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TRUMP DODGES ANOTHER ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

For the second time since July, a man running for the President of the United States faced the threat of getting murdered.

On Sept. 15, former President Donald Trump was golfing at his Trump International Golf Club, when a Secret Service agent opened fire at some bushes. A man in the bushes fled and drove off in a vehicle. That vehicle was pulled over by local sheriff's officers. After all was said and done, Ryan Wesley Routh, 58, was arrested. He was eventually hit with federal gun charges, in what was an attempt to assassinate Trump. The State of Florida also added charges of their own.

So far, authorities have suggested that Routh camped out at his position overnight, and laid in wait for 12 hours. Allegedly, he was armed with an AK-47, with a muzzle stick in the hole of a fence, and a GoPro, suggesting that he was going to film what he came there to do.

In the wake of the shooting, President Biden suggested that the Secret Service may need more personnel. After the previous assassination attempt, Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle resigned in disgrace.

"I have been briefed by my team regarding what federal law enforcement is investigating as a possible assassination attempt of former President Trump," Biden said in a statement. "A suspect is in custody, and I commend the work of the Secret Service and their law enforcement partners for their vigilance and their efforts to keep the former Pres-*(Continued on page 11)*



WAGE AND HOUR VIOLATIONS

ARMANDO FONTOURA'S GRANDSON ARRESTED FOR THREATENING TWO WOMEN



By Lev D. Zilbermints

NEWARK - The grandson of Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura has been arrested for allegedly threatening two ex-girlfriends.

The sensational allegations sent shock waves through Essex County, where outgoing Sheriff Armando Fontoura is well-known. Fontoura, 81, decided not to seek re-election earlier this year, after holding the post since 1991. He is the grandfather of David Fontoura, a lieutenant with the Essex County Prosecutor's office, according to nj.com.

In order to find out more about this story, "Local Talk" did its usual dili-

gent research for facts. Multiple sources were checked to gather the facts. These included both local and national news outlets. What follows is the story.

Information

According to *Grandson of Essex County Sheriff, ECPO Lieutenant Charged in Domestic Violence Case* (rlsmedia.com) the incident happened on August 29, but was first reported on September 10.

According to msn.com, "David Fontoura, 37, of Roseland, was sus-

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Hello Readers.

There was a second attempt on former President Trump's life on September 15. How awful. The social atmosphere is going in the wrong direction. Politics are going in the wrong direction. I never understood why people need AK-47s, AR-15s and many other assault weapons. For the purpose of protection, people can legally buy a simple bullet pistol or rifle. However, deer hunting requires more than a simple bullet weapon. So, the experts must find an alternative for deer hunting.

However, assault weapons must be banned if we want to live a safe and happy life. I support a national ban on assault weapons. Also, there are illegal guns and rifles in the market. The lawmakers must think about

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how to control that. I am not an expert, but I want people to live a worry-free life.

This still did not overshadow the news of Taylor Swift endorsing VP Kamala Harris. This upset Trump, who posted on his Truth Social platform, "I HATE TAYLOR SWIFT!" The post went viral.

Taylor Swift is #5 for musicians when it comes to followers on social media. For all categories, she is #14 for the most followers in the world. Portugal footballer Christiano Ronaldo has the most followers in the world. Lionel Messi stands second. Selena Gomez, a musician. and businesswoman. actress comes in third. So, the endorsement of Swift got under Trump's skin, because many followers might go with the endorsement from Swift. She might just impact the election.

Harris is also leading in the polls for the electoral college by 2 votes. About 98 votes are still a toss-up according to RealClear-Politics polls as of September 17, only 48 days from the election. It will be interesting to see who will win the election and what will be the outcome after the election.

School has started already. Last week, New York Williamsburg Brooklyn Schools were evacuated after social media threats. However, the threats were not credible, and students came back to class on Monday afternoon. Social media threats are normal in our lives nowadays.

Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura's grandson, David Fontoura, a lieutenant with the Essex County Prosecutors Office, has been arrested on six counts of aggravated assault and suspended without pay until the result comes out of the court system. He was charged with assaulting and threatening two women he worked with and dated. It happened four years ago.

Entertainment mogul Sean Combs has been arrested and charged with several counts. He pled not guilty. Like with anyone, he is innocent until found guilty in a court of law. However, his downfall has been closely tied to that of R. Kelly, who was eventually convicted and imprisoned for his crimes. What a

downfall.

The New York Giants have not only lost their first two games, but they have scored less than half the points of their opponents (24-49). Their post season chances are very slim, and people are already asking for the coach to be fired. The Jets have a 1-1 record this season. However, they've scored 43 points against 49 points. Still, they seem to have a better chance than the Giants, but it is too early to tell.

Israel's intelligence forces are very smart. According to reports, they found a way to swap out a shipment of pagers ordered by hundreds of Hezbollah members. Then, in a coordinated manner, the pagers exploded all over Lebanon and killed nine and injured thousands. One of the deceased was said to be a child sadly. So far, there is no word as to if the CIA or Scotland Yard knew of this. Either way, it will be hard for Hezbollah to communicate with each other as they can't trust their hardware, since it might blow up.

> Have a wonderful week. I'll talk to you next week.

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OVERDOSE-ANTIDOTE NALOXONE MADE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

TRENTON - Department of Hu- issue." man Services Commissioner Sarah Adelman and Department of Education Acting Commissioner Kevin Dehmer announced on Sept. 13 that all New Jersey school districts can now obtain naloxone at no cost through Human Service's Naloxone DIRECT program.

This announcement coincides with First Lady Tammy Murphy's visit to Bayside High School in Virginia to participate in a bipartisan discussion on fentanyl awareness with First Lady of Virginia Suzanne Youngkin. During the visit, the First Ladies participated in an opioid overdose and naloxone education course and attended roundtable discussions with students, staff and parents.

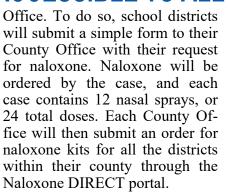
"We know that preparation is key and that having naloxone readily available can mean the difference between life and death. If providing our schools with this safe, fast-acting overdose reversal medication saves just one life, it will have been worth it. I thank Commissioner Adelman and Act-

"Addiction doesn't discriminate and the heartbreaking reality is overdoses can happen in any setting. By supplying naloxone to schools, we are giving a second chance to those suffering from addiction who visit, work, or learn in a New Jersey school, said Commissioner Adelman.

"We thank the Department of Education for their partnership in this important initiative. By working together, we will continue to save lives of those impacted by the opioid crisis. We urge all school districts to contact their County Office of Education to obtain life-saving naloxone at no cost."

"The safety and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors are our highest priorities," said Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner of Educational Services for the New Jersey Department of Education. "By providing naloxone to schools across New Jersey, we are equipping our school communities with a life-saving tool."

In order to obtain naloxone, ing Commissioner Dehmer for school districts must place orders their leadership on this important through their respective County



The naloxone cases are then delivered to the County Offices. which then distribute the orders to school districts. If a school district has a question about ordering naloxone kits or would like to place an order, they should contact their County Office of Education.

In August 2018, Governor Murphy enacted the requirement that each district board of education, board of trustees of a charter school, and chief school administrator of a nonpublic school serving any of the grades nine through 12, must develop and adopt policies and procedures to maintain and administer an opioid antidote to any student, school personnel, or other person believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose during regular school hours or during on-site school-sponsored events.

Students will not have direct access to naloxone. Certified school nurses have the primary responsibility for the emergency administration of naloxone. In the event a nurse is not present, school employees designated and trained by the school district will administer the naloxone. The Department of Education previously released guidance in 2019 to provide additional information on who has access to naloxone, which can be found here.

"Naloxone is a safe, easy to use, fast-acting and effective nasal spray medication to reverse an opioid overdose and save someone's life. If a student, staff member, or visitor experiences an opioid overdose on school grounds, having naloxone available allows for rapid intervention, which can be life-saving," said Human Services Deputy Commissioner for Health Services Valerie Mielke. "Every minute counts when it comes to opioid overdose response and by having naloxone on hand at schools, we help to provide a safe and supportive school environment."

"Our driving goal has always

been to save lives and we are pleased to offer naloxone at nocost to all schools throughout the state. It is critical that school personnel can access this life-saving tool whenever and wherever they may need it," said Human Services Assistant Commissioner Renee Burawski, who oversees Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. "Through this collaborative work, together we can continue to turn the tide in our efforts to combat the opioid epidemic."

First launched in 2022, the Naloxone DIRECT program works to provide first responder agencies, mobile outreach providers, opioid treatment programs, harm reduction programs and other eligible agencies the opportunity to easily request direct shipments of naloxone online, anytime they need it, at no charge. Since its launch, Naloxone DIRECT has distributed approximately 285,240 two dose kits.

This work builds upon previous efforts by the Murphy Administration to expand the reach of naloxone and other harm reduction supplies. Since 2018, Human Services has distributed about 518,156 two-dose naloxone kits throughout the state through free giveaways to the public at pharmacies and through distributions to law enforcement, emergency medical services, Harm Reduction Centers, and opioid treatment providers.

Naloxone is available from the 28 authorized Harm Reduction Centers open across New Jersey. Visit stopoverdoses.nj.gov for the nearly 700 participating pharmacies where anyone ages 14 years or older can anonymously access free naloxone kits.

"As always, we continue to urge residents struggling with substance use disorder needing addiction assistance to call the State's addiction treatment helpline, 1-844-ReachNJ, a 24-hour-a -day, 7 day-a-week addictions help line where people facing addiction or their friends and family can get immediate assistance and support from live, New Jerseybased, trained addiction counselors, regardless of their insurance status," Commissioner Adelman said. "We are here to help along the journey to recovery. Treatment works, so please don't hesitate to call."



LOCAL BUSINESSES SLAMMED ON WAGE & HOUR VIOLATIONS

By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - State and federal labor authorities have cited several Local Talk area businesses from a high profile Military Park restaurant to a Newark rack installer - for shortchanging their employees' wages, hours and related compensation this year.

The US Dept. of Labor, on Aug. 23, announced that it has ordered Swahili Village Bar & Grill here to pay \$168,770 in back wages, overtime and penalties for what it said was for shortchanging up to 84 employees for 13 months ending last June.

The NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development has meanwhile cited 20 businesses in "Local Talk" territory - from an Irvington day center to among 209 posted on its "WALL" list going back to last September.

The USDOL said that its May 2023-June 2024 investigation of Swahili Village found that it had violated the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. Restaurant management, said the agency, had "failed to pay 84, servers, cooks and bussers overtime pay when they worked more than 40 hours in a workweek."

DOL said it had recovered \$62,335 in back overtime wages and another \$62,335 in "liquidated damages" for the 84 affected employees. The agency added \$44,100 in "civil penalties for willful violations."

Swahili Village President Kevin Onyona, on July 17, agreed to pay the Washington, DC Office of the Attorney General \$526,973 on similar charges at its downtown district restaurant. The federal AG said that the eatery had failed to pay its 72 employees \$260,000 in overtime and related wages last year.

It is not immediately known whether a similar circumstance was found in Swahili Village's Maryland location. Swahili Village, featuring East African cuisine, opened its Newark location at 2 Center St. with a June 23, 2022 grand opening.

The restaurant has a streetfront location across NJPAC in One Theatre Square. One Theatre Square, a Dranoff development, was a 12-story tower built in 2018 on the former AAA of New Jersey office and Edison Parking lot. There are 24 of its 245 studio and one-bedroom luxury units set aside for affordable housing.

One Theatre Square is among several buildings that have been intended to go up around NJPAC since the latter's 1997 opening. Ground had recently broken on the other Edison parking lot on Mulberry Street for a 24-story, 350-unit ArtSide tower. The nearby Cooperman Family Arts, Education and Communication Center is projected for a 2026-27 opening.

NJ DOL's Office of Strategic Enforcement and Compliance has created a WALL - that businesses owners do not want to be on - since its Sept. 7 establishment. The Workplace Accountability in Labor List gives thumbnail descriptions of the businesses, what they were cited for, when the final judgement was and for how much in fines.

"Local Talk" hereby lists the cited parties, going by the state's OSEC's posting date and alphabetical order.:

Aug. 5: Pao Do Queijo Boco Do Forno, 329 Ferry St., Newark.

- Workers' Compensation Law

Jan. 20, 2023 Final Judgement for \$45,000.

Resende Construction, Inc., 93 Wilson Ave., Newark. - Workers' Compensation June 12, 2023 for \$45,000

USG Drywall and Construction, LLC, 239 Ridge St., Third Floor, Newark

- Workers' Compensation June 12, 2023 for \$45,000

Vega Floors LLC, 15 Waverly Terr., Bloomfield and 96 Fleming ve., Newark.

- Workers Compensation. Oct. 17, 2018 for \$116,856.11

July 5: Loving Hearts Personal Care Service, Inc.,

> 10 Rodwell Ave., Irvington (Continued on page 12)



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NEW CDC DATA ON OBESITY

New CDC population data from 2023 show that in 23 states more than one in three adults (35%) is obese. Before 2013, no state had an adult obesity prevalence at or above 35%. Currently, at least one in five adults (20%) in each U.S. state is living with obesity.

"This new data highlight the need for obesity prevention and treatment options, which start with building healthier communities where people of all ages have safe places for physical activity, and where health care and healthy food options are accessible and affordable for all," said Karen Hacker, MD, MPH, director of CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. "Obesity prevention at young ages is critical, because we know that children with obesity often become adults with obesity. This is one of the reasons why we prioritize state and community investments in effective child care and family healthy weight programs."

The 23 states with the highest adult obesity rates (35% or higher) include: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Guam and Puerto Rico also had an obesity rate of at least 35%. State-based adult obesity prevalence by race, ethnicity, and location uses self-reported height and weight data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

Obesity impacts some groups more than others. There are notable differences by race and ethnicity, as shown by combined BRFSS data from 2021-2023.

- Asian adults do not have an obesity prevalence at or above 35% in any state (among 37 states, 1 territory, and DC).
- In 16 states, White adults have an obesity prevalence at or above 35% (among 47 states, 2 territories, and DC).
- In 30 states, American Indian or Alaska Native adults have an obesity prevalence at or above 35% (among 44 states).
- In 34 states, Hispanic adults have an obesity prevalence at or above 35% (among 47 states, 3 territories, and DC).
- In 38 states, Black adults have an obesity prevalence at or above 35% (among 46 states, 1 territory, and DC).

"Obesity is a complex disease. There's a common misconception that obesity is a result of lack of willpower and individual failings to eat well and exercise," said Ruth Petersen, MD, director of CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity. "Many factors contribute to obesity like genes, certain medications, poor sleep, gut microbiome, stress, access to affordable food, safe places to be active, and access to health care. Understanding these factors helps us identify potential prevention and treatment strategies."

CDC partners with communities, states, and tribes to help improve health and reduce obesity among populations with the highest risk, or burden, of chronic diseases across the country. CDC invests in programs like SPAN, HOP, and REACH to help increase access to healthy food options, establish safe and accessible places for physical activity, and promote stigmafree obesity prevention and treatment programs. These programs fund 17 states, 50 community and tribal organizations, and 16 land grant universities.

Obesity treatment can also include obesity medications,

such as GLP-1s recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, combined with health behavior and life-style interventions.

An adult with obesity has a body mass index of 30 or higher. Obesity is a disease that can cause many health conditions such as asthma, heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, some cancers, and severe outcomes from respiratory illnesses. In addition, the stigma and bias about a person's weight can cause social and mental health consequences, such as anxiety and poor body image.

MASS SHOOTING UPDATE

Information recent as of 9-17-2024 at 12 p.m.

2024 Mass Shooting Stats: (Source: Mass Shooting Tracker, https://www.massshootingtracker.site/ data/?year=2024)

- Total Mass Shootings: 457
- Total Dead: 543
- Total Wounded: 1882
- Shootings Per Day: 1.75
 - Days Reached in Year 2024 as of September 17: 261

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MPOX VACCINE APPROVED

The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced the MVA-BN vaccine as the first vaccine against mpox to be added to its prequalification list.

The prequalification approval is expected to facilitate timely and increased access to this vital product in communities with urgent need, to reduce transmission and help contain the outbreak. WHO's assessment for prequalification is based on information submitted by the manufacturer, Bavarian Nordic A/S, and review by the European Medicines Agency, the regulatory agency of record for this vaccine.

"This first prequalification of a vaccine against mpox is an important step in our fight against the disease, both in the context of the current outbreaks in Africa, and in future," said WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "We now need urgent scale up in procurement, donations and rollout to ensure equitable access to vaccines where they are needed most, alongside other public health tools, to prevent infections, stop transmission and save lives."

The MVA-BN vaccine can be administered in people over 18-years of age as a 2-dose injection given 4 weeks apart. After prior cold storage, the vaccine can be kept at $2-8^{\circ}$ C for up to 8 weeks.

"The WHO prequalification of the MVA-BN vaccine will help accelerate ongoing procurement of the mpox vaccines by governments and international agencies such as Gavi and Unicef to help communities on the frontlines of the ongoing emergency in Africa and beyond," said Dr Yukiko Nakatani, WHO Assistant Director-General for Access to Medicines and Health Products. "The decision can also help national regulatory authorities to fast-track approvals, ultimately increasing access to quality-assured mpox vaccine products."

The WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization reviewed all available evidence and recommended the use of MVA-BN vaccine in the context of an mpox outbreak for persons at high risk of exposure. While MVA-BN is currently not licensed for persons under 18 years of age, this vaccine may be used "off-label" in infants, children and adolescents, and in pregnant and immunocompromised people. This means vaccine use is recommended in outbreak settings where the benefits of vaccination outweigh the potential risks.

WHO also recommends single-dose use in supplyconstrained outbreak situations. WHO emphasizes the need to

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FONTOURA ARRESTED

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pended without pay last month after his arrest on six counts of third and fourthdegree aggravated assault, multiple weapons offenses and two counts each of criminal restraint and terroristic threats, according to court documents.

"The women, who both work in law enforcement, told police in August they had dated Fontoura in 2019 and 2020 and he allegedly became abusive during that time in his Nutley apartment.

"One woman told police Fontoura said he could make her disappear and 'make it look like an accident,' according to an affidavit of probable cause in the case.

"The woman also told police Fontoura placed a knife to her throat while restraining her in his kitchen and put the barrel of his service weapon in her mouth while pinning her to his bed.

"Another woman told police she was in Fontoura's apartment on Sept. 15, 2019, when he allegedly struck her inner left leg near her knee with a police flashlight. 'Victim provided a still photo of evidence of the injury,' the affidavit states.

"The victim also told police Fontoura allegedly struck her with a police baton or flashlight, bruising her left upper thigh and buttocks on Oct. 28, 2019. She provided police with a photo of the bruise, according to the affidavit.

"Fontoura is also accused of walking up behind one of the victims while she was sitting on his couch and holding a firearm to her head.

"The victim said Fontoura described how he would kill her, tell her friends she went on vacation, then dump her body in the river, according to an affidavit.

"One of the victims told police she recorded an hourlong conversation with Fontoura on Feb. 14, 2021, in which she told him she 'did not like when you would pin me on the bed and put your f------ gun to my head and I hated that and I always told you to stop.'

"Fontoura allegedly responded on the recording by asking the victim if she 'had disclosed that information to her therapist or friends,' according to the affidavit.

"Fontoura was arrested Aug. 29 at the Nutley Police Department while accompanied by an attorney. He was released on court summonses. He's due to appear at a pre-indictment conference, though a date has not been set.

"After his arrest last month, Fontoura was suspended without pay from the prosecutor's office."

Fontoura's Lawyer Responds

According to msn.com, Fontoura's attorney, Patrick Toscano, of Fairfield, said the allegations are more than four years old

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and filed by two former girlfriends after Fontoura ended his relationships with them.

"Other than these preposterous accusations, having no basis whatsoever in reality, his work record in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office throughout his law enforcement career has been nothing other than pristine and first-rate," Toscano said.

On Monday, Toscano said the allegations contained in the affidavits are "fantastical."

Fontoura's attorney said the charges appear to be politically motivated and noted that one of the women claims Fontoura threatened to use his connections to have her transferred out of the sheriff's office.

"The lieutenant is the grandson of Armando Fontoura, the longest serving sheriff in the state of New Jersey, whose reputation precedes him," Toscano said. "If anyone actually believes that Sheriff Fontoura can be influenced to reassign an employee for any reason other than merit and fitness, they are certainly unfamiliar with his long-established history of integrity and veracity."

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By William Hathaway, Jr.

This past weekend, the annual HBCU NY Classic took place at MetLife Stadium. The game got better as it went along, but Howard University defeated Morehouse College 35-21 in the end. Leading Howard was Jaylon Tolbert with three touchdowns, throwing to multiple receivers. Howard scored twice in the first quarter thanks to a Kasey Hawthorne 3 yard touchdown run and Jaylon Tolbert's 12 yard TD pass to Sequan Osborne. Morehouse cut the lead in when Miles Scott found Ajani Williams for a 16 yard TD. Right before halftime, Tolbert hit a 33 yard TD strike to Keuntae Mosley for a 21-7 lead The 2nd half saw Richie Ilarraza score on a 20 yard TD run to extend Howard's lead to 28-7. Then, Isiah Williams scored early in the 4th to give Howard 35 points for the day, and the win.

Tolbert finished 23-41 for 264 yards and Jarett Hunter ran 17 times for 92 yards. Howard is now 2-1 on the season, while Morehouse is still winless. Prior to the game, there was a huge tailgate party for both schools as sponsors of the game called it Yard Fest.

In pro ball, the New York Giants went on the road and lost on the last play 21-18 to the Washington Commanders and kicker Austin Seibert's 7 field goals. Meanwhile, the Jets fared much better, beating the Tennessee Titans on the road 24-17.

SEAN COMBS CHARGED WITH SEX TRAFFICKING AND OTHER FEDERAL OFFENSES

Alleged Conduct Occurred Over More Than a Decade in Multiple States

Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and William S. Walker, the Acting Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Office of Homeland Security Investigations ("HSI"), announced that Sean Combs, a/ k/a "Puff Daddy," a/k/a "P. Diddy," a/k/a "PD," a/k/a "Love," was arrested the night of Sept. 16 and charged in a three count Indictment with racketeering conspiracy, sex trafficking, and transportation to engage in prostitution.

The Indictment unsealed Sept. 17 alleges that between 2008 and the present, Combs abused, threatened, and coerced women and others, and led a racketeering conspiracy that engaged in sex trafficking, forced labor, kidnapping, arson, bribery, and obstruction of justice, among other crimes. Combs was presented in Manhattan federal court before Magistrate Judge Robyn F. Tarnofsky, where he pled not guilty to the charges. However, the judge decided to deny bail and Combs was placed behind bars until his trial begins.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "As alleged in the Indictment, for years, Sean Combs used the business empire he controlled to sexually abuse and exploit women, as well as to commit other acts of violence and obstruction of justice. Today (Sept. 17), he is charged with racketeering and sex trafficking offenses. If you have been a victim of Combs' alleged abuse - or if you know anything about his alleged crimes - we urge you to come forward. This investigation is far from over."

HSI Acting Special Agent in Charge William S. Walker said: "Today, we shatter any false notion of impunity as we uncover the defendant's alleged pattern of manipulation, exploitation, and outright abuse. Make no mistake: we are here today only because of the unwavering strength of victims and witnesses who have already endured unspeakable hardships. I commend them for their courage and urge anyone who believes they are a victim of sex trafficking to contact HSI by email at Sextrafficking_outreach@hsi.dhs.gov, or via our mobile tip-line: 1-877-4-HSITIP."

According to the Indictment unsealed: From at least 2008 through the present, Combs led a criminal enterprise that existed to facilitate his abuse and exploitation of women, to protect his reputation, and to conceal his conduct. As part of that criminal enterprise, Combs, along with other members and associates of the enterprise, committed crimes including sex trafficking, forced labor, kidnapping, arson, bribery, and obstruction of justice.

Among other things, Combs' sexual abuse of women included causing them to engage in frequent, days-long sexual activity with male commercial sex workers, some of whom were transported over state lines. These events, which Combs referred to as "Freak Offs," were elaborate sex performances that Combs arranged, directed, and often electronically recorded.

To ensure participation in Freak Offs, Combs used violence and intimidation, and leveraged his power over victims - power he obtained through obtaining and distributing narcotics to them, exploiting his financial support to them and threatening to cut off the same, and controlling their careers. Combs also threatened his victims, including by threatening to expose the embarrassing and sensitive recordings he made of Freak Offs if the women did not comply with his demands.

Combs' efforts to control women included repeated physical abuse. Combs assaulted women by, among other things, striking, punching, dragging, throwing objects at, and kicking them. Combs similarly assaulted witnesses to his abuse. These assaults often resulted in injuries to the victims, which took days or weeks to heal.

To commit these crimes, Combs relied on his power as the leader of a multi-faceted business empire. Employees of Combs' businesses - including high ranking supervisors, security staff, personal assistants, and household staff - acted as Combs' intermediaries to,



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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 - Public Safety Director Fritz G. Fragé has reported the arrest of nine out-oftowners for eluding during an illegal car racing event held in Newark on Sept. 15, 2024.

"Each of these suspects lives outside of Newark and purposefully came here to conduct a socalled 'street takeover,' Director Fragé said. "Thanks to these arrests, these individuals quickly learned that the City of Newark is not their playground. I commend members of the 3rd Precinct for their quick thinking in safely arresting the nine suspects. And although some individuals were observed hitting and kicking a marked Police vehicle, no injuries were reported and our Police Officers handled the incident professionally to return safety to our streets," he added.

At approximately 2:31 a.m., Police responded to the intersection of Doremus Avenue and Port Street on a call of several vehicles driving erratically in the middle of the street. Responding officers observed approximately 100 vehicles illegally blocking Doremus Avenue. A large crowd surrounded a Newark Police vehicle, punching and kicking the car, and attempting to flip it over.

Additional Police responded and the following individuals were arrested with each facing a charge of eluding:

• Daniel O. Cacula, 23, of Danbury, CT

- Gabriel N. Alscora, 21, of Brooklyn, NY
- Kevin H. Sayco, 25, of Woodland, NY
- Jason Flores Perez, 20, of West New York, NJ
- Damien R. Persuad, 20, of North Baldwin, NY
- Terrance Briggs, 22, of Pembroke Pines, FL
- Alejandro Alonso, 20, of West New York, NJ
- Gabriel D. Paitch, 18, of Kearny, NJ Mitchell E. Long, 21, of
- Mitchell E. Long, 21, of Ephrata, PA

These charges are merely accusations. Each suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

IRVINGTON - Flooding, for the second time in almost exactly four years, has closed the United States Postal Service Irvington Branch here at 1086 Springfield Ave., for nearly a month.

Postal customers, since Aug.23, have had to go to adjacent towns' branches. The gate to the station's bridge spanning Beasley Civic Square and its rear loading dock over the Elizabeth River culvert remains padlocked.

A notice posted by Newark Postmaster Silvia Glover directs box holders here to pick up their mail at the Newark central post office at 2 Federal Sq. Glover added that some of the box holders' mail may have been damaged or destroyed by that Wednesday night's flooding.

An intense thunderstorm coursed through Essex County between 7 and 9 p.m., pushed through by up to 70 mph wind gusts. It is not clear how water from the Elizabeth River got into the station to the culvert's east.

It is also not clear whether flood water got into the station the same way it did during Hurricane Ida or differently. Ida, despite degrading to a tropical storm overnight Sept. 1-2, 2021, killed a father and a daughter here and flooded other basements along the river's southern course.

The Irvington Branch was closed then until after Oct. 1, 2021, in part to replace a truck loading dock lift gate and mail sorting machinery. The Irvington Branch - like Newark's Vailsburg Branch and Maplewood's Hilton Branch - was built around 1960.

Irvington is among Newark Post Office's 12 branches. Glover, the district's first African-American woman postmaster, was sworn in June 2, 2022.

EAST ORANGE - A memorial for Kevin Elliott Taylor was held here at the New Hope Baptist Church Sept. 13.

The mayoral candidate, developer and community-minded resident was interred later that Friday at nearby Rosedale Cemetery. His last rites were arranged by Cotton Funeral Home. Taylor, according to Cotton's brief obituary, was born here May 14, 1959. A tribute poster said he went to Rutledge Avenue School.

Another poster said that Taylor and Clint Mitchell, as Clifford J. Scott High School Scotties football players, "were the best one-two combo in the state." Taylor, No. 33, and Miitchell, No. 32, were on a Scotties varsity squad who were 9-0 in the 1977 regular season and finished second in the NJSI-AA Group II Sectional championship. Mitchell is an agent for Wichert Realtors and lives in Union.

House Fire Displaces 11

Eleven members of four families who were evacuated from a three-alarm fire at 289-291 Glenwood Ave Sept. 7 were given temporary housing by the American Red Cross chapter while authorities try to find the fire's source.

The first East Orange Fire Department units had responded to a 4:30 p.m. fire call from 291 Glenwood that Saturday and began an evacuation check. The incident commander pulled two more alarms for all EOFD hands and mutual aid.

Acting Fire Chief Bruce Davis told a reporter that they had some water issues, which led to the fire not being under control until 7 p.m. Fire damage had meanwhile spread to 289 Glenwood. No injuries were reported.

ORANGE - Neighbors of a South Ward park may be asking questions of city elders at the Sept. 17 City Council meeting of two people who were shot there and a suspect's later arrest on Sept. 12. Some of those questions may be the ones left unanswered at Mayor Dwayne Warren's 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 virtual community meeting.

City police officers, who were responding to a gunshot call at Valley and Morris streets by Metcalf Park at 8:35 p.m. Sept. 12, said they found two people there with gunshot wounds; one shot in the leg on the baseball field; the other with a gunshot wound to a hand. Although both victims were treated by officers and rushed by contracted ambulance to University Hospital, the ECPO said that DeAndre Smith, 28, who was shot in the leg, had died at 7:26 p.m. Sept. 15.

The same officers noticed a masked man running into a vehicle on Argyle Street and sped away. A computerized license plate check found that the car had been reported as stolen from Hudson County. An attempt to stop the vehicle turned into a high speed pursuit through Orange, South Orange and east Orange streets, some going the wrong way, until the suspect's vehicle crashed into a car parked by 127 Lincoln Ave.

Police, after a foot chase into the Crane & Essex parking garage, arrested Brandon D. Beasley, 24. A weapon was found in the pursued vehicle.

Beasley is being held in the Essex County Correctional Center on a count each of the following: unlawful taking of a means of conveyance, being a convicted felon prohibited from weapons possession, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, possession thereof without a permit, possession of a prohibited weapon-large capacity ammunition, resisting arrest by failing to stop vehicle, resisting arrest by threatening force against a law enforcement officer, obstructing the administration of law and hindering by giving false information.

Mayor Warren held a virtual "Neighborhood Community Meeting" for Orange Valley/ Metcalf Park residents at 7:30 p.m. Monday in response to the incident.

WEST ORANGE - The Manor's new owners received 247 summonses from the township last week for what West Orange's forester said were as *(Continued on page 14)*



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ident and those around him safe. I am relieved that the former President is unharmed. There is an active investigation into this incident as law enforcement gathers more details about what happened.

"As I have said many times, there is no place for political violence or for any violence ever in our country, and I have directed my team to continue to ensure that Secret Service has every resource, capability and protective measure necessary to ensure the former President's continued safety."

"I am deeply disturbed by the possible assassination attempt of former President Trump today. As we gather the facts, I will be clear: I condemn political violence. We all must do our part to ensure that this incident does not lead to more violence," said Vice President Harris in her own statement.

"I am thankful that former President Trump is safe. I commend the U.S. Secret Service and law enforcement partners for their vigilance. As President Biden said, our Administration will ensure the Secret Service has every resource, capability, and protective measure necessary to carry out its critical mission."

While replying to the situation, X (fka Twitter) figurehead Elon Musk made a joke as to why no one attempted to assassinate President Biden or Presidential nominee Kamala Harris, which was quickly condemned, prompting his quick apology.

As expected, Trump gave a reaction, but most notably on X instead of Truth Social.

"I would like to thank everyone for your concern and well wishes - It was certainly an interesting day! Most importantly, I want to thank the U.S. Secret

Service, Sheriff Ric Bradshaw and his Office of brave and dedicated Patriots, and, all of Law Enforcement, for the incredible job done today at Trump International in keeping me, as the 45th President of the United States, and the Republican Nominee in the upcoming Presidential Election, SAFE. THE JOB DONE WAS ABSOLUTELY OUT-STANDING. I AM VERY PROUD TO BE AN AMERI-CAN," he posted.

> "The Rhetoric, Lies, as exemplified by the false statements made by Comrade Kamala Harris during the rigged and highly partisan ABC Debate, and all of the ridiculous lawsuits specifically designed to inflict damage on Joe's, then Kamala's, Political Opponent, ME, has taken politics in our Country to a whole new level of Hatred, Abuse, and Distrust. Because of this Communist Left Rhetoric, the bullets are flying, and it will

only get worse!

"Allowing millions of people, from places unknown, to INVADE and take over our Country, is an unpardonable sin. OUR BORDERS MUST BE CLOSED, AND THE TERROR-ISTS. CRIMINALS, AND MENTALLY INSANE, IMME-DIATELY REMOVED FROM AMERICAN CITIES AND TOWNS, DEPORTED BACK TO THEIR COUNTIES OF ORIGIN. WE WANT PEOPLE TO COME INTO OUR COUN-TRY, BUT THEY MUST LOVE OUR NATION, AND COME IN LEGALLY AND THROUGH A SYSTEM OF MERIT. THE WORLD IS LAUGHING AT US AS FOOLS, THEY ARE STEAL-ING OUR JOBS AND OUR WEALTH. WE CANNOT LET THEM LAUGH ANY LONG-ER. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!" (ALL CAPS are his emphasis.)

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VIOLATIONS (Cont. from page 5)

15 Ricord St., Newark 244 Morris Ave., #214, Union - Workers' Compensation June 12, 2023 for \$45,000

Paul Gagliano T/A Gagliano & Associates, 9 James St. Bloomfield - Unemployment Compensation - Temporary Disability Benefits Law

- Compensation for Family Temporary Disability Leave Law

Aug. 22, 2012 for \$50,266.50

June 5: Rtech Consulting LLC dba central career School 329 Winthrop Dr., Nutley

126 Corporate Blvd., So. Plainfield

4314 60th St., Apt. 4G, Woodside, Qns., NY

May 3: D&D Security Systems LP, 460 William St. First Floor, East Orange Workers' Compensation Nov. 15, 2016 for \$45,000

April 5: North South Construction Corp., 188 Jefferson St., #345, Newark

- Unemployment Compensation

- Temporary Disability Benefits
- Compensation for Family Temporary Disability Leave

May 26, 2021 for \$24,907.82

Pineda Rack Installation, Inc. 359 North 5th St., Newark

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among other things, arrange travel and hotel rooms; stock the hotel rooms for Combs' commercial sex activity; contact or locate women and other individuals whom he targeted for abuse; and conceal and cover up the abuse. This criminal concealment included efforts to prevent law enforcement from learning about his abuse.

Combs, 54, of Miami, Florida, is charged with one count of racketeering conspiracy, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison; one count of sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison and a mandatory **FONTOURA ARRESTED** (Cont. from page 7)

Charges

According to nj.com, at the time of his arrest on August 29, David Fontoura was charged with six counts of third- and fourth-degree aggravated assault.

How much does a prosecutor's lieutenant earn?

According to Lieutenant in N.J. prosecutor's office charged with assaulting 2 women - nj.com, David Fontoura was hired as a po-

- Unemployment Compensation Law - Temporary Disability Benefits - Compensation for Family Temporary Disability Leave May 26, 2021 for \$36,300.55 Feb. 5: JW Contracting, 147 North Day St., Orange - Workers' Compensation July 29, 2023 for \$45,000 Jan. 5., 2024: All American Transportation, Inc. 10 Hill St., Apt. 9W, Newark 56 Elizabeth Ave., Newark 911 Bergen Ave., Ste. 4, Jersey City - Unemployment Compensation - Temporary Disability Benefits - Compensation for Family Temporary **Disability** Leave May 26, 2021 for \$21,609.74 JLG Construction, 445 Central Ave., Apt. D16, Orange - Unemployment Compensation - Temporary Disability Benefits - Compensation for Family Temporary Disability Leave April 22, 2020 for \$92,466.09 JTG Construction, 188 Jefferson St. Ste. 387, Newark - Unemployment Compensation - Temporary Disability Benefits - Compensation for Family Temporary **Disability** Leave March 1, 2023 for \$69,662.14 minimum sentence of 15 years in prison; and one count of transportation for purposes of prostitution, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

The statutory maximum and mandatory penalties are prescribed by Congress and are provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant will be determined by the judge.

Mr. Williams praised the outstanding investigative work of HSI and the Southern District of New York Special Agents, Digital Forensic Unit, and the Complex Analytical and Social Media Enhancement Team at the New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

lice officer for the county on Dec. 1, 2013, rose through the ranks, and now earns \$136,832 a year, according to public records.

Suspended without pay

According to RLSMedia, nj.com, and other sources, Thomas S. Fennelly, chief assistant prosecutor, said Fontoura was removed from duty after the charges were filed.

"Upon learning of the allegations, the Essex County Prosecutor's Office immediately suspended Lt. Fontoura," Fennelly said in an email on Tuesday.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Nov. 3, 2023 ColorGraphicsRUs Design & Printing Co., Inc. 341 Cortlandt St., Belleville - Workers Compensation June 18, 2020 for \$45,000

EC Abatement Inc., 23 North 6th St., Newark

- The NJ Wage Payment Law

- The NJ State Wage and Hour Law

- The NJ Prevailing Wage Act

April 12, 2023 for \$70,860.11

Oct. 5: Northeastern Professional Nurses Registry, Inc.

239 Freeway Dr. East, East Orange

- Unemployment Compensation

- Temporary Disability Benefits
- Compensation for Family Temporary Disability

June 16, 2021 for \$38,268.41

Sept. 4 Cunha Construction, LLC, 31 Monroe St., Newark

- NJ Wage Payment Law

- State Wage and Hour Law

June 29, 2021 for \$195,009.70

RIS Construction, 143 North Fullerton Ave., Montclair.

- Wage Payment Law

- Wage and Hour Law
- Prevailing Wage Act
- Total Final Judgement: \$59.194.11

This case is being handled by the Office's Civil Rights Unit in the Criminal Division. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Meredith Foster, Emily A. Johnson, Christy Slavik, Madison Reddick Smyser and Mitzi Steiner.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

If you believe you are victim of a crime perpetrated by Sean Combs, please contact HSI at Sextrafficking_outreach@hsi.dhs.gov or via their mobile tip-line at 1-877-4-HSITIP, and reference this case.

Fennelly said the case has been moved to the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office to avoid a conflict of interest.

Unanswered Questions

The big question is, if the domestic assaults happened in 2019 and 2020, why is this coming up only four to five years later? Isn't there a three-year statute of limitations in New Jersey?

What will happen next? Will Sheriff Fontoura's legacy be darkened by the alleged actions of his grandson? Only time will tell. **Public Notice**

The East Orange Housing Authority - Public Housing Waiting List for

Senior and Disabled located at Concord Towers, 210 North Grove

Street, East Orange, NJ will be open on Monday, September 23, 2024.

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the waiting list by application number and the preferences, (that are

claimed), and date and time. Be prepared to provide the following infor-

mation on the online application: Names of all family members, the gross

household income, your address, social security number, age, & sex of

all family members. Please understand, the confirmation number you re-

ceive indicates that you have successfully completed the online applica-

Note: You are responsible for notifying the PHA in writing of any changes

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Public Notice

Genesis Concord Vista LLC c/o East Orange Housing Authority – Waiting List for Senior and Disabled located at Vista Village, 70 South Burnet Street, East Orange, NJ will be open on Monday, September 23, 2024. The Waiting List will remain open until 500 applications are submitted. The applications will be accepted on our website ONLY at <u>WWW.EOHA.ORG</u>. All applicants determined eligible will be placed on the waiting list by application number and the preferences, (that are claimed), and date and time. Be prepared to provide the following information on the online application: Names of all family members, the gross household income, your address, social security number, age, & sex of all family members. Please understand, the confirmation number you receive indicates that you have successfully completed the online application ONLY.

Note: You are responsible for notifying the PHA in writing of any changes from your original application.

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from your original application.

collect further data on vaccine safety and effectiveness in these circumstances.

Available data shows that a single-dose MVA-BN vaccine given before exposure has an estimated 76% effectiveness in protecting people against mpox, with the 2-dose schedule achieving an estimated 82% effectiveness. Vaccination after exposure is less effective than pre-exposure vaccination.

Good safety profile and vaccine performance has been consistently demonstrated in clinical studies, as well as in real-world use during the ongoing global outbreak since 2022. In light of the changing epidemiology and emergence of new virus strains, it remains important to collect as much data as possible on vaccine safety and effectiveness in different contexts.

Since the triggering of the emergency use listing for mpox vaccines by WHO Director-General on August 7, 2024, WHO has conducted product and programmatic suitability assessments of MVA-BN vaccine.

"The findings of the assessments are particularly relevant in the context of the declaration of a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) related to the upsurge of mpox in Africa," said Dr Rogerio Gaspar, WHO Director for Regulation and Prequalification. "We are progressing with prequalification and emergency use listing procedures with manufacturers of two other mpox vaccines: LC-16 and ACAM2000. We have also received 6 expressions of interest for mpox diagnostic products for emergency use listing so far."

The escalating mpox outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and other countries was declared a PHEIC by the WHO Director-General on August 14, 2024.

Over 120 countries have confirmed more than 103,000 cases of mpox since the onset of the global outbreak in 2022. In 2024 alone, there were 25,237 suspected and confirmed cases and 723 deaths from different outbreaks in 14 countries of the African Region (based on data from September 8,

2024).

Left unchecked, artificial intelligence (AI) could destabilize democratic systems by spreading disinformation, fueling hate speech and distorting public opinion through deepfakes, the UN Secretary-General has warned.

These risks are particularly critical this year, as over 50 countries – representing half the world's population - hold elections.

In a message for the International Day of Democracy, Secretary-General António Guterres reiterated the importance of upholding free speech, civil liberties and the rule of law, as well as ensuring accountable institutions and protecting human rights.

"Yet, these rights and values are under attack around the world. Freedoms are being eroded. Civic space is diminishing. Polarization is intensifying. And mistrust is growing," he said.

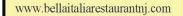
Despite the dangers, artificial intelligence has the potential to play a positive role in strengthening democratic systems, he continued, noting that AI can promote full and active public participation, enhance equality and contribute to human development.

"AI can boost education on democratic processes, and shape more inclusive civic spaces where people have a say in decisions and can hold decision-makers to account," Mr. Guterres said.

By utilizing AI for good governance, countries can create more transparent and accountable systems, that allow citizens to engage more effectively. However, this will require effective governance of AI at all levels, including internationally.

Mr. Guterres also highlighted the recent report of the UN's High-Level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence with recommendations on harnessing the benefits of AI while mitigating the risks.

"The message is clear: AI must serve humanity equitably and safely," he stressed, adding that the upcoming Summit of the Future will be a critical platform for nations to





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discuss ways to strengthen international cooperation on AI.

"On this International Day of Democracy, let us keep working to build a more inclusive, just, and equal world."

It is equally crucial to address another fundamental aspect of democracy: the equal political participation of women, as emphasized by UN-Women, the lead agency for gender equality.

"Their inclusion is a matter of justice and a key factor in creating more effective governance," the agency said, noting that women's representation is vital for advancing issues such as health, education, and genderbased violence.

Despite this, women's voices remain underrepresented in decision-making globally.

Only 27 countries are led by women - an increase from 18 a decade ago - while women hold just 23 percent of cabinet positions worldwide, and only 15 countries have achieved gender parity in their cabinets.

Commemorated annually on September 15th, the International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. This year, the focus is on the role of artificial intelligence (AI) as a tool for good governance.

It was established in 2007 by the UN General Assembly, which reaffirmed that democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems, and their full participation in all aspects of life.

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OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

WHY SHOULD YOU PLACE YOUR AD **IN LOCAL TALK?**

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I was told some time ago by one of my offspring - my daughter, Blackberry Sweet, to be exact - that the reason she did not want me to do her maternity shoot was because of the grainy and unpolished way my photos look. She wanted it crisp, and as a heads up, she mentioned that it was what most people wanted during this techy revolution.

In that moment, Blackberry wasn't being so sweet. All those dreadful photoshoots where she played as muse were very instrumental in the development of the

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many trees felled on the property without a permit.

Township Forester Walter Kipp, acting on an Aug. 21 posting on OurGreenWestOrange.com, arrived at 110 Prospect Ave. Aug. 27 and counted 247 tree stumps - from the avenue entrance down to the main building and the lot's perimeter.

Kipp issued The Legacy Manor ownership and Elmwood Tree Service each 247 summons. The shoebox-sized sheaf of summonses has the Frank Pombo family and its contractor each paying up to \$494,000 - or \$2,000 per tree pending the case's outcome in West Orange Municipal Court. Elmwood is facing two more summonses for not being registered to work in West Orange.

The question becomes whether The Legacy Manor, who bought the premises July 23 for a later reopening, knew that they needed a permit before cutting down any tree. The Township Council, citing a "rapidly declin-

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often T have stressed throughout the years to every man, woman, and child that I am not a photographer, in my opinion, that is. The camera is used as a tool - nothing more, nothing else. Amazingly, people love the work, which is not promoted because they are either development sessions for me personally, or for my craft, or for my clients. My random muses aid in that development, but my Clay - my permanent muses - are living testaments of that development and the core reason for such growth.

I was told by a mentor to give people what they want, so I've learned to nod and accept their version of me. But the con-



Photos Courtesy Andrea Dialect

ing tree canopy," passed the resolution on Feb. 7.

Our Green West Orange board member Joyce Rudin, who blew the whistle Aug. 21, later posted a certified tree removal application the West Orange Engineering Department had received from Legacy Manor's engineer, J. Michael Petry, Aug. 22. Rudin is meanwhile among six candidates running for a township council seat Nov. 5.

The Manor ended its 66-year catering hall and wedding venue run July 5, 2023. The court date has not been posted as of press time.

SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD -The South Orange-Maplewood School District has been feeling the loss of its transportation coordinator, Jerry Ford, since his Sept. 6 death at Easton, Pa.'s St. Luke's Hospital -Anderson Campus.

Ford, 71, of Glen Gardner, had come out of retirement in 2022 to keep the SOMSD school bus operation running smoothly. His



cept is coaching, and I finally have come to realize that sometimes random folk, or my Clay, or others are coaching me at the time. So finally, we are working towards utilizing the "I am the photographer" kick. That way, the next time before one of mine slips through that portal door, I'll be the first choice when it comes to those snaps. I guess not lol!

NO FILTER.

Notice the proof on here... When it comes down to it, if you were to ask me I just might be the reason Blackberry looks so sweet, in those pics as so the etchings of that pretty face lol. Logically, this is what usually happens when people can't see the true image of what's being looked at until it's too late.

Amusingly, being dismissed oftentimes keeps the calendar nice and tidy, which means it's too late for the person who could have gained from the experience when time has lagged slowly behind.

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_____ work included the restoration of courtesy bus service, which the board of education cut from its budget in 2023-24.

Ford, who had retired from the Delaware Valley Regional School System, had founded, operated and sold Amwell Valley and Tri J Coach bus companies. He developed and implemented Hunterdon County's LINK bus system.

Jeremiah "Jerry" G. Ford, Jr., who was born Nov. 22, 1952 in Summit, has a scholastic connection to the "Local Talk" area. He was among Orange's Our Lady of the Valley High School Class of 1970.

His attending OLOV most likely happened while he, his parents and three siblings were living in Madison or Roseland. The Fords had also lived in Rutland, Vt. before Jerry settled in High Bridge until 1995. He graduated from then-Montclair State College in 1974 with a communication degree.

Sister Margaret Ellen Price, brothers Joseph James "Jim" and John, sons Scott Ca-(Continued on page 15)

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hill, Marc Cahill and Christopher Cahill and five grandchildren are among his survivors. Beloved wife Barbara Cahill-Ford died in 2010.

Ford's Funeral Mass was held at Califon's St. John Neumann Catholic Church, followed by interment at Cokesbury's Mountain View Cemetery, Sept. 14.

BLOOMFIELD - The township's police and public school district are continuing the investigation of "suspicious juveniles" on Bloomfield High School property Sept. 11, Two suspects were under Bloomfield Police Department arrest and were referred to Essex County Family Court by Sept. 12.

The sighting of the two said juveniles "in the vicinity" of the high school at 9 a.m. that Wednesday prompted a twohour BHS lockdown. Some parents arrived early to pick up their students after the lockdown was lifted at 11 a.m.

The just over two hours overlapped the timeline some people were observing of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon and the crash of a fourth hijacked airliner in Shanksville, Pa. Several students told a reporter that they had huddled together in the classroom until Bloomfield police officers conducted a sweep of BHS.

BPS Superintendent Salvatore Goncalves, later that afternoon, said that the lockdown was done as a precaution and that its coordination with the police department was conducted as planned. Police officers concluded that the intruders had left. Normal instruction resumed by Noon.

Bloomfield Public Library Director Holly Bell lent space to township Health Director Paula Pelkes and a social worker for a students-only counseling opportunity that afternoon.

The two minors have been charged with juvenile delinquency - trespass. There wer no reported injuries.

"We take all security threats seriously," said Bloomfield Police Chief George Ricci that Thursday. "We'll ensure that the juveniles who unlawfully entered the school and disrupted the school day will face consequences."

MONTCLAIR - Neighbors who came to the Sept. 4 township zoning board of adjustment meeting over a South End townhouse proposal may have been thinking, "It's Deja-vu all over again!"

They may have been prompted by late fellow resident, baseball hall of famer and philosopher Yogi Berra's quote because Montclair Sky BNC, LLC's plan to replace 400 Orange Rd. with seven townhouses is a lot like the one the board had denied two decades ago. Montclair Sky would be replacing the now-vacant Wallwood Gardens with four townhouse buildings fronting Orange Road, Pleasant Way to its south and Ward Place to its north. Wallwood had added a second story and a greenhouse to the former service station. (The site is not to be confused with the ex-Shell/Pyramid station that is now an empty lot across Orange Road.)

The lot has Rosedale Cemetery across Pleasant and a small retail/commercial building across Orange but is otherwise surrounded by single family homes. Neighbor Janet Hurbert testified that she bought her house 20 years ago in part because 400 Orange Rd. is an R1 zone for single family houses.

Lee D. Klien, traffic engineer for the applicant, testified that the townhouses' vehicular entrance and exit would be on the Pleasant Way side. He calculated that the development would add three a.m. drive departures and four p.m. drive arrivals per workday.

Klien said he performed no additional traffic calculations because the townhouses would add less than 100 cars to Orange Road's traffic volume per week. Hurbert countered that Klien's report should have included NJTransit's 34M bus stop and nearby elementary school traffic.

The zoning board will resume Montclair Sky's hearing at its October meeting.

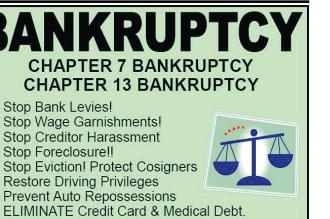
BELLEVILLE - A Funeral Mass was held for township official and lifelong Bellevilite Thomas D. Grolimond here at St. Peter's Church Sept. 16.

Grolimond, 63, had died Sept. 11 at Newark's University Hospital. He had retired from his long standing job as Township Inspector in January. He may be better remembered by those in and around Belleville for his public and civic service.

Grolimond was elected to the Belleville Board of Education Trustees, third out of a field of 10, in 2016, after an unsuccessful run in 2015. His single term through 2020 included being selected as Board President by his peers in 2019, helping to shepherd Belleville Public Schools through reforms to prevent a future \$4.5 million budget deficit as it had suffered in 2015. A bond consultant, in 2019, reported an improved bond rating as a result of the structural corrections.

During 2016-20, Grolimond doubled as Chairman of the Belleville Historic Commission. He represented the commission during several honorary street renaming ceremonies after Belleville veterans or historic figures. He was also a member of the Belleville Planning Board and, in 2014, on the council's transportation committee.

Outside of Town Hall and Board of Education offices., Grolimond was a member of the local Knights of Columbus





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Chapter 835 and, for five years, the Kiwanis Club. Born March 19, 1961 in Clara Maass Hospital, Grolimond graduated with the Belleville High School Class of 1979. He and wife Maria were godfather and godmother to godson Dominic Grolimond. Sister Susan Edelmann and several nephews and nieces are also among his survivors.



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