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Letters To The Editor

In response to last week's article about the Orange Board of Education, a lawyer serving as counsel for Mr. Wingfield sent us a response. In reply to that response, Tyrone Tarver sent one as well.

RE: Tarver v. Wingfield, Commissioner Dkt. No. 14-11/23A

Dear Mr. Tarver:

I am writing in connection with an article published this week in the "Local Talk" weekly newspaper, which contains information provided by you during an interview with a reporter. While the School Ethics Commission's 10/17/2023 decision is publicly available, your discussion of same in the press is problematic in light of the fact that the decision is the subject of an appeal and is thus considered a matter of active litigation.

Of greater concern, however, are certain material inaccuracies in the statements attributed to you including, inter alia, the statements in numbered paragraphs 16 and 17 of the article. With regard to

paragraph 16, the SEC has not "given a reprimand" to Mr. Wingfield. Instead, the SEC has "recommended" that Mr. Wingfield receive a reprimand, but the final decision in this matter has not yet been issued by the Commissioner. The fact that the sanction has merely been "recommended" is mentioned multiple times on page 5 of the SEC's decision. With regard to paragraph 17, the Commissioner absolutely has the authority to "change the violations," and is not limited to reviewing the penalty only. This is made clear on page 6 of the SEC's decision.

On behalf of Mr. Wingfield, I hereby request that you issue a retraction to be published in the 12/7/2023 issue of the "Local Talk" weekly newspaper. Please be advised that your conduct may constitute a violation of the School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(b) (using your official position to secure support in the public eye by publishing misrepresentations in the press), 18A:12-24(c) (acting in your official capacity to publish misrepresentations in a matter in which you have a personal

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PEARL HARBOR SOLDIER AND NEWARK NATIVE "COMES HOME"

By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - The next Guyton-Callahan Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration, tentatively set for 10 a.m. Dec. 9 here at Military Park, will be a landmark observance.

The Archie Callahan Monument had served as the Newark native's honorary headstone for the last 81 years - but not this year or in the future.

This Dec. 7 will be the first time that Callahan's remains have "come home" or at least Stateside. Although his body was among 2,403 recovered by the War Department through June 1944, he could not be positively identified. He and other "Unknown" soldiers, sailors, Marines and aviators were bur-

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Editorial
Dhiren Shah
 Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

Former New York Congressman George Santos has been expelled from the House due to ethics violations. Even after being exposed to the public, Santos keeps on saying that he is not guilty. He was expelled with the vote of 311 to 114 and he became the sixth lawmaker to be kicked out. Additionally, he faces numerous criminal and civil charges.

The problem for distributing affordable housing is still in question. Asking for credit scores over 640 and more than two months of deposits is the problem. Does anyone under the administration want to change

gentrification? Do they want to make more affluent city, and forget about the people who supported the city throughout their life?

Larry Hamm is running to contest against former congressman and New Jersey senior senator Robert Menendez in the democratic primary election. Hamm started his People's Organization for Progress before the inception of Local Talk Newspaper. Robert Menendez has been indicted for "accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars of bribes from Hana, Uribe, and Daibes in exchange for Menendez's agreement to use his official position to protect and enrich them and to benefit the Government of Egypt."

Should there be any support for Menendez? He has been accused on different charges three times. Should we make a change at Democrat or elect a Republican candidate? I think we must

see which is the best candidate for the job, not taking favoritism to the party in my opinion.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) said on Dec. 5 that he will allow the start of a Biden impeachment inquiry vote. If passed with a simple majority, the inquiry commission has the right to pursue it further and cannot be challenged in the court of law for the purpose of inquiry. As per my understanding, the commission will have the authority to subpoena President Biden, Hunter Biden and Joseph Biden's brother Francis Biden.

The Biden administration has argued an impeachment inquiry without a vote is unconstitutional. Republicans have countered that stance even as they hope a formal vote will compel more testimony. The GOP and the White House have disagreed on the Biden administration's compliance with requests.

A huge threat came after pneumonia quickly spread in China. As per the reports, these are not Covid cases, but they still have to find out more about this virus and how to stop it. There are 7,000 cases of children with Pneumonia. The hospitals are filled with cases, including adults. Some states in India, a country next to China, have started preparing to protect people if it spreads across the border India.

From China, there were about 48 flights weekly in May of this year. The US agreed to raise the number of flights to 70 a week. The Biden administration must watch the spreading of this virus very carefully and if necessary, stop flights from there all together if WHO (the World Health Organization) agrees.

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next time.

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involvement), 18A:12-24.1(c) (failing to confine your board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal), 18A:12-24.1(e) (taking private action that may compromise the board), and 18A:12-24.1(g) (failing to provide accurate information), inter alia.

Very truly yours,

THE BUSCH LAW GROUP LLC
Alyssa K. Weinstein, Esq.
Counsel

To Mr. Dhiren Shah
(Publisher / Editor of Local Talk):

RE: Last Week's Article:
Orange Board of Education
Member Wingfield Accused of
Sharing Confidential Information

Thank you for the invitation

to be interviewed regarding School Ethics Complaint C98-21 submitted by me to the state and the School Ethics Commission's latest decision. Since this interview, I have been contacted by parties and residents who are unsure of some details of the interview, as well as the attorney for Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield, regarding the ongoing legal process for this complaint.

Briefly, I would like to say a few things. First, the violations decision by the New Jersey School Ethics Commission (SEC), as well as the contents of this complaint and their decision, are NOT confidential. The decision is publicly available on the New Jersey School Ethics Commission Decisions webpage. Also, an article regarding the Tarver v. Wingfield SEC Violation Decision has been printed and published by the NJ School Board Association (NJSBA) in the November 2023 edition of their monthly publication and distributed and mailed statewide. Their article is also publicly available on the NJSBA website on their

November 8, 2023 "School Board Notes" webpage and archive.

Second, none of the statements by me in the interview contain any confidential district information. All of the information revealed in my interview is part of the SEC public decision available for download from the two previously mentioned websites.

Next, although I stated that the SEC determined that violations occurred and their decision was final and was submitted to the NJ Commissioner of Education for review of the penalty, my statement is not summative of what is still ongoing.

The SEC stated in their October 17, 2023 decision "Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29 (c), this decision shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Education for review of the Commission's recommended penalty." But since the SEC decision, the legal representation for Mr. Wingfield has filed an appeal of the SEC Decision to the NJ Commissioner of Educa-

tion. So the process and final outcome is still ongoing and pending.

Lastly, after the interview and before the article was printed in your newspaper, I contacted you, Mr. Shah, to include a standard disclaimer by me stating that although I am a current Orange School Board Member, my statements in the interview are solely attributed to me and are not a reflection of the Orange School Board since this Ethics Complaint is not a School Board or District matter. You kindly assured me that although my request to include this disclaimer in my interview was a bit late because the newspaper printing process had already begun, you would include my disclaimer in a future printed issue of Local Talk.

Again, thank you very much for the interview and opportunity to provide transparency by informing the public of this important process.

Best Regards,
Tyrone Jon Tarver

TWO MEN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SHOOTING TAXI DRIVER DURING ROBBERY

CAMDEN - Two New Jersey men have been sentenced to prison for their roles in shooting a taxi driver during a late-night robbery, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced.

Walter Williams-Lang, 22, of Elizabeth, was sentenced today to 87 months in prison and Naeem Jackson, 24, of East Orange, was sentenced on Nov. 29, 2023, to 103 months in prison.

Both defendants previously pleaded guilty to informations charging them with one count each of attempted Hobbs Act robbery, conspiracy to use and possess a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Jackson also pleaded guilty to one count each of Hobbs Act robbery and carjacking. Both defendants were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Robert Kugler in Camden federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court: The defendants

both admitted that on May 14, 2022, they brandished a loaded firearm to demand a taxi driver's fares, and then proceeded to shoot the driver. Jackson also admitted that on May 5, 2022, he brandished a loaded firearm, demanded a taxi driver's fares, cellphone, and wallet, and then stole the driver's vehicle.

In addition to the prison terms, Judge Kugler sentenced each of the defendants to three months of supervised release.

U.S. Attorney Sellinger credited the members of the Elizabeth Police Department, under the direction of Director Earl J. Graves and Police Chief Giacomo Sacca; and special agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Bryan Miller, Newark Field Division, with the investigation leading to the sentencings.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry O'Connell of the OCDETF Unit in Newark.

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SPORTS WRAP



Photos By Felicia Laguerre Owens



By William Hathaway, Jr.

Before we head to the court for this week's local action, we have to talk about the shocking College Football Playoff. Michigan earned the #1 seed while Washington ranked #2 thanks to their undefeated seasons. However, Texas took the #3 seed while Alabama, who Texas beat

fended Walsh Gym against Maryland Eastern Shore 75-54. Leading SHU was Azana Baines and Savannah Catalon with 17 points apiece after only leading only by four points at the half.

The Lady Pirates dominated the Hawks in the 2nd half thanks to 63 percent shooting from the field and Amari Wright's 8 points, 10 assists and



earlier in the season, took the 4th and final spot.

Both Texas and Alabama have one loss apiece, unlike Florida State who finished undefeated, but was slotted at #5, and out of the picture. Despite meeting all the requirements to compete for the National Championship, FSU got jobbed out for playing a backup quarterback, even though Ohio State won the National Title a while back with a 3rd string QB in Cardale Jones.

In college basketball, this past weekend the Seton Hall women's basketball team de-

three steals. Seton Hall forced 24 turnovers in this game, and has a current record of 5-3 on the season.

On the men's side, the Pirates beat Northeastern by the final score of 88-75. Kadary Richmond led SHU with 21 points and 6 rebounds on 9-16 shooting. Al Amir Dawes had 25 points. The Pirates were on fire, shooting 75 percent from the floor.

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ied in Honolulu, HI's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific - also called "The Punchbowl."

The City of Newark meanwhile erected the Callahan Monument in 1942 in Douglas-Harrison Park, the courtyard of the Douglas Harrison Homes where Callahan and his parents lived until he joined the U.S. Navy in 1940. It stayed in the courtyard until it was moved to Military Park before the apartment complex was demolished in 2005.

The then-Emmet Guyton American Legion Post No. 152 held annual Callahan-Pearl Harbor Day commemorations at both locations. The post added Callahan's name to World War One U.S. Army Air Force member Guyton's in their title in 1959.

The U.S. Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, who have been identifying "Unknowns" from past wars,

on April 6, announced that they have identified Callahan's remains by matching mitochondrial DNA samples with those of a relative.

Callahan's remains were buried with full military honors in Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery Sept. 8; his headstone has since been set. A rosette has been carved by his name on The National Cemetery of the Pacific's Courts of the Missing.

All five known Newarkers who were killed during the Sunday morning surprise attack by Imperial Japanese air and naval forces have now been accounted for.

Ironbound native Eugene K. Eberhardt is also buried in Arlington. The US Navy First Class Machinist Mate was aboard the USS Oklahoma with Callahan when the first wave of Japanese torpedo bombers struck at 7:55 a.m. Hawaiian Time.

The DPMAA used similar DNA searches to identify Eberhardt's remains in 2018. He too got a rosette beside his name in

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UNITED STATES



AMERICA SAYS GOODBYE TO TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE

This past week, the nation bid farewell to one public figure - and good riddance to another.

On December 1, Sandra Day O'Connor passed away at the age of 93 due to dementia and a respiratory illness. Born March 26, 1930, O'Connor holds the distinction of being the first woman ever to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States after being nominated by then-President Ronald Reagan. She served from September 25, 1981 to January 31, 2006.

Her husband, John Jay O'Connor who she married back in 1952, predeceased her in 2009. They had three sons and six grandchildren.

"Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was an American icon, the first woman on our nation's highest court. She spent her career committed to the stable center, pragmatic and in search of common ground. I did not agree with all of her opinions, but I admired her decency and unwavering devotion to the facts, to our country, to active citizenship and the common good," said President Joe Biden in a statement.

"Defined by her no-nonsense Arizona ranch roots, Justice O'Connor overcame discrimination early on, at a time when law firms too often told women to seek work as secretaries, not attorneys. She gave her life to public service, even holding elected office, and never forgot those

ties to the people whom the law is meant to serve. She sought to avoid ideology, and was devoted to the rule of law and to the bedrock American principle of an independent judiciary. Unrelenting in her interrogations of attorneys before the Court, she was willing to learn and to change, open to the experience of fellow Americans and always conscious of the law's real impact on their lives.

"As a U.S. Senator on the Judiciary Committee, I remember the hope surrounding her historic nomination to the Supreme Court. The Senate voted 99-0 in her favor, proof that our nation can come together to move history forward.

"Justice O'Connor never quit striving to make this nation stronger, retiring only to care for her husband, John, the love of her life. She never quit calling on us all to engage with our country and with one another, and her institute's work to promote civics education and civil discourse has touched millions. She knew that for democracy to work, we have to listen to each other, and remember how much more we all have in common as Americans than what keeps us apart.

"Our hearts today are with Justice O'Connor's three sons, Scott, Brian, and Jay; her brother, Alan; her six grandchildren; and all those who loved her."

And now to the opposite end of the spectrum. Also on December 1, in a 311-114 vote, Rep. George Santos (R-NY) became the sixth member of the House and first modern day Republican ousted from the chamber after a scathing report from the Ethics Committee. Two members marked themselves as "present." Meanwhile, Santos is also facing a myriad of federal charges.

Upon his removal, Santos said to the media, "Why would I want to stay here? To hell with this place."

MASS SHOOTING UPDATE

Information recent as of 12-5-2023 at 12 p.m.

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

- Total Mass Shootings: 715
- Total Dead: 857
- Total Wounded: 2851
- Shootings Per Day: 2.11
- Days Reached in Year 2023 as of Dec. 5: 339

MIDDLE EAST



AID CUT AS WAR GOES SOUTH

Reports of hundreds of fatalities from bombing in southern Gaza over the weekend heightened deep concerns for civilians sheltering there, while UN humanitarian on Monday said that aid teams had only "extremely limited" movement and access to the north was "now entirely blocked."

The latest update from the UN aid coordination office, OCHA, confirmed rising casualties and devastation amid "heavy Israeli bombardment from air, land and sea."

"From the afternoon of (Saturday) December 3 to the afternoon of (Sunday) December 3, at least 316 people were killed and at least another 664 injured in Gaza," OCHA's situation update reported, adding that an Israeli soldier had been reportedly killed in the enclave at the weekend and another had succumbed to wounds sustained previously.

The return to bloodshed followed the breakdown of a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel last Friday, December 1, that had allowed for the release of dozens of the approximately 240 hostages taken from southern Israel during the group's terror attack that claimed some 1,200 lives, according to Israeli authorities, and of Palestinian prisoners held in Israel.

Health authorities in Gaza claim that more than 15,000 people have been killed since October 7.

Echoing humanitarians' concerns for civilians caught up in the violence, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, said that in Rafah city in the south people were being forced to flee against a backdrop of airstrikes.

"People are pleading for advice on where to find safety,"

said Director of UNRWA Affairs Thomas White. "We have nothing to tell them."

Some 1.8 million Gazans now live in the south of Gaza after an order from the Israeli Defense Forces to residents to leave the north of the Strip in mid-October.

In a new development, OCHA reported that the Israeli military had "designated an area covering about 20 percent of Khan Younis city for immediate evacuation" on Sunday, and that this area had been "marked in an online map (and) published on social media."

Prior to the onset of hostilities, this area was home to nearly 117,000 people, the UN aid coordination office said, noting that it housed 21 shelters with about 50,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs), the vast majority previously displaced from the north.

Meanwhile, OCHA reported that some lifesaving humanitarian supplies were continuing to roll into Gaza late on Sunday evening from Egypt, although their exact number and contents were unclear. Ten humanitarian staff also entered via the Rafah border crossing, which also saw the evacuation of 566 foreign nationals and dual citizens, 13 injured people and 11 companions.

In a sign of widespread international alarm over the continuing violence in Gaza, the UN Security Council was due to hold closed consultations on the issue on Monday.

The meeting, which was expected to feature Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary DiCarlo, was requested by the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which expressed the "deeply concerning resumption of hostilities and the continuing dire humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip."

Meanwhile, in a social media post revealing a panorama of smashed masonry, rescue workers and distressed youngsters in southern Gaza on Saturday, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) spokesperson James Elder railed against "the endless killing of children" after a night of "utterly relentless bombardments."

ECC REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO TECH CAREERS



Dr. Elvy Vieira, Dean of Community, Continuing Education and Workforce Development, represented Essex County College at the Tech Workforce Educational Fly-In conference, sponsored by the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA).

The conference, in Washington, D.C. on November 13-14, brought together over 50 representatives from colleges, government and non-profit agencies, and businesses. The purpose of the conference was to discuss alternative pathways to tech careers.

“It’s important for us at ECC to provide tech training to our students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college. If we don’t look at giving access to high tech training to our minority population, these students face the danger of being left out of in-demand careers,” said Dr. Vieira.

ECC does provide a wide range of technology training through the College’s Training, Inc. But Dr. Vieira noted there is always room to expand and offer more programs.

“Tech talent is in high demand with one million open po-

sitions in the U.S.,” said Nancy Hammervik, Chief Solutions Officer for CompTIA. “These jobs can open doors and unlock potential for underserved populations to earn sustainable wages and strong career paths to help economically disadvantaged families and communities.”

The conference included government officials who discussed funding programs for tech career pathways and workforce needs.

“The session provided information on emerging technologies which we can use in developing new program offerings. We want our students to earn the credentials needed to secure these in-demand jobs,” stated Dr. Vieira.

The Success Stories in the Tech Workforce Landscape panel discussed how employers, educators and workforce boards are addressing the tech workforce needs and shared their experiences and recommendations.

“It’s important to know the direction various industries are going in order to meet their hiring needs and provide them with the trained employees they will require in the future,” stated Dr. Vieira.



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the Courts of the Missing.

US Army Air Force Private First Class Louis Schleifer is buried in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in Woodbridge's Iselin section. The East Side High School graduate was at Hickam Field, firing his rifle at an advancing Japanese Zero fighter who gunned him down.

Newark's local Jewish War Veterans chapter erected a marker and a water fountain at Milford-Schleifer Park, a South Ward green triangle with the nearby Guyton-Callahan American Legion Post and South Side Malcolm X Shabazz High School across Elizabeth and Belmont avenues.

The monument still stands; members of Temple Beth Shalom took the fountain with them to their synagogue in Livingston in the 1960s. The local Pearl Harbor Survivors Association have held annual observances there.

Nicholas Runiak and Ray-

mond J. Kerrigan's remains are in the National Cemetery of the Pacific.

USN First Class Seaman Runiak was aboard the Arizona when he was struck by shrapnel and was burned; he died from those wounds on Dec. 27, 1941. The city renamed a north-south street along Mt. Olivet Cemetery to the Elizabeth border after him, near his 246 Dayton St. address.

First Class Machinist Mate Kerrigan, an East Side High School graduate and Vailsburg resident, was stationed on the USS Vestal - a repair ship that was moored alongside the Arizona. He was struck and killed by shrapnel aboard the Vestal when a torpedo blew up the Arizona.

Kerrigan Boulevard runs past his last address in Vailsburg. The city had renamed the southern five blocks of Oakland Terrace by 1944.

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ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE ALUMNI CORNER: VIVIAN CARTER - VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Vivian Carter has not slowed down since graduating with an Associate degree in Elementary Education from Essex County College in 1973. The energetic retired teacher is passionate about her commitment to education, and her love of community and the City of Newark that nurtured her.

“Volunteering and giving back to the community is a part of me. I was taught at an early age the importance of giving to others. I remember when I was in the eighth grade I volunteered at a nursing home on 10th Street” in Newark, and I haven’t stopped,” Vivian stated. “It’s in my blood.”

Vivian proudly says that enrolling at Essex County College, after starting out at an out-of-state school, put her on the path to a long and rewarding teaching career in the Newark Public

Schools. She was able to start initially working as a teacher assistant in Newark with the credits she had already earned. But she needed a degree to become a teacher.

“I was 24 when I started at Essex. Here I was, an adult learner and a little apprehensive. But the College was like a big family and the professors heightened my exuberance for learning. ECC rekindled my love for learning and teaching. I’m proud to say I graduated from ECC with Honors,” Vivian stated.

Vivian then went on to Rutgers University-Newark where she majored in Education and Urban Planning. “I wanted to be a city planner and teacher,” she recalled. But fulltime teaching won out.

That began a long and rewarding teaching career in which Vivian taught at a number



of Newark schools. She impressed upon her students the importance of giving back to their community. Those lessons have not gone unnoticed by her pupils. “One of my former students was awarded a volunteer medal from Seton Hall University. She mentioned me in her speech. I just felt so truly blessed.”

Since retiring from teaching in 2009, Vivian dedicates herself to volunteering practically every day. Although she tries to limit her volunteer hours on Mondays, whenever possible.

The Rev. Ronald Slaughter, pastor at Newark’s St. James AME Church, can count on her for any church program and activity. “I’m a lifelong member of St. James, so I’m there for anything,” Vivian said.

Vivian frequently stops by her ECC alma mater to help with voter registration through her Delta Sigma Theta (North Jersey Alumni Chapter) where she serves on the Social Action and Scholarship committees.

Her affiliations range from membership on the Arts (Newark) High School Alumni Association to numerous college and teacher organizations. She is
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NEWARK

A Newark woman and her Perth Amboy attorney have filed suit in State Superior Court-Newark Nov. 16 against the Taco Bell here at 350 Broad St. and parent company Yum! Brands over the assault she had suffered from three employees on May 17, 2022.

Leticia Rivera, 49, and Michelle M. Tullio, Esq. have filed charges of assault and battery, negligence and failing to supervise the three workers who they said had "beaten her senseless." Rivera said she had suffered injuries from the in-store beating, including a broken pinky, a head cut that required stitches plus pain in her knees, back, head and jaw.

Rivera said she was returning a burrito she had ordered back to the counter May 17, 2022 because that it had "tasted funny." She asked the manager about exchanging it for a pair of Taco Supremes but the manager said they only had meat and lettuce to make the replacements.

An in-store surveillance recording showed one worker coming out from the kitchen and began to beat Rivera. Two others came from behind the counter and joined in. All three, who were under 18, were charged with simple assault; their case dispositions were not immediate-

ly known.

Attorneys from Yum! Brands said that Rivera was "50 percent" responsible for what happened that day.

The Taco Bell at 350 Broad stands on the site of a six-store mini shopping plaza that had opened around 1970. Its anchor store started out as Gino's Hamburgers-KFC before giving way to a Blimpie's, a Dunkin' Donuts and a Muscle Maker Grill. Its Clay Street side stores included a Metro cell phone store, a barber shop and a hairdresser before the whole building was demolished in 2014 for the Taco Bell.

IRVINGTON / MAPLEWOOD

Maplewood police, with help from neighboring departments' colleagues, have charged an Irvington man Nov. 28 on a pair of November early morning "smash and grab" burglaries.

Christopher Ransom, 52, said MPD Off. Bruno Marto Nov. 29, was arrested and charged for the Nov. 11-12 burglaries of Artie's and Sabatino's. Ransom has also been tied to a similar June 26 burglary of a Millburn Avenue bar.

Ransom is accused of being the man who put a brick through Artie's front door Nov. 11, entering and taking a pair of cash registers. Artie's had been Artouro's in Jefferson Village center before moving to 11 Newark Way in September. Ransom allegedly did the same thing to Sabatino's, 513 Valley St., Nov. 12. Surveillance footage from one of the eateries was supplied to local broadcasters.

MPD has not said how they had tied Ransom to the burglaries but said he had been charged in late June for June 26 burglary, criminal mischief and theft of Pickett's, 2206 Millburn Ave., by the Millburn border. Ransom was a Union resident at that time.

Essex County Correctional Center records did note that Ransom was charged with a count each of resisting arrest after being ordered to stop his motor vehicle, endangerment and aggravated assault. He is being held

there on warrants from Irvington Municipal Court, Newark Police and the Union County Jail.

Ransom has been charged with three counts each of burglary, theft of movable property and criminal mischief plus two counts of the unlawful taking of a means of conveyance.

EAST ORANGE

The family of Sheila Y. Oliver, on Nov. 27, announced that they are retooling her civic association into a charitable organization to honor the late pioneering Lt. Governor.

The Sheila Y. Oliver Civic Association, said cousin Renee Oliver, will now seek to educate and develop young women of color who are interested in government, public policy and community organizing. The private nonprofit association will also support underserved and underrepresented communities towards their economic and social success.

Before it can offer "relevant programs and services in education, employment, housing and economic development," the Oliver Civic Association will hold a fundraising Legacy Brunch at the Valley Regency in Clifton July 20. Tickets and other details are to be announced on www.sheilaoliver.com.

Oliver, like some public officials, started a civic association to help citizens to improve community affairs or promote orderly neighborhood development. Her self-named organization was launched in 2018.

Oliver was the first African American woman to be lieutenant governor, N.J. Community Affairs director and assembly speaker. The Newark native was General Assemblywoman for the 34th State Legislative district, an Essex County Freeholder and an East Orange School District Board of Education member. The 45-year city resident, 70 died suddenly Aug. 2.

ORANGE

City and county inspectors are sifting through what remains

of 32 So. Center St. here to determine what caused the Nov. 20 fire that damaged the vacant Central Meat Market.

The first responding Orange Fire Department crew found the 109-year-old two story 14,000-square-foot warehouse "engulfed by heavy smoke and flames" at 7:15 p.m. that Monday. The incident commander immediately called a second alarm, followed by a third 7:30 p.m. and a fourth 9:30 p.m.

NJTransit, at OFD request, suspended all service on its Morris & Essex Line between Newark Broad Street and Summit for 2.5 hours so that firefighters can attack the fire from the elevated right-of-way. South Center Street was closed between Main Street and Freeway Drive West.

OFD and mutual aid firefighters from neighboring towns helped battle the fire, which included five ladder trucks and a roof collapse. Other mutual aid units covered the Marty Di Marzio Fire Headquarters. Units from Montclair, West Orange, East Orange, Irvington, Newark, South Essex FDs, New Jersey Transit Police Emergency Services Unit and the New Jersey State Fire Marshal were among those at the scene.

The 1914 building had been vacant for at least 14 years, going by the October 2010 calendar on an otherwise empty office wall in a photograph. City property records have Queenie 32S, of Bronx, NY owning it since buying it from LSREF2 for \$310,000 on Dec. 23, 2023. Eagle Pool 1 bought it from a Jan. 7, 2013 sheriff's auction for \$100 before selling it to LSREF2 for \$366,919 June 20, 2014.

A contracting crew from West Orange was seen Dec. 2 boarding up second floor windows and filling two 20 cubic yard dumpsters with debris.

WEST ORANGE

The Pleasantdale Turkey, while most others were having their Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 23, was getting used to its new

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NEWARK MAN CONVICTED OF BANK ROBBERY

NEWARK - Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens, II announced that an Essex County jury convicted Esau Grant, 29, of Newark, of robbing the Capital One Bank in Newark.

On July 3, 2021, Grant was captured on video inside the Springfield Avenue bank robbing a teller by handing him a threat-

ening note that read: "I have a gun, give me all the money from the register please and no one will get hurt." The teller gave Grant \$2,300. Two days later, he was found and arrested by police.

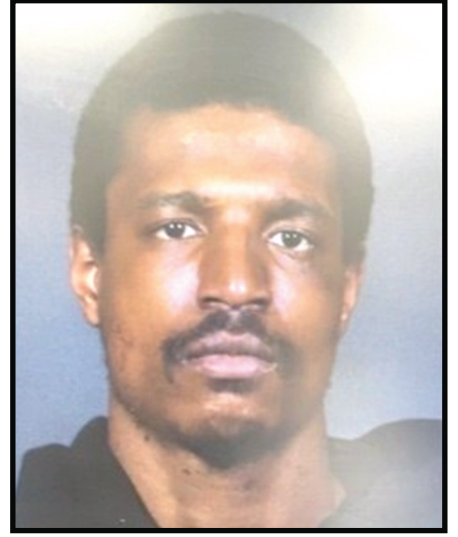
After a one-day trial before Superior Court Judge Patrick J. Arre, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of second-degree robbery.

Assistant Prosecutor Ruddy A. Adames, who tried the case, thanked the jury for their service

and for returning a just verdict.

"Fortunately, no one was physically harmed in this case," Adames said. "This verdict would not have been possible if not for the teller who came to court and faced the defendant. I hope the verdict brings a sense of security to him and to the community at large."

The sentencing is scheduled for January 26, 2024, before Judge Arre. Grant faces a sentence of up to 10 years in New Jersey State Prison.



WORLD NEWS FLASH

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WORLD



COUNTRIES PLEDGE TO ADDRESS CLIMATE

With rising temperatures leading to demand for more air conditioners and other cooling equipment, a new UN report launched Tuesday at COP28 climate talks in Dubai lays out a pathway to cut emissions across the cooling sector worldwide.

Over 60 countries signed up to a so called 'cooling pledge' with commitments to reduce the climate impact of the cooling sector, that could also provide "universal access to life-saving cooling, take the pressure off energy grids and save trillions of dollars by 2050."

The UN Environment Program (UNEP) estimates that more than 1 billion people are at high risk from extreme heat due to a lack of cooling access - the vast majority living in in Africa and Asia.

Moreover, nearly one-third of the world's population is exposed to deadly heat waves more than 20 days a year.

The cooling brings relief to people and is also essential for several other critical areas and services such as global food security and vaccine delivery through refrigeration.

But at the same time, conventional cooling, such as air conditioning, is a major driver of

climate change, responsible for over seven per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions. If not managed properly, energy needs for space cooling will triple by 2050, together with associated emissions.

In short, the more we try to keep cool, the more we heat the planet. If current growth trends continue, cooling equipment represents 20 percent of total electricity consumption today - and is expected to more than double by 2050.

Today's cooling systems, such as air-conditioners (ACs) and refrigerators, consume massive amount of energy and often use refrigerants that warm the planet.

The latest UNEP report shows that by taking measures to reduce the power consumption of cooling equipment could lead to a reduction of at least 60 percent off predicted 2050 sectoral emissions by 2050.

"The cooling sector must grow to protect everyone from rising temperatures, maintain food quality and safety, keep vaccines stable and economies productive," said Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, who launched the report during a press conference at Expo City, where COP28 has been underway since last Thursday.

"But this growth must not come at the cost of the energy transition and more intense climate impacts," she urged.

The report was released in support of the 'Global Cooling Pledge', a joint initiative between the United Arab Emirates as host of COP28 and the UNEP-led 'Cool Coalition.'

It outlines actions to take in passive cooling strategies - such as insulation, natural shading, ventilation and reflective surfac-

es, higher energy efficiency standards and a rapid phase down of climate-warming hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants.

Following the report's recommendations could reduce the projected 2050 emissions from business-as-usual cooling by around 3.8 billion tons of CO2 equivalent.

UNITED KINGDOM



PROMISING NEWS ON HIV MEDICINE

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 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 Manchester 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

Being Careful That You Do Not Consume One Another

This reflection is written because it is apparent to me that most people have continued not only to accept that we are living in "a dog-eat-dog world" but are being destroyed by the "dog-eat-dog" lifestyle.

Just think of how, in word and action, people are murdering and cannibalizing one another. Just think of how the gun industry is working in the United States of America and worldwide. Think of how weapons of warfare are being traded between nations. Look at what is happening between Israel (IDF) and the Palestinians (Hamas). Just think of what is happening between Russia and Ukraine.

Does it not seem that all we are doing is living up to what the evolutionist scientist thinks of as the development of human beings with the retention of their bestial nature, where only the fittest can survive? The "top

dogs" can destroy "the underdogs" without shame.

I have cited examples that might seem far removed from our more intimate circles, like family and church community, but the truth is that what is taking place in the public circles is also present in the more intimate circles. I heard one man saying the other day that he and his wife had an enjoyable Thanksgiving because they shut their door and went into the basement of the house so that if any relative or friend passed by, they would not know that anyone was home.

I asked him why he did that, and he stated that when the family and friends came by, they only "talk trash" and backbite them. In another example, my wife and I decided this week to visit a friend who is depressed. Some of her family members who live in another state came for Thanksgiving and criticized her, claiming she was not taking good enough care of her 90+-year-old mother because she allowed her to keep active by doing little chores. The friend was so distraught because she knew that she was giving her mother the best of care and, therefore, said she felt like killing herself.

Yes, with weapons and words, we can often get our-

selves involved in the "dog eat dog" culture, in which we bite and destroy one another, even in the most intimate circles. This observation should make us appreciate the words of the apostle Paul to his church(es) in Galatians, where he instructed, "But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another." (Galatians 5:15 ESV)

Commentators have noted that the word used for bite is the Greek δάκνω (daknō), which means "to bite or to sting." As used in the passage in Galatians, it is a metaphor taken from dogs and wild beasts when they fight and tear up one another. Whether they were fighting and contending because of their ethnic difference, Jews and Gentiles, or some legalistic or libertine beliefs, we do not know for sure.

One thing is clear: The conflicts were real. And they were costly to the life of the community. People ended up taking sides. They were devouring and consuming each other to get what they wanted. I have heard it said in a crassly that their conflicts broke out into overt acts so severe that they were more becoming dogs than Christians. One commentator puts it this way:

"As wild beasts contend sometimes until both are slain. Thus, their contentions would destroy each other's spirituality and happiness; their characters would be ruined, and the church would be overthrown. The readiest way to destroy the spirituality of a church and to annihilate the influence of religion is to excite a spirit of contention."

As he had told all his other churches, the apostle Paul was telling the Galatians that there is an alternative way to the (back) biting and devouring. It is the way that comes in four words for me: the way of love, trust, peace and service. Instead of fighting, as they say, we need to learn that "more bees are caught by honey rather than vinegar" - we need to "spread love."

We need to learn to trust each other more rather than spread so much fear as is being done through all the media that is out there. We need to speak peace and work for peace rather than turn everything into a conflict, as is being done through the news media these days. We need to learn how to serve one another.

If we can practice what is stated in the immediate above, our lives will be preserved, and we will have greater joy.

TOWN WATCH

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home at Wharton State Forest in Hammon-

ton. U.S. Department of Agriculture officials said that they had captured "Turkules" (Turkey + Hercules) on Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Eve. The wild turkey's evasion of USDA DEP Game and Wildlife and township officials had been since late last summer.

USDA had not described how or where they had apprehended the bird, who had called a grass patch off Pleasant Valley Way and Pleasantdale Avenue a busy intersection - home. It had both been fed by passing motorists and had backed up traffic for up to a mile.

Those who wanted to see "Turkules" from a respectful distance Nov. 22 were disappointed. Neighbors had named the turkey

and hooded sweatshirts had been printed with his likeness and new name.

It became wise to watch "Turkules" from afar. It had become territorial over the weeks, charging at pedestrians, joggers and bicyclists. The bird was also known to peck at the hubcaps of cars parked at Kessler's Rehabilitation and the Daughters of Israel.

"Turkules" left here with a pardon from Mayor Susan McCartney.

SOUTH ORANGE

Village police and ECPO detectives are asking for the public's help in identifying a newborn who was left behind a Village Center apartment building on Nov. 28, 1986 - the day after Thanksgiving.

It is not like the then-baby boy could have told them. Sanitation workers found him in a blanket and wicker picnic basket atop a garbage can behind 5 Cottage St.

dead.

Advances in DNA technology, however, prompted SOPD detectives to reopen the case. While they are hoping for matches with genetic databases for probable relatives accounts from witnesses would help.

Detectives believe that the basket and the yellow table runner within were locally bought. The infant, wrapped in a towel, still had his umbilical cord attached and weighed five pounds. The towel carried a transfer of Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy holding hands and a "Love is Happiness" legend.

Confidential calls are to be directed to the ECPO tips hotline.

BLOOMFIELD

The tenants of a Watsessing building told a news outlet Nov. 21 that they have had a

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FORMER AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES ADMIT ROLES IN BRIBERY CONSPIRACY

TRENTON - A former airline corporate real estate director and former airline senior manager, as well as a former airline contractor, each admitted accepting bribes from a company in exchange for agreeing to assist the company obtain contracts from the airline, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced Nov. 30.

Alok Saksena, 45, of Montclair, Anthony Rosalli, 44, of Burlington, New Jersey, and Lovella Rogan, 48, of Springfield, each pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Zahid N. Quraishi in Trenton federal court to informations that charged them with conspiracy to commit honest services wire fraud.

“The defendants compromised their positions by accepting bribes in the form of hundreds of thousands of dollars’ worth of home renovations, electronics, and jewelry,” U.S. Attorney Sellinger said. “Commercial bribery of this kind corrupts the fairness of our economic system. We will hold to account those who unlawfully violate their duties to further their own economic interests.”

“Federal law requires an honest bidding process because if everyone in a position of authority demanded goods and services for their approval, the cost

of doing business would be astronomical and untenable,” FBI - Newark Special Agent in Charge James E. Dennehy said. “These individuals admit to taking bribes in the form of home renovations, electronics and jewelry instead of money, thinking no one would notice. Greasing someone’s palm for a lucrative contract not only isn’t fair, but it’s also illegal.”

“The Port Authority thanks our federal partners for the collaborative work to ensure fairness within the myriad industries that operate out of our facilities and to bring these individuals to justice,” Port Authority Inspector General John Gay said.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court: Rosalli, Saksena, and Rogan all held positions with the airline that enabled them to influence which companies the airline would award certain contracts to at Newark Liberty International Airport (Newark Airport). The defendants conspired to receive bribes and kickbacks from a company that provided maintenance and construction services in exchange for helping that company obtain lucrative airline contracts at Newark Airport.

In September 2021, the

maintenance and construction company bid on a contract to renovate restrooms at Newark Airport. The defendants sat on the selection committee and each of them voted to award the contract to the company. In exchange for the defendants’ help in obtaining the restroom renovation contract and with the expectation that they would use their positions to help the company obtain future contracts, the company agreed to pay for significant renovations at the defendants’ personal residences, including renovating and building bathrooms, renovating a deck, installing floors and sheet rock, and renovating a kitchen. The company gave the defendants valuable items, including electronics and jewelry. The total value of the bribes paid was approximately \$539,000 to Saksena; approximately \$276,000 to Rosalli; and approximately \$409,000 to Rogan.

The defendants also conspired with an employee of the maintenance and construction company to fraudulently inflate change orders, which amended the contract’s scope of work, to recoup some of the bribe costs. With the defendants’ knowledge and consent, the company submitted change orders, which

contained fraudulently high numbers, to obtain money not legitimately earned by the company so that the company could partially fund the bribe payments to the defendants.

The defendants face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentencing for Saksena is scheduled for April 17, 2024. Sentencing for Rosalli and Rogan is scheduled for April 18, 2024.

U.S. Attorney Sellinger credited special agents of the FBI, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Dennehy in Newark, investigators from the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Inspector General Gay, and special agents of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Thomas Mahoney, with the investigation leading to the guilty pleas.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Katherine Calle and Francesca Liquori of the Special Prosecutions Division and First Assistant U.S. Attorney Vikas Khanna.

PEARL HARBOR

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vate streets 'Callahan Court' in 1995. Callahan's name is among those of the USS Oklahoma 429 dead in a ship monument along Ford Island.

Archie Callahan, Jr., who was born in Atlanta, was promoted from NPS Monmouth Street School and had transferred from Newark Vocational Boys High School to Central High. The CHS Class of 1940 graduate left the 75 Somerset St. part of the Douglas-Harrison Homes to enlist with the Navy that August 21.

Callahan spent his last 15 months training in Norfolk, Va. and being assigned as Third Class Mess Attendant on the USS Oklahoma BB-37. The segregated Navy also placed him in the Messman Branch, along with other African Americans, Filipinos, Chinese and other "foreign nationals recruited from overseas."

3CMA Callahan, 19, was most likely below deck, preparing breakfast for the staff. The Oklahoma was moored against Ford Island along Pearl Harbor's Battleship Row when the first three of five torpedo bombers attacked at about 7:55 a.m.

Callahan and his deckmates likely had not the chance to scramble up to the third deck or topside. Many were trapped there when the battleship capsized.

Some dodged strafing fire to flee to the USS Maryland and man that ship's anti-aircraft guns. Another 32 sailors were rescued after a repair boat cut a hole in the Oklahoma's hull.

Callahan, Eberhardt and 427 others from the USS Oklahoma were listed as killed or missing. It was second in by-ship death toll to the USS Arizona, where 1,177 of its 1,512 crew died.

The Navy, under pressure from civil rights groups, reclassified Messmen as Stewards in 1943. Full desegregation did not

come to the US armed forces until President Harry S. Truman's executive order in 1945.

Callahan was posthumously promoted to Second Class Ship Steward. He, like many killed or wounded in the Pearl Harbor attack, were awarded Purple Heart, WWII Service, Distinguished Service and Valor medals. All those who were killed, injured or survived the attack were enlistees; many were 18-20 years old at the time.

Saturday's anticipated observance will be more public than Callahan's Sept. 6 Arlington burial.

Arlington National Cemetery was closed to the general public after it had received a bomb threat earlier that Friday. Internments resumed once law enforcers had given the all clear.

Lou Conter is meanwhile anticipated to attend Pearl Harbor Day services on the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. Conter, 101, of Grass Valley, Calif., is the last of the ship's 335 known survivors.

The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

SAY MY NAME

Lyrics

Say my name, say my name
 If no one is around you
 Say baby I love you
 If you ain't runnin' game
 Say my name, say my name
 You actin' kinda shady
 Ain't callin' me baby
 Why the sudden change
 Say my name, say my name -
 Song by Destiny's Child

REPEAT MODE

Unlike the constant massaging of my name that has been done since I've been old enough to notice, only by a beloved few at introduction is my name normally enunciated precisely at the first attempt. Nobody can put

respect on my name like my Latina Sista, but even more so than those Latino Bruthas can.

"Andrea" (Ann dra ya) as a name logically is dear to their hearts, and it triggers an immediate response, which is almost always coupled with a humongous smile as it is rolled off the tongue with such precision that sadly, my own mama's call wane in comparison...Sorry mommy! Usually, that's when I sternly give the directive over and over again, that they repeat it again and again. Which most seemingly are pleased to do so.

But, besides as lyrics or words of command, "Saying someone's name" usually supports those trumped-up bedroom antics often seen in movies, on television, at somebody else's crib, or perhaps even your own.



Street Doctor

Photos By Andrea Dialect



Treach & Latassia

But for me, whether adhering to that unexpected eavesdrop of somebody else or my gazing into the eyes of someone bold enough to say. For Andrea, if it aint spilling off the lips of "Papi" or "Mami, " those words were meaningless.

Still, at last, I've realized that "Say My Name" is not only a bold statement in the form of a command. But more importantly, it is a decree used during one of man's most valuable verbal exchanges. Sadly, I didn't learn to put respect on that name until I was introduced to the thought by an unlikely two: My besties, Pastor and Mother Gheah. But it has become as valuable as formulating those decrees as praying over my water. Trust me. Speaking life into H2O before ingesting it had been taught by beloved African friend Mother Gray.

When I was adhering to my Besties praying for their beloved country, Africa, always in-which the States would soon follow. (RIP Mother Gheah) Yanking randomly from the fifty was a matter of choice. ...

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Mikette

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contentious autumn with their landlord to the point where they went on a rent strike.

The six tenants, in their class statement, said that they are withholding their rent until Alex Pavlovsky makes repairs to their three story building that they said was from his neglect or vandalism. The charges include his alleged removal of PSE&G utility meters and serving eviction notices.

Residents in six of 14 apartments said they were told by "the former property owner in September that the property was in foreclosure and that Mr. Pavlovsky doesn't have a Certificate Of Occupancy." A check with township construction code officials at the Municipal Building confirmed that the landlord does not have a COO "and that the building is not up to code."

Without that certificate, the landlord cannot rent or lease out space at 34 Cross St.

One real estate website, as of Dec. 4, has one apartment available for a per-night rental.

Several of the websites have 34 Cross as being built as a warehouse in 1924. More recent photos show evidence of exterior and interior renovations. It is not clear whether Pavlovsky or a previous owner had done the revamping.

Pavlovsky, who has a Miami address, when confronted by the lack of a COO, they said, cut off utility power and water and served eviction notices. Four Bloomfield Police officers were called to 34 Cross Oct. 17 by residents who told them that he was threatening them in text messages with eviction and water cutoff. One resident turned the water back on from the building's basement.

Nov. 21 calls for comment from Pavlovsky and township officials remain unreturned as of press time.

They have appealed to Mayor Michael Venezia, the Township Council and administrators for help.

MONTCLAIR / NUTLEY

The Nov. 11 death of Father Charles Brady, Jr., at Point Pleasant also brought those who had remembered him in Montclair, West Orange, Orange, South Orange and Newark into mourning.

Brady, 88, was a West Orange-Pleasantdale section native who had graduated from St. Benedict's Preparatory School in 1953 and, later, Seton Hall University. He had finished second in the 1952 NJSIAA state wrestling championships.

Fr. Brady became an ordained priest, assigned to Orange's Holy Spirit (which merged with East Orange's Our Lady Help of (Continued on page 15)

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Christians in 1983) and Montclair's St. Peter Claver parishes 1966-73. He started St. Peter Claver's Christian Youth Organization, motivated and encouraged respective youth through sports programs and by opening church basements for social gatherings. He and Nutley native and track coach Clinton Taylor co-founded Montclair's Soul Stompers drill team and local Junior Olympics team, which continue to date.

Brady and Taylor, who moved to Montclair in 1963, organized St. Peter Claver's football, basketball and track teams. Those teams amassed 28 Essex County championships, eight AAU State championships, four Eastern State championships and three National championships.

Brady, in a 2014 reunion at Glenfield Park's Wally Choice Community Center, showed home movies of him having dinner with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King when they had visited Montclair. He had remained in touch with King's children.

Brady left the priesthood in 1973 to marry Carmie. They moved to Pt. Pleasant to raise Matt, Scott and Patrick and to start his Associated Financial Planners business. After Carmie's May 21, 2004 death from cancer, "Charley" and his sons started the Carmie Brady Foundation and Bradys' to Hope Lodge for children suffering serious illnesses.

Brother Robert and five grandchildren also attended his Funeral Mass at Bay Head's Sacred Heart Church Nov. 18. Memorial donations may go to CarmieBrady Foundatin.com, PO Box 91, Manasquan, 08736.

GLEN RIDGE

Brothers Al and Carl Kindberg have decided to end their Glen Ridge Auto Repair run, after 45 years, here at 12 Herman St., at the end of business Nov. 30.

The brothers had kept the general automotive repair business going after their founding father, Al, Sr. died in 2001. It was the father, who was in the plastic injection molding business at the time, who had found the garage behind The Arcade shopping plaza and asked his sons to join him in 1979.

Carl at the time was pursuing an industrial education and technology major at then-Montclair State College - which he has since completed. Al was service manager of Vandervier's Texaco Service Station at East Orange's 38 New St.

Al, on Nov. 29, remembered driving about six miles west on Bloomfield Avenue to attend Pine Brook Speedway some Friday nights. They watched distant relative Bruce Kindburg, of Mine Hill, drive and then own three-quarter midget cars. Bruce, who owned Bruce's Speed Shop in Rockaway, died on his 65th birthday April 5.

Glen Ridge Auto Repair was a family business, with mother Ann doing the bookkeeping and office management. Mother Ann died July 15; borough officials and customers were among those who went to her July 18 funeral at Cedar Grove.

Between Mother Ann's death and Al and Carl respectively turning 67 and 64, the Brothers Kindberg agreed to hang up their hand tools. They will focus on tying up loose ends of their mother's Cedar Grove estate.

BELLEVILLE

Belleville Public Schools will be switching Pre-Kindergarten child care providers, from Champions to Apollo After School, on Feb. 5.

PBS Superintendent of Schools Dr. Richard Tomko, in his Nov. 30 announcement, said that Champions had been providing before- and after- school care at several of its buildings for several years. The private company had also run a summer camp.

The BPS Board of Trustees, at a recent meeting, decided to award a contract to Apollo. Apollo, as of Feb. 6, will more than continue Champions' programs. Tomko said that Apollo will soon thereafter bring additional courses, like competitive chess.

"The Apollo After School programs will offer a range of fun and educational activities to keep your children safe and active until you pick them up," said Tomko in a Nov. 30 open letter. "Apollo is committed to preserving committed staff members who are highly cherished by your children. Apollo will exert every effort to transition any current program employees, ensuring continuity and familiarity for both children and families."

Apollo After School and enrichment clubs are found at Morristown, Mendham. Champions still serve 28 other New Jersey public school districts with the closets being Caldwell and West Caldwell and in 26 other states.

Transition details, including registration and charging rates, are to be found at www.bellevilleschools.org.

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE

ALUMNI CORNER: VIVIAN CARTER

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also Education Chair for the Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association, Newark Senior Services, Greenlight Greater Newark, Newark Museum, Newark Library and co-chairs the Friends of Newark Symphony Hall with Essex County College Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Alfred Bundy. "What the Apollo Theater means to Harlem, Newark Symphony Hall means to Newark," she stated.

"I can't imagine my life without volunteering. Clara Dasher (who was a longtime Chair of ECC's Board of Trustees) was an elementary school teacher, an excellent role model for education and one of my inspirations," noted Vivian. "It's my spiritual calling and I can say that I'm fulfilled."

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