep in West Orange
- Sophia Sanchez, junior, Hudson Catholic High School in Jersey City
- Owen Parillo, junior, Hudson Catholic High School in Jersey City
- Brian Sylva, junior, Hudson Catholic High School in Jersey City
- Henil Patel, junior, Hudson Catholic



**Lucas Miranda experiences what it is like to be a pilot in a jet aircraft simulator while attending the Advanced Space Academy at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. Photo courtesy Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children**

High School in Jersey City

## Pine Mountain Settlement School Scholarship Recipients

- Malan Young, sophomore, Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains
- Ava Braddock, sophomore, Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark
- Zarabeth Campanella, sophomore, Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark
- Eva Santelli, sophomore, Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest
- Olivia Lewis, sophomore, Saint Dominic Academy in Jersey City
- Ijlal Imran, sophomore, Hudson Catholic High School in Jersey City

Those who attended the Space Academy enjoyed one week of high-level educational

and teambuilding activities, which included constructing a rocket, flying jet aircraft simulators, and completing an extended-duration Mars mission simulation. They also got to experience a moonwalk using the 1/6th gravity chair and a spacecraft tumble in the multi-axis trainer. Meanwhile, the teenagers in the Environmental Education Program studied the ecology of Kentucky's Pine Mountain and the James E. Bickford State Nature Preserve. That included examining stream activity, observing wildlife, and going on a night hike.

"These camps are fun things to do, but they're also very educational," said Jasmin Roman, SFIC's director of scholarship programs. "They learn a lot about STEM, and they also learn a lot about teamwork because they have to work with people from around the world. We've seen kids come back like different people because they're much more confident. So, we love being able to provide this opportunity - it's an experience of a lifetime."

SFIC's Space Academy scholarships are funded entirely by donors Mark and Kathy Walchak, whose generosity has sent more than 150 teenagers to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center since 1996. Many of these teens went on to pursue careers in STEM fields, including two who joined NASA's Mars Exploration Program. The Pine Mountain scholarships were paid for by multiple foundations interested in promoting environmental science education. After this successful first summer, SFIC plans to send more students to Kentucky next year.

For more information on the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children, visit [www.sficnj.org](http://www.sficnj.org).

## CARGO SHIP FIRE

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2020 Hoegh Xiamen cargo ship fire at the Port of Jacksonville, Fla. traced its cause by "an electrical fault in an improperly disconnected battery in a used vehicle." The fire aboard the Grimaldi ship injured nine firefighters, took eight days to extinguish and wrote off \$2,240 used cars at a value of \$40 million.

One has to also consider that modern motor vehicles are furnished with a range of combustible fluids and flammable materials.

Then there is the compatibility between the port's water lines and the ship's on board lines.

The crew of NFD Engine 16 quickly found out that their 2.5-inch diameter hoses would not mate with the 2011-built Grande Costa D'Avorio's internal one-inch diameter lines. Firefighters had to use the ship's own one-in. fire hoses to battle the blaze.

Newark's firefighters union leadership, on July 8, said that the city's own fire boat "wouldn't start." FDNY Commissioner Laura

Kavanaugh personally approved NFD's mutual aid request at 1 a.m. July 6. An FDNY spokesperson said that they did not get a mutual aid request until 12:40 a.m.

The equipment mishap and delayed mutual aid call has led some, including Gov. Phil Murphy (D-Rumson) to ask whether the Port Authority should have a Port Newark/Port Elizabeth fire department of its own.

Port Authority Port Newark / Elizabeth's territory extends into Jersey City and Bayonne. The Port Newark Container Terminal alone, at 272 acres is the largest on the East Coast and only second to the Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach. Newark Liberty International Airport, which Newark leases out to the PA, is 1,000 acres.

The PA, aside from its own police department, is largely dependent on the host municipalities' first responders. Having a PAFD, reason some, would create a force that would combat specialized fires.

"The PA has a small crew that fight smaller fires," said Mayor Ras Baraka. "When they have big, structural fires, they always call Newark."

An argument broke out over NFD preparedness during the July 8-9 weekend. Newark fire union officials claim that "Newark's bravest" suffers from unit understaffing and being financially under-resourced.

Baraka and Newark Fire Chief Rufus Jackson countered that city firefighters get training for cargo ship fires. Jackson added that a large wave of NFD retirements during the global COVID pandemic may have led to not all firefighters getting specialized training when the first alarms were received at 9:25 p.m. July 5.697 foot-long, 12-story,

The Grande Costa D'Avorio remains moored along a Port Newark dock. The 697-foot-long, 12-story, 47,000-ton ship had arrived from Baltimore on its way to deliver its cargo in West Africa.

That voyage has been delayed - and may never happen. There are insurance adjusters, waiting their turn to board, who will determine whether the ship and/or its cargo is salvageable.



The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

MAMA USED TO SAY

“...And Mama used to say, ‘Take your time young man’... And Mama used to say, ‘Don’t you rush to get old’ ...And Mama used to say, ‘Take it in your stride’ And Mama used to say, ‘Live your life!’ ” - Junior Giscombe

Those words were penned by singer / songwriter Junior, and they’re part of the lyrics of one of my favorite sing-along songs. I heard it at passing the other day and voila! We’ve got something to chat about!

One of the things that my mama used to say that has stuck with me throughout the years was something that I gleaned from just yesterday which is "You have what you say!" But there are so many others. When

talking to my sister Tamie last night, her response to the question was quick on the draw, which had been a mandate for my Daddy to execute a whippin lol!"

She didn't dare think that I'd have the nerve to say that one but, surprise, surprise. No disrespect to my parents because they certainly weren't some psycho-duo that found pleasure in randomly whipping children. So in their defense there were six of us, one boy and five of us girls in all. So logically Tamie had her share of eavesdropping on the PBAs of someone else's punishment.

But, once all jokes were set aside she assured me that (Doris Brown) my mama's words of wisdom that really stuck was when she'd say "A hard head makes a soft behind!" There goes that word again lol. I'm going to have a chat with Mother. The other was, "It ain't no such



Photos By Andrea Dialect

thing as being bored. Get a book, draw something, get a hobby you must have a hobby."

I always remembered that, and I say it to my kids (Tamie). This week I decided to take it to the streets and glean what those Mamas used to say from out there. But I hadn't thought about what Mama didn't say which now has become as relevant. I so loved the honesty in that response. For some reason most surveyed were males which I thought was pretty interesting. They love them Mamas, I tell ya. You should have seen how quickly those eyes go up in heads when you see the deer that were in headlights. Thanks, Guys.

STREETS BE TALKIN'

My mother was my favorite. She could bake a peach cobbler and she was so sweet. The

sweetest woman I've ever encountered. She would say "Boy behave yourself. Don't misbehave in public. When you talk to someone look them in the eyes and be good to people even if it ain't worth it all." (Dawud)

My mother used to always tell me, "Don't eat at other people's houses. Be home before that sun goes down and mind your own business." (Nate)

My mother didn't talk like that. Maybe she would repeat some of the things my grandmother used to say. But I can't remember anything. I was pretty much on my own at about fifteen. I didn't live like that. It wasn't like that I was pretty independent. (Anonymous)

My mother used to be very observant she didn't speak much. She mostly responded to what was going on with me directly. Things like "Wear a hat you should always have a hat on your head. Why you smell like cigarettes, and stuff like that? She paid attention to me and what was going on. (Windie)

My mom did great as a mom. I love my mama. One thing she used to always say was, "Don't bring no babies in this house because I ain't taking care of it." Me and my brother, her only kids are well up in age and neither of us has any. She wants grandkids; she even opened a daycare. I think she regrets it now.

Always be kind to others is something that my mom always said to me! (Bernita, Crossing Guard)

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phone call at her photo studio at 136 S. Valley July 13. The caller asked her why she was wearing braids and whether she is Black. When Jimenez said that she is Hispanic, the caller told her that she should move her studio out and "We're going to do something to your business."

The West Orange Chamber of Commerce voiced their support of Harper's. Mayor Susan McCartney and the West Orange Rainbow Coalition joined in denouncing the vandalism. An estimated 150 people came to Harper's July 16 to help complete repairs and show their support.

**SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD** - The Montrose Early Child Development Center, for the second time in five months, was the scene of a staff member alleged mishandling of a preschool student.

South Orange-Maplewood School District Superintendent Dr. Ronald Taylor, in a July 20 open letter, said that a Montrose paraprofessional has been put on administrative leave while an investigation on a July 18 mishandling allegation is being investigated.

That investigation is being done jointly by SOMSD, the South Orange Police Department and the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency's Institution Abuse Investigation Unit. Taylor said he called the police and DCPD immediately after first calling the child's parents July 18.

"We take all allegations of a child being mistreated very seriously," said Taylor July 20. "If the allegations are substantiated, we will not hesitate to do what we need to do to protect your children."

A Montrose teacher's aide was accused of hanging an autistic boy by his legs for 15 seconds during March 27's school dismissal. The unnamed aide, who was put on adminis-

trative leave, resigned from SOMSD in May.

Then-Montrose Principal Bonita Samuels took a leave of absence. The SOMSD Board of Education appointed Maureen Davenport as interim principal June 1.

**BLOOMFIELD** - NJTransit will soon more than make up for the lost decades in restoring the 1912 Bloomfield Station's westbound waiting room on its Montclair-Boonton Line.

The NJTransit Board of Directors, at its July 12 meeting in Newark, approved allocating \$4.7 million towards restoring and reopening the Lackawanna Plaza waiting room, which had been closed since the 1980s. The Town Centre station currently has an average daily ridership of 1,500 people.

The project, to start later this year, will complement the eastbound waiting room, which was restored and reopened in 2008

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courtesy of a \$1 million federal grant. The whole station, which is on the national and state historical registries, has been within Bloomfield's Town Centre redevelopment zone since the 2000s.

Bloomfield, Madison and Lake Hopatcong stations were built in a Gothic style by the Lackawanna Railroad in the 1910s. Successor Erie-Lackawanna Railroad, in the face of Montclair Branch ridership declines in the 1960s, sold the westbound waiting room to glass installer-turned real estate owner Howard Haberman.

Haberman had rented out the space for a pizzeria and a florist shop before closing the room in 1980. When he presented a site plan to build a platform level restaurant to go with a reopened waiting room before the Bloomfield Planning Board in 2002, Mayor Raymond McCarthy and his administrators objected.

McCarthy, citing that the station is within the six block Town Centre redevelopment zone, said that the township has a say at what goes into the westbound waiting room. Haberman countered that the property sale had been honored by Conrail and NJTransit.

**MONTCLAIR** - The Township Council has scheduled Aug. 15 as its public hearing and possible final vote on legislation that would ban the use of internal combustion engine leaf blowers year round.

The measure, as passed 5-2 on its July 8 introduction, would amend its 2022 May 15-October 15 seasonal ban to year-round Oct. 15, 2023. The ban would affect both private owners and landscaping companies.

Mayor Sean Spillar and Council Members Robert "Bob" Russo, Peter Yacobellis, Robin Schlager and Lori Price Abrams said that the ordinance amendment would cut noise and chemical emissions made by the gas blowers and limit disruption of bees and other pollinators.

The full-time gas blower ban would prompt the use of quieter electric blowers. The legislation is endorsed by Quiet Montclair. Advocates point towards the Maplewood Township Committee's Jan. 1, 2022 permanent ban as an example.

Deputy Mayor William "Bill" Hurlock and David Cummings, who voted "No," said that there is no significant difference in the health effects of gas and electric blowers. They are concerned about the economic burden to be placed on small businesses who would have to switch to electric blowers to keep working in

Montclair.

Although Gaia Gardens owner Diana Paxton said that it is using some battery powered tools, she added that it takes up to eight times longer to cover the same lawns with electric blowers. It takes four to five hours overnight to fully recharge the blowers' batteries. In the end, Paxton concludes that she would have less time to serve her Montclair clients and would annul all Montclair contracts and autumn estimates.

**GLEN RIDGE** - Montclair Fire Department inspectors are searching for the cause of an early morning July 14 fire at an Appleton Place house while its contracted renovator is weighing whether the building is still worth overhauling.

The MFD blotter entry had its headquarters units respond to a house fire there at 6:40 a.m. that Friday. Montclair has been providing contracted fire suppression and prevention services for Glen Ridge since the borough disbanded its own department in 1990.

The incident commander promptly pulled a second alarm for all hands and mutual aid. Firefighters soon found that the house was vacant: residents had temporarily moved out and renovation personnel had not yet arrived for the day.

Units from Bloomfield, West Orange, East Orange and Clifton either went to the fire scene and/or provided Montclair station coverage.

Although the fire was quickly contained, the 2.5-story house was left with fire, smoke and water damage on all its floors. The final MFD fire engine left the scene at 9:50 a.m. There were no reported injuries.

**BELLEVILLE** - Township residents who remember July 21 as the anniversary of when a private plane broke up over Belleville, killing its pilot, may also remember how its death toll could have been a lot worse.

July 21, 1967 was an average hazy summer Friday with a low cloud ceiling until parts of a single engine Bonanza 240 rained down on Passaic Avenue and Liberty and Jefferson streets just after 12:30 p.m.

A wing of Bonanza N54420, still laden with aviation fuel, landed on the intersection of Liberty and Jefferson streets. The Bonanza's fuselage landed just feet before Belleville High School's principal's office along Passaic Avenue. The building had dismissed its students and staff for the summer school day five minutes earlier.

The pilot's body was found in a Pas-

saic Avenue backyard pool across Passaic Street. The Casale family said that their children had just left the pool for lunch.

Two plumes of smoke, visible for several miles, drew all Belleville Fire Department hands and those from neighboring towns.

The pilot was identified as Thomas R. McCarthy, 67, of Rochester, N.Y. McCarthy, who owned a personnel company, was a World War Two navigator who was on his way home from South Carolina.

McCarthy and his Bonanza had taken off from a stop at Newark Airport. Contemporary articles state that the Bonanza struck an electrical high power transmission line, causing it to explode. McCarthy left behind a wife and five children.

**NUTLEY** - A Franklin Avenue dance studio and part of an Italian delicatessen appear to be continuing business as usual despite a July 8 police pursuit whose end came with a crash there.

A Nutley Police Department blotter entry has its officers responding to a car crash between 152 and 156 "South Franklin Ave." that Saturday. They arrived to find a blue Subaru against a brick pillar between A&S Italian delicacies' southern and the Angelic Dance Studios' northern walls.

Responding officers promptly summoned local EMS, who took the Subaru driver to a local hospital for treatment of serious injuries. The car was extricated without major delay to NJTransit Route 74 buses or other traffic.

156 Franklin Ave. is a 2.5-story house that was long converted to street level offices or stores and second floor apartments. A&S, at 152 Franklin is another 2.5 story mixed-use building with a single story northern extension.

The crash is still under investigation since witnesses told NPD officers that a second car had been pursuing the Subaru. The second car's driver, should he or she be found, will be charged with fourth-degree assault by auto.

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