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ORANGE BOARD OF ED MEMBER WINGFIELD ACCUSED OF SHARING CONFIDENTIAL INFO



“Local Talk” recently interviewed Orange School Board Member Tyrone Tarver about the state of education affairs in Orange. During the conversation, he told us that Board Member Jeffrey Wingfield Violated Four Counts By Revealing Confidential Information To Mayor, Councilwoman And City Attorney.

Here now are brief but detailed highlights from the interview. All the information provided is from Mr. Tarver.

TYRONE TARVER’S INTERVIEW ABOUT SCHOOL ETHICS BY BOARD MEMBERS.

1. Tyrone Tarver made a complaint on or about December 24, 2021.
2. Back in August of 2020, Ty-

rone: “I found out somebody shared some confidential email with Mayor Warren.

3. “The Board Attorney admitted that it was confidential and wrote to Mayor Warren to delete the email August 2020. He replied that he deleted it.”
4. Tarver found out that Jeffrey Wingfield sent a confidential email to Mayor Warren on or about August 2020.
5. On or about September 2020, Wingfield sent another confidential email to Mayor Warren, Councilwoman Wooten and City Attorney Avram White.
6. The Board Attorney sent an email on September 28, 2020 to Councilwoman Wooten that the email was confiden-

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FOUR YOUTHS JUMP 11 YEAR OLD Police Boost Patrols in Area



By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - There is more than just the holiday season in one Newark neighborhood for noticing increased police patrols.

The Newark Police Division Traffic Unit has stepped up patrolling the area in and around the North Ward's Lower Broadway section in the wake of an 11-year-old boy being jumped by four youths here Nov. 15.

The middle school student was walking home that Wednesday afternoon in the 540 block of Summer Avenue when a pair of gray four-door late model SUVs stopped in the travel lane across from him.

In a surveillance video recording released by a neighbor, the first two or three and then four males in their late teens or early twenties got out of the

first SUV and approached the boy.

They grabbed his cell phone, throwing him down onto the sidewalk, before getting back into the first car. The boy ran to get into the SUV to get the phone back - but the vehicle pulled away, sending the boy onto the street.

The boy, who suffered an injured knee, was taken in by another neighbor and called police. NPD recorded the following descriptions:

- One suspect was wearing a black jacket with beige sleeves.
- The second suspect was wearing a red skull cap, black pants, a gray sweater and white sneakers.
- The third was all black except for a gray facemask.

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Editorial
Dhiren Shah
 Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

Thanksgiving is over. Now we all are looking forward to even more big holidays ahead. The best part of the holidays is getting together with friends and family. When we are celebrating these holidays, most of us forget about our worries, everyday struggles or even some health problems and enjoy life with those who we love the most. Happy Holidays to all of you and enjoy the season.

As we know, Rosalynn Carter passed away at 96 on November 19, 2023. She was the First Lady from 1977 to 1981. She joined her husband and former President Jimmy Carter at few days ago in hospice care. Former President Bill Clinton

and current President Joseph Biden joined former President Carter to give her a final send off.

President Carter said, "Rosalynn was my equal partner in everything I ever accomplished." Also, Vice President Kamala Harris and first lady Jill Biden joined with former first ladies Michelle Obama, Laura Bush, Hillary Clinton and Melania Trump at a memorial on Tuesday November 28th in Atlanta.

Israel and Hamas have had a truce for a few days already and they extended it two more days. They exchanged some hostages from Hamas and some prisoners from Israel. It's a really good start. I hope this will stop the genocide and killing that makes life miserable for innocent people. Fuel, food and medicines are being transported to Gaza on a humanitarian basis.

Israelis and Palestinians both are humans. Why to kill in the name of God, when God from any religion give us a simple

message to be humble, to be peaceful, to be humanitarian. But some of the religious leaders with their great oratorship changes the minds of the people. I hope all the religions teach people to look out for and respect all of us first as humans, then teach the good message or prayer from the religion.

There was a huge collapse of a tunnel to be built in the Himalayan Mountains in the state of Uttarakhand. 41 workers were trapped 17 days ago. The Indian government and the State government worked day and night to rescue them. Many asked what were they doing while trapped. The best part about it is that they were given cards and food through a hole and all 41 workers were playing games, exercising regularly to keep their bodies healthy. They played physical games as well. And after 17 days of hard work, it paid off and on November 28th, all were rescued safely.

In Sierra Leone, there was a coup to overthrow the govern-

ment. However, it failed and about 13 police officers were arrested. Niger's military government stopped migrants from going through Niger, so many businesses lost business due to travel from West Africa to Europe being affected.

A 68 year old pedestrian was killed on Bloomfield Avenue in Caldwell, NJ. Lately, I see more news about pedestrians being killed. What is the problem? I noticed that in the evening time, the black or dark outfits don't let the drivers see the pedestrians crossing the roads, even though they were crossing at the cross walk. I request all drivers to drive carefully when it is dark to see pedestrians in the crossings. Also, for pedestrians, please wear light colored shirts or pants, so others can notice you while crossing the road. It is for the safety for both. "Better be safe than sorry."

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next time.

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Global Measles Threat Continues With Millions of Unvaccinated Children

CDC - Following years of declines in measles vaccination coverage, measles cases in 2022 have increased by 18%, and deaths have increased by 43% globally (compared to 2021). This takes the estimated number of measles cases to 9 million and deaths to 136,000 - mostly among children - according to a new report from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Measles continues to pose a relentlessly increasing threat to children. In 2022, 37 countries experienced large or disruptive

outbreaks compared with 22 countries in 2021. Of the countries experiencing outbreaks, 28 were in the WHO Region for Africa, six in the Eastern Mediterranean, two in Southeast Asia, and one in the European Region.

“The increase in measles outbreaks and deaths is staggering, but unfortunately, not unexpected given the declining vaccination rates we’ve seen in the past few years,” said John Vertefeuille, director of CDC’s Global Immunization Division. “Measles cases anywhere pose a risk to all countries and communities where people are under-vaccinated. Urgent, targeted efforts are critical to prevent measles disease and deaths.”

Measles is preventable with two doses of measles vaccine. While a modest increase in global vaccination coverage occurred in 2022 from 2021, there were still 33 million children who missed a measles vaccine dose: nearly 22 million missed their first dose and an additional 11 million missed their second dose. The global vaccine coverage rate

of the first dose, at 83%, and second dose, at 74%, were still well under the 95% coverage with the two doses necessary to protect communities from outbreaks.

Low-income countries, where the risk of death from measles is highest, continue to have the lowest vaccination rates at only 66%; a rate that shows no recovery at all from the backsliding during the pandemic. Of the 22 million children who missed their first measles vaccine dose in 2022, over half live in just 10 countries: Angola, Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Philippines.

“The lack of recovery in measles vaccine coverage in low-income countries following the pandemic is an alarm bell for action. Measles is called the inequity virus for good reason. It is the disease that will find and attack those who aren’t protected,” said Kate O’Brien, WHO Director for Immunization, Vaccine and Biologicals. “Children everywhere have the right to be protected by the lifesaving measles vaccine, no matter where they live.”

CDC and WHO urge countries to find and vaccinate all children against measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases and encourage global stakeholders to aid countries to vaccinate their most vulnerable communities. In addition, to help prevent outbreaks, all global health partners at the global, regional, national, and local levels must invest in robust surveillance systems and outbreak response capacity to rapidly detect and respond to outbreaks.

CDC and WHO are founding members of the Measles & Rubella Partnership (M&RP), a global initiative to stop measles and rubella. Under the umbrella of Immunization Agenda 2030 and guided by the Measles and Rubella Strategic Framework 2030, M&RP’s mission includes addressing the decline in national vaccination coverage, hastening COVID-19 pandemic recovery and accelerating progress towards creating a world free of

measles and rubella. The partnership also includes American Red Cross, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, United Nations Foundation, and UNICEF.

Campaign Set to Combat Type 2 Diabetes

CDC - Prediabetes is reversible, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Ad Council want to make sure people know they can change the outcome.

More than 1 in 3 adults - about 98 million Americans - has prediabetes, and 81% of them don’t know they have it. CDC and the Ad Council are launching new public service announcements (PSAs) today as part of the ongoing “Do I Have Prediabetes?” initiative to encourage people to learn their risk of prediabetes.

The new “Be Your Own Hero” PSAs, developed by creative agency Subject Matter+Kivvit, encourages viewers to take the 1-minute prediabetes risk test so they can take steps to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes. If someone receives a high-risk score, the campaign provides additional resources and encourages them to speak with their doctor about getting a blood test to confirm a diagnosis of prediabetes.

Since the award-winning campaign first launched in January 2016, there have been more than 12.7 million online and video risk test completions where people have learned their risk for prediabetes.

“Diabetes is a devastating public health problem, and I cannot overstate the toll that it continues to take on millions of people across the United States,” said Christopher Holliday, PhD, MPH, MA, FACHE, director of CDC’s Division of Diabetes Translation. “Identifying prediabetes is an opportunity for people to change their story and prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. It’s vital that we continue to raise awareness of prediabetes and encourage everyone to learn where they stand.”

“Prediabetes is a serious
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SPORTS WRAP



Photos By Felicia Laguerre Owens



By William Hathaway, Jr.

Essex County recently got a visit from the New York Giants' starting quarterback. Not the regular one, but the current one in Cedar Grove's Tommy DeVito, who hosted an autograph

The signing went well with DeVito coming off his first home victory, as Big Blue took down the New England Patriots 10-7. The Giants secured the win after the Pats missed a field goal to tie with under a minute left.



signing in conjunction with MLSE for football fans at Just Jakes in Montclair. In addition to the many fans, his family was in attendance, with his dad Thomas, mother Lexi and brother Max.

Also on hand was DeVito's agent Sean Stellanto, who said, "This is a great event. This is a pretty exciting event reaching out to his fans."

Former high school teammate Wankeith Akin, Jr. gave his support as well. Glen Ridge resident Ben Albers said it was a nice event to attend, and it was a great opportunity to meet DeVito. Tess Dionisio, also a local fan, was excited for the signing.

While the Giants won an ugly one at home, the Jets played on Black Friday and got ran out of their building 34-13 by the Miami Dolphins. Among the lowlights was Miami intercepting a first half Hail Mary pass, and turning it into a Pick 6.



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HEALTH CORNER

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health condition that also puts people at risk of other serious conditions including heart attack, stroke, and type 2 diabetes. Research shows that a diagnosis of prediabetes can inspire individuals to embrace lifestyle changes, such as eating healthier, managing weight, and being active, that can help prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes."

"This action-packed and engaging new work illustrates the power that each of us has to take control of our own fate, in this case, by taking action to reduce our risk of type 2 diabetes," said Heidi Arthur, chief campaign development officer at the Ad Council.

The PSAs will appear nationwide across broadcast, print, radio, out-of-home, digital banners and social media in English and Spanish. Consistent with the Ad Council's model, the campaign will run in time and space donated by the media.

"The idea centers around the

fact that life can throw a lot at you, whether it's navigating daily obstacles or managing something much more serious like type 2 diabetes," said Kevin Richards, Chief Creative Officer at Subject Matter+Kivvit. "The 'Be Your Own Hero' campaign empowers people with a simple way to stay in control of their health."

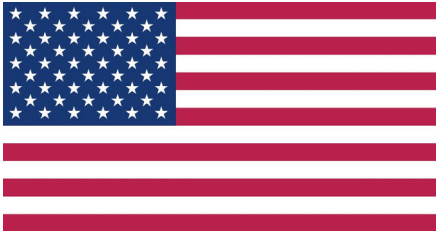
CDC is working with partners to further amplify the campaign across communities, using evidence-based materials to inform physicians and other health care providers about the screening, diagnosis, and treatment process.

Last year, the Biden-Harris administration announced the National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. The strategy aims to reduce the rising prevalence of diet-related diseases such as type 2 diabetes, through the collective efforts of organizations across the U.S.

To learn more or assess your own risk for prediabetes, visit DoIHavePrediabetes.org.



UNITED STATES



THREE PALESTINIAN STUDENTS SHOT IN APPARENT HATE CRIME

As tensions grow in the Middle East between Israel and Hamas, three people who had nothing to do with the conflict have seemingly become victims of the battle.

While on their way to a family dinner in Burlington, Vermont, Hisham Awartani, Tahseen Ahmed and Kinnan Abdalhamid - all of Palestinian descent - were shot by a gunman. All three were wearing the Palestinian keffiyeh / kuffiyeh, proudly displaying their heritage.

After a manhunt, James Eaton was eventually taken into custody as a suspect. The registered member of the Boy Scouts of America was recently let go from his business services job.

Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont issued a statement calling news of the shooting, "shocking and deeply upsetting."

The Ramallah Friends School issued a statement on Facebook, supporting the victims who all graduated from the Palestinian high school.

"We extend our thoughts and prayers to them and their families for a full recovery, especially considering the severity of injuries - as Hisham has been shot in the back, Tahseen in the chest, and Kinnan with minor injuries," the post said. "While we are relieved to know that they are alive, we remain uncertain about their condition and hold them in the light."

The incident also got the attention of President Biden, who gave a statement.

"Jill and I were horrified to learn that three college students of Palestinian descent, two of whom are American citizens, were shot Saturday in Burlington, Vermont. They were simply spending Thanksgiving gathered with family and loved ones.

"We join Americans across the country in praying for their full recovery, and we send our deepest condolences to their families. While we are waiting for more facts, we know this: there is absolutely no place for violence or hate in America. Period. No person should worry about being shot at while going about their daily lives. And far too many Americans know a family member injured or killed as a result of gun violence. We cannot and we will not accept that.

"...I spoke to Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger to offer my support. We are grateful to the Burlington Police Department - as well as the FBI, ATF, and other law enforcement partners - for their swift work identifying and arresting a suspect. Our Administration will provide any additional federal resources needed to assist in the investigation."

MASS SHOOTING UPDATE

Information recent as of 11-28-2023 at 12 p.m.

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

- Total Mass Shootings: 702
- Total Dead: 838
- Total Wounded: 2813
- Shootings Per Day: 2.11
- Days Reached in Year 2023 as of Nov. 28: 332

MIDDLE EAST



MORE AID ENTERS GAZA DURING TRUCE

After Hamas and Israel both agreed to release hostages / prisoners, a temporary pause in fighting has allowed distressed

people to get help.

The United Nations was able to scale up delivery of humanitarian assistance into and across Gaza during the humanitarian pause that went into effect on Nov. 24.

Gaza has a population of over two million, with the UN agency that assists Palestine refugee, UNRWA, hosting more than a million displaced people in 156 of its installations across the enclave.

The UN humanitarian affairs office, OCHA, said that 200 trucks were dispatched from Nitzana, a town in Israel, to the Rafah crossing between Egypt and the Gaza Strip.

From there, 137 trucks of goods were offloaded by the UNRWA reception point in Gaza, making it the biggest humanitarian convoy received since the start of hostilities on October 7.

Additionally, 129,000 liters of fuel and four trucks of gas also crossed into Gaza, and 21 critical patients were evacuated in a large-scale medical operation from the north of the enclave.

"Hundreds of thousands of people were assisted with food, water, medical supplies and other essential humanitarian items," OCHA said.

The UN welcomed the release of dozens of hostages and renewed its call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

Humanitarian teams from the UN and partners will continue to ramp up humanitarian operations to meet the needs of people throughout Gaza in the coming days.

Separately, UN Middle East envoy Tor Wennesland issued a statement welcoming the start of the implementation of the agreement, while expressing hope for an extended humanitarian ceasefire.

Mr. Wennesland - officially the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process - looked forward to additional releases that are expected over the coming days.

He noted that the humanitarian pause went into effect with relative calm, allowing truckloads of aid to enter Gaza.

"These developments are a significant humanitarian breakthrough that we need to build on.

More assistance and supplies must enter the Strip safely and continuously to alleviate the immense suffering of civilians," he said.

He again called for the release of all hostages, and commended the Governments of Qatar, Egypt, and the United States for their determined efforts to facilitate the agreement.

"I call on all concerned parties to uphold their commitments and refrain from provocations or any actions that could impact the full implementation of this agreement," he said, while also urging the parties "to exhaust every effort to achieve an extended humanitarian ceasefire and pursue a more peaceful future."

WORLD

TACKLING ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

Environmental and wildlife crime has become one of the world's largest and most profitable crime sectors and continues to grow as it pushes many species to the brink of extinction, warned INTERPOL at the United for Wildlife Summit.

With the black market for illegal wildlife products worth up to USD 20 billion per year, poaching and the illegal wildlife trade has become a major area of activity for organized crime groups and is increasingly linked with armed violence, corruption and other forms of organized crime.

Poaching and the trade in illegal wildlife is not just damaging the environment and killing at-risk species, but is costing the life of wildlife enforcement officers, with up to 100 rangers killed by poachers annually while protecting wildlife in their natural habitats.

This context underpins an agreement at the United for Wildlife Summit between The Royal Foundation and INTERPOL on future joint efforts to protect endangered species from illegal wildlife trafficking.

Rt. Hon. Lord Hague of Richmond, Co-Chair of United for Wildlife, said, "Criminal syndicates trafficking in illegal wildlife products conduct their clandestine operation across in-

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BILL TO COMBAT TEMPORARY VEHICLE TAGS SCHEMES ADVANCES

TRENTON - In an effort to crack down on bad actors, the Senate Transportation Committee advanced legislation sponsored by Senate Majority Leader M. Teresa Ruiz Nov. 27 that would create greater security and oversight over licensed motor vehicle dealers who provide temporary license plates. The bill would also increase legal penalties for offenders, and empower the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to impose greater fines on dealers who peddle in fraudulent temporary tags, or in certain cases ban repeat offenders from the used car industry.

“Unfortunately, New Jersey has become a leading state for selling temporary license plates. This is a public safety issue as buyers are actively looking to avoid accountability,” said Senator Ruiz (D-Essex). “New Jersey cannot turn away from this growing problem. Tougher regulations and fines are needed to weed out bad actors. This is a first step towards ending this practice, protecting the public

and empowering the MVC to take action.”

As an added deterrence, S-4084, would increase the penalties for dealerships knowingly selling fraudulent license plates from \$100 to \$2,500 for first offenses. The bill would also require a dealer to upload several documents to illustrate a valid sale has taken place prior to issuing a temporary license plate, including a copy of the executed bill of sale, a copy of the proof of insurance for the vehicle sold, as well as a copy of the front and back of the purchaser’s driver’s license.

Additionally, temporary license plates would be printed on reflective paper with enhanced security features. The bill would establish a crime of the fourth degree for a person who knowingly produces, sells, offers or exposes for sale a temporary license plate or temporary registration certificate obtained by providing false information to the MVC.

The bill was approved by a vote of 4-0.

WORLD NEWS

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international borders, causing incalculable damage to biodiversity and communities in the process. International law enforcement cooperation is critical in United for Wildlife’s mission to make the illegal trade in wildlife impossible.

“INTERPOL has been a longstanding partner of United for Wildlife for many years and we are thrilled that, through this Letter of Intent, we can work more closely, more collaboratively and be more coordinated in pursuit of bringing this global criminal enterprise to an end.”

Transnational organized criminal groups exploit wildlife across the globe, affecting vulnerable communities, jeopardizing public health and threatening the world’s natural resources.

INTERPOL’s Executive Director of Police Services, Ste-

phen Kavanagh, said, “Over a decade of INTERPOL engagement, wildlife crime has become one of the world’s largest criminal activities. We have seen that wildlife crime relies on armed violence, corruption and is intertwined with financial crimes, ranging from money laundering to the financing of other forms of transnational organized crime.

“Considering the scale and value of illegal wildlife trade internationally, financial and transport data is crucial to fighting wildlife trafficking. Our efforts with the members of United for Wildlife taskforces in these areas underlines the need for partnerships to make the world’s environment safer from predators.”

INTERPOL assists its 195 member countries in raising awareness on abuses of national and international regulations. It also enhances their investigative and analytical capabilities lead-

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DECEMBER 6: New Family Welcome Group meets 6:30 p.m. monthly on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays is for caregivers to learn their guided journey. We introduce our organization, team, and services.

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COMMUTER COACH BILL MANDATES ADVANCE NOTICE FOR SERVICE DISRUPTION

TRENTON - In response to recent cancelations of routes and services by private bus carriers that left some New Jerseyans who rely on this form of public transit stranded with few alternatives, the Senate Transportation Committee advanced legislation sponsored by Senate Majority Leader M. Teresa Ruiz that would require operators who receive state funds participate in New Jersey Transit Corporation’s bus lease program, give ample public notice of any service changes or discontinuation of routes. The bill, S4085, would allow the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to fine companies for violations.

The bill would require each private bus operator who is a recipient of state funds to provide at least three months written notice to customers prior to any major changes. Additionally, one public meeting in the affected area must be held, as close as possible to the highest

trafficked stop on the route, within fifteen days of providing notice to the service’s customers. Any company that fails to conduct this outreach could be fined \$10,000 for each violation, as well as face additional penalties under current law.

Throughout the last year, various private carrier companies abruptly terminated services and routes throughout the state. For instance, in September, one provider abruptly discontinued bus service in Orange, Newark and East Orange. This caused distress among riders and left NJ Transit to establish short-term emergency alternatives and lean on employers to fill gaps. This bill would provide MVC and NJ Transit much needed warning to arrange alternative transportation for affected areas.

The bill was released from the Senate Transportation Committee by a vote of 4-0.

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NEWARK

The 2023 Holidays Season, outside of the COVID years, is the first time the Newark Boys Chorus will not be making signing appearances since 1969.

Individual third through eighth grade members will be signing this season but with chorus in other schools - including St. Benedict's, Phillips Academy and some of the Newark Public Schools - that they had transferred to before Oct. 31.

Oct. 31 was when NBS Board Chairman Robert Wright "temporarily" closed the school and took down its banner in front of the NPS dr. Marion Bolden Student Center at 230 Broadway.

The rigorous academic and choir school had made noted appearances at Newark City Hall, NJPAC, longtime next door neighbor Symphony Hall, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, the White House and the Vatican. The school largely depends on donations.

Both Wright and Head of School Dr. Ansley W. Lamar, on Nov. 7, said that they had not met their \$500,000 to cover the 2023-24 school year by Oct. 1. They said that the school, like many institutions, had been facing headwinds since the 2020-21 COVID pandemic and resulting inflation.

NBS had landed at the Bol-

den Student Center after an attempt to convert the historic State Street School building had failed. They began moving out of 1014-18 Broad St., a former car dealership, for the four-story 111-apartment unit Symphony Flats, in 2019.

The NBS, on their Facebook page, posted a Giving Tuesday appeal at 9 a.m. Nov. 27.

IRVINGTON

The township more than mourned the death of Irvington Fire Division Firefighter Barney Roundtree, 50, throughout October.

The Irvington Fire Headquarters at D. Bilal Beasley Civic Square put out mourning bunting until Nov. 1. IFD members and civic officials sent condolences and/or attended FF. Roundtree's last rites, arranged by the Cotton Funeral Home, earlier that month.

Beasley Civic Square was where some 100 Irvingtonians stepped out and finished their annual American Cancer Society Walk Against Breast Cancer Oct. 15. Mayor Tony Vauss, before stepping out, held a moment of remembrance for Roundtree. Four of the walkers carried a banner with his likeness.

FF. Barney L. Roundtree, Jr., who was born June 16, 1973, died Oct. 1 after a bout with cancer. The firefighter was living in the Weequahic section of Newark at the time.

Son Eric is among Roundtree's survivors. Memorial donations may be made to ACS.

EAST ORANGE

A city man is to be scheduled to face a State Superior Court-Newark arraignment hearing for Nov. 15 charges of auto theft and burglary and resisting arrest in Glen Ridge.

Borough police Sgt. Anthony Mazza said that he was on his patrol at Hillside and Bloomfield Avenue that Wednesday when he heard a car alarm sounding from the Hillside Avenue parking lot. A Glen Ridge Crossing Guard had heard the same alarm

and had called police headquarters.

Mazza said he entered the lot and found a car with a broken window. He also saw a man walking east away from the car.

The sergeant said he followed the suspect to the Bottle King Plaza at 720 Bloomfield Ave. and ordered him to stop. The man ran across the avenue into Bloomfield instead. Mazza pursued on foot until he apprehended the suspect several feet east of and across from Clark Street.

Kelvin Ollennu, 18, was found to have several items from the car with the broken window on his person. Ollennu was taken to GRPD headquarters for processing and release with a Superior Court date. He has been charged with criminal mischief, burglary from an automobile, theft and resisting arrest.

ORANGE

It will be a long time, if at all, before former tenant Ali Height is ever released from state prison over the 2021 death of former landlord Renown Wilson. Superior Court Judge Mark S. Ali sentenced Height, 54, on Nov. 15 to life in jail plus 10 years.

The life sentence comes from a jury finding Height guilty on Aug. 9 of first-degree aggravated manslaughter, and second-degree counts of unlawful possession of a gun and possession thereof for an unlawful purpose.

The extra 10 years comes from a later proceeding where Height was convicted of being a felon in possession of a weapon. Ali, on Nov. 15, ruled that Height has to serve consecutive life and 10-year sentences - which adds five years before he could be considered for parole.

County prosecutors said that Height had come from his Salisbury, NC home to wait outside Wilson's address here June 24, 2021. When Wilson, 55, arrived, Height shot him in the stomach, chased him and grazed him in the neck.

Renown Abdur Rahim Wilson died of his injuries July 2. His Janazah funeral service was

held Nov. 15 at East Orange's Islamic Center of America, followed by burial at Linden's Roseland-Rosehill Cemetery. Height was arrested at Salisbury July 10 and was extradited.

Prosecutors said that Wilson and Height had known each other for years, the former allowing him to stay at his place and helping him find a job. An argument in February, however, prompted Height to move back to North Carolina.

WEST ORANGE / SOUTH ORANGE

The Bartender Magazine and The Bartenders' Foundation had announced this month that village native and 16-year bartender at The Manor Ray Foley, 80, had died in Basking Ridge Oct. 27.

Foley had left being The Manor's Assistant General Manager in 1982 to devote publishing Bartender Magazine trade publication full time. Bartender.com, Mixologist.com, The Bartender Hall of Fame and The Bartenders' Foundation followed. He authored "Bartending for Dummies" for the "For Dummies" series and, in 1985, created the "Fuzzy Navel."

Raymond Peter Foley's formative years were in South Orange and West Orange from when he was born July 11, 1943. The 1965 Columbia High School Yearbook noted him for "his fiery red hair and sense of humor."

Foley left 266 Waverly Place for Seton Hall University and to join the U.S. Marine Corps. He was hired by The Manor in 1967. He meanwhile met and married Jaclyn Wilson in 1967 in Bernardsville. They moved to Basking Ridge to raise son Ryan.

Foley had died from complications of Parkinson's disease. He believed that he contracted the disease from contaminated water while in USMC's Camp Lejeune in the 1960s.

Daughter-in-law Cait Fallon, and granddaughter Nora are also among his survivors. He was buried in Millburn's St. Rose of

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ing to decisive enforcement actions such as the series of Operation Thunder.

Since 2017 INTERPOL has mobilized law enforcement authorities from across more than 100 member countries in coordinated Thunder actions against the illegal wildlife trade, leading to thousands of seizures and arrests across the globe.

UNITED KINGDOM



HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

People with a history of rough sleeping and those at risk

of homelessness will be helped into stable, long-term accommodation thanks to nearly £150 million of government funding.

46 local authorities, housing providers, and charities across England will build or buy 1,230 homes for the most vulnerable, all funded by £148.4 million of the government’s Single Homelessness Accommodation Program.

The money also funds a wide range of accommodation and support services for vulnerable adults, including purpose-built accommodation and supported housing, as well as helping with building repairs and renovations.

These new services also include 24/7 support for the most vulnerable, with access to specialist teams where people can address substance misuse, domestic violence and abuse or improve their wellbeing and mental health. The project forms a ma-

major part of the major cross-government’s £2 billion program to end rough sleeping for good.

Felicity Buchan, Minister for Housing and Homelessness from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, said, “Everyone deserves a safe place to call home. This is why we are so committed to supporting the most vulnerable in our society and helping them off the streets for good.

“This funding will not only provide housing for rough sleepers but will also give tailored support to help those most in need off the streets, rebuild their lives, and begin to live independently.

“Funding has been targeted at areas where it is needed the most - this includes £9.9 million to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, over £6.4 million to Leeds County Council, and £5.2 million to Manches-

ter Council.

“Worthing Homes in Sussex will receive £4 million to deliver 34 homes, communal rooms for group therapy, and a homeless drop-in center. While The Homeless Action Resource Project in Southend-on-Sea will receive £3.3 million to deliver 32 homes by redeveloping and retrofitting existing properties.

The Deputy Mayor of London for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, said, “I’m extremely pleased that we’ve secured over £50 million to support local councils to build more homes and deliver vital support services to people sleeping rough in London.

“This will make a real and lasting difference for hundreds of people in our capital, ranging from those recovering from addiction, to young people at risk of homelessness.”



*From
The
Pastor's
Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

The Pursuit Of Love

Perhaps it's an excellent time to use as an introduction for the present reflection on the storyline of "The Pursuit of Love," based on the 1945 novel *In Pursuit of Love*, which is a romantic comedy-drama about love and friendship.

Set in Europe between the two World Wars, it tells of the adventures and misadventures of the charismatic, fearless Linda Radlett (Lily James) and her best friend and cousin Fanny Logan (Emily Beecham), consumed by a desire for love and marriage. Both women were on the hunt for ideal husbands.

Their friendship was tested as Fanny settled for a steady life, and Linda decided to follow her heart to increasingly wild and outrageous places. As social and political divisions split their nation, their diverging choices raised personal questions that remain intensely relevant today - about freedom, love, sex, and the mystery of the human heart.

Amid the present wars in Ukraine, the Middle East (Israel,

Gaza, and the West Bank), several countries in Africa and the Far East, with China and North Korea, threatening Taiwan and South Korea, etc., the question raised is whether there is much prospect to love neighbors, form friendships, or be friendly and loving to anyone we come across with any depth of commitment?

The question is pertinent because of the superficial way love is spoken of today. There seems to be much more attention given to the kind of love on which economic relationships are formed, that is, what we can get out of it, than on the genuine love that calls for personal sacrifices, serving others, self-denial, forgiveness, and all that is needed for lasting relationships.

Frankly speaking, many people are talking about love, but it is a superficial thing that lacks substance. Its source is lust and self-gratification. Nothing profound, nothing that draws on the eternal. The apostle John clarifies this when he instructs, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." (1 John 4:7 NIV)

In his letter to the church in Rome, the apostle Paul made a very potent appeal:

Owe no one anything except to **love one another**, for he who loves another has fulfilled

the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love *is* the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13:8-10 NKJV)

Paul drew from the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9), which includes, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." The heart of the commandments is, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19:18)

Before Paul, Jesus had repeatedly shown to the religious authorities who questioned him, which is the greatest commandment in the law. Jesus responded by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (cf. Matthew 22:37-

40; Mark 12:30-31)

The practical point being made is that if our love is to go beyond lip service, "I love you." "I love you." We need to draw from the source, especially during this time of conflict and the spreading of hatred.

We are not to allow all of the calls for revenge to confuse us. I was glad to hear the call of one African American young woman at the rally for Israel on the Washington Mall on November 14, saying with emphasis, "Lean on love, not on fear. Lean on love, not on hate. Lean on love." I am not sure how many times she repeated those, but it touched my heart because when I am tempted to feel revengeful, I know there is a better voice saying, "Lean on love." "Lean on Me."

Yes, we need to love and not subject ourselves to hate and rage and all of the other demonic forces about us that create conflict. We need to love God, love ourselves and love our neighbors (aliens, foreigners and all those who are vulnerable.)

I understand the political questions that are tearing the nation apart, that are causing many not to love. But we need to bypass the politics and ask God for the Spirit that seeks to pour love into our hearts. Yes, we need to pursue love.

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Lima Cemetery, after a Funeral Mass there, Nov. 2.

Foley's collection of cocktail recipe books, one of the world's largest, is on display at Milan, Italy's Galleria Campari Museum. Memorial donations may be made to The Bartenders' Foundation.

MAPLEWOOD

The latest car theft from 1511 Springfield Ave., as of deadline, happened early on Nov. 18.

Responding Maplewood Police officers arrived after 4 a.m. to meet the owner of a Honda Transport at the Wawa parking lot. The owner said he had left the Honda unattended, running and unlocked when the car

theft suspect got in and sped away east on Chancellor Avenue.

Newark police, at 5:22 a.m., told their Maplewood colleagues that they found the Transport, matching the swiped vehicle's description, on their streets abandoned. There has no description given of the suspect.

Nov. 18 is the seventh time going back to August 2022, where an unlocked and running car was taken from the filling station-convenience store's lot.

An Infiniti that was taken on April 10, for example, was found abandoned by the New Jersey State Police on the New Jersey Turnpike. Another car was taken at 7:09 a.m. Jan. 19 and was last seen heading east. A 2021 Honda Pilot was taken Oct. 1, 2022 and was found in Newark.

A BMW X5 was taken while its driver was refilling its tires with air while the Aug. 11, 2022 incident was categorized as a car-

jacking. The suspect left behind a driver from the store, demanded car keys, pushed the victim and pulled out the keys from his pocket. The car was found around Newark's 138 Hunterdon St.

BLOOMFIELD

When Brookdale neighbors of Adelpia Lucas, 90, learned that she had died from COPD Oct. 26, they remembered her as a 53-year resident, an election day polling station worker at the Demarest School and founder of Duffy's Party Consultants here.

"Ms. Duffy" or "Mother Duffy." was better known in and beyond the greater "Local Talk" area as a trailblazing nurse who integrated local hospitals in 1950s-60s. The 42-year nurse parlayed her sales associate experience in Lisa Jewelry, of West Orange into

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SCHOOL BOARD

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- tial and should not be shared by any board member.
7. Tyrone Tarver first filed an ethics complaint to the New Jersey School Ethics commission on April 1, 2021.
 8. The School Ethics Commission said that Tarver filed the complaint late (not within 180 days) so they could not make any ruling. The Commission wrote that it was late, but appears that Wingfield's emails "appeared to be both deliberative and confidential."
 9. Due to the late filing of the complaint, the decision was not given, but they instructed

- to the board that if confidentiality was breached, appropriate action should be taken to ensure it does not occur in the future.
10. During the process, the sharing continued, even after Mr. Wingfield knew that the board attorney twice stated that confidential email should not be shared.
 11. Mr. Tarver found out that Mr. Wingfield was copying confidential emails and sending the text via email to Mayor Warren, Councilwoman Wooten and City Attorney Mr. White. The confidential copied text via emails came from his Montclair State University work email address.

12. On December 24, 2021, Mr. Tarver filed a second complaint to the Schools Ethics commission about more confidential emails being shared. Although Wingfield's attorney argued that the 2nd complaint again was late, the School Ethics Commission did not rule this as a late complaint.
13. After the School Ethics Commission's initial ruling, the commission sent six counts of the 2nd complaint to the office of administrative law of the State of New Jersey for further review.
14. During the administrative law ruling, the judge ruled in favor of Wingfield and recommended dismissing the

- six counts against Wingfield.
15. Once the NJ Schools Ethics Commission reviewed the office of administrative law recommendations, they found Mr. Wingfield committed four counts of ethics violations on October 17, 2023.
 16. NJ's Schools Ethics Commission has given a reprimand per the violations.
 17. NJ Commissioner of Education will decide the final penalty. The Commissioner cannot change the violations but can change the penalty.
- "Local Talk" contacted Mr. Wingfield via email for his side of the story. However, he did not reply as of press time.

NJ DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH DOLLAR GENERAL

TRENTON - Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin and the Division of Consumer Affairs ("Division") announced Nov. 28 that Dollar General Corp. ("Dollar General"), a national discount retail chain with 186 stores in New Jersey, has agreed to pay \$1.2 million to resolve allegations by the Division's Office of Weights and Measures ("OWM") that the chain repeatedly engaged in merchandise pricing violations at several retail stores across the state. The settlement, which includes a \$1.18 million civil penalty, is the largest ever obtained by OWM.

According to the State's allegations, the Tennessee-based retailer violated New Jersey's Consumer Fraud Act ("CFA") and Weights and Measures Act ("WMA") by selling a variety of merchandise that scanned at the cash register for higher prices than were posted where the merchandise was displayed for sale.

OWM pricing inspections of 58 New Jersey stores in November 2022 and February 2023 found more than 2,000 instances in which the price charged at the register for a particular product was higher than the posted price, in some cases as much as \$5.95 higher.

"New Jersey, under the leadership of Governor Murphy, has demonstrated a strong commitment to protecting consumers from unfair practices that disproportionately burden low- and moderate-income New Jerseyans," said Attorney General Platkin. "This settlement advances those efforts by imposing a significant civil penalty against a national retailer for engaging in pricing practices that deceived and defrauded New Jersey residents."

The allegations resolved by the settlement reflect an ongoing pattern of pricing violations at Dollar General stores in New Jersey. Prior OWM inspections of Dollar General stores statewide from 2018 to 2022 have led to a total of \$43,678 in assessed fines against the retailer for pricing violations.

"Dollar General claims to provide everyday essentials at affordable prices in communities often underserved by other retailers, but time and time again the chain has been caught overcharging customers through deceptive pricing tactics," said Cari Fais, Acting Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. "New Jersey is committed to ensuring transparency and fairness in its marketplace. Today we hold Dollar General accountable for disregarding our consumer protection laws and unlawfully boosting its profits at the expense of consumers who can least afford it."

In addition to paying a \$1.18-million civil penalty and reimbursing the Division's investigative costs and attorney's fees, the settlement requires Dollar General to make changes to its business practices to prevent future violations.

Those changes, contained in a Consent Order filed with the Division, require Dollar General to:

- comply with all applicable state and federal laws and not engage in any unconscionable business practices or pricing violations as prohibited by the CFA and the WMA;
- ensure that all employees in New Jersey Dollar General stores who have pricing

responsibilities participate in pricing training within 90 days of this agreement;

- conduct internal audits for a period of three years, such that each New Jersey Dollar General store is audited at least once a year and that an audit revealing overcharge errors in more than 2% of the products sampled at any one store shall constitute a failed audit;
- within ten business days of a failed audit, submit to the Division the report of the failed audit and a corrective action plan describing how Dollar General intends to prevent future pricing inaccuracies at the store location that failed the audit; and
- retain all reports and records of every internal employee training session and every internal audit for a period of three years and provide them to the Division upon request.

The investigation was conducted by inspectors in the OWM Enforcement Unit, under the supervision of Supervisor of Enforcement Jason Flint and Acting Superintendent David Freed.

Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Kozier, under the supervision of Consumer Fraud Prosecution Section Chief Jesse Sierant within the Division of Law's Affirmative Civil Enforcement Practice Group, represented the State in this matter.

Consumers who believe that a business is in violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act or the Weights and Measures Act are encouraged to file an online complaint. Consumers can also call 1-800-242-5846 to receive a complaint form by mail.

The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

THE KID IN ME

Whether it was Hop Scotch, Hide and Seek, Monkey In The Middle, Freeze Tag, Musical Chairs, Red Light Green Light, Chinese Jump Rope, Jacks, Double Dutch (with or without the McDonalds menu song), Spinning Tops, Wall Ball, Simon Says, Hand Games like Miss Mary Mack, Zing, Zing, Zing, Pat-A-Cake, Rockin Robin also Hopping over Toy Footsies. Playing Hula Hoops, Dodge Ball, Duck, Duck Goose or with a Bat and Ball it was competi-

tions. As "Child's Play" not only were a lot of these games played a great way to wear off energy and to keep us kids occupied, but

more importantly they were also quite pivotal in our developing the critical thinking and skill sets needed which enabled us to navigate through life as we stumbled into becoming adults.

I loved and benefitted from them all and I want us all too. So feel free to take this list and jumpstart or do em' again and make disciples while you're at it. We will all be all the better for it, trust me. Come with me and take this skip back into memory lane in this mirror, mirror moment. Enjoy!

CHILD'S PLAY

When one of my girls stood on the opposite end of that street as our pretend mother, by a long slide, I'd mosey in their company, leaving my opponents behind. If one of my sisters held



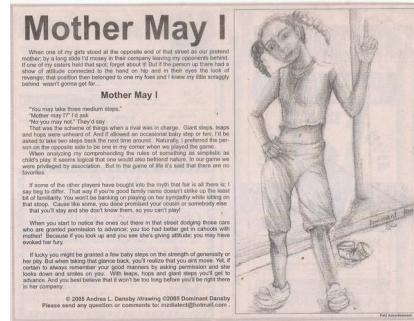
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that spot, forget about it! But if the person up there had a show of attitude, connected to the hand on hip and in their eyes the look of revenge, that position then belonged to one my foes, and I knew my little scraggly behind wasn't gonna get far . . .

MOTHER MAY I

"You may take three medium steps."
"Mother may I?" I'd ask.
"No, you may not," they'd say.
That was the scheme of things when a rival was in charge.
Giant steps, leaps, and hops were unheard of, and, if allowed an occasional baby step or two, I'd be asked to take two steps back the next time around. Naturally, I preferred the person on the opposite side to be the one in my corner when we played the game.

When analyzing, comprehending, the rules of something as simplistic as child's play, it seems logical that one would also befriend Source and Nature. In our game, we were privileged by association, but in the game of life, it's said that there are no favorites. If some of the other players have bought into the myth that fair is all there is, I say beg to differ: that way, if your good family name doesn't strike up the least bit of familiarity, you won't be



banking on playing on her sympathy while sitting on that stoop, 'cause like some, you done promised your cousin or somebody else that you'll stay, and she don't know them, so you can't play! ...

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several businesses in the 1970s and 80s, including the Miss Duffy's Party Shop ice cream parlor, of Passaic.

Born Adelpia M. Perry Sept. 19, 1933 in Passaic the second youngest of six siblings excelled in English and writing while living in their Central Avenue address. The Passaic High School Class of 1952 graduate attained her nursing degree from Fairleigh Dickinson College, then in Rutherford. The private duty nurse specialized in palliative care.

Perry was one of the first African American nurses, helping to integrate hospitals in Essex and Passaic counties in the 1950s and 60s. She co-founded the Passaic African-American Committee of Women, dedicated to reserving that city's black history and providing annual scholarships.

Perry met James B. Lucas while on her rounds. They married and moved to Bloomfield in January 1970 to raise Caryl and James Lucas and, through marriage, the late Daryl C. Perry. Grandsons Ira, Isaiah and Jordan Perry and great-granddaughters Alaia and Kenzie Graffe Perry followed.

Lucas' faith walk moved with her from Passaic's Union Baptist Church and Alpha Bible School to Nutley's First Baptist Church and, in 1999, back to UBC. The ABC-certified evangelist, for example, was UBC's fundraising chairwoman, senior missionary choir member, and, with daughter Caryl, served with the Unstoppable Girls Foundation.

Sisters Mintha Marshall and Christine Smith are also among her survivors. James Lucas, Daryl C. Perry and brothers Willie B., Dr. Calvin and Jessie Lee Perry predeceased her. Lucas' respective funeral and burial

were at UBC Nov. 11 and in Paterson's Cedar Lawn Cemetery Nov. 13.

MONTCLAIR

Montclair State University Police, when a student reported swastikas etched on to the Amphitheater early Nov. 17, they did not know at first that they were talking with the perpetrator.

The publicly unidentified student said that someone had scratched two swastikas and "Death to Israel" onto one of the outdoor theater's steps. MSUPD promptly called ECPO as it was reported as a hate crime.

Campus police, later that Friday, listened to the student's confession that he had made the scratchings.

"The student, who identifies as Jewish," said MSU President Jonathan Koppell in his open public letter, "said that he thought plac-

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ing the swastikas would compel the University to take action in support of the campus Jewish community."

ECPO spokesman Robert Florida said, "It was determined that the individual was in need of psychological services" and that neither agency filed charges.

The 2,000-seat amphitheater, built in 1940, was in the original part of the Montclair Normal School for Teachers. About two-thirds of MSU's campus has since expanded north into a former quarry in Little Falls.

GLEN RIDGE

Some patients who would normally be admitted to Hackensack Meridian Health's Mountainside Medical Center have been diverted to other local hospitals since Nov. 26.

While Mountainside accepts emergency room admissions, EMS ambulance drivers are being told to take non-emergency patients to other nearby hospitals.

Mountainside, fellow Hackensack Meridian member Pascack Valley Medical Center, of Westwood, and 28 hospitals across the nation were hit with what contractor Ardent Health Services with a computer software lockout from "a potential security incident."

The Nashville-based Ardent oversees Mountainside and Pascack Valley's informational technology systems. The two hospitals are under the 18-hospital Hackensack Meridian umbrella. No other HMH or "Local Talk" hospitals have been targeted or affected as of press time.

Ardent, in a Monday press release, said that its technology team "safeguarded data and regained functionality," while understanding the nature of the event. Law enforcement agencies have been notified and hired third-party "forensic and threat intelligence advisors."

None of the parties involved have said that Mountainside and the other 29 hospitals were targets of ransomware - so named for hackers demanding money before releasing software data.

Hackers had disabled Mountainside's data access for two days in 2019. Doctors had to give care without access to electronic records and non-emergency surgeries were postponed.

Mountainside had paid an undisclosed amount of money to regain access; its insurance covered remediation, recovery and ransom. Hackers have found medical records up to four times more valuable than getting Social Security numbers.

BELLEVILLE

Members of the township fire and police departments rescued three occupants of an SUV that was trapped by early morning flooding here at Main and Little streets Nov. 22.

BFD and BPD members reported to that T-intersection on a car stuck in flood waters there at 5:10 a.m. that Wednesday. Rain runoff from overnight Nov. 21-22 had flooded that intersection, which also caused the BP filling station at 473 Main St. to delay its 6 a.m. opening.

Police officers promptly detoured traffic away from Little street while colleagues were able to transfer two of the trapped occupants into one of their cruisers. A News12 New Jersey television crew had arrived to find and record live BFD officers using a flat row boat to rescue the third person at 6:10 a.m.

The National Weather Service had predicted that the heavy rain would leave the area by 9 a.m. The rain had dissipated to a drizzle in North Newark by 7 a.m.

A BPD spokesman said that Main and Little streets were the only place of major flooding reported. Passaic police had closed Route 21 at State Street for flooding. Route 3 between the Garden State Parkway in Clifton and Nutley's Bloomfield Avenue exit were also closed that rush hour.

NUTLEY

Township residents/car owners are not immune to the rash of motor vehicle thefts within and outside of here and the "Local Talk" area of late.

A Wilmington Street neighbor called 911 at 4:30 a.m. Nov. 18, for example, about two unfamiliar people taking a pair of cars from an adjacent driveway.

Responding Nutley police officers met with the owners of the missing cars. They said that whoever stole their cars broke into their house and helped themselves to the twin sets of keys that were earlier laid in a countertop basket.

The thefts came nine days after Nutley Public Safety Commissioner Alphonse "Al" Petracco's comments at their Nov. 9 public meeting. Petracco said, that Thursday, that unlocked cars have contributed to the auto theft and theft from autos' trending.

Petracco and Police Chief Thomas Strumolo have since reminded residents and car owners not to keep valuables - including car keys - in plain view within their houses or apartments.

11 YEAR OLD JUMPED

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- The last wore black pants and white sneakers

The suspects and the two SUVs that Wednesday were last seen in the area of Orange and Norfolk streets in the North Ward's Roseville section.


The police response continued Nov. 16 with Jimmy Stewart of the NPD Traffic Unit, North Ward Councilman Anibal Ramos, Jr., and several New York City news reporters. Ramos and Stewart chipped in to replace the boy's cell phone.

"We want him and his parents to know that they are not alone," said Stewart.

The boy's parents said that they will not let him walk home from school anymore.

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