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## LOCAL TOWNS MULL OVER NEW HOUSING QUOTAS

By Walter Elliott

**NEWARK** - Municipal officials here and at the 11 other "Local Talk" area towns have been considering the Council of Affordable Housing's latest dwelling requirement quotas since the N.J. Department of Community Affairs division's Oct. 21. release.

Mayors, planners and zoning officers are looking over the first new COAH numbers in 25 years and how they can meet those new numbers for the next 10 years. They have until January to tell the state whether they can meet the new obligations or want to challenge the formula and/or the numbers.

COAH has calculated that New Jersey needs 146,000 affordable housing units to meet statewide demand; 65,000 units to be built or rehabilitated now and another 81,000 on or by 2035.

All 12 local towns need an overall 11,098 units to be built or rehabilitated in the next 10 years; 9,881 now and another 1,217 by 2035.

COAH was formed decades ago in the wake of 10 New Jersey Supreme Court "Abbott vs. Burke" rulings dating back to 1974. The state's justices, in short, ruled that Mount Laurel's zoning laws, which help generate school property taxes, went against the concept of "a thorough and efficient education."

The "Abbott" (family) vs. (Education Commissioner) Burk rulings resulted in the state awarding the 30 neediest public school districts greater shares of state education aid by a per student tuition formula. This is why 75 percent of Newark Public Schools' budget comes from the state - and Irvington, East Orange and Orange receive substantial shares.

COAH was formed under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act to redress the housing and zoning parts of Abbott vs. Burke. Keep in mind that the state's housing shortage has been several decades in the making.

The DCA division set dwelling unit obligations on a formula considering a municipality's population, square mile area, vacant land, median household income, among other factors.

One COAH rule that remains is that a municipality can count rehabilitated housing stock towards their obligation - but only up to half the quota. It is not clear as of press time whether a town can make an agreement with another town to build some of their new housing to make the first town's quota.

COAH has created a new second category - capped prospective need. This category is what the state agency projects as requiring changing zoning laws to meet 2035 obligations.

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## NEWARK REPLACES PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

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Former Public Safety  
Director Fritz Frage



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*Editorial*  
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*Hello Readers,*

President-elect Donald Trump has been very busy in setting up his Cabinet. Among the most prestigious of appointments is Secretary of State, which will likely be Florida Senator Marco Rubio. Due to the wars in the world, it is critical to pick the right candidate for world affairs.

When President Obama picked Hillary Clinton, the whole world did not have faith in the United States of America, as several wars were going on. The former First Lady and New York Senator had very good connections and relations with world leaders, especially with the support of her husband, President Bill Clinton. There was a feeling she would those resources and stop the wars and bring back dignity and respect

for the U.S.

In the same way, right now the world does not have trust in America. Our foreign policy is lopsided. The U.S. is a world leader, but the respect is not there right now. When things go bad, the U.S. pays a lot of money for other nations to defend themselves. Maybe Rubio can fix the problem.

In addition to Rubio, Trump has also picked former acting ICE Director and a very tough man Tom Homan as border czar, Kristy Noem as Homeland Security Secretary, Pete Hegseth as Defense Secretary, Elise Stefanik as our UN Ambassador, Mike Huckabee as our Ambassador to Israel, and John Ratcliffe as CIA Director. Maybe his most critical appointment was Susie Wiles as his Chief of Staff. She will be the first woman to ever serve in that capacity.

Meanwhile, in the NY Hush Money case, Judge Merchan paused proceedings to see how prosecutors want to play it after the Supreme Court ruling on Presidential Immunity. For whatever reason, Merchan wants to keep Trump as a "convicted felon" and not let the nation move on.

Helping Trump in his mission to "make America great again" is a Republican controlled Senate with at least 53 seats, and retained authority in the House, as per the GOP. This will allow Trump to have a say in legislation and spending, eliminating departments, such as removing the Department of Education as he has said, and judicial appointments - including the Supreme Court.

As for Trump's opponent in the election, reports have come out that despite raising over \$1 billion for her campaign, Kamala Harris' team ended up \$20 million in debt. Among the items allegedly paid for were appearances by Beyonce and other celebrities, including money paid to Oprah Winfrey's production company for a "town hall." Perhaps the most alarming expense was for a podcast, in which they were said to have built a little studio for a \$100,000 price tag. What a case of mismanagement! It looks like the nation dodged a bullet by not electing her. Meanwhile, Trump's campaign, which had raised far less, ended up with a surplus.

Haiti has been hit by unrest. First, a transition council re-

moved Prime Minister Garry Conille. Now, flights from the U.S. to Haiti has been suspended 30 days because a plane flying there was shot at and had to be diverted. Hopefully, it will get better soon, as gangs have made a mess there.

Newark has seen some changes, as Emmanuel Miranda, Sr. will serve as Acting Director of Public Safety, following outgoing director Fritz G. Frage, who resigned. Miranda will oversee Newark's police and fire divisions, the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. In a press release, Mayor Baraka said great things about Miranda, but said nothing kind about Frage, who dutifully served the city in its key public safety role. That was unusual, as people who serve usually get a thank you or something like that.

**Breaking News - Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy have been tapped to lead the Department of Government Efficiency, or "DOGE." Wow.**

*Have a wonderful week.*

*I'll talk to you next week.*

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# MILITARY HONORED IN VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE CEREMONY

NEWARK - Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. hosted the 15th Annual Essex County Veterans Day Observance in Essex County Veterans Memorial Park in Newark on Friday, November 8th.

During the ceremony, the County Executive presented Essex County Community Star Awards to Ivette Caban from East Orange who served in the Army, Montclair Police Lt. Tyrone Williams, Jr. who served in the Army, Willy Tolba who currently is a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy Reserve and is a veteran of the Navy, and Carol Ann Malcolm Lynsung from Montclair who served in the U.S. Air Force and is a member of the Essex County Veterans Advisory Board.

“Throughout our country’s history, brave men and women have put their lives on hold to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces at home and abroad. Our Essex County Veterans Memorial Park was created to provide our veter-

ans with a place to find serenity and comfort and provide a constant reminder to the public about their contributions and sacrifices,” DiVincenzo said. “We are proud to stand with our veterans at this important occasion, give them our respect and thank them for representing our country with valor and bravery. Our honorees this year demonstrate their commitment to public service by working as County employees and helping us continue Putting Essex County First,” he added.

East Orange resident Ivette Caban served in the Army for 10 and a half years and currently works for Catholic Charities and the New Jersey SOS veterans’ stakeholder group that is working to end veteran homelessness. The plaque that was presented to her states: “As a senior in high school, Ivette Caban enlisted in the U.S. Army and honorably served for 10 and a half years.

“Helping others always was a passion for Ivette, so after her dis-



Photo By Glen Frieson

charge, she joined Catholic Charities and the New Jersey SOS veterans’ stakeholders’ group, where she has continued her service by helping homeless veterans find permanent housing and connect them with the services and support that they deserve. Ivette also has traveled abroad to El Salvador, Nicaragua, Columbia, the Dominican Republic and Peru where she has volunteered to build churches and assist missionaries help the less fortunate. She is now answering a higher calling by becoming the pastor of her own church. We thank Ivette for all that she has given through her military service, public service and religious service.”

“Serving in the military is one of the greatest honors I have experienced besides being a mother. I want to continue to serve our community and help those in need because it is very rewarding,” Caban said.

Montclair resident Carol Ann Malcolm Lynsung served in the Air Force and currently is a Family Services Worker with the Essex County Division of Family Assistance and Benefits and a member of the Essex County Veterans Advisory Board. The plaque presented to her states: “Carol Ann Malcolm Lynsung was stationed in Texas and Wyoming during her service with the U.S. Air Force.

“After her honorable discharge, she embarked on a career as an educator, starting as a substitute teacher and teacher’s as-

sistant before working for Essex County College and Rutgers University-Newark conducting orientation sessions for new students and assisting students with disabilities. She changed her trajectory in 2002 when she joined the Essex County Division of Family Assistance and Benefits (formerly Welfare).

“As a Family Service Worker, Carol Ann has worked with clients of all ages and helped them with all aspects of their economic and social problems. Proud of her military service, Carol Ann continues to represent those who served as a member of our Essex County Veterans Advisory Board.”

Willy Toba is a Navy Veteran who is continuing his service in the Navy Reserves. He works in the Office of Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill. The plaque presented to him states: “Willy Tolba has served in the Navy at sea and on land. Afloat, he was stationed aboard the fast attack submarine USS Pasadena and made one deployment to the western Pacific and completed an entire engineered overhaul at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Maine.

“Ashore, he has been responsible for training and preparing our next generation of nuclear operators while also supervising the operation and maintenance of a nuclear reactor and steam plant. When he completed his last tour, he transitioned to the

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# SPORTS WRAP



Photos By Felicia Laguerre Owens



By William Hathaway, Jr.

The college basketball season has started in full force, and Seton Hall found out that it will not be easy. Fordham guard Jackie Johnson had 18 points, 3 rebounds and a last minute game winning shot to lead the Rams to a 57-56 upset on the road at Walsh Gym. Will Jackson added 11 points and 8 rebounds for Fordham.

show up. Gotham will play in an upcoming semifinal round game on the road against the Washington Spirit this coming weekend

The New Jersey high school state playoffs are underway, and the Shabazz Bulldogs will travel to an undefeated 11-0 Bernards team. Shabazz came off a big road victory against a good Westwood High team 14-6.



Leading the Pirates was Prince Aligbe with 10 points and seven rebounds. Seton Hall was hurt by turnovers with 15 turnovers, while Fordham had 14 of their own. SHU shot only 43 percent in the first half and five lead changes in the clutch. The Pirates outrebounded Fordham 37-34.

In other local area sports, Gotham FC hosted their first ever playoff game at Red Bulls Stadium, and got a big win over the #6 seed Portland Thorns. The venue had 15,540 fans

Meanwhile, East Orange beat a tough Ridgewood team 14-3. They will play on the road at rival West Orange, who blanked Piscataway 31-0 at home. The sectional final is this Friday at 7 pm with East Orange at 8-2 on the season and West Orange holding at 9-2.

In the NFL, the Giants went over to Germany and lost to the Panthers 20-17 after RB Tyrone Tracy fumbled in overtime. As for the Jets, they went out to Arizona and got grounded 31-6. Both NY teams are in last place.



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**UNITED STATES**



**MEN CHARGED IN ASSASSINATION PLOTS**

On Nov. 8, Farhad Shakeri, 51, of Iran; Carlisle Rivera, also known as Pop, 49, of Brooklyn, New York; and Jonathon Loadholt, 36, of Staten Island, New York, were charged in a criminal complaint in connection with their alleged involvement in a plot to murder a U.S. citizen of Iranian origin in New York. Rivera was arrested in Brooklyn, New York, and Loadholt was arrested in Staten Island, New York. Shakeri remains at large and is believed to reside in Iran. Rivera and Loadholt made their initial appearance in the Southern District of New York yesterday and were ordered detained pending trial.

“There are few actors in the world that pose as grave a threat to the national security of the United States as does Iran,” said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. “The Justice Department has charged an asset of the Iranian regime who was tasked by the regime to direct a network of criminal associates to further Iran’s assassination plots against its targets, including President-elect Donald Trump. We have also charged and arrested two individuals who we allege were recruited as part of that network to silence and kill, on U.S. soil, an American journalist who has been a prominent critic of the regime. We will not stand for the Iranian regime’s attempts to endanger the American people and America’s national security.”

According to the complaint and other public statements and

filings, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran (the Government of Iran) is actively targeting nationals of the United States and its allies living in countries around the world for attacks, including assault, kidnapping, and murder, both to repress and silence dissidents critical of the Iranian regime and to take vengeance for the January 2020 death of then-Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Qods Force (IRGC-QF), Qasem Soleimani, who was killed by a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad.

The IRGC is an Iranian military and counterintelligence agency under the authority of Iran’s Supreme Leader, comprised of components including an external operations force, the IRGC-QF, and has been designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the U.S. Secretary of State since April 15, 2019. The IRGC has publicly stated its desire to avenge the death of Soleimani, and, among its activities, the IRGC plots and conducts attack operations outside Iran targeting U.S. citizens residing in the United States and abroad.

Shakeri is an IRGC asset residing in Tehran, Iran. Shakeri immigrated to the United States as a child and was deported in or about 2008 after serving 14 years in prison for a robbery conviction. In recent months, Shakeri has used a network of criminal associates he met in prison in the United States to supply the IRGC with operatives to conduct surveillance and assassinations of IRGC targets. Two members of Shakeri’s network are his co-defendants, Loadholt and Rivera.

At Shakeri’s instruction, Loadholt and Rivera have spent months surveilling a U.S. citizen of Iranian origin residing in the United States (Victim-1). Victim-1 is an outspoken critic of the Iranian regime and has been the target of multiple prior plots for kidnapping and/or murder directed by the Government of Iran. In exchange for Shakeri’s promise of \$100,000, Rivera and Loadholt repeatedly sought to locate Victim-1 for murder.

During their efforts to locate and kill Victim-1, Shakeri, Loadholt, and Rivera shared messages about their progress

and photographs relating to their scheme. For example, in or about February 2024, Rivera and Loadholt messaged about an incoming payment from Shakeri, and then traveled to Fairfield University, where Victim-1 was scheduled to appear, and took photographs on campus. In or about April, Shakeri sent Rivera a series of voice notes discussing their efforts to locate and kill Victim-1.

In addition, according to statements made by Shakeri in recorded interviews with law enforcement agents, the IRGC has also tasked Shakeri with carrying out other assassinations against U.S. and Israeli citizens located in the United States. In particular, Shakeri has informed law enforcement that he was tasked on Oct. 7, 2024, with providing a plan to kill President-elect Donald J. Trump.

Shakeri, Rivera, and Loadholt have all been charged with murder-for-hire, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison; conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison; and money laundering conspiracy, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Shakeri has also been charged with conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison; providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison; and conspiracy to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and sanctions against the Government of Iran, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. If convicted, a federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

The FBI New York Field Office is investigating the case. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection New York Field Office and Drug Enforcement Administration New York Division assisted in the investigation.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jacob H. Gutwillig and Michael Lockard and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Julie Isaacson for

the Southern District of New York, Trial Attorneys Dmitry Slavin of the National Security Division’s Counterterrorism Section, and Christopher Rigali and Leslie Esbrook of the National Security Division’s Counterintelligence and Export Control Section are prosecuting the case.

A complaint is merely an allegation. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

**MASS SHOOTING UPDATE**

*Information recent as of 11-12-2024 at 12 p.m.*

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

- Total Mass Shootings: 522
- Total Dead: 623
- Total Wounded: 2177
- Shootings Per Day: 1.65
- Days Reached in Year 2024 as of November 12: 317

**GAZA**



**DESPERATION TAKES HOLD IN REGION**

Dead bodies are lying in the streets of besieged northern Gaza while hospitals run out of blood packs - a situation that’s “nothing short of catastrophic,” the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) said on Nov. 12.

Briefing reporters in Geneva from central Gaza, UNRWA senior emergency officer Louise Wateridge warned that amid looming famine in the Gaza Strip and as winter approaches, those forcibly displaced are sleeping on the floor in makeshift shelters surrounded by sewage.

“We are extremely concerned when the rains come to the Gaza Strip, what will happen to 500,000 people who are in areas of flooding?” she said.

Ms. Wateridge stressed that the volume of aid currently entering the war-torn enclave is “the lowest in months,” with an

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# HUNDREDS OF OFFICERS HONOR FALLEN HEROES AT ANNUAL BLUE MASS

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**NEWARK** - The Archdiocese of Newark honored the dedication and sacrifices of all active, retired, and deceased New Jersey law enforcement personnel at the 31st Annual Blue Mass on Nov. 7 in Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, presided over the liturgy, which featured a solemn procession of police honor guard units, bagpipers, and drummers.

This year Lieutenant Governor Tahesha Way, Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin, and numerous other dignitaries joined hundreds of law enforcement officials and loved ones from throughout the state to pray for nine police officers who died in the line of

duty: New Jersey State Police Trooper Marcellus E. Bethea, Sayreville Police Captain William Gawron, Elizabeth Police Sergeant Michael "Zini" Kurinzi, Port Authority Police Captain Richard L. Ruiz Sr., Port Authority Police Captain John M. Collins, Port Authority Police Officer David J. Lee, Port Authority Police Officer Anthony J. Mezzacappa, Port Authority Police Officer John M. Cortazzo, and New Jersey Transit Police Inspector Robert Noble. Additionally, Millburn Police Officer Luke Lyons and Fairfield Police Detective James Ciampi - two police officers who passed away outside of duty - were recognized for their years of commitment to law enforcement.

In his homily, Cardinal Tobin commended the police for embodying what Jesus proclaimed was the greatest love of all - to lay down one's life for one's friends. But the cardinal said it is not enough just to thank law enforcement for their efforts. Instead, he said everyone should ensure officers' sacrifices are not made in vain.

"Our presence today is a commitment to work with you to leave this world a better place than we found it," Cardinal Tobin said, adding that all must "walk the talk that rejects violent deeds or vicious rhetoric. And today, especially, (we must) share with you what we have found... the Light that no darkness can overcome."



## HOUSING QUOTAS

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"Local Talk" area towns are asking themselves if they can meet the obligations, consider changing their zoning or appeal to COAH and/or the courts. to modify the formula.

Some towns, like Maplewood and Montclair, have been thinking of allowing garages and carriage houses to become new dwellings.

Millburn entered the news because the assigned developer wants to build 125 CO-

AH units near the town center - and township officials want them more scattered in the township. A Superior Court judge had recently ruled that Millburn has to "get on with it."

With the Oct. 21 quotas, Newark has been assigned the largest present need share at 4,630 - the largest in the state. Paterson is second at 3,966. Newark, however, has no capped prospective need (CPN) quota to make.

Of the other "Local Talk" towns by Immediate Need and CPN:

IRVINGTON: 1,404, zero.

EAST ORANGE: 1,850, zero  
ORANGE: 678, zero.  
WEST ORANGE: 409,660.  
SOUTH ORANGE: 20, 163.  
MAPLEWOOD: 20, 216.  
BLOOMFIELD: 329, zero.  
MONTCLAIR: 132, zero.  
GLEN RIDGE: Zero, 178.  
BELLEVILLE: 324, zero.  
NUTLEY: 85, zero.

Municipalities are to tell COAH in January: "We can make it," "We need some formula help," or "No way - see you in court."



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**ORANGE TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
MUNICIPAL GRANT CONSULTANT**

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**MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

1. The firm must have at least five (5) years experience in providing the grant consulting services referenced herein.
2. The firm must provide a list of other public entity clients, which the firm either in the past or present has represented with favorable outcomes.
3. Any firm associate who may handle the municipality's grant consulting services must have an identifiable supervisor or managing partner who will be responsible for direct oversight and assistance to the consultant and the municipality.
4. The consulting firm must have a bona fide office in the State of New Jersey.
5. The consulting firm must have a representative available to meet with municipality department heads or appointed person(s) to prep for grant submissions and post grant determination conferences.

**EXAMPLES OF CONSULTING ACTIVITIES**

1. Coordinates with the Business Administrator's Office in the research, acquisition, and follow-up of County, State and Federal grant programs that support the City's functions, goals, and objectives.
2. Meets with the Department Heads, or their designees, on a regular basis to review current grant funding activities to ensure that application deadlines are met.
3. Prepares specific applications for grant funds and provides technical assistance to municipal representatives regarding grant applications to improve their chances for success.
4. Maintains an inventory of all grant activity and prepares a monthly status report of all current and pending grants.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

1. The City of Orange Township reserves the right to enter into a flat fee arrangement, or a percentage fee arrangement on the basis of grants secured by the grant consultant for grant applications that have been authorized by the City.
2. The firm must certify that none of its principles or associates has any conflict of interest in providing such services to the City of Orange Township.

**SUBMISSION OF QUALIFICATIONS**

Respondents must submit an original and five (5) copies of their qualifications to the designated contact person.

City of Orange Township  
Department of Administration  
29 North Day Street  
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Attention: Christopher Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
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**NEWARK** - City residents and most first responders awoke Nov. 12 to Newark Police Division Chief Emmanuel Miranda, Sr., as Acting Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Ras Baraka, in a Nov. 8 announcement, temporarily promoted Chief Miranda, the city's top uniform cop, to public safety director - the department's top civilian post. Miranda, for now, oversees Newark's police and fire divisions, the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Miranda succeeds outgoing director Fritz G. Frage, who had reportedly tendered his resignation at the Nov. 7 Municipal Council meeting. His notice may have been a "late starter" agenda item that did not make Thursday afternoon's posted agenda.

Details on the how and why of Frage's departure remain unclear in part because it came on the verge of the Veteran's Day weekend. Frage came here from the New Jersey State Police as its Investigations Branch in August 2022.

It is not clear if Frage is outright retiring, based on his serving the State Police for 24 years.

It is also not clear whether Miranda, who was sworn onto NPD in 2001, will be considered to become a full-time director. Sharonda Morris, who started

out as a Western Division foot patrol officer in 1998, has been meanwhile named on newarkpublicsafety.org as the new police chief.

**IRVINGTON / WEST ORANGE** - There are 366 reasons why the owner of his self-named tax preparation business in both townships and his native Milford, Pa. will be away from those offices forever.

Michael Ewell, Sr. - who owns Ewell Tax Centers at 1200 Clinton Ave., Irvington and 59 Main St. - Suite 341, West Orange - is currently serving a one year and one day sentencing imposed Oct. 29 by a federal judge in Newark.

Ewell had pleaded guilty earlier this year to a count each of willfully subscribing to a false tax return and aiding or assisting in preparing a false tax return.

He was accused, according to the IRS Newark Field Office, of filing 157 tax returns with false information 2015-22. It is not immediately clear whether the falsifications were made at one, two all three of his tax offices.

The dummied-up business expenses, charitable donations, educational credits and itemized deductions resulted in \$824,835 in ill-gotten gain for Ewell's clients. He now faces \$536,581 in IRS restitution.

Ewell, when released, will no longer prepare anyone's returns other than his own.

**EAST ORANGE** - A city man will be spending the holidays in Newark's Essex County Correctional Center until his scheduled Jan. 10 sentencing before Superior Court Judge John I Gizzo.

Thomas Jonson, 31, has been there since a Superior Court-Newark jury told Gizzo Oct. 31 that they had found him guilty of aggravated assault and weapons possession in relation to an incident in Newark's Central Ward Nov. 2, 2021.

The jury found Johnson guilty of following the three

workers and their construction truck from Home Depot at 399-443 Springfield Ave. that Tuesday about six blocks west to 676-680 South 14th St. - and assaulted them at that work site.

The three workers were unloading their supplies and mounted a ladder to the single-story building's roof when they testified that Johnson approached them with a drawn handgun.

Johnson kicked down the ladder, leaving the first worker stranded and then pistol whipped the second. He fired six shots at the third which missed him but struck the truck.

Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore "Ted" Stephens II said, on Oct. 31, that witness accounts and Home Depot and on-site surveillance recordings had identified the perpetrator as Johnson. The jury deliberated on Oct. 30-31 before reaching their verdicts.

**NOTICE: The East Orange Police Department has been advising homeowners Since Nov. 9 that they should immediately call them at (973) 266-5041 immediately should they hear someone kicking their door. Although the Tik Tok "door kicking challenge" has been around the country since 2021, one home recently owner suffered \$700 worth of damage. The stunt involves at least two masked people; one who tries to kick a door and the other recording on a cell phone**

**ORANGE** - The Union Baptist Church intends to send off the pastor who had guided the congregation for a third of its 153-year existence with a retirement luncheon Oct. 16 at West Orange's Wilshire Grand Hotel.

The Rev. William McKinley Freeman, who came to the East Ward church June 1, 1977, will be honored for his 47.5 years' service to UBC-Orange and the greater community. First Lady Sis. Carolyn Cooper Freeman will also be hailed for her service at the RSVP event.

When the spotlight falls that

Saturday on the Freemans, Rev. Freeman will likely point skyward and proclaim, "It's All About God."

The Corelian, N.C.-born Freeman is leaving UBC as its fifth and longest-serving pastor, who came here via three other states. The Powellsville G.C. White High School graduate supplemented his 1967 bachelor's degree from Shaw University with a master's of divinity from Newton Centre, Mass.' Andover-Newton School of Theology.

His first pastorate was at Newport (R.I.) Baptist and supervised its merger with nearby Mt. Olive BC, leaving it as the combined Community Baptist Church of Newport. He came to UBC-Orange fresh from Penllyn, Pa. 's Bethlehem B.C.

Freeman, within UBC, concentrated on Bible study, prayer ministry and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Outreach ministries during his tenure ranged from evangelism and a soup kitchen to awarding \$1,000 and \$1,500 scholarships to constructing residential housing for seniors in Orange and East Orange.

The former General Baptist Convention of New Jersey President has not publicly said why he is retiring on Jan. 1. The Deacon's Committee began organizing the retirement luncheon in Sept. 9. The UBC congregation has had several guest pastors speak from Freeman's pulpit since Oct. 27.

**SOUTH ORANGE** - The South Orange Planning Board ended a year's application process by approving the JESPY House's expansion onto 102-118 Prospect St. here Nov. 4 - but with 16 conditions.

The board has greenlighted JESPY's construction of a four-story, 21 dwelling apartment building for its intellectual disability development clients. The center will help them with having affordable housing while having JESPY's in- and out-patient services.

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## CDC DATA SUGGEST STI EPIDEMIC MAY BE SLOWING

CDC - The number of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) remains high in the United States, with more than 2.4 million reported in 2023. However, the latest data from CDC show signs the epidemic could be slowing. In 2023:

- Gonorrhea cases dropped for a second year - declining 7% from 2022 and falling below pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels (2019).
- Overall, syphilis cases increased by 1% after years of double-digit increases.
- Primary and secondary syphilis cases, the most infectious stages of syphilis, fell 10% - the first substantial decline in more than two decades. These cases also dropped 13% among gay and bisexual men for the first time since CDC began reporting national trends among this population in the mid-2000s.
- Increases in newborn syphi-

lis (known as congenital syphilis) cases appear to be slowing in some areas - with a 3% increase over 2022 nationally, compared to 30% annual increases in prior years.

"I see a glimmer of hope amidst millions of STIs," says Jonathan Mermin, M.D., M.P.H., Director of CDC's National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention. "After nearly two decades of STI increases, the tide is turning. We must make the most of this moment - let's further this momentum with creative innovation and further investment in STI prevention."

### *Inequities Persist*

While the STI epidemic touches nearly every community, some geographic areas and populations are affected more severely, including American

Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, and Hispanic/Latino people, as well as gay and bisexual men. These health equity differences are due in part to deeply entrenched factors that create obstacles to quality health services, such as poverty, lack of health insurance, less access to health care, and stigma. Several federal efforts are underway to address these disparities. Action at the community level is also key to meaningful progress.

The new data follow important developments and innovations in STI prevention, such as CDC's guidelines for doxy PEP to prevent bacterial STIs; newly Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized self-tests (or at-home tests) for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia; and a nationally coordinated response to the U.S. syphilis epidemic spearheaded by the National Syphilis and Congenital Syphilis Syndemic Task Force.

However, more efforts are needed to turn around the STI epidemic in this country, including:

- Prioritizing the STI epidemic at federal, state, and local levels.
- Developing new prevention, testing, and treatment solutions for more populations - including expanding the reach of doxy PEP among groups for whom it is recommended, and conducting more research to determine if it can benefit other groups.
- Investing in robust public health systems and trained workforces with capacity to provide STI services.
- Delivering STI testing and treatment in additional outreach settings, like emergency departments.
- Making STI services more accessible in local communities

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average in October of only 37 trucks per day for the entire 2.2 million population.

According to UNRWA, this represents only around six per cent of the commercial and humanitarian supplies allowed in before the war.

Asked about a deadline set last month by the United States for Israel to improve the aid situation in the enclave by November 12, the UNRWA official said that instead, "aid supplies have lessened."

The UN continues to be denied access to northern Gaza where people are "begging for pieces of bread, for water," Ms. Wateridge said, noting that 1.7 million people in the enclave - a full 80 percent of the population - did not receive their food rations in October.

On Nov. 8, food security experts from the UN-partnered Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) Famine Review Committee issued an alert over imminent famine in areas within the northern Gaza Strip.

As suffering continues to worsen, "people are losing hope," Ms. Wateridge said.

Just this week, two missions to northern Gaza which she was due to take part in were denied; the aim had been to deliver chlorine tablets and assess the facilities for those sheltering.

"No one from UNRWA has been able to access the besieged north in over a month," she insisted.

Late last month, the Israeli Parliament voted to ban UNRWA from operating in the country and prohibit officials from having any contact with the agency. The laws are set to come into force 90 days from their adoption.

Asked about any message that UNRWA may have for Hamas, Ms. Wateridge said:

"Our call for Hamas as well as the Israeli forces is a ceasefire." She underscored that the Palestinian militant group initiated "horrific attacks against Israeli civilians on October 7," adding that it was unacceptable that the war continued and civilians suffered.

"We have seen horrific suffering of Israeli civilians, the October 7 attacks, followed by horrific suffering of civilians in the Gaza Strip. There needs to be a ceasefire, a release and return of the hostages home and finally some respite to all the civilians, not just in the Gaza Strip, but the surrounding region," she concluded.

There is no word on how the appointment of Mike Huckabee by U.S. President-elect Donald Trump as Ambassador to Israel will affect the region.

**UKRAINE**



**WAR APPROACHING 1,000 DAYS**

With Ukraine approaching 1,000 days since Russia's full-scale invasion, civilians are facing mounting challenges as intense attacks continue and winter tightens its grip, according to UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

Recent attacks on energy infrastructure have decimated 65 percent of Ukraine's energy generation capacity, severely disrupting electricity, heating and water supplies across the country.

"The deepening emotional toll on inno-

cent people became clear during my visit to the country last week," Kelly Clements, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees reported, noting that, "the intense attacks on critical infrastructure and civilian sites - constant war-raid attacks on critical infrastructure and civilian sites" and air raid warnings, "are exacting a grave toll on physical and mental health."

Since August, approximately 170,000 people have been forced to flee their homes in Eastern Ukraine, adding to the nearly four million who remain displaced within Ukraine and 6.7 million more who have sought refuge outside the country.

This includes 400,000 new refugees who fled to other European countries, from the beginning of 2024 to the end of August.

In Kharkiv, one of the most war-affected regions of the country, the reality of conflict is starkly evident.

During a visit to a center supported by UNHCR, Ms. Clements recalled that "explosions sounded in the background."

During her visit, Ms. Clements met Svitlana, a 65-year-old woman whose apartment was destroyed by a glide bomb, describing her "quiet determination" as a powerful reminder of "Ukraine's spirit, even as the trauma of war permeates daily life."

The visit coincided with the season's first snow, marking the start of what will be the third winter of full-scale war. With continued attacks on energy facilities and civil structure, civilians face severe challenges in the months ahead.

The impact of education has been particularly severe, with countless children missing out on social interaction and classroom experiences. In Kharkiv, children have been forced to study in underground shelters; "metro" schools which lack natural light and playgrounds, to avoid frequent air raids.

**VETERANS** (Continued from page 4)

Navy Reserves and was stationed with submarine and fleet operations on both coasts. As a civilian, Willy continues to serve his country addressing concerns of constituents with Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill. Thank you, Willy, for your continuous service to your country."

"My military service on a submarine was a great honor for me. Thank you, Joe, for this recognition," Toba said.

Lt. Tyrone Williams is an Army veteran who served in the Gulf War. He currently is a 25-year veteran of the Montclair Police Department. The plaque presented to him states: "As a member of the U.S. Army, Tyrone Williams is a combat veteran who participated in Operation Desert Shield/Storm during the first Gulf War. After the military, he settled in Montclair and joined the police department.

"During his 25-year career with the

MPD, Tyrone, who currently is a Lieutenant, has been assigned to virtually every department, task force and bureau and has worked to strengthen the relationship between residents and law enforcement. Beyond his police duties, Tyrone is involved in numerous community organizations. With Essex County, he is known for his presence at the Wally Choice Community Center in Essex County Glenfield Park where he is a football coach and Montclair Grass Roots board member."

"The most important thing to me is to serve and help others and I will continue to do that," Williams said.

Rev. Dennis Hughes, Director of the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center, gave the invocation. The Essex County Sheriff's Honor Guard presented the colors at the beginning of the ceremony. Bagpiper Joe McGonigal performed the "Armed Forces Medley."

Essex County Veterans Memorial Park became the first new Essex County park de-

veloped in Newark in 80 years when it opened in September 2009. It was created on the site of an antiquated parking garage that opened in the 1960s and had become a community eyesore. The 2.7-acre park has about 400 trees, shrubs and perennials, two small meadows, the Armed Forces Memorial, walking paths and decorative metal archways at the entrances.

The Armed Forces Memorial includes a circular water fountain surrounded by 10 flagpoles and a short granite wall. The flags of the seven branches of the military - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Army National Guard and Air Force National Guard - fly from 25-foot poles while the New Jersey State flag and Essex County flag fly from 30-foot poles and the American flag flies from a 35-foot pole at the center of the display. At the base of each flagpole on the granite wall is the official agency or government seal.

# Eight Men Charged In Connection With Interstate High-End Car Theft Ring

**NEWARK** - Eight men have been charged for their alleged roles in a conspiracy to steal luxury cars in New Jersey, New York, and elsewhere, and transport them across state lines, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced Nov. 7.

Ahmad Franks, aka "Mahdi," 24; Shaquan White, aka "QBandz," aka "Q Bands," 23; Nathan Braswell, aka "Troub," 20; Ibn Bellamy, aka "YC," 24; Zamir Wright, aka "GBz," 20, all of Newark; Ryan Bowen, aka "Prob," 26; Khyree Lawrence, aka "6," 20, both of East Orange, New Jersey; and Mohammed Buhari, aka "Sakina," 45, of Woodbridge, Virginia; are all charged by complaint with conspiring to receive, possess, or sell stolen vehicles in interstate commerce.

Franks is also charged with five counts of possession of a stolen vehicle and one count of interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle. Bellamy is also charged with one count of possession of a stolen vehicle, and Buhari is charged with one count of sale, receipt, or possession of a stolen vehicle. Bellamy and Lawrence were arrested on Nov. 6, 2024, and made their initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jessica S. Allen in Newark federal court. Buhari remains at large. The remaining defendants are already in custody on prior charges and will appear at a later date.

"The defendants are charged with orchestrating a brazen conspiracy to steal high-end, luxury vehicles, targeting our community and profiting from their illegal activities," U.S. Attorney Sellinger said. "These charges underscore our commitment to work with all of our law enforcement partners to protect the community from the variety of crimes committed by those who seek to enrich themselves unjustly by victimizing our residents."

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court: In November 2021, law enforcement began investigating a series of high-end car thefts and learned that the eight defendants, and others conspired to possess, receive, conceal, sell, dispose, and/or transport high-value stolen cars in New York,

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New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and elsewhere. Some of the stolen cars were used during the commission of other crimes, including the theft of additional cars, shootings, and a homicide. From November 2021 to July 2022, Franks exchanged photographs of at least 400 known or suspected stolen cars with at least a dozen conspirators.

The 14 cars stolen by the defendants as alleged in the complaint have an estimated total value of at least \$550,000.

The conspiracy count carries a maximum term of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 or twice the pecuniary gain to the defendant or loss to the victims, whichever is greatest. The charges of sale, receipt, or possession of a stolen vehicle and interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle each carries a maximum potential penalty of ten years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 or twice the pecuniary gain to the defendant or loss to the victims, whichever is greatest.

U.S. Attorney Sellinger credited the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge L.C. Cheeks, Jr.; the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens II; Homeland Security Investigations Newark, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge Spiros Karabinas; the Newark Police Division, under the direction

of Director Fritz G. Fragé; the New Jersey State Police, under the direction of Colonel Patrick J. Callahan; the Millburn Township Police Department, under the direction of Chief Brian Gilfedder; and the Fairfield Police Department, under the direction of Chief Anthony G. Manna, with the investigation leading to the charges.

He also thanked the U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the Port of New York/Newark, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York Police Department, the Port Authority Police Department, the Jersey City Police Department, the Tenafly Police Department, the East Brunswick Police Department, the Ridgewood Police Department, the Ramapo Police Department, the Spring Lake Police Department, the Paramus Police Department, the Woodbridge Police Department, the Edison Police Department, the Essex Fells Police Department, the East Orange Police Department, the West Caldwell Police Department, and the Nassau County Police Department for their assistance in the investigation.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Olta Bejleri and Megan Linares of the Criminal Division in Newark.

The charges and allegations contained in the complaint are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

OPEN SESAME

I was quite impressed when I crossed paths with today's page jacker at a local chess meet. This one is doing Mocha proud, and he also happens to be an old classmate of my granny's son. Not only was he an excellent teacher to a somewhat challenging student, but I had the opportunity and pleasure of gleaning quite a bit more gems beyond making moves and learning to cope with the redundancy of hearing "checkmate!"

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North Korean Spies Stealing

TOWN WATCH

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JESPY will go ahead with demolishing four Victorian or Edwardian era village center houses that have long been zoned for professional or office space. The new structure's exterior will reflect its neighbors' architecture.

The approval includes demolishing a fourth house - as amended in August - for a parking lot. The 100 spaces are more for the center's employees, visitors and delivery vehicles; only one percent of JESPY clients own a car.

The approval was approved on 16 detailed conditions. Those approvals will be made public at

America's Tech Jobs

Yes, you heard me right! North Korean spies were recently busted in three separate elaborate schemes to exploit America's precious \$1.9 trillion tech industry. Earlier this year, a woman in Arizona was charged by the FBI for helping North Koreans get jobs in over 300 different technology companies using a combination of identity theft and resume coaching (what the heck??).

The world's largest security awareness company, "KnowBe4," was tricked into hiring a North Korean spy, who then proceeded to hack them, stealing trade secrets and highly sensitive customer information. In Nashville, Tennessee, the FBI shut down a similar remote work plot to funnel more cash into Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un's pockets.

A little over a month ago, KnowBe4 found that they had hired a North Korean spy despite having run background checks and conducting four interview calls. Ironically, KnowBe4 brands itself as "the world's largest security-awareness training and simulated phishing platform." Yet, the spy managed to exploit their hiring process.

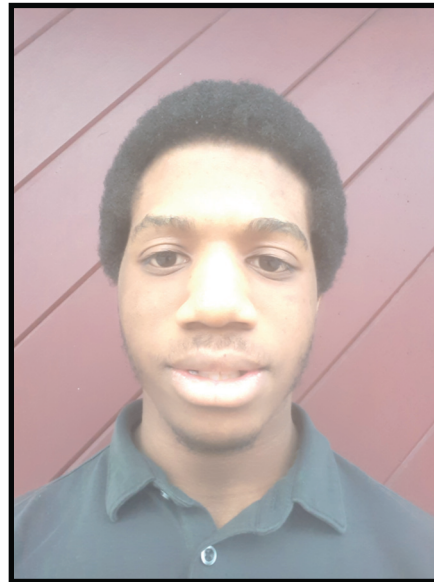
According to HoxHunt, 57% of organizations experience daily or weekly phishing attempts, while IBM found that phishing was the most common initial attack vector, accounting for 41%

SOPB's memorialization at their Dec. 2 meeting.

**MAPLEWOOD** - The township police department have been advising motorists here since Nov. 2 not to leave their vehicles unlocked and idling for however brief a time.

The owner of a 2022 Chevrolet Equinox told responding MPD officers that he had stepped out of the car along Elmwood Avenue by Meadowbrook Road at 9:30 p.m. that Saturday to make a residential delivery.

He returned to face a masked man dressed all black and pointing a handgun at him. The suspect got in the Chevy and drove eastward. Newark police found



of incidents. By 2031, eSentire estimates that ransomware could cost its victims around \$265 billion annually, up from \$42 billion in 2024.

A Costly Mistake

The first sign of trouble was when KnowBe4 issued the spy a laptop, which was quickly flagged by security software after downloading info-stealer malware. Info-stealer malware is used to copy and steal data, sending it back to the attacker. Upon being questioned about the flagged malware, the spy severed all communication with KnowBe4.

Further investigation revealed that the profile image provided by the spy was an edited stock photo, and the credentials used were stolen from a real person. This was a form of social

the car abandoned at Bergen Street and South 17th Avenue.

There were no reported physical injuries but MPD has increased their local patrols. The suspect's further description has not been released as of press time.

The incident is under township and neighboring police investigation.

**BLOOMFIELD** - The Friendly's restaurant site conversion into a Wendy's/Taco Bell took a recent step forward with the former's reported demolition.

The eatery's levelling, which had stood at 1243 Broad St. since 1969, is the latest step in a two-year saga that was staged in the Bloomfield Municipal Build-

engineering, a common method of cyberattacks. According to Verizon, email was used to deliver 94% of malware in 2021.

Despite awareness of corporate espionage tactics from countries like North Korea, KnowBe4 still fell victim to their tricks. This raises concerns about the vulnerability of smaller companies lower on the cybersecurity food chain. Are they also easy targets for state-sponsored hackers?

More North Korean Schemes

Shockingly, this wasn't the first North Korean plot to infiltrate corporate America this year. In May, a woman in Arizona was charged by the FBI for helping North Koreans get jobs at 300 IT companies. According to Dan Goodin, this \$6.8 million conspiracy involved a "laptop farm," resume coaching, and identity theft.

The woman allegedly received company-issued laptops, connected them to VPNs, and allowed North Koreans to remotely control the laptops from abroad. ...

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ing and State Superior Court-Newark.

A Superior Court judge, calling the Bloomfield Planning Board's December 2022 rejection of Finomus Bloomfield RE Holdings' site plan application, "arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable," ruled in the developer's favor in late June.

Finomus has eliminated drive through windows for the combined eatery in late 2022 and kept that as part of its superior court appeal. The new restaurant is set farther back from Broad Street.

Neighbors and residents of the busy Brookdale intersection the incoming restaurant remain concerned about its potential im-

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**TOWN WATCH**

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pact on Broad Street/W. Passaic Avenue traffic. Friendly's closed 1243 Broad Dec. 21, 2021.

**MONTCLAIR** - Township detectives are looking for at least two suspects who made off with \$5,203 worth of meat, seafood and produce from an Upper Montclair supermarket on three occasions last month.

The King's Supermarket manager told responding MPD officers Oct. 16 of the three occasions of theft. Suspects in the first theft shoplifted \$2,198 worth of meat, seafood and produce. The next heist hefted out \$1,279 and the last \$1,426 in meat and seafood.

Detectives, after reviewing store security recordings, were able to identify two suspects as being between 25 and 35 years old. No further details have been given as of press time.

MPD and King's management are working on loss prevention here at 650 Valley Rd.

**NOTE: Members of the Glenfield Middle School voted to replace its president and governing board in an Oct. 30 vote under State PTA supervision. The election under watch was held after members at the Sept. 25 meeting removed their president at that time.**

**Interim President Jeffrey Pholwattama was made permanent for the rest of 2024-25. Julia Savoca, Jared Miller and Betty Shvetz were respectively selected as vice president, treasurer and secretary in an uncontested vote.**

**BELLEVILLE** - The Belleville Historical Society went above and beyond their call with its 11 a.m. Nov. 9 monument unveiling for Vietnam veterans - in Newark's Woodland Cemetery.

BHS President Michael Perrone and his cohorts traveled some five miles south to unveil a marker honoring four of Newark's fallen who are buried in its Central Ward cemetery.

The black granite marker bears the names and faces of USMC Cpl. Leon Earl Bell (May 2, 1946 - July 2, 1967), USMC Pfc. Vincent Samson Coles (Feb. 27, 1950 - May 16, 1968), Army Spl. 4 Eason Jasper Maxy (June 24, 1948 - Nov. 1, 1968) and Army Pfc Leroy Williams, Jr. (April 7, 1942 - Oct. 3, 1965).

"Vietnam War 50th Commemoration Partner - Belleville Historical Society,"

gave a reason for Perrone and company's activity. As the U.S. Department of Defense's Vietnam War Commemoration Partner, BHS seeks to locate, mark, restore and/or clean gravestones and markers of that war's dead throughout Northern New Jersey.

They intend to have the 225 Vietnam Killed in Action burial sites in Essex County located on or before April 25, 2025, 60 years after the official end of the Indochinese conflict. Perrone said that finding two of the honored foursome's grades at Woodland were particularly challenging, given its decades of deterioration and vandalism.

"A chainsaw and a machete were used to access Army Pfc. Williams' grave," said Perrone. "Two soldiers were buried in unmarked graves. It's incomprehensible that a young soldier killed in Vietnam didn't have a headstone."

"We're here out of respect for our families and even to people who we don't know, added Woodland VP Warren Vincentz.

**NUTLEY** - A 1913 Zinn-Buick race car, thanks to a Nutley garage that doubled as a time capsule, was able to return to its Paterson home at that city's Hinchliffe Auto Racing Expo Saturday.

Although the revived annual race car display was to honor the midget cars, stock cars and motorcycles on Hinchliffe's fifth-mile cinder oval during its 1934-41, 1946-52 era, the Zinn-Buick does share local lineage.

The 1913 Buick was one of several cars the Hinchliffe Brewing family used to collect beer money until it was involved in a street accident. (The stadium was named in 1931 after then-Mayor James Hinchliffe.)

Eugene Zinn bought the crashed Buick and converted it into an open wheel racer. He raced it at Ho-Ho-Kus Speedway from 1914 into the 1920s and then it was rolled into a Nutley garage and was forgotten for decades.

The No. 7's current owner was looking for an Essex road car when he found its prize - and the Zinn Buick - in that garage in the early 1970s. He bought both and restored the Zinn-Buick to the Antique Automobile Club of America award-winning standard.

The 11th "annual" Hinchliffe racing expo was actually the first since 2016 - and after the stadium's \$105 million restoration and expansion.

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