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The Warwick Wailers (above) from the Dionne Warwick Institute performed at the ceremony. Photos By Felicia Laguerre Owens



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*Editorial*  
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**Hello Readers,**

The U.S. Presidential Election is about three weeks away, and both candidates are almost tied in the polls. The Democrats and the Republicans are not budging in their opinion polls. However, we all should think about the country. Who can help the country?

The USA has the highest GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of 29. In 2023, USA lead the world with \$26.95 Billion followed by China with 17.78 Billion. This is followed by Germany, Japan, India, United Kingdom, France Italy, Brazil and Canada. The United States is leading in the world with \$80,041 per capita followed by Canada with \$53,250.

That is the reason the upcoming election on November 5, 2024 is a crucial election. We have power of money, power of ammunition and power of technology, but the wrong leader can ruin that power. To lead the world, we need a leader who can understand the problems of the world, but without interfering to solve the problems.

Kamala Harris is leading in the popular vote; however, she is tied in the battleground states according to some polls. However, the polls are so close that no one can clearly state who will win the election. Trump is leading in some polls, but there is an error margin of 3 to 5 percent, and none of the polls are outside of that margin.

President Trump announced that he will hold a rally at Madison Square Garden. On the surface, he would not really stand a chance to flip New York into voting for a Republican President. However, with the mounting frustration due to migrants, the turmoil of Mayor Eric Adams

and his administration, and the disapproval rating of NY Governor Kathy Hochul, he has a little chance. Also, even if he does not win New York, his presence could flip a House seat or two, which is important because if he becomes President again, it would be best to have the House and Senate under GOP control to streamline his agenda.

So, I appeal to every US citizen to not miss voting in this election. Every vote counts. One might think that with millions of votes, one vote might not have any value. However, each drop of water can fill a bucket of voter. Each vote combined with thousands will make a difference. If everyone thinks that their votes do not count, how can it be millions of votes cast. The 2000 Presidential Election was decided by less than 600 votes in Florida. The 2020 Presidential Election saw several states with less than 20,000 votes separating the candidates. If we are all united, we can pick the right person to lead us and our country. The

choice is yours, but please do not miss voting.

As I've heard, a group of people in Orange, New Jersey applied for a recalling councilperson Jamie Summers-Johnson. They applied for it on September 27, which was amended with the right spelling on October 3rd. They are also in the process of attempting to recall councilpersons Kerry Coley and Tency Eason as well.

From what I've heard, the township clerk must reply within 3 business days and include it in the council meeting agenda. I don't know if Ms. Joyce Lanier included it in the agenda or not, but she has not replied to the committee yet. City clerks are supposed to be neutral. However, when a clerk shows favoritism, the citizens of the town get affected. We live in a democracy, and when the people want something to be done, it must be done for the benefit of the people.

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

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# WALGREENS STORE MISSING ALL SHOPPING CARTS AND BASKETS ON WHEELS

By Lev D. Zilbermints

**NEWARK** - Something very weird is happening at the Walgreens Pharmacy located at 561 Irvington Avenue, Newark. No shopping carts at all. Only one basket on wheels in the entire store. This meant that customers had to bring their own bags and shopping carts.

Halloween is more than three weeks away, so you can rule out "Mischievous Night." So, were the carts and baskets stolen? Where is Sherlock Holmes to solve this mystery? This is the sort of thing one would find in *Weird New Jersey* magazine or *Odd News* column on the Yahoo webpage.

When "Local Talk" arrived at the Walgreens store about 1:30 p.m. on October 8, the store looked largely deserted. There were no shopping carts at all. Only one basket on wheels in the entire store. The pharmacy where medication was prescribed was closed for lunch. It reopened at 2:00 p.m.

Only a single cashier was behind the register. There were less than ten customers in the entire store. Customer traffic picked up a bit by the time "Local Talk" left.

This particular location of Walgreens is popular with residents of Ivy Hill Park Apartments and the nearby Maplewood/South Orange area due to easy access to medication, food, school supplies, photo developing, computer-related parts, hearing aid batteries and other necessities. Usually there is a long line of customers at Walgreens.

What happened to the shopping carts and baskets on wheels?

The million-dollar question is, what happened to the shopping carts and baskets on wheels?

"Local Talk" asked around to find out what happened to the missing carts and baskets. A store employee explained where the carts and baskets went. According to the employee, customers took all the shopping carts and baskets on wheels. There was only one



Photos By Lev D. Zilbermints

basket on wheels in the entire store.

The only shopping baskets left in the Walgreens store were the tiny ones in the beauty section. These were only large enough for one or two beauty products. Perhaps this would explain why these tiny baskets were left behind.

"Local Talk" checked out the parking lot outside Walgreens store. There was no sign of shopping carts or baskets on wheels.

Usually the store has a security guard. A sign by the entrance of the Walgreens stated, "Warning. This store is monitored 24 hours a day by an Interactive Security System."

Yet another sign stated, "Video Surveillance in progress. Theft prosecuted at Walgreens."

Technically, taking a shopping cart and not returning it could constitute stealing property. However, it would take a lot of effort and time to actually prove that the customer took the cart with malicious intent.

According to a 2020 post on Quora by Kai Williams, a former professional businesswoman, "...the carts aren't worth enough to either the store or the police to make a fuss. After all, they'd have to prove the person with the cart is the one who stole it and didn't just find it somewhere. So unless they catch the thief in the act, it's probably not worth the time and effort."

You can buy a shopping cart online or in a big supply store for

around \$175 which means each cart probably costs big stores and grocery chains \$50 or less each. Those losses are probably built into their operating costs anyway."

There are many unanswered questions in this case. First, if there is video surveillance, then it should be a simple matter to review footage and pick out the images of people who took the shopping carts and baskets. So, is anything being done about this?

Second, in a departure from normal routine, there was no security guard on duty. From experience, "Local Talk" is aware of a security guard being around in the evening. That is when there are a lot of customers. So the question is, what happened to the security guard? Because the absence of the security guard would explain the ease with which shopping carts and baskets on wheels went missing.

Third, did management or higher-ups in the chain of command make some bad decisions concerning store safety? Fourth, will the shopping carts and baskets on wheels be replaced anytime soon?



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# SPORTS WRAP

Photos By Felicia Laguerre Owens



By William Hathaway, Jr.

This past weekend in the city of Newark at the Prudential Center, the Brick City Boxing Classic was held. Boxers from the tri-state area took part on a card that featured 12 matches.

In the first bout, Justin Palmieri defeated Zachary Davis by unanimous decision in a

decision in a championship fight.

In the NFL, neither team made use of home field advantage at MetLife Stadium. First, the Giants found a way to lose to the Cincinnati Bengals 17-7. Then, on Monday Night Football, Aaron Rodgers might have connected on one of his patented Hail Mary passes at the



4 round exhibition. Next up was Irvington's Jean Pierre Valencia, who dropped Cory Jenkins in the first round to win a middleweight division match by knockout in this fight.

Other notable matches included Plainfield native KahShad Elliott earned a 2nd Round TKO win over Edwin Naichap in a junior middleweight division bout. Erasmo Rosado Jr. from Paterson knocked out Douglas Walsh in a 1st Round KO. Newark native Keith Colon knocked out Robert Munn from Houston. Another Newark native, Anthony Johns, beat Edwin Reves.

For the main event, Daniel Gonzalez from Woodhaven in Queens beat Newark's own Michael Anderson by unanimous

end of the first half, but threw a backbreaking interception in the second half, causing the Jets to lose to the Buffalo Bills 23-20. Rodgers and Gang Green will get help soon, as the team finalized a deal to acquire Davante Adams from the Raiders for a conditional draft pick.



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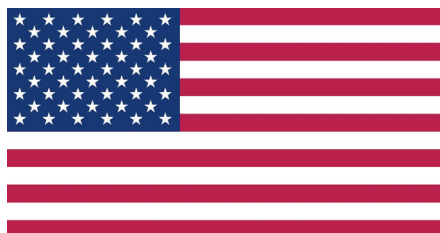


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**UNITED STATES**



**SYSTEM TO REMOVE INELIGIBLE VOTERS CHALLENGED**

The Justice Department announced on Oct. 11 that it has filed a lawsuit against the State of Virginia, Virginia State Board of Elections and Virginia Commissioner of Elections to challenge a systematic state program aimed at removing voters from its election rolls too close to the Nov. 5 general election in violation of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA).

Section 8(c)(2) of the NVRA, also known as the Quiet Period Provision, requires states to complete systematic programs aimed at removing the names of ineligible voters from voter registration lists no later than 90 days before federal elections. The Quiet Period Provision applies to certain systematic programs carried out by states that are aimed at striking names from voter registration lists based on a perceived failure to meet initial eligibility requirements - including citizenship - at the time of registration.

“As the National Voter Registration Act mandates, officials across the country should take heed of the law’s crystal clear and unequivocal restrictions on systematic list maintenance efforts that fall within 90 days of an election,” said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division.

“By cancelling voter registrations within 90 days of Election Day, Virginia places quali-

fied voters in jeopardy of being removed from the rolls and creates the risk of confusion for the electorate. Congress adopted the National Voter Registration Act’s quiet period restriction to prevent error-prone, eleventh hour efforts that all too often disenfranchise qualified voters. The right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy and the Justice Department will continue to ensure that the rights of qualified voters are protected.”

The Quiet Period is an important protection for voters, because systematic removal programs may be error-ridden, cause voter confusion and remove eligible voters days or weeks before Election Day who may be unable to correct the State’s errors in time to vote or may be dissuaded from voting at all. States may remove names from official lists of voters in various ways and for various reasons, but they may not carry on this kind of systematic removal program so close to a federal election.

On Aug. 7, the governor of Virginia signed an executive order requiring among other things that the commissioner of the Department of Elections certify that the Department of Elections was conducting “Daily Updates to the Voter List.” These updates included “compar(ing) the list of individuals who have been identified as non-citizens” by the State Department of Motor Vehicles “to the list of existing registered voters.”

Local registrars were then required to “notify any matches of their pending cancellation unless they affirm their citizenship within 14 days.” The letter directs recipients who are in fact U.S. citizens and eligible to vote to complete and return an Affirmation of Citizenship form. The notice informs voters that, if they do not respond to the notice within 14 days, they will be removed from the list of registered voters. This process has led to U.S. citizens having their voter registrations cancelled.

The process laid out in the executive order formalized an ongoing list maintenance procedure that has been carried out into the quiet period, including at least as recently as late September. This systematic voter removal program, which the

State is conducting within 90 days of the upcoming federal election, violates the Quiet Period Provision.

The Justice Department seeks injunctive relief that would restore the ability of impacted eligible voters to vote unimpeded on Election Day and would prohibit future quiet period violations. The department also seeks remedial mailings to educate eligible voters concerning the restoration of their rights and adequate training of local officials and poll workers to address confusion and distrust among eligible voters accused of being noncitizens.

Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division, U.S. Attorney Jessica Aber for the Eastern District of Virginia and U.S. Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh for the Western District of Virginia made the announcement.

Individuals who are eligible voters and believe that they may have been removed from the voter rolls as a result of Virginia’s systematic removal process should contact the Civil Rights Division’s Voting Section through the internet reporting portal at [civilrights.justice.gov](http://civilrights.justice.gov) or by telephone at 1-800-253-3931.

More information about voting and elections, including guidance documents and other resources, is available at [www.justice.gov/voting](http://www.justice.gov/voting). More information about the NVRA and other federal voting laws is available at [www.justice.gov/crt/voting-section](http://www.justice.gov/crt/voting-section).

The department recently announced a new guidance document addressing limits on when and how jurisdictions may remove voters from their voter lists. Complaints about discriminatory voting practices may be reported to the Civil Rights Division’s Voting Section through the internet reporting portal at [civilrights.justice.gov](http://civilrights.justice.gov) or by telephone at 1-800-253-3931.

**MASS SHOOTING UPDATE**

*Information recent as of 10-15-2024 at 12 p.m.*

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

- Total Mass Shootings: 485
- Total Dead: 575
- Total Wounded: 2017
- Shootings Per Day: 1.68
- Days Reached in Year 2024 as of October 15: 289

**WORLD BOMB SURVIVORS WIN NOBEL PEACE PRIZE**

**OSLO, Norway, Oct. 11, 2024 -**

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2024 to the Japanese organization Nihon Hidankyo. This grassroots movement of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, also known as Hibakusha, is receiving the Peace Prize for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again.

In response to the atomic bomb attacks of August 1945, a global movement arose whose members have worked tirelessly to raise awareness about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of using nuclear weapons. Gradually, a powerful international norm developed, stigmatizing the use of nuclear weapons as morally unacceptable. This norm has become known as “the nuclear taboo.”

The testimony of the Hibakusha - the survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - is unique in this larger context.

These historical witnesses have helped to generate and consolidate widespread opposition to nuclear weapons around the world by drawing on personal stories, creating educational campaigns based on their own experience, and issuing urgent warnings against the spread and use of nuclear weapons. The Hibakusha help us to describe the indescribable, to think the unthinkable, and to somehow grasp the incomprehensible pain and suffering caused by nuclear weapons.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee wishes nevertheless to acknowledge one encouraging fact: No nuclear weapon has been used in war in nearly 80 years. The extraordinary efforts of Nihon Hidankyo and other representatives of the Hibakusha have contributed greatly to the

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**WORLD NEWS**

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establishment of the nuclear taboo. It is therefore alarming that today this taboo against the use of nuclear weapons is under pressure.

The nuclear powers are modernizing and upgrading their arsenals; new countries appear to be preparing to acquire nuclear weapons; and threats are being made to use nuclear weapons in ongoing warfare. At this moment in human history, it is worth reminding ourselves what nuclear weapons are: the most destructive weapons the world has ever seen.

Next year will mark 80 years since two American atomic bombs killed an estimated 120 000 inhabitants of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A comparable number died of burn and radiation injuries in the months and years that followed. Today's nuclear weapons have far greater destructive power. They can kill millions and would impact the climate catastrophically. A nuclear war could destroy our civilization.

The fates of those who survived the infernos of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were long concealed and neglected. In 1956, local Hibakusha associations along with victims of nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific formed the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations. This name was shortened in Japanese to Nihon Hidankyo. It would become the largest and most influential Hibakusha organization in Japan.

The core of Alfred Nobel's vision was the belief that committed individuals can make a difference. In awarding this year's Nobel Peace Prize to Nihon Hidankyo, the Norwegian Nobel Committee wishes to honor all survivors who, despite physical suffering and painful memories, have chosen to use their costly experience to cultivate hope and engagement for peace.

Nihon Hidankyo has provided thousands of witness accounts, issued resolutions and public appeals, and sent annual delegations to the United Nations and a variety of peace conferences to remind the world of the pressing need for nuclear disarmament.

One day, the Hibakusha will no longer be among us as witnesses to history. But with a strong culture of remembrance and continued commitment, new generations in Japan are carrying forward the experience and the message of the witnesses. They are inspiring and educating people around the world. In this way they are helping to maintain the nuclear taboo - a precondition of a peaceful future for humanity.

The decision to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2024 to Nihon Hidankyo is securely anchored in Alfred Nobel's will. This year's prize joins a distinguished list of Peace Prizes that the Committee has pre-

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German airline would shell out a ton of money, think again.

On Oct. 15, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced a \$4 million penalty against Lufthansa for discriminating against Jewish passengers who were traveling from New York City through Frankfurt to Budapest in May 2022.

Based on the alleged misconduct of some passengers, Lufthansa prohibited 128 Jewish passengers most of whom wore distinctive garb typically worn by Orthodox Jewish men

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# SENATE CANDIDATE ANDY KIM VISITS NEWARK AND ELIZABETH

Photos Courtesy  
Local 108 RWDSU



By Walter Elliott

**NEWARK / ELIZABETH** - Five Academy Express shuttle bus drivers and their Newark Liberty International Airport passengers were surprised when Congressman and U.S. Senate candidate Andy Kim and Retail, Warehouse and Department Store Union leaders Charles N. Hall, Jr. and Stuart Appelbaum boarded first at Terminal B here.

Hall, of Maplewood-based Local 108, and Appelbaum, as union president from New York City, introduced Kim (D-Moorestown) as the RWDSU-endorsed candidate for Senate. Kim and his hosts just came from a roundtable discussion by the Newark-Elizabeth border with RWDSU shop stewards and members from several industries.

"We're going to negotiate for you on Friday," added Hall while he and the Kim party disembarked. He was referring to the talks with Academy Express for a new shuttle bus drivers contract that began on Oct. 11.

Local 108 had announced its support of Kim as early as the March 28 edition of "Local Talk." That was when Kim was perhaps best known outside of his district for challenging the county line election ballot in federal court - which he won.

Kim the maverick became the Democratic Party front runner after winning the June 4 statewide primary. With RWDSU and growing support, Kim is ramping up his presence prior to the Nov. 5 General Election.

"I've been crisscrossing the state, making myself and what I stand for known," said Kim after

leaving the last shuttle bus. "There are some Democrats who are not happy with me about the ballot case, which is still in court.

The State Legislature, as of Oct. 15, has yet to bring a bill which will replace the county line voting format with block voting - as printed on the Essex County Nov. 5 ballot.

Kim is vying with six other party or independent candidates to succeed the resigned Bob Menendez as New Jersey's junior Senator.

The married father of two had been visiting more Northern New Jersey cities since August, gathering endorsements and campaign funding along the way. His RWDSU roundtable at Twin City Supermarket that Wednesday morning.

Kim, flanked by Hall and Appelbaum, fielded questions from union members at the supermarket's second floor meeting room. About 25 union members, Kim's support staff and media from "Local Talk," NJ.com, WNYW Channel 5 and the "Philadelphia Inquirer" greeted him.

"Local Talk" figures that the room's bar came with the building, which started life as Twin City Arena Skating rink in 1940 and rolled through 1988. "Twin City" was kept as the supermarket's name after a group of grocers bought 1018 Sherman Ave., Elizabeth, in 1990.

The location, a half-block south of the Newark-Elizabeth border then as now, serves Newark's Dayton neighborhood and North Elizabeth.

What started as a room for birthday and other private parties and a musician's pre-concert prep

room (think Grandmaster Flash and the Furious 5 or Peter Frampton) is now used by the supermarket for special occasions like on Oct. 9.

The 12 industry reps and/or shop stewards were active or retired supermarket cashiers, bus drivers, auto mechanics, civil servants and nursing workers. They were as near as Newark-Elizabeth and as far as Morris County. They asked Kim mostly about workplace and economic questions for 40 minutes.

on a bill that would give a child care tax credit.

One of the closing speakers asked what he thought of the coarsening rhetoric between people, particularly while on the campaign trail.

"We have become a people addicted to rage," said Kim, a second-generation South Korean-American. "One of the reasons why I'm running is that I don't want my children growing up in that environment."

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A couple of speakers asked about high property taxes in context with inflation. One retired member said that he has to pay such taxes on his house, which is being repaired from a fire, and the rental apartment he has been living in.

Kim, on the federal level, said he favors repealing the \$10,000 State And Local Taxes (SALT) cap that the Donald J. Trump Administration had set.

One speaker asked about the cost of child care. The congressman and senatorial candidate replied that he noticed the cost on his salary while his children were young. He said that he is working

itorial Board, calling Kim "a clean break with the Garden State's oftentimes transactional form of politics," endorsed him Oct. 12. That plaudit follows Oct. 7's endorsement by NJ.com.

Hall, while at Newark Airport, said that some union members are going door to door to get out the vote. They knock on doors, explain who they are, urging residents to vote on or before Nov. 5 and explain why they are endorsing Kim.





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**NEWARK** - Customers who use the city's water supply and infrastructure, in light of a new monthly billing cycle enacted Sept. 16, have an interest amnesty until Oct. 31.

Newark Water and Sewer Director Kareem Adeem said that any customer who has an outstanding water bill balance has until the end of business on Halloween to pay it all off. Doing so will mean that the customer would be spared from paying an interest penalty.

"We created a temporary amnesty program to encourage customers who're in arrears to get a fresh start," said Adeem Sept. 16. "People who don't take advantage of this program, however, will find their unpaid balances in full - including back interest and penalties - transferred to water liens against their property."

The amnesty is in part to help customers adjust to Newark Water and sewer's new billing cycle, which started on Oct. 15. Customers will henceforth receive their water bills on or by the 15th of the month and have 15 days from reception to pay their bills.

"Interest and unpaid balances," said NW&S's statement, "will begin to accrue 30 days after the billing date."

"We're improving the system so customers will know exactly when to expect their bills, when to pay them and when they'll be subject to interest charges and

other penalties," added Adeem. "This way, the billing cycle is more transparent and user-friendly."

Water customers may have noticed higher than usual billing charges in August and September as part of the department's change to 15th of the month billing cycle. This may also affect those customers in Belleville's Silver Lake section and part of Hillside where Newark's infrastructure is used.

Questions and details for Newark Water and Sewer are found at [www.water.newarknj.gov](http://www.water.newarknj.gov) and/or its (973) 733-6370 customer service phone line.

**IRVINGTON** - A township man and his teenage accomplice were respectively held in separate detention facilities after their Oct. 9 arrest in Maplewood.

Aaron Ellis, 18, is being held in Elizabeth's Union County Jail after being charged by Maplewood police for possessing a handgun without a permit. He was remanded there because of an unrelated outstanding arrest warrant from the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The "17-year-old juvenile," as identified by MPD, was detained in a township jail cell until his release into a guardian's care.

Township officers were called to the area of Parker Avenue and Peachtree Road Oct. 9 on residents' calls of two youths cutting across their backyards.

They located and stopped Ellis and the 17-year-old based on residents' descriptions.

**EAST ORANGE** - City elders are telling their taxpayers that, by taking out \$16 million in loans to improve water supply infrastructure, will save them \$8.2 million.

Mayor Theodore "Ted" Green said, on Oct. 9, that the city is taking out the loans from the State of New Jersey's DEP and Infrastructure Bank joint low-interest rate program. East Orange will be repaying "I-Bank" the \$16 million over the loan's 27-year life.

East Orange, by going through the I-Bank, is saving \$8,282,448, or 52 percent, in project costs which compared to

what it would have attained by going to the commercial loan market.

"By borrowing from the Water Bank, we're able to revamp our water infrastructure while providing (a) substantial cost savings to our taxpayers," said Green. "Additionally, the creation of nearly 200 jobs to complete this project is an added benefit."

The 192 jobs the mayor is referring to would be found among project partners CME Associates, CP Engineers and Boswell Engineering plus contractors Faigon Electric, Shauger Property Services and VNL Inc.

The work entails upgrading the White Oak Ridge Pumping Station system and generator in Millburn, replacing water main and service line connections and large and small water meters. The loans will also pay for purchasing new billing software.

Project and water operations are administered by the East Orange Water Commission. The EOWC and CP posted a photo of the newly installed 2-Megawatt diesel backup generator at White Oak Ridge.

**ORANGE** - A mystery apparently resides here at 71 Cleveland St., since at least Oct. 10.

71 Cleveland has been listed as being available on six real estate websites since that Thursday. It is an 1889-built two story wood frame single family house listed as having four bedrooms, 5.5 bathrooms, a basement and, on most sites, going for \$850,000.

What had been giving website viewers a double take is an architectural drawing to the house photo's right and the following description:

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The drawing is the front view of a five-story apartment building, prompting people on the "Orange NJ - Real Talk" Facebook page to question whether

34 condo units can fit on the .31-acre site. The 1889 house, which would make way for the proposal, takes up 29,997 square feet.

The prospective building's preliminary and final site plan application has not been listed on any of the available Orange Planning Board 2024 agendas.

A phone message service for Ruian Zhu, agent for Jersey City's Alpha Metro Realty, was not set up as of 10:30 a.m. Oct. 15.

**WEST ORANGE** - A former Ron Jolyn Apartments resident, her two daughters and council candidate Joyce Rudin asked the Township Council Oct. 8 that the \$135,000 settlement given the township by its landlord should go directly to the 45 displaced residents instead.

"This settlement should go to the victims," said Christine Catalano that Tuesday night. "I appreciate that the township put out money for the residents. They were promised money until they were promised housing until they're fully rehoused."

The council had just unanimously approved the \$135,000 settlement with Ron Jolyn Realty and PS Realty to recover what they had spent on temporary housing and immediate needs between Sept. 2 and Dec. 31, 2021. West Orange had filed suit April 22, 2022.

Township officials sprang into action when they had learned that a landslide in the wake of Hurricane Ida Sept. 1 had pushed debris into the rear of Jolyn's two buildings at 275 Northfield Ave., displacing 45 families. Municipal officials used township money to evacuate and temporarily rehoused them until the budget item was exhausted.

Catalano pointed to the West Orange Zoning Board's permission for Seton Hall Prep to remove 1,000 trees on the bluff above the apartments as part of the school's playing field renovation. She believes that the trees, had they stayed, would have prevented water runoff from weakening the rock wall that cascaded into the apartments Sept. 2.

"This was something that was foreseen, was warned

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## DIONNE WARWICK HONORED AT STREET RENAMING CEREMONY



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The Dionne Warwick Street Renaming Ceremony on Friday, October 11th, was full of fanfare, as entertainment stars showed up to show their love and support for the songstress.

One of the day's many high-

lights was when veteran journalist Don Lemon coined his own melody in the theme of Ms. Warwick's hit, "What The World Needs Now, Is Love Sweet Love," singing, "What the world needs now is a street named Dionne. It's the only thing that's there's just too little

of!" It brought laughter from the intimate crowd gathered on City Hall's steps in East Orange.

Singer Melba Moore gave an inspired rendition of the Negro Spiritual "Wade In The Water," showing she still had skills by holding a long note for almost a minute. And Sony Music Mogul

Clive Davis, wearing a dapper royal blue suit, shared stories of his and Ms. Warwick's musical journey together.

But the day belonged to Ms. Dionne Warwick, who was serenaded by her namesake school's young students, the Warwick

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**DIONNE WARWICK HONORED** (Continued from page 12)

Photo By Felicia Laguerre Owens



Wailers, with melodies from her famous hits. However, Ms. Warwick showed the most emotion when she was roasted by her two sons, who had come to town just for the occasion.

Fans, stars, politicians, and the media then gathered at the intersection of City Hall Plaza and North Arlington Avenue for the moment they had all been waiting for: the unveiling of the street renamed Dionne Warwick Way. Mayor Ted Green assisted Ms. Warwick as they tugged on the string to reveal the name change. It was a good time had by all.

The event lightened the burden on her heart, as her famed relative Cissy Houston passed away a few days prior. Ms. Warwick will be inducted into this year's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame class.

**WORLD NEWS FLASH**

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from boarding their connecting flight in Germany. Despite many of the passengers not knowing each other nor traveling together, passengers interviewed by DOT investigators stated that Lufthansa treated them all as if they were a single group and denied them boarding for the alleged misbehavior of a few.

This penalty is the largest ever issued by DOT against an airline for civil rights violations.

"No one should face discrimination when they travel, and today's action sends a clear message to the airline industry that we are prepared to investigate and take action whenever passengers' civil rights are violated," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "From cracking down on long tarmac delays to ensuring passengers are properly refunded, our department has strengthened our enforcement efforts to hold airlines accountable for their treatment of passengers, and we will continue to push the industry to serve passengers with the fairness and dignity they deserve."

The Department received over 40 discrimination complaints from Jewish passengers who were ticketed to fly from John F. Kennedy airport in NYC (JFK), with a stop in Frankfurt, Germany (FRA), and an ultimate destination of Budapest, Hungary (BUD) in May 2022. DOT's investigation into the complaints concluded that Lufthansa prohibited 128 Jewish passengers from completing their travel to Budapest based on the alleged misbehavior of some or a few passengers on the first flight.

During the first flight, the captain alerted Lufthansa security that some passengers were failing to follow crew instructions and were connecting to another flight to Budapest, although Lufthansa later failed to identify any one passenger who failed to follow crewmember instructions.

The alert to security resulted on a hold being placed on over 100 passengers' tickets with a final destination of BUD, which then prevented passengers from boarding their next scheduled flight at FRA. All of the passengers with a hold placed on their ticket were Jewish.

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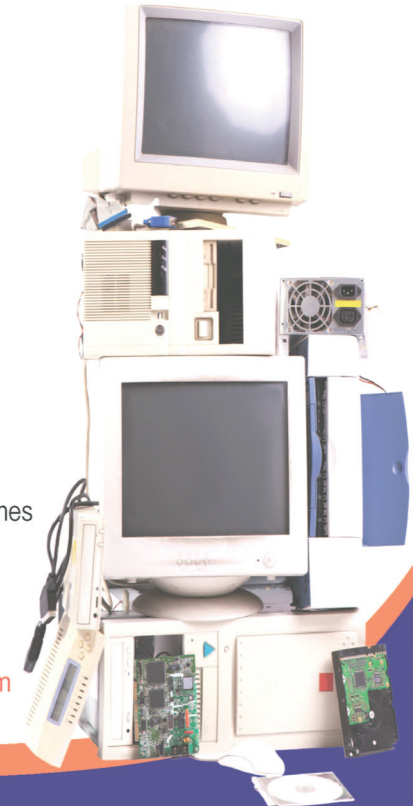
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All proposals must be made in accordance with the proposal format included in the RFP. A copy of the RFP with the evaluation criteria to be used to select the successful proposer and complete instructions for submitting the proposal can be obtained at the EOHA's office at the above address by calling 973-766-8896 or email your request to [dsimpkins@eoha.org](mailto:dsimpkins@eoha.org).

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Noncompliant individuals were not named, and Lufthansa staff recognized that the refusal to transport the entire group could result in the exclusion of passengers that had complied

with crew instructions on LH 401 but concluded it was not practical to address each passenger individually.

# CORRUPTION

OP / ED By Thomas Ellis II

When corruption rears its ugly head it's never a pretty picture.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams last week was indicted on several charges, and turned himself into the authorities on Friday, September 27, to be fingerprinted and to take a mugshot.

He is allegedly being accused of bribery, accepting lavish gifts from Turkey, being an unregistered foreign agent, corruption, and other charges which United States Southern District Attorney Damian Williams unsealed Thursday, September 26, 2024.

It's really a shame when politicians, with all their power, fame, influence, and money, get caught with their hand in the cookie jar.

The alleged charges against Mayor Adams date back to 2014 when he was Brooklyn Borough President dealing with Turkey up to his mayorship 2021 to 2024.

New York City Mayor Adams is being accused of taking money, trips, and fancy hotel accommodations from Turkey in return for doing favors for Turkey and assisting with getting the Turkish Consulate building open in downtown NYC. This happened even though the building had numerous code and fire

violations, and should have never opened up at the time.

During the past several weeks, the FBI has come down on five or six of the NYC mayor's top aides, and advisors, with NYPD Commish Eddie Caban being one of them. Weeks later, Caban hands in his resignation papers. Tim Pearson, one of the mayor's top aides and advisors who was responsible for giving out migrant contracts, was replaced.

New York City Schools Chancellor David Banks called it quits last week with his term ending December 2024. Mayor Adams already held a press conference to announce his replacement, not to mention on Thursday, September 26, at 6 am, the FBI raided Gracie Mansion.

Now, all of the charges against Mayor Adams are alleged, but when the FBI investigation involves your inner circle and staff starts jumping ship, it's not a good look.

Mayor Adams insists that he is innocent of all charges, and he has hired a high priced attorney to defend him, but many in the Big Apple, from several of his colleagues to residents of the city to people in Congress, are asking for his resignation and for him to step down.

One of the things that will bring a politician down faster than rain falling from the sky is bribery and corruption. The con-

stituents can take a lot from a politician, but when they are accused of taking money for favors or receiving lavish gifts, jewelry, cars, or front row tickets to sporting events, and fancy hotel stays, that's where the majority of the people want you out; that's where the rubber meets the road.

Mayor Adams is saying this is all happening to him because he started taking a stance against the White House, mainly his stance on the illegal immigrants that have been bused to NYC by the thousands by Texas Governor Abbott. Adams criticized the Biden Administration, saying that they sent NYC no money for relief or assistance to help with the influx of illegals being dropped off in the city.

Adams said that he's not going anywhere, and that he's still going to be mayor and continue to do the people's work. But that remain to be seen, and waiting in the wings in case the mayor has to step down is Jumaane Williams, the city's Public Advocate. He is next in line, and he's been holding his cards close to his vest.

NY Governor Hochul has yet to ask for the mayor to step down pretty much saying it's up to the mayor to figure out his next move, if he is serious about doing the people's business. As Governor, she has the power to remove him even if he does not step down.

The Reverend Al Sharpton scheduled a special meeting with several of New York's leaders to discuss the mayor's situation this week. He is also asking the Governor not to fire the mayor yet, and let the process play out.

Recently, Ingrid Lewis Martin, Eric Adams' advisor and confidant for 40 years, had her phones and devices taking away from her by the FBI when she returned from vacation from Japan. Her home was also raided by the FBI where they took boxes of materials from her home as evidence. Deputy Mohamed Bahi, who previously resigned, was also charged.

On Wednesday, October 2, Mayor Adams was back in court, with his lawyer is asking for a speedy trial. That said, the mayor could be facing more charges along with others. On October 8, 1st Deputy Mayor Sheena Wright resigned, as well as Deputy Mayor for Public Safety Phil Banks.

Other people in Adams' inner circle have been fired or even resigned. To top it all off, the majority of New Yorkers want him to step down.

The bottom line here is that Mayor Adams is innocent until proven guilty, but it doesn't look good for the mayor.

**TOWN WATCH** (Cont. from pg. 10)

against, was preventable," said Catalano.

**SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD**

- The South Orange-Maplewood School District is working with Maplewood authorities on how to prevent a future pedestrian versus car collision like the one that happened at Prospect Street and Oakland Avenue Oct. 7.

Maplewood police were called to that intersection about a pedestrian strike at 7:52 a.m. that Monday. That morning rush hour was like most others, with pedestrians walking to school or work along with similarly destined motorists and bikers.

They arrived to find two jun-

ior high school-aged students and a motorist who had been traveling south on Prospect. The two girls, who were part of a Maplewood Middle School walking group, had their parents arrive at the scene.

One 13-year-old girl and her parent were taken to a local hospital for treatment of a broken ankle. The other girl's parent refused any medical treatment. The driver is to go to South Orange-Maplewood Municipal Court to answer summonses for failure to yield to a pedestrian and careless driving.

Prospect and Oakland traffic were forced to detour around the accident scene, causing a "chaotic" student drop off scene at Columbia High School some three blocks northwest. MMS is

about a half-mile to the intersection's southwest.

The Maplewood Township Committee fielded short- and long-term solutions at its Oct. 9 engineering, public works and planning subcommittee meeting. Whether to deploy school crossing guards at the intersection at their Oct. 9 public safety committee meeting.

Motorists and pedestrians were greeted Oct. 10 with the following changes in the intersection:

- "Traffic calming" traffic cones to restrict and allow travel.
- More pedestrian crossing signs along Prospect between Parker Avenue and Tuscan Street.

- A vehicle speed sign along Prospect for the next three weeks.
- Increased traffic enforcement along Prospect.

More permanent improvements from the Oct. 8-9 meetings are to be announced.

**BLOOMFIELD** - A township man who is currently in the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in Freehold on a child luring charge since his Sept. 18 arrest.

How long Jonar I. Arenas, 48, will not be away from home is a matter of jurisprudence. He has been charged since his arrest in Freehold with second-degree attempted sexual assault of a mi-

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**TOWN WATCH**

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nor and third-degree attempted endangering the welfare of a child.

Monmouth County Prosecutor Raymond S. Santiago said, on Sept. 19, that the investigation within his office's High Tech Bureau in August. A bureau detective, who was acting undercover, said that he was contacted on a social media app by a user. That user, later identified as Arenas, continued discussions and "attempted to set up a sexual encounter with a person who he believed was a 14-year-old boy."

Arenas, said Santiago, "was arrested without incident." A preliminary Superior Court-Freehold hearing date was not announced. He may face five to 10 years' imprisonment, Megan's Law registration as a sex offender and parole supervision for life should he either plead guilty or is found guilty by a jury.

The incident's investigation continues.

**MONTCLAIR** - Township administrators have started a 120-day period for Lackawanna Plaza's current owner to show them what can really be done with the former Pathmark shopping plaza and historic Lackawanna Terminal.

Attorney Anne Barbineau, representing BPD Holdings, LLC and Managing Director David Placek, explained before the Township Council Sept. 24 what they and township administrators have agreed with them for a Lackawanna Plaza redevelopment plan.

BPD has first agreed to adhere to the Lackawanna Plaza Redevelopment Zone Plan the Council had passed in October 2023. BPD next has to show the council some site plan details, from the location of plazas to what the real estate investment group's public commitment will look like. Local redevelopment and housing law commits BDP to present a preliminary and final site plan application to the Montclair Planning Board on or before June 1.

BPD and Placek, both of Montclair, bought Lackawanna Plaza from a prior redevelopment group in 2021. They had proposed on Feb. 12 the Iris at 641 Bloomfield Ave. - a five-story, 130,000-square foot office building that would replace a long-standing warehouse and a row of vacant stores between Valley Road and Midland Avenue.

Montclair's elders' October 2023 redevelopment zone is asking for a developer to include up to 300 mixed income housing units, office space plus retail-commercial stores without compromising Lackawanna Plaza's national and state historic register status. The township is hoping that the third time in 40 years will

be the charm for the landmark location.

The first redeveloper converted the 1912 Lackawanna Terminal and train platforms into an award-winning "Pathmark Plaza" design. The supermarket entered bankruptcy liquidation in 2016, starting a retail exodus that leaves only a restaurant open in the terminal/anchor store.

The Pinnacle and Hampshire redevelopment proposed attracting a new supermarket by opening up the railroad platforms and moving some of its support pillars for greater street level access. Legal challenges bogged down that proposal.

**BELLEVILLE** - A Belleville Public Schools elementary teacher and district officials may find themselves in New Jersey Superior Court-Newark testifying on their treatment of a seven-year-old boy.

The boy's parents, as per their recent superior court filing, accuse his School No. 4 teacher of having to eat his lunch in the parking lot outside of the building one February 2023 day. It was one of a claimed train of bullying and harassment incidents by teachers and the students' classmates for two school years.

The parents and their attorney said that the boy was being mocked for his Latino heritage and his health condition, resulting in bad grades. The mother said that she tried to speak with his teacher and the principal - but was instead intercepted by a person "from the superintendent's office at their home, who said the mother could no longer enter the school to pick him up."

A doctor had diagnosed the boy as having "maladjustment disorder due to his being bullied allowed by the school and fostered by his stigmatization.

The parents, as plaintiffs, want a jury trial to prove "institutional abuse, negligence, retaliation and failure to properly supervise and reprimand staff."

School 4, 30 Magnolia St., is in the Silver Lake section. It used to house a Belleville Library branch for many years.

**NUTLEY** - A memorial for Nutley Little Theater and Nutley Rotary mainstay Janis Wolfe was set for Oct. 17 here at the Biondi Funeral Home. Wolfe, 72, died suddenly here Oct. 10.

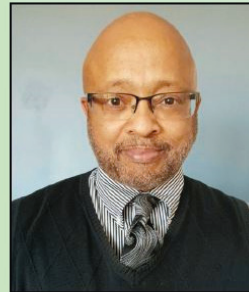
Wolfe was a 32-year Rotary club member who was on her third term as its president as of Oct. 9. She was similarly involved with the community theater, most consistently as its historian and social chairwoman.

Born Janis Ann Falk in Newark Presbyterian Hospital June 5, 1952, she left Nutley only for Rutgers' Douglass College to attain a bachelor's degree in American Studies 1970-74. The Nutley High School Class of 1970 graduate earned a

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Juris Doctorate degree from Newark's Seton Hall School of Law in 1980.

Falk, who married first husband Jeffrey J. Wolfe in 1982, was an attorney for the federal Small Business Administration's Newark office. She later joined Ann Greenburg's Fairfield practice as the firm's Chapter XIII bankruptcy standing trustee.

Wolfe, noted as being a group's "Voice of Reason," more than embraced Rotary's "Service Above Self" slogan upon her 1992 membership. She was its president 1998-99, 2013-14 and 2023-34 and a district assistant governor. Wolfe received several Paul Harris Awards, named after Rotary International's founder.

Wolfe took on most any task with NLT - from the backstage and as its president to acting.

Second husband Frank, son Joshua Wolfe and sister Diane Falk-Romaine are among her survivors. First husband Jeffrey died April 14, 2017.



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