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Kevin Caballero, Regional Manager of Planet Fitness (standing second from left), presenting a check for \$10,000 to Ameer Washington (standing right), for an excellent job with the Newark Boys and Girls Club in the presence of student participants.



# Editor's Note



**Dhiren Shah**  
Editor in Chief

*Hello Readers,*

Brett Kavanaugh is now a Justice on the highest court in the land. The Democratic Party has no other agendas but to beat the Kavanaugh nomination and being anti-Trump. There are many problems the citizens are facing. Let's concentrate on the real solutions for the people.

Nonetheless, they are busy fundraising almost every month. The Democratic Party is focused on raising money to help them win, rather than helping the

community. Their original policies were good to help people, but their actions are different. They only help their friends, buddies and some of the religious leaders. So, it is very important to change our minds from Trump and concentrate on real issues.

Let's start asking the questions about what they are really doing. They might have some programs to show people they are working and helping. However, why has the community not seen a true

benefit in the past three decades? Yes, Newark has shown some growth, but that is basically in the Central Ward and nearby areas. Under then-Mayor Cory Booker, Newark was brought into the limelight. The investors started to look into Newark properties. Brooklyn has grown so fast that Newark is the only alternative with many advantages like the airport, Port Newark, trains, the light rail, a central location, close proximity to New York, universities, colleges, hospitals and much more.

East Orange is also having control on crime under Mayor Ted Green who is less than a year on the job, but the growth is not up to the mark.

Irvington has seen growth under Mayor Tony Vauss, but then

it slides to the crime situation.

Orange is the worst in the pile. The process of the Mayor Dwayne Warren recall is going on slowly. Warren is trying to spread positive words to the community. The recreation facility problem felt like it was solved two years ago, but it was not solved. The community was looking to enjoy the old YMCA facility, which they bought for about \$1.5 million and received a grant for about \$2.5 million. One of the workers at the old YMCA told Local Talk that the facility has a lot more problems and requires over \$5 million to fix it. The administration estimated the repair cost at about \$1 million dollars. Now they are charging the taxpayers about \$3 million in bonding.

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## WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

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# COMMUNITY LAND TRUST HOME OWNERSHIP CLASSES CONTINUE IN MONTCLAIR

BY WALTER ELLIOTT

**MONTCLAIR** : “What a difference a year makes” here at the recent Essex Community Land Trust Mega-Financial Freedom Homebuyer’s Club Meeting and Workshop depends on who one talks with and what one is looking for.

ECLT Deputy Director Deirdre Malloy and HOME Corp Housing Counselor Victoria Lindsay was seated among 11 familiar and new faces seated around the United Way of Montclair conference room table here Sept. 29.

Most of the other nine people were new to the first-time homebuyers club by design.

Raquel Landero from Perth Amboy’s Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, and Rahhael Kasen, from New Brunswick’s Address Yourself: Preparing You for Successful Home Ownership, were there that Saturday morning as guest speakers.

Malloy and Lindsay also brought a club “graduate” - one who has improved her credit scores, opened a back account and is otherwise set for a home mortgage. The remainder, who may have seen the advertisement that ran in “Local Talk” two weeks earlier, were interested newcomers.

Although now-State Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake (D-East Orange) was listed as among that Saturday morning’s scheduled speakers, the ECLT-founding executive director was unable to make the three-hour workshop session.

Timberlake’s absence is understandable given her promotion from Essex County Freeholder to succeed now-Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver (D-East Orange) in the State House over the winter.

Timberlake, who founded the first community land trust in New Jersey, still provides her vision and at least moral support to the workshops.

A community land trust involves the municipality or county buying a property owner’s land. The property

owner, who still pays taxes, is allowed to stay in that property. The governmental agency may bring in a contractor for code compliance and property improvement if it is vacant.

The CLT’s goal is that longtime residents can still stay in a neighborhood while benefiting from infrastructural and property value improvements. It is seen as a counter to “gentrification” pricing out and displacing those earlier residents.

The CLT concept, like the last workshop “Local Talk” attended in 2017 was explained in a 10-minute video focused on similar efforts in the South. CLTs, in the video, are used along Atlanta’s Belt Line - a 22-mile former railroad loop being transformed into a light rail line and walking trail.

Malloy and Lindsey, with some input from Landero and Kasen, summarized what mortgage programs help with CLTs. One still has to get a bank account, execute a savings plan and develop a credit history to get into mortgage contention.

The above are first steps. The quartet also talked about having a vision of a home plus working with real estate agents and home inspectors to find that home.

Kasen and Landro, despite being from Middlesex County, said that they have had clients come from Union and Essex counties.

“Local Talk” was particularly left with several tips that can apply to life itself and not just home ownership, including:

- A good agent, like a good auto mechanic, is a keeper. If the agent is not performing his or her due diligence, replace him or her.
- Do not play one agent against another. They do follow up on referrals.
- Be honest with your agent. The presenters gave war stories of clients who had not disclosed their cash revenue or that they are looking for a second home for a paramour.

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## ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD: A MUST

Letter To The Editor

Long after parents, including my mother, Wilnora Holman, the PTA ladies, and so many others traveled to the nation’s capital to demand Title I programs for public schools for poor children, I can recall marching and rallying in the dark evening at places including the steps of Newark City Hall, a banquet hall located behind the Newark Archdiocese building and at school central office.

At that time, I remember the Superintendent of schools, Dr. Columbus Salley, and school board president Carl Sharif, when my mother was blocked from speaking at the meeting when the first election of school board members had been held. At that time, the winners, Edgar Brown, Stecher, a labor leader, and Rev. Brown were not allowed to be sworn in. Carl

Sharif was seen pressing the board attorney to swear in the newly elected.

Holman held the mic, repeating “...I want to speak...” Having failed to be heard, she tossed the cardboard box of meeting agendas to the floor at the old Klein building. She had supported the team as had many. She had received training long before that CFUN and Mr. Amiri Baraka led. Edgar Brown was supported by that organization’s call from years before when they would rally to see that housing was built in the North Ward for Newark’s poor and low income people.

I also recall following Salley that evening as he exited the meeting. I had brought along with me my young daughter. She walked with me from Cedar Street up to Rutgers meeting the angered crowd there.

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# PLANET FITNESS DONATES \$10,000 TO NEWARK BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



*Dental Clinic at NBGC*



*Newark Boys and Girls Club Swimming pool with wall size photograph attracts everyone*

**BY DHIREN SHAH**

Kevin Caballero, Regional Manager of Planet Fitness said, “Planet Fitness internationally supports the Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club has been established since 1867. Instead of sending our gratitude from a far, we want to get personal with the Boys and Girls Club of Newark. I hope this turns out to be a new relationship with the Boys and Girls Club of Newark. We support Newark’s Boys and Girls Club, because Newark is underprivileged.”

Rodney Fuller, CEO of BGCN, was happy that Local Talk is covering the Newark Boys and Girls Club event. As Mr. Fuller had to leave for another engagement, Ameer Washington, Director of Development of BGCN, showed me the facility.

Washington said, “The Boys and Girls Club officially started in 1938, but unofficially started in 1906, which is 112 years. Boys and Girls Club serves in the United States and internationally where military bases are. We serve youths 5 to 18 across the country. Any kid can come and become a member here. We have our afterschool program at 3 o’clock until

7. Kids typically come in and do their homework first and get their meal and rotate in different program areas.

“Our gymnasium, our STEM center, and our classrooms are where they do a number of different programs. Our five core areas are arts, academic enrichment, fitness, character development and career development. Our teenage population does activities more geared towards teens, like workforce development, SAT prep readiness, career readiness and applying for the school or university or military, or even directly into the workforce.”

Washington added, “Our staff is trained to respond to disciplinary actions. We have a dental clinic, vision clinic and health clinic on site. Historically, we’ve had sports programs. Dental pain is the number two cause of absences in schools. Parents usually have to take a day off at work. Parents can sign a waiver to be seen in their absence into the dental clinic.”

They have a beautiful junior size swimming pool. Also, they have a play room right at the entrance. There’s a music room, and students were learning according to their interests. It’s a really good program, and any students with a nominal charge can join the



*Eye Care for Kids at NBGC*

Newark Boys and Girls Club. They do not have transportation, but with a partnership in KIPP schools, the school bus drops off the children and picks them up as well.

Sometimes they have Saturday programs, which any registered member can attend. With a beautiful

facility, they are right in the center of the neighborhood on 1 Avon Avenue off of Clinton Avenue.

Anyone interested in a quality fitness facility can contact Planet Fitness, and any child needed after school program facility can contact Newark Boys and Girls Club.

## NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOGNIZES NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the New Jersey Department of Health is raising awareness of the New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection Program (NJCEED), which offers screening services for breast and other cancers for low-income uninsured or underinsured residents.

"We know that early detection saves lives," said New Jersey Health Commissioner Dr. Shereef Elnahal. "NJCEED ensures all women and men have access to vital cancer screening services, regardless of their insurance status or income level."

After skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among New Jersey women and the second leading cause of cancer death among New Jersey women. Each year there are approximately 7,350 cases diagnosed in New Jersey women and 1,320 deaths due to the disease.

The NJCEED Program provides comprehensive outreach, education, and screening services for breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate cancers.

Since 2007, NJCEED has provided

155,952 mammograms resulting in the diagnoses of 1,787 cases of breast cancer.

Non-Hispanic white and Asian/Pacific Islander women diagnosed with breast cancer had a 91 percent chance of surviving at least 5 years, while non-Hispanic black women had significantly lower survival rates (80%) than the other racial/ethnic groups in New Jersey.

For women, risk factors include: family history of breast cancer, personal history of breast, ovarian, or endometrial cancer, susceptibility genes (BRCA-1, BRCA-2), some forms of benign breast disease, menstruation at an early age, late menopause, delaying childbirth after age 30, long-term use of post-menopause estrogens and progestins, obesity after menopause and excessive alcohol consumption.

This month, the Department is spotlighting Public Health Innovators who are conducting innovative research to address breast cancer in the state.

To learn more about NJCEED and upcoming events, visit: [www.nj.gov/health/ces/public/resources/njceed.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/health/ces/public/resources/njceed.shtml).

## SETTLEMENT REACHED WITH AETNA OVER PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

**Aetna Mailings Improperly Disclosed Addressees' Protected Health Information**

**TRENTON** : Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced Oct. 10 that New Jersey has entered into a settlement agreement with Aetna, Inc. to resolve allegations that the company improperly disclosed protected health information of thousands of Americans, including hundreds of New Jersey residents.

The settlement is the result of a multi-state investigation focused on two separate privacy breaches by Aetna that occurred in 2017 - one involving a mailing that potentially revealed information about addressees' HIV/AIDS status, the other involving a mailing that potentially revealed individuals' involvement in a study of patients with atrial fibrillation (or AFib). New Jersey coordinated

with Connecticut, Washington and the District of Columbia in conducting the investigation and negotiating a resolution.

Under the terms of the settlement, Aetna will put in place policy, protocol and training reforms designed to safeguard individuals' protected health information, and ensure the confidentiality of mailings containing that information. The company also will hire an independent consultant to evaluate and report on its privacy protection practices, and to monitor its compliance with the settlement's injunctive terms. In addition, Aetna will pay a civil penalty of \$365,211.59 to New Jersey.

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We thank you all for your work and dedication. We hope you continue serving your community with integrity and respect. We will also have our special guest Mayor Ras Baraka.

On behalf of the African Entertainment Awards USA, the President of the organization Dominic Tamin wants to thank them for the tremendous work they do to serve our people.

# KAVANAUGH APPOINTED

## ... NOW WHAT?

**WASHINGTON** : In one of the most contentious votes in the history of the United States, Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh was confirmed to the Supreme Court, but barely.

On Oct. 6, 2018, the Senate voted 50-48 to confirm Kavanaugh, with the tally being almost perfectly drawn to party lines. Only one Republican - Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski - did not vote in favor of the confirmation, while one Democrat - West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin - voted in the affirmative for the Judge.

Murkowski's vote was not typical in nature, as she "paired" her vote with fellow Republican and Montana Senator Steve Daines, who was not in attendance due to his daughter's wedding. Since Daines' "absentee vote" was a "yes," Murkowski simply said "present," which canceled out the two votes, and thus had no real effect on the final tally.

Just hours after his confirmation, Kavanaugh was sworn in by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., who administered the Constitutional Oath in the Justices' Conference Room.

President Donald Trump, who nominated Kavanaugh to the highest court in the land, celebrated the news on Twitter.

I applaud and congratulate the U.S. Senate for confirming our GREAT NOMINEE, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, to the United States Supreme Court. Later today, I will sign his Commission of Appointment, and he will be officially sworn in. Very exciting! ...

You don't hand matches to an arsonist, and you don't give power to an angry left-wing mob. Democrats have become too EXTREME and TOO DANGEROUS to govern. Republicans believe in the rule of law - not the rule of the mob. VOTE REPUBLICAN!"

Kavanaugh is the second SCOTUS Justice nominated and confirmed in the Trump era, as Neil Gorsuch replaced the late Antonin Scalia in April 2017.

While Trump and Republicans praised the appointment of Kavanaugh, liberals and Democrats vehemently condemned the Judge, based on factors ranging from his sexual assault and misconduct allegations to lewd drunken behavior to even his temperament.

Among those protesting the outcome of the vote was New Jersey Senator Cory

Booker, who spoke on the possibility of impeaching Kavanaugh, based on allegations that the Judge might have committed perjury regarding his comments during the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings.

"The reality is, right now, Republicans control the House and the Senate, and there's no way to do even an investigation unless we flip one of the houses," said Booker at the Iowa Democratic Gala. "So, I think even before you start focusing on questions about his truthfulness before a Senate committee, you've got to focus on the urgency of the work over the next 30 days, and that's where my focus is."

Even if Democrats were to claim a majority, this would need to happen for a Supreme Court Justice impeachment: First, the House of Representatives would need to vote in favor of impeachment. Then, the Senate would need no less than two-thirds of its members to initiate a removal, or conviction, of that Justice. In 1805, Justice Samuel Chase was "impeached" by the House, but was acquitted by the Senate, thereby keeping his seat.

In case if you were wondering, the same rules apply to impeaching a President of the United States. The most recent "impeached" POTUS was Bill Clinton, on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. However, a two-thirds majority did not agree in the Senate, allowing Clinton to remain in office. Many on the anti-Trump side would like to see him impeached on obstruction of justice pertaining to the Russia investigation, but again, a House vote and two-thirds Senate vote are needed.

As for Kavanaugh, the newly-appointed Supreme Court Justice, many feel his appointment might trigger a decision outlawing abortion and other liberal ideals. However, while a Federal decision would have certain weight, states have rights on their own merits, so that situation is stickier than it looks. Also, even if a Federal decision outright banning abortion is not rendered, the court could effectively gut some pro-abortion concepts, like the GOP gutted Obamacare without full-on dismantling it.

For example, federal money related to abortion-related activities, like research and whatnot, may get cut, even though abortion itself would not be illegal.

# GOVERNOR MURPHY UNVEILS NJ TRANSIT AUDIT RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**METUCHEN** : Governor Phil Murphy revealed on Oct. 9 the findings of a comprehensive strategic, financial and operational assessment of NJ TRANSIT. This report assesses the challenges and possible improvements to NJ TRANSIT pursuant to Executive Order 5 signed by Governor Murphy. The audit, conducted by The North Highland Company, assessed the following major areas: organizational structure, operating and capital funding sources, personnel recruitment, procurement, and customer experience.

“Despite New Jersey’s location and our population density, we have continually failed to get mass transit right, something that has limited our economic growth for far too long,” said Governor Murphy. “This audit is a critical step toward rebuilding NJ TRANSIT into once again being an agency our residents can count on for safe, reliable, on-time service.”

Two major recommendations in the report include establishing an Office of Strategic Planning to create a leadership vision that restores NJ TRANSIT to a leadership position in the industry and to improve communication with its customers, as well as developing a technology roadmap to better implement infrastructure across all levels of the organization.

Other recommendations:

- Streamlining organizational structure – The report recommends streamlining the organizational structure to ensure effective decision-making. Additionally, the report calls for more transparency and accountability with the public including webcasting board meetings, updating performance scorecards, and updating the code of ethics. The report also highlighted potential recommendations for the Board of Directors, including updating by-laws and making improvements to advisory boards.

- Better recruitment practices – The report calls for improved HR and recruitment policies, including a new applicant tracking system and streamlining of the application and

interview processes.

- Enhancing the procurement structure – The report notes that NJ TRANSIT’s Procurement Department has begun an independent initiative to re-envision the existing procurement process and recommends mapping the end-to-end procurement cycle to develop an optimal organization-wide process.

- Improving asset management - The audit calls for the development of an asset management strategy that focuses on operational maintenance and capital planning.

- More reliable funding – North Highland found the current funding practices of NJ TRANSIT to be inadequate and called for a more sustainable funding source and identifying innovative alternative sources of funding.

- Improving Communications – The audit calls for better communications on cross-honoring, mobile application improvements, and improved overall communications with customers.

- Improving Physical Infrastructure – The report suggests that improvements to the physical infrastructure of the NJ TRANSIT network will lead to improved customer satisfaction.

“While the audit validates the concerns we have observed at NJ TRANSIT over the past eight months, it more clearly articulates the extraordinary depth of the issues we must correct,” said NJ TRANSIT Chair and New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti. “We have the unique opportunity to take this report and use it as the foundation to rebuild NJ TRANSIT into a 21st century agency.”

“These audit results and recommendations will serve as the road map to rebuild NJ TRANSIT to the national leader it once was,” said NJ TRANSIT Executive Director Kevin Corbett. “We have already begun the process of making important reforms which will provide the residents of New Jersey with a transportation system they deserve.”

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## ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD: A MUST

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I had informed them that Richard Roper, a Rutgers University professor, was hosting a meeting with the state’s education commissioner, and we should go. Roper was surprised when the angry group stormed into his meeting.

Subsequently more subdued meetings were held. The elected board did get sworn in. But we must note that the election was a final result of complaints by at least two Newark school board members, D. McNeil and Brenda Grier, who were appointed to the board but wanted more independence in decision-making.

It is without question that an elective process allowing the voters to elect members to their local school board must be in place. The constituents must have a buy in. Twenty two years of state control of the Newark Schools has not shown the results we could have hoped for, nor the promise of thorough and efficient education, a mandated right of all schoolchildren

in New Jersey. Elected officials must be held accountable and must adhere to their fiduciary responsibilities. They must make vital and critical decisions that will no longer be subjected to an appointed superintendents’ veto power.

I add that in a special election on January 30, 1996, I was elected to the Irvington school board, an initial return by the township to elections following years of appointments. The voluntary service, the dedication to the schools and to the students is well worth the effort of serving.

While Holman and many others who fought, and Amiri Baraka who trained leaders and others are gone, a few fighters remain, including Charles Bell, who headed Local 617 fighters and supporters. The lessons they left to never give up, to fight to the finish, to meet the peoples’ causes are now up to those who are still here. In November when the votes are counted, we must not fail to return to Type II and elect our school board members in Newark.

*Kathleen Witcher*



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## IRVINGTON WOMAN SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS FOR LEAVING FATAL CRASH

**NEWARK** :Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens, II announced that Aliyah Wilkes, 23, of Irvington was sentenced to four years in New Jersey State Prison Oct. 4 by the Honorable Ronald D. Wigler, Presiding Essex County Criminal Division Judge, for leaving the scene of a motor vehicle crash that resulted in the death of Wanda Dallas, 49, of Newark.

On Nov. 9, 2017 at approximately 9:30 p.m. Dallas was near a bus stop on her way to her second job at FedEx when she was struck by a BMW530i driven by Wilkes. Traveling on 16th Avenue and South 18th Street in Newark, Wilkes, who did not have a valid driver's license, lost control of the car, hit a building and then struck Dallas. With two female passengers in the car, Wilkes then fled

the scene and dumped the damaged car a few blocks away.

Dallas was transported to University Hospital where she was pronounced dead. After the car was broadcast in the press and on social media, Wilkes turned herself into authorities, who had already identified her as the registered owner of the car.

On Aug. 3 of this year, Wilkes pled guilty to leaving the scene of a fatal accident.

Assistant Prosecutor Tara Creegan, who handled the case, said, "This case tragically underscores why drivers who are involved in accidents must stop and render aid. Do not leave the scene of an accident; call for help. It's not just the moral thing to do but failing to do so has serious criminal consequences."

# AGAINST THE STIGMA: COMMUNITY AND STATE COLLEGE

BY VICTOR VILLAR, INTERN

For aspiring learners, college is the first step into the real world. There are second year high school students who already have everything preplanned, including their career route and the institute they will be attending. Then there is the undecided group of students who are not too sure about their future.

The pressure to succeed is higher for the undecided group, and most of them end up in a local community college. Even though each type of college has their own distinctive features, state universities are highly regarded, while private and community colleges are left underappreciated.

For the purpose of comparing and contrasting types of colleges based on their benefits and drawbacks, two professors from Essex County College and one professor from Rutgers University in Newark were asked to provide their opinions on the subject matter. The professors are: Nessie Hill of Essex County College, who specializes in journalism and communications, and has taught for over twenty years, Rebecca Williams of Essex County College, who has taught in the English department for twelve years, and Connie Murray of Rutgers University in Newark, who teaches political science.

In an interview with Professor Hill, she said, "Community colleges are a great place for students to start their higher education. It is affordable for in-state and foreign students alike, with one full time semester at Essex County College costing as low as \$1,600. The classrooms are smaller, and professors can have one on one rapport with students because they are more accessible."

In one year, the average student spends \$20,000 on tuition alone at a state university, which is more than double the total amount it takes to graduate from a two-year college. One aspect that community and private colleges share is their relatively smaller student body. In a state university, students may find themselves lost in a

crowd and without the proper attention that they deserve.

Professor Williams stated, "One of the biggest benefits of community colleges is the open admissions policy. No matter where you come from, and whatever your background is, you can start here because we admit anyone. Just like state and private colleges, community colleges hire top notch educators to teach our valued students. You can take any remedial and general courses here at a cheaper price, and still be able to transfer those credits elsewhere. One of my students went to Yale University at a low cost, and graduated debt free. State universities highly value students that earned an associate's degree, because a community college prepares them well for the last two years of their education, and as a result, the graduation rate is higher."

The general consensus is that community colleges serve to facilitate the transition to a state university by offering pre-college level courses at a lower price. A community college is not the end goal but rather it is the starting line for ambitious students who aim to push further in their education.

Elaborating on some problems concerning community colleges, Williams said, "Because of the open admissions policy, we admit anyone, even those who are not college ready. Ninety percent of students spend time and money catching up on general courses, and half of them repeat courses. This could be caused by a lack of motivation and them prioritizing other things. I believe anyone planning to spend their hard earned money here needs to ask themselves, 'What am I doing here? Am I doing this for myself or because my parents pressured me?'"

"Unlike state universities that are in part federally funded, community colleges rely heavily on the student's tuition and state funds. Similarly to community colleges, private colleges earn most of their funds from tuition and donations, but not at all from federal or even state contribution.

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# VARIETY FOUND IN NEWARK ARTS FESTIVAL EXHIBITION



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Newark Mayor Ras Baraka and Kim Hawthorne

**BY WALTER ELLIOTT AND  
DHIREN SHAH**

**NEWARK** : Where else but in Newark where one can enter a city fire station house - and walk into an art gallery.

That was what happened to “Local Talk” upon entering 56 Prospect St. as part of the Newark Arts Festival here around 4 p.m. Oct. 7. The address, which is still the western half of Newark Fire Station Engine 5’s home, has recently become the Prospect Fire Station Gallery.

While 65 Congress St. - the station’s eastern half - remains an active fire house, the half “Local Talk” walked into featured art work from 14 area artists on its walls and tables. The 14 are among the literal several hundred artists whose painting, sculpture, photography, film and mixed media were placed among 55

sites in Newark’s five wards.

Artists Spartacus Beals and Gregg Banks were talking with Newark Arts Executive Director Jeremy Johnson by one of the two open bay doors. Beals’ work of gold foil-like etchings was one of the first encountered on the gallery/station walls.

“This is my first Newark Arts Festival exhibit,” said Beals, who “represents” Newark. “I missed out on the deadline for last year’s festival. Gregg Banks then invited me to be part of his display.”

Banks, by contrast, has been part of the festival since it was originally called “Newark Open Doors.” The portrait artist and muralist calls 56 Prospect, in The Ironbound, home for his year-round “Walls of Life” gallery and classroom.

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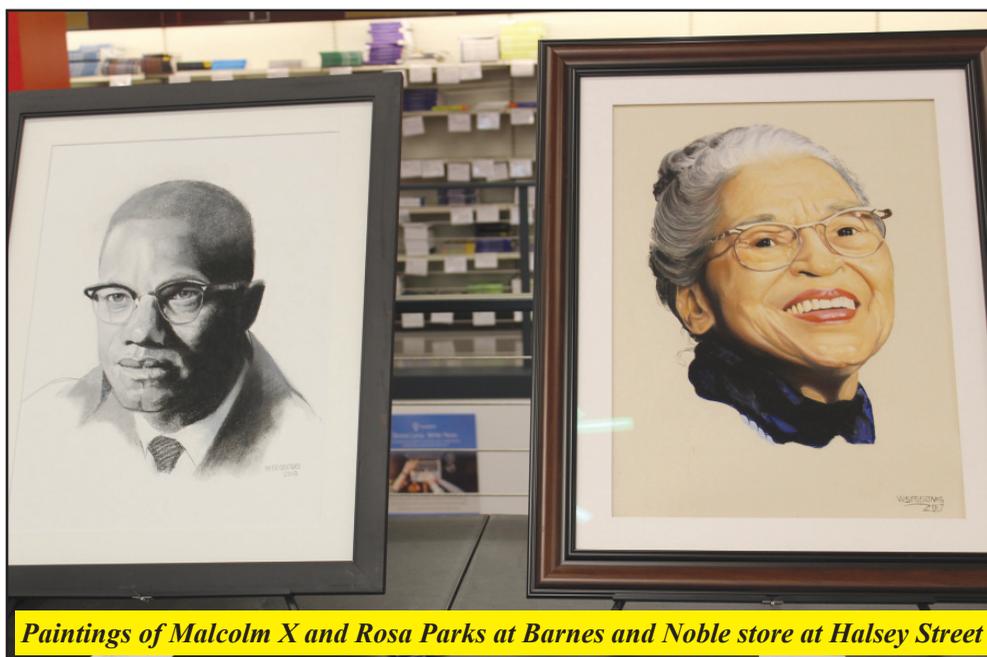


African Art at 25 Halsey Street, 1st Floor

Photos By Dhiren Shah



Different art material from Artisan Collective



Paintings of Malcolm X and Rosa Parks at Barnes and Noble store at Halsey Street



Painting of Rev. Al Sharpton



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Cromodonna, an artist at Artisan Collective at 25 Halsey Street

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## SETTLEMENT REACHED

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"Companies entrusted with individuals' protected health information have a duty to avoid improper disclosures," said Attorney General Grewal. "Aetna fell short here, potentially subjecting thousands of individuals to the stigma and discrimination that, unfortunately, still may accompany disclosure of their HIV/AIDS status. I am pleased that our investigation has led Aetna to adopt measures to prevent this from happening again."

The multi-state investigation revealed that Aetna inadvertently disclosed HIV/AIDS-related information about thousands of individuals across the U.S. - including approximately 647 New Jersey residents - through a third-party mailing on July 28, 2017. The envelopes used in the mailing had an over-sized, transparent glassine address window, which revealed not only the recipients' names

and addresses, but also text that included the words "HIV Medications."

A class action lawsuit filed on behalf of individuals affected by the HIV/AIDS mailer has been settled, pending approval from a federal court, for over \$17 million in compensation to class members.

The second breach occurred in September 2017 and involved a mailing sent to 1,600 individuals concerning a study of patients with AFib. The envelopes for the mailing included the name and logo for the study - IMPACT AFib - which could have been interpreted as indicating that the addressee had an AFib diagnosis. Approximately 186 New Jersey residents were included in the AFib mailing.

New Jersey and the other investigating states alleged that Aetna not only violated the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), but also state laws pertaining to the protected health information of individuals in general, and of persons with AIDS

or HIV infection in particular. (The New Jersey AIDS Assistance Act, for example, prohibits the disclosure of any record that contains identifying information about a person who has, or is suspected of having, AIDS or HIV, without the person's written consent or statutory authorization.)

The investigating states also alleged that the two data breaches contravened Aetna's representations to enrollees - laid out on the company website - that Aetna would safeguard their private health information through "extensive operational and technical protections" and its "commitment to information privacy and compliance with legislation such as HIPAA and state privacy laws."

Deputy Attorney General Elliott M. Siebers and former Deputy Attorney General Russell M. Smith, Jr. of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Practice Group within the Division of Law, and Investigator Aziza Salikhova within the Division of Consumer Affairs handled the Aetna matter on behalf of New Jersey.

## EDITORIAL (Cont. from page 2)

The bond is a loan on behalf of the taxpayers. The bond must be repaid within a term limit, and to pay for it, taxes must be raised. So, in a real sense, the bond is a deferred tax for the citizens.

Now, they are trying to buy the Bank of America property and trying to let Rossi paint move right across the street. This is done for the developers, who can build a nice property with the understanding that they provide a recreational facility for the public for first two or three floors. However, it is not clear by the administration that the recreation facility will be a private facility or public facility without charge or how much money the city has to pay the developer to maintain the recreational facility.

I am also surprised that without any problem, the council went for the proposal easily. The bond has been approved, on the hope that the taxpayers will pay the money. Hopefully, the administration will be successful.

Hurricane Michael hit the Florida panhandle with sustained winds of 155 mph, which is close to a Category 5 hurricane. It will impact that area, and as far west as Louisiana and even part of Texas. Every year as of late, there has been a big natural disaster. Why hasn't Trump come to his conscience and accept the climate change warnings?

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

## VARIETY FOUND

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The festival, which ran Oct. 4-7, allows local artists to display their work in a range of established and "pop-up" venues before visitors who may not normally get a viewing chance. Some sites were open throughout the weekend; some others at places, days and times specified in the "Local Talk" carried program.

Participating locations range from institutions like the Newark Museum, Newark Public Library-Main Branch and City Without Walls to pop-ups in Burger Walla and Mercato Tomato Pie.

Although pop-ups have appeared in between-tenant locations like furniture stores throughout the year in recent times, they blossom during the festival weekend.

"Art and Artifacts of Newark," for example, temporarily opened a second gallery at 233 Washington St. in addition to its 270 Central Ave.

base. Femme Curator Arts and Evoluculture presented "The Womb" exhibition above a Halal restaurant at 256 Washington.

The Essex County Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology, which just opened for county vo-tech high school classes just after Labor Day, hosted "Voices of The City" Friday night.

Add this year's tours, performances and screenings and one may face the same problem facing world's fair, museum and theme park-goers: so much to see in so little time.

It was no wonder that Johnson decided to sit down shortly after arriving at "Walls of Life."

"There's so much to see that I can't do it all in one day," said Johnson. "Newark is bursting with artistic talent. Some are taking things from and beyond today's news headlines."

Johnson handed "Local Talk" off to Banks - who wanted to present art literally in the making towards the

gallery's rear section. Three people were making their own paintings under his instruction and supervision.

"There was one boy, seven years old, who has several of his paintings here," said Banks. "Someone saw one of his work, liked it and bought it from him. It was his first sale."

Banks then pointed to nine small portraits between the bay door and Beals' display.

"These are from a woman from Portugal who lives in the neighborhood," explained Banks. "She walked by Friday and asked, through her husband, what this was all about. She came back to show me her work - and I made space for her."

"Local Talk" and a guest picked two venues each to visit Saturday. The Newark Public Library's first floor display, "The Synagogues of Newark," had no directional signs there.

"I'm sorry to hear that," said Johnson. "It was in a room off to the side. It was a smaller version of what was on display earlier at MetroWest of

New Jersey (in West Orange) and at the Jewish Museum of New Jersey."

The NPL-Main and the Jewish Museum sites were also reminders to check the "Local Talk"-provided program for venue hours. The Jewish Museum, at 145 Broadway, was closed Saturday to observe host Cong. Ahavas Shalom's Sabbath observance. NPL-Main - which also offered its continuing, "Are Latinos Transforming the US?" and "Old School" on its second and third floors - was closed Sunday.

"Local Talk" was far from alone in finding a hit in the Prospect Fire Station gallery. Sunah Nash, who was among the artists on display there, brought over several members of her family. They paused to admire a Banks portrait of Malcom X/Malik Shabazz and Angela Davis.

"They look so much like them," said Sunah Nash before taking selfie photos with her family before the work.

Cromodonna, an artist at the

Artisan Collective, said, "We are specializing in costume designs and visual artistry. This is really important and a creative partnership in the community."

In a once very rough neighborhood, she said, "The Neighborhood is great; very lively with a lot going on during the day. At night, it's very quiet. It's a fun place to be."

Fernandez came from Jersey City and rented the store above Artisan for 10 days. He said that one of his set of three paintings cost about \$3,000. It's a Cuban instrument painting.

At Barnes and Noble on Halsey Street, African American portraits were standing out. Most of the historic figures, like Barack Obama, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Rosa Parks and many more were in view. The artist who did those said that he always enjoyed doing portraits of people, especially historical portraits, bringing person back to life and reminding others of the great work they did.



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## AGAINST THE STIGMA

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Low funding from the federal government means community colleges cannot spend enough to improve the building itself. The infrastructure in Essex County College is notably old, and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance is severely lacking.”

Every student is different. Not just in a community college, but wherever they may attend, it is entirely up to the student to decide how much dedication they want to put in to their studies.

Professor Murray of Rutgers stated, “Rutgers is one of the highest rated universities in the country. We offer quality education, more than one hundred majors to choose from, and various programs, including study abroad. People say it is easy to get lost in the university crowd, and my take on it is that it forces young adults to be independent and figure out a way to stand out. There is a stigma that community colleges are not as good as state universities. I will say however, that to graduate from a state university, private college, or community college takes a similar amount of determination.”

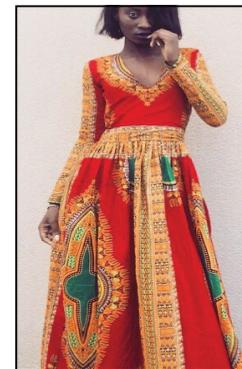
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## NEWARK

A trailblazing hospital executive with Newark and Montclair ties has been placed on administrative leave by her West Orange-based employer over remarks she had posted on a Facebook page Oct. 2.

Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health spokeswoman Ellen Greene, from her West Orange office Oct. 4, confirmed that Executive Vice President and Corporate Affairs Officer Michellene Davis is being internally investigated for comments she had attached to an Oct. 2 northjersey.com article.

The article - on seven Fair Lawn police officers having completed Class III special law enforcement training prior being assigned to that borough's public schools - reportedly prompted Davis to post, "Who is going to train them not to shoot black children first !?!"

Davis' personal posting to "Fair Lawn Hires Armed Officers for All Schools" and response, sent to a friend, somehow became a screenshot sent back to Northjersey.com's Woodland Park headquarters - and eventually to RWJBH. A poster named Mike Bates, calling Davis' remark "racist and discriminated against all law enforcement," urged the hospital to fire her.

Davis, on Oct. 2-3, posted the following apology on her own Facebook page before deleting that page altogether:

"I want to publicly apologize for an extremely insensitive and offensive comment posted on Facebook. My concern for the safety of schoolchildren and gun violence led me to react to a headline without thinking. Having a late sister and other family in law enforcement, I deeply respect the law enforcement community, appreciate their service and admire their sacrifice."

Davis, according to her own and related websites, was promoted to her post after joining RWJBH in 2009. The

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trained attorney was the first African-American Chief Policy Counsel to then-Gov. Jon Corzine and the first such woman to head the New Jersey Lottery. The Seton Hall Law School Juris Doctorate holder has been an Essex County College Trustee and was featured in an article by "Montclair" magazine.

## IRVINGTON

Township elders more than renamed Civic Square, "D. Bilal Beasley Square" in a ceremony before the Municipal Building here Sept. 29.

Mayor Tony Vauss - with the help of widow Baseemah and son Omar Beasley - unveiled a 10-foot-tall statue of the late Council President and Essex County Freeholder before a Saturday audience of largely former colleagues. The statue, on a three-foot-tall pedestal, was rendered by Chad Fisher - whose work also includes that of NFL Chicago Bears founder George Halas before Soldier Field.

Vauss then unveiled a commemorative plaque within the Municipal Building's lobby. Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo (D-Roseland) renamed Irvington Park's field house the Beasley Community Center in 2016.

Dan Bilal Beasley served on the Township Council 1988-2014 before retiring as Council President, and was District 2 Freeholder - overseeing Maplewood and Newark's West and South wards - 2002-2014. The Newark Public Schools graduate and Newark Airport shoe business owner was a longtime Irvington Democratic Committee Chairman since 1994 before retiring June 30, 2014.

Beasley, who was also on NAACP-Irvington Branch board of directors, died Dec. 22, 2014.

The Municipal Building became 1 Civic Square after its completion in 1942. The land upon which it and the flanking Irvington Public Safety Building and Public Library are sited was an ice and mill pond fed by the Elizabeth River to the square's east.

## EAST ORANGE

Authorities are still investigating the circumstances surrounding Skylar Mae Giles' fatal Oct. 2 meeting with a New Jersey Transit Morris & Essex Line express train here by Brick Church station.

Giles, 20, came into contact with NJTransit No. 807 - the 5:28 p.m. departure from Hoboken to Lake Hopatcong train - just east of the station at about 5:46 p.m. that Tuesday. That train was scheduled to leave Newark Broad Street at 5:41. and was running express on the center track for its next stop at 5:54 in South Orange.

"Local Talk," while waiting for a westbound NJTransit No. 21 bus by East Orange Station, saw an NJTransit Police pickup truck, an unmarked police car and a PULSE ambulance - all with their lights and sirens on - race on Freeway Drive West 6:10 Oct. 2. Giles was declared dead at the scene by the state Regional Medical Examiner.

Those vehicles converged with others at the Halsted Street end of the station by 6:25 p.m. Local traffic, including buses on the No. 97 route, were detoured.

Two westbound local General Electric Arrow III electric Multiple Unit train sets were halted at Brick Church station and on the Hickory Street overpass between there and Orange station. There were residual 70 minute delays once the medical examiner's part of the investigation was done; NJTransit and private buses were cross-honoring train tickets and passes.

Giles, who was born April 12, 1988, had her obituary posted Oct. 6 by the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home of Newfoundland. She was an Oak Ridge resident, an unincorporated community shared by Morris County's Jefferson and Passaic County's West Milford townships. Her funeral service is to be held at a specific time at the Milton United Methodist Church, 316 Dover-Milton Rd., Jefferson Twp.

An NJTransit spokesperson said that they are reviewing comments on that night's M&E service that were posted on social media. Several riders Tweeted that they either did not know of the Brick Church incident until they either boarded a westbound train between Hoboken/New York Penn Station and Dover or were sitting in trains for up to three hours.

## ORANGE

The city's financial administrators, thanks to the City Council's Oct. 2 authorization of an emergency appropriation, is coming up with \$750,000 to help pay two long-standing legal settlements on or by Oct. 27.

The five council members present approved Resolution 298-2018 will allow Orange CFO Joy Lascari to issue \$750,000 in emergency notes to pay for the overall \$750,000.

Resolution 298 is actually an amendment of resolutions 187 and 259 which were passed by the council earlier this year.

R259 approved the \$425,000 settlement of "E.P. v. City of Orange Township" Aug. 8. R187 approved \$325,000 for settling former Orange Fire Chief Robert Maganelli's lawsuit against the township June 19. Orange's third party insurance administrator, Inservco, was to process the payments.

City Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk told the council that then-City Attorney Eric Pennington was told by Inservco that they had the settlement funds. Inservco, however, recently came back to Hartwyk. The insurer told the BA that while they will issue the two checks, the city would have to get the funds from its own wallet. Both respective plaintiffs meanwhile demanded payment in U.S. Federal Court, with one judge setting Oct. 27 as a deadline for Orange to pay E.P.

## SOUTH ORANGE/ MAPLEWOOD

Registered voters in both municipalities, as of Oct. 4, are now down to eight balloted South Orange-Maplewood School District Board of Education members to choose from here on Nov. 6.

Felicia George, citing health reasons, announced her withdrawing Oct. 4 - some three days after her former running mate, Avery Julien did the same. Both George and Julien, who had not given his reason for bowing out, were 2017 Columbia High School graduates and community activists who ran together last year.

George and Julien join fellow Maplewoodian James C. Wilkes on this season's sidelines. Wilkes said on Oct. 2 that he was unable to secure permission to run from his employer's human resources department.

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## MICHAEL 'THE SITUATION' SORRENTINO AND HIS BROTHER, MARC SORRENTINO, SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON TAX CHARGES

**NEWARK** : Television personality Michael "The Situation" Sorrentino was sentenced Oct. 5 to eight months in prison and his brother, Marc Sorrentino, to 24 months in prison for violating federal tax laws, U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito, District of New Jersey; Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Richard E. Zuckerman of the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division; and IRS Special Agent in Charge John R. Tafur announced.

Michael Sorrentino, 37, previously pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Susan D. Wigenton to Count 13 of a superseding indictment, which charged him with tax evasion. Marc Sorrentino, 39, pleaded guilty to Count 5, which charged him with aiding in the preparation of a false and fraudulent tax return. Judge Wigenton imposed the sentences in Newark federal court.

"The law requires all Americans to pay our fair share of taxes," U.S. Attorney Carpenito said. "These defendants deliberately flouted this requirement,

acting as though fame and celebrity status placed them above the law. They are not. Tax fraud is as serious as any other form of theft from the government, and the sentences imposed today should make that abundantly clear."

"Lying to and defrauding the federal government is a very serious crime, regardless of a defendant's celebrity status," said Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Zuckerman. "The Sorrentino brothers chose to use Michael's fame to benefit themselves at the expense of the American taxpayer, and with the help of our federal partners, they were held accountable."

"Tax crimes, plain and simple, are an outright theft from the hardworking American public," Special Agent in Charge Tafur, IRS Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office, said. "The courts recognize the severity of these crimes and now Michael and Marc Sorrentino are convicted felons with prison sentences to serve for intentionally disregarding their tax

obligations to our country."

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court: Michael Sorrentino was a reality television personality who gained fame on "The Jersey Shore," which first appeared on the MTV network. He and his brother, Marc, created businesses, such as MPS Entertainment LLC and Situation Nation Inc., to take advantage of Michael's celebrity status.

Michael Sorrentino admitted that in tax year 2011, he earned taxable income, including some that was paid in cash, and that he took certain actions to conceal some of his income to avoid paying the full amount of taxes he owed. He made cash deposits into bank accounts in amounts less than \$10,000 each so that these deposits would not come to the attention of the IRS.

Marc Sorrentino admitted that during tax years 2010, 2011 and 2012, he earned taxable income and that he assisted his accountants in preparing his personal tax return for those years, willfully

providing them with false information. His personal tax returns under-reported his total income and taxable income.

In addition to the prison terms, Judge Wigenton sentenced Michael Sorrentino to two years of supervised release, 500 hours of community service, \$123,000 in restitution (which has already been paid) and fined him \$10,000. Marc Sorrentino was sentenced to one year of supervised release, and fined \$7,500, with restitution to be determined at a later date.

U.S. Attorney Carpenito and Principal Deputy Attorney General Zuckerman credited special agents of the IRS, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Tafur, with the investigation leading to the sentencing.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan W. Romankow of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Newark; Trial Attorneys Yael T. Epstein and Jeffrey B. Bender of the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

## TOWN WATCH

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The trio's departure leaves sole incumbent Annemarie Miani, of South Orange, pitted against seven challengers for SOMSD's three open seats. Miani is running with Maplewood newcomer Javier A. Farfan. Marian Cutler and Christopher Trzaska, both first-timers from Maplewood, are also sharing a platform going by local lawn signs and campaign materials.

Narda Chisholm-Greene, who is the sole village candidate, second-time campaigner Shannon Cuttle, Michael Laskowski and Bruno J. Navarro are also running.

## MONTCLAIR

The Montclair Public Schools are calling in eight

portable classrooms onto Montclair High School on or by Oct. 24.

Schools Superintendent Dr. Kendra Johnson, in her report to the Montclair Board of Education Oct. 3, said that four double-wide classroom trailers will be sited on the school's George Innes Annex parking lot. They will be air-conditioned, carpeted, Wi-Fi equipped and ADA-accessible.

The eight temporary classrooms, however, still leaves students and teachers who use the 25 classrooms in MHS's main 1914 building in makeshift conditions. They will still have to make do learning in the school's auditoriums and/or cafeteria for the time being.

Students and teachers lost access to the 31 classrooms plus guidance counselors' offices since contracted engineers recommended closing all four

MHS-Main staircases as a precaution Sept. 11. Their recommendation came after assessing the stairwell that folded up during class time Sept. 7 (there were no injuries) and the other staircases.

Johnson, at that Wednesday night Board of Education meeting, said that she will be posting an asbestos remediation announcement on one stairwell overnight. While a second, more comprehensive test found more than a trace, test results were negative for two others and three tests are being redone due to dust contamination.

MBOE President Laura Hertzog said that she and fellow Board of School Estimate members will soon meet to determine how to fund the repairs, remediation and trailers. The BSE and the school board itself are appointed by Mayor Robert Jackson.

**United States****Nikki Haley Resigns**

One day after President Trump celebrated one person coming in, another person was checking out.

On Oct. 9, Nikki Haley, the United States' Ambassador to the United Nations announced her resignation, which will be effective at the close of the year. This came one day after a ceremonial swearing in of Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. The actual swearing in happened Oct. 6 just hours after his heated confirmation in the Senate.

Haley, born Nimrata Randhawa, was appointed to the post on Jan. 27, 2017, just days after President Donald J. Trump was sworn into office. She championed many of Trump's causes on the UN floor, including his controversial decision to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem.

Upon the announcement being made in the Oval Office of the White House, Trump told reporters, that Haley said she wanted to take time off six months ago. Haley, the former governor of South Carolina, said that it was "important to understand when it's time to stand aside" after eight years of being governor and ambassador with no break in between.

When asked if she would consider running for president in 2020, Haley said that she was not interested in doing so, and that she would support Trump's reelection bid instead.

**Asia****Indonesia Death Toll Rises**

Following the series of devastating earthquakes, tsunami and landslides on 28 September in Indonesia, the death toll has risen to 2,010, with around 10,700 seriously injured and nearly 700 still reported missing, according to United Nations agencies on Oct. 9.

Agencies are on the ground supporting the Government-led response and targeting 191,000 of the most vulnerable, with shelter, food, clean water and other life-saving assistance.

Immediately after the earthquake and tsunami, local responders on the ground began efforts to rescue people trapped in the rubble of collapsed buildings and provide urgent assistance to survivors.

Although physical access remains a challenge, progress is being made in reaching affected areas, according to



the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and "the humanitarian response is being scaled up" by UN agencies, international and national non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and the Indonesian Red Cross, in line with the Indonesian Government's priorities.

More than 67,000 houses have been severely damaged or destroyed by the earthquake, tsunami and resulting landslides of liquified earth, leaving some 330,000 people without adequate shelter. Around 62,400 people have been displaced by the disaster and are staying in temporary sites with limited access to life-saving services. According to the national agency for disaster management (BNPB), more than 2,700 schools have been damaged, as well as 20 health facilities and water supply systems.

To respond to the most pressing needs, the International Organization for Migration is providing 28,000 gallons of bottled water and 1,700 emergency shelters. The World Food Program's logisticians have set up temporary storage structures to enable effective management and dispatching of aid items.

**Europe / Africa****Nobel Peace Prize Awarded**

On Oct. 5, one of the most prestigious prizes on the planet was awarded to two people championing the cause of the end of sexual violence.

Nadia Murad, a Yazidi rights activist and the first Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and Denis Mukwege, a gynecologist who helps victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), were awarded the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize.

The decision to jointly-award the prestigious prize, has the potential to help end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war, the UN said - a cause which is central to the Organization's work.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres, speaking at UN Headquarters in New York, said that "in defending the victims of sexual violence in conflict, they have defended our shared values."

He praised Dr. Mukwege's "fearless" championing of women raped and abused in conflict, repairing "shattered bodies" as a skilled surgeon but also restoring "dignity and hope".

Ms. Murad, he said, had given voice to "unspeakable abuse" in northern Iraq, when Daesh terrorists brutally targeted the Yazidi ethnic minority in 2014. "She has pursued support for victims of human trafficking and sexual slavery, and justice for perpetrators."

The UN chief said the award was part of a "growing movement to recognize the violence and injustice" faced by women and girls, the world over.

"The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2018 to Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict. Both laureates have made a crucial contribution to focusing attention on, and combating, such war crimes," the Committee announced in a statement.

"Denis Mukwege is the helper who has devoted his life to defending these victims. Nadia Murad is the witness who tells of the abuses perpetrated against herself and others. Each of them in their own way has helped to give greater visibility to war-time sexual violence, so that the perpetrators can be held accountable for their actions.

"The physician Denis Mukwege has spent large parts of his adult life helping the victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Since the Panzi Hospital was established in Bukavu in 1999, Dr. Mukwege and his staff have treated thousands of patients who have fallen victim to such assaults. Most of the abuses have been committed in the context of a long-lasting civil war that has cost the lives of more than six million Congolese.

"Denis Mukwege is the foremost, most unifying symbol, both nationally

and internationally, of the struggle to end sexual violence in war and armed conflicts. His basic principle is that 'justice is everyone's business.' Men and women, officers and soldiers, and local, national and international authorities alike all have a shared responsibility for reporting, and combating, this type of war crime. The importance of Dr. Mukwege's enduring, dedicated and selfless efforts in this field cannot be overstated. He has repeatedly condemned impunity for mass rape and criticized the Congolese government and other countries for not doing enough to stop the use of sexual violence against women as a strategy and weapon of war.

"Nadia Murad is herself a victim of war crimes. She refused to accept the social codes that require women to remain silent and ashamed of the abuses to which they have been subjected. She has shown uncommon courage in recounting her own sufferings and speaking up on behalf of other victims.

"Nadia Murad is a member of the Yazidi minority in northern Iraq, where she lived with her family in the remote village of Kocho. In August 2014 the Islamic State (IS) launched a brutal, systematic attack on the villages of the Sinjar district, aimed at exterminating the Yazidi population. In Nadia Murad's village, several hundred people were massacred. The younger women, including underage children, were abducted and held as sex slaves. While a captive of the IS, Nadia Murad was repeatedly subjected to rape and other abuses. Her assaulters threatened to execute her if she did not convert to their hateful, inhuman version of Islam.

"Nadia Murad is just one of an estimated 3,000 Yazidi girls and women who were victims of rape and other abuses by the IS army. The abuses were systematic, and part of a military strategy. Thus, they served as a weapon in the fight against Yazidis and other religious minorities.

"After a three-month nightmare Nadia Murad managed to flee. Following her escape, she chose to speak openly about what she had suffered. In 2016, at the age of just 23, she was named the UN's first Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking.

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# SPORTS WRAP

BY WILLIAM HATHAWAY

The New York Jets opened a three game homestand with a big 34-16 win over the Denver Broncos. Leading the Jets was Isaiah Crowell who ran over the Broncos with a team record 219 yards on only 15 carries, one of which being a 77 yard touchdown. Sam Darnold threw two TD passes to Robby Anderson, one going for 76 yards. Gang Green snapped a three game losing streak in the process, and will take on Indianapolis next week.

Meanwhile, the New York Giants did something they hadn't done in years, and that was score 30 points in a game. This was done thanks to Eli Manning going 22-36 for 326 yards and 2 TDs, and Odell Beckham, Jr., who caught eight of those passes for 131 yards. OBJ even threw a TD himself, a 57 yard throw to Saquon Barkley, which was his first receiving TD in the NFL.

Unfortunately, the Panthers had the ball late, and got a 63 yard field goal from Graham Gano as time expired to give Carolina a 33-31 win. It marked the second straight year that the Giants lost on a 60-plus yard kick as time expired, losing to the Eagles last season in that manner. After the loss, Big Blue waived offensive tackled Ereck Flowers.

In Essex County high school football action, the Orange Tornadoes defeated local rival Barringer at home in the annual breast cancer pink out game at Bell Stadium. Orange took the win in comeback fashion 10-6. In East Orange the Jaguars defeated West Orange 14-7 at Paul Roberson Field. Also in Essex County, Millburn defeated Mendham in overtime 35-33 and Irvington defeated North Bergen 41-20. In another great game, Seton Hall Prep slipped by Montclair 29-28.

This weekend, Synder will be playing at East Side, while East Orange will travel to Livingston and Shabazz will head to Cedar Grove. Orange is set to host Millburn at home in their annual home coming game. Bloomfield will play next door neighbor Montclair at Woodman Field, and in the Super Essex conference, West Side will play Central.

Finally, in other local sports news the Essex County College women's track team won first place in Pennsylvania this past week.



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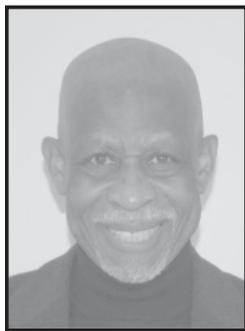
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# SELF-CONTROL



BY DR.  
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## •From the Pastor's Heart•

At a time in our land when anger, resentment, rage and vengefulness are being used to gain political advantage, and being commended among the great virtues, we need to do some reflection on their destructive power.

It is of great importance to do so, especially when we hear the name calling, the efforts at (so called) branding, the jeering, the hand clapping, and the out-bursts in the political discourse. It is my view that anyone who does not admit to the destructive power of these negative emotions of the present climate and culture on the social landscape,

must be oblivious to their consequences in the history of humanity.

Yes, it is true that while today's politicians might be making use of the negative emotions, they might be winning, in the short term, a seat here and there; but it needs to be made clear that in the long term, the devil is having a field day and stoking fires that will not be easily put out; for soon the byword in the land will be, we have "sown the wind, and reaping the world wind."

In effect, it is important that those of us who are willing to calm our thoughts and reflect, should call for self-control, and social control. For while anger, as the lead emotion named above, when it generates into resentment, rage and revenge, it will destroy its host and the victims to which it is directed. Anger kills. It causes violence and wars of all kinds, among family, friends and enemies, alike.

This is why we are warned again and again in the Bible that we need to learn how to manage our anger and work assiduously to get rid of it. Here are some of the Scriptural instructions:

Ephesians 4:26-27 NKJV - Be angry,

over the past weekend, Secretary-General António Guterres on Oct. 7 extended condolences to the nation's people and Government, and said the United Nations stands ready to help with the response.

"The Secretary-General is saddened to learn of the tragic loss of life and injuries caused by the earthquake in northwest Haiti on Oct. 6," said a statement issued by Mr. Guterres' spokesperson.

The quake, which, according to press reports, struck overnight near Port-de-Paix, off Haiti's northern coast, has left at least 11 people dead and more than 100 wounded. Tremors were reportedly felt in the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, as well as in neighboring Dominican Republic and in eastern Cuba.

In his statement, the UN chief extended his condolences to the families of the victims and to the Government of Haiti.

"The United Nations stands ready to support the Government of Haiti in the response efforts," the statement concluded.

This is the strongest earthquake to hit Haiti since 2010, when the tiny island nation was devastated by a 7.3 magnitude quake, which affected some three million people overall.

and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:31-32 NKJV - Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Romans 12:19-20 NKJV - Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

Galatians 5:19-21 NKJV - Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom

### Middle East

#### Dubious Disappearance Questioned

The "apparent enforced disappearance" of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi who was last seen reportedly visiting his country's consulate in Istanbul last week, requires a full investigation involving both Turkey and Saudi Arabia, the UN human rights office, OHCHR, said on Oct. 9.

"This apparent enforced disappearance of Mr. Khashoggi from the consulate of Saudi Arabia in Istanbul is of serious concern," spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani told journalists in Geneva.

"If reports of his death and the extraordinary circumstances leading up to it are confirmed, this is truly shocking."

Noting that the development followed "several cases" in Saudi Arabia recently where human rights defenders and journalists have been detained, the OHCHR spokesperson underlined the need for an independent inquiry.

"We call for cooperation between Turkey and Saudi Arabia to conduct a prompt, impartial and independent investigation into the circumstances into Mr. Khashoggi's disappearance

of God.

Scripture also gives us multiple examples of characters who were able to manage anger under the severest of tests. Apart from Jesus, one character that is most prominent in my mind is Joseph. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, falsely accused of sexual harassment by his mistress, Mrs. Potiphar, and thrown into jail by his master, Potiphar; but he had a spirit of forgiveness, par excellence.

When his brothers went to Egypt, Joseph now in a position to seek revenge, assuaged their fears with these words: "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." (Genesis 50:20-21 NKJV). These were indeed words of assurance for the brothers, who really deserved nothing but anger from Joseph.

Let us learn how to control our anger and other destructive emotions so that we can live more peaceful lives and create a society of truth and justice.

and to make the findings public," Ms. Shamdasani said.

The OHCHR spokesperson's comments were echoed later by senior UN rights experts, who spoke of their concern at Khashoggi's disappearance on Oct. 2 "and at allegations of state-sponsored murder" of the journalist and government critic.

"We are concerned that the disappearance of Mr. Khashoggi is directly linked to his criticism of Saudi policies in recent years," said Bernard Duhaime, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression, David Kaye, and the UN Special Rapporteur on summary executions, Agnes Callamard.

"We reiterate our repeated calls on the Saudi authorities to open the space for the exercise of fundamental rights," they added, "including the right to life and of expression and dissent."

Given the lack of clarity surrounding Khashoggi's disappearance, OHCHR's Shamdasani said that her office would wait before issuing further statements.

"At the moment there are still a lot of questions about precisely what happened when Mr. Khashoggi entered the consulate," she said. "So, we will wait until matters are clearer before we can comment further."

### WORLD NEWS FLASH

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"This year marks a decade since the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1820 (2008), which determined that the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict constitutes both a war crime and a threat to international peace and security. This is also set out in the Rome Statute of 1998, which governs the work of the International Criminal Court. The Statute establishes that sexual violence in war and armed conflict is a grave violation of international law. A more peaceful world can only be achieved if women and their fundamental rights and security are recognized and protected in war.

"This year's Nobel Peace Prize is firmly embedded in the criteria spelled out in Alfred Nobel's will. Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad have both put their personal security at risk by courageously combating war crimes and seeking justice for the victims. They have thereby promoted the fraternity of nations through the application of principles of international law."

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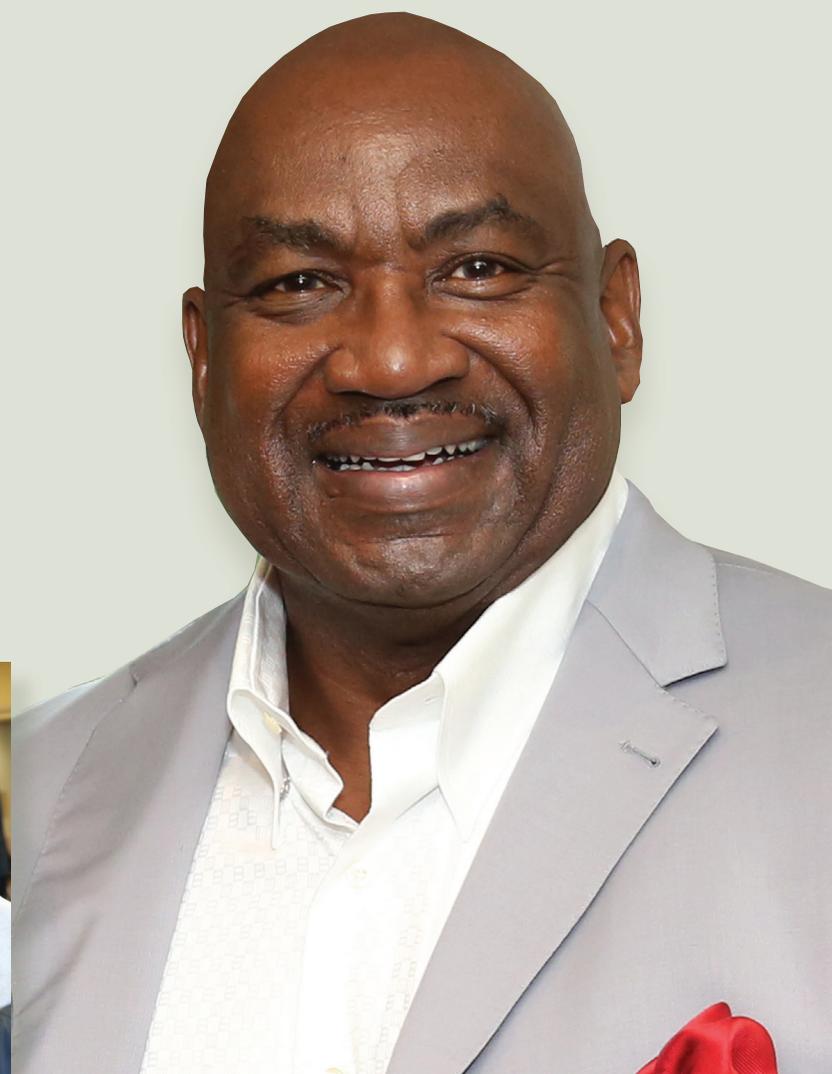
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