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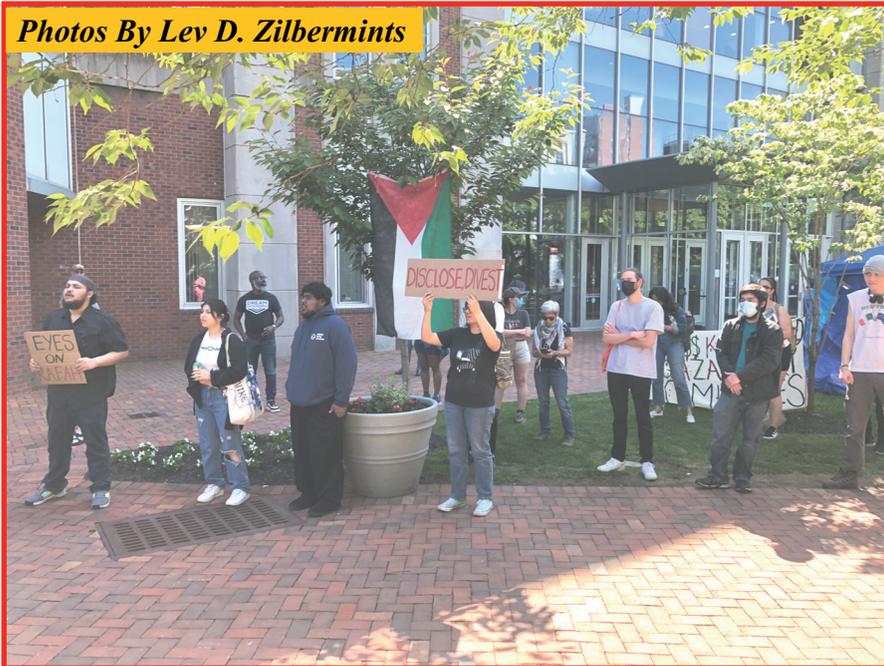
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COALITION HOLDS TALKS WITH RUTGERS-NEWARK

NJTRANSIT TO PAPER TICKET HOLDERS: "USE THEM IN 30 DAYS OR LOSE THEM."

Photos By Lev D. Zilbermints



By Lev D. Zilbermints

NEWARK - On May 23, 2024, Newark Solidarity Coalition, the group that has organized the Rutgers Law School encampment, held talks with the R-N administration.

“Local Talk” was invited to attend the meeting via Zoom by one of the participants. The meeting, which lasted two hours or more, saw both sides pointing fingers at each other. From the partial transcript that “Local Talk” was able to obtain, it seemed like both sides were far apart. By the end of the meeting, agreement on certain issues had been reached.

“Local Talk” reached out to the Newark Solidarity Coalition to find out which demands were met by Rutgers - Newark. As of press time, there was no response from the coalition’s

press representatives.

The Newark Solidarity Coalition were represented by at least six members. The administration had at least three representatives. The meeting was shown on Zoom, with a simultaneous transcript of everything that was said.

At the May 24 meeting, the administration questioned the credentials of the Newark Solidarity Coalition.

“But who do you represent? People outside their data. There’s homeless people in the encampment. There’s no community members,” a Rutgers - Newark administrator said at the meeting.

According to its post on Instagram, the Newark Solidarity Coalition includes Rutgers Students for Justice in Pales-

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By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - New Jersey Transit's bus and light rail riders have been joining their commuter rail counterparts in searching for unused and undated paper tickets in their wallets and desk drawers - or should be - before July 1.

NJTransit has recently said that their revised paper ticket "use by" and refund policies for its eight commuter rail line customers also applies to those on their bus and light rail divisions.

Riders at the Irvington Bus Terminal, since May 2, saw country's largest statewide public passenger carrier add its "This Applies to You, Too" message on its rolling destination board.

Tickets printed from July 1 will have 30-day expiration dates. Unused undated tickets are

to be used before July 1. FlexPASS tickets will be discontinued July 31.

The Irvington Terminal posting followed what NJTransit spokesman Jim Smith confirmed to "Local Talk" the day before:

"The expiration dates will apply to all one-way paper bus, light rail and train tickets," said Smith. "Tickets will have expiration dates printed on them. We strongly encourage customers to use any tickets they have purchased before July 31 as all tickets without expiration dates printed on them will expire on that date (July 31.)"

NJTransit's Board of Directors had passed the original expiration date provision along with its 15 percent across the board fare increase, to take effect July

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Editorial
Dhiren Shah
 Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

Do you think our area believes in democracy? In India, the most populous country in the world, they arrange their elections in 6 phases. Already, 5 phases are over. Each phase so far has had a voter turnout of over 60%. Compared to Orange, NJ, only about 16% came out. Other elections also have a pitiful turnout, especially for School Board.

Former President Donald Trump's defense team has already made their closing arguments. However, the judge gave instructions to the defense team not to speak about the law in their closing arguments. Judge Merchan mentioned that he will explain the law to the jurors per-

taining to the case on how they should deliberate. The judges are supposed to be neutral, not taking any sides. This seems like the judge wants to sway the jurors.

The hush money case is so flawed that if Trump is found guilty, it is wide open for an appeal to a higher court, which will take a while to take. There is a strong case it could be overturned. From what some have told me, the purpose of getting the case tried was to get a guilty verdict, and then for Democrats to label Trump as a convict on the campaign trail, hoping people would not vote for a convict. However, with the way the court case was conducted, it could backfire, and Trump may get more support.

This is the first criminal trial against former president. The next criminal trial was supposed to be the documents case in Florida. However, Judge Cannon has pushed the case back for the time being. Cannon was appointed by Donald Trump.

According to Fox News: "A federal judge on Tuesday denied Special Counsel Jack Smith's request for a gag order on former President Donald Trump in his classified documents case after defense attorneys called it 'unconstitutional censorship.'"

If the gag order was in place, Trump cannot defend himself at his election rallies and events. However, Judge Cannon has rejected the prosecutor's request to have a gag order against Trump. Trump is running the President of the United States, and he has to defend himself to the people of America. The gag order was a political sway by Judge Merchan in the other case. The gag order was not implemented on Trump's former attorney Michael Cohen, who was the main witness in the criminal case. Cohen could have definitely influenced potential jurors with his comments.

Right now, mayors, governors and presidents suggest one name to be appointed as a judge

and it gets approved by the councilpersons, assemblypersons and state senate, congresspersons, and U.S. senators. As I have noticed over the years, most of the time the council is controlled by the mayor and his/her choice of a judge gets approved easily. This goes also for state judiciary and federal judiciary. In my opinion, the mayor, the governor and the president should suggest two or three names and all of the attorneys (lawyers) of a constituency should vote for the judge. Right now, judges impact rulings when it comes to mayor, governor or president, and with certain people, they will be lenient or too strict in their judgment. To avoid this confusion and political impact on the judgments, I have suggested this. It is up to the readers if you agree. Please write to me at localtalknews@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next week.

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Newark Solidarity Coalition (NSC) and their allies vehemently disagreed with what the R-N administration said.

“They are students and we are asking you to work with us. ... Yes, I represent an organization that serves 25,000 new workers. 75% of them do not have Internet access,” a Newark Solidarity Coalition representative retorted.

During its four visits to the encampment in early and late May, “Local Talk” saw students, representatives from groups allied with NSC; faculty; and community members at the Rutgers Newark Law School encampment. “Local Talk” did not see any homeless people.

According to a May 21 email

provided by Senior Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs & Chief of Staff Peter T. Englot, Rutgers Newark has been talking to the Newark Solidarity Coalition for the past three weeks.

Text of Rutgers University Newark letter to Newark Solidarity Coalition

“We have engaged with you in good faith from the outset of your protest three weeks ago to try to address your concerns, so it is disappointing that our good faith is not being reciprocated now with a timely response to our last message to you six days ago, on May 15. Throughout, we have listened with an open mind and have responded earnestly and meaningfully to your concerns. This includes Rutgers’ commitment to assure representation of Newark students in the upcoming meeting between the Endowment Justice Collective, President Holloway, and the chair of the Joint Committee on Investment. It also includes having offered to collaborate going forward on matters of mutual concern including expansion of our Intercultural Resource Center and housing access and



affordability in Newark.

“While we remain committed to continuing our conversations with you about these matters, we need you to leave now. We are preparing for our final, academic year-end events for graduating students and their families, as well as forward-looking events for new students and their families, that include use of New Street Plaza.

“As we explained in our last written response to your concerns: the commitments we offer are contingent upon the peaceful and immediate conclusion of the encampment.”

Englot’s letter did not threaten students with disciplinary action or the use of police. In an email to “Local Talk,” Englot said that “Our discussions continue to aim for a peaceful, voluntary decampment.”

According to the Rutgers Newark website, graduation for different schools took place on May 14 and 15 at the Prudential Arena in Newark. The R-N Law School graduation took place on May 24 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. This was the same day that Rutgers administrators met with the Newark Solidarity Coalition for negotiations.

Response of the Newark Solidarity Coalition

At the May 24 meeting, Newark Solidarity Coalition members alleged that the university refused to put their commitments in writing.

“It’s like we said. You know, you are present in the meetings, but I think when it comes having these discussions face to face and

having these conversations, it’s not written down on paper,” a Newark Solidarity Coalition representative said.

As the meeting went on, NSC told Rutgers that the university had NSC demands in a packet. The university’s responses were also in the packet.

According to a statement sent by the Newark Solidarity Coalition to “Local Talk”, their demands are:

1. Rutgers University must leverage its significant influence and power over the city of Newark to ensure the passage of a ceasefire resolution. This resolution must demand an immediate, permanent ceasefire in Gaza, call for an end to the genocide, and advocate for the right to self-determination for the Palestinian people.
2. As a land-grant institution, Rutgers University has a responsibility to serve its community. Therefore, we demand that Rutgers divest from the apartheid state of Israel and reinvest in the Newark community by allocating 3 to 5 of its properties to establish a Community Land Trust dedicated to providing free public housing.
3. Rutgers University must offer free tuition and forgive all outstanding student loan debt for all Newark residents.
4. Similarly, NJIT, ECC, and Seton Hall are expected to adopt the measures outlined in demands 2 and 3. This includes divesting from the apartheid state of Israel, real-

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SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

This past week, the New York Red Bulls were on the road against rival New York FC, losing a close one 2-1. The Red Bulls are currently in 5th place in the Eastern Conference with a 6-3 overall record.

In the game, FC's Hannes Wolf scored on a goal to put his

games at the start of the season, with a recent win in the home opener over the Indiana Fever 91-80. Leading NY was Breanna Stewart with 24 points, Jonquel Jones added 14 points and 12 rebounds and Betnijah Laney-Hamilton had 13 points. Any game with the Fever will obviously feature Caitlin Clark, who led her team with 24 points.



Photos By Zach Lahey, New York Red Bulls

team up 1-0 in the 3rd minute of the game. NYRB midfielder Cameron Harper tied it at 1-1, but in the 2nd half, Tayvon Gray got behind the Red Bulls' backline and scored the game winner for NY FC in the 64th minute.

Red Bulls head coach Sandro Schwartz said, "We lost a tough game. Now, we just got to get prepared for the next game."

In WNBA action, the New York Liberty won their first four

Not everything has been perfect with the Liberty, as lost a tough home game against the Chicago Sky 90-81. The Sky were led by their own phenom rookie Angel Reese, who had 13 points and 9 rebounds.

In other sports news, long-time MLB umpire Angel Hernandez has retired. Hernandez was infamous for controversial calls. Finally, basketball legend Bill Walton has died after a bout of cancer at the age of 71.



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1, at their April 10 board meeting. Expiring unused and undated tickets and setting a 30-day use by window was part of the price increase package put forward in March 3-9 public hearings.

The third largest public transit agency in the country estimate they would save \$25 million with the revisions. They would not set aside around \$25 million for refund requests and keep the value left on unused tickets.

NJTransit last made a nine percent fare increase in 2009. While all paper tickets back then were not refundable, they could be used like the United States Postal Service's "Forever" stamps - until now.

Pressure from State Sen. John McKeon (D-West Orange) and other legislators yielded a refund policy revision or concession from NJTransit on May 15.

NJTransit has opened its ticket refund window to holders of unused and undated tickets

printed before July 1 between Aug. 1 and Dec. 31. Those said tickets found from Jan. 1, 2025 will lose all but sentimental value.

Commuters and infrequent riders are now faced with using up the undated paper tickets they have saved for emergencies or for special trips. One may have to move up that visit to Uncle Charlie and Aunt Pat in Middletown or keep exact fare cash on hand if you forgot to bring your monthly or weekly pass.

The revisions also mean that FlexPASS tickets will no longer be printed after June 30.

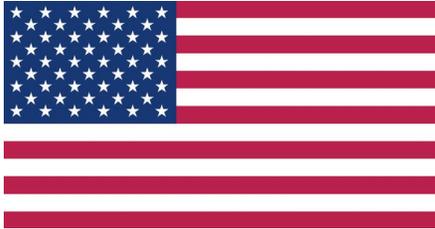
FlexPASS, a pilot program that started in 2022, allowed a two week time period to use several same destination tickets at a discount. NJTransit started FlexPASS to recover some of the ridership it had lost to two- or three- days a week commuters or "work from home" remote employees.

Sally Jane Gilbert, Chairperson of the Millburn-based Lackawanna Coalition rider advocacy group, sees as much red in eliminating FlexPASS as she

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UNITED STATES



LIVE NATION-TICKETMASTER GETS SUED

The Justice Department, along with 30 state and district attorneys general, filed a civil antitrust lawsuit against Live Nation Entertainment Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Ticketmaster LLC (Live Nation-Ticketmaster) for monopolization and other unlawful conduct that thwarts competition in markets across the live entertainment industry. The lawsuit, which includes a request for structural relief, seeks to restore competition in the live concert industry, provide better choices at lower prices for fans, and open venue doors for working musicians and other performance artists.

The complaint, filed May 23 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, alleges that Live Nation-Ticketmaster unlawfully exercises its monopoly power in violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act. As a result of its conduct, music fans in the United States are deprived of ticketing innovation and forced to use outdated technology while paying more for tickets than fans in other countries. At the same time, Live Nation-Ticketmaster exercises its power over performers, venues, and independent promoters in ways that harm competition. Live Nation-Ticketmaster also imposes barriers to competition that limit the entry and expansion of its rivals.

“We allege that Live Nation relies on unlawful, anticompeti-

tive conduct to exercise its monopolistic control over the live events industry in the United States at the cost of fans, artists, smaller promoters, and venue operators,” said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. “The result is that fans pay more in fees, artists have fewer opportunities to play concerts, smaller promoters get squeezed out, and venues have fewer real choices for ticketing services. It is time to break up Live Nation-Ticketmaster.”

“Today’s announcement reflects the latest efforts by the Justice Department to combat corporate misconduct,” said Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco. “Our fight against corporate wrongdoing includes an intense focus on anticompetitive conduct - which disadvantages consumers, workers, and businesses of all kinds. Today’s complaint alleges that Live Nation-Ticketmaster have engaged in anticompetitive conduct to cement their dominance of the live concert market and act as the gatekeeper for an entire industry. Today’s action is a step forward in making this era of live music more accessible for the fans, the artists, and the industry that supports them.”

“The Department is committed to competition throughout the economy, including in live music,” said Acting Associate Attorney General Benjamin C. Mizer. “As our complaint alleges, Live Nation-Ticketmaster monopolizes the markets for concerts and other live events at the expense of fans, venues, and artists across the country. The Department is proud to bring this case to restore competition to this industry.”

“The live music industry in America is broken because Live Nation-Ticketmaster has an illegal monopoly,” said Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Kanter of the Justice Department’s Antitrust Division. “Our antitrust lawsuit seeks to break up Live Nation-Ticketmaster’s monopoly and restore competition for the benefit of fans and artists.”

According to the complaint, Live Nation-Ticketmaster has unlawfully maintained monopolies in several concert promotions and primary ticketing markets and engaged in other exclusionary conduct affecting live concert venues, including arenas

and amphitheaters. The complaint further alleges that Live Nation-Ticketmaster’s exclusionary practices fortify and protect what it refers to as its “flywheel.”

The flywheel is Live Nation-Ticketmaster’s self-reinforcing business model that captures fees and revenue from concert fans and sponsorship, uses that revenue to lock up artists to exclusive promotion deals, and then uses its powerful cache of live content to sign venues into long term exclusive ticketing deals, thereby starting the cycle all over again. Live Nation-Ticketmaster’s anticompetitive conduct creates even more barriers for rivals to compete on the merits.

Live Nation Entertainment Inc. is a Delaware corporation headquartered in Beverly Hills, California. It describes itself as the “largest live entertainment company in the world,” the “largest producer of live music concerts in the world,” and “the world’s leading live entertainment ticketing sales and marketing company.” Live Nation also owns or controls more than 265 concert venues in North America, including more than 60 of the top 100 amphitheaters in the United States. It generates over \$22 billion globally in annual revenue from three business segments: concerts (e.g., promotions, venue management, and music festival production), ticketing (e.g., Ticketmaster business), and sponsorship and advertising.

Ticketmaster LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Live Nation. It is a Virginia limited liability company with headquarters in Beverly Hills. Ticketmaster sells concert tickets to fans when those tickets first go on sale and operates resale platforms that enable purchasers to resell those tickets at a later time. Ticketmaster is by far the largest concert ticketing company in the United States, multiple times the size of its closest competitor.

MASS SHOOTING UPDATE

Information recent as of 5-28-2024 at 12 p.m.

2024 Mass Shooting Stats: (Source: Mass Shooting Tracker, <https://www.massshootingtracker.site/>

data/?year=2024)

- Total Mass Shootings: 216
- Total Dead: 291
- Total Wounded: 825
- Shootings Per Day: 1.45
- Days Reached in Year 2024 as of May 28: 149

WORLD



WORLD APPALLED BY RAFAH ATTACK

Senior UN officials have condemned Israeli air strikes on May 26 that hit a camp for displaced people in Rafah, southern Gaza, reportedly claiming over 35 Palestinian lives, including women and children.

Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, voiced his horror at further loss of civilian lives in the war-ravaged enclave.

“The images from the camp are horrific and point to no apparent change in the methods and means of warfare used by Israel that have already led to so many civilian deaths,” he said in a news release.

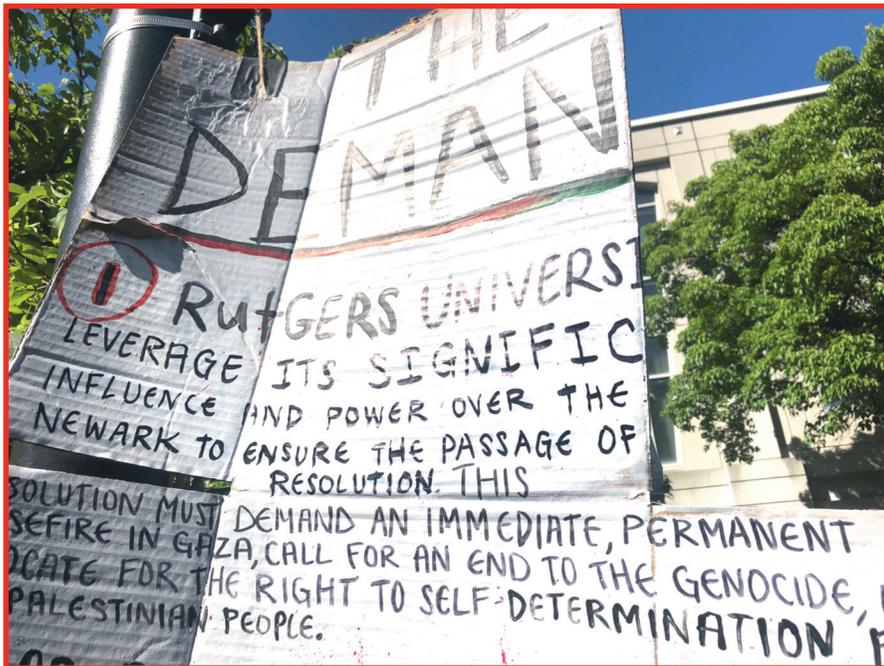
“Sunday’s strike underscores once again that there is literally no safe place in Gaza.”

On May 26, Palestinian armed groups fired a large barrage of rockets towards Tel Aviv in Israel, with several people reported to have been slightly injured. A few hours later, munitions from an Israeli aircraft struck a camp in the Al Hashash area in Rafah.

Reports from the ground indicate several explosions and fires were ignited. The area was said to be sheltering people who had been displaced from North Gaza. Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) said that the strike targeted senior “ Hamas officials”, and that they were aware of reports that civilians had been harmed in the resulting fires.

“I note that the IDF has announced a review, but what is shockingly clear is that by striking such an area, densely packed with civilians, this was an entirely predictable outcome. It is crucial that such reviews lead to accountability and changes in policy and practices,” Mr. Türk

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locating resources to establish Community Land Trusts for free public housing, offering free tuition, and forgiving all outstanding student loan debt for all Newark Residents.

- Rutgers University must commit to monetary support for grassroots organizations as part of its reinvestment efforts in Newark. Furthermore, the Newark Solidarity Coalition should have the authority to oversee and approve the funding allocations to these groups.
- Rutgers Law School - Newark must provide pro bono legal services to all Newark residents earning less than \$50,000 as a single-family household. With additional members, further considera-

ment activities on its campuses and use its significant influence and power within the city of Newark to ensure the cessation of military recruitment at all educational institutions in Newark. This includes but is not limited to: all public and private schools, colleges and universities within the greater Newark area.

According to a May 26 online issue of TapInto.net, Englot said that Rutgers offered to collaborate on expanding the Rutgers Intercultural Resource Center, increasing housing access and boosting affordability in Newark.

Just as the Newark Solidarity Coalition issued its demands, Rutgers University President Jonathan Holloway testified before the U.S. Congress about



tions must be applied.

- Rutgers Medical and Dental Schools must offer free health care services to all Newark residents and forgive any existing medical and dental debts owed by Newark residents.
- Rutgers must immediately cease all military recruit-

ment activities on campus. Senior Vice Chancellor Peter Englot referred "Local Talk" to the testimony. What follows is taken from President Holloway's May 23 testimony.

President Holloway's Written Testimony to U.S. Congress

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In his May 23 written testimony to the United States Congress, Rutgers President Jonathan Holloway made a point to explain the importance of what his administration did not do.

"First and foremost, my administration did not agree to divest from companies that do business in Israel.

"Divestment is a Board decision at Rutgers, not a presidential one, but I have nevertheless made very clear to Rutgers students my own viewpoint: I believe the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement is wrong. I think Rutgers' divestment from Israel would be wrong. I believe strongly that enlightenment comes from involvement and that lasting progress and peace are the outcomes of diplomacy and discussion.

"The students also asked that Rutgers sever its relationship with Tel Aviv University. We will not do that. Period. As one member of our faculty wrote to me, our Israeli colleagues at Tel Aviv University are the last people we should be boycotting. In fact, in a separate joint venture with TAU and Hebrew University, Rutgers will be cosponsoring



the US-Israel Alzheimer's Disease Conference taking place in Tel Aviv this September. Our faculty members leading this project anticipate that the conference will lead to future exchange programs in neuroscience between Rutgers and Israel."



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said. He reiterated his called on all parties to the conflict to put in place a ceasefire, given the imperative of protecting civilians.

“Palestinian armed groups must stop the firing of rockets which are inherently indiscriminate, in clear violation of international humanitarian law. They must also unconditionally release all hostages at once,” the High Commissioner said.

“Israel must take immediate steps to protect civilians, and ensure they have access to essential humanitarian assistance, and release all those detained arbitrarily,” he added.

Tor Wennesland, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, also underscored the need for investigation.

“I call upon the Israeli authorities to conduct a thorough and transparent investigation into this incident, hold those responsible for any wrongdoing to account, and take immediate steps to better protect civilians,” he said in a statement.

“All parties in the conflict must refrain from actions that set us further away from achieving an end to hostilities and further jeopardize the already fragile situation on the ground and the broader region.”

Echoing those comments, the UN independent human rights expert on housing also urged for “concerted global action” to halt

the war, days since the UN’s top court called for an end to Israel’s expanding military operation in Rafah.

“Attacking women and children while they cower in their shelters in Rafah is a monstrous atrocity,” said Balakrishnan Rajagopal, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to housing. “We need concerted global action to stop Israel’s actions now.”

Appointed by the UN Human Rights Council, Special Rapporteurs are mandated to monitor and report on specific thematic or country situations. They are not UN staff, do not receive a salary, and serve in their individual capacity.

**ASIA
BANGLADESH & INDIA
BATTERED BY CYCLONE**

UN teams are working alongside authorities and relief partners to assist communities battered by a tropical cyclone that lashed coastal parts of southern Bangladesh and eastern India.

At least 16 people are reported to have been killed as the region was hit by Cyclone Remal on Sunday evening, local time, bringing gales of over 110 kilometers per hour (about 70 miles per hour), torrential rain and storm surges that inundated low-lying areas.

Classified as a “severe” cyclonic storm, Remal is the first one to occur in the Bay of Bengal during the 2024 pre-monsoon season.

The region witnesses several cyclones each year, and the frequency and intensity of these storms have been worsening due to climate change.

At least 150,000 houses have been partially or fully damaged in Bangladesh, and more than 25,000 Rohingya refugees sheltering in camps are at risk of landslides, according to the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) office there.

The agency had teams on the ground since the beginning, supporting early warning and prepositioning supplies to enable a swift response in the aftermath of the storm.

“Through our initial response, UNICEF plans to reach people in the coastal region including Rohingya camps and Cox’s Bazar. Critical funding gaps remain across all sectors to meet the immediate needs of girls, women, and persons with disabilities,” Sheldon Yett, head of UNICEF in Bangladesh, said in a statement late on May 27.

With 3.2 million children estimated to be living in the affected areas - and the most vulnerable during disasters - “the priority is to protect lives and well-being,” he added.

Other UN agencies for their part are also assisting with the response, including prepositioning emergency food, water, dignity-kits and other essential non-food relief items. They also identified potential buildings and communal spaces that could be used as shelters, helped early warning efforts and acti-

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DISCLAIMER: The following items are primarily drawn from first responders. Responders' accounts may not be their full activity range. Grand juries hand down indictments when evidence presented them warrant a trial. Named suspects/defendants are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

NEWARK - Newark Public Schools administrators have been recently told by the New Jersey Department of Education to present a "District Improvement Plan" on its academic standards.

NJDOE based their request on the state Spring 2023 state exam results, where 29 percent of NPS students can read at grease level and 15 percent compute mathematics at grade level.

The NPS Central Office, in October 2023, sent a letter to the then-acting education commissioner questioning their data's accuracy. The commissioner's office recently responded with: "Our data's accurate, come up with a DIP."

NPS recently presented a plan where English Language Arts scores are to improve up to 33 percent and math up to 23 percent on or by October 2024's test battery.

NJDOE will be grading NPS' progress by Quality Single Accountability Continuum standards all 565 public school districts are to go by. QUSAC is familiar to some Newarkers for it was used by NJDOE to gradually grant NPS full autonomy 2016-20.

IRVINGTON - Township officials said that they had shut down "a substantial drug distribution network" here May 17 and had arrested a township man

they said was at its center. based their request.

Mayor Anthony "Tony" Vauss and Public Safety Director Tracy Bowers said they had concluded a several-month surveillance of a Springfield Avenue address by conducting a search warrant late that Friday night.

IPD officers said that they had found "a significant quantity of narcotics and a cache of weapons" at the address. They had not disclosed the "major hub for illegal activities" address or what type of building it is.

Arrested at the scene was Lamont C. Purnell, 37. He has been charged with weapons and controlled dangerous substance possession.

It is presumed, as of May 28, that Purnell had posted bail and was released.

EAST ORANGE - Peter C. Eagler, 69, who died May 11, overcame his Passaic County orientation 1986 and doubled as representing East Orange, Montclair and other Essex County towns in the then-34th Legislative District 2001-2011.

Eagler had started out as a Clifton city councilman in 1990 and doubled as a Passaic County Freeholder (now Commissioner) in 1996. He then considered a 2001 bid for the State Senate on the 34th LD.

Back then, legislative redistricting kicked in, adding Clifton to East Orange, Montclair and other Essex County towns in a new 34th district.

Eagler was paired with Willis Edwards III, of East Orange for the 34th assembly seats and run with State Senate candidate Nia Gill, of Montclair on an off-line Democratic ticket. Eagler was the top vote-getter in a seven-candidate primary field.

The Essex County Democratic Organization paired Eagler with former Essex County Freeholder Sheila Y. Oliver, for the 34th Assembly in 2003. He considered running for a third term off county line in 2008 but declined. The Passaic County Democrats dropped him that year but remained on the Clifton Council until ill health prompted him to retire in 2022.

Eagler graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a BA in political science in 1976, became a safety inspector for the N.J. Highway. He later became heritage festival administrator at the PNC Bank Art Center and Authority. a student ticket coordinator at NJTransit.

The General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee Executive Vice President was a member of Wayne's Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, where his Panikhida Service was held on May 17. Burial was held at Clifton's East Ridgelawn Cemetery. Sister Virginia Eagler is among his survivors.

ORANGE - "Local Talk" has learned that longtime Orange Police Department officer and dispatcher Bill Sautter, 88, had died in Whippany March 27.

Sautter had joined "Orange's Finest" as a beat patrolman in 1956. He turned in his nightstick for a civilian dispatcher's microphone from 1962 until his March 1988 retirement.

William Dewey Sautter Jr. was born in Orange Nov. 1, 1936 and graduated from Our Lady of the Valley High School in 1954. He enlisted into the U.S. Army and served until his honorable discharge in 1956.

The VFW Orange Post 376 member met and married Eileen Halpin in 1958. The moved to Whippany in 1972, where he joined American Legion Post 155.

Son William J. Sautter, daughter-in-law Marge, sister Teresa Acecare, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren are among his survivors. Services were held at the Par-Troy Funeral Home April 2. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org.

WEST ORANGE - [Neighbors](#) of a Northfield Avenue mother and daughter, who were recently burned out of their Northfield Townhouses condominium apartment May 14, have started a GoFundMe.com page.

The mother is a West Orange High School graduate and the second generation of a township

family. She was the one who was treated for smoke inhalation at the scene by responding township firefighters and EMS.

The daughter is a lettered three sport WOHS student athlete. They also have a dog and two cats.

Neighbors behind the crowdfunding drive are seeking to help them with their first and last month's rent for a new apartment. Their condo unit was water and smoke damaged. The funding will also help with their furnishings, clothes, supplies "and more."

The mother and daughter happened to live next door to 95 Northfield Ave, where an "octogenarian" man and woman were taken out unconsciousness by WOFD personnel. They were declared dead at Livingston's Cooperman Barnabas Hospital. Their identities have not been disclosed as of press time.

SOUTH ORANGE - The parents of a of a daughter who died while in supposedly supervised isolation in a Seton Hall University dorm room here Sept. 20, 21, have filed a wrongful death in New Jersey Superior Court-Newark May 15.

Kristin McCartney, 20, of Charlotte, N.C., was supposed to check out of a dorm room used by SHU to house students who had been diagnosed with having COVID-19. The sophomore had tested positive for COVID on Sept. 9.

A residence life staff member entered McCartney's room later that day and found her lying face down on the floor, unresponsive. The staffer promptly called SHU and village police and the regional medical examiner. Village police had concluded that McCartney had suffered an epileptic seizure.

McCartney's parents said that SHU had known that the School of Diplomacy and International Relations' epilepsy and had neglected to check in on her. As a result, she had suffered a Grand Mal seizure and choked on her own tongue.

McCartney's Parents has
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INDY 500 WINNER GOES BACK TO BACK

By Walter Elliott

SPEEDWAY, IN. - The "long and short" of the 108th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge could be categorized by the four-hour rain delay and defending race winner Josef Newgarden's last lap pass for his second straight victory here at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The third-starting Newgarden outdueled Pato O' Ward in the race's last three laps Sunday night. The eighth-starting O'Ward ousted Newgarden's No. 2 Team Penske Shell Dallara-Chevrolet inside Turn One on lap 198 but could not shake him off his own draft. Newgarden, of Hendersonville, TN, set up an outside Turns Three and Four on the 200th and last lap.

The twice NTT Indycar Series champion held off O'Ward and his No. 5 Arrow McLaren Dallara-Chevy by .3417 sec. at 7:43 p.m. - with 32 minutes of local daylight to spare. IMS President J. Douglas Boles, concerned over possible lighting strikes and some of the estimated 330,000 spectators having to park up to a mile distant of the speedway, halted the pre-race ceremonies at 11:30 a.m.

An intense rainstorm with its strong wind gusts, passed through Speedway and Indian-

apolis' west side by 12:15 p.m. The IMS track and rounds crew used their own track dryers and some borrowed from NASCAR to get the historic 2.5-mile "Brickyard" oval ready for a full 500 miles and to resume the pre-race ceremonies before dusk could set on the track.

Between the long and short were several "in between" stories, including crashes ushering eight yellow caution flags and NASCAR Cup points leader Kyle Larson's attempt at the Indy 500/NASCAR Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (NC) same day double.

Newgarden was on the outside front row with Team Penske colleagues Scott McLaughlin and Will Power. Polesitter McLaughlin, second place starter Power and Newgarden set the first Penske front row since 1988 on May 19. They and rest of the 33-car and driver field laid down rubber on the speedway on Carb Day Friday - only to have that groove wash away with the lunchtime Sunday storm.

Boles, Mark Miles and other IMS and Indycar executives were concerned with a storm front that produced heavy rain and tornados coming through the Midwest since Friday.

The storm was going through St. Louis at 9 a.m. Sunday and were approaching Terre

Haute, IN by 11 o'clock. Boles - after consulting with the National Weather Service, other forecasters and law enforcement, paused the pre-race buildup at 11:30 a.m.

The first delayed 500 start since 2017 more than produced a "green" track. The late start means that drivers would be dealing with grandstand shadows and cooler temperatures for the first time since the 1940s.

Polesitter McLaughlin took the early lead from the green flag start and led the first 41 laps before making his first pitstop. the former three-time Australian Supercars (stock cars) champion would go on to lead seven more times for a race high lead of 64 laps.

Fifteen other drivers would help trade the lead 87 times, including Sting Ray Rob, Conor Daly, rookie Christian Rasmussen, Rinus VeeKay, Christian Lundgaard, Alexander Rosi, Santino Ferrucci, Scott Dixon, Alex Palou, Kyle Kirkwood, Callum Illot, Ed Carpenter, Larson and rookie Kyffin Simpson.

The slipstreaming and pit stop timing by the 18 different leaders were hampered by eight crashes slowing the race's pace for 46 laps. The first caution came out on the opening lap when rookie Tom Blomqvist put a wheel onto the First Turn infield grass, col-

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lecting 2022 winner Marcus Ericsson with first-500 starter Pietro Fittipaldi spinning into the wall in avoidance.

Linus Lundqvist put himself out on lap 28 after striking fellow newcomer Kyffin Simpson. Lundgaard put himself out after striking Dixon's right rear wheel.

Engine woes sent Katherine Legge and rookie Marcus Armstrong into the pits. Single crashed took out Colton Herta, Marco Andretti and, finally on lap 147, Power.

Different pit stop cycles sent McLaughlin down to a sixth place finish and brought up Newgarden at the race's midpoint and late laps. Newgarden's victory makes him the sixth driver going back to Wilbur Shaw (1939-40) and the latest since Helio Castroneves (2001-02) to win back-to-back 500s. He also has the potential to become the first driver to win an unprecedented three straight 500s should he take the 2025 race.

Newgarden, however, was savoring the

winning moment Sunday night. Like last year, he parked his car on the speedways start-finish line yard of bricks, got out and slipped through the grandstand catch fencing to embrace fans. He eventually rejoined his car for the official victory lane celebration.

The 12-time 500 starter, after swigging the traditional bottle of milk, was handed a cell phone - where he waved and shouted into its screen.

"That one's from (team engineer) Luke Mason," said Newgarden. "This team is so strong (that) when we lose several people, others step right in. This one's for the team."

Mason, two other race engineers and Team Penske President Tim Cindric were watching the race from afar. Roger Penske, who had been hands off his team since buying IMS and Indycar from the Hulman-George family in late 2019, issued month of May bans on the quartet over Indycar technical inspectors found a violation on Newgarden and McLaughlin's cars.

Indycar technicians discovered after the

season-opening St. Petersburg (FL) race that engine software on winner Newgarden and third place finisher McLaughlin overrode a block on their turbocharger "push-to-pass" boost on race restarts. Cindric, who took responsibility that the software should have been removed once a test of "coming soon" hybrid units was finished.

Newgarden, for the record, won a record-extending 20th 500 for Penske as car owner. The string goes back to when the late Mark Donohue won the 1972 "500."

The racer's Rookie of the Year title and prize, as of Noon May 27, has not been announced. Rassmussen, who won a record 44 races in Indycar's AAA-level Indy NXT and two other "Road to Indy" series, is the highest finishing rookie at 12th place.

That title may instead go at Monday night's awards banquet to Kyle Larson, who finished 18th after leading four laps but had to take a drive-through penalty for exceeded the pit lane speed limit.

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NJTRANSIT

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does with the 30-day use period.

"We also recognize that FlexPASS is important to workers who go into the office less than five days a week," commented Gilbert in the group's May/June 2024 Railgram, "but see that a discount used primarily in rush hours is not optimal for the agency, with more empty seats off-peak, we would prefer to see a volume discount for those times."

NJTransit's overall ridership, reflecting most other public agencies across the country, has rebounded to 80 percent ridership levels of the pre-2020 COVID era. The carrier had suspended ticket sales for several months during 2020.

Gilbert, in her same commentary, said that all but commuters will have to think and plan ahead of their ticket purchases or risk losing money. She cited the practice of one of the coalition members who is eligible for senior or disabled be required to discount tickets. That person tended to stock up on two or three months' worth of tickets when she is able to visit an NJTransit ticket office.

"With the 30-day expiration, she would be required to guess how many tickets she would use within 30 days or risk cancellation if she fell ill for a few days or worked from home more often than usual," said Gellert. "She would likely switch to buying a few at a time, meaning she would have to plan trips to the ticket office more frequently."

"Local Talk" asked NJTransit about what would happen if visiting Uncle Charlie and Aunt Pat if they lived in Middletown, NY. NJTransit operates the Suffern-Port Jervis, NY part of its Bergen

County Mail Line under contract for the MTA Metro North Railroad.

"Any ticket with a Metro North origin or destination," replied Smith, "will follow Metro North expiration rules."

Metro North's expiration and refund policies are different from NJTransit.

Tickets on its "Port Jervis Service," like the other MTA commuter rail lines, have printed expiration dates - but one can apply for refunds up to two years after the "use by" dates.

The MTA, however, applies a "\$10 Administrative Fee" to each refund request. The \$10 are deducted from your refund if the refunded money is \$10 or more. The MTA, by inference, considers refund requests of less than \$10 not worth their time.

One could avoid the \$0 fee if one submits a refund request at an open Metro North station.

Metro North also has Peak Fares and Off-Peak Fares, based on whether trains are heading to Hoboken or Penn Station New York 7-9:30 a.m. or leaving Hoboken PSNY 4-7 p.m. on regular weekdays.

One may want to have an unused undated ticket scanned "price check" style at an open NJTransit rail station before applying for refunds. NJTransit train staff and more recently, buses and light rail kiosks have optical QR code readers. "Local Talk" thought of this after finding a PSNY-Madison paper ticket discarded at Maplewood Station.

"Local Talk" did not ask about the paper "One-Way Courtesy Ride (for) Bus, Rail Subway or HBLR (Hudson Bergen Light Rail)" tickets. These tickets, which never carried a QC code or magnetic stripe, is usually given to individuals who have just been freed from prison.

WORLD NEWS

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vated sector-specific teams.

In India, the cyclone made landfall in southern West Bengal state, near the border with Bangladesh.

According to the UNICEF office in India, about 23.2 million people have faced the impact, including 7.3 million children.

Storm surges coupled with high tides prolonged the inundation of coastal and low-lying areas, salinizing, or saturating with salt, ground water sources of drinking water.

UNICEF is helping efforts to identify the damaged water sources.

It has put eight mobile water treatment plants on standby for deployment, should the Government request the support.

It is also working with provincial authorities and partners to address child protection, water and sanitation, nutrition, health, and education needs of affected children and families.

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FRONT LINES

Memorial Day

Annually recognized for the first time on Memorial Day May 30, 1868. It is a day for visiting cemeteries and memorials to mourn the military personnel who died in the line of duty. Volunteers will place American flags on the graves of those military personnel in national cemeteries.

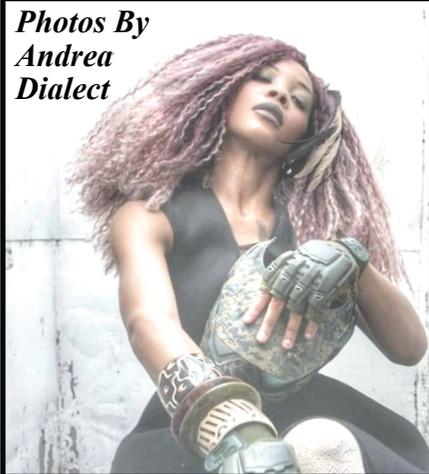
Front line - The military line or part of an army that is closest to the enemy.

Initially, my intention was to take to the streets, capturing images of random folk in celebration of our beloved Memorial Day. However, a conversation I had many years ago with a few

guys on the bus came to mind. In support of their argument, each in their own way kept reiterating, "Don't nobody do nuthin' for me, and I ain't doin' nothing for nobody."

After addressing the three as modern-day Robin Hoods, I presented a laundry list of possibilities of things that could have been done in the service of mankind. After noting these possible suggestions of their acts of good tiding, those blank looks and the sound of crickets ensued. "Oh, I get it. You want to be the beneficiaries of what you're not contributors to." Note that soon after that, the conversation faded to black.

So instead, my focus this week commemorates the memories and dedication of those who gave their lives for others and the upholding of our freedom. Ironically, I stumbled upon this series that also fits nicely with this topic: "What Went Wrong?" TV series. GOOGLE THAT as a reminder of both the challenges and sacrifices of our life jour-



Photos By Andrea Dialect



neys. It also offers an up-close and personal look at examples of selflessness, love, and dedication to one's fellow man. Today, I pay homage to all the Military men and women who dedicated themselves for our safety and protection.

This article is also dedicated to anyone out there who feels, in their heart of hearts, as those fellows did, that no one has ever done anything for them. Scan the acts of kindness, dedication, and sacrifice. Research the stats for a start. You'll soon beg to differ - or at least you should

UNFORGETTABLE

According to Neta Crawford and Catherine Lutz Data from Human Cost of Post-9/11:

Direct War Deaths in Major War Zones (2019) states that

War Over 7,000 U.S. service members have died in the post-9/11 warzones of Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and elsewhere. Their deaths have affected a large community of parents, spouses, children, siblings, and friends. Afghan, Iraqi, and other allied military and police deaths have been even more extensive. Western allies of the U.S. also have borne significant human costs in the post-9/11 wars....

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Larson's attempt as the latest "Memorial Day 1,100 double" driver generated fan and media interest - two factors which the ROTY board of judges may consider.

The Elk Grove, CA 2021 NASCAR Cup Champion had been planning for Sunday's double for two years with his NASCAR stock car owner, Rick Hendrick, and Arrow McLaren's Zak Brown. Larson, who won sprint car racing's 2021 and 23 Knoxville (IA) Nationals, has shown his versatility.

Larson, Hendrick and Brown's plans were going well until rain was showing up on the weekend's radar. The trio had agreed on Friday that Larson, as current NASCAR Cup points leader, should make the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway the priority. The race pays as many points as NASCAR's Daytona 500.

Plans were made that 2013 500 winner-turned McLaren coach Tony Kanaan would drive Larson's No. 17 Indycar. Justin Al-

lagaier would be on standby at CMS should rain keep Larson from there.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, Larson, after further consultation, made the Indy 500 his priority. Allagaier would start his No. 5 Hendrick Chevy Camaro until he could get there.

Larson, after finishing 18th here, took a helicopter to start his flight to Charlotte. He got there, got suited off and ready to relieve Allagaier when the race was red flagged on lap 249 because of a lightning strike eight mile distant. Rain followed suit, causing NASCAR officials to call it a race, leaving the No. 5 in 13th place.

Larson's decision may have cost him his NASCAR Cup title hopes. Some interpret Cup rules that all drivers must start the regular season races before being qualified to run in tier playoffs.

"I can't say enough that everybody here (Indy) has been supportive," said Larson. "If learning a Cup car is like learning fifth grade math, then learning an Indycar is like taking calculus."

RESULTS: 1.) 2 JOSEF NEWGARDEN (CHEVROLET), 2.) 5 Pato 'OWard (C), 3.) 9 Scott Dixon (HONDA), 4.) 7 Alexander Rossi (C), 5.) 10 Alex Palou(H), 6.) 3 Scott McLaughlin(C), 7.) 27 Kyle Kirkwood (H), 8.) 14 Santino Ferrucci (C), 9.) 21 Rinus VeeKay(C), 10.)24 Conor Daly (C), 11.) 6 Callum Hlott (C), 12.) 33 Christian Rasmussen (ROOKIE)(C), 13.) 45 Christian Lundgaard(H), 14.) 75 Takuma Sato(H), 15.) 15 Graham Rahal (H) , 16.) 41 Sting Ray Robb (C), 17.) 20 Ed Carpenter(C), 18.) 17 Kyle Larson(R)(C), 19.) 77 Romain Grosjean(C), 20.) 06 Helio Castroneves(H), 21.) 4 Kyffin Simpson(R)(H), 22.) 78 Augustin Canapano(C), 23.) 12 Will Power(C), 24.) Marco Andretti(H), 25.) 26 Colton Herta (H), 26.) 23 Ryyan Hunter-Reay (C), 27.) 60 Felix Rosenqvist (H), 28.) 8 Linus Lundqvist (R) (H), 29.) 51 Katherine Legge (H), 30.) 11 Marcus Armstrong (R) (H), 31.) 66 Tom Blomqvist(R)(H), 32.) 30 Pietro Fittipaldi(H), 33.) 28, Marcus Ericsson(H).

TOWN WATCH

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named the university, its board of trustees and board of regents. SHU has not commented on the suit as of press time.

MAPLEWOOD - A Mass of Christian Burial was held here for Maplewood native Sister Ann Infanger, 90, was held in Greensburg, PA's Chapel of the Assumption May 24. Infanger, after 74 years' devotion as a Sister of Charity and a Seton Hall professor, died May 20 at the sisters' Caritas Christi motherhouse.

Ann Infanger was born in Maplewood Dec. 20, 1933. She and her family were members of South Orange's Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. She joined the Sisters of Charity of Greenburgh, Pa. Sept. 8, 1956.

Sis. Infanger attained her Bachelor's degree in biology at Seton Hall University and a doctorate in genetics at Ithaca, NY's Cornell University. She returned to teach microbiology and general biology, genetics and seminars in evolution at Seton Hall. She would be honored for her 50 years with Seton Hill in 2010.

She and Helmut Bertrand wrote a groundbreaking book on the genetics of bread mold in "Current Genetics. The sister received the Sears-Roebuck Award for Excellence in Education and Seton Hall's Case Professor of the year in 1991.

Infanger is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Catherine and Fred Crean.

BLOOMFIELD - The township's zoning board of adjustment had been mulling a developer's plan to convert a vacant convent into affordable housing.

Valorev Capital, of Brooklyn, have approached the Archdiocese of Newark and the zoning board about converting the former convent at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish into eight to 10 senior citizen apartments.

The developer's plan calls for renovating the convent to hold eight double housing units and four single units. There would be two parking spaces per unit.

Valorev is ready to present a 99-year lease to the archdiocese pending zoning board approval.

The convent, which used to house the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, has been vacant since 2019.

MONTCLAIR - Township officers were summoned to a Glenfield Middle School restroom early May 17 - but not out of a biological need.

Montclair Superintendent of Schools Jonathan Ponds had brought them there to

record a probable hate crime marking. Someone had found a swastika drawn in that restroom and notified the GMS Main Office - who then called Ponds' office.

"I'm informing you about an antisemitic act that occurred at the Glenfield Middle School," said Ponds in an open letter to the community later that Friday. "We condemn all acts of antisemitism and hate and we're committed to addressing and eradicating it."

This is the latest incident of antisemitic symbols or statements that have marked the township's communal areas.

A swastika was drawn or etched on a Montclair High School Desk and on another desk at the Montclair Cooperative School. Antisemitic stickers had been placed on objects in Edgemont Park.

BELLEVILLE - Township police and ECPO detectives are investigating a homicide that happened early on Memorial Day.

Belleville Police Officers initially responded to reports of "a domestic disturbance with criminal damage" at 8:18 a.m. May 27. They were on their way to the 7300 block of West "A" Street when they also received a report of shots fired.

Officers and Abbott EMS arrived to find a shot victim. Efforts to revive that person were unsuccessful.

Other officers meanwhile found a firearm and a male suspect on premises. The suspect was arrested and taken to Belleville Police Headquarters for booking.

Details are forthcoming as this is a continuing investigation.

NUTLEY - Commissioner John V. Kelly III became Nutley's latest and youngest mayor here at the May 21 Board of Commissioners Reorganization meeting.

Outgoing Mayor Joseph Scarpelli forwarded a resolution making Commissioner of Public Affairs Kelly mayor to which all commissioners agreed. All five incumbent commissions were sworn into their new terms minutes beforehand.

Kelly, 39, becomes Nutley's youngest mayor. the late Frank Orechio, 45 had held that distinction. Kelly, a lifelong Nutleyite, is the grandson of John Kelly, Sr. The elder Kelly was also mayor and a nine-term state assemblyman.

Nutley, like Maplewood, have a municipal commissioners or committee structure. The township elders select a mayor from amongst them. Kelly seemed likely to become mayor since he received the highest number of votes May 16.

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3. This possession is, and for all such period of time has been, adverse to any claim of any other person, including FIGLIOLIA ALEXANDER J: JANET M.
4. I am the only living man who has claimed any part of the above-mentioned land/premises and have the legal and lawful right to remain the owner for the full statutory period prescribed by New Jersey Law.
5. I am now the owner of the above mentioned land / premises and have the legal and lawful right to remain the owner for the full statutory period prescribed by New Jersey Law.
6. This Affidavit of Adverse Possession does not and isn't intended to Slander Title to the above mentioned land/premises. It is solely intended to establish my Adverse Possession claim.

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I state under the penalty of perjury under the laws of New Jersey that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on Day 19 of March 2024.

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